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Election '88



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PRESIDENT'S

Message

By BARBARA SESTITO

Every two years, elections

It's that time again! The Nominating Committee has selected a group of candidates for International Officers and Directors, as per our bylaws. This issue carries photographs and biographies of those candidates.

Candidates operate under a fairness policy that assures equal access to the membership. That policy is as follows:

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It is the intent of this policy to minimize

campaign expenses and unprofessional conduct, and to ensure fairness to all candidates.

The election results for a candidate not complying with this policy may be considered void.

Many candidates will be attending Section meetings and other Section and chapter functions. I urge you to make an effort to get to know the candidates, their qualifications and backgrounds.

Running for international office is not an easy thing to do. A candidate places herself and reputation under the scrutiny of the members and must be strong enough to either do the job or to accept defeat. They place themselves at great personal risk and should be treated with the utmost respect.

APRIL

16 **BEAVER, PA**
Western PA Chapter Pennies - A - Pound rides at Beaver Airport. Info: Laura Alcorn (412)547-6080.

21-24 **HOUSTON, TEXAS**
South Central Section meeting at Houston Galleria sponsored by Houston Chapter. Info: Pat Mlady.

22-23 **PARKERSBURG, WV**
Middle East Section meeting hosted by West Virginia Mountaineers.

22-23 **NEW YORK CITY, NY**
New York - New Jersey Section meeting hosted by Greater New York Chapter. Info: Doris Abbate.

22-23 **SANTA CLARA VALLEY**
Flying companion seminar. Info: Deborah Cunningham.

22-24 **MONROE, LA**
CFI revalidation clinic at Northwest Louisiana U. Tuition \$75. Sponsors by State of Louisiana and NE Louisiana U aviation department. Info: Kevin Murphy, (504)929-7754.

23 **MT. DIABLO CHAPTER**
Flight companion seminar. Info: Vickie Miller.

24 **CHICAGO, IL**
Chicago Area Chapter March of Dimes Teamwalk. Info: Nancy Haraldson.

29 - 1 **WICHITA, KS**
Kansas State Aviation Conference at Mid - Continent Airport.

29 - 1 **MOLINE, IL**
North Central Section meeting at Holiday Inn. Info: Myrna Stephens.

MAY

7-8 **LEWISTON, ID**
Air fair, air show and hot air balloon rally. Info: Lewiston Chamber of Commerce, 2207 E. Main, Lewiston, ID 83501.

13-22 **SAN DIEGO, CA**
Air/Space America '88 at Brown Field. For info on 99s booth contact Pat Forbes or Frankie Clemens.

14 **LATROBE, PA**
12th Allegheny Air Derby at Westmoreland County Airport. Rain date May 15. Info: Helen Davison or Billie Latshaw.

14 **FLORIDA SUNCOAST CH.**
Poker Run. Info: Lucy Young.

20-22 **ANN ARBOR, MI**
Pinch-Hitter Course at Ann Arbor Municipal Airport sponsored by Greater Detroit Area Chapter. Info: Carol Landefeld.

21 **BULLHEAD CITY, AZ**
Jim Hicklin Memorial Air Race sponsored by San Fernando Valley Chapter. Info: Jaye Howes.

21 **SACRAMENTO, CA**
4th Executive Aviation Fair at Sacramento Executive Airport sponsored by Sacramento Valley 99s. Pancake breakfast, displays. Info: Bobbie Campbell.

JUNE

3-5 **SPECULATOR, NY**
Seaplane Seminar hosted by NY Capital District Chapter. Info: Harriet Bregman.

3-5 **DANVILLE, IL**
Illi-Nines Air Derby at Vermillion County Airport. Entry kit \$3. Info: Beverlee Greenhill.

4 **ALLAIRE, NJ**
Garden State 300 at Allaire Airport hosted by Garden State Chapter. Info: Betty Pifer.

8 **KANSAS CITY, MO**
Attend Kansas City Royals - Oakland A's baseball game, sponsored by Greater Kansas City Chapter. Info: Micky Pinkston.

10-12 **ASHLAND, OH**
Buckeye Air Rally sponsored by All-Ohio Chapter. Entry kits \$3. Info: Jeane M. Wolcott.

10-11 **LAKE HAMILTON, AR**
Arkansas Air Derby sponsored by Aero Club of Arkansas. Holiday Inn is headquarters.

11 **RIALTO, CA**
5th Summer Flight Air Rallye sponsored by Inland California 99s. Rain date June 12. Race kit \$4. Info: Eva Mejia.

24-26 **BATON ROUGE, LA**
CFI revalidation clinic, \$75. Sponsored by NE Louisiana U aviation department and State of Louisiana. Info: Kevin Murphy (504)929-7754.

25 **LONG ISLAND, NY**
Pennies - A - Pound rides at Republic Airport sponsored by Long Island Chapter. Info: Doris Abbate.

25 **HANSCOM FIELD, MA**
FAA safety expo 1988.

25-26 **INDIANAPOLIS, IN**
Sounds of Freedom Airshow at Mt. Comfort Airport. Info: Lou Shake (317)636-6909.

JULY

Mead, Bera join record flight

2 ASPEN, CO
Air Show '88 with warbirds and aerobatics and static displays. Info: Kim Bracher (303)925-8698.

15-17 ARLINGTON, WA
19th Northwest EAA Fly-in, sponsored by EAA chapters of Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. Info: NW EAA Fly-in, 4700 188th NE, Arlington, WA 98223.

29-5 OSHKOSH, WI
Experimental Aircraft Assn. Convention at Wittman Field. Info: EAA, Wittman Field, Oshkosh WI 54903.

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HIGHEST COCKTAIL PARTY—Captain Verne Jobst and 99 Fran Bera stand on board the record-setting Boeing 747SP, Friendship One. The flight raised money for charities everywhere devoted to children.

SEATTLE, WA - Two 99s were aboard Friendship One as it circled the globe in an absolute world record-setting time of 36 hours, 54 minutes, and 15 seconds. The United Airlines Boeing 747SP left Boeing Field January 28, with Margaret Mead and Fran Bera to help claim victory for the world's highest cocktail party.

The flight was made for a worthy cause though, raising \$500,000 for children's charities worldwide. Each passenger paid \$5000 for the privilege of being aboard. That money was then donated to the charities. United Airlines donated the aircraft, while ground and flight crews donated their time and expertise.

Fran Bera is a record-setter herself. She still holds the all-time record of seven Powder Puff Derby wins and the world altitude for Class C-1-d. She has flown the Great Race from London to Victoria, B.C., Canada, the Reno Air Races and many, many others.

Margaret Mead is also a racer. She won the Powder Puff Derby twice, and has participated in the Great Race as well as others. In addition to those credits, Margaret is the top salesperson for Learjet.

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By SYLVIA PAOLI

TAX TIME: reminders on 99s deductions

It is once again tax season, everyone's favorite time of year, and so it is appropriate to mention some general guidelines on charitable deductions, for which your contributions to The Ninety - Nines, Inc. are qualified.

For the information of your accountants, the organization within the United States is a tax - exempt charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Both the international corporation, and each of the Sections except New England are listed individually in the so - called "blue book" published by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), which lists all exempt organizations.

