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MEET YOUR CANDIDATES
NAVY Meets the ARMY
and, DORIS LOCKNESS, a
dynamic Ninety-Nine!



DORIS LOCKNESS received the **CERTIFICATE OF HONOR** from the **N.A.A.**, feeling humble to be on the same podium with **Brooke Knapp**, **Bob Hoover**, and **Dick Rutan**. Flying for 52 years, Doris is **COMMERCIAL** in **SE** land and sea; **Multiengine**; **Helicopter** (she is **Whirly-Girl #53**); **Gyrocopter**; **Glider**; and **Hot Air Balloon**. Doris recently received her 7th set of **WINGS**, **FAA**. Doris is the only pilot in the **WORLD** qualified for membership in all 5 of the most exclusive aviation organizations: **Whirly-Girls**; **OX 5 Aviation Pioneers**, **WASP**, **United Flying Octogenarians**, and **THE NINETY-NINES, Inc.**! **OUR HATS ARE OFF TO HER!**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

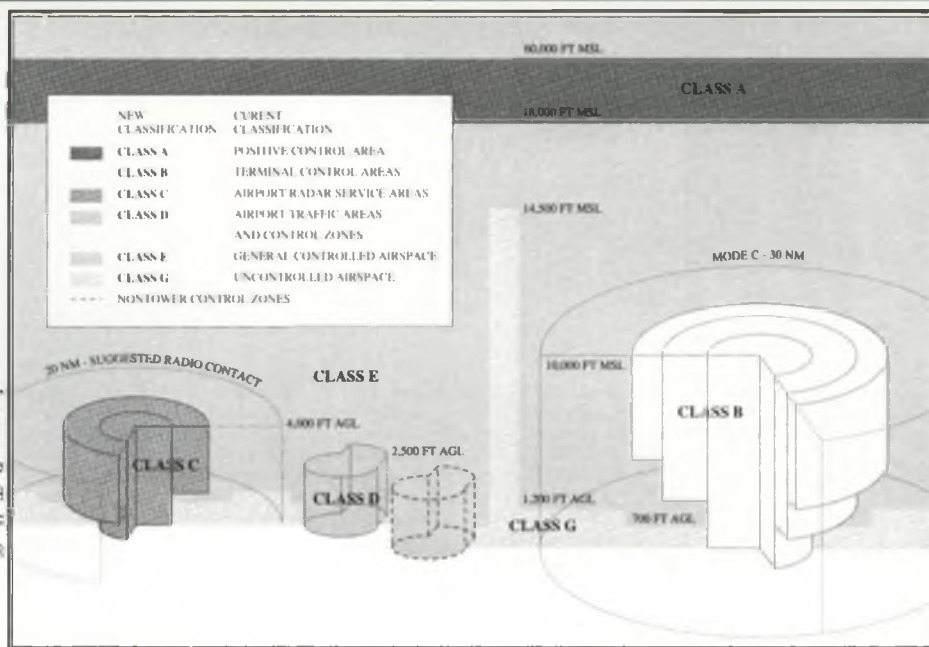
OUR CHANGING WORLD



by Marie Christensen

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Joanne B. Tulko



The world of aviation is changing very, very rapidly at the moment. It's exciting, exhilarating and a little frightening.

We are stepping out of the world of individual countries operating independent aviation systems and becoming a **global** aviation system. And, it is in the best interests of all of us. Our international organization will be enhanced by these changes for now and we will truly be speaking the "same language" when flying our aircraft anywhere in the world.

One of the first changes will be the reclassification of our airspace systems. Most countries will be using the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) classifications. In December of 1991 the FAA in the USA passed a final rule reclassifying the USA airspace. That rule goes into effect September 16, 1993. At that time all airspace will be identified by single-letter designators and all references to the FARs will be made in nautical miles. Dual charting will be available for an additional year to help pilots adjust to the changes. There will

be a few other changes as well. (See airspace chart.)

The United States has been the sole owner of the Global Positioning Satellites but has now offered the world the use of its expensive Navstar GPS satellites with no direct user charges for a period of ten years beginning in 1994. GPS will also be available as a sole means of navigation in the USA by 1994. And loran is scheduled for the same treatment at the same time.

Although many of the changes I have mentioned will not take place until 1994, there are many others that are available now. Aircraft computers; palmtop computers; software packages; enhanced weather radar; loran; GPS systems are all changing our world of aviation very rapidly right now.

We shouldn't fear these changes. We should applaud them and do whatever is necessary to help them succeed. We should make an effort to educate ourselves, our friends and our youth to incorporate these changes into our daily lives. Not all

of us can afford the latest "gizmos" in technology and not all of us will have the opportunity to use any of these things right away, but we should encourage those who have the opportunity and educate ourselves in preparation for the time that we, too, will have the opportunity to avail ourselves of the latest advances.

The airlines and the military already have the latest technology available and many of our youth will be aspiring to positions with one or the other. (I think I would like to be 19 years old right now and have all these exciting opportunities ahead of me.)

