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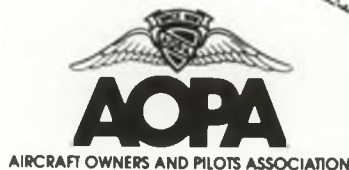


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YOUR LETTERS

From Faith B. Richards, E. Orange, NJ:
 "I enjoyed Mary Lou Neale's story about my Russian friends, Galina and Ludmilla. There is one discrepancy I wish to bring to your attention. The 1st woman to set world Helicopter records was accomplished in 1961 by our own Dora Dougherty Strother."

CORRECTION: With our apologies to Dr. Dora Strother, whom we applaud for having set helicopter records in 1961, the statement in Mary Lou Neale's article about the Soviet Heroines, July issue, should have read, "That was the first time in the history of **MILITARY** aviation that women established a helicopter record..." We regret the error. *Ann Cooper, Editor*

From Doris Abbate, Long Island, New York:
 "Thank you, Ann Cooper, for help in my introduction of Jessie Woods at the opening ceremony of Convention. What a treat for me. I thoroughly enjoyed the honor, Jessie is a powerhouse of aviation know-how and merriment. Jessie was a hit, they loved her delightful down-home charm. Please join me in giving 100% support and good luck to newly-elected Directors, Lee Orr and Jaye Howes, AEMSF Trustees BJ Schermerhorn and Mearl Frame. Ditto for all service officers and 99s. Thank you for the good vibes and support I've received throughout the years. Fly high."

From Diana Nichols, Lake View Terrace, CA: "I recently acquired a modem for my computer. I wanted to be able to use DUAT and search the FAA small aircraft safety bulletin board. I have found this device to increase the usefulness of my computer by 1000 times."

I would like to suggest that 99 HDQ set up a bulletin board system (BBS) as a means of increasing our communications network. You can check with the FAA in OKC and get the details on how they operate the small aircraft safety BBS. I heard about it from the EAA Magazine. It is an 800 number but the 99s do not have to have a special phone line. The FAA BBS operates off their regular 800 number during non-business hours.

In addition to being able to communicate all the news from HDQ in a timely manner, the BBS could be used as a message center. 99s could leave questions for the Board or HDQ personnel on the system. They could also find out what items are for sale and order those items through the computer. I think that

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COVER:

A Salute to the Golden Age of Aviation, Oshkosh '91—a sleek Travel Air, the twin to the "Mystery Ship" owned and flown in the '30s by Florence "Pancho" Barnes.

Photo by Ann Cooper



a 99 BBS would bring our organization into the 21st century and would be the biggest improvement in our ability to communicate with HDQ.

I don't know much about computers except how to use them, so I can't offer much technical advice about setting up a BBS. However, I'm sure there are many members who are computer wizards who would be willing to do something like this for the 99s.

In addition to the FAA BBS, I have logged on to DUAT for weather reports and flight plan filing. There are several aviation BBSes which I have found to be helpful:

AVCOMM 617-662-2600: provides access to all FAA databases for a/c registration, airmen certificates, NTSB accident reports and a classified ad message board.

AVIATIONFORUM 213-926-2395: message forum for pilots

CROSSWIND LANDINGS 213-640-0460: contains aviation programs and games which can be uploaded to the user's computer, provides a message forum for pilots, and aviation news and information.

As you can see, these BBSes are becoming quite popular. We can't remain in the past when it comes to communicating. An organi-

zation as spread out as ours needs a communications central where the individual 99 can get real time information and answers to her questions."

From Carol Skinner, Northwest Section Reporter:

"The job of Section Reporter has been a very frustrating one due to the lack of response from chapters. There have been months when not one single item of chapter news arrived in my mailbox. Many times, when news did come, the chapter was not identified (thank goodness for the International Directory).

In my opinion, it would be more advantageous for each Section to have its own newsletter and leave our International publication for features like those we have read since Ann Cooper became Editor. The Section newsletters could be exchanged among the Sections with pertinent items gleaned for reproduction in the individual newsletters. Chapters could send New Ratings and New Horizon information directly to the Ninety-Nine News editor."



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Marie Christensen

CONVENTIONS

Conventions provide an opportunity for members of a particular group to gather together in friendship and conduct the business of that group. Conventions also provide an opportunity for further education and enlightenment; recognition of achievement; a review of new products and a social environment that allows members to enjoy the companionship of their peers.

Last year I appointed an Ad Hoc Com-

Board of Directors will retain responsibility for the hosting of the conventions utilizing a geographic sequence of rotation of convention sites. Sections will be asked to propose site selections within their Sections.

The next convention will be held in Kansas City, MO in the North Central Section. The suggested rotation after that is: 1993-Northwest Section, 1994-Middle East Section, 1995-East Canada, 1996-an international site, 1997-New England, 1998-West Canada, 1999-New York/New Jersey, 2000-Southwest.

Conventions are important to **all** our members, not only those who attend, because it is during our convention that our annual business meeting is held. Decisions made during that meeting affect our activities throughout the rest of the year.

Continuing education is an important

tion community who have made real contributions to aviation and to the success of our organization and its programs. We call this program **The Award of Merit**. The award itself is a beautiful Waterford crystal bowl on a walnut presentation stand with an engraved plaque. This award may not be presented every year and may be presented to only one or to many individuals. Five were awarded in 1990 and five were awarded in 1991. The awards are made at our final banquet in a ceremonial manner and are a source of pride for the recipients as well as all of us as members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Probably the most significant part of all our conventions is the camaraderie that exists when we fly in from all over the world to meet and be together. New friendships are made at every convention and old friendships are renewed. The

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mittee to study our conventions. They were asked to find out whether or not we needed to make changes in our procedures. They conducted an intensive study and found that most of our members were happy with our conventions but they also found ways in which we could improve them.

As a synopsis: we will keep the annual, traditional-style convention utilizing second-tier cities whenever possible. We will maintain a full-service hotel as the convention site and institute an additional fee for registrants not staying at the prime hotel. Registration will be kept as low as possible with “day passes” being available to those not wishing to purchase the entire registration package. We will continue to use the services of a professional coordinator who will work with a local chairman. The International

part of conventions also. Many seminars are provided to help us become better pilots; become more aware of aviation legislation and safety-related issues in our various countries. Some seminars provide for self-improvement or increasing leadership skills. Some of the seminars are devoted to women's issues. All the seminars provide a unique opportunity for us to learn.

A very special luncheon is held each year to present scholarships from the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Recognizing the achievements of the winners of the scholarships from the current year as well as past years is a very uplifting moment for all of us.

Last year, at our convention in Las Vegas, we began a new program of recognition for members of the avia-

tion community who have made real contributions to aviation and to the success of our organization and its programs. We call this program **The Award of Merit**. The award itself is a beautiful Waterford crystal bowl on a walnut presentation stand with an engraved plaque. This award may not be presented every year and may be presented to only one or to many individuals. Five were awarded in 1990 and five were awarded in 1991. The awards are made at our final banquet in a ceremonial manner and are a source of pride for the recipients as well as all of us as members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

I hope all of you will make it a point to attend at least one International convention while you are a member so that you, too, may reap all the benefits of a convention first hand.



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Shown in the photo to the right with our fantastic achiever, Evelyn Johnson, left, is Lee Orr, Southeast Section Governor; Ruth Thomas, historian; and Nancy McGinnis, outgoing Chair, Tennessee Chapter.



EVELYN BRYAN JOHNSON, A Dynamic 99

by Nancy McGinnis, Tennessee Chapter, and Ann Cooper

EVELYN BRYAN JOHNSON SURPASSES 50,000 HOURS IN THE AIR!

In May the Tennessee Chapter members helped Evelyn Bryan Johnson celebrate exceeding 50,000 flight hours by honoring her in the Forest of Friendship during an all-day fly-in picnic at the Morristown Airport, TN. Hundreds of people flew or drove-in to congratulate Evelyn on her achievements.

The FAA presented Evelyn with the Kitty Hawk Award for her many contributions to aviation. She also received special congratulations and awards from the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission (of which she is the chairman), the City of Morristown (the mayor proclaimed May 25th as Evelyn Johnson Day). The International President of the Ninety-Nines, Marie Christensen, and Southeast Section Governor, A. Lee Orr, flew in for the special event.

Evelyn has been a member of the Ninety-Nines since the early 1940s. She has contributed as the Tennessee Chapter membership chairman for many years. When a female pilot passes her flight exam with Evelyn, she gets a temporary license from one hand and a 99 application from the other. ("I have firsthand experience with this," wrote Nancy.) She has also held the position of Southeast Section Governor, Chapter President and is a life member of

the Ninety-Nines.

"We are all proud to have Evelyn in our chapter. She is an inspiration—a great example for all those who know and fly with her."



SHE HAS MORE FLIGHT TIME THAN ANYONE LIVING!

In January 1989, Ross W. Simpson wrote an article, "She Has More Flight Time Than Anyone Living," about Evelyn Bryan Johnson in an issue of *Western Flyer*, now *General Aviation News and Flyer*. With permission from managing editor, Kirk Gormley, we draw from Simpson's interesting article. He stated, "Evelyn Bryan Johnson lives, eats and sleeps aviation. ...At the rate of 1,200 to 1,500 hours per year, Johnson will set a new record by the time she is 85. But Johnson says, 'I'm not flying to set a record. I fly for fun.'"

"'Nobody (living) in the world has the time she has,' reports Bill Whitmore, General Aviation Inspector for the FAA's Flight Standards District Office in Nashville, TN. He says Johnson is the toughest flight examiner the FAA has, a 'tough cookie'."

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who flunks 26 percent of the pilots who come to her for a checkride.

"Evelyn Bryan Johnson's love affair

country woman prefers to remain in the shadows of life's spotlight as she pursues a hobby that has become an all-

recalled a first aid course she had just completed. 'I remembered if you tugged on someone with a broke back, you

EVELYN BRYAN JOHNSON

"As manager of Moore-Murrell Airport in Morristown and its FBO chief and FAA designee, Mrs. Johnson works 12 hours a day, 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, but says the only time she gets 'tired' is when she's not flying."

with flying began when her husband left for the service in WW II. Mrs. Johnson felt she needed more than his dry cleaning business to keep her occupied, but didn't know what she wanted. When she saw an ad that read: 'Learn To Fly!' she was living in Jefferson City, TN. It was 1944. She didn't have a car, had to ride the train to Knoxville, get on a city bus and ride to the end of the line, get off and row across the river to get to her first lesson. Looking back on that day, Johnson says it was 'LOVE AT FIRST FLIGHT.'

"When the FAA honored Johnson in 1979 as Flight Instructor of the Year in a nationwide contest, one of her former students paid tribute to her for 'innumerable accomplishments and contributions to thousands of individuals.' In a speech on the floor of the US Senate, published for all to see in the Congressional Record, Senate Minority Leader Howard Baker (R-TN), who was given his FAA checkride by Mrs. Johnson, said, 'She is an outstanding citizen not just for her own expertise, but also for her civic and professional involvement as well.'

"Baker told his colleagues that Mrs. Johnson is active in promoting aviation safety, serves on the FAA's Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation as a counselor in the agency's accident prevention program and is one of five appointed by the governor of Tennessee to the State Aeronautic Commission.

"Mrs. Johnson also finds time to serve in the Civil Air Patrol as a lieutenant colonel. But Lt. Col. Johnson rarely wears her flight suit. The diminutive

consuming passion—FLYING.

"In 1979 the city of Morristown widened and extended the runway on the Moore-Murrell Airport at which Mrs. Johnson has her office. When the city erected a modern terminal building, the town council decided to name it in honor of the city's foremost flier. An entire wall inside the Evelyn Bryan Johnson Terminal is covered with plaques honoring her achievements. One of them is special—the Carnegie Medal for saving the life of a fellow aviator.

"It was during the 1950s and Mrs. Johnson had just become the 4th woman in the world to get a helicopter instructor's rating. The accident occurred a day after Johnson returned from the Bell Helicopter Company in Fort Worth, TX, where she received her training.

"When that helicopter lifted off the runway, it climbed sharply,' recalled Johnson, 'and then it banked suddenly to the right.' Johnson could see the pilot fighting to maintain control before it slammed into the ground. The engine continued to run, causing the blades to chop into the ground. Despite the danger, Mrs. Johnson grabbed a huge fire extinguisher that she can't even pick up today and crawled on her stomach to the smashed cockpit. Having just completed training, she knew which switches to throw to kill the engine. Then she hosed it down with foam from the extinguisher.

"Johnson could see the man who owned the helicopter was dead, but the pilot showed signs of life. As she reached to pull him from the wreckage, Johnson

might kill 'em,' so she waited for help. It took 5 people to remove the pilot from the wreckage.

"After 13 operations and three years of rehabilitation, John J. Ryan, whose back was indeed broken that day, became a test pilot for the FAA in New Jersey. On the 25th anniversary of the crash in 1989, Mrs. Johnson received a special letter from Ryan's wife who wrote of her husband's achievements in the field of aviation. Mrs. Ryan closed by writing, 'We haven't forgotten that if it wasn't for you, he would not be doing any of these things.'

"Jerry Ritchey, FAA accident prevention specialist for Tennessee, has speculated that Evelyn Johnson might retire in a few years, but Mrs. Johnson said she will keep flying as long as she can pass her first-class medical. She said, 'It is the same exam airline pilots have to take—a pretty extensive exam. But so far the doctors haven't found anything wrong with me—heart, lungs, eyes, all okay. Besides, people who retire and sit down don't last long, so I'm going to keep working.'

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We salute you, Evelyn Bryan Johnson, and congratulate you on being honored at The International Forest of Friendship 1991. As Nancy McGinnis said, YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION!



NINETY-NINES INVITE INNOVATION — IN CANADA

by Daphne Schiff

Have you ever been to a Science Fair? It's a happening with something like the cacophony of the midway minus the smell of popcorn and hotdogs. Excited young people adjust gears, levers, and balances while secretly hoping to curry the judge's attention and favor with their own particular projects.

It is obvious which displays are erected by senior grades. They are covered with precise graphs and computer printouts. Those done by young women can be different, too. With titles like, "*What goes up must come down*," "*Which electromagnet is more attractive?*" and "*Hi Honey*," about the bee, some of the girls' projects are done in psychedelic colours and polka dots. There are suspension bridges which undulate under stress, jet-propelled paddle boats, articulated skeletons and rows of colourful chromatograph strips—all proving one theory or another.

When young people are asked about career intentions, comments like; "I want to do something with science; I'd rather be a model or a lawyer," are interspersed with, "I wonder what chemical is in the kitty litter?" "Science is so fun;" or even, "We got a good mark for this."

