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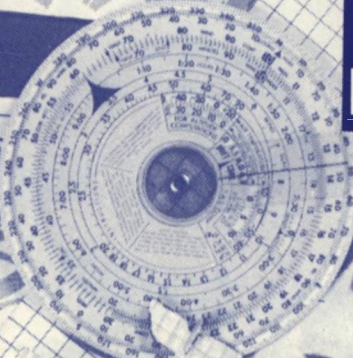
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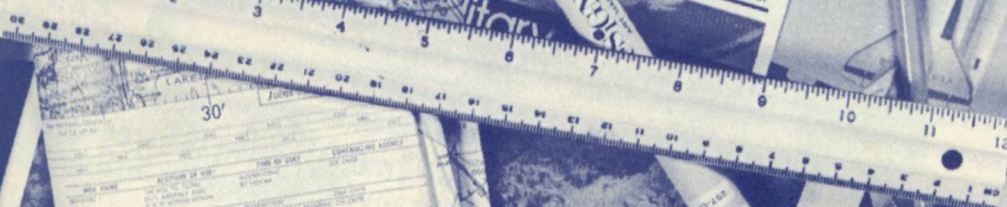
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Message

Visions

During this Holiday Season I would like to share with you some recent thoughts and images I have had.

The members of the International Board met in Oklahoma City this November. As my plane touched down at Will Rogers Airport, I looked in the direction of our Headquarters Building, as I usually do. The sight astounded me. Standing next to our 1-story building was a magnificent 2-story building. It was really there, almost completed, waiting for everlasting records and evidence that we are what we say we are: The Ninety-Nines, International Women Pilots.

The closer I got to the building, the more I realized what a fete we had accomplished. We had started a project and brought it to successful completion within 3½ years. The project was completely funded before we started construction — something you should be very proud of. As I toured the not quite completed structure, I had fun visualizing in my mind the things that would occupy each area.

The entry that will contain the Wall of Wings — the tribute to those that gave so much to this project. The office space so badly needed by our staff. The membership records area — the hub of our very existence. The Resource Center — at last — a proper place for our precious historical information and items. Contained in the Resource Center is the Archives Room. This room is equipped with air conditioning, lighting, humidity and fire



extinguishing systems to protect our records and documents. It was built to conform to the latest standards for archival areas. I have looked around our present facility and have seen boxes of things, stored as best we can, and now know their wait is over. We now have room for this and much, much more. I hope every Ninety-Nine knows and understands your information and documents and items of memorabilia are wanted and appreciated.

The library and research area — we have over 400 books — many signed, first editions. The Jerry Cobb collection contains 25 volumes, mostly signed first editions personalized to her. Also in this area will be the Gerry Mickelson Oral History Program. This is a state-of-the-art collection of Oral Histories prepared by Judy Logue. Funded by the vision and generosity of Gerry, this collection, of video and oral tapes of many of our members of longstanding, is completely indexed and retrievable. A researcher's dream . . .

The conference area will enable our Board to function without interrupting the office staff. This area is also used for meetings, and the AEMSF Trustees when they meet. As I continued my tour I looked at all the wonderful areas to be used to display our things. Since most of our AE memorabilia will be displayed in Atchinson, much of our space will be devoted to our other members: by career, by project, by event, by accomplishment, by historical significance — the ways are endless. What fun it would be to see a display of women airline pilots, or see an area devoted to the premiere woman pilot in each of our member countries.

I had to stop. I still had another floor to tour. The second floor was added to our building in rough form, because it was economical to do so now. It was not meant to be completed at this time. But it is there, for you, when the time comes — awaiting your visions and your imagination.

Throughout the world, the Holiday Season means many things to many people. It is a time for caring and sharing, no matter what your personal religion or beliefs. From our house to yours, I wish you joy, happiness, world peace and forever blue skies.

This issue marks the last issue for Editor, Mary Fletcher.

Mary is now Governor of the Southeast Section and has a full-time position as Production Manager for the ST. PETERSBURG TIMES. Mary was instrumental in many changes and innovations in THE 99 NEWS since October, 1986. She singlehandedly produced the monthly issues of the NEWS. Production of the February issue will commence the editorship of Robyn Sclair. Robyn's family has been involved in the publication business for many years and currently own the WESTERN FLYER. Robyn has been a contributing editor as well as co-owner of that publication. She has an extensive background in writing and editing and will be a great asset to THE 99 NEWS.

Barbara Sestito, President

The Jerrie Cobb Collection

by Gene Nora Jessen

The Ninety-Nines Resource Center located in Oklahoma City is pleased to announce the receipt of the Jerrie Cobb aviation collection. It represents a varied aviation career spanning 40 years, 23 of which have been in the South American countries of the Amazon River Basin.

Jerrie Cobb is a native of Oklahoma who started flying at the age of 12 with her Air Force father. She became an international ferry pilot and then proceeded to fly for Rockwell's Aero Commander division where she achieved world records in speed, altitude and distance. In 1961 she was the first woman to successfully complete the Mercury Astronaut testing program. Ironically, some twenty years passed before NASA was to name a woman for the US astronaut program.

Jerrie has been honored through the years by numerous aviation organizations and governments, but being honored by her own state of Oklahoma has perhaps pleased her the most. She was intent that her memorabilia be entrusted to The Ninety-Nines and be returned to her home state.

In 1964 Jerrie Cobb forsook the prestige and comfort of corporate aviation and dedicated her life to the Indians of the Amazon jungle. She is not affiliated with any one missionary group but will fly any medical person, seeds and supplies, or persons filling the needs of the Indians deep in the jungle. Her twin-engine, fixed gear Islander serves her well on

the tiny strips hacked out of the jungle. The Ninety-Nine News previously reported on the unbelievable task of changing an engine on a jungle strip without any of the tools, heavy equipment or even a cover over the airplane normally thought to be necessary for such a job. Ruth Lummis of the Sacramento Valley Chapter has worked with Jerrie for the past 10 years and the two live alongside the natives in their communal maloca. Their work has been supported through the years by Ninety-Nines and other friends. As this is written Jerrie is winging toward

Nicaragua to help move the Miskito Indians displaced by the war.

Jerrie's collection entrusted to The Ninety-Nines Resource Center reflects her various aviation directions, however, the most colorful portion of it represents her many years in the jungle and the Indians' high regard for her. They have gifted her with primitive bark paintings, dart guns and spears, clay pots and other artifacts from their everyday life. Some of these tribes reflect that old description of the primitive peoples who see their first wheel upon an airplane. Her contact with them has generated some very primitive and priceless artifacts.

Ninety-Nines are delighted to have the opportunity to display Jerrie Cobb's collection and are appreciative of her confidence that the Resource center will treasure this resource in safety.

All involved in the acquisition appreciate the support and generosity of Oklahoma FBO AAR on Will Rogers field. They continue to be a generous friend to The Ninety-Nines. ■





This Was The Year That Was

By Hazel Jones,
Public Relations Director

This Is The Week That Was, was the name of a segment of a TV comedy show of years gone by. It would highlight the good and the bad of the previous week, giving kudos where required and brickbats if warranted. President Sestito has led us thru a most unusual year that was for the Ninety-Nines. Here are a few of the things we've been up to.

In 1987 we broke ground for our national resource center in Oklahoma City. This we watched with awe, with a tear in our eye and our heart busting with pride as we saw our building taking shape. It is now a "real" building and we should be in it early next year. It will be dedicated just before convention next summer, so watch for the date. If you are in Oklahoma City, come by and view, with pride, your building. The board is often asked "how we financed the building" and we love saying "with cash"!

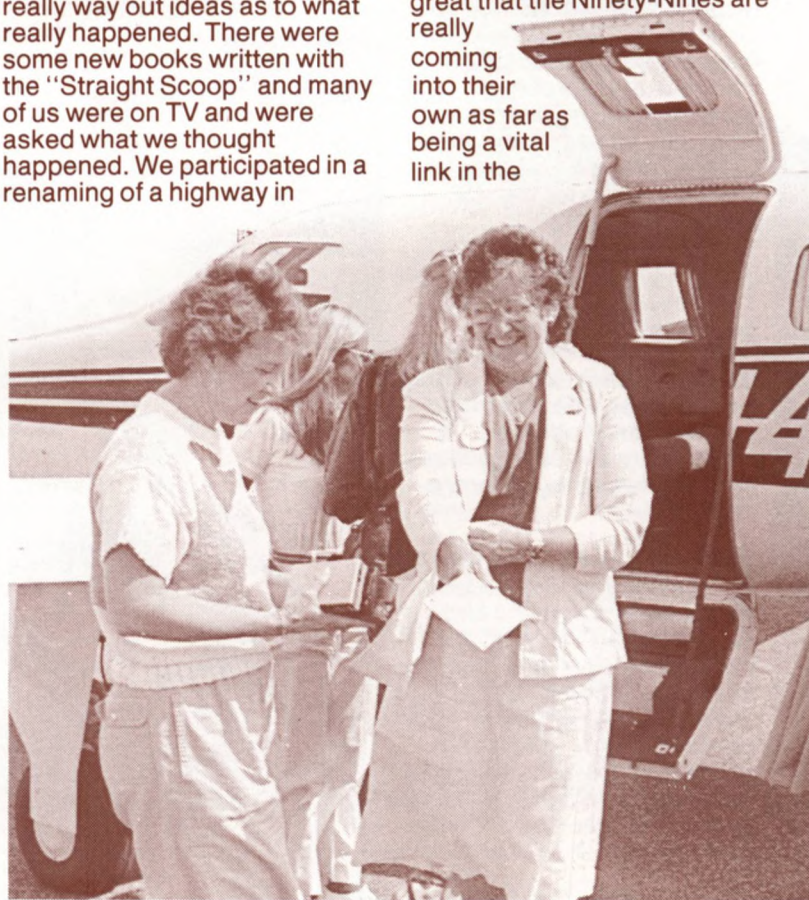
This year truly showed that we are international. As you know our annual meeting was held in Vancouver, however, we had a couple of other events that were also international in scope. Marie Christensen, our international secretary, led a group on an educational exchange to China. Hazel Jones, Pat Roberts, Jody McCarrell, all international judges, took the United States Team to Helsinki, Finland for the 7th World Precision Competition with Kathy Long as our official observer. Jones, Wheeler, and Roberts also attended the annual

international general aviation meeting in Paris, France, where Jones represented the Ninety-Nines and the United States as permanent alternate delegate. CIAG is a committee under FAI (Federation Aeronautic International) and there is a chance the Ninety-Nines will be appointed as an affiliate member of CIAG.

This year was the year we remembered Amelia Earhart as it was the 50th anniversary of her disappearance. We heard some really way out ideas as to what really happened. There were some new books written with the "Straight Scoop" and many of us were on TV and were asked what we thought happened. We participated in a renaming of a highway in

Kansas, the 'Amelia Earhart' Highway, and of course we had our flyover which brought a lot of folks up, up and away. It was a great success and I hope we can try it again sometime before the next 50 Year Anniversary.

We were invited to sit on the selection committee for the Flight Instructor and Mechanic of the Year award and we have served on various other state and national committees on aviation. We have been quoted in the paper and have appeared on TV as experts in aviation. It is great that the Ninety-Nines are really coming into their own as far as being a vital link in the





aeronautical chain.

We showed at several trade shows. We had a booth at Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, FL, the Friendship Tent and Booth at Oshkosh, and a booth at the National Aerospace Congress in Orlando, FL. We were asked to speak in the main auditorium in Orlando. We were between Chuck Yeager and astronaut Bob Crippen who was followed by Jeana Yeager and Dick Rutan. Pretty tall company. We also had a booth at the AOPA convention in Las Vegas and again were invited to speak in the main auditorium.

There we were just before FAA Administrator McArthur. We still help support AM WEATHER, and do a myriad of other things that are important if aviation is to survive.

We worked with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior Astronauts, K1-K12 children, college kids thru national intercollegiate flying association at the regional and national levels, and of course the U.S. Precision Team. It appears we are trying to impact the next generation at all levels and are doing a splendid job in selling aviation at all levels. We are also trying to reach allies

and their airports. We have not mentioned the hundreds of safety programs we have either sponsored or co-sponsored, nor have we mentioned air marking, beautification, scholarships, and community involvement at the local level. Maybe we should take the whole magazine and do that

sometime, because it would be impressive.

We are Ninety-Nines and we are busy. This is the year that was and a whale of a year it was. Let's don't be late for '88 cause we have 366 brand new days to do our thing and tell the world about our favorite organization; the Ninety-Nines.



CALENDAR

DATES

JANUARY

FEBRUARY

February 2-5

International Navigation Congress, The University of New South Wales, Kensington, Sydney, Australia Contact:: Australian Institute of Navigation, G.P.O.. Box 2250, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

February 17-21

Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association Meeting, Hotel Del Coronado, San Diego, Cal.-Contact: David E. Prewitt 215-557-9998

February 19-20

Airman Recurrency Safety Seminar, with Flying Companion Seminar. Collinsville Hilton, Collinsville, Illinois-Contact: Martha Norman, 802 LaSalle Drive, Cahokia, Ill. 62206

February 20

The 10th and final Freda Thompson Derby around Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne-Contact: Shirley Smith, 6 Margaret Drive, Bacchus Marsh 3340

February 20

Flying Companion Seminar, Schererville, Indiana-Contact: Charlene Falkenberg, 618 S. Washington St., Hobart, In 46342

MARCH

March 7-9

Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium-Contact: Gerald Olson, North Dakota Aviation Council-701-774-8594

March 10-11

12th Annual Gulf South Maintenance Seminar for general aviation, A&P mechanics & IAs. Hotel Acadiana, Lafayette LA. FAA will revalidate IA certificates-Contact: Kevin Murphy 504-929-7754.

