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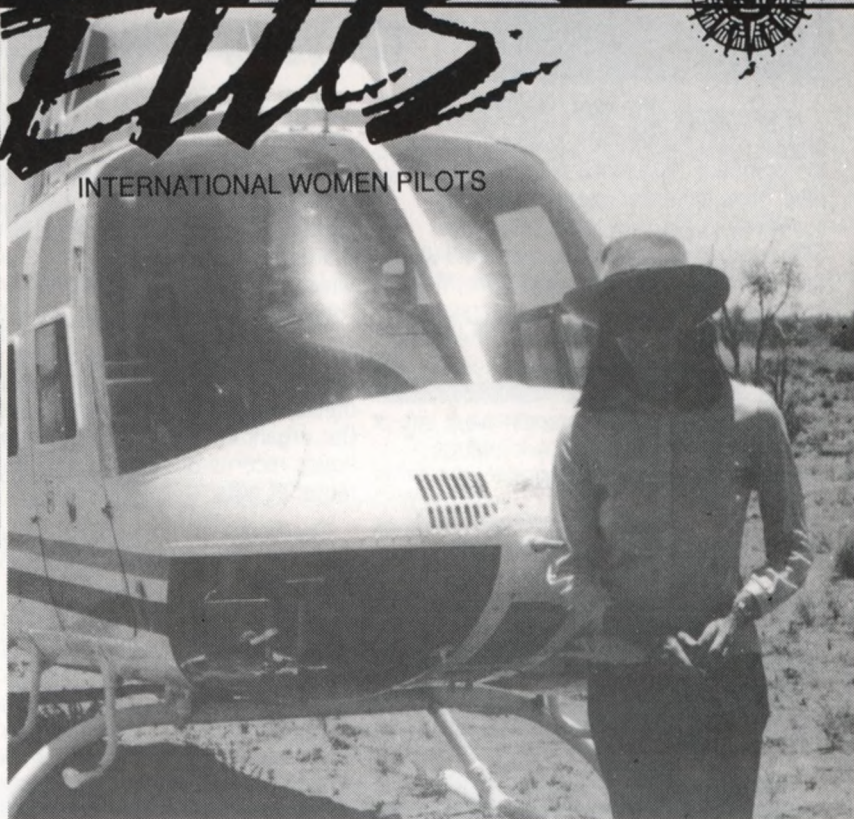


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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN PILOTS



The Australian Section's Marcia Hremeviuc sent a fantastic mixture of words and pictures to describe the rigors and charms of her piloting life in the Australian Outback. Above, a shot of typical bush maintenance, according to Marcia; right, the author and a tool of her trade; below, "camping out"; bottom photo is an aerial of the Gulf country. Marcia's story begins **page 13**.



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By BARBARA SESTITO

PRESIDENT'S

Message

'Circle of Friends' is worthy funding concept

Today, more than ever, charitable groups such as ours are realizing a need for economic assistance from sources other than increased membership and increased dues. They must either plan new ways to create income, or continue to tread water and possibly drown. Many organizations are starting to understand the meaning of the statement "There are only two ways to earn money -- people at work and money at work." Since our staff and membership simply cannot work any harder, it is now time to work smarter, and to let money go to work for us.

The Restricted Savings Account (RSA) is a simple, unique concept that harnesses the power of interest earnings. Here's how it works. Various levels of donations (all tax deductible) are received and deposited in a special account which is restricted from ever having its principle spent, though interest can be used for general budget purposes -- much like we now operate our Life Member account.

An RSA may further restrict interest

withdrawal to 90 percent of the amount earned yearly. The remaining ten percent is reinvested until the RSA reaches a predetermined goal, which for us is \$3,000,000. The interest from a fund of that size will assure operating monies which equal today's annual budget.

The RSA is a single account that collectively holds all donor funds, and may include gifts of cash, real estate, other personal property, or life insurance. Our organization is required to maintain in-house records of donors, and amount and terms of gifts.

The Board of Directors has struggled with the problem of long-term funding for years. We spend many hours thinking of the future of the organization. We are very concerned about the effects of inflation on our expenses and on our major source of funding, dues. An RSA, if established now, will start to produce income in five years and is usually fully operational in 15 years.

Since donation to our RSA fund is not

limited to members, we have chosen to call it the '99 Circle of Friends.' Donors will be recognized in our publications, at our annual meeting, and in our international headquarters.

The 99 Circle of Friends is a very exciting concept, and a worthwhile undertaking. As a result of our preliminary investigation and research we've had two members initiate the fund with gifts of life insurance. Carolgene Dierolf and Sylvia Paoli are the first, and our fund now totals \$50,000.

Information on how you can participate will be sent to each chapter and Section Governor, and will be available at all Section meetings and also at our international convention. We will have information at each spring Section meeting and a Board member will be on hand to answer your questions.

Participation in the 99 Circle of Friends is completely voluntary; we will not solicit participants. Rather, we will make the information available to everyone interested. Initial contact is up to you.

Strothers retires, insurance revamped

April BOD meeting explores many issues

The International Board of Directors met at headquarters in Oklahoma City April 7 through 10, with all Board members present. General counsel Sylvia Paoli and executive director Loretta Gragg were also in attendance. The meeting was held in the Roberts Conference Center located in the new building.

Official dedication of the headquarters expansion will be held Tuesday, August 9 at 10 am. Members are encouraged to attend, hopefully while enroute to the International Convention in Shangri-La.

The Board appointed Thon Griffith as a permanent trustee of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thon replaces Dr. Dora Strothers, who has retired from the position.

The work of the first three Amelia Earhart Research Scholars is complete, and their projects placed into the archives at headquarters. These projects include an annotated bibliography of women in aviation, and a study of the social / psychological aspects of pilot error accidents relative to males versus females.

2 The third project is on Canadian Women in

Aviation from 1928 through 1982. These additions to our archives provide a significant contribution to world literature regarding women in aviation.

Several aspects of membership were discussed by the Board. Recent figures show 6,479 active members and 539 life members. Although the number of non-renewals has decreased, membership increase remains a priority. A new public relations poster and a membership brochure were both approved, and will be distributed through Sections to the chapters. The successful "Each One Reach One" program will continue until the end of 1988.

The coloring book is being revised and will be given a new cover. The Board also approved a sales room for aviation items, to be set up in the new building.

During the meeting, the treasurer presented a proposed 1988-89 budget, which was discussed and amended. It will be forwarded to Section Governors for their information, and a final budget will be approved at the annual general meeting during convention.

The Board also reviewed the policy book and standing rules, for the purpose of updating them. Several proposed bylaw changes were discussed and will be shared with those in attendance at Section meetings prior to presentation at the annual general meeting.

A revised format has been introduced for insurance for chapter flying events. Instructions have been added to the form which is to be used for obtaining proof of insurance from flying participants. Revision to the form was done by Susie Sewell, and presented to the Board in her committee report.