We should all take pride in what aviation is doing to unite the world. International cooperation in this phase of our society might even lead to international cooperation in several other phases. Then, maybe someday, aviation will have come full circle and we will realize that the very best use of aviation is for the advancement of a peaceful global society.



YOUR LETTERS

From Joan E. Mace, Ohio University, Department of Aviation:

"The All-Ohio Chapter would like to get their records up-to-date before Safecon 1992. They also want the NIFA and the Ninety-Nines to have correct records. There should be a correction made in *Ninety-Nine News* with an apology going to the women that were listed incorrectly as receiving awards. After all, whose name will go on the revolving trophy and records as Top Woman Pilot and Women's Achievement Award winners. The picture in the *News* lists All-Ohio winner as Amy Himic and I gave the trophy to Julie Slawson. She has tray and trophy in the picture. I think we are reticent if we haven't apologized to her and made a correction of NIFA and Ninety-Nine records."

From Micky Axton, WASP:

"Thank you for the very nice article you wrote in the October *Ninety-Nine News*. I really was surprised and pleased and know that Captain Cathy Sadler will be, too. She is back in Turkey with her AWACS plane and crew.

"Cathy and I had a wonderful time at our *Jayhawk Wing* of the Confederate Air Force Air Show here in Wichita. I was lucky to have a chance to fly the B-29, *Fifi*, on September 16. What a thrill! I had flown one for a short time back in May of 1944 while I was working in Boeing Engineering Flight Test.

"I keep encouraging Ninety-Nines to join the Confederate Air Force and have an opportunity to fly the wonderful warbirds. Our *Jayhawk Wing* has about 20 WW II planes—several C-45s and AT-11s, plus a number of PT-17s, PT-26s and others. It is great to have a chance to fly one once in awhile. Wonderful, friendly people, too. I just love being a member of our Wing. We are showing and teaching WW II History.

"I give a lot of talks about the WASP and the CAF and have been invited back to speak at another Winging Ceremony of Navy and Marine pilots at Corpus Christi Naval Air Station on February 28th.

"I love being a member of the Ninety-Nines, too, Ann. They are a wonderful group, here in Sunflower section of Kansas. We have a lot of wonderful times and a terrific Sunflower Rally every year. Great group.

"You're doing a fine job with newsletter—so interesting! My best wishes."

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By Keith Ferris, Outstanding Aviation Artist. He can be reached at 50 Moraine Rd., Morris Plains, NJ 07950, or by telephone: 201-539-3363.

From Colleen Nevius, Executive Director, The Whirly-Girls, Inc., International Women Helicopter Pilots:

"On behalf of the Whirly-Girls and the Whirly-Girls Scholarship Fund, Inc., I'd like to thank you all for your generous support of the Major Marie T. Rossi Memorial Scholarship fund.

"Your contribution will assist us in recognizing a woman helicopter pilot who has demonstrated professionalism, leadership, and community service: those attributes held so dear by Major Rossi. The flight scholarship will provide the winner the opportunity to further her professional qualifications through the achievement of additional helicopter ratings.

"The Ninety-Nines' reputation for women helping women is one of which to be proud. We truly appreciate this donation and will keep you informed as the scholarship is awarded and put to use by our winner."

From CPT Nancy Lawless, MD:

"On reading the letters section, I saw the letter from Linda Alexander complaining about the misuse of the term *Certificate* and *Rating*. Having only a private pilot's li-

cense, I defer to her authority on the appropriate use of those terms. However, being a Doctor of Internal Medicine, I must speak up on her use of the phrase, "I must vent my spleen." I can assure you that this is a physical impossibility. I am curious as to why she would feel her spleen needed to be vented in the first place. Is this a local Houston term?"

From Barbara Meredith, British Columbia Coast Chapter:

"I am responding to the letter in the Dec/Jan *Ninety-Nine News* from Maria Faber. Although your response summed up my feelings, I thought I would add my 2 cents worth (probably worth at least \$1 with inflation).

"Governments everywhere do not have the funds to hire enough people to ensure that all the laws are enforced, particularly when we taxpayers complain mightily when our taxes are increased. In British Columbia, members of the public are encouraged to report illegal acts to the proper authorities whether it be a drunk driver, a poacher or illegal acts of pollution. (I say

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YOUR LETTERS, *continued*

'illegal' because a certain amount of pollution is still permitted under the law as long as it is within certain levels.)

"If this is being a 'whistle-blower' or a 'tattletale,' then I would like to think that most of us would be proud of the name. If anyone has a concern, then think how you would feel if your child was killed by a drunk driver, your house burned down by an accidental or purposefully-set fire, if passersby ignored your pleas for help while you were being assaulted or if your drinking water was unsafe because of illegal toxic waste dumping. Operation Skywatch educates pilots on how to be 'whistle-blowers' in a safe and legal manner. Through training, pilots learn what to look for and how to properly report sightings which may be of a concern to enforcement agencies. Training will reduce the chance of erroneous reports and an innocent party being charged.