March 19

Flying Companion Seminar. Contact: Fran Slimmer, San Fernando Valley 99s, 213-471-0137

March 26

Valley Air Derby proficiency rally of less than 250 miles & open to all licensed pilots. Van Nuys Airport, California. For rally kit send \$5 to: SFV 99s, P.O. Box 7142, Van Nuys, Ca 91409. Rain date March 27

APRIL

April 6-10

The Australian Women Pilots' Association Annual Conference and the Australian 99s AGM, Sydney. Contact: Megan Sutherland, 11/27 Judd St. Cronulla 2230, Australia

April 8-9

East Canada Spring Section Meeting, London, Ontario

April 9

Shirts & Skirts Air Race, Fullerton Airport, CA. Contact: June Leach 714-532-3207. Rain date April 23

April 10-16

EAA Sun 'n Fun Aviation Fly-In, Lakeland, Florida. For information on the week long 99 tent and Flying Companion Ground School by 99 Ginny Southerland, Greater Detroit Chapter, April 11th contact: Mary Fletcher: 813-893-8346

April 22-24

Southeast Spring Section Meeting, Calloway Gardens, Georgia-Contact: Deep South Chapter, Judy Hall

South Central Spring Section Meeting, Houston, Texas, Contact: Houston Chapter.

April 22-23

NY/NJ Spring Section Meeting, Vista Hotel-Contact: Greater New York Chapter, Denise Lamneck

April 23

Middle East Section Spring Meeting, Fredrickstown, Va

April 29-30

All Canada Spring Section Meeting, Saskatoon, Sask.

April 30

North Central Spring Meeting, Moline, Il.

MAY

May 6-8

Southwest Section Spring Meeting, Redding, CA.

May 29

11th Annual Airshow, Breckenridge, Texas. Contact: West Texas Wing, Confederate Air Force: 817-559-9129

JUNE

June 4

Garden State 300, Allaire Airport, Garden State, Betty Pifer

June 11

Air Rally-Contact: Joy Rickel, 133 Potomac Dr., Dyer, In 46311

JULY

AUGUST

August 8

Ninety-Nine Headquarters Dedication, Will Rogers Airport, Oklahoma City, Ok.

August 8-14

Internation 99 Convention, Shargri-La Resort, Afton Oklahoma

SEPTEMBER

September 17

Northwest Section Fall Meeting, Ashland, Or,

September 24

Southwest Fall Section Meeting, Clear Lake, Ca.

September 30

North Central Section Fall Meeting, Columbus, Oh.

Safari To Shangri La

by Marilyn Copeland

Did you know that.....

1. The whole resort convention center is reserved for the 99 Convention
2. Transportation arrangements are easily made with 99Pat Mlady for airline and ground transportation from either Tulsa or Oklahoma City to Shangri La
3. The dedication of the NEW 99 HEADQUARTERS EXPANSION will be held on Tuesday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m., Will Rogers World Airport, OKC
4. You can be a star in the talent show, 99 STAR SEARCH. If you wish to participate, contact Marilyn Copeland by February 1 and
5. The entire Convention Registration Package includes:
 - 5 breakfasts
 - 4 lunches
 - 4 evening theme parties, live

music and food (costume and casual)

1 spectacular banquet and reception (semi formal)
 Air and Ground Safaris
 Free aircraft and auto parking, on site transportation
 Speakers including: Admiral Donald Engen, Gordon Baxter, Dr. Curtis Graves, Max Bleck, Margaret Lamb, Dr. Larry Lay, and many other fine speakers and seminars including the airlines and airline pilots 49½ activities, sports, boating, flying, seaplane base nearby
 Airport day with aerobatics, flybys, static displays, BFRs
 Something for everyone: Fun and educational
 Registration: \$250. \$175 for children 10 and under
 Rooms: \$75. and \$85. 2 or more in room, same price
 (Entire convention accommodations and registration the best bargain in years) ■



FROM THE GENERAL COUNSEL . . .

Sylvia Paoli

Because of the prominence of general aviation in the media these days and the numerous problems that we are all having or hearing about, the Board of Directors has requested that I write a column monthly with information that will hopefully answer some of the members' questions and avoid some of the problems before they develop.

As many of you may know, the FAA has recently taken a hard look at general aviation and is cracking down on the airmen who violate the regulations. You should know that if you are approached by an FAA person, you do have some rights. While you must show them, at their request, your license, medical and the required aircraft documents (registration, airworthiness, weight and balance and radio station license), you do NOT have to give them those documents, nor do you have to answer ANY questions.

One airman, whose violation caused him to rate attention by the press, was said to have "voluntarily" turned in his license — all because when the inspector asked to see it, the airman handed it to him.

In most cases of alleged violations of the regulations, the airman has convicted himself before he ever receives an official letter alleging a violation or sees and aviation attorney — because of failure to follow the guidelines above. Remember, the FAA must be able to put the violator in the pilot's seat, and they frequently cannot do that unless the pilot admits to having been there! If approached by an inspector and questioned, SHOW him any of the documents listed above which he asks to see (NOT logbooks or other documents) and ask him to write you a letter if he wishes additional information.

You should also immediately (within ten days) file a safety report with NASA. That will be discussed in more detail next month. ■

Oral History Program In Place

by Gene Nora Jessen

Due to the generosity of Past President Geraldine Mickelsen and the perseverance of Historian Judy Logue The Ninety-Nines Resource Center's Oral History Program is now in place and available to researchers in Oklahoma City.

Geraldine Mickelsen has funded two phases of the program including extensive recording and viewing equipment. Actually, "oral history" is almost a misnomer since the majority of the histories now include video.

The track record on oral history programs in museums is not a proud one. Most start with great intentions and the oral histories are gathered and then filed. They are almost inaccessible to researchers since they are not indexed and researchers have little interest in plowing through an entire interview not knowing what the subject matter might be. What has made The Ninety-Nines' program state-of-the-art is that

the hundreds of hours of interviews have been transcribed in a key-word-summary. For example, if a researcher desired information on the 1929 air races she could ask the computer for that subject and she would be provided with the names of the oral histories containing information on the 1929 air races and the exact spot in the oral/video history where the reference could be found. Browsing through the oral histories is addictive.

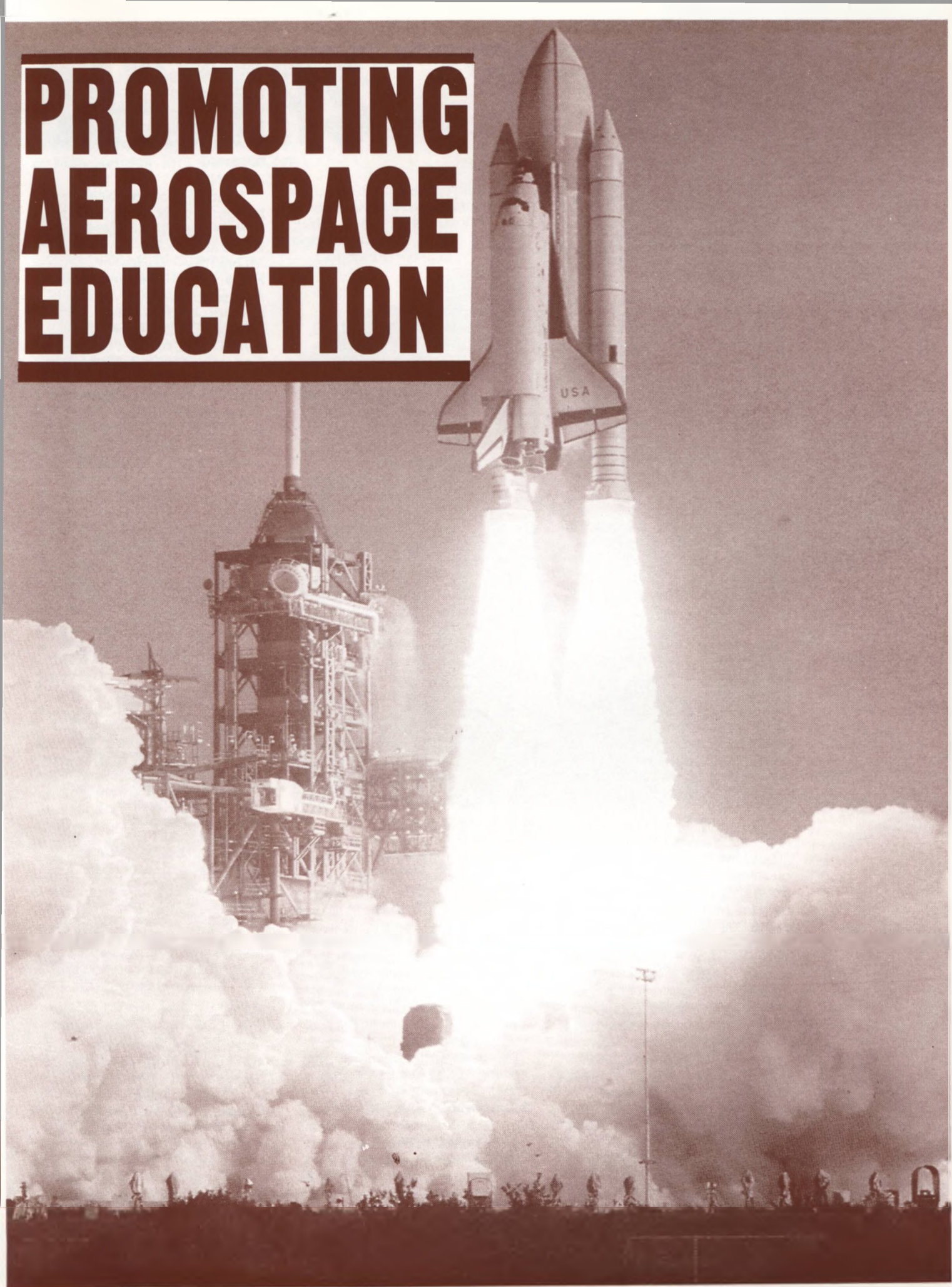
Our historian Judy Logue conceived the program, researched and selected the equipment, conducted most of the histories herself and supervised their transcriptions. Judy is like a kid in a candy store (or maybe a 99 in an airplane store) when she talks of the people she's been privileged to meet as she recorded them for history. The first phase of her program was to interview all of the remaining twenty-six charter 99s. She then moved on to other early women pilots and ATA women

and WASPS. Along the way she's interviewed contemporary women of note.

One immediate goal is to secure long-term funding to continue what has been so successfully launched. In the meantime Judy is planning an oral history seminar to be held in conjunction with our 1988 convention. It is hoped that each section will be represented at the seminar so that regional people can conduct interviews. There's been a large frustration factor due to awareness of the numbers of people who should be interviewed along with a lack of funding and time to get to them all. Regional oral history specialists can make a contribution in preserving the stories of women of note in their area — while at the same time reaping the inspiration of these contacts. ■



PROMOTING AEROSPACE EDUCATION





by Rosemary Jones

Once upon a time the phrase "the sky's the limit" meant there were no restrictions and no limitations. Now with our increased knowledge and modern technology, we think of the limits of space. When we select our programs and yearly projects, we are often locked into traditional chapter events and have more projects than time or money allow; thus we have our limits. We are directed to promote aeronautical science! My question to you is, "How are you weaving this aerospace education into your programs?"

You may answer, "What are we supposed to do?"

Start with the Ninety Nine Standard Operating Procedures . . . Aerospace Education where you will find several proposed projects. The next step is to look at your chapter. Decide what will interest members and propose a project. Make a decision and act, this year . . . not next year!

One of the best ways to learn of new projects is to attend the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education. This year it will be held in Los Angeles, California, at the Los Angeles Airport Hilton March 24-26, 1988. There you will meet many of the famous people involved with space and aviation. The general programs are dynamic and up to date with many workshops.

There you can learn how to build a hot air tissue paper balloon, how to set up your own space camp, or how to live on another planet. Each year the program varies with many new ideas.

Each chapter is urged to send their aerospace chairman to this congress. For information write to Mrs. Jeanne Wilson, National

Congress on Aviation and Space Education, HQ CAP/ED, Maxwell AFB, AL 36112-5572 phone 205-293-5371/5387.

This year your chapter goal could be space education. Your audiences may be non-pilots where general informational programs can be given or the audiences may be licensed pilots for whom more technical space topics can be covered.

If you decide to promote a chapter program, I encourage you to send for the SPIN OFF booklet published annually by NASA. This gives all of the latest on the space program and our space station advances as well as how we and industry are effected by our efforts in space. You may decide to use 5-10 minutes of your meeting time for "Space Capsules" of information for the chapter. As a group we need to be well informed in order to teach others.

Although you may organize workshops and seminars on Fear of Flying or Cockpit Companion, much of your work will probably be with our youth. Here are organizations that are promoting aerospace: CAP

The Civil Air Patrol has an excellent cadet program and excellent materials for their aerospace education activities. Many Ninety Nines are CAP members and work with the youth in their program. Our Amelia Earhart packet used in classrooms was reproduced in cooperation with the CAP.

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Their activities are organized by projects that take about two months. Here are two aerospace projects: MODEL AIRPLANES — MODEL ROCKETRY

BLUE SKIES — BELOW MY SEAT (brand new — deals with space — divided into forces, food, and fibers — VCR tape accompanies each session)

SCOUTING

Usually Scouts earn badges in a six week period of time. Badges and age levels are: MOVERS — Try it — Brownies — Grades 1-3 Aerospace BADGE — Juniors — Grades 4-6 SPACE EXPLORATION or AVIATION CAREER DAY — Cadets — Grades 7-9 GOLD AWARD — senior level — individual leadership — two year project AVIATION EXPLORER POST — organized for high school aviation interested scouts

YOUNG ASTRONAUT CHAPTER

Their current theme is "Astronomy". Next year the theme is "Aviation". Find a chapter already functioning. Learn its organization. Plan for your chapter to participate actively next year. This is an opportunity that comes only once!

SCHOOLS

CLASSROOM

PRESENTATIONS — The Chicago Chapter of Ninety Nines have an AIR BEAR program that has been well received. Ruth Rockcastle has A VCR tape and materials available. SCIENCE FAIRS — Contact the school board. Offer to give an award from your chapter. Your chapter selects the winner at the science fair. The award can be the first airplane ride or lesson with a Ninety Nine doing the instructing and an FBO providing the aircraft.