The Board was told that 29 Amelia Earhart Scholarship applications have been received from various Sections this year. A video on the scholarship fund is being prepared.

A business advertising system for the roster was approved by the Board. Ninety-Nines will be invited to buy ads in the roster for businesses owned and operated by our members. These ads will be business card-sized, and will help defray the cost of

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MAY

- 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

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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 **VALPARAISO, IN**
Indiana Dunes Rally. Contact Charlene Falkenberg.

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

17-19 **ATCHISON, KS**
Forest of Friendship. Contact Fay Wells.

17-19 **SONORA, CA**
22nd annual fly-in at Historical Columbia, CA. Modern, antique, military aircraft and static displays. Flour bombing, spot landing, camping. Contact M. Luckey Wollitz. (209)962-7635.

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 **COEUR D'ALENE, ID**
Northwest Section meeting. Contact Pegge Blinco.

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.

26 **ST LOUIS, MO**
Parks College 61st year open house and fly-in at campus in Cahokia, IL. Info: PR Office, Parks College, Cahokia, IL 62206.

JULY

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

15,16 **OKLAHOMA CITY, OK**
10th annual Okie Derby, round robin proficiency air race open to men and women pilots. Sundance Airpark. Contact Jan Perry, 3617 Lea Ct., Edmond OK 73013.

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.

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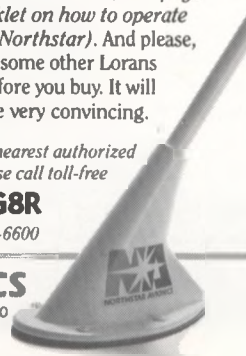
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Be a squeaky wheel

By SYLVIA PAOLI

NASA form also serves as complaint

We've talked in recent issues about NASA safety reports, primarily in reference to any type of aviation incident or possible infraction of Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs). However, such reports are not limited in use to those situations.

It is also appropriate, -- and, in fact, recommended -- that you use them to register what might be termed a complaint, such as being denied entrance into an Airport Radar Service Area (ARSA) or Terminal Control Area (TCA), when both plane and pilot meet all the requirements for flight in those restricted - use areas. In addition, you should write a letter setting forth the facts of that complaint to the supervisor of your local air traffic control (ATC) facility. This is one means of officially "registering" the complaints of general aviation at being denied equal use of airspace.

If no reports are filed with NASA, and no letters of complaint are received by ATC, the FAA can say to the world: "In the last six months there have been no complaints about this airspace, so it is

obviously working fine!"

An example of a report appropriate to the NASA safety form is a recent incident in the Los Angeles area, where a plane with four persons aboard entered the LA basin from the north on an IFR flight plan at 11,000 feet. Their destination airport was scarcely 50 miles away. The pilot requested a lower altitude because of icing conditions, and was told by ATC that his choice was to continue at 11,000 feet until 30 miles south of Los Angeles International Airport, or to land at Burbank Airport. (The pilot did the prudent thing and landed at Burbank.) Given the elevation of the LA basin area at mostly between sea level and 1000 feet, and that IFR traffic was relatively light for the area, the choice offered this pilot was totally unacceptable and unnecessary, and a written report to NASA was submitted.

There are many reports of pilots being refused entry into ARSAs and TCAs. Such information should also be filed with NASA on a safety report.

Occurrences of denial are likely to worsen if regulations proposed in a Notice

of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) recently published by the FAA, (with an extended deadline to respond of May 12), become law. In the NPRM, FAA proposes to extend the requirement for Mode C transponders to a distance of 40 miles in diameter from designated airports, and to flights above 6000 feet AGL. The NPRM includes related proposals to establish a 1200 foot AGL bottom surface of all controlled airspace in the United States, and to require that fixed - wing nighttime VFR operations in uncontrolled airspace be conducted with the same visibility required for operations in controlled airspace.

These proposals will effectively reduce airspace available for non - commercial general aviation. Also, to the extent that general aviation aircraft are refused equal use of controlled airspace, a potentially adverse safety impact grows, in that more and more genav aircraft are forced into ever smaller areas of airspace. The membership is urged to stay on top of these developments as they affect your own areas.

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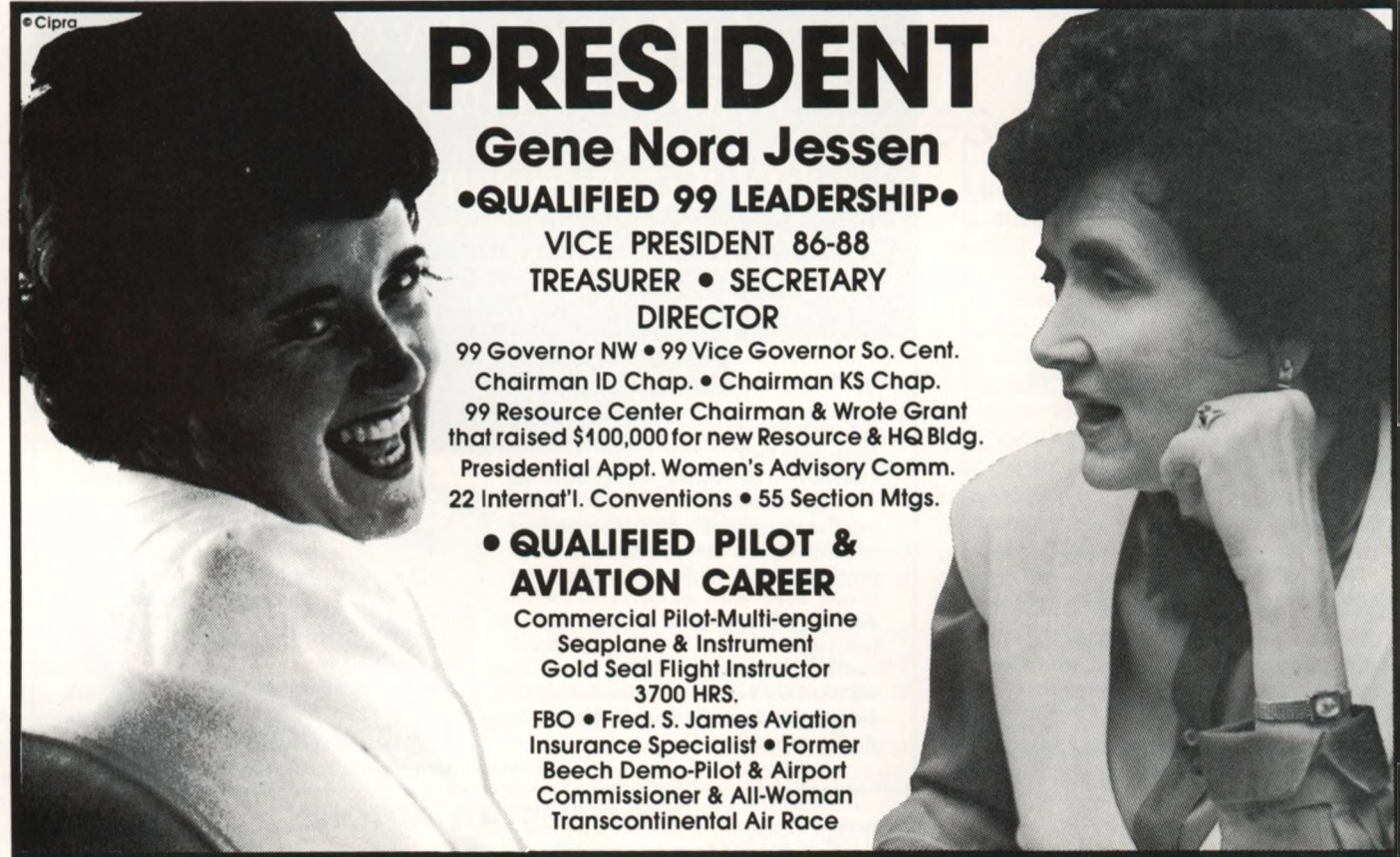
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SECTION