"I think Operation Skywatch will go a long way to increasing the public's goodwill toward what has been called an exclusive, expensive, noisy, polluting, wasteful, and somewhat dangerous, but glorious form of recreation."

From Jean K. Tinsley, President, Helicopter Club of America: A thank-you note to *The Ninety-Nine News* for the notice of the 1992 Helicopter Championships and to mention the upcoming event (March 21-24 in Las Vegas, NV), in part she stated,

"Loved reading our President's Message and all about her visit to Bell Helicopter Textron. Marie mentioned Loren Doughty, who is now Chief Instructor Pilot at Bell. Loren was the coach for the very FIRST U.S. Team ever to compete in the World Helicopter Championships in Middle Wallop, England, 1973. It just so happened that ALL six pilots were Whirly-Girls. Can you imagine the poor guy having to train us in Texas, then escort six female pilots to England? Rough duty! HA! Ilovene Potter was our Team Captain and Betty Pfister her co-pilot; Betty Miller came from Hawaii where she was working with the FAA and Charlotte Kelley flew as her co-pilot; Mary Gaffaney was the world's Woman Aerobatic Champion in 1972 and 1973, and I was her co-pilot. Quite an exciting experience for all of us. Enough reminiscing! This started as a thank you note and request and hope that you will continue to mention the 1992 U.S. NATIONAL HELICOPTER CHAMPIONSHIPS. This will be the first time the Championships have been held outside of a military base. We are gearing the three events toward intense spectator interest."

From Mary Z. McBurney, President, Professional Women Controllers: After reading the article entitled 'IFR—The Hard Way' in the October 1991 *Ninety-Nine News* I feel compelled to respond. The article is one-sided, fraught with errors and misleading. It is simply biased name-calling that suggests controllers do not care about pilots; nothing could be further from the truth. On my own time I have investigated the files of Kansas City Center to verify the alleged incident. My opinion must suffice, as without accurate times and dates, I cannot research further. From October 1990 to October 1991 no operational error or deviation occurred in the Topeka area. Although the situation may have occurred, a loss of separation did not.

"Using the article as the only source of evidence I find many errors, two glaring errors are: 1. Topeka is NOT controlled by Kansas City Approach Control. Possibly part of our two pilots' confusion rests in the fact they did not know which facility they were talking to. 2. The inference that after an 'incident' the controllers simply unplug and the hapless pilot is abandoned, is blatantly untrue. Someone in fact 'minds the store' during the change over process.

"Not in dispute is the moral as published. Certainly speak up when you feel threatened. Controllers are human too and are as susceptible to mistakes as human pilots.

"My MAJOR source of irritation is the failure of *Ninety-Nine News* to check sources and utilize resources. There are many members of the Ninety-Nines, such as myself, who could verify information BEFORE publication. Not only would the subject article be valid and informative, it would be accurate.

"As an employee of the FAA I take exception to an article which damages an inherently 'strained' relationship between pilots and controllers without offering solutions. One of our goals as Ninety-Nines is air safety. We as NINETY-NINES have a duty to work through issues which will result in a safer flying environment. Please continue to publish these articles. Personal experiences teach more than fiction. I just ask the articles be both accurate and constructive."

A REQUIEM FOR EAGLES

A Requiem For Eagles is a limited edition lithographic art print honoring Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh. Featuring a hauntingly beautiful image by award-winning artist Bob Crofut, it is now available at a greatly discounted price to Ninety-Nines. Write for a color photo and full details.

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NOTAMS

MayCay and Rich Gritter have done it again! Taking the kitplane, the *Questair Venture*, to new heights, MayCay set a time-to-climb record with Don Godwin's aircraft. She took the *Venture* to 3000 meters in a mere 2 minutes and 31 seconds and her husband, Rich, zoomed to a maximum verified altitude of 35,335 feet! According to the company brochure, "No, there's no type error there—you read right—OVER 35,000 ft MSL in our NON TURBO *Venture*! That brings the total number of world records held by the *VENTURE* design to NINE."

Momentum Builds for Women In Military Service Memorial. The 1991 contributions reflect broad-based support and Congress passed legislation to extend the deadline for raising the needed \$18 million to build the memorial. Brigadier General Wilma Vaught, USAF (Ret.) commented, "There is tremendous excitement among WIMSA's supporters. We've worked so long and so hard to make this memorial a reality for the 1.8 million women who have served starting with the American Revolution. The financial support we received this year was a factor in convincing Congress to extend our deadline. Now we need to keep the momentum going because we have only two years to raise the monies needed to break ground. It's not a long time and we need the help of the American people to make this happen."

Note the upcoming WOMEN IN AVIATION CONFERENCE. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear Major Eileen Collins, USAF, NASA Astronaut; Nadya Popova, Soviet Pilot in the 588th Night Bomber Regiment in WW II; Wally Funk, NTSB Accident Investigator and pilot, and Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager, USAF (Ret.). There will be panel discussions by participants in Operation Desert Storm and women aviation leaders. The dates are March 12 to 14, 1992. Information can be obtained from Dr. Peggy Baty, 618-337-7500.