Your choices of involvement are limitless, just as space is. Select what you know your chapter can handle, publicize and write about what you are doing or call your section aerospace chairman and ask for suggestions and direction. It is exciting to learn and share our knowledge with one another. Use the CIA approach to aerospace education. Make a commitment, get involved, act, and always communicate with one another. ■

CAREERS

by Mary Helfrick, Int'l. Careers Chmn.

A viation has come a long way since the 120 foot flight by Orville Wright on Dec. 7, 1903 at Kitty Hawk, NC, and since the first airplane began operations between Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla. on Jan. 1, 1914. Today well over 2 million people are employed in aviation, aerospace, and related air transportation industries. During the past two decades women have taken their place in aviation and aerospace as in every other field. Women are entering "non-traditional" careers in sufficient numbers that no longer can be considered token. For example, in 1979 there were 80 women flying on U.S. domestic airlines as first and second officers, 2 were Captains. In 1987 there are 466 women flying for major airlines; 65 are Captains, 252 First Officers, and 149 Second Officers. As you can see, we came a long way in just 8 short years, and just think what the future must hold for some young women.

When pilots start thinking of a career in aviation, they usually think in terms of corporate, air taxi, agricultural, airline, military or flight instruction. Let's investigate a few of these fields, their working conditions, where the jobs are, opportunities for advancement, and outlook for the future. The job of flight instructor is usually a stepping stone to some other position in aviation and a good way to build flying hours. There are approximately 12,000 actively working flight instructors in the U.S. Hours of work are seasonal and irregular working as many as 80 hours per week during the summer and minimal hours during the winter months. After building enough hours, the instructor usually moves to flying as a corporate, air taxi, or charter pilot. Air taxi and commuter operators claim the fastest rate of growth among all segments of general aviation. These pilots fly passengers and cargo as service demands, usually in daylight hours. These services are located at major airports. As in the case of flight

instruction, the air taxi pilot can build up enough experience to qualify as corporate pilot or flight engineer.

Corporate flying is



demanding but challenging. The pilot is at the call of company execs. so she is subject to irregular hours. Studies of the growth of the business aircraft fleet indicate an acceleration in the years ahead. The agricultural pilot flies specially designed aircraft to apply herbicides, insecticides, seeds, and fertilizer on crops, orchards, forests, fields, and swamps, and dump flame retardant materials during forest fires. Work is seasonal ranging from six to nine months depending on location. Greatest demand is in Southern CA and the southern tier of states. Experienced ag. pilots continue to be needed. Almost all aviation training programs in the military services are open to women. Local recruiting offices for the various service can give information about ratings,

specialties, and training programs including the Service Academies.

The outlook for career opportunities for pilots and flight engineers with the airlines is related directly to airline growth which is directly related to the national economy which is presently on a roller coaster ride. Promotion is regulated by seniority within the airline and advances as pilots retire, resign, or progress to larger aircraft. By law an airline pilot may not fly more than 85 hours a month or 1,000 hours a year. However, an average pilot works 100 plus hours per month counting ground duties. Right now the airlines are hiring, but this is not always the case.

A major source of aviation careers lies with federal, state, and local government agencies. The largest number of aviation

jobs found within the Federal gov't. (excluding the military) is with the FAA. These include ATC specialist, ATC specialist at airport control towers, ATC specialist at ARTC center, electronic technicians, Aviation Safety Inspectors, Airspace System Inspection pilot, flight test pilots, maintenance mechanics, engineers, NTSB, and meteorologists. Most federal employees are covered by the General Schedule (GS), and salaries vary according to their grade level. GS7 is the entry level and requires completion of 4 years of a college degree program and ATC requires a test score of 75.1 or higher in the ATC aptitude test. Training is administered at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City, OK. Almost every state has an Aeronautics Dept. or Commission with job holders appointed by the Governor to make aviation policies within the state. Qualifications are determined by state law. Employment in aviation at the state level will likely show an upward trend in proportion to decreases in federal activity which is due to concern about budget deficits keeping employment levels static.

Airports also offer career opportunities from director-manager to FBO to lineperson. Requirements

range from college degree in business or engineering for a manager to training in business administration for the FBO to a sincere interest in aviation for the lineperson. The upgrading of smaller airports will provide additional opportunities for airport staffs.

Careers in Aviation . . . the opportunities are limitless. Is there a yearning in your heart for a career in this ever expanding field? Our advice . . . **GO FOR IT.** Proceed as our International Aerospace Education Chairman did: CIA. 1. Communicate: Write the FAA, State Aviation Agencies, ALPA, FAPA, GAMA, Military Services, 99s Career Data Bank, and if you need addresses communicate with the International Careers Chairman. 2. Investigate: Fill out applications, send resumes, and go for interviews in the areas of interest. Check out all aspects of the job. 3. Action: When you find the right area for you take action . . . **GO FOR IT.**



NOTAM EVENTS

Hall of Fame Award

Central Illinois Chapter 99 Barbara Jenison was elected into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame, 1987. Barbara was selected for her contributions to the promotion of Aviation and Aviation Education. She learned to fly during World War II at Hyde Field, Maryland, where she first became a member of Civil Air Patrol.

Barbara has been an active member of the Ninety-Nines for almost forty years. She has encouraged many women to learn to fly, has promoted air-marking, chaired the Chapter's Public Relations and Amelia Earhart Scholarship committees and served as Chairman of the Central Illinois Chapter.

Barbara has served on the Illinois Aviation Education Advisory Committee and has been a member of FAA's Women's Advisory Committee. She has written numerous articles for newspapers and magazines on aviation subjects, participated in radio and TV interviews and made numerous presentations to civic and aviation groups on a variety of subjects including business flying and community airports. She has been recognized for her efforts in promoting a modern airport in Edgar County.

Ruth Nichols, Charter Member of 99s will be inducted into Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of New Jersey in May, 1988. Pat Reilly would like to contact any living relatives of Ruth.

Please write:

Pat Reilly
Aviation Hall of Fame of New Jersey
Teterboro, NJ 07608

Many WASP are interested in having persons who knew them during the war get in touch with them whenever possible. While the WASP organization does not distribute the WASP roster to other than WASP, the organization is interested in facilitating contacts between WASP and their friends.

The best way to aid in locating WASP for interested friends is to have them send their request to the WASP Secretary, Mildred Ferree, 22 Standish Road, Wellesley Hills, MA 02181. They should place their message in a sealed, stamped envelope with the WASP name (and class number if known) on the front of the envelope. The secretary will then add the current address and forward it to the WASP concerned.

Survival Weekend

A group of New Zealand Ninety-Nines and Airwomen's Association members recently enjoyed a "survival" weekend on Auckland's Great Barrier Island.

The idea behind the weekend was to promote survival awareness amongst pilots. Women pilots flew to the island from all around the northern North Island area in order to take part. Conditions were overcast with intermittent squally showers followed by sunny periods — sufficiently good to allow everyone to arrive in time.

Although it was not intended to simulate real outdoor survival conditions accommodation was "back-to-basics" (sleeping bags and bunks) and cooking was done on pot-belly or gas stoves. Saturday morning was occupied with discussions on first aid, ably led by pilot and volunteer ambulance officer Jan Williams, and a talk by Joan Campbell on the most suitable types of clothing to be worn when flying.

It is hoped to organize another Survival Weekend sometime and to include a demonstration in real outdoor survival techniques by a forestry officer — such as lighting a fire in damp conditions with minimum equipment, building a bivouac, leaving a trail, creating a snare, what plants you may eat, etc. This proved extremely interesting on the last course run several years ago.

NOTAM EVENTS

International Board of Directors Report -Fall Meeting

by Joyce Wells, Director

The Board of Directors met at headquarters in Oklahoma City from November 5-8, 1987. All Board members were present as were General Counsel, Sylvia Paoli and Executive Director, Loretta Gragg.

The Board toured the new building and plans are being made to move in February. Dedication ceremonies will take place on August 9th at 10:00 am preceded by an open house. Three areas have been designated in honor of outstanding contributors: The Roberts Conference Center, The Geraldine W. Michelsen Oral History Center.

November 4th the Resource Center was pleased to receive the memorabilia of Jerry Cobb, who personally delivered it to Oklahoma City. AAR, Inc. of Will Rogers Airport was most generous in support of this venture.

The financial report on the Vancouver convention was received and plans for the '88 Shangri-la, '89 New York and '90 Las Vegas conventions were reviewed.

Under membership, the following was discussed: Each One Reach One Drive, be-

nefits such as group insurance, vacation home exchanges, and bed and breakfast opportunities. Membership renewal letters will now be mailed 30 days earlier, and an ad hoc committee is investigating honorary memberships. Always concerned about finances, the Board discussed long-range financial planning. A committee worked on requested guidelines of admission to the Forest of Friendship. The Board was pleased to learn that the AE birthplace will be on a holiday home tour in Atchison and appreciates the support of the community.

Plans for the Russian exchange tour are being finalized and the dates are May 26 to June 8, 1988. Included will be a meeting with Ninety-Nines in Helsinki, Finland.

The Safety Education competition at the International level will be discontinued and a new project is being devised. The coloring book and certificates of appreciation are both being revised and updated.

An Oral History seminar to train members from each Section is in the planning stages. Completed oral histories are now on the computer at headquarters with indexes and cross-indexes available.

East Canada Section Supports Youth Science Fairs

East Canada Section of the Ninety Nines launched a special project this year in conjunction with their Aerospace Education Program. This project involved the Chapters at the local level and the Section at the Canada-wide level in the Youth Science Fairs. We offered a prize for the exhibit which best demonstrated a study and understanding of an aspect of the physics of flight, aeronautical navigation, or aviation weather.

Cathy Logan, age 17, and Allan Gillis, age 18, both grade 11 students from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, were the winners of our \$100.00 cash award at the Canada-wide Science Fair for their project, "Lift, Drag and the Kline-Fogleman Step".

The "Kline-Fogleman Step" is a refinement to an air-foil developed by Kline and Fogleman who submitted their design to NASA for approval. NASA turned down the design as "not working". Kline and Fogleman felt that NASA did inadequate testing.

Memorial Saluting Military Women May Be Soon

If all things go as planned there will soon be a fitting memorial in the nation's capitol honoring the women who served in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard from 1776 to the present.

Public Law 99-610 signed by president Reagan on Nov. 6, 1986, authorized the placement of a monument in Washington, D.C. to honor the women who served our country in war and peace. Congresswoman Mary Rose Oaker (Ohio) introduced the original legislation and deserves the credit for getting it through Congress and signed into law by the President.

Brig. Gen. Wilma L. Vaught, U.S.A.F. Retired is chairman of the board of directors of the newly formed "Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation, Inc." A member of the board is 99 (Middle East Section), Lt. Col. Pat Pateman, U.S.A.F. Retired and a former W.A.S.P.

A prospective site has been chosen and the board expects approval by the Park Service in the near future. Congress gave the board five years to complete the project but unfortunately did not authorize any funds. The cost of the memorial then, estimated at five million dollars must be raised by contributions from individuals, national organizations and corporate sponsors.

A major fund raising campaign will be announced by the board shortly in concert with a nation-wide competition for the memorial's design.



Pictured left to right: Jan Arthur Swain, Pearl Bragg Chamberlain, Nancy Bird Walton, Jeanette Jenkins, Mary Ellen Keil, Hon. Beryl Evans and Gwen Caldwell

99s Down Under Tour

October, 1987 a group of WASP, WWII (Women Air Force Service Pilots) were on a South Pacific Tour to New Zealand & Australia. These WASP are also 99 members. Arriving in Sydney, they were met by Nancy Bird Walton, who later with The Hon. Beryl Evans, a member of Parliament, entertained all the WASP at tea in Parliament House.

In addition to the usual tourist sights and experiences, the group toured the New Zealand Waiouru Military Base and the Military Museum there. In Christchurch they visited an interesting Antarctic display in the National Museum, Wigram Air Force Base and the new Air Force Museum. While at the museum the W.A.A.F., an organization of N.Z. women who served in the Air Force during WWII served tea.

99 Canadian Award

The Board of Trustees of the Ninety-Nines Canadian Award in Aviation announces that the winner for 1987 is the Vintage Aircraft Restorers of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan under the direction of Don O'Hearne.

The Vintage Aircraft Restorers are a non-profit group of Senior Citizens ranging

in age from 65 to 75 and retired from a variety of former occupations. They have fourteen aircraft on display at the Western Development Museum in Moose Jaw. The D.H. Tiger Moth, Harvard MK IV, Cessna Crane MK IA and the Avro Anson MK I are the only ones representing the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan, the group's special interest.

Remembering Our Past

by Gene Nora Jessen

What young woman, pilot or not, didn't thrill to the courage of Jeana Yeager as she rode that fragile, bucking bronco to the bell. And who didn't go into a complete system shutdown in those seconds with Sally Ride perched atop a rocket ship willing it to fly. The Ninety-Nines is officially an international organization of women pilots; but its reality is a long line of impatient, innovative, courageous women united in their love of flight.

The conception of the organization happened at the 1929 Women's Air Derby, and its birth was in a hangar at





Curtiss Field, Long Island, NY later that year. All 117 women pilots in the United States were invited to join this union to promote "good fellowship, jobs, and a central office and files on women in aviation." Fanciful names for the club were offered such as The Noisy Birdwomen and The Gadflies, but cooler heads prevailed to stop the nonsense by calling the group by the sum total of charter members. A deadline for membership was established and as the date approached it momentarily appeared that we'd by the 86s, then the 97s and finally the 99s. We're still The Ninety-Nines but are now approaching 7,000 members world wide.

Though the original letters went to all U.S. female pilots, the group has been international from the beginning. Jessie Keith-Miller, an Australian and Thea Rasche of Germany were both charter 99s. Quotable Thea left some words of advice for us all: "Flying is more thrilling than love for a man, and far less dangerous!"

Our heritage is awash with characters. What a disappointment settling in with popcorn and anticipation ready to enjoy



Pancho Barnes characterized in the movie "The Right Stuff" only to find that they'd cleaned her up. Those who knew Pancho say she smoked cigars, swore like a sailor and named her guest ranch near Edwards Air Force Base, with great good humor, "The Happy Bottom Riding Club."