All contributions made, therefore, to international, section or your chapter (except as noted above) are deductible as charitable contributions. They are not required to be itemized, but are simply listed along with other charitable contributions. Those donations include the following: dues (at all levels); assessments; contributions to special 99s projects such as the 99s Scholarship Fund, Forest of Friendship, National Intercollegiate Flying Assn. (NIFA), and others; out - of - pocket expenses for attending business meetings of your chapter, and for delegates attending conventions, including Section meetings, (registration, transportation, meals), etc.

When deducting the cost of attending meetings and conventions, those costs must be reasonable. One could not expect, for example, to deduct the cost of \$50 for a dinner. As with any other contributions, it is important you keep receipts for claimed deductions. Also, under the 1987 Tax Reform Act, only those who itemize deductions can claim these charitable contributions.

In addition, the IRS is beginning to take an ever - closer look at those attending conventions, to determine if they are bonafide delegates attending to the organization's business, or merely members taking advantage of a change for a nice vacation. As a result, it is becoming increasingly important that you document your organizational activities at conventions in your chapter minutes. For example, if you are one of several delegates from your chapter to international convention, each delegate should be specifically designated in your minutes to attend and report back on certain educational and safety programs at a convention, as well as the general

business meeting and pre - business meeting.

Since the general schedule is published well in advance of convention, and there are usually conflicts in the programs being presented so that a single person could not possibly attend everything, designating certain delegates to attend certain programs should not be too hard to do. Section meetings, since they are shorter, are not likely to be such a target, but to the extent that there are special programs and seminars, chapters should make an

effort to specifically designate delegates to attend those also.

If you have specific questions related to your chapter's handling of these tax - related matters, please write to me at my office address listed in the membership directory. Please note, however, that I have not discussed business - related deductions, which apply to those members who are in an aviation - related business; that is a totally different area which should be discussed with your accountant.

Mystery, sadness surround death of Ruhnke; cause still unknown

WASHINGTON, DC - Investigation continues surrounding the death of well - known 99 member and Washington - area flight instructor Gerda Irene Ruhnke, 48. She was killed while giving a first lesson to a 30 year old male, a gunstore owner under FBI investigation at the time.

The mishap occurred November 7, a clear day, at 11:30 am. Killed with Gerda was Rene Carlos Vos of Arlington, Virginia.

Vos was granted immunity last year to testify before a federal grand jury investigating possible illegalities in an arms sale.

NTSB investigators reported that circumstances behind the crash are unusual. Ruhnke was a well known and highly qualified flight instructor with many hours in the particular trainer.

According to a story in the January 8, 1988 *Washington Post*, the Cessna 152 the pair flew appears to have flown into the ground at high speed -- in fact developing power -- and apparently under full control, when it smashed into the driveway of a house near Dulles Airport. NTSB representatives report finding no signs of mechanical or structural failure.

The story said investigators have determined the airplane was not in a spin when it crashed. They also said the plane



CALLED UNUSUAL—Gerda Ruhnke, Washington, DC chapter, was killed last November. NTSB investigators find no apparent reason for the high speed, controlled impact she and her student suffered.

was travelling at higher speed than expected in a stall - spin accident.

Investigators have looked without success for possibilities of sabotage. Autopsies of Vos and Ruhnke were incomplete because their bodies were badly burned.

Federal investigators, according to the

Please see Ruhnke, page 10

Corrections, Amplifications & Minor Notams

South Central Section reporter Nancy Smith dropped a line recently to make clear that Oklahoma chapter member Edna Thompson did not launch her balloon, *Boomer Sooner*, in fog (Dec/Jan 1987-88 issue *Section News*). Tethered flights were accomplished.

Wanda Whitsitt, president of Lifeline, Inc. sent a glowing congratulatory note on the November, 1987 issue spotlighting charity flying, and calling her firm's omission to our attention. Whitsitt started Lifeline "in 1980 with a handful interested in using their skills to help...we have grown to nearly 200 pilots..." Whitsitt was inducted into Illinois's Aviation Hall of Fame for her success. We hope to devote further coverage to Lifeline in a future issue.

SECTION

AUSTRALIA

*...O'Brien speaks to pilots
...South Aussies explore
competition—*

Mary O'Brien helped to organize, and spoke at a Pilot Awareness Seminar in Tamworth. The seminar's theme was "Flying in the New England Area." Mary flew a Navajo from Sydney to Tamworth for the day.

Bev Roediger, an instructor with the Australian Aviation College, now has the rank of Flying Officer. She is helping coordinate the formation of the Flying School for the Air Training Corps at Edinburgh Air Force Base.

South Australian 99s have been investigating the possibilities of Australia entering a team in future World Precision Flying competitions. Their aim has been to assess the real interest for it, and to collate as much info as possible.

Nancy Bird - Walton and the NSW 99s have been pleased to welcome several visiting overseas 99s during the first few months of Australia's Bicentenary Year. They look forward to helping host the Australian Women Pilots Annual Conference early April in Sydney.

NEW ENGLAND

*...Downings travel
everywhere...Morrissey
to grace banquet
...Sleigh riding fun—*

Connecticut

Charter member Nancy Tier has been busy lately. She was awarded a plaque by the Civil Air Patrol for her many years of support. Nancy was also guest speaker at the Rotary Club in New Haven, Connecticut, and was interviewed on WKZE radio station in Sharon, Connecticut.

Afterward she spoke at the Sharon Women's Club, and plans to address the Area One Zonta Club in Oakland, California.

Laurie Reeves just completed four weeks at the United Training Center in Denver,



UPGRADE—Laurie Reeves, just upgraded to right seat in a United 727, is now based at Kennedy Int'l in New York.

Colorado. She is upgrading to copilot on a Boeing 727, after working as Flight Engineer on the 727, 737, and DC-8 since 1979.

Eastern New England

Billie and Stu Downing retired in 1987, and immediately took to the air. On two trips south they covered Texas, Florida and Virginia, with stops in between, then back to Texas, over to Kissimmee, Florida, Hilton Head, South Carolina, and New Orleans, Louisiana. Another trip around New England took them to Nantucket, off the coast of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Kingfield in Maine. Total hours for the two trips south was 105 hours. Billie and Stu plan to continue their good times by doing as much flying as possible.

The Frankie Sutton Memorial Scholarship was scheduled to be awarded at a luncheon March 12 in Massachusetts. Applications received for the scholarship totalled 101 well qualified

candidates. A splendid program was slated, with Amelia Earhart's sister Muriel Morrissey and Professor of Aeronautics and Assistant Chief Pilot Gail Vail, of Hawthorne College.

Northern New England

Sleigh bells ring -- are you listening? About 22 of the Section did February 13, at the sleigh ride we sponsor each year at Silver Ranch in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. A new fallen snow provided the perfect backdrop for a horse drawn ride through the woods, followed by a lunch of hot chili. Our thanks to Ann Mathieu for her hard work.

NEW YORK — NEW JERSEY

*...\$600 given to NIFA
...Meetings continue
despite snow—*

Garden State

A brown-bag meeting was held January 10 at Kupper Airport to firm up the Garden State 300 committees. The \$600 raised at last fall's pennies - a - pound event went to defray expenses of the NIFA team at Mercer County Community College. They captured second place at the Mid - Atlantic Regional Tournament last November.

"Meet the Authors" reception, co-sponsored by the Wings Club, has been rescheduled for September. Doris Brell will Chair.

Long Island

Our first Saturday morning meeting had been on for January 9, but was cancelled and rescheduled due to snow. Dorothy Campbell spoke on flight attitudes, such as "macho man" ... "get there on time" ...