Charlotte Kelley, #21 Whirly-Girl and Phoenix Chapter Ninety-Nine, was the 1991 Livingston Award Winner. According to an article in the Whirly-Girls' newsletter, "Charlotte has contributed significantly to aviation starting her career in airline ticketing and as a stewardess. Charlotte obtained her private pilot's license in 1949. In 1957 she obtained her helicopter rating and along the way acquired instrument, multiengine, and seaplane ratings plus experience in hot air balloons and jet aircraft. This included being the first woman to pilot the world's largest blimp and the first woman to fly a National Guard jet.

"In 1973 in England and in 1978 in Russia, Charlotte flew as a pilot member of the USA championship teams and has been a chief judge for these events. She also has competed in national and international air races.

"Ms. Kelley has participated in and contributed to many organizations such as the FAA Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation in the '60s and '70s, was the Ninety-Nines governor of New England and is a past President of The Whirly-Girls. Her civic duties have included being a president of a chamber of commerce and appointment in 1975 as the first female director of a state aeronautics division, Commissioner of Aeronautics for Massachusetts.

"Charlotte S. Kelley has given encouragement and assistance to many younger women to pursue their goals in aviation. Congratulations, Charlotte!"

99's CANADIAN AWARD IN AVIATION

The Board of Trustees of the Ninety-Nines Canadian Award in Aviation was pleased to announce the winner of the 1991 Award, Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum located in Hamilton, Ontario. The Award permits the Museum to upgrade and replace their old existing signs that tell the history of the airplanes in the Museum's collection as well as to create new signs for their latest acquisitions.

A supplementary award in the amount of \$500 was given to Bruce Gowans of Calgary. This will assist him in continuing his research into the Prairie Air Mail Service with a view towards publishing a booklet.

The Board of Trustees, on behalf of ALL Canadian Ninety-Nines was pleased to present these awards for 1991. For more information: Heather Sifton, First Canadian Chapter: 416-477-8100.

ANN LENNON, 99 and vice president with a department of AOPA in Oklahoma.

An AOPA news release stated, "The new AOPA Escrow Service, added last year to AOPA's long-standing title search facility in Oklahoma City, has now processed more than \$100 million in aircraft sales transactions.

"AOPA's escrow and title services are open to anyone. Although AOPA members get a discount on services, any smart buyer or seller can and should use escrow and title search in any aircraft sales transaction," noted Ann Lennon, vice president of AOPA's Aircraft Title and Escrow Service Department in Oklahoma.

"AOPA Escrow Service acts as a neutral third party to handle payments, sales proceeds, documents and other transactions between buyers and sellers including rapid filing of aircraft registration changes.

"In light of recent, precedent-setting cases affecting aircraft registration and titling, buyers and sellers can best protect themselves by rapid filing of sales documentation with the FAA Registry. With our Oklahoma City location, we can actually file the transaction with the FAA at the same time we transfer escrowed funds and documents," noted Lennon.

"AOPA Escrow Service handles transactions large and small, from the sale of a \$12,000 taildragger to its largest job to date, the \$26 million sale of a Gulfstream business jet."

FRANK G. BREWER TROPHY

The Frank G. Brewer Trophy has been awarded annually since 1943 for significant contribution of enduring value in the fields of aviation and space education in the U.S. Considered the most prestigious award given in aviation and space education, it was presented in 1991 to Kenneth L. Tallman. As Superintendent of the U.S. Air Force Academy, President of the Spartan School of Aeronautics and as President of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, he was instrumental in developing and delivering aviation and space education to thousands of today's aviation professionals. Of note, Tallman, a former USAF Lieutenant General, initiated and supervised the full integration of women into the U.S. Air Force Academy during his tenure as superintendent.

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What a difference a year makes—especially at the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum! The year 1991 was a banner year for the Museum, with increases in everything—attendance, contributions, funding, and, especially, interest! As **our** Museum,

the Amelia Earhart Birthplace has come into the minds and hearts of even more 99s members and friends in the past few months, and so many of you have offered support of all types. For myself, the past year has been a real learning experience and a very gratifying one. I discovered many needs at the Museum and many talented 99s willing to fulfill them!

As with any non-profit, charitable organization, a primary concern of the 99s and the Museum is fund-raising. Members of the Museum's Board of Trustees take this responsibility very seriously and, in 1991, pursued it with vigor! A grant from the Sterling Savings & Loan Association was obtained and applications were submitted for the prestigious National Endowment for the Arts/Institute of Museum Services General Operating Support and Conservation Project Support Grants. Local Board members obtained donations of products, services and publicity for the Museum. Corporate and foundation grants and additional government funding possibilities are being sought.

The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum continues to be the leading public attraction in Atchison. Attendance has remained strong throughout the year and is projected to remain so in 1992. Every visitor to the Museum learns not only of the life of our first president, but of the legacy she created for all 99s.