Charmed Fay Wells turned down a 'round-the-world flight with her friend Wiley Post so that as a journalist she could cover a war in Africa. Will Rogers took her place and was killed. Fay next leaped out of a disintegrating airplane becoming a member of the Caterpillar Club whose membership is restricted to those who have parachuted to save their lives. She has just as much energy today as she continues to direct the Ninety-Nines' Forest of Friendship program that she conceived.

Charter member Betty Gillies didn't let lack of length keep her out of big airplanes. Five-foot Betty made wooden blocks to extend the rudder pedals on the big bombers she flew in the WASPs. As President of The Ninety-Nines, Betty was instrumental in setting up the Amelia Earhart Scholarship program which has benefitted hundreds of members through the years.

There was J. Edgar Cochran who was desperate for a minimal force and filled the record books with the "Cochran." She was a national leader in aviation during World War II. Reitsch was on the Atlantic at the time the airplanes for the first time boggle — the first jet planes, rocket-powered helicopters, the glider over the Atlantic. She was the only woman to fly a buzz bomb. Rumor had it that Hanna flew in a helicopter, but that was not true. On Hitler's life she came down demented Fuehrer and then she escaped amidst falling bullets and thundering guns. Oh to have a Johnson Mollison from Britain to America in an open cockpit out your world going that route. What disappeared during the war probably shot down Mary Heath, a child soloed her Avro



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Cape Town to London route, a treacherous flight in 1928, later flying as second pilot for KLM in Fokker Tri-Motors. Nancy Bird Walton barnstormed Australia and then operated a charter and aerial ambulance service in Queensland. As she travels to Ninety-Nine conventions yearly, can the pilots of those trans-Pacific airlines conceive of the experience, courage and knowledge of that sweet, little lady sitting in the back?



Wouldn't it have been fun to be aboard when Louise Thaden's pilot son realized that his mother was a passenger on his Eastern Airline flight and he introduced her to the assembled passengers with great pride? Louise was a record racer of the twenties, winner of the Bendix trophy and Walter Beech's demo pilot in the Staggerwing and Travel Air (which will be displayed by The Ninety-Nines soon when its restoration is complete). She was the first president of The Ninety-Nines in all but name as she deferred to her friend Amelia Earhart.

Amelia. Ask any school child or man on the street if they can name a woman pilot and it will be Amelia. They're still intrigued with the mystery of AE. There's no doubt that Amelia has been canonized — and Sally Ride is close behind. But aren't we lucky that these are the two women who represent us all as synonymous with "woman pilot." Each persevered to be the best in her chosen field. Each carried the heavy load of knowing that whatever she did reflected on all of us and strength of character and integrity shone

through the personality of each. They bracket the long line of women who have made it possible for us to fly airlines, fly off aircraft carriers and to penetrate aviation's artificial barriers.

We've been rich in pathfinders and the space constraints from introducing them all is frustrating. There's Edna Whyte with acres of competitive trophies, her own airport operation and a flock of flight students. She doesn't realize she's supposed to slow down at age 84 . . . charter 99 Nancy Tier who has just completed 60 years of flying and still flies her





Cessna 170 everywhere . . . Bobbi Trout who in the early years flew endurance flights in open cockpit airplanes — refueling ships dumping fuel on her head and reusable cans dumped overboard becoming entangled in the tail . . . spicy Annette Gipson Way snap-rolling under the Brooklyn Bridge and almost coming to disaster as her airplane tangled with a floating animal balloon in the Macy Parade . . . and Laura Ingalls who in 1920 did an unbelievable 714 barrel rolls and then a dizzying 980 consecutive loops and colorfully expressed her political opinion by bombing the Capitol in Washington with pamphlets.

they do. But if you sought to define their bond, you would not find the words. Not even they could tell you. Nor can I. But this I can tell you. Theirs is a bond of the spirit, an eagerness shared, a partnership of restlessness to know challenge and motion. Long may their breed increase." ■

Gill Robb Wilson's observation describes us well: "At every opportunity they consort together as if holding a common secret — as indeed



SECTION

NEWS



99 Bernice Haydu and Nancy Bird Walton, 99 Life Member

Maple Leaf

Poker Run this year didn't have the weather, so went ahead on Sept. 20th, our "rain date". Some flew in (not officially), some drove, and some called in sold poker hands. We had a good MC, a good host, Brantford Flying Club, and a good turnout, despite the weather, and good prizes to give away.

For our October 3rd annual meeting, nine members attended despite unfriendly weather. We set a tentative agenda, elected officers and committee chairs, and enjoyed lunch provided by Marie Spence. Marie's "49 1/2er", Bob, showed us his Tiger Moth, DeHavilland Chipmunk, and his "current (since 1970) restoration", a WWII Swordfish torpedo bomber biplane. Two of us even got a brief circuit around the field in Bob's Tiger Moth.

October 9-10, the Connecticut Chapter hosted the Fall '87 Section Meeting at Bradley Int'l. Airport. The Friday evening activity consisted of an Aviation Art/Crafts exhibit from New England members. ENE member, Marjorie Van Vliet, showed slides of her trip around the perimeter of the U.S. in a Cessna.

Saturday's activities included luncheon speaker, Harvey Lippincott, who's talk on "Early Ballooning," was enjoyed by all. A group tour of the New England Air Museum was held after lunch.

We were very happy to welcome International Vice President Gene Nora Jessen who attended our Fall Section meeting.

The Fall Section meeting hosted by the Connecticut Chapter saw the presentation of the "Woman of the Year" Award to Charter Member Nancy Tier by Award Chairman Evelyn Kropp.

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

Connecticut



September 12, the Connecticut Chapter co-sponsored a Fly-In, FAA Safety Seminar at Brainard Airport. Over 1,000 people came out on a marginal day to view static aircraft, 30 aviation exhibitors, a cold air balloon display, and more.

Capping the day-long event, the Ninety-Nines re-dedicated the Forest of Friendship Tree. A spruce, nurtured by Charter



member Nancy Tier, was presented to State aviation officials. An engraved plaque, commemorating the event, was placed near the tree.



Northern New England

A beautiful autumn day in Lebanon, New Hampshire, was the setting on October 17th for another successful Aviation Career Day for area Girl Scouts. Approximately 100 girls and their leaders were divided into five groups and given 99s-guided tours of several airport facilities. Among them were the air traffic control tower, the flight service station, the maintenance hangar, the airline terminal, and both a commercial and a private aircraft.

Special thanks to Aileen Anderson who, once again, was the chief organizer of this very educational Aviation Career Day.

At the November 14, 1987 meeting the members learned of the passing of Thon Griffith's husband, George. Since Thon is the A.E. Trustee Treasurer, a \$100 contribution to the A.E. Fund was approved.

A Winter Carnival is planned for February 13, 1988 at Silver Ranch, Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

The Chapter projects for the winter will be an effort to make schools and other interested people aware of the Air Bears program on video and planning for the Spring Section meeting in Portsmouth, N.H. in May.

AUSTRALIAN SECTION

The nineteenth Fear of Flying Course held in Sydney and convened by Aminta Hennessy, Glenna Philpott and their hard-working and dedicated group of associates is underway.

Jan Hoopmann and Neva Cavenagh in conjunction with the Department of Aviation and AOPA organized the First "Pilot Awareness Seminar" held in South Australia. The theme of the successful seminar attended by one hundred and fifty pilots was "The Gentle Touch-landing an aircraft safely, consistently and well". Mary O'Brien, a DOA examiner, flew in from Canberra in a Bonanza to be a guest speaker.

Australian 99s were pleased to welcome Kim Ernst from the Fullarton Chapter during her recent visit.

EAST CANADA SECTION

Section members who attended the joint New York-New Jersey and East Canada Section Meeting had a super time. Doris Abbate, Governor of NY-NJ, and the committee headed by Shirley Ludington did a wonderful job organizing a great meeting on the weekend of October 16th-17th.

East Canada Governor Donna Deaken in her address highlighted Section activities such as the Youth Science Fair Awards, Harbour Grace dedication, and the Ninety-Nines Canadian Award in Aviation.

The Ninety-Nines Canadian Award in Aviation was presented this year to the Vintage Aircraft Restorers, a group of Saskatchewan retirees who devote many volunteer hours restoring aircraft used in the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan (during WWII). They have already restored a Cessna Crane which is on display in the Air Museum in Regina and are now working on an Avro Anson MK II.

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND

Eastern New England member Marjorie Van Vliet, of Warwick, Rhode Island, is planning a 1988 "Flight for Peace" to the Soviet Union (and other countries). Majorie recently met with Nikolai Smirnov, 1st Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, courtesy of R.I. Representative Claudine Schneider. Marjorie presented him with a copy of Night Witches, the story of World War II Soviet women combat pilots, by Bruce Myles. Mr. Smirnov was warmly enthusiastic about the Flight for Peace, and offered to help Marjorie gain permission to fly into the Soviet Union. He was also confident that there would be no difficulty in gaining permission.

The Eastern New England Chapter sponsored "Air Fair" for local students promoting aviation careers. In spite of the drenching all day rain, a crowd of 500 attended the September 19th "Air Fair" at the New Bedford (MA) airport. Other sponsors were Massachusetts Aviation Education Council and the FAA.

Booths from local aviation colleges, trade schools, the military, and the FAA told of hundreds of jobs open to young people. The 99s' booth showed the new video tape on careers for women.



Tied in with the "Air Fair" is the first award of the Frankie Sutton Memorial Scholarship, a \$2,000 stipend applicable to either tuition or flight training. The new scholarship is open to any New England person entering training for a career in any phase of aviation. Applications deadline is January 15, 1988, contact Carol Stites, 8 Bennett Road, Wayland, MA 01778 for application forms.

NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

The New York-New Jersey Section Meeting and the East Canada Section Board meeting was well attended by the chapters, international guests, and other sections. Approximately seventy-four people registered for the meeting. Barbara Sestito, International President; Carol Sue Wheeler, International Treasurer and Harriet Fuller, International Board of Directors were present at the section meeting.

Other sections that sent representatives were Mid East, Southeast, and North Central. Two chapters from other sections were also represented: Deep South Chapter and Eastern New England Chapter.

The combined section meetings were very productive for all and culminated with a great luncheon speaker, Susan Maule, a Ninety-Nine and Amelia Earhart Scholarship winner who is now a First Officer for Piedmont Airlines.

The section treasurer, Shirley Ludington, has sent out a tax form to all members to raise money for the annual budget. This is an entertaining form to fill in and mail back with a donation to the section.

Central New York

The Central New York Chapter co-sponsored another FAA Safety Seminar on October 29, 1987, in Marcy, N.Y. at the Whitesboro School.

The chapter's next regularly scheduled meeting is on November 7th at Kamp Airport.

The Central New York Chapter's November 7th meeting was held at Kamp Airport and featured Elaine Roehrig and Marilyn Wilson's slides and talk about their recent participation in the air race classic.

The December meeting, on Friday, December 4th was a "do it ourselves" party to be held at Kamp Airport.

North Jersey

Leslie Highleyman of the North Jersey Chapter received a second "Certificate of Recognition" from the Teterboro District of the FAA.

SOAR Air Fare held at Linden Airport on September 12th-13th, 1987 attracted townspeople by the thousands despite poor weather. North Jersey Chapter members manned their booth dispersing literature, information, and selling buttons.

Thanks to Norma Jean Freier (Chicago Area), their booth was enhanced by large photographs of Jeana Yeager, Sally Ride, and Capt. Beverly Bass.

Three North Jersey ex-WASPS, Selma Cronan, Kay Hillbrandt, and AJ May Starr were part of the 100-member turnout over the weekend of October 9th-11th.

The North Jersey Chapter will again donate presents to children in Newton Hospital. Members are asked to bring wrapped gifts to the December 4th Christmas Party to be held at Lincoln Park. A.J. Starr is trying to line up a helicopter to deliver the presents.

Carol Cross, Carol Emmens, and Leslie Highleyman attended a dinner given in honor of George Strickland, their FAA Accident Prevention Specialist. Leslie and some other safety counselors received a "Certificate of Recognition" for their efforts towards the FAA Safety Program.

Finger Lakes

The Finger Lakes Chapter's October 15, 1987 meeting included a talk by Flight Instructor Gerry Hasman about safe flying. He provided some good tips on what to do in different cases of problems one may encounter. The chapter is just starting to plan for the October, 1988, section meeting to be held at Rochester, N.Y.

New York Capital

The New York Capital District Chapter of the 99s has decided to contact all women pilots and student pilots on the FAA's list of those with medicals who are not currently on their mailing list (about 80) and invite them to a November 11, 1987 pot-luck dinner. This will be the November meeting and will be at Vice-Chairman Barbara Fioravanti's FBO at Rensselaer County Airport, Poestenkill, N.Y.

New York Capital

The New York Capital District Chapter contacted all women pilots and student pilots on the FAA's list not currently on their mailing list (about 80) and invited them to a November 11, 1987 pot-luck dinner. About ten percent responded. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and only the hardy attended the November meeting.

preparation for the fly-in to the Bahamas scheduled for November 13-

In addition to these events, the AOPA convention on October 15th-18th attracted Naima Rauam from this chapter and the Section meeting was also attended by several members on October 16th-17th.

The Greater New York Chapter had a very successful fly-in to the Bahamas, to Georgetown on Exuma Island, from November 13-19, 1987. Four airplanes carrying a total of fourteen people enjoyed great weather and company. Nina Clermont set this up, and the chapter is thinking of a repeat performance for Memorial Day Weekend.

Long Island

The Long Island Chapter had two airplanes, carrying eight members, to the October 16-17 Fall Section Meeting in Utica. On November 7th, the Ida Van Smith's Flight Club's annual "give a kid a ride" day had fifty scouts and other children turn out. Despite blustery winds, all the children were given rides by Vincente Bonnard and Doris Abbate aboard a Cessna 172s from Brookhaven Airport. Long Island 99s supplied the ground crews.

The November 10th monthly meeting included Bozena Syska's presentation about the inner workings of the newspaper, Newsday where she works. The talk included information on the best way to get a newspaper to print aviation related stories.