NEWS

AUSTRALIA

We've compiled an extensive information kit on Precision Flying Competition, in hope this project can be taken on by an aviation group with national resources and interest. We'd like to further develop it, and enter a team in international competition if practical.



AUSTRALIAN 99s TELL THE STORY—Jean March, left, and Neva Cavenagh, right, after completing a new display titled 'Women in Aviation' at the Maritime Museum in Port Adelaide.

Six South Australian members attended the successful airshow held at Parafield recently. Neva Cavenagh assisted with the parachute dropping, flying her Cessna 182, and helped with organization of the airshow.

Nan Manthorpe hosted a fly-in to her beautiful hometown, Port Lincoln. She provided perfect weather, and a wonderful barbeque and sail around the Port Lincoln Bay area.

Jenny Houghton participated in a fly pass over the Kent Street School. In conjunction with the RAAF, the fly pass was made to celebrate official presentation of the School's Annual Flying Scholarship.

Jenny, Sylvia Byers and Wendy Mann were at Mangalore to represent the Australian Women Pilots Assn. during transfer of the National Sport Aviation Centre. It moved from the Department of Aviation's domain to the Sport Aviation Council of Australia.

Western CANADIAN

*...20 fly to San Juans
...Airspace review—*

B.C. Coast

The months since Christmas haven't contained much flying, although we've been very busy preparing for an active summer.

Our March flyout was successful, as the weather cleared

seminar repeated, and to have a tour of the control centre.

Canadian Owners and Pilots Assn (COPA) sponsored a seminar on meteorology the following week. Many of us attended, and heard Grant Thompson, a meteorologist at the Atmospheric Environment Service of Vancouver Airport. He used graphics, slides and discussion to acquaint pilots with provincial weather patterns, and instructed on how to use weather forecasts and how to request information beneficial to a safe flight.

Canadian Rockies

In February June Mills journeyed to Vancouver to hear Piere de Niverville, manager of the Pacific Region Canadian Aviation Safety Board (CASB) discuss the inner workings of the organization. June also attended a Wings 883 Reunion in Kelowna, BC. Speaker was Colonel Dobson, who talked about Project 2010 for Canadian Air Transport.

Saskatchewan

We co-sponsored, along with COPA, a workshop on pilot decision making March 12. Chapter chairman Sharon Spence coordinated the event, and leader/lecturer was Wayne Walsh of Transport Canada in Winnipeg. Four main components made up the course: pilot attitude, judgment, stress management, and decision making. Personal evaluations were done to show participants their attitudes toward specific situations and how these attitudes affected their judgment, stress management, and decision making. Means of dealing with "problems" were then discussed.

East CANADA

*...Touring a 727
...Meet the 99s Night—*

East Ontario

We met at the First Air hangar

on Ottawa Int'l Airport to hear Dale Lamport in early February. Lamport is flight engineer on the First Air 727. His presentation was followed by a visit to the hangar, where we had the opportunity to climb around the aircraft and cockpit.

Women pilots of the Ottawa area were invited to a "Meet the Ninety-Nines" night in March. We talked about our various activities, and an especially good presentation was delivered by B.J. Schermerhorn on the structure of the organization, and by Lorna deBlicquy on air racing.

NEW ENGLAND

*...Sutton Scholarship
awarded...Documentation
on mishaps by
gender...Erickson
awarded—*

Eastern New England

We awarded the \$2000 Frankie Sutton Memorial Scholarship to Monique Gajda at a March 12 luncheon. A junior at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, New Hampshire, Monique will enter an Air Force pilot training program after her graduation. Murial Morrissey, Amelia Earhart's sister, attended the luncheon to present Amelia's favorite poem, "Courage." Luncheon speaker was Gayle Vail, of the Northern New England chapter, who spoke on the results of her Amelia Earhart Research Scholarship project, "Pilot Error Accidents: Male vs Female."

We were invited to a dinner meeting of the Daedalians, a fraternity of military pilots, March 24. Mildred "Hut" Ferree and Jo Rita Jordan talked on what women pilots have accomplished and who the Ninety-Nines are. Chris Seaver and Billie Downing were also present. Helen Codling, a long-time friend of the Ninety-Nines, brought memorabilia of her great aunt, charter member Viola Green.

Northern New England

Betty Erickson reports that she'll be doing a workshop on the Young Astronauts Program for the New Hampshire Assn. of Mathematics Teachers during its annual conference. She'll speak on the same subject at the National Mathematics Conference in Boston, December 1. Betty has been chosen as elementary school Mathematics Teacher of the Year for the state of New Hampshire.

NEW YORK — NEW JERSEY

...Long Island chapter goes to Florida, finds poker rewarding...Early aviation videos screened—

Garden State

We held a scheduled lunch and business meeting February 14 at Sky View Club Restaurant on Trenton - Robbinsville Airport. The "Women in Aviation Careers" video was provided by Doris Abbate.

We've been asked by the Allaire Airport to help with a 50th anniversary celebration of the facility, planned for September.

**MONIQUE GAJDA****Long Island**

Our first alternative Saturday meeting went without a weather-related hitch at Republic Airport February 13. Though the day was clear and beautiful, turnout was small because a number of active members were vacationing in Florida.

Those in Florida met Saturday, February 20. Hosts of the Florida Spaceport chapter's Poker Run/Party were Long Island members Roberta Pistorius and her 49 1/2, Al, at their beautiful Spruce Creek home. Refreshments were sold from a hot dog trailer in their hangar.

Other Long Island members present were Joyce Malkmes, Pat Bizzoso, Mae Smith and Jill Hopfenmuller. Harriet Bregman, of the New York Capital District chapter, flew down to participate in her Piper Comanche, arriving at one of the Poker Run points,

Merritt Island Airport. The Florida Grasshoppers were also meeting at Spruce Creek, and Mae was a guest of Ellie Odorico.