The First Canadian Chapter Ninety-Nines visited six such fairs in the Toronto area this year. Acting as judges, prizes were awarded to the girl or boy whose project was most clearly related to aeronautics. Their inquiries varied from airfoil design, spanwise flow, what makes an aircraft fly?, and what makes a jet engine more efficient?, to How can a 20-ton aircraft stay UP there?



Certificates honouring the winning students were presented to their home schools. These were to indicate that not only had the student asked questions concerning aeronautics but that they had asked the right questions. After all, that is what science and flying are all about.



A Meeting Report—Board of Directors

submitted by Pat Forbes

The pre-convention Board of Directors' meeting was held at the Stouffer Orlando Resort on July 10, 1991. All Board members were present along with 10 Section Governors.

Since financial reports had not been submitted to the Board prior to the meeting, they were not approved.

A discussion was held regarding R.J. Reynolds' product Camel 99. The Board voted to support an active letter-writing campaign against the use of our name.

Loretta Gragg, Executive Director, announced that there are currently 6861 members, 4743-Private, 1690-Commercial, 420-ATP, and 126-Helicopter.

Work has begun on the second

story of the Headquarters building. The windows, air conditioning, heating and lighting have been installed.

The Board voted to accept the proposal from the Northwest Section to hold the 1993 International Convention in Portland. Their Section Meeting will be in Fairbanks, Alaska, the week prior so plan to attend both.

An Aviation Educational Exchange to Eastern Europe is still planned for the Spring of 1992. Please contact Marie Christensen if you are interested.

R.J. McGlasson, By-laws Committee Chairman, and Bonnie Gann, Chairman Ad Hoc Committee to review Nominations and Elections, presented a plan where

only a limited number of bylaws would be voted on at the General Meeting. The Board approved the plan.

A discussion was held regarding the retention of the A.E. Birthplace. The BOD will seek further legal and Parliamentary advice prior to making any decisions regarding the Birthplace.

The next BOD meeting will be on October 31 to November 3 at Headquarters in Oklahoma City.





Former New England Governor, Alma G. Smith, was honored by the Laconia Airport in recognition of her fifty years in aviation. American Airlines Captain Bill Harmon (Ret.) is shown making the presentation on May 18, 1991.

ALMA SMITH—50 YEARS IN AVIATION *Submitted by Meta Politi*

Alma Smith became interested in flying in 1941 when she covered a ground school session as a newspaper reporter. She signed up for instruction with Bill Cannon at the Weirs and learned to fly on floats on Lake Winnepesaukee. When Laconia opened the airport, she transferred there and soloed on January 1, 1942. With high hopes of joining the WASP, she went on to get her commercial and flight instructor ratings. The quotas were filled, so she remained as an instructor teaching Naval air students in the War Training Service (WTS).

Alma is a Charter Member of the Northern New England Chapter of the Ninety-Nines. She has been a chapter chairman and the New England Section Governor. Alma has served on the New England Air Race board and is active in the Aviation Association of New Hampshire.

A prior member of the Aviation Space Writers Association, Alma wrote a column, *In and Out of the Airport*, for the Laconia CITIZEN for many years. She traveled with the Strategic Air Command for the paper and, on one trip to Florida, broke the sound barrier at the controls of a fighter jet—F-101 Voodoo.

Alma has combined her interest in aviation with her newspaper work and has spent her life promoting the Laconia Airport, New Hampshire, and aviation. We thank her. She has certainly earned her award and recognition.



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REPEAT WINNERS—1ST PLACE ARC,
Esther Grupenhagen and Mardell Haskins.

OVER THE RACE COURSE *by Glenn Buffington*

The fifteenth annual **Air Race Classic** was flown June 25-28 from Bullhead City/Laughlin, NV to Huntsville, AL. The 2723.70 sm routing attracted 91 pilots in 44 aircraft and 38 fliers entered the ARC for the first time.

Leg 6, Minoqua-Woodruff, WI to Burlington, IA, proved to be the slow leg because of adverse winds, however good times were scored overall. The top ten places were awarded to: Esther Grupenhagen and Mardell Haskins in a C-310D; Tookie Hensley and Cori Keza in a C-172N; Marjorie Thayer and Ruby Sheldon in a C-182RG; Christine Emmons and Susan Chapple in a Beechcraft F33A; Margaret Ringenberg and Lois Feigenbaum in a Piper PA-28-160C; Marion Jayne and Patricia Jayne Keefer in a C-182RG; Cathy Wappler and Rose Lepore in a Beechcraft A36; Jenny Wright and Joan Steinberger in a Piper PA28-236; June McCormack and Fran Bera in a C-172N, and Martie Pearce and Shirley Rogers in a C-172N.



2nd Place Winners, Cori Keza and Tookie Hensley, ARC '91.

SECTION NEWS ...What's going on in YOUR world?

GENERAL COUNSEL

by Sylvia Paoli

As most of you in the U.S. know, tax rules have changed. There is now no requirement that you itemize your charitable contributions on your tax form unless you contribute \$500 or more. Thus, if your contributions to 99s consist of your International—and perhaps Chapter—dues, attendance at one Section meeting close to home, and travel to and from meetings near you, you may not exceed that limit and not even have to list the organization on your tax return. If you exceed that amount, however, you will have to list it.

To be noted is the fact that International's exemption is NOT a group one. Therefore, your contributions to International should be segregated from those to Chapters and Sections. You may come under the \$500 limit for International and yet have to list your Section as a donee. Every Section's exempt letter lists the name of the Section in this format: "South Central Section of The Ninety-Nines, Inc." and should be listed that way for contributions. The group exemption includes all of the Chapters in the Section, allowing you to total the sums you give to and for both the Section and your Chapter.

Remember that in the event of an audit, you will be asked for receipts, invoices, checks, and other proof of out-of-pocket expenses and also for copies of minutes (possibly for both your Chapter and the Section or the Annual International Business meeting) and delegate slips to support your claim of being a delegate. You may also be asked for copies of agendas, details of educational seminars, and other printed material. Failure of any of those items to comply with IRS requirements could lose you the deduction. So keep good records!

An Evening in Tokyo with Rikako Sigiura Carpenter. Your lucky editor, Ann Cooper, was invited to join her daughter, Linda Barrett, for a unique experience—travel to Japan with UTREK, a global exchange program for

4-Hers of the U.S. and other participating nations. It provided a special opportunity to meet Rikako. You'll read more about her in the October issue.



Evie Washington, **Middle East Section**, reports that Nina McKissock, **Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter**, has been teaching her "young astronauts" in grades 4-6 twice a week at two elementary schools. Merle Starer's daughter is one of the lucky astronauts. One clear night the Buxmont Astronomers Association sponsored a Winter Star Party to show stars and planets to the students. The young astronauts saw Jupiter and its rings and the star gazing was followed by a marshmallow roast. Nina promised one boy whose grades were poor that she would take him for an airplane ride if his grades improved. At the end of the next grading period there was a noticeable improvement. Nina coaxed Jaak Holemanz, Aeronautical Engineer and the head of a producer of equipment for shuttle experiments to speak to her aspiring astronauts.

Sandy Elwell, **Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter**, has taken on a new project in addition to her flight instruction at Flying W Airport. She is instructing both ground and air for the Eagle Flight at Caldwell-Wright Airport. Eagle Flight is a project of Rev. White's for inner city teenagers from Newark and East Orange, New Jersey—an incentive program for applying themselves in high school.

In April, **Hampton Roads Chapter 99s**, Piedmont Aviation and the FAA kicked off Virginia Aviation Week with a safety seminar at Piedmont Aviation in Norfolk. 250 pilots attended the successful seminar. In May, **Hampton Roads Chapter** members participated in a safety seminar held at the Thomas Nelson Community College in Hampton. The Pennies-A-Pound event was flown with 7 airplanes and 257 passengers. Edith Fischer was among the willing pilots and ground crewmembers were Diana and Charlie Curtis, Joan Brockett, Linda Bangert, Betty Armstrong, Connie Zook, and Lois Young. Thanks went to Harrollo Armstrong, Glen Armstrong, and members of the EAA Chapter for

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delivering signs from Suffolk Airport to Hampton Roads Airport and for erecting the display. Thanks to Betty Armstrong, Linda Bangert, and Rosemary Doud for setting it up.

Chris St. Onge has given numerous tours at Beaver County and Zelenople Airports as well as USAir Simulator tours. Many thanks to Chris for arranging



Keystone PA Chapter's Big Sister Program at work: Rainelle Kimmel and Dorothy Regan.

for members of the **Western Pennsylvania Chapter** to fly the new Fokker 100 simulator at USAir in April. **Western Pennsylvania** members are grateful to USAir Scheduling Coordinator, Ellie Vojnovich, and Check Captain, Rick Simeone, for this unique and wonderful experience. The new technology is amazing.

CONGRATULATIONS to Western PA Chapter for winning the Middle East Section Aerospace Education Award. Congratulations, too, to Chris St. Onge for winning the Middle East Section Individual Aerospace Education Award in April.

Jackie Leavitt, Chapter Chairman of the **Virginia Chapter**, conducted a tour of the Tappahanock Airport for the King and Queen County Head Start Program students. She explained how an airplane flies and offered a hands-on demonstration of flight controls, cockpit and equipment on her aircraft. On Career Day at the Intermediate School, Jackie spoke to students about choosing a career in the field of aviation.

Potomac and Washington DC Chapter members dined with Captain Al Haynes, the pilot of UAL Flight 232 that crashed in Sioux City, IA. Prior to the dinner, Patricia Garner, **Potomac Chapter 99** and a Docent at the National

Air & Space Museum, Smithsonian, gave Captain Haynes a private VIP tour of the Museum. During dinner the 99s had an opportunity to share the purpose of our organization as well as personal flying experiences involving safety, cockpit management, forced landings and flying in the super TCAs. After dinner, Ninety-Nines escorted Captain



Capt. Haynes with members of Washington DC Chapter.

Haynes to the NASM for the Virginia Aviation Safety Week Kickoff sponsored by 99s and the FAA Accident Prevention Counselors. Haynes was introduced by Admiral Donald Engen, AOPA Air Safety Foundation President. Haynes described Flight 232 from 37,000 feet to impact at Sioux City Airport on July 22, 1989. He emphasized the effectiveness and coordinated efforts by the members of his flight crew, ATC, emergency medical teams, the National Guard, and local police and fire rescue units. He stated that good communication was essential.

Captain Haynes discussed his "luck" and skill and that of his crew as well as that of the DC-10 instructor who was aboard as a passenger. Together they created unique techniques and procedures to keep the aircraft in a somewhat controlled descent while it exhibited an almost overpowering tendency to roll into a right bank. All three hydraulic systems were eliminated by the explosion of the flywheel of the second engine. No aileron or elevator capabilities were possible and Haynes and his crewmembers were limited to only power and thrust of the number one and three engines with throttle control. The situation had never been simulated or experienced by any pilot flying heavy

equipment prior to this accident.

Evie Washington wrote, "As Captain Haynes described the event, all 500 in the audience were intently listening as if they were reliving the actual flight themselves. The question and answer period and video were learning experiences for all in attendance—general aviation, commercial, and military pilots. We commend Captain Haynes for sharing his experience and for his ability to safely land the aircraft with so many unforeseeable variables against him."

From Kathleen Browne, **Southwest Section Reporter: Aloha Chapter** news.

A tower tour of NHL Tower was conducted by Al Nam, Assistant Tower Manager for Training. Lindy Boyes and 66 Jan Halpenny won the 1991 Apuepuelele which included such fun as 2 touch and goes at Ford Island, a leg to Makapuu Lighthouse, a fly-by at Kaneohe MCAS Kansas Tower, a leg to Molokai for 2 more touch and goes, and a return to Honolulu. Janet Baldwin has discovered an Aeronca Champ and is now a taildragger pilot. Wendy Cowper is working on her double "I" and **Aloha Chapter** held an installation banquet in June.

Bakersfield Chapter: Kudos to chapter members and 49 1/2s; Pat Church, Mary Lou Romagno, Judy Hisaw, Darlene and Dave Pillows, Nash Brown, Jerry and Susan Capps, Joan and Bill Paynter, and Suzanne McGowan, who parked General Aviation aircraft, put up, took down and manned the popcorn booth at the Minter Field Air Show in April. Many thanks to Darlene Pillows and volunteers who worked the Bakersfield stop for the Hayward-Las Vegas Race. The new officers are: Jody Hisaw, Chair; Darlene Pillows, Vice-Chair; Lois Oscars and Mary Lou Romagno, Secretaries; and Evelyn Wilon, Treasurer.

Cameron Park Chapter installed officers in June. Jeannette Bell, Mary Chesnut and Betty Kohler were the delegates to the Spring Section Meeting in Oakland. A fly-out was planned to Rio Vista. An envelope stuffing day was held in July and 1900 envelopes were done in 4 hours by Nancy Martino, Wray Robertson, Maureen Studen, Pat Collins, Betty Kohler, and Terry Lindsey. Marge

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Clinton and neighbor Kimberly and Mary Lou Klein of the Placer Gold Chapter were also stuffing away.

Coyote Country Chapter members planned a summer hangar party at French Valley Airport and Glen Gillies was the planned speaker at the August meeting. Lisa Phillips is a new pilot and 99.

El Cajon Chapter members conduct an essay contest for elementary school children which is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. **El Cajon Chapter** members held a June meeting with Patti Mattison, an Accident Specialist from the San Diego FSDO. The chapter is happily celebrating its 30th Anniversary! Aileen Mellot was inducted into the Forest of Friendship. Carol Hathcock is transferring to the San Diego Chapter. Doris Ritchey is conducting tower tours for kids and Martha Horvitz is flying ultralights.

Fullerton Chapter members hosted an IFR Refresher Course with witty Rod Machado as the speaker and a Girl Scout Tour in June with 3 GSA troops. Mary Beth Taylor is now Mary Beth Cunningham—congratulations are in order. Kathy Ewell is the newest member of **Fullerton Chapter**. An installation dinner was held in July with a white elephant auction and the members report a successful IFR Refresher Seminar. The speaker for the August meeting is Graham MacKintosh. The Fullerton Airport Pilots Association held a spot landing contest and BBQ in June. Denise Jennings won the "Shortest Rollout" award. Sylvia Paoli won 3rd place overall and the award for the "Most Landings In A Single Approach." Evelyn Craik, Joyce and Henry Ilves, Karen and Jack Boggio, and Bob McNutt all participated in the contest. Kim Ernst and Jeri Sheets were observers and Sue McNutt was treasurer. Sylvia Paoli, Evelyn Craik and Ginny Flanary attended the Forest of Friendship ceremony.