The chapter's holiday party was held December 6th.

Garden State

The Garden State Chapter held its November 8th meeting at the Red Lion Airport Restaurant. Their speaker was Tom Flieger of the C.A.P. on Aircraft in the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum.

The Christmas Party will be December 13th at Janet and Dick Davis's house in Westfield, N.J.

Greater New York

The Greater New York Chapter had several activities scheduled in October. The first was a private tour of the JFK Control Tower given by Mr. Edward Trudeau, Air Traffic Manager of JFK. The second was an event that the Chapter co-hosted with the Wings Club, called the "Bahama's Night" at the Wings Club on Tuesday, October 27th in

MIDDLE EAST SECTION

The Middle East Section Pennies-Per-Pound activity was held in conjunction with the Suffolk County, Virginia, annual Peanut Festival October 17th at Suffolk Airport. Approximately \$1,200 was raised by Hampton Roads Chapter which hosted the activity. Section members in attendance were Beverly Sharp and husband, Polly Carico and husband (Washington Chapter), Teresa Brent (Activity Chairman), Virginia Thompson (Shenandoah Valley Chapter), Alice Foeh (Middle East Section Governor), Edith Fisher, Vickie Cox, Betty Armstrong (Activity Chairman) and husband, Connie Zoxx (Activity Co-chairman), Linda Hollowell (all of Hampton Roads Chapter), and Joe Mathias (friend and supporter of Hampton Roads Chapter).

Alice Foeh, Section Governor, attended the International Fall Section meeting October 16th-17th at Horizon Hotel at Oneida County Airport, Oriskany, New York, hosted by New York/New Jersey Section and Eastern Canada Section.

Delaware

The chapter is making plans to airmark a helipad on the roof of the Horizon Helicopter Building.

Carol MacAteer has just been hired by FAA to work at a Flight Service Station. She will receive four months training for flight service in Oklahoma starting December first.

Linda Amalfitano has joined the Del Tech flight team.

Eastern PA

Nancie Jaeger earned five ratings within a year after her Private license in 1986. She will be instructing and flying a traffic watch airplane for the FBO at Ashland-Handover Airport in Virginia.

The Chapter welcomes Amy G. Worthington as a new member. Amy has an Instrument and commercial rating. She and husband, Bill, fly a Cherokee 180.

Connie Wolf was interviewed by Channel 3 "Time Out" September 23rd about the tethered flight of her Liberty Bell balloon at Penn's Landing on Constitution Day.

Potomac

The Chapter extends deep sympathy to Helene Scher who lost her mother November 10th.

The Chapter thanks Elizabeth Olivolo's husband Patrick, a 49/2er and CFII, for giving the members very valuable tips and information on preflighting & taxing airplanes, cruising, and making approaches.

Congratulations to Carole A. Roberts. She received "The 1987 Jerome T. Lederer Award for Outstanding Contributions to Technical Excellence in Air Safety Investigation." Carole was responsible, personally, for the development of unparalleled technical excellence at the NTSB laboratory and established a reputation as a leading internationally authority in the interpretation of flight data recorders.

Elizabeth Matarase has become a FAA Accident Prevention Program Coordinator for the Eastern Region.

Loretta Haskell was married October 1, 1987, to Robert W. Cook.

Hampton Roads

The Chapter received a "Community Service Plaque" from the city of Chesapeake, Virginia, for the members' work with juvenile offenders through their "Court Kids Program."

Shenandoah Valley

Ellen Eller is attending the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The Chapter welcomes Meredith Roof, an English and Spanish teacher, as a new member.

The Chapter has been informed that United Parcel Service is recruiting flight and ground crew.

Washington, D.C.

The Chapter will donate canned goods to the Department of Social Services, Loudoun County, in memory of 66 Jo Fagan.

The Chapter was deeply saddened by the death of Gerda Rhunke who was killed with a Cessna 152 crashed and burned with her and her student.

Welcome to Nancy Hackett our new Chapter member.

Western PA

The Chapter's Safety Seminar guest speaker was Ron Maness of USAir, a First Officer on a DC9. He has flown with the Thunderbirds and Eastern Airlines.

The FAA representative, John Barry, gave a slide presentation.

Congratulations to Carolyn and Tom Getsie on the arrival of their 9 lbs., 13 oz. daughter.

The Chapter members toured the Air Heritage Museum facilities at Beaver County Airport October 17th to see an airplane that was being refurbished and they saw what was left of the B-17. The Chapter's meeting followed the tour.

The Chapter received the International Education Award at the Convention in Canada.

Central PA

The Chapter members were shown around the tower and radar room at McGuire AFB, and Capt. Pam Senz took them on a tour of the C-141 she flies.

Central PA and Garden State airmarked the Trenton-Bobbinsville Airport.

Louise Sacchi and Anne Shields attended the "Forest of Friendship Commemoration of Amelia Earhart 90th birthday and the 50th of her disappearance. Eileen landola received the Chapter's Mathew Macario Scholarship to get her Commercial rating.

SOUTHEAST SECTION

Kitty Hawk

The new chapter officers were in place at the September meeting in Fayetteville, hosted by Myrt Carnevale. June Rodd, Esther Fordham, Hazel Monroe, Nancy Smith, and Nan Merrick participated in the North Carolina/Tennessee air tour. Hazel Monroe attended the North Carolina Division of Aviation seminar in Greensboro "N. C. Airport Safety," and the EAA fly-in at Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

On November 22, at the Civilian Fly-in at Seymour Johnson Air Base, the chapter's successfully set up a booth to educate the visitors about the 99s and their activities. The booth chairpersons were Marilyn Darling and Mary Deaton who did a superb job displaying the 99 materials. It was an education for the members as well as the visitors.

Florida Gulfstream

In October, members participated in a fly-in to the Ocean Reef Club for a planning meeting hosted by Lee Miller. The following weekend members painted a 2 foot blue and white 99 Compass Rose at the Vero Beach Airport. The airmarking effort was spearheaded by Ellie Odorico.

Stacy Burger topped the competition at a practice NIFA meet for the Broward Community College Team, where other chapter members volunteered in marking and judging. The annual Poker Run was a great success with over 300 hands sold, thanks to the committee led by Sue Perrigo and Diane Johnson. The grand prize winner of \$99 was Sue Harper.

Upcoming activities include manning a booth at the North Perry Airport open house in November.

Florida Suncoast

Over 20 members drove or flew into Sarasota for the chapter's November 14th meeting. Bonnie Carr updated the members on Aerospace Education in the classrooms. The chapter has already volunteered to work with the Young Astronaut Program at the Science Center, St. Petersburg. Gov. Mary Fletcher attended a Nov. 14th meeting with EAA Sun 'n Fun and has finalized the site for the 99 tent April 10th thru 16th at this week long aviation event.

Florida Goldcoast

Members flew into Kissimmee for the Chapter's October meeting. Governor Mary Fletcher flew over from St. Petersburg to attend.

Members were afforded the opportunity to fly a Boeing 747 Simulator at the Pan Am Flight Academy in Miami for the November meeting.

Ursula Davidson and Joanne Calabrese participated in the NIFA Competition, November 12-15.

North Georgia

Joan Smith, Anne Mitchell and Susan Shropshire attended the Athens, G. Fly-In for the dedication of the Ben Epps Airport.

Lucy Young has returned from two weeks of Navy Reserve Duty flying a DC-9 as co-pilot, throughout the Mediterranean and Europe.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Central Illinois

Kim Strickland (U. of Ill.) was voted coach of the year at the Fall NIFA meet. Illi-Nines Derby plans were made at Danville for our June derby.

Barb Jenison was on hand to receive her award and our "congrats" when she was inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame for her lifetime support of flying. She joins our chapter member, Wanda Whitsitt, who coordinates LIFELINE.

Ruth Teel taught her sixth graders a session incorporating aviation subjects with math, science, geography. She made Virginia Oulline (Archives) happy by donating a collection of news clippings of AE. It was presented to Ruth by a student who salvaged the album from an old attic.

Indiana Dunes

Charlene Falkenberg has given two aviation career talks and made presentations to two different sixth grade classes.

Linda Mattingly, Indiana Dunes AE Scholarship winner this year, is walking a little taller now that she has her multi-engine rating. She has also been writing articles for our newsletter on the 49½ viewpoint.

Gail Schroeder, Safety Chairman, has arranged for three "Back to Basics" seminars. Don Hales of the FAA has been a big help with this project. The material being presented is new; attendance at one of these seminars fulfills one of the requirements toward Proficiency Wings.

Phyllis Webb gave a two hour lecture at Aquinas College on "Aerospace: Amelia Earhart to Sally Ride." Nano Farabaugh spoke to a group of Girl Scouts in Benton Harbor, Michigan, about women in aviation.

Indiana Dunes, under the direction of Gail Schroeder, has been sponsoring FAA "Back To Basics" seminars. The meetings have been well attended and the new films are most interesting.

Linda Mattingly has received her AE Scholarship Medallion and has been proudly showing it to all the 99s and her many friends.

Local papers have interviewed Linda Mattingly, Mardelle Gundlach, and Joy Rickel for feature aviation articles.

Courtney Bargerhuff is making and selling patches. The proceeds will be used to place Jane Wilson in the Forest of Friendship next year.

Kentucky Blue Grass

Our October 17th Poker Run was very successful with 97 hands being sold. Everyone enjoyed the Chili Supper provided by the Louisville Aero Club afterwards. We appreciate Martha Kuhn and Shelley Lockhart's time and hard work to organize the Poker Run.

We had a garage sale in Lexington, Kentucky, on October 24th. The proceeds were earmarked for AE's birthplace. We reached our goal in five hours and are already planning another sale for spring.

Our members helped with the Kentucky Aviation Association meeting, Flying Physicians Convention, and safety meetings during the month.

Terri Donner was named CFI of the Year in the FAA Southern Region and the State of Kentucky. Terri was a 1981 Amelia Earhart Scholarship winner.

Chairman Sherry LeMaster, Kathy Osborne, and Kaye Moore attended the Fall Section Meeting in Traverse City, Michigan.

Despite early morning overcast skies and showers, our first Poker Run was a success. Ninety-four flying poker hands were returned to Louisville Aero Club at Bowman Field. Judges were Bruce Skaggs, Don Lockhart and Bill Kuhn. We are also grateful for the help of Beverly Byrum, Louise Bornwasser, Virginia Crawford, Anne Green, Sherry LeMaster, Kathy Osborne, and Carolyn Skaggs in the event.

Safety seminars held at Louisville and Lexington were a success. Nearly 150 pilots attended at Bowman Field, Louisville, Kentucky, and over 50 pilots were at Bluegrass, Lexington, Kentucky. The seminars focused on Flight Service Station changes.

All Ohio

Cheryl Hussan was the hostess for the September meeting at Huron County Airport, Norwalk, Ohio. Members and guests enjoyed a pizza lunch and social period after the meeting. The hand-held VOR receiver raffle brought in \$566. We thank Jean Wolcott. The winner was Carl Strout from Gahanna, Ohio. New officers for the Buckeye Air Rally are Jean Wolcott, President; Carol Deitsch, Vice-president and Treasurer; Kathy Samuelson, Secretary.

The 1988 rally will be held at Ashland, Ohio.

Kathy Samuelson and Roberta Jones returned from a five day trip that was financed by their BAR winnings in June.

Cherry Capital Airport, Traverse City, Michigan, was filled with cherries for everyone. Our chapter was well represented with seven members and four 49½s.

Martha Velesky owes a vote of gratitude to Marcia Greenham and Linda Blodgett of Blodgett for their help in completing the Paul Bunyan Clan initiation.

The October meeting for the All-Ohio Chapter was in Cincinnati, Ohio. Carol Deitsch was hostess. This was our annual achievement Awards Banquet. The ten achievers were Linda Blodgett, Darlene Eldridge, Pat Fairbanks, Sandy Gordley, Marcia Greenham, Cheryl Hussan, Connie McConnell, Kathy Samuelson, Judy Stream, and Jean Wilcott. The award winner, Marcia Greenham, also won the award in 1975. Only three others have won twice. As president of the Buckeye Air Rally, Jean Wolcott presented a \$2100 check to the chapter. Martha Valesky and 49½ John attended the AOPA Convention in Los Vegas, Nevada.

Aux Plaines

The chapter's October meeting was held at Stick & Rudder at Waukegan Memorial Airport, Waukegan, Illinois. Our newest 66, Carol Holquist, was warmly welcomed.

Letters of appreciation from the Downs Syndrome organization were made available to the members. The chapter participated in the Downs Syndrome group's fund-raising airshow on September 13th at Campbell Airport. Copies of newspaper publicity on the event were entered into the chapter archives.

Virginia Rabung represented the Aux Plaines Chapter at the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame's 1987 installation dinner on October 17th at the Oak Brook Marriott in Springfield, Illinois. Aux Plaines 99, Barbara Jenison, was inducted into the Hall of Fame and the "Spirit of Flight" Award was presented to the Illinois Ninety-Nines. All chapters of the Illinois 99s were presented at this event.

Greater Detroit Area

The September meeting was held at the home of Bernice Miller. New member, Jackie Schatz, was pinned by her sponsor, Susan Philpot. Twenty-one members of GDAC attended the Fall Section Meeting in Traverse City, Michigan.

Our "Women of Aviation Room" was opened at Willow Run on October 3rd. A 1945 aviation calendar was donated by Melba Smith.

October's meeting, a GDAC Media Night, was held at the home of Sue Siporin. We enjoyed several 99 broadcasts and a film on engine failure after take-off.

Carol Landefeld and Pat Krause both flew the Tennessee Air Tour during the second weekend in October.

Greater Detroit Chapter member, Dorothy Gillis, attended the Aviation Awards Luncheon at the Dearborn Inn in October where she presented a GDAC Tri-Motor pin to John Baker of AOPA.

The chapter will be taking on project Air Bear.

Bernice Millar welcomed 66 Theresa Cassini at the October meeting.

New chairman for the 1988 Pinch Hitter will be Dorothy Price Gillis; co-chairman is Bernice Millar. The November meeting was a joint meeting with the Michigan Chapter at Willow Run and featured a tour of Chrysler Pentastar.