Although much is being done for the Museum, much remains to be done. As our Museum, each 99 has a responsibility to help in the restoration process to the extent her time and talents allow. Each of you has a gift to give—perhaps you know of a grant program within the corporation for which you work or have connections with foundations or charities which would appreciate the opportunity to support the Museum. Do you have a background in historic restoration, research, or interpretation which would help us as we begin the restoration process? Or can you offer assistance of some type which we haven't even thought of yet? **YOU** are the key to the successful re-birth of this beautiful home, and now is the time to get involved. There are many 99s working on this project but we know we're lacking the resources so many of you possess. It's the chance of a lifetime, to honor a lifetime of achievement by Amelia. Won't you help?

IN A POSTSCRIPT FROM OUR PRESIDENT;

"January 27 was a very exciting day at the Amelia Earhart Birthplace in Atchison, Kansas. That was the day the NBC camera crew arrived from California and began shooting scenes both inside and outside the house for the upcoming series of *Untold Stories*.

"Only still shots were photographed. There were no actors or actresses present. But, just watching the cameramen; grips; lighting and sound experts and the director provided entertainment for those of us not involved in the movie-making world.

"They brought a portable track so that the camera and cameraman could be slid along, allowing them to zoom in and out on subjects. Special lighting effects were made possible simply by placing colored plastic sheeting outside the windows. They have all kinds of simple 'tricks' to create the illusions we see on the screen.

"It took two days to complete the filming at the house and some of those shots may end up on the 'cutting room floor.' The crew was very professional so I feel confident that most of the shots will appear on our TV screens. It is planned that this edition of the series will air about mid-April and will include references to Amelia's role in the formation of our organization. The date of the airing will be announced as soon as it has been finally set. **Stay tuned!!**"

A Year At The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum

by Pam Mahonchak

LAST CALL FOR THIS YEAR — — — SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

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NINETY-NINES ARE GOIN' TO KANSAS CITY

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, JULY 8-12, 1992

by Pat Mlady

Kansas City is one of this country's finest treasures. Metropolitan and inviting, it sits proudly in the heartland of America. Truly a city offering something for everyone, Kansas City provides sophistication in a hometown atmosphere.

Part of Kansas City's charm lies in its beauty. The city boasts more fountains than any city except Rome and more boulevard miles than Paris. And, the entertainment opportunities are endless. From dining to shopping; museums to amusement parks; performing arts to sports—Kansas City has it all.



When most people think of Kansas City, barbecue comes to mind. Kansas City has retained this reputation for nearly 70 years and, in fact, the city earned the title "Barbecue Capital of the World" when four K.C. chefs won the title at the World Barbecue Championships in Ireland. No matter how you cook it up, Kansas City barbecue is as special and unique as the people who live in this spicy, thriving city.

Jazz and Blues fill the Kansas City air with music. The K.C. jazz style and rich sound of the blues are unique and can be heard at various festivals and jazz clubs around the city. The Ninety-Nines will have a sampling of all that Kansas City has to offer—from jazz to barbecue to sophistication to down home hospitality. Start making your plans to attend now.

The 1992 International Convention will be headquartered at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center. This 40-story hotel features a 60-foot high lobby, a three-level building for meeting and recreational facilities, swimming pool, two lounges, three restaurants and the city's largest ballroom. The hotel is located within the fabulous Crown Center development with all its opportunities for shopping, fine restaurants, theater, free summer concerts, and more.

The convention program being developed will keep you busy and entertained. Starting with the opening evening dinner and the speaker, Mr. Bob Gilliland, the first test pilot on the SR-71 Blackbird, you will be caught in a whirlwind of activity. There'll be seminars, jazz, barbecue, a lovely Amelia Earhart Scholarship Luncheon, business meetings, optional tours, and finally an outstanding banquet with great entertainment.

Watch your mail in early March for your registration information. Contact Helen Hamilton, Convention Chairman, or Pat Mlady, Convention Coordinator, for additional information.



Above: The skyline of Kansas City, Missouri, and, to the right, one of the beautiful Kansas City fountains.

Board of Directors Meeting

From October 31 to November 3, 1991, the Board of Directors met at Oklahoma City. In attendance, also, were eight Governors representing the Council of Governors: Betty Erickson, New England Section; Shirley Luddington, New York, New Jersey Section; Bobbie McAdam, Middle East Section; Connie Wilds, Southeast Section; Dodie Jewett, North Central Section; Pat Ward, South Central Section; Lois Erickson, Southwest Section; and Carolyn Carpp, Northwest Section.