"it won't happen to me." To conclude, she gave a short quiz showing the results of certain attitudes. There were no wrong or right answers, and all had fun and learned a lot.

New York Capital District

A January meeting at Greenland Air was well attended, and Doris Abbate's program on women in aviation well received.

MIDDLE EAST

*...CAF's Old Dominion
dinner...99s go to high
school...Personal tour of
Air and Space Museum—*

Shenandoah Valley 99s held a dinner meeting in January, together with an EAA chapter at the Harrisburg, Virginia Village Inn. Guest speaker was former navy pilot and current 727 airline pilot Tom Foxworth. He's also written two books, titled THE SPEED SEEKERS, and PASSENGERS.

Hampton Roads

Rosemary Doud, Betty Fischer (Washington chapter), and Ruby Alice Roeh (Middle East Section Governor) attended the annual banquet of the Confederate Air Force's Old Dominion Wing in January. Guest speakers were members of the Royal Air Force.

Washington

Congratulations to Margan Greschel, now captain of a Jetstream BA-3100.

Western Pennsylvania

January meeting was held at the Greater Pittsburgh control

tower. Don Prohaska led a tour of the facility after our meeting.

Delaware State

Some members attended Zonta's Amelia Earhart dinner, held annually, this year at the Hotel Dupont January 12. Cindy Wilson, helicopter pilot for Conoco and the Air National Guard, was guest speaker.

Betty Wolfe and Craig Wheel gave a presentation on careers in aviation at Brandywine High School last December.

Potomac

We received a special tour of the National Air and Space Museum by two of its members, Edna Drago and Patricia Garner, both of whom are volunteer guides there. Congratulations to Mary Feik. An interesting article about her appeared in the December Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assn. Newsletter.

SOUTHEAST

*...Forty, count 'em for-ty,
Young Astronauts!—*

Florida Goldcoast

Our Les and Martha Grainer Scholarship was awarded late last year to Stacey Burger, of the chapter. She will use the award to obtain her CFII rating, and was selected for the honor from among six Florida chapters.

Florida Suncoast

The Young Astronaut program was our January meeting project, with Barbara Sierchio spearheading the program for kindergarten through second graders, Eloise Williams' committee with third through fifth graders, and Mary Bryant's group with sixth and seventh graders. Forty kids participated in the program by making space suits, building cubes to represent the four principles of flight, and concocting space food. A continuation of the activities is planned for our February meeting at the St. Petersburg - Clearwater Airport.

North Georgia

January meeting was held at Peachtree - Dekalb Airport with Vice Chairman Joyce Pittman presiding. The Potomac chapter's Janice Long attended. She and her 49 1/2, Joe, have just relocated to Marietta, Georgia. Lucy Young gave a presentation on collision avoidance and about pilot opportunities for women with the major air carriers. Lucy flies Boeing 737s for Piedmont Airlines in Charlotte, North Carolina.

NORTH CENTRAL

*...Women's Air/Space
Museum tour...Cockrane
appointed...von Mach
enshrined...99s commit to
Indiana's special week
...100th Bomb Squadron
welcomes Lake Erie
banquet...Minnesota
honored...Lunch at
EAA Foundation—*

All-Ohio

We met late last year at the International Women's Air and Space Museum in Centerville, Ohio, where we enjoyed a tour of the space shuttle exhibit as explained by a representative of Rockwell International. Afterward, we crossed the street to the Township Hall for a dinner of Italian pasta.

Aux Plaines

Attendance was great for the aviation movie at the Museum of Science and Industry, previously arranged by Mary Wedel. Dinner at a Hyde Park restaurant followed.

Marie Christensen represented the chapter at the Section mid-year chapter chairmen's meeting January 16.

Central Illinois

Marilyn Blake hosted a great "Peoria" meeting which was held in Bloomington, Illinois. Kay von Tobel and Jean McLaughlin introduced these guests: Diane Anderson, Jo Oedewaldt, Liz Straughn, Linda Schumm, Lisa Woldew, and

Rosemary Emhoff. Barbara Jenison reviewed our connection to Jerri Cobb, and her efforts to help the Amazon Indians. Anita Albert reported on the Illinois Aviation Forum.

Chicago Area

Chris Cockrane has been appointed to Congressman Jack Davis' South Metro Airport Commission.

Air Bear went back to the classroom January 12; we have 34 classes signed up.

Diane Cozzi spoke about aviation at a seminar on non-traditional careers for young women held at Triton College. The day-long conference for high school girls, their parents, and school counselors was well attended. Pam Aekman of Channel 2 News was keynote speaker.

Greater Detroit Area

The Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame Enshrinement Dinner was December 17. Mary von Mach, GDAC's charter presenter on June 14, 1975 was enshrined. June Beers, Mearl Frame, and Carol Landefeld represented us.

general aviation and its future. The council has been studying the economic impact of genav on the community and researching airport locations in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

Current members and prospectives were present at the Newcomers Greeting January 17, held at the Town and Country Racquet Club. Lynne Russo and Anna Galakatos arranged a gala event.

Amy Laws and helpers presented the first of two Girl Scout Aerospace Merit Badge sessions. The second was scheduled to be held in February.

Over 500 area pilots turned out for our "Super Safety Seminar" January 30 at the Henry VIII Hotel. Nelda Lee was one of its organizers, and the chapter as a whole was well represented also.

Indiana

Turn out was large for January's meeting at the Indianapolis International Airport. Betty and Curt DeBaun showed slides of their journey to Vancouver, Canada, including many points of interest.

Indiana 99s have been con-

NEW RATINGS

Ruth Ann Stewart, Connecticut chapter: instrument...Judy Kelley, Eastern New England: instrument...Carmen Van Dijken, West Virginia Mountaineers: commercial...Linda Hollowell, Hampton Roads: FAA flight examiner...Mary Bryant, Florida Suncoast: CFII...Celeste MacIvor, Florida Goldcoast: commercial glider...Linda Hamer, Central Illinois: instrument...Lisa Aab, Michigan: instrument...Lynette Renneke-Wiest, Minnesota: MEL ATP...Liz Groth, Minnesota: instrument...Jennifer Van Warmer, Greater Kansas City: CFI...Janie Bailey, Lubbock: CFII MEL...Gloria Peterson, South Louisiana: commercial...Linda Katzen, Southern Cascade: private...Elise Adams, Rainier: instrument...Pam Nelson, Rainier: instrument...Lisa Buswell Dahl, Oregon Pines: FAA instrument flight examiner...Susan Chamber, Redwood Empire: CFI. **CONGRATULATIONS ALL!**

Greater Kansas City

Once a year we plan a meeting just for the fun of it. The event January 7 featured Peking duck and the tales of the Greater Kansas City 99s.

Greater St. Louis

We were privileged guests of the East - West Gateway Coordinating Council January 19, and first to hear its report on

tacted and invited to participate in Governor Orr's plans for Indiana Aviation Awareness Week, April 10-16.

Indiana Dunes

Courtney Bargerhuff, Charlene Falkenberg, Linda Mattingly, Joy Rickel, and Kathy Rubin attended the Section mid-year chapter chairmen's meeting January 16 in Chicago.