Greater St. Louis

October 1st was the formation meeting of the new Aviation Explorer Scout Post 9499. Our chapter is co-sponsoring the post, now 20 members strong, with the Wings of Hope. 99 Barbara Wilper is the Associate Advisor. 99s Ruth Bohnert and Martha Norman, and Wings of Hope's Tommy Thompson are members of the Advisory Committee.

Members of the chapter participated in judging the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's Region VIII SAFECON held at St. Louis Downtown-Parks Airport in Cahokia, Illinois. St. Louis University's Parks College was host to the event.

Members of the judging team consisted of Anne and 49½ Emmett Black of Indiana Chapter, Sharon Ann Schorsch of Chicago Area Chapter, Lynn Russo, Shirley Dietz, Ruth Bohnert, Adela Scharr, Rosemary Parker, Laura Winkelmann, Mary and 49½ Jack Kinnaw, Martha Norman, and Joe Heidolph from Greater St. Louis Chapter.

The chapter sponsored the award for the Top Woman Pilot. Anne and Emmett Black were the Chief Scorers.

Our October meeting was held at the Missouri National Guard facility at St. Louis-Lambert International Airport, St. Louis, Missouri. We were treated to a tour of the hangar and their F-4s.

Our chapter was represented by Amy Laws, Vivian Waters, Dorothy Haupt, and Martha Norman at the Fall Section Meeting in Traverse City, Michigan.

Our November meeting was held at the home of Martha Norman. As Aerospace Education Chairman, she also presented the program which concentrated on the options of the chapter for our future education endeavors.

Twenty-five young people were present at the Explorer Scout meeting that featured a tour of the St. Louis County Police helicopter facility.

Lake Erie

Peter Graichen, Christen Eagle owner and builder, spoke about and demonstrated his aircraft at the October meeting of Lake Erie Chapter held at Portage County Airport.

Brian Moore, son of our Membership Chairman Evelyn, received his Eagle Scout award — the highest Boy Scout award.

Marge Juhasz had the opportunity to admire Indiana Chapter's air marking at Goshen, Indiana, on her way to LaCrosse and Rineland, Wisconsin.

Our members held an FAA Safety Meeting at Stark Technical Center in Canton, Ohio, on October 15th and a second one at NASA in Cleveland, Ohio on October 29th.

Everett Dyer, an aerobatic pilot who began flying in 1940, was guest speaker for our November meeting at Million Air, Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Hostess Peggy Humbert arranged for videos of Mr. Dyer flying his Pitts, Fleet, and Stearman planes as well.

On October 17, Edythe Maxim, a charter member of Lake Erie Chapter, received the "Louise Thaden Memorial Award" for her 32 years of participation in aviation activities, events, and air races. She was introduced by Kay Brick, a director of Silver Wings (25 year pilots) and a California 99, and was presented the award by Ross Brinkley, President of Silver Wings. The presentation was made under the wing of the B36 on display at the U.S. Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

Bernice Barris addressed a group of 100 at an Experimental Aircraft Association chapter meeting in Elyria on October 17th.

We welcome Michelle Hovanek, our new member. She has a Private license with an instrument rating and is currently working on her multi-engine rating with our chapter's Bea Axelrod.

Michigan

We have enjoyed many successful meetings during the past year; our November meeting, hosted by Lillian Snyder and Julie Clarke, was among the finest. At Willow Run Airport, we greeted prospective members and established our 1988 calendar.

The program featured three people of Chrysler Pentastar Aviation. Milton Pugsley gave us a brief history of the airport and the business. James Kraushaar, using MAN'S WINGS AND HOW TO FLY published in 1921, compared yesterday's and today's instruments and their uses in general aviation. Roy Church used a video of HEADS UP DISPLAY to tell us about its use in simulators to teach pilots how to handle wind shears that develop on landings.

Wisconsin

The Wisconsin 99s hosted a Flying Companion Seminar in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at Timmerman Field in the Civil Air Patrol Hangar. Those helping were Lynn Swartz, Kathy Dempsey, Judy Foy, and Gert Heintskill.

Eva Parks made arrangements to take members and 49½s through the Experimental Aircraft Association Museum after the November business meeting in Oshkosh.

Minnesota Chapter

Fall flying and fall activities are colorful in the upper Mississippi River area. Minnesota 99s met at Red Wing for a FAA fly-in on October 4th.

Eight Minnesota 99s and one 49½ were judges at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association's Region V SAFECON. Jill Newman held the busy job as line judge. Judy Brown, Jody Eide, Rita and Burt Orr, Debbie Barnes, Debbie Funk, Barb Chambers, and Cathy Balazs judged various other events.

Our Halloween Costume Party was held on a very exciting night. Shirley Brantingham won the "Most Original Costume." She was a DC-3 complete with directional lights.

Clara and Arnie Johanson, as Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, won the award for "Best Over-All" costume. As pioneer spirits, Cathy Balazs and Jim Anderson were "Most Artistic."

The Minnesota Chapter requests your recipes for their cookbook. Please send them to Elle Nelson, 3427 N. Snelling Ave., Arden Hills, MN 55112. Credit will be given to the chef.

Indiana

Indiana chapter Ninety-Nines were treated to a tour of the Air Traffic Control Center by Ardyth Williams after their meeting at the ATC facility in Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 18th. Members appreciated the opportunity to observe the controllers at work to learn first hand about the complexities of the air traffic system.

Chicago Area

Former 99, Ruth Livingston, was a guest at our October meeting. Ruth, a student of Sally Stempel, was the guest of Rita Adams. Sixty-six Betty Kirk received a certificate of achievement for obtaining her private pilot license. She was later pinned by Ti Feintge, her sponsor, and welcomed as a new member of the chapter. Janet Bulow, 66, also passed her check ride and received her certificate of achievement during the Airmarking at Howell Airport in Lenox on October 24th.



Judges for the NIFA SAFECON

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

A beautiful weekend October 1st-4th provided the perfect setting for the Fall South Central Section meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Twenty-three of the current 37 chapters were represented by 112 registered 99s. Weekend activities included seminars on mountain flying, mountain search and rescue, mountain weather, and aviation law as it pertains to medical certification. The Pikes Peak Chapter also included soaring, hot air ballooning and a cog railway ride to the top of Pikes Peak in their busy weekend.

Abilene Area Chapter was recognized at the Saturday morning business meeting for receiving the International Aerospace Education/Aviation Safety Award at Convention in Vancouver, B.C. The Oklahoma Chapter was the highest scoring chapter within the section.

Recipient of the Jimmie Kolp Award was Jody McCarrell of the Oklahoma Chapter.



Nema Masonhall was also recognized for her long-term support of USPFT with the presentation of a team jacket by Jody McCarrell and Hazel Jones.

Colorado

October saw the chapter at Front Range Airport for the Fall Pinch Hitter Course. The Safety meeting was followed by the monthly chapter meeting and a barbecue lunch.

A Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Barnstorming Benefit took place at Front Range with help from many chapter members.

The chapter participated in the Grand Opening of the airport in Wray, Colorado.

Lucille Bledsoe was awarded the Blue Max at the October meeting of the Colorado Pilots Association. The Blue Max was founded by the Flying Review to honor unselfish contributions benefitting the aviation community. There are five members in Colorado. Lucille is the only female to be so honored.

Babette Andre completed her FAA Wings VI.

Albuquerque

The recently revived chapter is proud to announce that they now have 20 members.

December 11th a Christmas party was held and invitations were sent to area pilots who were not 99s to introduce them to the organization.

Dallas

Peg and Gary Goll, Mary Jane and Ron Migis and Anita and Klaus Gebhardt flew their planes to the section meeting in Colorado Springs. Carol Morris airlined to the meeting. The Gebhardts, and Golls were fortunate enough to receive certificates for the Mountain Flying Course.

Peg flew to Leadville and Anita to Durango as others in the group took in the hot air ballooning and soaring. The Migis family received Soaring Certificates.

Dallas 99s once again beat the raindrops on air marking day. A large group worked faster than the invading clouds. Air Park management fed the crew after completion of the task.

The November dinner meeting celebrated the chapter's 30th anniversary. Six of the 16 charter members are still on the roster and three attended the event.

El Paso

John and Betty MacGuire hosted a Fly-In/Brunch/Meeting at their ranch southeast of El Paso. Didi Shaffer placed first in the spot landing contest on the mesa runway.

The chapter will make their first air marking effort in two years on this runway in the near future.

Member Jill McCormick was inducted into the El Paso Aviation Hall of Fame October 1st. The 99s now have four members in the hall including Ruth Deerman, Lois Hailey, Jill and Lois Ziler.

The chapter welcomes Lois Doyle and Lupe Hernandez as new members.

At the November meeting of the chapter it was determined that a cash contribution would be made to the El Paso Shelter for Battered Women. This contribution is the chapter's annual community Christmas project.

Kansas

Kathryn Schroeder joined the Marines in February, 1943, when the Marines initially opened to women. She was the first lady Marine from Kansas and was eventually a Link trainer instructor and one of the first radar instructors. She spoke at the November meeting relating some of her exciting adventures as a Marine.

Nancy Shldon, Linda Massey, Jaci Payne, and Janet Yoder attended the Physiology Course at the FAA in October. They found the altitude chamber an interesting and eye-opening experience. They learned about decompression, altitude physiology, and signs of hypoxia.

A Flying Companion Seminar took place in early November chaired by Phyllis Blanton.

Lubbock

The chapter completed an air marking at Crosbyton Airport in September.

Jane Bartos was the recipient of an AE Scholarship this year and has completed her work on an IFR rating.

A Matching Funds Scholarship was awarded to a local woman who wanted to learn to fly. She has one year to complete her program for a private license.

Oklahoma

The chapter is pleased to welcome Anna Taylor and Helen Mace to the 99 fold.

October's meeting took place at Wiley Post Airport with Major Kelly M. Haggard, Chief of Flight Safety at Tinker AFB as the speaker. He covered a variety of subjects including collision avoidance.

Members and 49½ attending the South Central Section meeting in Colorado Springs were Jody McCarrell, Linda Hooker, Nema and Mase Masonhall, Jan and Charles Perry, Charlene Davis, Diana Burton, Susie and Phil Mitchell, Helen Holbird, Shirley Brown, Gina Taylor, Poochie and Ed Rotzinger, Sue and Bill Halpain, and Lu Hollander.

After her 67th consecutive section meeting Nema and Mase Masonhall continued on to Albuquerque for the Balloon Fiesta.

Thirty persons were enrolled in the Flying Companion Seminar conducted by the chapter in early November. All members were called on to either instruct, aid, or provide food.

New members for November were Vicki Weber of Headrick, Oklahoma, and Ilana Steinhorn of Norman, Oklahoma.

Ben Baysinger, Nancy Smith, Lu Hollander, and Edna Thompson traveled to the western Oklahoma town of Erick for the dedication of the newly paved and air marked runway. Charlene Davis hosted the overnight travelers in her home. Jo Ann Carpenter was one of the organizers of the weekend event.

A traffic jam was noted on the way to the airport on Saturday morning at 0630. It seemed as though all of the town of 1200 had turned out in the fog to see Edna Thompson launch her Boomer Sooner balloon.

Also attending the event was Broneta Evans, Susie Sewell, and Edna Gardner Whyte, all past International Presidents, and Anne Mace a new Oklahoma 99.

Purple Sage

The September meeting featured Dr. Phillip Zeeck, 49½ of Purple Sage member Ingrid. He spoke on "What pilots should think about when it is time to renew your medical."

A new concept has been initiated within the chapter as Program Chairman Janet Koonce is making a member responsible for a program sometime during the year.

Six members of this small chapter attended the SCS meeting: Betty Jones, chairman, Mary Alice Barbee, treasurer, JoAnn Bates, Janet Koonce, Priscilla Barbee, and Pat Schneider.

Shreveport

The treasury was boosted by the annual Fish Fry at Downtown Airport in Shreveport.

A Safety Seminar hosted by the chapter took place in Haughton, Louisiana. Chairman Mary Spells was presented her Phase III Wings during the seminar.

The chapter was envious as Eileen Anderson and Mary Spells were aboard a KC10 which refueled the Blue Angels. Both ladies are active in the CAP.

Evelyn Snow made great plans for a Mystery Fly-In, but as usual, the weather did not cooperate.

South Louisiana

The chapter made a valuable contribution to the Louisiana National Air Show in Lake Charles. Marshalling aircraft to parking were Glad Streen, Cathie Miller, Deb Ransdell, Karen Milchanowski, Anne Self, Dee Wilson, and Sandra Leder.

Pat Ward, South Central Section Secretary, and Fran and Ed Taylor represented the chapter at section meeting.

Member Dr. Sigrid Scholtz Novak has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant for 87-88 and will be researching at the University of Hamburg in West Germany.

Sandra Leder, Dee Wilson, and Cathy Miller attended the Stearman Fly-In at Jennings in October. They spoke with Jan Mauritsen of the Tulsa Chapter who had flown in for the event.

The Calcasieu Association of Educators honored 99 Dr. Sandra J. Leder as the CAE Teacher of the year, 1987-88. Sandra, a teacher in Space Candidate started the first Young Astronauts Club in the Calcasieu Parish school system.

Pat Ward was instrumental in organizing the NIFA competition in Thibodeaux and was assisted by Marion Brown and Dee Wilson.

Many members worked at the Lafayette Airshow in November and A Safety Seminar was sponsored in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Top of Texas

At the September meeting of the chapter members participating in the air marking of Tulia Airport were presented with paint sticks. They had Tulia stripes on them.

Charms were presented to members who helped with the Air Race Classic stop in Dalhart.

The chapter has welcomed three new members. They are Candy Whitfield, Julie Schmitt, and Cynthia Pinnell. Julie and Cynthia are new private pilots and Candy transferred from California.

The November meeting included reports on section meeting at Colorado Springs, the Women Military Pilots meeting, Ima Jean Huff gave a report on the Kritser Aviation and Space Museum progression.

Tulsa

Air Show 87 in Tulsa found members working the Command Center and Pepsi booth. A profitable (barely) operation which allowed workers to become very familiar with each other as they worked in the confined small area.