The following items were among those discussed at this meeting:

- A powerful new computer is being donated to Headquarters to run the many programs involved for record keeping, mailings, membership, etc.
- The first stage of the second story of our headquarters building is nearing completion, thanks to the grant from the Grace B. Kerr Foundation.
- Membership numbers continue to remain stable; however, we are seeking ideas to attract new members, especially those with aviation careers as their goal.
- R. J. Reynolds has applied for a trademark on "Ninety-Nines" for their Camel 99s. The Board voted to take whatever steps are necessary to protect our name.
- Operation Skywatch is successfully operating in New York and starting up in Texas. Operation Skywatch is a citizen watch program of aerial surveying of environmental conditions while in the course of normal flying and obeying all FARs.
- Scholarship guidelines have been written and are available through General Counsel, Sylvia Paoli.
- An audit was performed by Arthur Andersen for the fiscal years ending 1989 and 1990. The preliminary report was dated 10-30-91 and accepted by the Board on 11-1-91. The report found the Corporation's books and records to be in proper order with no evidence of mis-statement, and with revenues, expenses and changes in fund balances in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.
- Nominating Committee Chairman, Karen Bailey gave a report and several questions she had regarding procedures were clarified.
- New campaign practices were adopted regarding candidates' advertising.
- The Grievance Committee held its first meeting where it formulated its procedures which were accepted by the Board. A procedures manual will be distributed to all Chapter Chairmen.
- A presentation was made to the Board concerning a bid to host the 1996 World Precision Flying Competition. The Board voted unanimously in favor of making the bid to the World Precision Flying organization and the Council of Governors unanimously endorsed the program.
- A presentation on Cockpit Resource Management was made to the Board and Governors and a committee of Ninety-Nines will be formed to do further research on the project.
- A preliminary budget and agenda for the 1992 International Convention in Kansas City were approved. The 1993 International Convention will be held in Portland, Oregon from August 11 - 15, 1993.
- The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be in April, 1992.

*Reported by Jaye Howes
International Director*

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

AVIATION EDUCATION WEEK, THE SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER

From an article by Mona Marcec

In 1989, the second week of October was designated as Aviation Education Week in Illinois. Other states have followed suit. If each will join in this commemoration, it will strengthen the educational system and the aviation industry. YOU can make it happen in YOUR state!

Two easy ways: One is to contact your local state senator or representative and ask that legislation be sponsored during the next session of your state legislature. The second is to contact your governor and ask for a Governor's Proclamation. The former is more advantageous—it can be permanent. A Governor's Proclamation is a temporary designation and needs to be sought each year. In Illinois, a Governor's Proclamation was sought twice and, the third year, the state representative offered to sponsor the legislation.

It is crucial that each state select the second week of October. Aviation Education Week will focus on general and commercial aviation and simultaneously enhance educational programs. Educators who use aviation to enhance their current curriculums find it to be a powerful motivator. Research has shown that attendance and test scores rise. It is important that the youth of the nation be made aware of the impact of the aviation industry upon society.

Considering the impact of the industry upon society, an Aviation Education Week is fitting and needed. Please help. Call or write your senator and/or representative and ask that legislation be sponsored. Additional help in the passage of this legislation can be elicited by contacting the media, aviation related business, industries, organizations and associations. We can work together to make a difference.

For more information, call: Mona Marcec; Carbondale, IL, 618-549-2092.



LADYBIRDS—The Untold Story of Women Pilots in America, by Henry M. Holden, with Captain Lori Griffith. This is a book on excellence and achievement and success and chronicles women in early aviation, but concentrates on today's women flying for the commercial airlines, military, and the private sector.

This book is for anyone looking for role models, inspiration, motivation, and proof that you can reach

for your dreams and make them come true. *Ladybirds* will put wings on someone's dream.

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There were some touching stories of Ninety-Nines and other pilots during the past holidays. In the true spirit of giving, Pat and Willie Chaires, 11 Shirley Ann Drive, Ocean Wayside, NJ 07712, assembled donated gifts—toys, clothing, food that totaled an astounding 300 pounds (enough to fill more than FIVE single-engined airplanes) and transported them in two truckloads as well as in their V-35 Bonanza to the children of Appalachia. After having been featured in the Jack Elliott column of the *New Jersey Star-Ledger*, Pat received \$650 in donations, some from elderly people who couldn't get out to purchase something for the children. Of special note was the response she received from school children. In Texas, Marsha Mascorro wrote that members of the **El Paso Chapter** donated gifts to children of nine cottages in the L & B Moor Children's Home. The children, mostly in their teens, ranged from 7 to 18. The members of the **El Paso Chapter** took the time to receive lists from the children and to print the lists so that specific gifts could be directed. Marsha wrote, "We contributed about 30 gifts at a value of almost \$900. The Home very much appreciated our efforts and assured me that the gifts designated for specific children would get to them."

Elizabeth Strohfus, **Minnesota Chapter**, signed cards and told about the WASP at a meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society. She spoke to the EAA on WWII and on the 99s at Benson Airport. Commissioned a Colonel in the Confederate Air Force in Midland, TX in December, Elizabeth is a 30-year member of the Ninety-Nines. **Minnesota Chapter** members newly welcome Ellen Barstad-Lill, Carole Backer, Marcia Degerness Graff and Marquel Madsen. Minnesota's Mary Schrader is the only woman Minnesota State Highway Patrol Trooper attached to the Wing Division. Mary, who flies both helicopters and fixed wing for the Patrol, spoke to the Minnesota Chapter in October. She flies motorcade escort and crowd control coordination for special events like the World Series games and flies coordination and support for man-hunt situa-

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tions. Mary has a Commercial license with an instrument rating and has been an officer for 12 years.