Our achievement awards banquet featured Joy Black, who followed a delicious dinner with an interesting, informative quiz pertaining to people who have made significant contributions in aviation. Chair was Courtney Bargerhuff. Gail Schroeder was named 99 of the Year, while Charlene Falkenberg won the Ground Support Award, Kathy Rubin the Flying Award, Courtney Bargerhuff the Award for Bonus Points, and L. J. Mattingly the 49 1/2 of the Year. Honorable mentions went to Linda Mattingly, Joy Black, Dee Bohman, Joy Rickel, and Diana Austin. Earl Bargerhuff earned our special appreciation. The video TO FLY concluded the program.

Diana Austin is involved with the Cub Scouting program. Courtney Bargerhuff is doing an excellent job with Ways and Means for North Central Section; her latest project is procuring advertising for the Section newsletter, WAYPOINT.

Charlene Falkenberg is a popular speaker in the area. She spoke to the Elkhart Zontas and to the Gifted Class at Hobart High School.

Iowa

Our January meeting was made up of a wonderful lunch and a short business meeting at the home of Joan and T.C. Thomas. Afterward, Joan took us to the airport to see her aircraft, a Stolp Starlet which she built. It is open cockpit, high wing, and single place.

Kentucky Blue Grass

Despite the snow and ice, 11 members were at our January meeting. We've sent announcements of meetings to area newspapers, under the title "Fellowship with Women Pilots."

Lake Erie

The 100th Bomb Squadron was the site for our first combined Pilot of the Year / Charter Banquet, held January 23. Evelyn Moore was named Pilot of the Year, and Sandra Stokes received the Achievement

Award.

Hostesses for the event were past Pilots of the Year Marge Juhasz, Meigs Adams, Pat Baron, and Pat Stark. Forty - five members and guests enjoyed a



AWARD WINNERS—Lake Erie honored its own January 23. On the left is Evelyn Moore, new Pilot of the Year, and right, Achievement Award winner Sandra Stokes.

crisp winter evening overlooking runway 28 of Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

Edy Maxim introduced other former Pilots of the Year: Bernice Barris, Dodie Jewett, and Bev Demko. The newest member attending was Margaret Bahiuk.

Pat Baron, a helicopter traffic reporter, recently appeared on Channel 3's segment on WOMEN IN COMMUNICATION.

This year marks our chapter's 14th anniversary.

Michigan

Terry Edwards hosted our general meeting January 9. Being greeted with hot coffee and donuts was delightful, with the wind chill factor 37 degrees below zero outside. We welcomed new 99s Janet Anderson and Lynda Lazurenko, and 66s Kim Sweet and Mary Ann Smolley. Luncheon followed, with attorney David Katzman as guest speaker. His subject, "Current Aviation Law and Aviation Insurance Liability," was food for thought.

Minnesota

With a wind chill well below zero outside, Minnesota 99s stayed warm inside during January's meeting, watching a fascinating demonstration on

icing. A tour of the wind tunnel site of Fluid-line was hosted by 49 1/2 Harry Thornberg. We climbed into the largest tunnel to see exactly how an experimental test is set up.

The Minnesota Aviation Advisory Council, for the FAA, honored Hope Thornberg with the Excellence in Aviation Instruction Award for Individual Contribution. Our chapter received the same award in the organization category.

Wisconsin

Jan Koerwitz, Jean Combs and Carol Weise hosted a luncheon served at the EAA Headquarters following our January meeting. They donated proceeds collected to the Foundation in the name of the Wisconsin 99s.

SOUTH CENTRAL

*...Hegranes leaves...ABQ tries balloons...
...Dad tracks his 66's flying on video...Airport get-together for DFW women pilots...Kansas vibrant for Valentine's
...Three join Pikes Peak
...Purple Sage discusses weighty issues
...Salad Supper brings prospectives...March of Dimes requests 99s donate bachelors???*

Albuquerque

We're sorry to see chapter chairman Geils Hegranes leave

for Tennessee. Wishes of good luck and good flying go with her. Vice chairman Kathey Lee brings excellent leadership to the fore until next election.

We plan to experience ballooning in March. Two members, both balloon pilots, offered to expand our fixed-wing pilots' horizons.

We're all involved in the membership drive, with the assignment to contact two prospective members each. We're inviting women students and pilots into the fold as we find them, too.

Colorado

Our recently held Aviation Forum was a huge success with over 500 attending, among them representatives of six congressmen. Many questions and opinions on general aviation were heard.

A scholarship fund is being established for any financially needy 66. Minimum requirements will be 10 hours of flight training and a solo.

Gaggles were announced for March, April, and May as we continue to promote new members.

A Flight Without Fear class was planned to begin March 29.

Dallas

Aerobatics was the subject of a videotape we watched at the home of Anita Gebhardt in January. A surprise part of the evening was the showing of another video titled JENNI'S BEGINNING, produced by 66 Jenni Smiddy's father to record his 16 year old daughter's flying progress.

El Paso

Brigadier General David Lee "Tex" Hill, USAF Ret., spoke of the original Flying Tigers at an annual dinner January 15 to honor outstanding AFOTC and CAP Cadets.

Louise Austin showed slides of the 99s trip to China at our January meeting, held in Betty Sue Yearwood's home.

Golden Triangle

Arlington Airport was the spot 7

of a reception for women pilots in the Dallas / Fort Worth Metroplex. Approximately 30 viewed the video WOMEN IN AVIATION, and did a lot of hangar flying while getting acquainted.

We assisted the Fort Worth chapter in painting a compass rose at Grand Prairie Airport.

Houston

Unusual attitudes was an understatement as the title of our January meeting program, presented by World Aerobatic Champion Debbie Rihn.

Plans are in full swing to make the South Central Section meeting a real treat April 22-24 here.

Kansas

"Vital, Vivacious 99s Relive Scrapbook With Vim, Vigor and Vitality for Valentine's." That was the title of a meeting held February 13, of course, at Cathy Roper's home. Prospective members were invited, too, and shared happy, exciting moments of the past with us.

Lubbock

Gladys Harr was chosen new Commander for 1988 of the area chapter of the Civil Air Patrol.

Oklahoma

Lt. Steve Jantz of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Dept. was guest speaker at our January meeting. He pointed out that the state was the first to use airplanes for traffic enforcement. Now numbering 11, airplanes were used as far back as 1947 to control traffic at football games.

Pikes Peak

February meeting was held at the 557th Flying Squadron at the Air Force Academy. The captain and several cadets of the Academy NIFA team gave the program, particularly for our new members unfamiliar with NIFA's competition events. Team members also asked for advice from 99s who are former NIFA judges.

It was decided to donate

money to NIFA and to the AE Scholarship, and to set aside funds for a scholarship fund within the chapter.

We're proud to welcome new members Tammee Williams, Helen Kempenich, and Michelle Atchison. Tammee recently moved to Colorado Springs with her Air Force husband, and is pursuing her MEL rating in hope of a commuter airline job. Helen has her ASEL, but wants both instrument and commercial ratings. Michelle is a captain in the Air Force, also holding civilian pilot ratings. Her husband's Christmas present to her was "paying for the rest of my ratings!" She is currently at work on her commercial.

We also welcomed the return of Von Alter.

Purple Sage

Airport noise was the subject of discussion at our January meeting. Pat Schneider, a member of the Midland Planning and Development Board, conducted the presentation. We co - sponsored three Aviation Safety - Education Seminars the same month, as part of the Back to Basics series. Also discussed was the proposed change of the Midland TRSA to an ARSA.