Hi-Desert Chapter has a quilt which hung on display at the Section Meeting in Oakland they are raffling off and a wonderful article in the *Daily Press*. A Mall Exhibition was held in June at the Victor Valley Mall, an EAA-sponsored event.

Imperial So-Lo Chapter members

have been busy with airmarkings this year. Brawley and Imperial County Airports have been the recipients of their brushes, and an R on Douthitt's Strip.

Long Beach Chapter's Jacquie Sprague and Monica Havelka attended the Wheels and Winds fly/drive-in, Borrego Springs. Sheila Papayans won 2 roundtrip tickets to London on a raffle and had a wonderful time. Mary Pinkney is the chapter representative to the Eastern Canadian and NY-NJ Sections Meetings. Mary MacDonald is a new member, a transfer from Fullerton Chapter. Roxene Kessler will transfer to the Los Angeles Chapter. Ginger Graham was a guest speaker at the Museum of Flying salute to Jeana Yeager in April. **Long Beach Chapter's** Jennifer Jo Williamson has been selected for OCS in the Coast Guard and pre-selected for aviation training. She was also accepted by the Navy and has opted for Pensacola. Congratulations! Kudos, too, to Rita Gibson's daughter-in-law, Rhea Seddon, who successfully completed her 2nd Shuttle Flight—STS-40. Kathi O. Durst is a DC-9 co-pilot for American Airlines and is also a U.S. Air Force T-38 Instructor. Welcome to Long Beach Chapter and to the Ninety-Nines.

Wally Funk has been the guest of the FBI; has visited the National Air & Space Museum Smithsonian; and has spent time with Lillian Kozluski—a space suit expert. Wally attended the Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, for 5 days. After 27 years, she donned her space suit, simulated 2 missions, attended movies and lectures, operated all space items, flew the orbiter and met Dr. J.P. Allen, the astronaut who filmed the movie, *Blue Planet*. She judged other pilots at NIFA in Houma, LA, and offered forums at the marvelous convention called simply, "Oshkosh."

The members of the **Los Angeles Chapter** sponsored Hank Ditar into the Forest of Friendship. A Fly-In was planned for June and a meeting on IFR cross-country flight planning was sponsored by the LAX FSDO.

Mission Bay Chapter members lost a

special friend in the passing of Bob Eimers. He provided many hours of pleasure cruising San Diego Bay.

Monterey Bay Chapter members welcomed Amelia Gonsalves, 17, and a high school senior. She has been accepted by Cal Poly in their aeronautical engineering department. Another new member is Teri Hauk, Ensign, U.S. Navy and the granddaughter of Dell Hinn. With 100+ hours on her Private, she was scheduled to begin training at Corpus Christi—Naval Flight Training. Earline Arnold got hooked on flying 16 years ago and now is finally where she wants to be—a legal eagle. **Monterey Bay Chapter** members participated in the WVI Air Show—a success. A big thank you goes to Carolyn and Jim Dugger, Ron Harmon, Greg O'Neal,



*Orange County Chapter Members
with hosts, guests, and speakers, May
Meeting*

Geneva Cranford, Theresa Lavandoski and her daughter and sister, Louise Minniear, Sally Plummer, Amy Rizzo, Paula Thompson. Sally Holifield and daughter Maria, Dell Hinn, Kay Harmon, Lele Dahle, and Diana Galvan's daughter, Dorothy.

Mount Diablo Chapter members held a Treasure Hunt/Poker Run which was a lot of fun even with only 6 planes. Brownie Day was held in June and included a mini-class on how the airplane flies, basic cockpit instruments and how to use a chart. The Brownies were given a tour of the tower and first-hand acquaintance with a Vari-Eze, a

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Cherokee 140, a Swift, and a C-172. Regretfully, Michel Kerr's 49 1/2 passed away. Katherine Gordon joined the chapter as a new member. **Mount Diablo's** Kim Bernstein is the recipient of the \$1000 scholarship. An instructor at Navajo Aviation, she plans to become a pilot for United Airlines. Kim has obtained her multiengine instructor rating. 66 Deborah Russo has soloed. Cecilia Aragon has started a flight school for aerobatics called the Flying Taildraggers. A fly-in and potluck were planned for August.

Mt. Shasta Chapter's airmarking was rained out in the early spring. New member Audrey Schutte, formerly of the FAA and the NTSB, planned to present a program on safety procedures in August. Doris Lockness completed her 7th set of wings and thank yous are in order for the following for their help at the Redding Airshow: Lee Agnew, Barbara Boot, Margaret Brennan, Candy Murphy, SueAnn Prigmore, Diane Schneeweis, Audrey Schutte, Ginger Strange, Beverly Tichner, Liz Dealey, Lois Erickson, Anne Jarrett, and Lois Van Zelf.

Orange County Chapter members held their annual Flying Companions Seminar at Orange County Community College. Many chapter members helped with the seminar including speakers: Jan Pederson, Pat Noyes Prentiss, Barbara Ward, Eleanor Todd, Elaine Williamson, Peggy Hart, Linda Barker, and Pam Hengsteler. **Long Beach Chapter** member and FAA Examiner, Betty Faux, also spoke as did former **Orange County Chapter** member Pam Mahonchak, United Airlines pilot who came from Colorado to speak on How Airplanes Fly. A spring meeting, with special guests Bozena Syska from **Long Island Chapter** and Sarah Chandler from Australia, was held atop one of Orange County's more prominent peaks at the home of Ed and Mike Zimmer, owners of Narco Avionics. Flying into the helicopter pad where the Zimmers keep their Messerschmidt BB-105 were speakers Miles Elsing, a helicopter pilot from the Newport Beach Police Department and Lars De Younge from Sweden. Their wonderful presentation was on the recreated London-to-Australia race—an

exhilarating flight of vintage aircraft across France, Africa, India and on to Australia. The highlight was being greeted by King Hussein and Queen Noor of Jordan. The annual Pilots of the Year Banquet honored, in the Professional Category, Trina Dora, a First Officer with United Airlines and, in the Non-Professional Category, Chairman Pat Noyes Prentiss. Also honored were Barbara Ward, Eleanor Todd, and Beverly Allen for 15 or more consecutive years of being APT. **Orange County Chapter** welcomes new member, Martha Benham and Jeannette Walder.

Phoenix Chapter members have tentatively rescheduled their Flying Companions Seminar for September.

Palomar Chapter members held an officer installation in June. Marti Show won the Pilot of the Year award and Governor Lois Erickson was a guest. Airmarking and an Airport Day have been scheduled.

Charlotte Kelley, reportedly the first woman ever appointed as a commissioner of aeronautics, was named the winner of the Livingston Award during the 23rd Annual Scholarship Banquet for the Whirly-Girls in Anaheim, CA. 66 Jackie Whitford, Lillian Brewer, Lois Eaton, Molly Gentry, Ann Newcombe, Nancy Nay, and Kathleen Browne manned the information table at the Scottsdale Air Fair in April. **Phoenix Chapter's** Zoan Harclerode, a mother-to-be, has her ATP. Congratulations and best wishes! Nelda Donahue was 1 of 7 municipal clerks recognized by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks at its 45th Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, MI. She was presented with a "Quill Award" for making a significant contribution to her community, state, or province and in particular to IIMC and her peers.

Placer Gold Chapter members held a Fly-Out to the Oakdale Rodeo. Susan

Franklin and Betty Walsh each flew a planeload. Susan Franklin, Barbara Hall and Betty Walsh participated in a Fly-Out to Mendocino. Sunriver, OR, was a successful destination—a 4 hour bike ride was a highlight for three. **Placer Gold's** new officers are Marge Clinton, Chair; Betty Walsh, Vice-Chair; Jean Coyle, Treasurer; and Lorry Hukill, Secretary. Everything is proceeding on course for the Fall Section Meeting. The "Hey, Look Us Over" parade in Auburn is set for September 8.

The **Redwood Coast Flyers** co-sponsored a float in the Rhododendron Parade. Members raised money with an airplane wash and scheduled the airmarking of Weaverville and a compass rose at Hayfork with members of **Golden West** and **Mt. Shasta Chapters**.

Members of the **Redwood Empire Chapter** held a successful Flying Companions Seminar. Two of the participants who previously would not get near an airplane have both been flying and one is now taking lessons.

Reno Area Chapter members held a great Scholarship Awards dinner. Sandra Parker, 66 with the **Tahoe Chapter**, received the scholarship. A spot landing contest was scheduled for July at Yerington Airport. Reno's Scholarship winner, Elizabeth Robertson, helped the Tahoe Chapter sell hotdogs at the Truckee Airshow.

Sacramento Valley Chapter members planned an Executive Air Fair/Flying Companion Seminar for May. A TRACON tour was planned by members of the **Sacramento Valley Chapter**. A special meeting to discuss by-law changes for International and the WPOY Banquet, at McClellan AFB Officers' Club, were held in June.

San Diego Chapter members heard Aviation Artist John Dormer as a speaker. An Inflight Emergency Safety Seminar with Rod Machado was planned for May.

San Fernando Valley Chapter member, Paula Sandling, was among those participating at the Museum of Flying Salute to Jeana Yeager. Sinead Sands has been hired by United Airlines. Marcia Fuller will be on the March of Dimes WalkAmerica fundraiser. A

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Flying Companion Seminar was planned. Grass Valley and Merced were planned fly-in destinations and an Air Expo was held at Van Nuys. In April, chapter members airmarked the blast fence at Van Nuys Airport. The message was: *WELCOME VAN NUYS SFV 99S* in white on a royal blue background. The network news picked up the story. **San Fernando Valley Chapter** members welcome Irene Adelson and Jody Weber as new members. Irene is interested in photography, fashion, gardening and skiing. Jody works as a travel agent. The Valley Air Derby was a success. Lorrie Blech, Claudia

Kelly, Terri Komer, Bertie Duffy, Elizabeth Dinan, Nina Yates, Fran Slimmer, and Maggie Wagener flew to Palmdale to encourage Antelope Valley students to consider careers in aviation. The annual chapter awards banquet gave the following: Friend of the 99s-Assistant VNY Airport Manager, Richard Davison; 49 1/2 of the year-Jack Ricks; Trixie Ann Schubert Service Award-Betty Irwin (1st),

Elizabeth Dinan (2nd), and Laura Ricks (3rd). New members include Helene Brown, Tonya Campos, Linda Fields and Christine Lucille Eberhard. A Poker Flight is planned for October and a DRI flight in August. Congratulations to Judith Runyon for having passed the bar.

San Luis Obispo Chapter members welcomed Marguerite Nunn from Paso Robles as the newest member. She is a former 66 and the new owner of *Amelia's* at the Paso Robles Airport. Carolyn Elliott is a 66 training out of Cal Coast. JoAnne Williams received the Flying Finish Scholarship in the name of the Will Newbert Memorial Scholarship. The chapter has been asked to support a fund-raising fly-in to Rutan's facilities in

Mojave by the American Lung Association. A Celebrity Trail Ride has been proposed.

Santa Barbara Chapter members planned a compass rose airmarking at Hayfork/Weaverville in Trinity County. Connie Howerton spoke in June on her adventures as a WASP. Chris Emmons hosted the chapter members at a BBQ and Lisa Brand-Agnew has an imminent CFI checkride.

Santa Clara Valley Chapter's Carol Jorgenson has earned her wings and moves from a 66 to a 99. Tammy Barron is a new member and Linda Wilcoxon a

Ramachandran, Carol Jorgenson, 66 Mary Sullivan, Barb Murren, Fran Grant, Mayetta Behringer and Marian Haviland. From **San Luis Obispo Chapter**: Shirley Moore, Cris Darbonne, Cheryl and Mitch Cooney and Marica Moore. From **Santa Maria Chapter**: Diane Pirman, Sonja Gerfen, Mary Ann King, and 66 Karen Weitzel.

Barbara Sestito and Jean Turner have joined the **Sierra Foothills Chapter**. A day of tours of the tower and Flight Service Station operations was culminated with a banquet with Phil Boyer, AOPA President, as the featured

speaker. A Flying Companion Seminar was a success despite a few last minute glitches. The chapter plans a fly-out in October to Quincy or Sierra Hot Springs. 66 Esther Hoffman completed her first solo. A Labor Day Pancake Breakfast is being planned.

The **Utah Chapter** members held a discussion of the new Aviation



Laura Richter with actress Sharon Knibbe as Amelia Earhart and Gloria Blank

new 66. Lois Letzring is the new APT/Safety Chairman. A booth was planned for the Watsonville Air Show during the Memorial Day weekend. An interesting meeting was held with Bill Dunn from CRAMP—Coalition for Responsible Airport Management and Policy—fielding questions regarding the Reid Hillview and San Jose Airports. Mayetta Behringer is learning to hang glide. Pat Lowers went on a tour of the Bay Approach facility with her instrument ground school class. Participants to the great Paso Robles Fly-In: **Santa Clara Valley Chapter's** Dee

Courtesy Evaluation by Joan D'Amico and Jim Ralph—a checkride and evaluation from the Feds without the threat of being written up. It is a critique of your aircraft and your flying. **Utah Chapter** members enjoyed a Treasure Hunt in June. They have discovered a nice place on the Provo Airport at Rocky Mountain Aviation for a barbecue. Ann Liv Bacon is flying again and has passed her instrument written. Utah 99s manned the ARC stop in Provo. Those assisting were: Sidney Sandau, Carol Clarke, Linda Anderson, Joan D'Amico, Alberta Nicholson, Jan Knowles, Ruth Kendrick, Dee Ricord, Barb Coleman and Mary Lou

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AUGUST 1991

- 22-25 Northwest Section** **Bozeman, MT**
Gwen Vaseden
- 21-25 Nantucket Island, MA** **Harbour House Resort**
Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association Meeting. Contact David Prewitt at 215-751-0500.
- 22-24 Sentimental Journey '91** **Piper Memorial Airport**
Write: PO Box J-3, Lock Haven, PA 17745-0496 or Call: 717-893-4207
- 24 Poker Circus** **Nevada High Sierra 99s**
For Info, contact: Dene Chabot-Fence, 702-885-7563 or 882-6700
- 8 30 to 9-2 North Central** **Chicago, IL**
Gail Wenk 708-432-7592
- 31 Hammondsport, NY** **Glenn H. Curtiss Museum**
Annual Glenn H. Curtiss Bicycle Race and Tour 607-569-2160