Minnesota Chapter 99s who fly blood for the Red Cross were invited to the St. Paul Area Chapter of the Red Cross for a complimentary thank you dinner and celebration. Twenty-eight 99s and 49 1/2s attended the event. Chapter members are to be congratulated for having flown blood and platelets for 15 years.

Several **North Central Section Chapters** have welcomed new members: Brenda Lee and Marion (Molly) Hahn, Wisconsin; Joyce Weber and Mary Berner, Chicago Area; Elizabeth Ann Culver and Liz Love, Minnesota; Marilyn Mae Allen, Illiana Cardinals; and Gina Damell, Indiana Dunes. The 1991 Michigan Small Race was a blend of good weather, good competition, hard work and fun. 38 aircraft entered, thirteen of which were first time racers. Ninety-Nines took five of the top ten places.

New **Chicago Area Chapter** member, Kathy Tyer, has already flown as co-pilot in chapter air races. **Chicago Area Chapter** Chair, Madeline Monaco, added a special *SKYWISE* page to the chapter newsletter which contained 30 questions to answer and study. Chicago Area's Wendy Wenk Deeter and her husband, Rich, are the proud parents of two baby girls, Christine and Casie. Marge Sundmach is recovering from a broken leg while 49 1/2, Herb, is recuperating from surgery. Marge and Art Anderson and Diane Cozzi attended a Pioneer Aviators Seminar at Moraine Valley College in Palos Hills, IL. Chicago Area's Sharon Schorsch and 49 1/2, Frank, flew to Eagle River, WI, for the 3rd Annual Float Plane Fly-In, joining pilots and passengers from 11 other seaplanes for lunch and "dock" flying.

Members of the **Three Rivers Chapter** held a cookie bake to provide cookies for FBOs, towers and other aviation groups. **Three Rivers Chapter's** Margaret Ringenberg was featured in an article in *Greater Fort Wayne Business People*. Linda Murphy was recently appointed manager of vacation travel at Allen Travel and Janie Roric has become an instructor at Fort Wayne Air Service.

Michigan Chapter members conducted a Chinese raffle and are planning a 49 1/2 initiation.

Lake Erie Chapter members enjoyed a

program on air racing. Michelle Hovanek and Debbie Downey flew their first Air Race Classic this summer. A veteran racer, Bernice Barris, flew co-pilot with Karen Reed in the Buckeye Air Rally which is sponsored by the **All-Ohio Chapter**.

Lake Michigan Chapter's Barbara Goodwin brought her Hi Tech-Flying High class to the Kalamazoo Airport for a tour of the control tower, radar room and the Air Zoo Museum.

Greater Detroit Chapter members presented an IFR Refresher to which 150 were in attendance. **Greater Detroit** members are grateful to Ad Smart, Frank Philpot, Alex Alley and Chuck Thomas, the 49 1/2s who assisted with the painting of a compass rose.

Indiana Dunes Chapter members held a Safety Seminar at Elkhart, IN, with T.J. Shaum as chairperson. Loretta Collins, Indiana Dunes, prepared a script on the History of Women In Aviation which was to be presented to the local EAA Chapter in January. Barbara Simmons, Lois Hawley and Esther Wyandt represented the Ninety-Nines at Bloomington Airport Awareness Days. Also present with their airplanes were Nancy Warren and Sue Sears. **Indiana Dunes Chapter** welcomes new members: Marilyn Horvath, Loretta Collins, and Mary Jucela. The members heard Professor Winfred Rudloff, sailplane pilot, who presented a history of gliders from Lilienthal and Octave Chanute through the NASA Space Shuttles. Members also heard Captain Mike Rastovic, Commander of a KC-135, describe his unit's experiences in Desert Storm. The 14th Annual Air Rally, sponsored by last year's winners, Chris and Rawson Murdock, was a 131-nm challenge. First place went to Carlene and Don Lambert, second to Cilla Meacham and Judy Longenecker, and third to Phyllis Webb. Dee Bohman and her co-pilot, Bob, Indiana Dunes, are flying to each of the 106 airports in Indiana, taking them in alphabetical order.

Indiana Chapter members have honored a member and a friend, Dorothea Hendricks. Honored as a 50-year member of the Ninety-Nines, she was presented with a special 50-year pin. Mildred Davidson, **Indiana Chapter** friend, was presented with an angel necklace to recognize the many hours she has spent assisting in chapter projects. Members toured the

Columbus (BAK) Airport and learned of plans to construct a museum at the field.

While others were at the International Convention, **Central Illinois Chapter** 99s were busy at the Wings Workshop at Cole Country. They conducted a Flying Companion Seminar coordinated by Linda Hamer. **Central Illinois** members were active with the Illi-nines Air Race. Linda Schumm told of a trip to New Zealand and Australia complete with mountain flying in New Zealand.