New York Capital District

A February dinner meeting was held near Albany Airport. Several prospective members attended, and all had a good time getting acquainted.

Central New York

Kamp Airport was the site of our February business meeting, and a screening of early aviation videotapes by Marilyn Kamp.

Finger Lakes

We held a February meeting at Hutch Frederick's home in Pittsford. Dennis Christiano of the Rochester Pilots Assn. was guest speaker.

MIDDLE EAST

*...Allegheny Air Derby slated for 5/16...Ruhnke fund counts \$12,000
...NTSB discussed—*

Shenandoah Valley

We joined some Virginia chapter members at the Prop Restaurant near Byrd Field in Richmond, Virginia for lunch and a tour of the Virginia

Aviation Museum. We saw the J.D. Benn Memorial, and the radar room and control tower at Bryd Field.

Greater Pittsburgh

Mary Lou Waite is busy as a flight instructor, while Billie Waite completed a successful year as Middle East Section membership chairman. Sandy Andrews recently flew USAir's DC-9 simulator.

Upcoming events include airmarking at Pittsburgh Metro Airport, an FAA safety seminar sponsorship, and our 12th annual Allegheny Air Derby May 16th.

Eastern Pennsylvania

Jack Raef gave an interesting speech after our February 20 meeting, on how to fly an unfamiliar airplane if the crew is incapacitated. He stressed that all airplanes, regardless of size, behave essentially the same way, and that of most importance is simply to fly the airplane. Raef advised calling the nearest ATC facility, and asking for what knowledge they can give.

Our thanks to Mary Wunder for volunteering to take the group on a tour of Philadelphia's control tower and radar room.

Marge Bryant gave a talk to the

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CONTINUOUS GROWTH**CONTINUOUS VISIBILITYwith CHANDA BUDHABHATTI**

Valley Forge Taildraggers about her career in aviation. The mostly male audience was fascinated by her exploits, told in Marge's modest fashion.

Nina McKissock has been busy setting up the Top Gun Aircraft Company at Gayman Elementary School in Danboro. The company is composed of third through sixth graders, and committed to building aircraft which will destroy all evil. So far, they've built a wind tunnel, are testing wings and assembling their noble aircraft.

Washington D.C.

We're working to raise \$20,000 for the Gerda Ruhnke Flight Instructor Scholarship, to be awarded at International Convention each summer to a female pilot seeking new ratings. So far \$12,000 has been donated.

Potomac

A safety seminar followed our February meeting, held in the home of Michele McMultry. We heard how the National Transportation Safety Board

(NTSB) functions from a program by distinguished guest and NTSB board member, attorney Joseph Nall and his special assistant Kenneth Peppard. The video "Dynasty" was also shown, about a fully loaded Boeing 747 maneuvering in excess of five Gs and through a complete roll. A second video showed a young pilot in a Taylorcraft doing multiple spins prior to loss of control and crash.

SOUTHEAST

...Exclusive viewing of Darden collection...Over 400 poker hands sold by Spaceport—

Carolinas

The Columbia Metropolitan Airport was the spot for our business meeting February 20, followed by a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Colgate Darden's impressive aircraft collection. Among their treasures are a Meyers OTW, a Spartan 7-W Executive, a Lockheed Electra, a Douglas DC-2 and Douglas Dolphin.

Florida Suncoast

Judy Lester, chairman of the Young Astronaut Program and her committee held a successful two-day event for 40 youngsters. The first portion of their activities included making space suits, space food, and discussion of the principles of flight. A tour of the Coast Guard Station, FSS, and St. Pete-Clearwater tower followed. Julie Lee gave the kids a tour of a Piper Tomahawk, complete with hands-on time at the controls.

An airmarking was scheduled in March, and a 99s tent was planned for the EAA Sun 'n Fun Fly-in April 10-16 in Lakeland, Florida.

North Georgia

February's meeting involved plans to attend the spring Sectional in March at Callaway Gardens near Pine Mountain, Georgia, along with a tour of the Atlanta ARTCC in Hampton, Georgia.

Anne Mitchell handed out ISA plus 21 Society of Women Airline Pilots Career Scholarship ap-

plications. This group helps aspiring airline pilots who need financial assistance to obtain ATP or FE ratings.

Lucy Young, a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve, recently qualified as Transport Aircraft Commander in the DC-9. Gray Bower is in upgrade training as Captain on the DHC-8 aircraft for Henson Airlines in Jacksonville, Florida.

Angela Allen is also upgrading, to DC-10 co-pilot for Federal Express.

Florida Spaceport

The Poker Run, held February 20, included five stops at area airports by ten aircraft. Many more participants came by car from as far as Vero Beach, Florida. More than 400 poker hands were sold, and 90 prizes distributed to the winners.

The \$99 winner returned the prize money to the chapter in what has almost become a tradition. A substantial part of money raised at the party goes toward scholarship funding.

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* Denotes current position



NORTH CENTRAL

...Behm promoted at O'Hare...Chicago chapter in demand as speakers—

All Ohio

Salley Berryhill and Izetta Thompson hosted our January meeting, an old fashioned box social, in Springfield, Ohio. Everyone decorated a box containing a lunch, then a number was given to each member for a delightful surprise lunch. A discussion on winter flying tips was led by the chapter's instructors.

Aux Plaines

Newest member Bettie Loebbaka was welcomed with a gift of a violet plant, and the January trophy for most hours in the air.

The Stick and Rudder Club at Waukegan, Illinois Memorial Airport was where we met February 21. Toni Reinhard reported on plans to run the 1988 Illi-Nines Air Race in June.

Margaret Biedron and her 49 1/2 attended a proficiency and safety meeting in LaGrange,

Illinois. Toni and Joanne Noll attended several Palwaukee Airport Assn meetings concerning student operations at Midway Airport. Virginia Rabung attended a meeting about possible takeover of Campbell Airport at Grayslake, Illinois.

Dee Greisheimer became Mrs. Charles Davis February 14. We welcomed Chuck, an Eastern Airlines pilot, with presentation of an official 49 1/2 certificate during the couple's wedding reception.

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Central Illinois

We had a great time at the Illinois DOT - FAA Safety Seminar in Springfield, Illinois, and presented the flying companion portion of the course. Julie Hurn, Anita Albert, Linda Hamer, Wanda Whitsitt, and Lynne Trupin gave Friday's presentations. Barb Brusseau, Mary Koerner, Linda Hamer, and Kim Strickland were on duty Saturday.

Chicago Area

Michelle Behm was promoted to Supervisor at O'Hare Control Tower in Chicago, Illinois, and the first woman to hold the position there.

We've been a very active bunch over the past few months. Gail LaPook, Mary Krautkramer, and Nancy Harldson were present for Ruth Rockcastle's talk, "Ninety-Nines, Who We Are and What We Do," for the St. Charles - Geneve - Batavia Zonta meeting.