SEPTEMBER 1991

- 7 Watertown, WI** **Wisconsin Chapter**
Flying Companion Seminar
- 12 Kamp Airport** **Central New York**
Panel Discussion for Student Pilots, contact: Joanne Bolton
- 12-15 South Central** **Paris, TX**
Pat Ward
- 12-15 Reno, NV** **National Championship Races**
- 14 Brookhaven, Long Island** **Long Island Chapter**
Annual Greater NY Antique Airplane Club Fly-In
- 20-22 Mile Hi Air Derby /Colorado Chapter's 50th Anniversary**
For more info: Send \$2.50 to Mile High Air Derby, Box 13211, Denver CO 80201
- 21 East Hampton Open House** **Long Island Chapter**
- 21-22 Western Canada** **Calgary, Canada**
Mary Oswald
- 27-28 10th Annual Sunflower Rally** **Wichita, KS**
Call Rally Chair: Karen Tucker at 316-733-4583
- 27-29 Southwest** **Lake Tahoe, NV**
Lois Erickson

OCTOBER 1991

- 5-6 New York-New Jersey** **Long Island, NY**
Dorothy Campbell
- 4-5 New England Air Rally** **Northhampton, MA**
Write or Call Margaret Davidson, 21 Crestview Dr, North Haven CT, 203-288-9642
- 11-12 24th Annual Kachina Doll Air Rally** **Falcon Field, AZ**
For an entry kit, send \$5.00 to: KDAR, c/o Elaine Ralls, 2539 N. 35th Avenue, Suite #10, Phoenix, AZ 85009. Information: 870-0208 or 973-1181.
- 12-13 AIRSHOW '91** **Fort Worth's Alliance Airport**
For information: Pat McGuire 817-624-2727 or 817-624-2797
- 15-17 Kingman AAF 50th Reunion** **Kingman, AZ**
Contact: KAAF Reunion Committee at 800-325-KAAF (5223) or 602-757-1892
- 18-19 PAEO Congress** **Las Vegas, NV**
- 23-27 AOPA Convention** **New Orleans, LA**
Contact Susan Coco: 504-443-3795. 99s will have a booth. Volunteers are needed.
- 26-27 N'Awlins Air Show** **Naval Air Station, LA**
- 25-27 P-51 Salute to Desert Storm** **Santa Maria, CA**
For information: 805-922-8758 or 922-9645

MARCH 1992

- Australia and New Zealand** **Christchurch, NZ**
Pam Collins
- 12-14 Women in Aviation Conference** **Las Vegas, NV**
Amy Carmien and Dr. Peggy Baty

APRIL 1992

- 24-26 South Central** **Dallas, TX**
Pat Ward

JULY 1992

- 8-12 CONVENTION** **Kansas City, KS**
Pat Mlady

Please send future dates and updates to International Date Coordinator, Barbara Sestito.

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From Myrna Stephens, **North Central Section** reporter: The **Illiana Cardinals'** meeting featured parachutist, Kerry Wright. Kerry showed a video of parachutists jumping from a DC-3 at 12,500 feet.

Indiana Chapter's Dorothy Smith was awarded the Nicholas Trophy at an Indianapolis Aero Club meeting. Dorothea Hendricks is now a life member of Silver Wings. Mary Rutherford received the national Quality of Life Award from the American Cancer Society. Betty DeBaun is serving on the Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee. She recently provided information on flying and Amelia Earhart to a grade school class at Farmersburg, Indiana.

The **Indiana Dunes Chapter** members beat the heat at Diana Austin's in June. Members have been busy selling ways and means at various fly-in open houses in northwest Indiana. A new 66 for **Indiana Dunes** is Julie Shultz. Joy Black was interviewed on a local cable TV show about her involvement in flying. July's meeting was held at Grissom Air Force Base where the USAF Thunderbirds performed. New officers are Gail Schroeder, Chair; Dee Bohman, Vice-Chair; Donna Stevens, Secretary; and Pam Fleming, Treasurer.

Lake Michigan Chapter members planned meetings in North Muskegon in August and in Plainwell in September. Members Mary Creason, Joan McCombs and Janet Morrison planned to fly in the ARC '91. Ann Meengs attended the Paris Air Show in June and Jean Flower just returned from a visit in England. Jean had two paintings in the Oshkosh '91 EAA Art Show. **Lake Michigan Chapter** members met at South Haven for a visit with Don Woodams who shared his Christen Eagle, Cub and Aeronca Chief.

Chicago Area Chapter members hosted an ongoing Poker Run. The activity could be completed anytime between July 15 and September 8. Marjorie Sundmacher handled registrations. Chicago's Tina Mock, 66, has been accepted to the Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. News reporter, Nancy Haraldson, returned from a visit in Texas to welcome a new granddaughter in time to leave for a 3-week trip to Alaska.

NEW RATINGS:

Diane Myers	Orange County	DC-10, Continental Airlines
Dee Bowers	Long Beach	IFR
Lucille Fernandez	Long Beach	Commercial
Renee Sandall	Redwood Empire	Commercial, IFR, MEL, CFI
Susan Chambers	Redwood Empire	CFII, MEL
Trina Kokenge	Mission Bay	IFR
Kathy Gardella	Santa Clara Valley	IFR
Ruth Fredericks	Golden West	Commercial, MEI
Melanie Maracek	Florida SpacePort	Comm LTA, Class Balloon
Donna Taylor	Mt. Shasta	IFR
Di Ann Lanke	Wisconsin	Commercial
Cathy Hagans	Indiana	Commercial MEL
Lynn O'Shaughnessy	Greater Detroit	FAA Examiner
Florence Jones	Rainier	IFR
Sue Barber	Rainier	Commercial
Cassie Sawyer	Western Washington	SES
Jan Liberty	Western Washington	Commercial SES
Anita Hapka Taylor	Western Washington	Commercial Glider
Jane Rosevelt	Columbia Cascade	IFR
Kathy Schaessler	Greater Seattle	Commercial MEL
Janice Jones	Albuquerque	Commercial
Vickie Cox	Albuquerque	MEL
Jean Shepardson	Albuquerque	AGI and AGI&I
Sabrehna Wyche	Purple Sage	CFI SE & MEL
Sheryl Kwarciany	Shreveport	MEL
Linda Evans	Florida Goldcoast	CFI



FAA Wings Program:

Patricia Petosky	Purple Sage Phase II
Gloria Blank	San Antonio Phase V
Mary Kelly Cunningham	Tulsa Phase IV
Jan Mauritson	Tulsa Phase III

Private Pilots:

Pat Kirkendall	Oregon Pines
Sue Osborne	Colorado



Diane Cozzi has been appointed Public Affairs Officer for the Illinois Wing, Civil Air Patrol. Sue Nealey has been featured in articles about her participation in the England-Australia Air Race (You'll see more about this in the October issue, *Ninety-Nine News*). Ilene Helfand spoke to Rockford Zontians about her flying experiences. New members are welcomed: Jodi Schultheiss, Commercial, ME and IFR-rated and Myrt Strong. Myrt has enjoyed wingwalking and continues to enjoy parachuting.

Illi-Nines Air Derby winners were Ellen and Chuck Herring in the proficiency category and Gerald Junker and Bill McKnight in the speed category. The **16th Annual Buckeye Air Rally** was held in June at the Huron County Airport in Norwalk, OH with 38 planes. The first prize went to Sandy Gordley and Jeane Wolcott. Patrick Hughes and Ken Schnieder placed second while Kathy Samuelson and Roberta Jones were third. Congratulations to all participants.

Greater Detroit Chapter members were proud to return from the North Central Section spring meeting with FOUR trophies. Audrey Cook will work toward her CFII with her Amelia Earhart Scholarship. Nancy Hecksel led the **Greater Detroit Chapter** members in offering a successful Pinch Hitter Course. They planned a booth at the Oakland Pontiac Tower Open House in August. Carol Landefeld married Bob Cosner in May. Bernice Millar was sponsored for the Forest of Friendship and attended the installation with her 49 1/2, Murray. Five Greater Detroit Area members and one 66 know the meaning of International. Sandy Thomas, Pat Smart, Jenny Kemichick, Carol Banker and 66 Margaret Annett attended the **East Canada Section** meeting in London, Ontario in May.

From the **Pacific Northwest Section** comes word that seven members of the **North Dakota Chapter** and four members of the **Minnesota Chapter** met at Detroit Lakes, MN, to serve as ground support for the ARC. North Dakota Members: Em Laskey, Beth Lucy, Kay Vogel, Dianne Herr, Gwen Vasendem, Dolly Dennert and Shirley Frost. One plane landed at Detroit Lakes on Tuesday and forty landed the next day—a busy day. Em Laskey later hosted Ninety-Nines in Detroit Lakes for a viewing of video tapes of the ARC stopover. Bozeman, MT, was the site of the **Northwest Section** meeting and members heard Shirley Frost's report on airmarking of the Rolette Airport, ND. North Dakota Ninety-Nines attended the Upper Midwest Aviation Symposium, highlights of which were a speech by Paul Harvey and a presentation by Mimi Tompkins, first officer of the ill-fated Alaska Airlines flight 243 in Hawaii in 1988.

Southern Cascade Chapter members put together a ground school on pre-flying. Two instructors at a local FBO "sabotaged" a C-150 with about 30 problems that needed to be located before making a safe flight. It was great fun as well as a good education.

Oregon Pines Chapter members worked on the Oregon Trail Flyout Project which they are helping to organize and support through the hard work of Lorraine Gabel and Mary DeCanter. Ginger Simmons and Trish Hanna are training for their instrument ratings.

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Western Washington Ninety-Nines report that Cheryl DeShon has accepted an instructing position with Sierra Flight Academy and moved to California. Jan Salisbury was seen on a recent TV series, *Northern Exposure*, where she doubled for a woman flight instructor in an air-to-air scene shot over the hills north of Harvey Field. Marlene Nelson was promoted to Senior Manager of Flight Operations Engineering, The Boeing Company. Several **Western Washington Chapter** members attended the 1991 Spring Fling in Kennewick, WA. Jan Liberty won first places in the proficiency race and the poker run. Carolyn Carpp and Marilyn Moody attended the box lunch auction at Bill and Edweena Hartley's on Blakely Island. **Western Washington** members and **Greater Seattle Chapter** members planned a poker run for June but it was cancelled due to poor weather. Port Townsend Airport will be airmarked and a Flying Companion Seminar is scheduled for fall.

Columbia Cascade Chapter's Laura Schneider was promoted to Tower Supervisor at Portland (PDX). Mary Ann Adenthal, flight attendant with Horizon Airlines, received recognition for exceptional service. Kelly McKnight is a new chapter member. A Mexican potluck dinner and discussion of flights in and out of Mexico highlighted a spring meeting at Bette Jackson's home on Sunset Airstrip near Hillsboro, OR. Shirley Twigg showed slides of some of her Mexican trips. Pegge Blinco, Mary Wohlgemuth and Betty Larson volunteered on the Bloodmobile for the Red Cross at Clackamas Town Center. 49 1/2 John Overholser is now a captain with Horizon Airlines and First Officer Jeanne Collins and 49 1/2 Captain Warren Walters have been crewing together in Horizon's Dash-8s.

Rainier Chapter members viewed a video taken by the son of member Doreen Anders while serving in the Gulf War—a side of the war not seen by CNN. Members enjoyed a fly-in in the early spring and, at the May meeting hosted by Jeanne Rogers at Auburn Aviation Center at Auburn Airport, elections were held and books purchased

by the chapter for the aviation section of the Green River Community College were displayed. This is a chapter project using the proceeds from the sale of aircraft printed scratch pads the chapter members sell at local aviation events.

Rainier Chapter members also become host families for out-of-town 99s during the Tacoma Aviation Trade Show and Conference.

Greater Seattle Chapter members



Ila Loetscher, 99s Charter Member, at Iowa Aviation Preservation Center

enjoyed a tour of the Paine Field Tower in early spring. Rocky Wizniewski, tower controller, was helpful and informative. Ellie Cansdale hosted a meeting at her home on Cawley/South Prairie Airport. Edweena and Bill Hartley hosted a box lunch auction. Prizes were given for the most creative lunches. Leanne and Larry Steele won first place with an airplane mailbox. Edweena and Bill Hartley won second and Nancy and Tom Jensen were third. They raised \$658 which was to be donated to a Ninety-Nine scholarship in memory of Hazel Jones. There were plans for airmarking Bayview Airport.

Mid-Columbia Ninety-Nines sponsored the Northwest Section's Spring Fling at Vista Field, Kennewick, WA. The event, open to all pilots, included a Poker Run, Proficiency Derby, a Preflight Contest and a Proficiency Landing. 8 airports in Washington and Oregon were involved and pilots came from as far away as Spokane and Seattle for the events.

Montana Chapter 99s made a profit of \$378 at the Montana Aviation Conference in Kalispell. They raffled a Delcom

Handheld Airband 960 Transceiver radio and sold cookies. Ron Costello, regional representative for AOPA, dropped in at their meeting and introduced new AOPA president, Phil Boyer. Patti Mitchell was MC at a "roast" for Gene Nora Jessen in Boise. Members looked forward to the planned Northwest Section Meeting in Bozeman in August. Cindy Rempp-Tate, Diana Stevens, Linda Marshall and Tina Pomeroy were interviewed by the

Bozeman Chronicle. The focus of the article was "Moms Who Fly" and intended for Mother's Day audience. They talked at length with journalist Scott McMillion about the 99s and flying, then took Scott and his photographer, David Gunn, for a short flight. Diana Stevens flew separately and a great photo of her appeared in the Sunday May 12th *Chronicle* along with an article about the 99s. **Northwest Section** Reporter, Carol Skinner, reported that **Montana Chapter** members

airmarked Colstrip Airport with the help of the local pilots' association. Linda Marshall has been elected Treasurer of the Northwest Section.

Western Canadian Section Ninety-Nines report that Eleanor Bailey, **Alberta Chapter**, is the 1990 Member of the Year award winner. She was instrumental in the founding of the **Alberta Chapter** and has held numerous positions on the chapter level as well as the international. The 1991 COPA Convention was scheduled for Edmonton in June. Alberta Chapter planned a poker run and also to airmark Red Deer Airport.

From **South Central Section's** Margaret Cosby, reporter, comes word that **Albuquerque Chapter's** Jenny Beatty is a new First Officer with Northwest Airlink based in Memphis, TN. **Albuquerque's** Toni Hacker recently made a 16-day circuit with one of her daughters, Cheri, flying to 22 airports in Toni's C-120 in 33 hours—Arizona, San Francisco, Lake Tahoe, Las Vegas and Albuquerque.

The installation of officers of the **Austin Chapter** named Sandy Sivert, Chair; Melinda Walton, Secretary; and Peggy Womble, Treasurer. The speaker, Col. William D. Mol, shared his flying

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experiences and offered his new book, *Closing the Loop*. Austin 99s flew two planes to Hondo for a fly-in and the 8 were joined by a similar number from **San Antonio Chapter**.