Shreveport

Becky Netherton hosted our annual Salad Supper, giving prospectives a chance to meet chapter members. Sandy Phillips, a registered nurse, and Rhonda Rice, Downtown Airport Tower Chief are now members.

Dottie Ports was the featured speaker at Zonta's annual Amelia Earhart banquet January 11.

A retirement reception for air traffic controller Damon McDaniels took place in January. Damon's work on approach frequencies is remembered by the many 99s he's guided over the years.

Mary Spells, Marjorie Hardcastle, and Eileen Anderson were off to Baton Rouge to train with the CAP.

South Louisiana

January meeting was held at McNeese State University with

featured guest NASA astronaut Lt. Cmdr. Pierre Thout, and his public program on the status of the space program. Slides and film on shuttle modifications were shown.

Mardi Gras was just around the corner at the time of this writing; Krewe de la Bonne Vie used the theme Starflight '88 and crowned Sandra Leder queen of their ball. The theme was appropriate, as Sandra is both a 99 and a space enthusiast.

The March of Dimes has requested we sponsor two bachelors for its benefit auction in Lake Charles this March.

Karen Milchanowski and Pat Ward coordinated a recruiting and safety seminar. They report interest from five women.

Top Of Texas

An aviation safety seminar was planned for February 9 at Amarillo College, the chapter co-hosting.

NORTHWEST

...FBO owner/99 gets instrument examiner status
...XC skiing 'makes' a meeting...Section members on the go—

Eastern Idaho

We held our winter meeting at Sandi Bills' "other house" in Victor, Idaho in early February. It was a combination cross country ski party and hangar flying session with plenty of 49 1/2s to contribute. We even

managed to work in a business meeting.

This summer will be busy. The Air Race Classic in June will stop in Idaho Falls, and of course we'll help provide needed timers, hospitality, etc. FAA also wants our chapter to put on the pinch hitter course at the at West Yellowstone's fly-in July 24. And we can't forget the poker run, held in late June the past few years. Everyone must get out their schedules, and simply not plan any other activities during June and July.

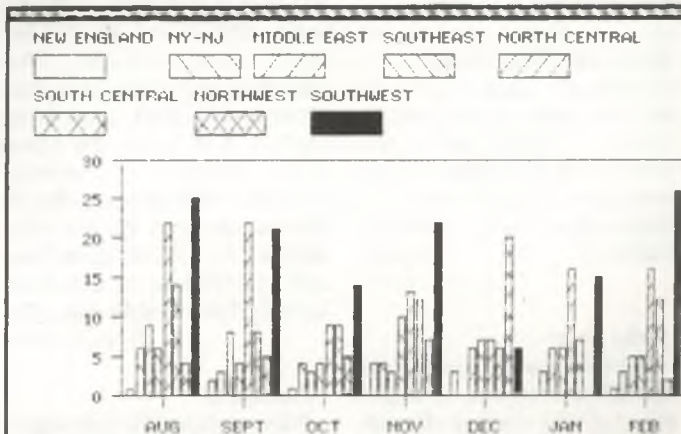
Oregon Pines

Picking up with 1987, our final meeting was held at Betty Griffith's home in Independence. Fifteen attended, including charter founder Judy Houdeshell, whom we hadn't seen in several years.

As the meeting opened, Chairman Ginger Simmons provoked our introspection by asking each to write down, anonymously, her personal limitations in flying. At the end of a program about Edna Gardner Whyte, the lists were read aloud. We highly recommend this exercise to other chapters.

Mary Roscoe hosted our January meeting. We helped Mary celebrate the return of her little Ercope from its long absence at repair shops, then watched the latest videotape of Oshkosh.

Welcome was extended to new member Amy Hoover. She works in a travel agency and spends her



SOME DOWN, GOBS TO GO—That's 57 down, 2441 to go, to be exact. Updated February figures show total membership of 6,456, up from 6,359 reported last issue. As you browse the Section news,

evenings taking care of a multitude of animals on her rural acreage.

We salute Lisa Buswell Dahl, appointed an FAA instrument flight examiner in February. An examiner since 1986, Lisa also owns Buswell Aviation in Salem.

On the theme "Keep the Pilot and Aircraft Current," Lisa and our other CFI members, Linda Fetsch and Ann Lettrel, offered to conduct a Saturday morning BFR ground session for the entire chapter.

Lisa reminded us to be prepared for FAA ramp checks at any airport. Carry your license and medical certificate, and be sure all paperwork for the airplane is complete, including the now required exterior decal listing make, model, and aircraft serial number. Ensure that you don't carry inoperable equipment -- have it fixed or take it out -- and that your transponder is checked every two years, and that a mechanic has signed off your propeller during annual inspection.

The AOPA film "Flying in the National Airspace" completed the evening and led to discussion of the new Seattle sectionals.

Willamette

Weather was so-so for our January meeting at Corvallis Airport. IFR rated's flew, while others drove. Clam chowder at lunch was just the ticket for a cold winter day.

Linda Fetsch and Betty Wittmer, from the Oregon Pines chapter, were our guests. Linda

is a CFI, and was also our guest speaker. She went over BFR requirements, and we brushed up on chart reading. The exercise was timely, with flying weather improving as we head into spring.

Chairman Lori Hewitt hosted the February meeting at Mahlon Sweet Airport in Eugene. A potluck luncheon was held in the simulator room at McKenzie Flying Service, with guest speaker Harvey Birdseye talking about the newest services at the FBO.

Plans are underway for two Flying Companion Seminars. One was scheduled for Corvallis, Oregon February 28, the other in Eugene, Oregon March 12, during an FAA Instructor Recertification Course and Safety Seminar.

New member Ann Marie Cling volunteered to be Airmarking Chairman. Creswell is number one on our list, as our old work was covered by recent renovation at Hobby Field.

It was great to see Laura Schneider again. She was an air traffic controller in Eugene, and is now in Portland.

Aimee Kuprash, the 1986 AE Scholarship recipient, leaves for Hawaii in April to a new job flying inter-island cargo.

Other members on the go include Jane Capizzi, back from a week of fishing near Galveston, Texas ... Verda Guistina, just returned from Brazil, the Falkland Islands, and other places in South America ... Betty Cameron, with her beautiful tan, is home from a two month stay in

Hawaii.

Columbia Gorge

Jan Mlnarik is touring South America. Jeanne Hillis and husband Joe returned from Spain and will leave shortly for Mexico. Helen Fargher and husband Walt are back from Calgary, Alberta where they attended an International Flying Farmers Convention. While there, they skied the beautiful, rugged Canadian Rockies at Banff, and visited the Olympic site.

Our January meeting was well attended in Hood River, Oregon. Judy Newman gave an excellent presentation on soaring. Her daughter, Donna Davidson, is studying for credentials to be able to help her mom give glider instruction. They are about to take delivery of a three place glider, allowing two passengers to experience the thrill of noiseless flight at once.

Newest 66 is 17 year old Jody Cedarstam, from Hood River, already with 15 hours in her dad's J-3.

SOUTHWEST

...Post-meeting baby shower brings laughs
...More Section members on the go...Phoenix' 1st for airmarking
...Courtesy from Ground—

Cameron Park

Chairman Carol Clifton enjoyed and laughed with us all at a baby shower held after the monthly meeting. An aviation theme became apparent with the opening of each successive gift, though no such theme had been planned or discussed.