James P. Keleher, Director of Community Relations for DuPage Airport Authority, spoke about future plans for improving

the field. Mary Panczyszn and Mary Krautkramer were guests of the Mount Prospect, Illinois Zontas, speaking on Amelia Earhart and the Ninety-Nines.

Sharon Ann Schorsch, Ruth Rockcastle, Nancy Harldson, Beverlee Greenhill, Marge Sundmacher, Marie Hamann, Cynthia and Ralph Madsen, Dorathea Lough, and Pat Thomas presented nine Air Bear classes to a total of 158 children.

Beverly Blietz was keynote speaker at an Accident Prevention Program - Super Safety Seminar at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, Illinois January 30. She spoke on "Aviation Safety and Back to Basics." We hosted a very good lunch for the several hundred attending.

Our February meeting and Achievement Awards banquet took place at the Ristorante Positano at Palwaukee Airport. Winners were Pat Thomas for highest total points; Connie Miller - Grubberman for chapter activities; Susan Murray for aviation education; Diane Cozzi, aerospace education; Sue Kulik, new member award; Norma

Fed Ex to help with Forest festivities

June 17, 18, and 19 are celebration dates -- for the International Forest of Friendship in Amelia Earhart's hometown of Atchison, Kansas. The event will salute her first flight across the Atlantic on June 18, 1928. Earhart travelled as a passenger in the Fokker Friendship, and a beginning was marked.

Ninety - Nines all, our pride runs across a broad range of achievers, from Earhart through Janice Brown in a solar powered aircraft, on to Sally Ride in space, then to Jeana Yeager and her incredible, nonstop flight around the world.

Sixty years after the flight she called "a pleasant act of destiny" Earhart still glows. Women's History Month, which was March this year, featured Earhart as the woman of the past, for aviation, who yet inspires women today. America's first woman in space, Sally Ride fills the same role for women in aerospace. Interestingly, Ride made her flight June 18th, 1983 -- the same day as Earhart's, but 55 years later. Weather dictated the dates for both flights.

The first woman in the world to venture into space was Soviet Valentina Tereskova, again in mid-June, from the 16th until the 19th of 1963.

Donations are being collected for a silent auction during the Forest celebration. Monies will go toward enhancement of the Forest -- any suggestions?

Unique participation has been donated by Federal Express, which will help demonstrate its innovative use of aviation for modern distribution by transporting auction items from all over the United States to Atchison, and in the 99s spirit, with an all female crew. Our thanks go to this firm, which employs 50 women pilots.

Trees will be planted this spring to represent the eight countries in which we have new 99s, and a stone drinking fountain has been installed near the entrance to Memory Lane. We'll also welcome a history of the trees in the Forest, being set up this spring.

Accommodations are available in the new Top of the Town Comfort Inn, in which 30 rooms have been reserved. A room with two queen sized beds for two people with complimentary continental breakfast is \$38, extra rollaway \$4. A deluxe room has one queen size bed plus sofa bed for \$43.

Best Western Motor Inn has single rooms with a queen bed for \$28, two double beds

\$38. Twenty rooms are reserved.

The entire MacDonald Hall is available, located above Newman Hall, which is being renovated. First night rates are \$18 single, \$24 double; second and third nights, \$16 single and \$20 double. Each 2-twin bedrooms share a bath; each four room cluster has a common lounge.

Camping is available, first come, first served for \$2 per day. Early arrivals may place paper bags over additional sites to designate them as reserved for friends. Also, a new area for tents is found down the hill west of the campground. There are 16 camp spots.

May 25 is the deadline for honorees in Memory Lane. Whether you've lived through the past, are working on the present, or have your eyes on the future, join the celebration in Atchison, Kansas. The Zontians meet all planes, at both KCI and the AE Airport; just let us know when and how you'll arrive. Write the International Forest of Friendship, Box 99 AE, Atchison KS 66002, ATTN: Sandy.

Frier, chapter service award; and Ralph Madsen, 49 1/2 appreciation award. Chapter scholarships were awarded to Nancy Harldson, Nita Fineman, Yvonne Warren, Mary Panczyszn, and Ruth Frantz.

Greater Detroit Area

Our third IFR refresher course was a success thanks to Mearl Frame, June Beers, plus many others.

We celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Detroit Science Annimax Theater and enjoyed meeting Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, of the Voyager.

We helped sponsor the January 14th Safety Seminar at Romulus High School. Over 300 pilots attended.

Nancy Hecksel and Mearl Frame worked on the committee for the annual Amelia Earhart Brunch at Somerset Inn in Troy, Michigan. The February 14 event featured a terrific program with former astronaut Jack Lousma as speaker.

Sue Philpot hosted our February meeting. Speaker was Laura Terry, a flight nurse specialist from Survival Flight at the University of Michigan.

Greater Kansas City

Our February 4 meeting included a program on aviation maintenance by retired FAA inspector Bob Watson.

We toured the Kansas City Downtown tower and then flew to Philip Billard Airport in Topeka, Kansas for lunch, all on February 17.

Congratulations to member Susan Lala, who became Mrs. McCall February 6.

Greater St. Louis

Anna Galakatos hosted our February 16 meeting at her home. The program featured 99 JoEllyn Ryall, M.D., discussing medical aspects of flying.

Del Scharr spoke to the Belleville, Illinois Zontas. Her talk featured other noteworthy pilots, though not as famous, from the same era as Amelia Earhart. The women military pilots from Scott Air Force Base were present.

Amy Laws, Jan Pocock and assistants completed the second group of Girl Scout Merit Badge Sessions.

Two day of Airman Recurrency Seminar was held at Collinsville, Illinois February 19 and 20. With Martha Norman leading, we presented the Flying Companion Seminar. Instructors were Ruth Bohnert, JoEllyn Ryall, Jan Eveans, Nelda Lee, Barbara Wilper, and Vivian Waters.

Indiana

Our February 21 meeting at Indianapolis Airport, Indiana opened in silent prayer for Betty Cull, who passed away February 2. Jim Cundiff, of the American Cancer Society, was our special guest.

Following the meeting, Wanda Whitsitt, founder of LifeLine, presented a program on her pilots, telling how our love of flying can benefit our community and fellow humans. We welcomed new members Nita Hull-Pollock, Pat Schroeder, and Lisa Fall.

Lake Erie

We're pleased Ruth Ensley and Pat Baron are 99 delegates to Russia this summer.

Scholarship. We extend a warm welcome to new member Christine Miner.

Minnesota

Air Bear has landed in Minnesota. Clara Johansen made the premier presentation for Cathy Balazs' kindergarten class of 25 students, and the rest of us viewed the program at a Valentine's Party at Shirley Larsen's home.

Three Rivers

We're currently having another piece of crystal cut to be given away in a raffle as our yearly donation to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. This year we honor Jackie Cochran. Raffle tickets will be available at the North Central Section spring meeting.