Denver Chapter members have a question for those involved with the Air Bear Program. Denver Ninety-Nines have hopes of finding a simulator to allow the children to experiment with it. Any suggestions?

Marla Stevenson and Carol Leyner, **Colorado Chapter 99** and United Airlines Rep, coordinated a tour of the UAL Training Center with 727 simulator instruction. **High Country Ninety-Nines** also viewed the mini-museum memorabilia, computerized training facility, glass cockpit, simulated emergency evacuation training facility and the graphics department. There was time for all baker's dozen members and guests to have some sim time, a great morning thanks to Carol. The Air Race Classic was complicated with bad weather conditions: severe turbulence in the Worland, WY area and tornadoes and severe weather along the eastern route. Alice Monroe was unable to participate at the last minute due to a severe ear infection. She was, understandably, very disappointed. Alice said that, although she and her co-pilot had worked hard to qualify for the race, the real prize was in meeting and getting acquainted with other great women pilots. Joyce Hilche and Eddie Whistle, **Colorado Chapter**, were unable to complete the race because of engine problems with their Comanche 180. Congratulations, April Barber. She's wearing that special smile of one who has made her first solo.

Colorado's Patricia Jimenez was awarded the 66 Scholarship of \$500 toward her Private Pilot's license. New members are Christina Boom, Sandra Reagan, Dawn Beecher and Donna-Marie Irwin who transferred from New Jersey. Anna Scholten passed the written exams for Aviation Mechanic General and Aviation Airframe. Karen Knight is a secretary in an aviation insurance office and was excited about her first ride in a Stearman. Nine participated in a recent Companion Flyer course. **High Country Chapter** is proud of Cindy Wright, ex-Chapter Chair and a

1991 Amelia Earhart Scholarship winner. Congratulations. High Country's Phyllis Wells and husband, Dick, recently flew to Texas where Dick was a tow-pilot at the U.S. Glider Championships. An Airport Beautification Day/Slumber Party at Black Forest Gliderport was a success—glider flights were flown, burgers grilled, and flowers were planted.

Lee Holmes and David Womack from Fort Worth Automated FSS gave clues to



*Margaret Cosby and her C-177 RG offer preflight training to Boy Scouts, Bandera, TX
With Scoutmaster Tom Beer*

Dallas Chapter members on more effective use of the FSS from weather briefings to Flight Watch. The Fort Worth FSS covers the largest geographic area in the U.S. and is the third busiest station in the U.S. behind Miami and St. Petersburg. Dallas members welcomed guests Shelly Martin, a student pilot, and Debbie Mullen from **Wildflower Chapter**.

Fort Worth Chapter's Kelly Hughes-Castor and Charli Lamb helped judge the NIFA Competition in Louisiana. Juanita Waddell, Carol Craig Morris, Patsy and Bob Smith and Charli Lamb attended the SCS Meeting in Lake Charles, LA.

Golden Triangle Chapter members installed new officers at the Wheels Down Restaurant on the Grand Prairie Airport, TX. Jacque Boyd, Chair; Betty Thomas, Vice Chair; Beverly Stephens, Secretary; and Helen Hill, Treasurer were installed. Most were able to attend the SCS Meeting in Lake Charles. Jacque Boyd spoke at the **Women In Aviation Conference** in St. Louis, MO. Over 600 women pilots were in attendance. (Editor's Note: Dr. Peggy

Baty, newly promoted to Associate Vice President, Parks College—our heartiest congratulations to a dynamic woman!—is already making plans for the 1992 conference which is planned for Las Vegas. It will undoubtedly be a good one.)

Nebraska Chapter's Diane Bartels (see article elsewhere in this *Ninety-Nine News*) is requesting information on Evelyn Sharp, the gutsy aviatrix about whom Diane is writing, to be sent to Diane Bartels, 1801 Mindoro Drive, Lincoln, NE 68506.

Northeast Kansas Chapter members have installed new officers: Janice Raymond, Chair; Dottie Martin, Vice Chair; Dorothy Maloney, Secretary; and Daphne Fautin, Treasurer. Welcome to the newest member, Charlotte Wood, who became interested in flying while working at the FBO in Atchison. Licensed in 1986, she flies a C-182.

Eight members of the **Oklahoma Chapter** and one 49 1/2 attended the International Convention at Orlando. Several members also attended Oshkosh to assist in the Women's Activities.

Oklahoma Chapter members welcome new members Delinda Leafdale, Sharon Densmore, Marsha Corcoran, Linda Jackson, and Judy Anderberg. Vicky Homan is welcomed back. The chapter has grown over the past year with thanks to Membership Chair, Leda Hedglon.

Oklahoma Chapter's 50th Birthday was celebrated with a luau at Norma Vendergriff's home. Members sponsored an award for the best performing female pilot at Region VI NIFA Competition which the chapter members hostessed. Chapter members ran the International 99 Booth at the Oklahoma Aero-Space Air Show. The new bi-plane watches were a big hit.

Several members of the **Purple Sage Chapter** attended the Annual July Fourth Fly-In Breakfast in Colorado City, TX. **Purple Sage** members spent a 3-day stint at Schlemeyer Field, Odessa, TX and registered visiting pilots to the 1st Annual Southwest Air Fair and Expo—a huge success. Sabrehna Wyche (see *New Ratings*) is working on her

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Instrument Instructor rating. Mary Alice Tidwell returned from a trip to Alaska with books and pictures about flying in AK. Patricia Petosky spent a week in Hawaii where she took a scenic helicopter tour of Kauai.

Rio Grande Valley Chapter is proud that Charter Member Ila Fox Loetscher was inducted with three men to the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame. Ila is currently living in South Padre Island, TX. On September 1, 1929, 24-year-old Ila Fox received her Private Pilot's license number 7738, the first issued to an Iowa woman. She was the first Iowan to join the Ninety-Nines.

Shreveport Chapter has new officers: Sandra Shaw, Chair; Sandy Phillips, Vice-Chair; Mary Jo Voss, Secretary; and Ray Hardey, Treasurer. Eileen Anderson is teaching an instrument and a private pilot ground school and is serving as Commander of the local CAP Squadron.

Shreveport's Captain Pam Melroy, one of 6 woman pilots at Barksdale Air Force Base, has been selected for the elite Test Pilot School of the USAF. Pam has 26 KC-10 missions from the Gulf War, 2 missions to Panama, an enviable academic record, an undergraduate degree from Wellesley and a Master's in Physics from M.I.T. She'll learn this fall whether or not she has been selected for an astronaut training opening. If not, she plans to return for a PhD in Astrophysics and to reapply as a mission specialist. Our warmest congratulations to Pam and our best wishes for her continued success. Shreveport's Social Chair, Joan Carroll has been hospitalized and we all send Joan our sincere hopes for a speedy and complete recovery.

San Antonio Chapter members held a successful Third Annual Boy Scout Workshop with 8 Scouts from Bandera and 2 from San Antonio participating in a mini-ground school, pre-flight, and an orientation flight to complete the requirements for the Aviation Badge. Virginia Spikes conducted the installation of new officers: Laura Richter, Chair; Barbara Moore, Vice Chair; Barbara Faulk, standing in for Mary Ann Greer, Secretary; Lena Kronk, Treasurer. The event was held at STAGE dinner theater where Sharon Knibbe presented a one-act play, *Amelia Lives*, which was set in an airplane

in a flight over the Pacific Ocean, July 1937. Decorations were in red, white and blue in honor of veterans and heroes of Desert Storm and Pam Crane appropriately included them in her invocation. Out-going chair, Gloria Blank, presented Pilot of the Year Award to Margaret Cosby who has received this award for 3 years and was runner-up two previous years. Runners-up were Laura Richter and Ginny McDaniel. Receiving a similar Cessna-type engraved trophy as Margaret's for 49 1/2 of the Year was Jack Moore for his support of **San Antonio Ninety-Nines**. Two planes flew to Hondo from San Antonio Chapter and were joined by two from Austin Chapter. Sandra Stephens drove all the way from Laughlin AFB in Del Rio.

South Central Section members welcomed Mary Haizlip as a special luncheon guest. Mary, an award-winning racing pilot and speed record holder, was honored by the Wedell-Williams Aviation Museum in Patterson—the first to be so honored. Three members of **South Louisiana Chapter** are serving on airport boards: Karen Milchanowski from Hammond; Judy McLane, Ascension Parish; and Dr. Sandra Leder, Lake Charles. Dr. Leder was elected to chair the Board in Lake Charles. Cathie Miller recently accepted employment as Assistant Flight Instructor at Southland Field near Sulphur, LA and Jennifer Miller is flying for Transit Aviation at Lake Charles Regional Airport.

Tulsa Chapter members recently heard Mary Anne Schofield, Visiting Professor of English and Women's Studies at Tulsa University, who gave an interesting presentation on "Diaries of Women Interned in the Pacific During World War II." Phyllis Scott and Denice Whitman represented the Tulsa 99s at science fairs at local schools where they presented awards for aviation-oriented programs. Junior High students, Jason Sanders for "How the Wing of an Airplane Works," and Beau Burdett for "Which Plane will Fly the Farthest?" won awards. Senior High winners were Karen Matheny for "Stalling Out of the Sky," and "Lift vs. Wind Speed," Margaret Marquart. **Tulsa Ninety-Nines** helped out at a 2-day Biplane Expo in Bartlesville, OK. Jan Mauritsen presented a program, "Communication is a Must." Tom Couch of the FAA presented

"Accidents, Incidents and Violations," while Jay Nelson, FAA, told about the Wings Program. Tulsa members invited members of EAA Chapter 10 and Classic and Antique Chapter 2 as guests to view the film on the crash of UAL Flight 232 in Sioux City, IA and the emergency operations which followed. We are sorry that Kathy Knott's airplane was destroyed in a recent tornado.

Patsy Knox and Yvonne Trueman send the following: Despite the two Sections being hampered by the prohibition of private flying in the area, the spirit of the Ninety-Nines continues to flourish. Yvonne was able to travel for the first time across the 25-km causeway linking Bahrain to Saudi Arabia to attend the meeting organized in Dhahran by Governor Patsy Knox. (Patsy had reversed that course once. The link to join the two Sections is now set.) Yvonne, an 18-year member of the **British Section**, has resided in Bahrain for 13 years and has not been able to get to too many Section meetings. She shared with members of the **Arabian Section** her flying experiences in the Gulf: flights into Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates and, of course, Bahrain. She was airborne on Invasion Day enroute to Dubai to update her license—a unique coincidence.

A principal attraction of the joint **British/Arabian Section** meeting was the account by 2 helicopter pilots and their experiences flying Huey helicopters for the Army's medical battalions. The relaxed way in which the diminutive Captain Patricia Kruger, 348 Medical Detachment, Orlando, talked of her incredible number of logged flying hours captivated the 99s. Her companion, Captain Helga Venus, 45th Medical Battalion, Augsburg, Germany, was equally impressive. Their stories of front-line rescue operations in Desert Storm involved transporting wounded Iraqi prisoners and victims of the Dhahran Scud disaster. In addition, for the meeting Patsy Knox organized a flight up the Gulf coast to Ras Tanura in a Bell 212 helicopter operated by Saudi ARAMCO.

Yvonne arranged to have Patsy Knox interviewed by Ann Sheridan with Radio Bahrain. The 15-minute publicity focused on 99s in the Middle East and Patsy mentioned Saudi, Jordanian, Egyptian and UAE women pilots.



AE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS—1991

by Jean H. Pearson

Sixteen flight scholarships for advanced flight training were awarded at the Annual Convention of The Ninety-Nines, an international organization of over 6000 women pilots. The scholarships, awarded annually to members seeking to advance their aviation careers, are in memory of Amelia Earhart, first woman to solo across the Atlantic. Earhart, first president of The Ninety-Nines, was lost in her attempt to fly around the world in 1937. Winners of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Career Scholarships and the advanced flight certificates they expect to achieve are:

JANET L. ANDERSEN	Ypsilanti, MI	Multiengine Instructor
NANCY JEAN CLINTON	Terminal Island, CA	Multiengine
AUDREY M. COOK	Whitmore Lake, MI	Instrument Flight Instructor
LORRAINE JONES	Berwick, N.S. Can	Flight Instructor
JANET LEWIS	Los Angeles, CA	Flight Instructor
DENISE C. LOUTH	Ft. Myers Beach, FL	Multiengine Instructor
CAROL A. MacNEIL	North Reading, MA	Multiengine
LINDA H. MARSHALL	Belgrade, MT	Multiengine
BEVERLY ROEDIGER	South Australia	Turboprop
JULIA DAWN SCHMITT	Amarillo, TX	Instrument Flight Instructor
ANNA SCHOLTEN	Denver, CO	Multiengine Instructor
YVONNE MARIE SOUZA	Hayward, CA	Flight Instructor
LINDA Z. THOMAS	Healdsburg, CA	Flight Instructor
JESSICA WALTZ	Allentown, PA	Multiengine ATP
EVIE L. WASHINGTON	Washington, DC	Flight Instructor
CYNTHIA JEAN WRIGHT	Pueblo, CO	Flight Instructor



JANET L. ANDERSEN, Michigan Chapter, made her first solo at a week-long flight encampment of the Civil Air Patrol in 1986. The following summer she received her private pilot license and joined the Michigan Chapter, which had awarded her its Mary Von Mach Scholarship. In 1989 she added an instrument rating, commercial certificate and CFI to her qualifications. In 1990 she went back to the CAP encampment, this time as a flight instructor. She has an associate degree in aviation flight technology and is working toward her bachelor degree in aviation management and technology. Recently she was hired as a first officer on DC-6 aircraft for a Part 121 air cargo operator at Willow Run Airport, Detroit. Janet will use her scholarship to obtain her multiengine instructor rating.



NANCY J. CLINTON, Long Beach Chapter, who took early retirement as a Los Angeles deputy sheriff due to a service-related injury, received her private pilot license in 1986 and went on to get her instrument, commercial, and ground school instructors ratings. In 1990 she received her CFI and CFII ratings and her airframe and powerplant certificate. This year she received her Associate in Science Degree in aviation and is enrolled in a multiengine ground school. Nancy has made outstanding contributions to her chapter's aviation program, was twice awarded Woman Pilot of the Year and is active in the aviation community, attending city council and airport commission meetings as a member of the Torrance Airport Boosters Association. Nancy will use her scholarship to obtain her multiengine rating.