Fullerton

Several of us staffed a membership booth at the Cable Air Faire, along with the San Gabriel Valley chapter. We had many inquiries about the organization, plus some fun watching the aerial show and ground displays.

Mission Bay

Several of us have been on the

go, traveling near and far. Aileen Mellott spent time in warm Mexico, including Los Arenas, Baja Cal, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Guadalajara and Aguacalientes. Santa Fe, New Mexico was the place for Lois Bartling with clear weather and low temperatures. She then went to Tucson, Arizona with the Western Bonanza Society. Patricia Sheetz took her family on their yearly ski holiday.

Mount Diablo

Four intrepid members ventured out in IFR conditions to enjoy the fly-in to Watsonville, with a stop at Salinas, California.

Betty Dunn attended an FAA meeting in Hayward, California on solutions to problems in the San Francisco TCA and Oakland ARSA. Chairman Vickie Miller is experiencing the culture in a trip "down under" to Australia, New Zealand, and then on to Hawaii.

Phoenix








The first place honor for Airmarking is ours, and we consider ourselves very lucky to have Curt Tinsler, who was instrumental in bringing it about.

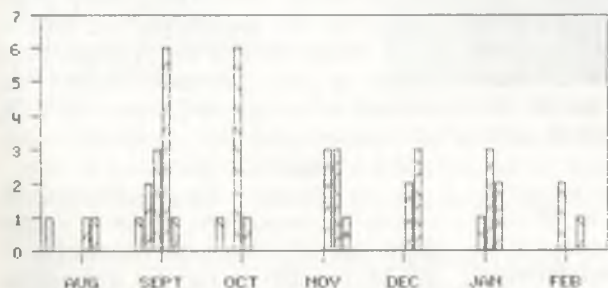
Stacy Hamm's kept busy holding Girl Scouts Day seminars at Pheonix Sky Harbor Airport. Taking different areas to cover, we taught the girls some about weather, weight and balance, navigation, and the physiological aspects of flight.

Sacramento Valley

Twenty participated in a Macy's department store inventory. A January fly-in to Willows was weathered out, but it seems we were destined to go there. We flew to Sonoma County later in the month, only to find the restaurant closed for remodeling. An on - the - spot decision was made to go to Willows for lunch instead. Sonoma Ground Control graciously advised later arrivals of our change in plans.

The end of January brought our annual dinner with the Sacramento Zonta Club. Guest speaker was Judy Kramer, who related her experiences as one of the first women to take flight

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please take note of the many imaginative ways chapters around the country are using to draw new joiners. Remember, 8800 by yearend; eight+ months to do it in.

training in the armed services. She spoke of her missions during the Grenada Invasion, and in the Philippines during the overthrow of the Marcos government.

San Fernando

We were awarded the "Gentle Giant" by the Airtel Hotel at Van Nuys Airport for our contribution in improving and educating the local community

through sponsorship of flying companion seminars, safety meetings, airplane rides, and other activities.

Santa Barbara

Barbara Kahn, recently promoted to MD-80 Captain with Continental Airlines, presented FAA Safety Seminars on emergency forced landings at Santa Barbara, which we co-sponsored, and at Santa Maria.

Karen is a designated FAA Safety Counselor and a Board member of the Santa Barbara Airport Commission.

Joan Steinberger and Lynn Barber flew Lynn's Ryan to the Edwards Air Force Base open house. Several members and their guests flew to San Luis Obispo for dinner and night flight practice. Connie Howerton, Marla Tilford, and Priscilla Kyte are participating in the Flying Doctors program in

Mexico.

Santa Clara Valley

January found 20 members and 49 1/2s touching down on the grass strip at Frazier Lake Airport prepared to airmark the taxiway. Local hospitality was enjoyed with an excellent barbeque lunch, and workers departed to a chorus of compliments over the unicom.

TONY PAGE

Tony Page of Ft. Worth, Texas died March 17 in a nursing home. Former publisher of the *Cross Country News*, she had been in failing health for a number of years.

A memorial service was held for the longtime member of the Fort Worth chapter, South Central Section. She had willed her body to the Univ. of Texas Health Science Center.

Tony published the *Cross Country News* over 35 years. She started her aviation career in 1940 when George Haddaway hired her at *Flight Magazine*, of which he was publisher. "Tony traveled the territory three weeks out of each month. Our circulation zoomed from direct sales on airports," Haddaway recalled. "In less than a year she was sending in original news right out of aviation's grass roots."

Tony was licensed in 1941 and served as aviation editor of *The Valley Times* in North Hollywood, California. She later returned to Texas to a staff post at *Cross Country News*, buying the publication in 1952. Tony developed a unique publication, with "blackout" cartoons and double entendre captions, limericks scattered throughout.

In 1963, with 17 hours of instruction, Tony earned a helicopter rating, becoming only the 67th woman in the free world to be helicopter qualified. She was the fourth in Fort Worth.

Tony is survived by a brother, Mike Edgett of Penn Valley, California.

MARGARET VAN CLEVE STANDISH

Margaret Van Cleve Standish, 70, died October 29 of esophageal cancer. Members of the Santa Clara chapter, Southwest Section, say they'll miss her tales of the skies, especially those of the WASP.

Margaret first learned to fly secretly while at Kansas State University. She later flew more than 10 Powder Puff Derbies, toured most of North America, Canada and the Yucatan Peninsula, Costa Rica and El Salvador. She worked as a design engineer for Lockheed.

BOB HALE

10 Mission Bay chapter, Southwest Section,

IN MEMORIAM



mourns the death of 49 1/2 Bob Hale, from cancer. He was a great supporter of his wife, Isabelle, and chapter activities. An active pilot most of his life, they shared the family-owned Comanche.

LESTER ALLBECK

Lester Allbeck, husband of Janet Allbeck, died recently. She is a member of the Redwood Empire chapter, Southwest Section.

DIMPS ENA SHOUTHARD

Dimps Ena (Dee) Southard, a member of the Phoenix chapter, Southwest Section, died in January. Members of the chapter will miss her.

SUE ABRAMS

Sue Abrams, Eastern Pennsylvania chapter, Middle East Section, was in Thailand in February, when killed in a car accident.

Owner of a travel agency, she frequently travelled when not occupied as a freelance flight instructor.

Sue owned a Grumman Tiger and was a faithful participant in the chapter's annual Pennies - A - Pound airlift at the Trenton - Mercer County Airport.

An exciting and interesting woman who had much to live for, Sue will be missed.

VIRGINIA THOMAS

Virginia (Ginny) Thomas, All-Ohio chapter, North Central Section, died in January after a long illness. She was 66.

Ginny started flying in 1943, attaining a private license a year later, then commercial and instrument ratings. From 1947-54 she and husband, Ash, established and ran the first flight operation on the Springfield, Ohio airport.

Ginny joined 99s in 1947, and was active throughout. Chapter Chairman in 1953 and 1954, she served or chaired committees at all levels, raced Angel Derbies and Michigan SMALL races, and helped with race stops, Section meetings and International Conventions.

In 1951 she received the Blanche Noyes

Airmarking Trophy for 100 airmarkers in Ohio; in 1956 she was declared 99 Ohio Woman Pilot of the Year. 1975 brought honor from the Flying Optometrist Assn. for compiling their history. She was continually interested in the history of women who flew. She travelled extensively searching and recording historical data, and became an advisor to the International Women's Air and Space Museum, Inc.