SOUTH CENTRAL

*...Golden Triangle tours
helicopter plant
...Louisiana meeting
snowed out—*

Abilene

Chairman Micki Wright spoke



EL PASO chapter members pause to pose during a recent outing.

Our February meeting was held at the home of Dodie, Harlon and Jennifer Jewett in Kent, Ohio. The program featured videotaped television coverage of Clara Johansen, Pat Baron, and Ruth Love, plus tapes of past chapter activities.

Michigan

St. Valentine's Day was a sunny day for our Amelia Earhart Brunch. Astronaut and Colonel Jack Lousma was speaker of the hour.

Selma Hartman, a 16 year old from Petoskey, Michigan received the Mary Von Mach

to 60 women about 99s' accomplishments at the University Women's Assn in February.

Dallas

A "get acquainted" reception took place at McKinney Airport, where we introduced ourselves to other women interested in aviation.

Our February meeting featured Iris Ellis talking about the Civil Air Patrol.

El Paso

A Valentine potluck dinner was held at Evelynne and John

McLaughlin's place.

We'll be offering Flying Seminars twice during the year for interested Girl Scouts.

Golden Triangle

Along with guests, we toured Aerospatiale's helicopter assembly plant at Grand Prairie Airport in January. A business meeting followed the tour.

Mary Wheelock went to a Safety Counselors meeting in Dallas.

Kansas

Carol and John Lanning hosted our March meeting. Ron Ryan told of his experience as a passenger on the recent record breaking, round the world trip in a Boeing 747SP. After a buffet, those who liked to play games were introduced to an aviation version of "Wheel of Fortune".

Oklahoma

Two hundred pilots and guests attended an FAA Safety Seminar we co - sponsored, called "Usage of Airspace" and conducted by John Hammons from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assn (AOPA) staff.

Our January Bunch for Lunch brought a turnout of 24.

Purple Sage

Janet Koonce gave a book report on "Sisters in the Sky" by 99 Adela Rick Scharr. Particularly enjoyable were the intimate accounts of day - to - day activities while serving in the WAFS and the Ferry Command.

We've agreed to co - sponsor, with the Abilene Area chapter, the South Central Fall Section meeting in Odessa, Texas September 16 - 18.

Shreveport

We proudly report that Eileen Anderson earned her Phase VI Proficiency Wings from FAA. Eileen is also Squadron Commander of the Shreveport Wing Civil Air Patrol, and recently hosted an FAA Safety Seminar.

Our chapter's airline pilot, Renee Sharp McGee, is temporarily grounded due to the birth of a son, Mason Lynn.

South Louisiana

For the first time since anyone

can remember, our February meeting in Patterson was snowed out. Marion Brown's planned tour of the new Louisiana State Aviation Museum didn't happen because snow on the roads closed interstates, and ice in the sky kept the rest of us on the ground.

Pat Ward started a statewide aviation newsletter, called "Aviation Information Services." Subscriptions are pouring in from all over the state; it seems obvious the newsletter will fill the need for communication among Louisiana pilots.

Gloria Peterson and her family flew to Kissimmee, Florida in February, and test flew a Lake Renegade. Gloria says the plane is basically a bass boat with wings --boaters do a double take when you land in the water and taxi out onto the shore.

Tulsa

We co-sponsored a safety seminar in early February, drawing 202 local pilots. "Airspace" was the title of a presentation by John Hammons of Crockett, Texas.

SOUTHWEST

*...Welcome to Prescott chapter, 54th in Section
...Tormey to depart...Ford visits South American 99s eager for contact—*

At a winter Board meeting in Oakland, California it was reported that Fall, 1992 will bring the Southwest and South Central Sections together for a joint meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, coinciding with the annual balloon festivities.

Prescott chapter was welcomed as the 54th in our Section.

Three \$100 scholarships were donated by Governor Shirley Winn for award to members who have never attended Section meeting. International President Barbara Sestito attended the meeting, giving an update on the international level.

Bay Cities

Patricia Tormey, chapter chairman and AE Scholarship winner, has accepted a job offer from Horizon Airlines in the Pacific Northwest. Pat Chan, a veteran of the China, and soon,

the Russia tours, will become chairman. A private pilot and jumpmaster, she arranged tandem parachute jumps for the chapter.

Under Patricia Tormey's leadership we staged a very successful right seat seminar in January, with 42 attendees and members serving as teachers. Pat Chan and Joyce Wells co-chaired the event.

Cameron Park

Misti Flaspohler flew a Decathlon in the first of eight SAFE flights put on in Santa Paula by Tony LeVier. Aerobatic pilot --and 99-- Julie Clark will appear in the Rancho Murieta Air Show along with the Canadian Snowbirds and an impressive list of other pilots.

Fran Pierce and Pat Collins flew to Mexico in Pat's Mooney for a two week stay.

We'd like to welcome a future 99: Camille Lynnae Clifton, born February 10 to Carol Clifton and her husband Gordy.

Golden West

Eldris Shogren is conducting

two 2 - week introductory aviation courses for the fifth graders at Shoreview School. The courses will include airport tours and as guest speaker, Carolyn Harshbarger.

Carol Ford travelled to South America in December, and made contact with 99s Anesia Machadeo and Maria Eliana Christen, who would very much like to hear from other 99s.

Jackson Gold Dust

Working with the county, we sponsored an FAA seminar in late January. The dual purpose meeting served as a refresher course for pilots and an informative event for the public. Chapter chairman Dorothy Benker, Gloria Kavasovich, Betty Brandon, and Joyce Farrell assisted.

Fullerton

We judged the Southern California Invitational SAFECON held at Hemet - Ryan Airport in late February. Also hosting the luncheon, homemade chili and hot dogs were the order of the day, along with navigation flights

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Carole Sue Wheeler

FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT

When we need direction, these are the qualities we look for. When we plan for the future, such qualities are the essence of vision. And when we think of our international officers, these are the necessities for leadership.

Carole Sue Wheeler exemplifies these qualities.

And if elected as our next Ninety-Nines International Vice President, she will work diligently to ensure excellence in our organization.

Qualities

99's Member since 1975
99's Section: Governor, Vice-Governor, Secretary, Treasurer
99's Chapter: all levels
99's International Treasurer, current
B S in Nursing, University of Texas
M S in Public Health Administration, Tulane
FAA Safety Prevention Counselor, 7 years
Federal Aeronautical International Judge (one of only four in the 99's)

Philosophy

Supports 99's in all endeavors. Feels 99's must become a more professional organization. Hopes to continue to help the 99's make its mark in the aviation society.

NIFA Chief Ground Events judge (twice)
NIFA Chief Ground Events judge (several regionals)
USPFT Chairman
USPFT Council: Secretary
USPFT Nationals (various positions)
WPFC Administrative Assistant
Independent Business Owner



GREEN THUMBS IN FULLERTON—Eco-efforts of the chapter paid off with a name for the 99s in White Park.

between LaVern Brackett / Hemet and vice versa.