AUDREY M. COOK, Greater Detroit Chapter, received a Master's Degree in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1983, the same year she joined the Ann Arbor Chapter of the Ninety-Nines and was employed by the General Electric Engine Group in Ohio. In 1985 she founded the Greater Cincinnati Chapter and chaired it for two years before returning to Michigan. Currently she is a flight engineer for a jet engine manufacturer, working on prototype business aircraft. In addition, she teaches flight and ground school. Audrey, her husband Bill (also a pilot) and their daughter, a toddler, live at Whitmore Lake. Audrey will use her scholarship for an instrument flight instructor rating.

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LORRAINE JONES, Alberta Chapter, was a full-time employee with the City of Calgary in a civil drafting position when she obtained her private license in 1988. In 1989 she received her commercial license, her multiengine endorsement and multiengine instrument rating. During her recent move to Berwick, Nova Scotia, she obtained her float endorsement in Ontario. She initiated her aviation career as a pointer pilot on the spruce bud worm spray program for Forest Protection Ltd., Frederickton, New Brunswick, and is currently on contract with them. Lorraine's goal is to become an airline pilot. She will use her scholarship for an instructor's rating.



JANET LEWIS, Palms Chapter, who received her Bachelor of Science Degree on a scholarship at Stanford University, earned her private pilot license in 1986 and went on, while working in research laboratories, to get her commercial, instrument, and multiengine certificate and ratings. In the Ninety-Nines, she has served as chapter vice chairman and chairman and worked diligently on every project and activity the chapter has undertaken. She was chosen first runner-up for the Southwest Section's 1989 Woman Pilot of the Year and winner of the Palms Chapter's Woman Pilot of the Year in 1990. She is an FAA Accident Prevention Counselor and hopes to fly jets as a corporate pilot and be a flight instructor. Janet will use her scholarship to become a CFI.



DENISE LOUTH, Spaceport Chapter, was 14 years old when her father bought her two introductory lessons in a Cessna 150. She recalls, "The first moment I took to the air changed my perception of the world forever. I have had a love for aviation since." As a sixth daughter in a family of seven girls and one boy, she thought an aviation career impossible. However, her father, a policeman, always stressed education and pursuit of dreams. Through earnings from jobs and with student loans, Denise was graduated last year from Florida Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Aviation Management/Flight Technology. She had an opportunity to work for An American World Airways on an internship. The scholarship for a multiengine instructor rating will bring Denise one step closer to her ultimate goal of being an airline pilot.



CAROL A. MacNEIL, Eastern New England Chapter, recalls discussing with her parents at a very early age what she wanted to be when she grew up. "I informed them," she says, "that I would like to be an airline stewardess. My father then replied, 'Why be a stewardess? Why not be a pilot?'" Since then she has earned her private, instrument, commercial, CFI and CFII, as well as an Associate Degree in Aviation Science from North Shore Community College. Carol plans to continue her college education until she has a Bachelor Degree. Currently employed as a full time flight instructor, Carol is building up her hours and hopes to get 2,000 hours and a multiengine rating within the next two-three years. That will put her on course, she believes, to reach her ultimate goal of being a captain with a major airline. Her scholarship will be used for the multiengine rating.



LINDA H. MARSHALL, Montana Chapter, began her flying career in 1979 to get over her fear of flying. Her husband was almost through his private pilot training and she decided that before she was getting into any airplane with anyone she was going to learn how to land one. By 1983 she was a flight instructor with more than 400 hours logged. In addition to working in an auto salvage company that she and her husband own and operate, she is active in the Montana Chapter, serving as vice chairman, chairman, co-host of the Northwest Section meeting and working with aerospace education. She is also a member of the Civil Air Patrol and serves as its check pilot. Linda, whose goal is to work for the FAA or the National Transportation Safety Board, will use her scholarship to obtain her multiengine rating.



BEVERLY ROEDIGER, Australian Section, is chief flying instructor of the Air Training Corps at the RAAF Edinburgh Air Base. Beverly holds a commercial, instrument and multiengine certificate as well as airplane, instrument and multiengine instructor ratings. She started her flying as a glider pilot and has a gliding gold "C" with a diamond and a rating as a glider tow pilot. With more than 4,800 hours logged in many varied flight programs, Beverly has as her ultimate goal to become a charter pilot or commuter airline captain. She has passed her basic gas turbine written and will use her scholarship to obtain a turbo-prop command rating.



JULIA DAWN SCHMITT, Top of Texas Chapter, started her aviation career at age 17 with a weekend job at an Amarillo flight school and charter service. She scheduled pilots, instructors, students and airplanes. She decided then to become a pilot and soloed at 18. "It has taken several full and parttime jobs, two bank loans and help from my family to pay for the flight time and training necessary to obtain my commercial, multiengine and instrument ratings," she says. A part time secretary and full time student at Amarillo College, Julia also has time for community and Ninety-Nines' aviation activities and currently is chairman of the Top of Texas Chapter. Her ultimate goal is to be a first captain of a major air carrier. The scholarship will be used for a CFII rating.



ANNA SCHOLTEN, Colorado Chapter, joined the Ninety-Nines immediately after receiving her private pilot license in 1988. She has since obtained her instrument, commercial, multiengine and CFI and is a flight instructor with Wings of Denver at Centennial Airport. She is also a certified airframe mechanic and is currently working on obtaining her powerplant mechanic's license. Anna's favorite area of involvement with Colorado 99s has been working on the air race committee for the Mile High Air Derby in which she raced in 1988 and 1989. She looks forward to participating in future races. Anna will use her AE Scholarship to obtain her multiengine instructor rating.



YVONNE M. SOUZA, Golden West Chapter, says her first flying lesson in 1985 was an experience that transformed her life. It not only propelled her into another world and provided her with endless satisfaction, she states, but "inspired me to pursue a goal, a goal of becoming a commercial airline pilot." Her investigation of requirements indicated a college degree would be advantageous. Yvonne now has a certificate in aeronautics from the College of San Mateo and a B.A. with a major in Aeronautics from new College of California in San Francisco as well as her commercial certificate and instrument rating. She will use her scholarship for a certified flight instructor rating.



LINDA Z. THOMAS, Santa Rosa Chapter, received her teaching credentials along with her B.A. degree at Humboldt State University and feels drawn and dedicated to education even though she had her own full-scale interior design business for 10 years. She sold the business in 1988, the year she received her private pilot certificate and decided to shift into aviation. She has since earned her commercial certificate and instrument rating. Her next step is flight instruction and her long-term goal is to become a director of operations/chief pilot of a corporate or charter operation. "My strongest drive is," she says, "through flight instruction, to keep the highest standards alive within aviation." Linda's scholarship will be used to obtain a CFI rating.

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JESSICA WALTZ, Keystone Chapter, is both a charter member and chairman of this newly-formed chapter in Pennsylvania. In 1988 she graduated from Embry-Riddle with a Bachelor Degree in Aeronautical Science, her commercial pilot certificate and instrument and CFI ratings. While instructing at Queen City Aviation in Allentown and flying Part 135 copilot on charter flights, she has added multiengine, commercial multiengine, instrument and instrument instructor ratings. Jessica also teaches classes at Lehigh County Community College. With well over 1600 pilot hours logged, she is aiming for a multiengine, airplane transport pilot certificate with her scholarship. Her ultimate goal is to be a major airline captain.



EVIE L. WASHINGTON, Potomac Chapter, started flight training after completing her Master's Degree at Central Michigan University and paying off her school bill. Her goal was to become an Air Force pilot but she could not meet the required 20/20 uncorrected vision. Since college Evie has concentrated on building hours and gaining the required ratings to become a pilot for a major airline. She now has her commercial certificate and an instrument rating. Evie will use her scholarship for a CFI rating.



CYNTHIA WRIGHT, Pikes Peak Chapter, found that the responsibilities of raising a family and raising flight time funds made it a long time from first flight to pilot certificate. But, since getting her license in 1985, Cynthia has added a commercial certificate with an instrument rating and multiengine ratings. A member of the Ninety-Nines for six years, she has served as chapter secretary, vice chairman and chairman. Cynthia's ultimate goal is to become a full time charter pilot and flight instructor. She will use her scholarship to obtain a flight instructor rating.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUTSTANDING RECIPIENTS—HAPPY LANDINGS!

KEYSTONE PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER BIG SISTER PROGRAM

by Rainelle Kimmel

Aviation has always fascinated me. Ever since I was a child I wanted to fly an airplane. My first ride was in a jet across Pennsylvania from Allentown to Pittsburgh. It was the greatest thrill of my life! It was not until 20 years later that I had the opportunity to sit in the left seat of a Cessna 152 and begin to study for my Private Pilot's license.

I began the program slowly, savoring each lesson. New life was felt by this middle-aged body. All was moving along quite well until it was time to take the FAA written exam. All kinds of mental road blocks appeared each time the test was mentioned. I had not taken a test in ten years and was quite rusty. I was not enrolled in a structured ground school program, although my instructor tutored me when he could. No one in my family, among my friends, or at my employment knew anything about aviation. The only time I spoke with other pilots was during my weekly flying lesson or at a Ninety-Nine monthly meeting.

After studying for a year and a half, I

realized that the only way for me to feel "connected" (and to pass the written test) was to team up with another pilot. No longer did I want to feel unsure of basic aviation facts or hold inside the joy of achieving a flying maneuver. I needed to find someone who understood my experiences and feelings concerning flying. I felt a need for someone who offered a pep talk and a calming intellect.

At the September 1990 Ninety-Nines meeting the **BIG SISTER** program was born. I explained my situation and possible solution to the other women pilots. By the end of the evening's discussion, each 66 in the chapter was teamed with a 99 Big Sister to help her achieve her goal—to become a pilot.

My "Big Sister" called the day after the meeting to set up a time for study for the written exam. She tutored me several times until I felt ready and when I took the FAA written test, I passed with flying colors!

The **BIG SISTER** program is tailored to meet the personal flying needs of each 66.

My "Big Sister" and I study together, share aviation books, regularly talk about flying on the phone, and fly to different airports for lunch and shopping. She challenges me, teaches me, supports me, encourages me, and humors me. She has not only taken me under her wing, but she has invited me into her home, her family, and into her heart. I have gained a valued aviation tutor, but more importantly, I have received a precious gift—a wonderful new friend helping me to fulfill my life long dream. My "Big Sister" is Dorothy Regan.

***NOTE:** The above article was read with gratitude and a few tears by Rainelle's "Big Sister," who thought that she was the recipient of all the benefits of the program. She found it wonderful to be able to help, to study and review the facts pertaining to the written exam and to flying in general. She found it enriching to share experiences with a willing listener and, most of all, to share her joy in*



**DIANE BARTELS**

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Chairman, Lynne V. Cheney, has named **DIANE R. BARTELS** of Lincoln, NE to be Nebraska's NEH/Reader's Digest Teacher Scholar for 1991. The Endowment selected Bartels and 48 other outstanding educators from across the country to conduct year-long independent study projects in history, literature, foreign languages, or other humanities disciplines. Each award provides a stipend up to \$27,500 to replace the teacher's annual salary or to supplement sabbatical pay up to the amount of the academic salary. The teacher's school will also receive an additional \$500 to purchase books for the school's library.

"These awards give outstanding teachers what they need most—time for study and reflection," Cheney said. "We are pleased to give teachers this opportunity for intellectual and professional renewal."

Beginning this fall, Bartels, a sixth-grade teacher at Brownell Elementary in Lincoln, will use the award to research and write the biography of Evelyn Genevieve

2 EXCELLENT EDUCATORS

Sharp, a pioneering female pilot from Ord, NE, who died during duty in World War II. Herself a Private Pilot for 25 years and a member of the Nebraska Chapter of Ninety-Nines, the chapter of which Sharp is a charter member, Bartels has long been fascinated by this aviatrix's life. Sharp's aviation endeavors, which began on a quarter-mile pasture landing strip beside the North Loup River, earned her recognition as one of the youngest female private and commercial pilots in the US at that time. Her later barnstorming activities and instructing responsibilities for the CAA (Civil Aeronautics Authority) led to her becoming one of the 23 original WAFS (Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron). Only 23 years old, Sharp was just three flights away from the highest rating available to women ferry pilots when her P-38 crashed upon takeoff near Harrisburg, PA.

If you have information which might be helpful to Diane, please contact her at 1801 Mindoro Drive, Lincoln, NE 68506 or 489-3059.

BETTY ERICKSON, the 2nd Outstanding Educator, and Governor of the New England Section, received a letter from Arlene Feldman, Regional Administrator with the F.A.A., New England Region. Arlene wrote, "I am delighted to inform you that you are one of the seven New England winners of the Excellence in Aviation Education Awards. Congratulations!"

Betty also received a letter



BETTY ERICKSON. With her husband, David, Betty receives kudos for the Presidential Award from Governor Judd Gregg, NH.

from an assistant to the President of the United States. The letter said, "On behalf of the President, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected for a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. Through your outstanding accomplishments as a teacher, you exemplify that excellence that this Presidential program is designed to recognize and encourage. You have both the President's and my warmest congratulations and appreciation for your vital contributions to the future of this Nation."

Along with the award came a grant that Betty could use as she saw fit for the school and Betty chose calculators for her elementary school children. She uses her tireless energy in a variety of pursuits, not the least of which is flying. She is working toward her doctorate at Boston University, specializing in Mathematics. Our heartiest congratulations to you, too.

Women of Oshkosh '91, a photo essay

by Ann Cooper

The beauty on our cover, resplendent in scarlet and black, is the sleek Travel Air R "Mystery Ship" which was made famous in the Cleveland Air Races of 1929. Doug Davis won the Thompson Trophy in it and its twin, ship # R613K, was purchased in 1930 and raced by Florence "Pancho" Barnes. Pancho paid \$12,500—a princely sum during the Great Depression.

Lovely Dorothy Fowler was in the spotlight at Oshkosh. The talented sculptress presented her life-sized sculpture of Founder and Chairman of the Board, Paul Poberezny, commissioned by E.A.A. for the EAA Museum. In addition to her artistic skills, Dorothy flew to Oshkosh in her own Marquart Charger. A pilot since the '70s, Dorothy attributes her interest in aviation to her husband Jack's love of flying and to her dream of having a Marquart Charger. Her dreams came true! Congratulations to a highly skilled lady.

In a tribute to our WASPs, a pho-

tograph captures bombers that graced the air over Oshkosh, a few of which they flew in their heyday—B-29, B-17, B-25 and LB-30. The scene is the always stirring "Missing Man" formation, the B-17 pulling up and away.