She is survived by three daughters, one of whom is also a pilot.

Ruhnke

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story, say a murder - suicide by Vos is the most plausible theory.

Gerda was co-owner of Dulles Air Service, Inc., her own flight school. In its two years, eight months of operation she had accumulated nearly 1,000 instruction hours, had nine students earn licenses, and two ready for checkrides. She often spent as much as 60 hours a month instructing.

Gerda's total flight hours exceeded 2,600 and included flights to Alaska, the Bahamas, Mexico, Vancouver and all parts of the United States.

Born in Uruguay October 4, 1939, Gerda earned a pilot's license in that country in 1958, barely 19 years old. After marrying Lothar Ruhnke, she moved to the United States and became a citizen. Her family, which grew to include a son and daughter, lived in several areas of the country, finally moving to the Washington, DC area in 1976. In March, 1977 Gerda began flying lessons to earn a domestic license. She received her private on January 12, 1978, and subsequently her instrument, commercial and instructor ratings.

In her memory, the Washington, DC chapter has established the Gerda Ruhnke Flight Instructor Memorial Scholarship. It will be awarded at the 99s International Convention each summer to a female pilot desirous of this rewarding and essential occupation. A \$15,000 fund is being collected to permanently finance the award.

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF

Chanda Budhabhatti

India Section



She wanted to fly—and—did!—breaking tradition's mold and became the third woman commercial pilot of India. In 1965, became a Ninety-Nine; 1976-80 charter Governor of India section; founder/president Indian Women Pilots; flew six air races receiving two trophies.

Moved to USA 1978; on 99s International Board of Directors from 1984; chaired major event that enhanced 99s worldwide image, "World Aviation, Education Congress: 1986" (India), arranging for the inauguration by Prime Minister Gandhi.

Chanda has a very supportive 49 1/2. With proven unstinting devotion to 99s, she looks forward to seeing its symbol on aviation's Flag of Leadership.

PRESIDENT

Gene Nora Jessen

Northwest Section
Idaho chapter



Filing for the Ninety-Nines Presidency is a humbling, reflective process. You've surely trained me for the job, having elected me to three terms as International Director, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President. You've inspired me by your individual and collective successes, both quietly unrecognized, and alternatively, captured by the world media. You've shared your talents and awed me by your achievements. You now challenge me to take the left seat, cleared on a course of even greater contribution by this organization of superachievers. Thanks for preparing me for takeoff.

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF

Marie Christensen

No. Central Section
Gr. Kansas City chapter



Marie has served our International organization for the past several years. The past two years she has been our International Secretary. She spent the three prior years serving as an International Director. She has also held such International Chairmanships as Air Marking, Forest of Friendship and Public Relations, and is currently Chairman of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Trustees as well as the Editorial Director for THE 99 NEWS.

Marie is very aware of our international status, having lived and traveled extensively in Europe and South America. (Her son is currently a resident of Sao Paulo, Brazil.) She led the first aviation education exchange to China and plans to do the same in Russia this year.

She has flown several types of aircraft during the past 15 years and particularly enjoys flying her own Bonanza.

She has the experience and ability to serve our organization well as Vice-President.

VICE PRESIDENT

Carole Sue Wheeler

So. Central Section
Ft. Worth chapter



Started flying in 1972, joined 99s in 1974. Worked as business manager for doctor's office and owned flight school/cargo service. Ground Events judge for two national and several regional NIFA competitions. NAI Judge for world precision flying competition. Judged one world and national USPFT as well as flying Angel Derby and working PPD and Angel Derby. Fly Cessna 401 on 99 activities and family trips. Served all levels of chapter and

section offices. Currently International Treasurer, and feel my educational and professional background have prepared me to serve as International Vice President. My family enthusiastically supports my work for the 99s.

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF

Doris Abbate
New York/New Jersey
Section
Long Island chapter



Doris Abbate, concluding her second year as Governor serves as International Date Coordinator. Focusing on resource, growth and strength through unity, she aims to create win-win situations. Her motto "coordinate, cooperate, commingle" led to the first international Section meeting.

"As emissary for 99s, I hope to further open the lines of communication between our administrative force and the individual 99 worldwide."

Retired corporate secretary/treasurer, served international nominating committee and USPFT national coordinator, NY-NJ: Vice Governor, Treasurer, and Secretary, numerous chairmanships since 1961. Commitment to excellence, life member and active pilot status, and intimate understanding of 99s makes Doris a forthright candidate for Secretary.

Alexis Ewanchew
Southeast Section
Florida Gulfstream
chapter



Alexis has been a very enthusiastic member of the Ninety-Nines since 1976. Currently, she is serving as the Southern and Eastern U.S. advertising sales representative for *THE 99 NEWS*. Having had experience at the chapter and section levels as officers and chairman of various committees, Alexis looks forward to International service. An active pilot, she holds ASEL/AMEL and instrument ratings with about 1000 hours total time.

Dependable, persistent, organized, dedicated, and helpful are adjectives that describe Alexis and her devotion to the 99s. She has participated at International Conventions, Section meetings, and air races; thus demonstrating qualities characteristic of her commitment.

Professionally, Alexis is a manager with Southern Bell and is involved in training a participative management course for all employees. From her professional experience, Alexis has developed skills that will be of benefit to the 99s' organization.

CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF

Pat Forbes
Southwest Section
Golden West chapter

Member of the 99s since 1969. Have held all chapter offices, plus chairman of the 1972 Powder Puff Derby Start and Chairman of the 1983 Spring Section meeting. Have served as the Section Treasurer, Secretary and Governor. I'm currently the Section Aviation/Aerospace Education Chairman. Hold commercial license, IFR, and CFI ratings with 2500 hours.

My qualifications for Treasurer include not only professional courses in accounting, but experience as a business manager for a theatre in New York, and since 1973, preparing monthly company financial statements. Am currently the Treasurer for the SFO-United Pilot Wives. As President of Plane Stuff, I am responsible for all the financial matters.

I believe that the Ninety-Nines play an important role in aviation and would be honored to serve as the International Treasurer.



TREASURER

Lu Hollander
So. Central Section
Oklahoma chapter

An enthusiastic 99 since 1978, Lu Hollander has attended seven International Conventions and 16 Sectionals.

Past Oklahoma chapter chairman, Lu currently serves as scrapbook chair and flies "for the fun of it." At the section level, she chairs the Nominating and Public Relations committees and edits the section newsletter.

International level service has included judging USPFT national events, serving on the 1986

Teller's committee, and a four-year stint editing *THE 99 NEWS*. An accomplished graphic designer, Lu is a university publications design instructor.

"The 99s have given me much more than I can ever give back," she commented.



CANDIDATES FOR THE AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES



BARBARA EVANS, Southwest Section, Mount Diablo chapter

Learned to fly in 1948 and joined 99s in 1950. Served as Governor of New York—New Jersey Section 1953-55, International Executive Board 1955, 1956, and 1961, International Treasurer 1957-59, International Secretary 1959-61 and on International Nominating Committee three years. Was Executive Vice Chairman/Treasurer of Powder Puff Derby from 1961 to its conclusion. Flew four PPDs plus many route surveys. Edited the Official Race Program for 13 years and assisted in the editing and production of the PPD History. Flew the AWNEAR (winning co-pilot) and the IAR.

Charter member of Long Island chapter. Recently moved to California and transferred to Mt. Diablo chapter.