In early March, Joan Campbell, Ginny Flanary, and Mary Macdonald planted trees in a community activity honoring Arbor Day. Though hard work, it was worthwhile since a small part of White Park was dubbed "Fullerton 99s Tetrahedron."

Mount Diablo

We attended the Aviation Advisory Committee monthly meeting to express opinions on

airport concerns. Our February meeting featured Kathleen Smith sharing her experiences from the Palms to Pines Air Race.

Orange County

Air racing was our February meeting topic, with speakers Thon Griffith and Shirley Tanner relating the thrills and chills they've live through. Kathie Cramer, from the Orange County Airport Assn., spoke on the problems facing general aviation in Orange County and the need for pilots' active participation in search of solutions.

We flew to McClellan Palomar Airport for a scenic bus ride into LaCosta and lunch at Jose Wongs. Peggy Hart opened her house at Long Beach to introduce her new aerobatic plane, the Robin.

Phoenix

The Valentine's Day Poker Run was a great success, with over 70 hands played and cash prizes awarded to five. Kathleen Browne and Ann Newcombe did a great job organizing the run and

spaghetti luncheon.

Dr. Martha Pearce and June Bonsteel are Arizona's first recipients of FAA Phase VI wings; Shirley Rogers has received Phase V.

We'll help out as judges at this year's PCIFA SAFECON in Prescott. The newly chartered Prescott chapter will handle welcoming and entertainment duties.

Sacramento Valley

Girl Scout Aviation Day was held February 6, and under the guidance of event chairman Mary Ben McClave, 48 Girl Scouts learned the mechanics of flight, planning, and career possibilities. The day included tours of the tower and FSS, simulator time, and actual airplane rides. It was fun and successful for all involved.

In late February we honored our 49 1/2s and other special friends with a luau at the McClellan AFB Officers Club. Now where did our members get those beautiful blue and white muu-muus? The month ended

with a fly-in to Marysville.

San Fernando Valley

We celebrated our 36th anniversary as a chapter in February. Later in the month 14 made a night flight, coordinated by Diana Lopez, to Oxnard Airport for dinner at the Red Baron restaurant.

Tina Gossman made history as one of 100 passengers aboard the "Friendship Flight." It was a record breaker, round-the-world flight piloted by Clay Lacy.

We're sponsoring a Future Women Pilots program to offer an introduction to aviation, plus partial funding, guidance, and support to women interested in becoming pilots.

Santa Clara Valley

Recipes are being enthusiastically compiled for inclusion in the chapter's cookbook, due for release this fall.

We planned to participate in proficiency events at the Hollister Air Meet and Quincy Proficiency Flight in March.

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NEW RATINGS

Jenny Houghton, Australian Section: instrument ... Denise Dostoler, Connecticut chapter: commercial ... Mary Harwood, Connecticut: instrument ... Laurie Reeves, Connecticut: 1st Officer B727 ... Carolyn Davis, Eastern New England: commercial ... Carol Cameron, Garden State: CFI ... Carmen Van Dijken, West Virginia Mountaineers: CFI ... Jean Whitney, West Virginia Mountaineers: instrument ... Mary Bryant, Florida Suncoast: MEL ... Holly Friedman, Florida Goldcoast: CFI ... Stacey Rose Burger, Florida Gulfstream: CFI ... Julie Hurm, Central Illinois: commercial ... Judy Smallish, Chicago Area: private ... Cindy Kubin, Chicago Area: private ... Penny Montgomery, Abilene Area: commercial ... Karen Blackwood, El Paso: CFI ... Becky Wagman, Pikes Peak: instrument ... Margarita Martinez, Tulsa: CFII ... Yvonne Souza, Golden West: commercial.
CONGRATULATIONS ALL!

BOARD MEETING

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printing the roster.

The Board continues to develop membership benefits. Avis and Hertz discount cards have been reordered. A vacation home exchange program and expanded group travel tours are both being explored.

International Safety Education committee alters project criteria

PURPOSE: This competition has been devised to help us achieve our mandate of the education of three groups: 1) other (non 99) pilots; 2) the non-flying public; 3) ourselves and fellow 99s.

DESCRIPTION: The competition gives all chapters the opportunity to share their best safety education project with other members of the organization. Submissions will be judged, and the best project in each category awarded. Each chapter may submit one project for consideration.

Categories will be the following: 1) projects aimed at educating other (non 99) pilots on some aspect of aviation safety; 2) projects aimed at educating the non-flying public about safety - related aviation matters; and 3) projects aimed at educating fellow 99s about improving our own safe flying techniques.

Submissions will be judged using the following criteria:

STYLE OF PRESENTATION: Is the project described clearly and thoroughly, such that another chapter could implement it?

ORIGINALITY: Does the project involve new, creative ideas?

CONTENT: Is the content of the project substantial, and in a logical sequence?

RELEVANCE: Does the project achieve the objective of the category in which it is entered?

PRACTICALITY: Is the project designed in such a way as to be easily and inexpensively undertaken by other chapters of varying sizes?

Projects must be accompanied by an official entry form and received by the Chairman, International Safety Education Committee no later than July 1, 1988. The winner in each category will be announced at convention and published in **THE 99 NEWS**. Forms are available from headquarters, or from committee chairman Roberta Taylor.

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Tales of the haunting Australian Outback

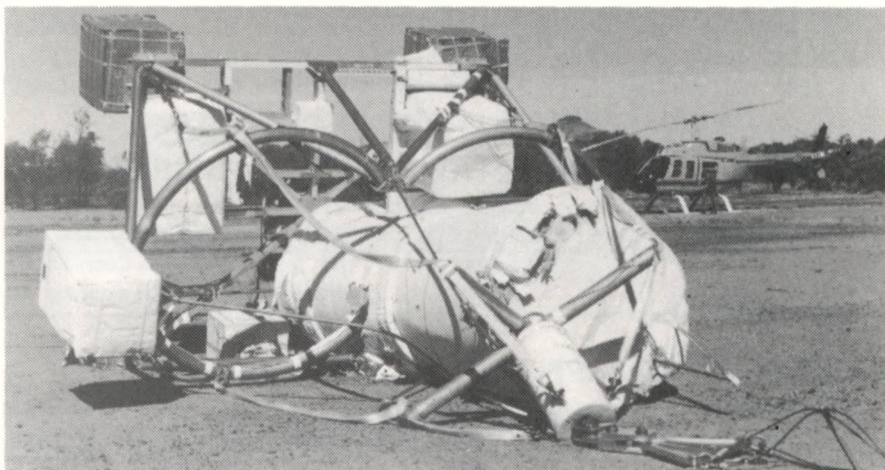
By Marcia Hremeviuc. Australian Section and a commercial helicopter pilot employed and based in Alice Springs, Australia.