Saluting the airplanes and pilots that made air racing history in the Golden Age of Aviation, we focus on the Wedell-Williams #44, "Miss Patterson," named for the Louisiana city in which it was built. Bill Turner, pilot, aircraft builder, and the driving force behind the Oshkosh salute to the

airraces of the '30s, shown with Mrs. Clifford Henderson. Mrs. Henderson's husband, Cliff, spearheading the National Air Races, was known to all as "Mr. Air Races."



Julia Downie, writer, is a friendly and familiar face at Oshkosh. Julia and husband, Don, are an indefatigable writing team.

Do you want to know about residential airports? Julia has a database. Are you interested in camping with your plane? Julia is an expert—and a delight.

Kristin Hill, on the left, is the



talented aviation artist who has returned to Oshkosh each year for over a decade. She is assisted in her booth by Linda Grow.

Another Oshkosh regular is Lou Sclair, on the staff with her husband, Dave, the publisher, and with the rest of her family at the *General Aviation News & Flyer*. Our former editor, Robyn, and her brother, Ben, call her Mom.



At the International Council of Airshows tent (ICAS), we found more talented and skilled ladies. Jessie Woods teams up with top aerobatic star, Patty Wagstaff. Out-



side on the tarmac, Julie Clark taxis off in her T-34 to take

her place in airshow center. Julie taught Naval pilots in T-34s at Lemoore Naval Air Station.



Jeannie Hill, very active with events at the Antique-Classic Barn and at the OX 5 hospitality tent, sported a unique tee at Oshkosh '91!

It states, "I didn't drive my husband crazy, I flew him there. It was faster."



Another hard worker is Vickie Lyons, wife of aviation artist, Sam Lyons, Jr. They kept a



booth open all week out in that Wisconsin sun.

Ninety-Nines were volunteers at the tent outdoors and in the booth in the exhibition hall. People clustered in



both locations, milling in and out of the hospitality tent and finding answers to their questions at the booth.

The photographs attest to the activity. Ninety-Nines also addressed fo-

hospitality tent. (Joyce is in the photo below: Norma Freier and Mary Panczyszyn, above.)

Those responsible for the hospitality tent, Norma Freier and Mary



runs and participated busily in many aspects of the wonderful world of flying that Oshkosh represents. We do want to mention Pat Forbes, Dee Bowers and Marie Christensen, tireless inhabitants of the booth and we want to name Joyce Helquist, one of the many who greeted comers to the



Panczyszyn are moving on to new challenges. Our thanks to the duo as 1991 heralds the swan song for Norma and Mary. They are the two-some that has valiantly kept the hospitality tent going for almost a decade. Thanks for a job well done, ladies. We'll hopefully see you there next year—enjoying the freedom to roam! We hope to see lots of 99s at Oshkosh '92! Shall we plan a big turnout for Oshkosh '99?





Nancy Wright, Convention Chair

Convention Coordinator Pat Mlady and her sidekick Sonya Nixon, Public Relations Chairman Lu Hollander, my team of willing workers, a conscientious hotel staff (and Nancy! Editor's Note) succeeded with hostessing a busy and memorable convention. We crammed a delightful series of meetings and experiences into three all-too-short days.

The Hospitality Room was clearly the highlight of the welcoming process. Registration went smoothly and we capped day one with a trip to Church Street Station and a pot pourri of evening shows. Fun! Fun! Fun!

Thursday was a veritable maze of activities, starting with the opening Welcome Breakfast. Doris Abbate introduced the delightful octogenarian and pioneer pilot and wing walker, Jessie Woods. The Long Island Chapter members challenged us to have and hold a positive upbeat mood and no speaker can outshine Jessie with a positive, upbeat message.

Jessie Woods, Doris Abbate, Louise White, Lu Hollander, Diane Cozzi, Alexis Ewanchew, M.H. Waite, Joyce Wells, and Loretta Gragg.



CONVENTION '91

Educational seminars followed with Frank Kingston Smith and Marie LaCour. Those in attendance were impressed with the two fine speakers. A scant fifteen minutes after the seminars, we were on our way to the Kennedy Space Center. What a trip! We could have spent two days at this great place, but we did the best we could—lunch on the bus, a bus tour of the facility, a thrilling IMAX presentation of *The Dream is Alive*, a short shopping tour and a trip back to the hotel to hit the Hospitality Room before it closed. Then on to the Job Opportunities Fair—Whew!

Friday we went to work and had our com session, using a full three hours until the Amelia Earhart Luncheon. Maryland and Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter members had very festive decorative balloons on all of the tables, with special thanks to Bobbie McAdam and her committee. Charlene Falkenberg gave out 16 scholarships—count 'em, sixteen! Congratulations to all.

An Aviation Careers Seminar was presented by Embry Riddle Aeronautical University on Friday afternoon. It was great! Bonnie Gann offered a fine BFR Refresher Course and the Board of Directors and International Committee Chairmen met.

The shuttle bus drew up to the door to deliver us to a delightful Luau at Sea

World complete with Hawaiian dancers and singers and Shamu's Show. Shamu gave a wet and wild performance to those in the front rows as she playfully splashed them with a thwack of her tail. We dried out in time for fireworks and a laser light show—a beautiful end to an exciting night. For those who remained behind, the Hospitality



Janice Voss, Astronaut and Speaker, with Pauline Gilkison.

Room sparkled with enjoyment for a festive evening.

Saturday dawned with a Florida rainstorm—a show for anyone who cared to look out the window. The business meeting, which translates to budget, by laws, and business, was the order of the day. The meeting stretched into a solid 8 hours—a marathon session. Thanks go to Betty Green of the National Association of Parliamentarians.

I felt that after the long sessions we are coming together in a spirit of cooperation and understanding and are back on the road to being a united Ninety-Nines. Between business sessions we had our gala "Up, up and Away Banquet." In a Space

by Nancy Wright
Photos by Verna West

theme, the Florida Suncoast Chapter members provided the hostesses and funded the Shuttle decorations



2 Previous AE Scholarship Winners:
Dee Ramanchandran and Susie Sewell.



Karen Bailey, previous AE Scholarship winner and medical doctor, our Nominations Chair who traveled from Canada for the Convention.

for the tables. The shuttles were made by the Young Astronaut Chapters from Oldsmar and Belleair under the direction of Jerri Antozzi and 99 Marie Given. The Young Astronauts did a wonderful job and were greatly appreciated by all Ninety-Nines in attendance. Dr. Janice Voss, our astronaut speaker, gave a great slide presentation on astronaut training. She mingled and talked to many Ninety-Nines at the reception prior to the banquet. She is a fine lady and was a real asset to the success of this year's banquet. Congratulations are in order for Past President, Alice Hammond; Nancy Bird Walton; Olive Ann Beech, John Baker; and Past President, Hazel

Jones, deceased—our Award of Merit winners. We hope these deserving recipients were surprised and pleased.

In my welcome, I made three wishes for you. 1—That you have a productive, educational, cooperative and enjoyable convention; 2—That you renew old friendships and share new ones, and 3—That you do all of the things that make the Ninety-Nines so special. Judging from the mounds of mail that I have received, and thank you writers from whom I've heard, we achieved my goals and wishes.

I love you all, I'm proud to be a Ninety-Nine, and, as I said before, "It has been a pleasure to serve you."



Top Right: **Connie Fricker, England**

Above: **Irene Llewellyn and Sophie Payton**

Left: **Jean Reynolds**

Below Left: **Marie Christensen and Nancy Bird Walton, Australia.**

Below: **Flying Ladies, Achsa Donnels, Nancy Bird Walton, Betty Gillies, and Alice Hammond.**



The Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum of New Jersey, Teterboro Airport, awarded its prestigious Fred L. Wehran Award to two organizations "that have played a leading role in the Garden State's aviation community: The Consolidated Instrument & Avionics Company which dates to the 1920s and The Ninety-Nines, the women pilot's organization founded by such legendary women pilots as Amelia Earhart and Ruth Nichols."

The Ninety-Nines in New Jersey trace

space education workshops for teachers, airport tours for school children, aviation



FAA pilot safety programs are sponsored by the Ninety-Nines. NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flight Association), and the U.S. Precision Flight Team also enjoy support and sponsorship."

The Garden State Chapter honors active member, Alice Hammond, a member since 1932 and former international president, with a scholarship bearing her name. To raise financial support for that scholarship and others like it plus the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship and Amelia Earhart Re-

Above: Consolidated Instrument's O.B. Johannessen, 99s Mary Helfrick and Lesley Highleyman, Garden State and North Jersey.

NINETY-NINES of NEW JERSEY HONORED

by Diana Dade and Ann Cooper

Photos courtesy of Diana Dade

their roots to the start by flight instructor, Gay Maher, in 1965. She created the Garden State Chapter with 17 charter members and the North Jersey Chapter was created in 1974 with 27 charter members. New Jersey airports have received the benefit of airmarking by Ninety-Nines and both chapters offer a strong program for student pilots, their 66s.

According to the brochure from the elegant awards banquet, "In 1990 the national organization sponsored more than 300 educational programs including aero-

space education workshops for teachers, airport tours for school children, aviation



Ltor: Blossom Friedman, A.J. Starr, Kay Hilbrandt, Alice Hegedus, Mary Helfrick, Lesley Highleyman, Diana Dade, Doreen Tighe. Front: Barbara Mead, Jan Kent

gers and flight instructor revalidation courses. More than 75% of the yearly

search Scholar Grant, Ninety-Nines raise money with the donation of their airplanes and skills at such events as Penny-A-Pound flights, Poker Runs and Airport Open Houses.

Diana Dade, Treasurer of the Garden State Chapter, wrote, "Mary Helfrick, Garden State Chair, and Lesley Highleyman, North Jersey Chair, accepted the 1991 Fred L. Wehran Aviation Achievement Award on behalf of their respective chapters. The plaques were presented by Carol Wehran Greene, Fred Wehran's

daughter, who gave very high praise to the two New Jersey 99 Chapters for all their work and dedication in behalf of the aviation community. Along with the awards, Carol gave Mary and Lesley each a copy of an early photo of her father with Charter 99 Ruth Nichols. Carol said, 'My father always said that the 99s are a great bunch of women!'"

With Mary Helfrick at the helm of Garden State Chapter is Deborah Demcak as secretary and Diana Dade as treasurer. In the North Jersey Chapter, Lesley is ably assisted by Doreen Tighe as vice-chair, Judith Bolkema as secretary and by treasurer, Jeanne Kent.

CONGRATULATIONS, NINETY-NINES of New Jersey. You do us all PROUD!

NOTAMS

THE RARE AE FIRST DAY COVER, PUBLICIZED IN THE MAY AND JUNE ISSUES OF THE NINETY-NINE NEWS WAS WON IN THE SEALED BID AUCTION BY PAT BIZZOSO, LONG ISLAND CHAPTER, FOR HER BID OF \$120. THE AE SCHOLARSHIP TRUSTEES THANK ALL THOSE WHO MADE BIDS, Alice H. Hammond, Historian

Please Note. The Intent to Seek Election Form is in THIS ISSUE. Karen Bailey is the Nominating Chairperson and she is in the process of moving. Please contact Headquarters for Karen's new address and telephone number.

**The AOPA Convention
October 23-27
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The Ninety-Nines will have a booth and members are needed as volunteers.

**For information,
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New Horizons

DOROTHY HESTER STENZEL — 1910-1991

Dorothy was a pioneer aviatrix who set several world flight records during her heyday in the late 1920s and early 1930s. She took her first plane ride at age 17 and found it more difficult to find the money to pay the cost of flying than she did to find an instructor to teach her to fly. J.G. 'Tex' Rankin paid her to make parachute jumps and Dorothy put her earnings toward flight lessons. Tex respected her aerial talents and taught her to perform aerobatics. Her world record of 62 outside loops was set in the early thirties and stood for nearly 60 years. Joann Osterud set a new record in 1989. Dorothy's record of 56 inverted snap rolls in succession still stands.

Dorothy was inducted into the OX-5 Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame. She was honored with a resolution by the 1985 Oregon Legislature and she was inducted into the Seattle Museum of Flight's Pathfinder Hall of Fame.

Carol Skinner wrote, "Dorothy was a very special lady and I count it a privilege to have been her friend for the last few years of her life. She will figure prominently in an exhibit in the Oregon Aviation Museum."

ETHEL KNUTH

Ethel, who flew in the Indiana area in the '50s and '60s, was a very dear member and friend. She lived in Montana with her son for the past couple of years and lived in Cave Creek, AZ, for twenty or more years prior to that. Ethel was in several races. She was quite a gal and so much fun. She will be missed by so many friends. *Submitted by Gloria Richards, President Indianapolis Aero Club.*

WALT CAGLE

Ninety-Nine, Myrtle "K" Thompson Cagle, has lost her husband of thirty years. He will be sorely missed by "K," who has been a member since 1947 and has been flying since 1938.

LEE KAISER

Fullerton Chapter regrettably reports that it has lost one of its members, Lee Kaiser, to an accident.

RUTH GRAY

Ruth Gray, reputedly the first woman in the state of Arkansas to be licensed as an instrument pilot, was an aircraft accident fatality along with her husband, Dr. Edwin Gray, her daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Earle Love, near Bull Shoals, Arkansas. In the past, the Grays entered in the Aero Club of Arkansas and "Flying Physicians" competitions. Ruth entered the '72 and '73 AWTARs with Cary Hunt and Aline Kay Newth, respectively. She was board president of the Hope Lodge, a home for out-of-town cancer patients receiving treatment in Little Rock. *Submitted by Glenn Buffington.*

ANN BAUER DALE

The Canadian Rockies Chapter has lost a past member, Ann B. Dale. A memorial service was held in her honor. She was a chairperson in Aerospace Education, a manager of an airport and a Director on the British Columbia Aviation Council. Her last flight was on a DC-3 over the sparsely settled areas of northwestern British Columbia. Ann has soared the highest. *Submitted by J. Wilford.*

ROYS JONES

49 1/2 of Past President Hazel Jones died quietly at home in Dallas, TX, shortly after returning there from our International Convention in Orlando. Roys had been in attendance at the convention to receive the Award of Merit for and to honor his wife, Hazel, who died from cancer on December 10 last year.

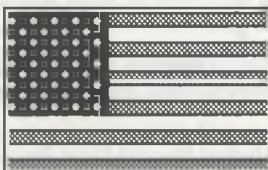
Roys' tribute to Hazel was both humorous and touching. He had asked to be allowed one minute and twenty-five seconds for his tribute. We later learned he had practiced it for two months prior to presenting it. Roys was a wonderful man, loved by all the 99s who knew him. He had a long and successful career with the FAA. We will miss Hazel and Roys. They touched and changed many of our lives. *Submitted by Marie Christensen.*

A WHIRLY-GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP

When the world heard the tragic news of the first U.S. woman pilot killed during Operation Desert Storm—Major Marie T. Rossi—we were all saddened. Although Major Rossi was not a member of the Whirly-Girls, Whirly-Girl #220 Diana Stuart had met her. Diana suggested that the Whirly-Girls sponsor, with support from other women pilots, organizations and corporations, a 1992 Flight Scholarship in memory of Major Rossi.