The regular October meeting was a Safety Meeting co-sponsored by the FAA, 99s, Spartan School of Aeronautics, and the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association.

Marilou and Bill Poore, Ozzie and Bill Landrum, Ruby and Ned Mayrath, and Phyllis Scott attended the section meeting in Colorado Springs.

Fran Rankin did an outstanding job of planning, with great organization, for the Tahlequah Fly-In. Members made over 150 sandwiches besides slinging hot dogs all day. Aircraft were marshalled, tables were set up, ice was supplied and most chapter members had a hand in the effort.

Wichita Falls

Our city was very fortunate to have Jeana Yeager and Dick Rutan speaking in Wichita Falls in September. Six 99s and 66s with two husbands attended the fascinating program.

Lou Ellen Foster and her sister, Dorothea James, attended the International Convention in Vancouver in August.



Betty Kidd, Sue Stille, Jeana Yeager & Carolyn Baker, Wichita Falls, Texas

NORTHWEST SECTION

The Northwest Section had its annual Fall Section meeting in Spokane, Washington on September 18-20, 1987. One hundred and four 99s registered and 83 attended the General Business Meeting.

The Intermountain Chapter kept everyone busy with various seminars together with a BBQ dinner, special showing at the IMAX theatre along with wonderful speakers for the banquet and luncheon.

It was announced that new Chapter Chairman's Manuals were ready and would be mailed to each chapter free of charge. The meeting was finalized by the installation of our new Section Officers and Board of Directors by International Vice President Gene Nora Jessen.

Alaska

The Alaska Chapter airmarked the Kenai Airport on September 12th. Lucretia Carter, Patty Chadwick, Cleo Webb and Jan Bobek plan to airmark the Soldotna Airport on October 24th.

Patty Chadwick gained her float plane rating in June. Jan Bobek earned her instrument rating on June 15, 1987 at 2:00 pm. It happens to be a SPECIAL day in her life!

Columbia Gorge

Jan Mlnarik attended the Northwest Sectional in Spokane.

Our chapter will co-host with two other chapters the 1989 NW Sectional.

Mickey Sampson and Helen Fargher flew to a Flying Farmers Convention in Lewiston, Idaho. Their trip covered parts of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. They logged 12 hours flying time in Helen's C150.

Beryl Markham's book "West With The Night" and her life story "Straight On Till Morning" by Mary Lovell were discussed at our September meeting.

Greater Seattle

A donation of a cold cast bronze bust of Amelia Earhart was made by our chapter to the Museum of Flight in Seattle on September 9, 1987. The artist, Fanny Dell Hendricks, and chairman Dorothy Anderson officially presented the bust to museum curator Victor Seely as our membership ob-



served the presentation. The bust will be displayed upstairs in the gallery with other sculptures of famous aviators.

We enjoyed a tour of the museum following the presentation.

October 14th found us driving to South Prairie for a potluck luncheon at Ellie Cansdale's home. Following our business meeting we each entered a drawing, the prize being a ride in a Stearman with pilot Glenn Collins at the yoke. Fanny Dell Hendricks won the drawing.

SOUTHWEST SECTION

Cameron Park

We celebrated our eighth year as a chapter at the Annual Pasta Party on October 24th. It was fun to have June Devine, Ruth Wagner, Bonnie Neely and Mary Ben McClave from the Sacramento Chapter and Pat Chan and Beth Christian from Bay Cities join us. Juanita Bailey called to send best wishes from her new home in Roswell, New Mexico.

We recently airmarked Georgetown with assistance from the Sacramento Valley and Sierra Foothills chapters.

The October Fly-Away was to Westover Field in Jackson where a group of visiting 99s attended lunch and the ceremonies accompanying the formation of the new "Jackson Gold Dusters" chapter. We also sponsored an FAA safety seminar on Controlled Airspace.

Doris Lockness, our superstar, has received yet another award. She is "Outstanding Woman" to the OX5 Pioneers. She flew to Charleston, N.C., for this latest honor. She and Bob are going to have to enlarge their Trophy Room!

Orange County

Orange County and Fullerton chapters agreed to join together to enter recently deceased member, Darlene Brundage in the Forest of Friendship.

Marikay Lindstrom and Fran Bera flew in the Pacific Air Race and placed tenth. This was Marikay's first race ever. Sam Espino-Sellini participated also — way to go gals!

Orange County chapter had an outstanding turnout of members to assist at the 99s booths at the Westside Dedication of the new General Aviation tie-downs and facilities at John Wayne Airport. Bonnie Whitman, Gloria Sullivan, and Cynthia Shofer were in charge of the event which included a ceremonial airplane parade to the new Westside.

Supervisor Tom Riley spoke at the proceedings and pronounced, "General Aviation is alive and well at Orange County Airport and will be for many years to come".

Mary Ann Jamison hosted the October fly-in at her home in Palm Springs. A potluck was given poolside. Our general meeting included a white elephant sale with a potluck. Guests were well entertained. Chairman Jan Pedersen had each member take a few minutes to visit with the member on her left and then we went around the

room introducing the member on her left. It proved to be a great ice breaker, very informative, and a great deal of fun for members and guests alike. Try it!

ALOHA

Winners of the 17th Annual Apuepuelete, a proficiency flying contest were Nona Meinen and Vivian Fagan flying a Piper Cherokee 140. The route took the six competing airplanes on a round-robin from Honolulu International Airport to the islands of Maui and Lanai and back.

Member Lennie Sorenson made history as captain of an all-woman flight crew on August 29 of a Continental DC-10 run from Honolulu to Sydney, Australia. Captain Sorenson's crew were First Officer Dorothy Clegg and Second Officer Karlene Cipriano. This was the first all-female flight crew to command a DC-10 jet.

Rosemary Rodewald has been test-flying with her husband their home-built, push-pull, twin-engine Avenger. Three years in the making, they plan to fly from Hawaii to Nevada, their future home.

The annual Poor Man's Fly-In to Dillingham, where many participants bring sleeping bags and spend the night, had a contingent of members present: Rosemary Rodewald, Sue Young, Lois Russell, Donna Frost-Swank, Carol Read, Eleanor Sharpe and Lindy Boyes. Carol Reed is president of General Aviation Council of Hawaii, host to the annual event which includes a spot-landing contest and life-vest drop contest.

ARIZONA SUNDANCE

Twelve members attended a behind the scenes tour of America West at Sky Harbor Airport. Attendees were able to see maintenance and preflight operations, sit in the simulator and go up on the airplane that was being worked on.

FULLERTON

The Fullerton Chapter co-sponsored a Retirement Roast for their friend, Paul Stebelton, who retired from his FAA position as Safety Specialist. Over the years we could count on him for safety pointers at our annual Shirts & Skirts Air Race.

In November an Open House for prospective members was held. Many ladies who attended were treated to a program including videotapes on the organization. We welcome those women who have joined our chapter.

A first in Chapter history occurred on November 29th with 10 members participating in the 11th Annual Doo Dah Parade held in Pasadena, CA. The parade spoofs the more serious Rose Parade and so our members could not resist parading as airplanes "flying" precision maneuvers.

We are looking forward to our annual fly-in to Solvang for Christmas shopping.

JACKSON GOLD DUST

More than 40 guests attended the recent charter ceremonies for the newest Southwest chapter, Jackson Gold Dust. Shirley Winn, Southwest Section Governor, presented the charter and a gavel and marble base were given by sponsoring Cameron Park chapter. Officers are: Dorothy Benker, chairman; Betty Brandon, vice-chairman; Audre Brumfield, secretary; Joyce Farrell, treasurer. The other women pilots comprising the seven-member chapter hold the following positions: Patti Cobb, membership; Gloria Kovacevich, program; and Marion Weigel, APT chairmen.

LAS VEGAS

Our October business meeting featured Hazel Jones, Past International President, and guest speaker Tom Donaldson who discussed future plans for the North Las Vegas Air Terminal recently acquired by the Clark County authorities.

After several reschedulings due to conflicting activities of the AOPA Convention, local airshow and later on weather, the Poker Run finally dealt its cards. Vice Chairman Nita Klaholz organized the successful event which had eight planes participating and many who "played" the cards. First place trophy for poker when to Virginia Malloy.

Priscilla Pelletier, Treasurer and Scrapbook chairman, contributes articles on the chapter's past history to our monthly newsletter. A unique way for all members to learn about their chapter.

Connie Francis received the Woman Pilot of the Year Special Award from the Southwest Section for the 1987 year. The award is for special recognition of flying educational, charitable and scientific achievements.

LOS ANGELES

The annual Back to Basics air race, held on November 14, was a huge success. The results of the race were: 1st Place William Davenport/Mark Bender, C150; 2nd Place Rol Murrow/Hank Ditmar, C172; and 3rd Place Mort Greenberg/Sydelle Greenbert, Bonanza V35B. The Back to Basics air race tests the participants' skills in proficiency and safety at handling their aircraft.

MISSION BAY

Pacific Air Race (PAR) chapter workers were thanked at a BBQ pot luck dinner held at the home of Carol Neft, 1987 PAR Start chairman.

Chapter members have caught on to the traveling bug this month. Highlights include Alicia Quivey who is with the Mercy Ships, a ministry of Youth With A Mission, based in San Pedro, CA; Aileen Mellot took trips to Baja, California, New England States, Eastern Canada and San Francisco. Duana Robinson visited Fort Lauderdale, Florida and with 49-1/2er Don visited local shops; Margaret Walton went fishing at favorite spots in Stanley, ID, Reno and Fort Bragg; the wonders of Yosemite at Thanksgiving for Lois Bartling; and Becky McSheehy spent three weeks in and around New Guinea.

Sacramento Valley

Flying activities for October were a brunch at Willows airport attended by 16 and an overnighter at Chester (since weather precluded our planned outing at Shelter Cove). It was a beautiful time of year to visit Chester, the flight over the mountains was fabulous.

Our chapter has initiated a new acknowledgement for achievements of our members. A "rose of honor" is presented to the special achiever. Our first roses were presented this month to Kris James, SW Section's newest Woman Pilot of the Year and to Ruth Baron for obtaining her instrument rating.

Lynn Hoelscher received honorable mention for SW Section WPOY and is also a recipient of a 1987 AE Scholarship.

Seven members attended the Section Meeting in Universal City — certainly a memorable event with the Marine Band entertainment and earthquake send-off!

Our general meeting featured a speaker from FAA who filled us in on the FAA's role in maintaining airport equipment, particularly lighting systems. Our

pre-meeting dinner get-together at a local restaurant again attracted 14. This is a great way to start a meeting!

Three members accepted Cameron Park's invitation to their annual pasta party and enjoyed the camaraderie with our neighbor chapter.

Swansboro Airport was the scene for Sacramento Valley chapter's airmarking who was helped by Sierra Foothills and Cameron Park chapters. In appreciation the aviation folks at Swansboro hosted them to a steak barbeque.

November 14 was the day of celebration for our chapter's 40th birthday. Honored guests included Southwest Section Vice-Governor Kathy Walton, members from Bay Cities chapter and International President Barbara Sestito. Sestito is her speech related the chapter's history, tying in our progress, growth and activities with those of the International organization. A most enjoyable and informative time was had by all which was due to the efforts of Bonnie Neely, with assistance from Florence Breen, Kris James and Ruth Baron.

Lake Tahoe

On Oct. 30, 1987 the Lake Tahoe Chapter celebrated its 12th anniversary with dinner at a local restaurant. Three of our charter members were present: Bonnie Seymour, Lois Brown and Helen Foeger. Also present was Shirley Winn, Southwest Section Governor and her husband.

At dinner, we presented a \$1,000 scholarship to Diann Laing, Reno Chapter and two \$500 scholarships to Pat Smithson and Alice Gowens, Reno Chapter 66s.



Alice Gowens, 2nd Place. Diann Laing 1st place and Pat Smithson, 2nd place

San Fernando Valley

The Fall Southwest Section Meeting was hosted by the chapter in early October. Monie Pease chaired the spectacular event, which was held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel in Universal City. The theme "Hooray Hollywood" was evident throughout the weekend from the Friday night cocktail party with special guests Frankenstein and the Marx Brothers, to the banquet Saturday night which included guest speaker Clay Lacy who has, among many other aviation accomplishments, filmed scenes from his Lear Jets for many movies, including Top Gun.

Governor Shirley Winn presented Section awards that evening and the grand finale was the impressive appearance of the Marine Corps Band, which entertained delegates and friends with a varied concert and capped off the exciting weekend. The chapter lauds Monie and her committee for all their hard work and the wonderful job they did.

Two of the chapter's Future Women Pilots, Teresa Goesser and Michele Rochester, were each awarded \$1000 scholarships to further their aviation studies. Other Future Women Pilots who attended the chapter-sponsored ground school included Cyndee Overland, Kolleen Sue Park, C.J. Tomaino, and Brenda Walters.

San Gabriel Valley

Katharine Stinson was honored at an AIAA (American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics) awards dinner in Los Angeles, where Dorothy Barden, chapter chairman, presented her with an Amelia Earhart medal on behalf of the International 99s. Ms. Stinson was the first woman engineer hired by the CAA (predecessor of the FAA) and has given much to the furtherance of aviation. At the banquet she received the AIAA Aerospace Pioneer Award, the first woman to be so honored. She joins the likes of Dr. William Pickering, retired Director of Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), and General Jimmy Doolittle who have also received the coveted annual award. Katharine also received awards from the FAA, the Los Angeles Section of the Society of Women Engineers, and the Soroptimist International of the Americas.

The chapter's first event of the season was a barbeque at the El Monte airport hangar of Claire and Gene Kopp. Potluck dishes and tasty steaks were enjoyed by all.

Santa Clara Valley

Award winners from this year's Awards Banquet were Kristina Sams of Chile and Claire Florio for the Marion Barnick Scholarships.

Pilot of the Year went to Mayetta Behringer while Dottie Theurer earned the chapter's Service Award. In addition, Helping Hands awards were given to chairmen of the chapter's various activities.