What is it like to fly in Outback Australia? Here are a few words and pictures from my experience which may tickle your imagination.

Aerial mustering in Australia is usually done by fairly inexperienced pilots. One of the most dangerous flying jobs, more experienced pilots often don't want to do it.

My aeroplane cattle mustering was probably not as efficient as other pilots', because I preferred to keep a decent margin above stall speed while diving, climbing and turning at very low altitudes. I did only what was necessary to move the cattle without turning my helicopter inside out, unlike my more daring counterparts. Consequently there was less wear and tear on the aircraft --and the pilot. To learn how cattle think, to anticipate what they will do are the main things.

Dropping dingo baits is another way to make use of an aeroplane. Usually a Cessna 172, 182 or 206, pilot and navigator sit in front to find station boundaries, and which creeks to follow. In back is the poor unfortunate charged with the job of dropping small chunks of poisoned, often smelly



BALLOON PAYLOAD—The big one, in Middleton, Queensland.

meat out the rear door as we fly, low and slow.

Apparently the poison is only deadly to humans and dogs; birds eat the bait with no ill effects. Also, only remote areas are aerially baited, and signs posted regarding the poison.

Or there are the Royal Flying Doctor Service clinic runs, taking nurses and doctors to Aboriginal settlements and station properties around the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Time between flights is spent drinking innumerable cups of coffee, studying or reading, or helping with the plaster, but generally talking with the locals. Occasionally there is time for a little sight-seeing -- a walk along the beach, a look at the river, or checking the birds on the waterhole. But even then you can be called to fly, via one of the other stations, for the doctor to check on a broken limb or illness.

Flying veterinary surgeons is always

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Pat Forbes for International Treasurer

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- **Devotion to 99s**
- **Golden West Chapter**
- **SW Section**

The Marion Barnick Memorial Scholarship Fund**AMOUNT: \$1000.00****CRITERIA FOR SELECTING THE RECIPIENT:**

- A. Must be female with at least a Private Pilot Certificate
- B. 1) Any qualified member of the Ninety-Nines, OR
- 2) A student attending San Jose State University, Gavilan College, Foothill College, or West Valley College

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT(S):

Applications will be screened by the Marion Barnick Scholarship Committee, and final selection will be made by independent judges. Decision of the Scholarship Committee is final. If no qualified recipient applies, the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold the scholarship.

REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLYING:

- A. Completed application form postmarked no later than June 1
- B. Include letters of recommendation from two of the following categories:
 - 1) a college faculty member, 2) a Ninety-Nines Chapter chairman, 3) a person knowledgeable of her work in aviation
- C. Include description of how the award will be used
- D. Include copies of current medical and pilot certificates

DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS:

A check will be presented at the Santa Clara Valley Chapter annual Awards Banquet in September.

RECIPIENT'S ACCOUNTABILITY:

The time to acquire the rating or certificate is limited to two years after receipt of the scholarship. The recipient must submit a quarterly written progress report to the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines.

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4. Are you a Ninety-Nine? _____ What Chapter? _____

5. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: List all educational institutions attended to present. Begin with high school.

SCHOOL ADDRESS DATES ATTENDED DEGREE RECEIVED

6. AVIATION BACKGROUND:

CERTIFICATE OR RATING HELD DATE TOTAL HOURS:

PRINCIPAL TYPES FLOWN:

Use separate sheets for the following:

- Indicate the aviation, educational, and employment accomplishments that you feel should be considered in the selection process.
- List activities in which you participate and organizations to which you belong, not necessarily aviation-oriented.
- Write a statement of your educational purpose and/or aviation goals. Tell us about yourself, your goals, and why you chose aviation, including any special qualifications you may have. Indicate what you hope to obtain from your further training or studies. College transcripts may be requested from finalists.
- How will this scholarship award help you pursue your aviation goals?

OUTBACK

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interesting. With tuberculosis and brucellosis testing of cattle, pilots can find themselves ankle deep in bulldust and other things in the cattle yard, possibly handling or recording blood samples.

One group of very large and very untame cattle had a few angry bulls in the mob. They had no trouble at all lifting and moving the temporary crush (a confining part of the yards) a short distance, all the while bellowing their objections.

There are many advantages for the lover of beauty. The heart sings at sight of the glorious colors of the shallow Gulf waters near Mornington Island, or the pearly pastel shades of a sunset near Alice Springs, or the unbelievable sight of distant hills almost matching the color of the sky. Even the inland sky itself is such a deep clear blue.

Probably most rare and beautiful is to skim the sand dunes of the Simpson Desert at a nice, slow helicopter speed, seeing carpets of purple, white, and yellow wildflowers after a rain.

The beaming black faces of the Aboriginal school children of Borroloola reflect the joy of seeing their tiny town by helicopter. A handful of childish drawings of helicopters given me by the children of the Papunya Aboriginal settlement tell of how they enjoyed having a helicopter parked near their school, while adults voted in the election.

A payload of instruments for

astronomical research was dropped from a high altitude balloon, and I was sent out into the Gibson Desert to recover it, on what was my first serious heli - sling - loading job. I am sure my fingerprints were em-

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bedded in the cyclic as I lifted first the instruments, then the outer protective framework, and deposited all on the back of a truck for transport back to the launch centre.

On another balloon recovery job, we located the load, but the truck was still coming, so we flew back along the corrugated road until it became too dark to carry on much further.

We selected what appeared from the helicopter to be a nice camping spot, and landed. Naturally the truck had all the camping gear, like forks and plates, so we opened our canned food with a screwdriver and ate with bark spoons. After the truck arrived, we found out what a lovely camping spot we had chosen.

All night we tossed and turned and

swatted. I don't know what piranhas are like, but the ants that night must have been related!

At times I'll fly the helicopter all day into a 30 knot headwind, refuelling at stops variable in scenery from mountains to remote Aboriginal settlements to mid - desert. Finally, I park on the edge of a Western Australian salt lake for the night. All is quiet except for the wind; the nearest "civilization" (a mining camp) is over 120 nautical miles away. I wash in a cupful of water -- too precious to waste -- and settle down until tomorrow for a peaceful night with only myself and God.

There are many other ways I have used aeroplanes in Australia: parachute dropping, mail and food delivery to the stations, support to isolated mining camps and towns cut off by flood, flying investigators to the scene of the accident, instructing, delivering a Cessna 206 filled with cartons of beer for thirsty windmill contractors, flying helicopter engineers out to where the helicopters are working so they can carry out maintenance inspections, and so on.

Helicopter work includes photography: Why can't we fly sideways down the middle of the gorge at 100 knots? ... tourists and government officials, pipeline surveys, dropping incendiaries for controlled burn-offs in national parks, brumby shooting, mineral exploration (in particular desert sandstorms every kilometer picking up gas samples). And of course, charging out into deepest blackness, looking for a pinprick of light to pick up the injured.

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