With the approval of Major Rossi's husband, CWO John Cayton, the Whirly-Girls Scholarship Fund President Diane Dowd announces the **1992 Major Marie T. Rossi Memorial Flight Scholarship** to inspire pilot professionalism and excellence in aviation as exemplified by Marie.

a deserving woman helicopter pilot for flight. Whirly-Girls believe that the example set by sional pilots should aspire. We believe her cour-sacrifice for her country reminds us all that the those who serve our nation. **CONTACT:**



This \$5000 1992 Scholarship will be awarded to training to upgrade her professional status. The Major Rossi is the standard to which profes-age and willingness to make the ultimate price of freedom is high and we owe much to **Jean Ross Howard (#13) at 202-234-1895**

The "Intent to Seek Election" form is required of all those who wish to be considered for elective position and also serves as the means of identifying members who otherwise might not be known to the nominating committee.

The qualifications for elective office are printed in the The 99 NEWS and in the Membership Directory, and are in accordance with the Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Bylaws are printed in the Directory. See Article VIII. Check them carefully before submitting your "Intent" form.

Name of the current Nominating Committee Chairman and filing deadlines are published in The 99 NEWS.

To be considered for elective office, follow these steps:

1. Complete "Intent to Seek Election" form.
2. Secure endorsement of your Chapter or Section and have the form signed by the Chairman or Governor.
3. Prepare a resume. Include statement goals and letters of recommendation, if appropriate.
4. Make 6 (six) copies of the form and resume. Keep one for your files.
5. Make 3 (three) photocopies of your Airman Certificate, Current Membership Card, Current * Medical and Biennial Flight Review (or other applicable forms from non-USA).
6. Write a summary of your resume, not to exceed 200 words (it will be edited to conform) as you wish it to appear in The 99 NEWS. Make 2 (two) copies.
7. Secure 2 (two) recent photos (passport type preferred).
8. Send 1 (one) copy of this form, 1 (one) photo and resume to Headquarters in OKC.
9. Send remaining items to the current Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

*Candidates for Nominating Committee need not be current pilots.

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Specific training and/or experience related to office sought (attach resume) _____

Occupation _____

I desire to be considered for nomination to _____

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

Date _____ Candidates Signature _____

Deadline _____ Attach Resume

The chairman's signature signifies that the candidate's own chapter is endorsing her. Otherwise, the candidate must have two other chapters endorse her. If no chapter exists, the form should be signed by section governor.

Send 1 copy of this form and your photo, and resume to INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, THE NINETY-NINES, INC., P.O. BOX 59965, OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73159. (405) 685-7969.

Send original + 4 copies of form and resumes; 2 copies of Current Membership Card, Airman Certificate, Current Medical Biennial Flight Review, summary of your resume; 1 black and white photograph to INTERNATIONAL NOMINATING CHAIRMAN. (See 99 NEWS or contact Headquarters in OKC for name of current chairman and filing deadlines.)

THE WHIRLY-GIRLS NAME A NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

LCDR Colleen Nevius, USNR, #435, has been named Executive Director of the Whirly-Girls, Inc., to succeed Sheryl Jones #340. Ms. Jones, Executive Director for three years, as well as Past President of the Whirly-Girls, has recently joined the Mooney

consulting in the Johnson Space Center area. Her husband, Bill Readdy, is an astronaut pilot training for his crew assignment aboard STS-42, the International Microgravity Lab 1, scheduled for January 1992.

The new Whirly-Girls headquarters address is: The

gain a turbine helicopter transition.

Andria S. Myers from Irvine, CA, is the winner of the 1991 Jeannie Dent Memorial Scholarship. Andria is a corporate pilot, flight instructor, and computer records administrator. Currently attending Langston

“A Navy-trained pilot, LCDR Nevius flew medium and heavy-life cargo helicopters (CH-46 and CH-53E) in support of fleet operations. As such, she was one of the first women in the Navy to deploy aboard combat stores ships as a member of a helicopter detachment and later led helicopter detachments to Europe and the Caribbean. She was the first woman pilot to graduate from the prestigious United States Test Pilot School and was the first woman member of the Society of Experimental Test Pilots.”

Aircraft Corporation as Director of Marketing.

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Whirly-Girls, Inc., PO Box 58484, Houston, TX 77058-8484. The telephone is 713-474-3932.

The Whirly-Girls, organized in 1955 by the then-13 women helicopter pilots in France, West Germany and the USA, now numbers 776 women helicopter pilot members in 25 countries.

Two \$4000 scholarships were given this year at the 24th Annual Whirly-Girls Scholarship Banquet, held at Anaheim, CA. Elena Kowalik Ventres, Whirly-Girl #492 from Ridgefield, CT is the recipient of the 1991 Doris Mullen Memorial Scholarship. Elena is manager of Candlelight Copters Ltd., in New Milford, CT. She also does flight instruction, scheduling of flights, maintenance and advertising. She plans to use her scholarship to

University in Tulsa, OK, she does volunteer work with the Tulsa Police Department. Andria will use her scholarship to get her helicopter rating. Congratulations to Andria and Elena.

The Marie T. Rossi Memorial Flight Scholarship is described on another page in this issue of the Ninety-Nine News. Anyone wanting to contribute to that scholarship is asked to send a check made out to the Whirly-Girls Scholarship Fund and identified as a contribution (tax deductible) to the Marie T. Rossi Scholarship, to Betsy Johnson #215, Treasurer, The Whirly-Girls Scholarship Fund, PO Box R, Scappoose, OR 97056. For scholarship applications, write to Diane Dowd #202, President, Whirly-Girls Scholarship Fund, 100 Green Pond Rd., Sherman, CT 06784.

NIFA SAFECON

by Ann Cooper

University Aviation Association President Dr. Herbert B. Armstrong wrote, "The UAA-NIFA connection continues to be one of the strongest partnerships in collegiate aviation, working for the benefit of aviation students everywhere. As president of the UAA, I am committed to keeping that relationship strong and solid ensuring that collegiate aviation speaks in one voice to our colleagues in government and industry."

Leaders in college aviation programs met to define the direction for planned growth in collegiate aviation. Armstrong wrote, "SAFECON represents the very best of that future and...I want to extend my congratulations to all participants on reaching the National SAFECON competition. You are indeed the best and the brightest in aviation and you are the future of our industry. We are truly fortunate to have found a career field that holds such fascination and offers us

tition was flown in May. Gary Hemphill, NIFA Executive Director wrote, "Over the past 18 months many individuals have spent thousands of hours planning for this one special week of SAFECON. ...Some of you (the collegiate contestants) will become tomorrow's leaders in the aerospace industry. Your successes will depend a great deal on your desire, determination, and those things which you did to prepare yourself for your career.

"...I hope that you will remember that NIFA is an organization of people as well as educational institutions. On the rolls of our judging staff, you will find many former competitors. Hopefully, many of you will return to SAFECONs in the future as members of the NIFA judging staff, coaches, advisers, or even just interested spectators."

Two women were among the NIFA SAFECON judges. Terri Trenary, a graduate of Oklahoma State Univer-

has won the title more than 3 consecutive years since a team title was first awarded in 1968.

27 university and college flying teams and more than 200 student aviators from across the nation participated in the competition which tests a variety of aviation skills both on the ground and in the air. The top 5 teams were: UND, Ohio State University, University of Illinois, U.S. Air Force Academy, and Embry Riddle-Daytona.

The Ninety-Nines are an essential part of any NIFA event. In 1979, an agreement was entered into by the Ninety-Nines and NIFA for the Ninety-Nines to provide half of the judging staff and all of the support staff for the nationals. The Ninety-Nines through their chapters and sections have made financial contributions for many years, as well as providing the judging staff for regionals and nationals. The International Board gives a donation to the

Two women are among the judging team, Jan Maxwell and Terri Trenary. The All-Ohio Chapter of the Ninety-Nines presents the Top Female Pilot Award. "Hopefully our group (The 99s) will continue to sponsor and encourage the excellent flying and successful attitudes that these pilots display."

such joy and pleasure. But for me, the true joy and pleasure comes in watching the next generation of aviation professionals display the kind of dedication and skill that guarantees continued strength and safety in aviation—the kind of skill and dedication that brought you to SAFECON 1991."

In addition, Armstrong noted that junior colleges have been at a disadvantage in competition with the four-year schools. He announced that UAA now sponsors and honors the best 2-year team with a trophy at SAFECON. The 1991 flight team from Western Oklahoma State College, Altus, OK won this prestigious trophy after an outstanding performance at SAFECON 1991.

Hosted this year at Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, LA, the compe-

sity, was once a competitor at regional and national SAFECONs. A recipient of the Top Female Pilot Award, regionally and nationally, Terri works at FlightSafety International in Broken Arrow, OK. Ninety-Nine Jan Maxwell was the Associate Chief Judge and Navigation Judge. Jan, a judge for NIFA for many years and the Ninety-Nines' NIFA Chairperson, is also a Federation Internationale Aeronautique Judge for the World Precision Flying Competition and an FAA Accident Prevention Counselor.

The University of North Dakota Flying Team placed first at the 43rd Annual National Intercollegiate Flying Association SAFECON competition in 1991—the incredible 7th consecutive national title for UND. No other team

NIFA Foundation each year. The International Board of the Ninety-Nines annually sponsors Achievement Award Scholarships for NIFA women who have outstanding records for the preceding year both in aeronautics and scholastic standing. The All-Ohio Chapter of the Ninety-Nines presents a Top Woman Pilot Trophy to the female contestant who turns in the best performance in three flying events.

The outstanding pilot, air racer and gracious lady, ... "Arlene Davis, paid for the award when she was alive and, when she died, the All-Ohio Chapter took over," wrote Harold Wood. "Arlene didn't want the award to be a cup like most of the other awards but to be something that would be useful as well as beautiful—an engraved silver tray. A revolving trophy



Winston Hendriks, I., Sales Manager, Cayman Airways looks on as Marie Christensen completes a presentation to the first female Caymanian Commercial Pilot, Veta Rockett.

NIFA, continued

goes to the school of the winner and plates on the side of the trophy give a permanent record of winners.

"Arlene Davis began flying in the late '20s, training at Sundorph Aero in Cleveland, Ohio. She finished 5th in the Bendix cross country race in 1939, flew in many cross country races, taught instruments to Army Air Corpsmen at Baldwin-Wallace College, served as President Eisenhower's aviation chairperson for Ohio, and was Cleveland's foremost woman pilot.

"Arlene Davis was a true friend of college students interested in learning to fly. She established flight scholarships at Park College for students who wanted to add the dimension of flight to their college education. One of the results of the program was that a Parks student, Betsy Carroll, became the Top Woman Pilot of the Nation at the SAFECON in 1970 at San Jose State. The 1991 recipient is a female cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy."

Thanks to the All-Ohio Chapter members for their support and to all Ninety-Nines who contribute time, energy, and money to this worthwhile program. Ninety-Nines can be proud of the young aviators in all NIFA activities. Hopefully our group will continue to sponsor and encourage the excellent flying and successful attitudes that these pilots display.



International Aviation Week, Cayman Islands by Alexis Ewanchew

The Cayman Islands held the 5th Annual International Aviation Week at the Ramada Treasure Coast Hotel in June. The Ninety-Nines were represented by President Marie Christensen, Director Alexis Ewanchew, and Whirly-Girl and President of the Helicopter Club of America, Jean

Tinsley. Other 99s who attended included Ursula Davidson and Linda Evans from the Florida Gold-coast Chapter, Judy May from the West Virginia Mountaineer Chapter, and Marian Haviland from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter. (I apologize if I missed any other 99s who were there.)

The Cayman Islands' Department of Tourism and Cayman Airways, Ltd., sponsor the week to maintain and raise the safety standards of the General Aviation pilot. Members of the United States Military, the United Kingdom Military and the FAA all participated to make the program memorable.

Thirty-eight planes flew from Key West, over Cuba, and into Owen Roberts International Airport, Georgetown, Grand Cayman, in a SKY CARAVAN led by USAF Lt. Col. Ross Russo. Planes flown were a C-172 to a Citation. Next year we plan to be a part of this exciting caravan.

Highlights of the program included FAA Safety Seminars, demonstrations of search and rescue by the U.S. Coast Guard on the beach and in the hotel pool, and an airshow on the public beach featuring military aircraft from the U.S. and Britain—C-130s, C-135s, F-14s, and Harriers were just a small part of the exciting show. After the airshow, the public could talk to the pilots of these aircraft at a static display at the airport.

The culmination of the week's activities was a gala banquet at The Wharf Restaurant. Marie Christensen presented a plaque, an AE medal, and a year's membership in the 99s to the first Caymanian woman to receive a Commercial Pilot's license. Veta Rockett, a pilot for Island Air, a charter, flight training and sightseeing company, was de-



Marie Christensen, Jean Tinsley and Alexis Ewanchew in the Cayman Islands

lighted with her award and especially her membership in the 99s. We met one other woman pilot who resides part-time in the Caymans, and together they hope to start a chapter. At the banquet, Marie and Alexis were presented with a special award by Norman Boddin, Executive Council Member for Tourism, Aviation and Trade. Next year, we as 99s hope to be a major part of the seminars and program.

The day after the banquet several plane loads of people flew to Cayman Brac and then were transported by boat to Little Cayman for a cook-

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CAYMAN ISLANDS, continued

out on the beach and swimming. Veta flew 3 of us in Island Air's C-172—a lovely flight.

A loyal British colony, the Cayman Islands are absolutely beautiful and the people are wonderfully genial and friendly. The day following the flight to Cayman Brac was the Queen's Birthday Celebration, but we had to wing our way back home. Next year we will definitely include this formal celebration in our plans. Tea is served at the Governor's House after the formalities and the event is a national holiday.

If you wish to enjoy miles of unspoiled white sand beaches and secluded coves, the vivid turquoise of the Caribbean Sea, world famous diving, all the friendliness and hospitality of the Caymanian people—with a leaning experience devoted to aviation safety—come join us next June for the Cayman Islands International Aviation Week.



Marie Christensen, above, greets the female USAF pilot who flew her Commander to the Cayman Islands



To the right, Santa Clara Valley 99, Marian Haviland tries the FAA Barany Chair at a seminar in the Cayman Islands.

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