CHARLENE FALKENBERG, North Central Section, Indiana Dunes chap.

A member of the 99s since 1963, holds a commercial certificate with instrument, multiengine ratings, advanced and instrument ground instructor certificate, teaching for 23 years. She is an FAA Test Examiner and Accident Prevention Counselor.

She has served as International Board member, Secretary and Vice President, and many International committees. She has served as Treasurer and all committee chairman on Section level, and all offices and committees on chapter level.

Charlene would like to see the Ninety-Nines continue in growth, in help to women in aviation, as a voice of general aviation, in aerospace education and as an active organization in flying and friendship. She has served as a trustee for the past three years as Administrative Assistant and Chairman.



LINDA HOLLOWELL, Middle East Section, Hampton Roads chapter

A 99 since 1963, Linda has been continuously active on both chapter and Section levels. As a member of Virginia and Hampton Roads chapters, she has served in numerous chairmanships and the offices of chapter Chairman and Vice Chairman. She is the immediate past Governor of the Middle East Section. Her 99 activities include attending 10 International Conventions and numerous Section meetings.

Linda holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate and is a Certified Flight Instructor with 2400 hours. She was a 1978 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship recipient, which she used to earn her CFII. Besides her full time position with the US Atlantic Command, she is Assistant Chief Instructor at Piedmont Aviation in Norfolk, Virginia and is an FAA designated Pilot Examiner.

CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



JUDY HALL, Southeast Section, Deep South chapter

The Ninety-Nines has been an important part of my life for over 17 years. Having served as International Treasurer and as a Board member, as well as Section Governor, I have become very familiar with the entire organization.

My desire is to continue to serve as long as it is possible. I enjoy flying, but the Ninety-Nines gives me a reason to fly (if I needed one).

In running my own photography/photo finishing business, I feel I have gained the skills necessary to serve as an International Director. My past experience on the Board gives me the necessary background. Also, my past experience as an office manager (15 years) should be another plus.

I shall continue to serve and enjoy the Ninety-Nines. I covet your vote, but most importantly, I urge you to vote.



LOUISE WHITE, Southeast Section, Blue Ridge chapter

Co-owner of Motor Freight Specialist for 31 years. Vice Governor Southeast Section 99s 1983-85. Governor of Southeast Section 99s 1985-87. Southeast Section Membership Chairman for two years. President of the Western North Carolina Pilots Assn., which I organized in 1968; was just re-elected to the Presidency for another term.

A LTC in the Civil Air Patrol; organized the Sugarloaf Mountain Squadron and was Commander for four years. Served as a council member for the US Precision Flight Team.

A graduate of the Air War College from Maxwell Air Force Base, for which I was the recipient of the Gil Robb Wilson Award, the highest achievement award presented to a civilian by the USAF.

Am President of the Board of Directors of Hilton Head Four Seasons Resort Centre. I organized the Blue Ridge chapter of the 99s. Was Secretary to the Inspector General in the Armed Forces.

MEMBERS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE



MARY FLETCHER, Southeast Section, Florida Suncoast chapter

Governor Southeast Section, past editor *THE 99 NEWS*. Captain in Civil Air Patrol and mission pilot. Pilot for Angel Flight. Production Manager for *St. Petersburg (Florida) Times*.



CLARA JOHANSEN, North Central Section, Minnesota chapter

I have been an active participant in the Ninety-Nines since I joined in 1970, and have held office or committee chairmanships on all levels. Of the eight International Conventions I attended, my transportation was in N5279R (172C) to all but Hawaii. I hope to continue my involvement in our organization of women pilots and feel the success of our organization is in relating to each other.



BILLIE LATSHAW, Middle East Section, Pittsburgh chapter

A Ninety-Nine since 1979.
 Secretary, Treasurer, Vice Chairman
 Membership Chairman
 Scholarship Chairman
 Scrap Book Chairman
 Allegheny Air Derby Chairman
 Allegheny Air Derby Committee for the past eight years.
 Section Membership past two years.



ROSE LEPORE, South Central Section, Houston chapter

I became a licensed pilot (private, ASEL) on October 6, 1982 and joined the Houston chapter a few months later. Since becoming a Ninety-Nine, I've been Membership Chairman of Houston chapter for one year, Flying Activities/USPFT Chairman for two years, and chapter Chairman since June 1987. I enjoy cross country races, and have competed as co-pilot in the Grand Prix (1984), Great-Southern Air Race (last three years), and Air Race Classic (1986). I am an Accident Prevention Counselor, and a member of Air Lifeline of Texas.

I'm married, have three children, four step-children, and three grandchildren. To pay for my flying, I am a hospital Material Manager for a large hospital chain. I'm committed to flying and to Ninety-Nines, and willing to work hard to support both.



VERNA STEELE WEST, Southwest Section, Santa Clara Valley chapter

Life member, Ninety-Nine since 1965. Work part time, school secretary. Have attended 10 International Conventions and at least 30 Section meetings. Currently Section Historian.

Previous service: Chapter—most committees and offices including Chairman; Section—Secretary, Vice Governor, Governor, hostess San Francisco Convention; Powder Puff Derby—five years Credentials Committee; US Precision Flight Team—1982 thru 1987, competitor, Regional and National Coordinator, Council co-Chairman, World PFT Liaison, with 1983 team to Norway, host 1985 Florida World Championship, worded Nationals Illinois, Arkansas, Florida.

Flew last AWTAR PIC Palm Springs to Tampa, fly Conservation groups counting whales, seal colonies, pollution surveys, etc. Photographer, camped from airplane Baja to Alaska.

I know women pilots worldwide and take pride in ability to recruit others to share in service to our unique organization.

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NTSB specialist needed in Ft. Worth

FORT WORTH, TX— The National Transportation Safety Board is searching for a Transportation Safety Specialist for its Fort Worth office.

Tommy McFall, chief of the NTSB office, said this is a non flying position but minimum qualifications call for the successful applicant to have 1,000 hours pilot - in - command time, commercial certificate, instrument rating and valid first or second class medical. Up to 500 hours can be waived for qualified past experience. Of the required hours, the NTSB official said he would prefer 250 hours of small aircraft time and 200 hours in multi - engine.

The position requires a high level of oral and written skills and accident investigation experience is preferred. The position is GS-9 Civil Service and carries a salary range of \$22,907 to \$29,783 per year.

Duties include selected in-house aircraft accident investigations culminating in written reports.

To apply, forward Standard Form 171 (which can be obtained from most federal offices) to: National Transportation Safety Board, 800 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20594. Attention: Personnel and Training Division, AD-30.

If you have an interest please call McFall at (817)334-2832 immediately because the published deadline for submission of applicants is April 8, 1988. The Washington, DC information number is (202)382-6718.



***TWO PRINCESSES**—Her Royal Highness Princess Michael and our own 'princess' Sheila Scott visited during a luncheon party in London to celebrate Sheila's magnificent achievements in aviation. Several hundred turned out at Peter Cadbury's invitation for the luncheon at London's Mayfair Hotel, reported British Section Governor The Lady Gwendoline Bellew. Sheila, of the British Section, looked marvelous and made a delightfully humorous speech during which she thanked her doctors and the hospital who had done so much for her in her health battles. Princess Michael drew the raffle tickets with the top prize a round trip flight to California. The party was a happy and lively one with many of Sheila's old friends from the aviation world on hand.*

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