A very successful Flying Companion Seminar was held on October 16th and 17th. Thirty-six enthusiastic participants were introduced to all aspects of flying and treated to good food and good company.

SAN DIEGO

The 22nd Annual Pacific Air Race, sponsored by El Cajon and San Diego chapters, was held on October 9-10. Record history was made with 30 entries, 30 take-offs and 30 airplanes completing the race. Despite a late start due to low clouds, participants left from Gillespie Field, El Cajon, CA and finished the race at Bullhead City-Laughlin Airport, AZ by way of Apple Valley and Dagget, CA and Kingman and Wickenburg, AZ. Headquarters for the terminus was at the Riversie Hotel and Casino in Laughlin, NV where the winners received their trophies at the Awards Banquet. Winners were:

1st Place	Petty/Rodgers	PA-28-181
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4th	Jablonski/Wadas	PA-28-181
5th	McCormick	C172
6th	Ahrens/Casaccia	PA-29-151
7th	Rawlings/Irwin	PA-28-161
8th	Moreland/Shea	C172
9th	Mapelli/Mapelli	PA-24-260
10th	Bera/Lindstrom	PA-28-180

Special awards were made for the best scores for each race leg, other than the top ten, first time racers, a team with less than 500 hours, solo pilot and mother-daughter team.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Members Jeanne Kirhofer and Toni Price on their recent trip to Africa met with East African Governor Denise Morchand-Holz at the Carnivore Restaurant in Nairobi. Other activities include a safari, a balloon ride a Keekorok and a commercial flight back from Keebrock to Nairobi with Kirhofer in the right seat of the Cessna 402.



In the second airmarking for the year, chapter members painted nearby Westlake Hospital's heliport.

Tucson

1987 has been a busy and productive year for the Tucson Chapter. We sponsored a spot landing contest in which many participated. The first prize was taken by Kay Craig's husband, Kayl.

A chapter scholarship was presented to Rachael Tsethlikai, an aeronautical engineering student at the University of Pennsylvania. Her instructor, Mary Mercker, is pleased with her progress.

Arizona's Aviation Week found many of the Ninety-Nines at the Tucson Mall with an elaborate static display. We joined with the EAA, the CAP, and other organizations to make it a very successful event. In conjunction with AZ Aviation Days, our chapter project was a citywide Student Essay/Art Contest with divisions for grades 6 & 7, and 8 & 9. The first prize in each division was an airplane ride for student, teacher, and parent.

Lorraine Newhouse, Kay and Kayl Craig, and Mary Mercker attended the FAA Regional in Los Angeles where they received the FAA Award for an outstanding student aviation contest.

At the grand opening of the new Executive Tower at Tucson International Airport, the 99s held an all day Nickel-a-Pound Flight for the public. The proceeds of this very successful event will go to our chapter scholarship fund.

As always, we are very proud of Barbara Harper, Southwest Section First Runner-up for Pilot of the Year.

Outstanding Achievement Recognized In Aerospace

by Rosemary Jones

Outstanding Aerospace Education Awards were presented to two chapters at the International Convention in Vancouver this summer.

The Steel Valley's Chapter from western Pennsylvania received the outstanding award for the year of 1986. Chris St. Onge accepted the award for her chapter. This seemed only fitting since Chris has been dedicated to the cause of aerospace education. In fact, this spring she received the FAA award for Excellence in Aerospace Education in her region.

Steel Valley Chapter of 18 members is unique because they included 10-15 minutes of each chapter meeting to aerospace programs. They also developed a form for reporting their aerospace activities that made it easy to read the accomplishments of each member and each aerospace activity. Their activities included articles written for 99 publications, school programs, tours, lectures to non-pilot groups, booths at fly-ins, and TV spotlights.

The 1987 winner of the aerospace award went to the Abilene Area Chapter from Texas. This chapter began with ten members in 1983. Although it is a small chapter, it certainly is mighty!

Each chapter in the South Central Section completes an aerospace form in the spring of the year. The section aerospace chairman, Mike Conlin, selected chapter winners in four categories determined by size of chapters. The Abilene 99s won in their category of 6-15 members in a chapter. The winning entries were sent to Rosemary Jones, and she made the final selection after conferring with the section aerospace chairmen.

When reviewing the Abilene Area's form and supporting materials, they easily ranked as number one because of the thoroughness of reports made as well as the variety of activities completed. The most unique characteristic of this chapter is that at least 80% of their members participated in all of their aerospace activities.

Micki Wright, chapter chairman, has just completed a slide presentation that the chapter developed to present to both pilot and non-pilot groups explaining our organization. The program was developed in such a way that each member of the chapter can personalize the presentation; thus each member can give the presentation. These 99s also dress in navy slacks or skirts, white blouses, and matching scarves to give a professional look when they make their presentations. Their governor, Pat Mlady, accepted the award at the August 99 convention. This fall the Abilene 99s received their award at their fall section meeting.





Toni Brown, a 99 from Gillette, Wyoming, was selected for the Space Academy Grant this year. She has attended the academy this fall during a weekend of her choice. All adult sessions are held during the months of September through November. All youth sessions at the Academy are conducted from March through August.

Because Toni was busy conducting aerospace workshops for teachers in August, she finally received her award at the Northwest Section meeting this fall. The day Toni was notified she had won the grant, she was busy phoning people requesting funds to help send one of her students to the Space Academy.

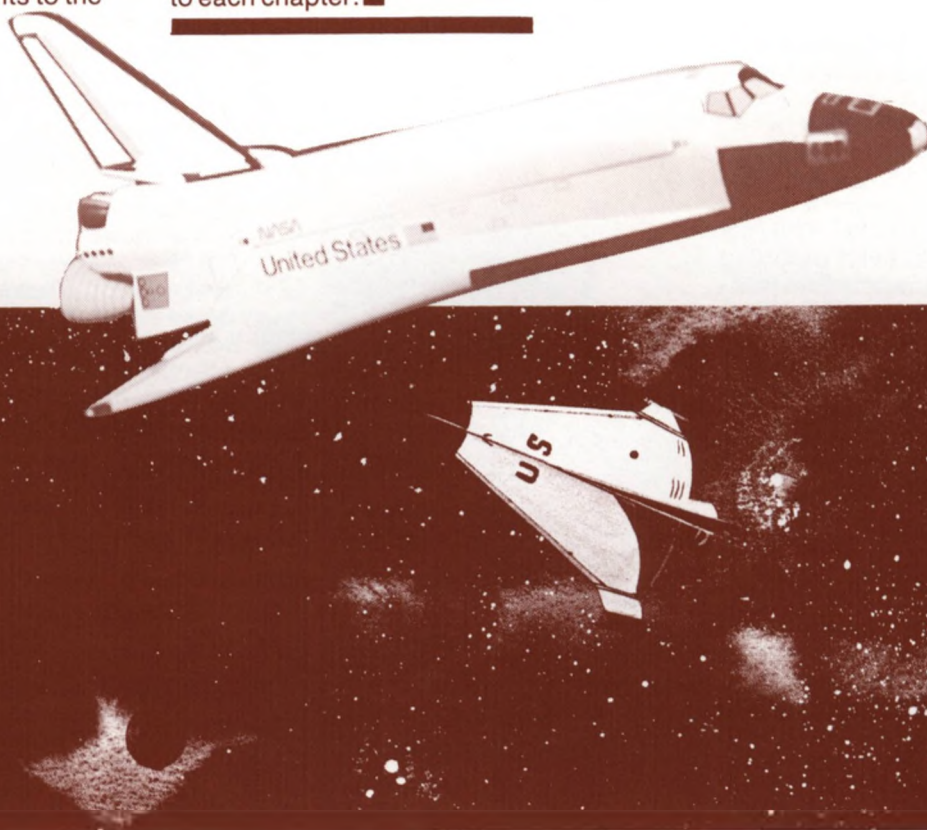
Not only is Toni a wife, a mother of two daughters, and a second grade teacher but she also is the Wyoming State Director of Aviation Education for the Civil Air Patrol and the state coordinator for the Young Astronaut Chapters. The Northwest 99s were able to see Toni in action as she gave a special presentation on aerospace education at their fall session meeting.

Once again this year a chapter will be honored with the aerospace award. The winning chapter will be selected from the recommendations made by the Section Aerospace Chairmen. The Space Academy Grant will be offered this year if enough chapters make contributions for this aerospace project.

A new award will also be given this year. Each chapter will be asked to recommend a chapter member or a 99 in their area who is doing outstanding work in aerospace education. A form will be sent to each chapter in the early spring to nominate their choice. This winner will receive a five day trip to Washington, D.C. The Washington area 99s have agreed to host a very special trip for the winner. Details will follow when the forms are sent to each chapter. ■



International President Barbara Sestito, left, and Micki Wright with the Abilene Area's Aerospace Award.



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 Pat Thomas-Basic Ground Instr.-Chicago Area
 Gail Schroeder-Advanced Ground Instr.&Instrument Ground Instr.-Indiana Dunes
 Linda Mattingly-Multi-engine-Indiana Dunes
 Joy Rickel-Phase II Wings-Indiana Dunes
 Joy Black-Phase II Wings-Indiana Dunes
 Nano Farobaugh-Phase I Wings-Indiana Dunes
 Mary Rutherford-IFR-Indiana

MIDDLE EAST SECTION

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 Marge Byrant-Phase VI-Eastern Pa.
 Lynne Forbes-Phase II-Eastern Pa.
 Ellen Eller-Comm. & CFI-Shenandoah Valley
 Jane Toskas-Multi-engine Instructor and ATP-Maryland
 Marilyn Alderman-Multi-engine-Delaware
 Edna Dragoo-Phase III-Potomac
 Janice Long-IFR & Multi-engine-Potomac
 Marty Goppert-CFII-Potomac
 Linda Hollowell-IFR& Multi-engine refresher course-Hampton Roads
 Chris St. Onge-ATP written-Western Pa.

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Patty Chadwick - Float Plane-Alaska Chapter
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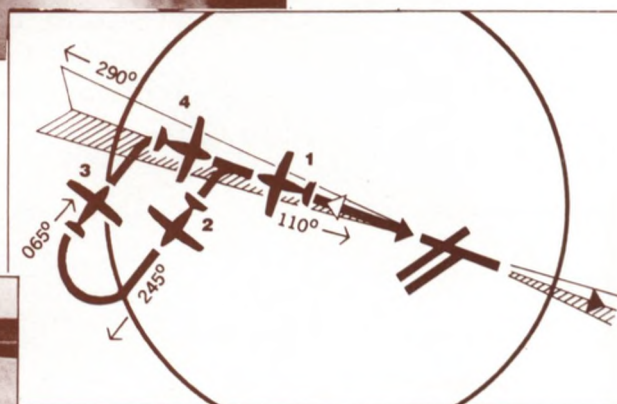
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 Alice Palmer-A&P-Pikes Peak
 Kelli Hughes-Comm. ASES-Ft. Worth
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 Pat Wigfield-Phase I-Virginia



IN MEMORIAM



Melba Beard, solo picture, 1929, OX-5

Melba Beard

MELBA GORBY BEARD, Charter 99, Arizona Sundance Chapter, died of cancer November 13, 1987, at her daughter's home, Fresno.

Melba learned to fly in 1929 at Long Beach, Ca. in an OX-5 International biplane. She flew most small planes of the times: Travel Air, Waco, Fleet, Parks, Bird, Crown, Great Lakes, Swallow TP, Eaglerock, Aeronca C-2 and C-3, Cycloplane and others. In 1933 she met and married William Beard. They had two children and one granddaughter.

Active in the Ninety-Nines, Melba served as SE Section Governor, 1937-38, International Secretary 1946-48 followed by 3 years as a Trustee of the AE Memorial Scholarship Fund, Chairman 2 years. She was on many committees at all levels and was chairman of three 99 Chapters. With AWTAR she served 3 years on "start inspections" and about 7 years as an enroute timer.

The funeral was held in Scottsdale, Arizona with many 99s from the local chapter in attendance. The most touching aspect was a fly-by with 7 airplanes, mostly antiques, in a missing pilot formation. She was an inspiration and liked by all who knew her.

Margaret Kentley — Australian Section

At the age of 72 on the 18th of October, 1987 Margaret Kentley died in Sydney, Australia.

Margaret Kentley came in contact with the world of Aviation at the age of eighteen, gaining her pilot's license in 1936. Her achievements included:

- Foundation President of the Australian Women's Flying Club in 1938 which later became known as the Women's Air Training Corp.
- Section Officer of the WAAF until 1944.

- Long time member of the Australian Women Pilots Association, holding the position of Federal Secretary for a term.
- Governor of the Australian 99s.
- Member of the Royal Aero Club and the first woman to become a member of their Executive Committee.
- Member of AOPA.
- A member of the "Early Bird" (Pre 1940 Pilot Association).

- Freeman of the Guild of Air Pilots and Navigators — served as Australian Councilor and as Australian President in 1979.

Margaret Kentley was a competent author and aviation historian and wrote a manuscript of 50 verified biographies of the more important Australian Women Pilots 1920-1976 still to be published.

Margaret was a lady, business woman and individualist who showed initiative, reliability, persistence and capability throughout her life.

MIDDLE EAST SECTION NOTAM: The Section members extend their heartfelt sympathy to the Washington, DC Chapter for the unexpected death of Gerda Ruhnke, CFII, when her C-152 crashed and burned late November.

Sally Pollock

SALLY POLLOCK, a long time member of Los Angeles Chapter, passed away November 10, 1987 after a long bout with cancer. She had been a flight instructor and author of a ground school text. She was a teacher and principal in the Hermosa Beach, Ca. schools for 26 years and also active in the Eastern Star. She leaves a husband, 49 1/2er, Jack.

Darlene Brundage

DARLENE BRUNDAGE, Fullerton Chapter member, passed away in May, 1987, after a sudden and short battle with cancer. She had been an active member of the 99s in Wisconsin and Long Beach, Ca. in the 1960's until moving to the Orange County Chapter where she was a past-chairman. She will truly be missed.

Dick Dunseth

DICK DUNSETH, 49 1/2er of Libby Ann Dunseth, Central Illinois Chapter, died September 7, 1987.

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