Illiana Cardinals Chapter's Charlene Falkenberg sponsored a seminar, IFR Charts for VFR pilots, at Porter Country Airport. Char was also featured with a full page interview in two local newspapers. The newspapers appeared to think Char is exceptional because she is still flying "at her age." North Central Section 99s agree Char is exceptional—for her energy and devotion to flying activities.

Eight airplanes flew to Lancaster, PA, for a November meeting of the **Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter**. Some members of the **Delaware Chapter** joined the more than 23 persons that were in attendance. A name change may be in the offing—Middle East Section may become the Mid-Atlantic Section. Eastern PA members are planning an airmarking of the Birchwood Pocono Airport in March and three other airports are being queried. **Eastern Pennsylvania's** Gayl Henze was invited to speak at the Philadelphia area Zonta's Amelia Earhart dinner in January. AE was a Zonta member and many chapters of the business and professional women's group honor her annually. Gayl also tells us that the *FAAviation News* is now edited by Phyllis A. Duncan, a Middle East Section Ninety-Nine, and praised the quality of the publication. Gayl provided the address for those of us interested in subscribing: Send \$6.50, request *FAN*, Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 30402-9371. Thanks, Gayl, and best wishes to Phyllis. Eastern PA's Ethel Bailey and Mary Wunder each assisted in the rescue of a lost pilot during December. Mary helped a male student looking for Pottstown/Limerick Airport and caught in a snow squall. When a female student was also lost in a snow squall, Ethel calmed her down; Philadelphia Approach gave her vectors and she landed at Willow Grove NAS, confused and surrounded by guards and guns. Ethel,

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refused to make a landing, had to drive to the Naval Air Station, but she was given permission to fly the student and plane out and home!

In news from the **Arabian Section** Yvonne Trueman reported on the Dubai Air Show, November 1991. Yvonne wrote, "With the autumn sun generating an ambient temperature of 85 degrees F, tempered by a balmy breeze continuously rattling the date palms, the brilliant blue sky created a perfect backdrop for the static and flying displays. The scene was one in which the traditional Arabian culture mingled incongruously with 20th century Western Technology. Dubai showed what a delightful venue the Gulf is for displaying the world's might and strength. Since airpower won the Gulf War so dramatically and so convincingly, everybody hereabouts has to have airpower in quantity, in depth and in a hurry. The sheer quantity of after-burner-assisted thrust and devastating fire-power assembled on the static park was a profound reminder that defence still plays a crucial part in world peace."

The **Southwest Section** reports a great deal of activity. **Aloha Chapter** members Lindy Boyes, Nelwyn Choi, Vivian Fagan, Lois Luehring, Nona Meinen, and Marion Smith were asked to serve as docents for the blessing and pre-opening viewing of the AeroSpace Museum at Honolulu International Airport in December. Cookie Caper Day was in early December. **Aloha** members, Tweet Coleman and Donna Frost-Swank, went to OK City for FAA training, a five week program and the members of the chapter enjoyed a meeting at Fort DeRussy and a Thunderbirds demonstration.

Arizona Sundance Chapter members welcomed Linda Blair as a new member. A joint airlift with the **Phoenix Chapter** was planned for January and held a "Santa Goes to Guaymas" toy delivery in December.

Members of **Antelope Valley Chapter** have their sights on winning the Section trophy for the third consecutive year—November is the chapter's APT month. A tax seminar by Vic Anvick was excellent.

Bakersfield Chapter's new members are Sherry Dolan and Marilou Ward. Anne

Stephens coordinated Christmas Goodies for Tower and Flight Service Personnel.

Cameron Park Chapter members planned a Flying Companion Seminar for January.

Coyote Country's Kris Cook and Nancy Huff (formerly of **Palomar Chapter**) are the newest chapter members.

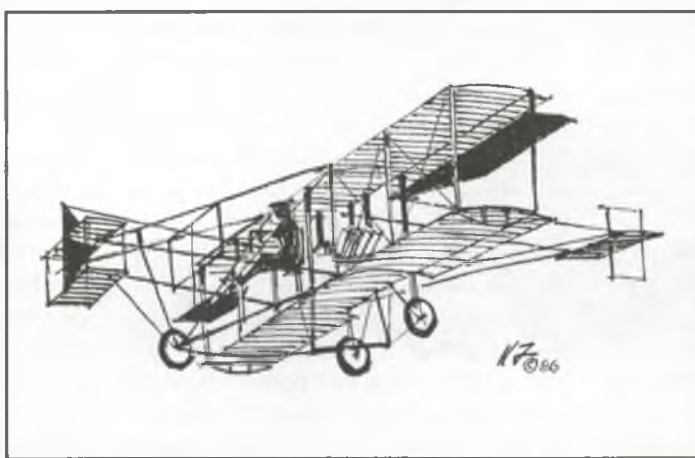
Coachella Valley Chapter is beginning its 43rd year. Congratulations. Coachella Valley's Erika Sharp organized another successful Oktoberfest barbecue and Poker Run, assisted by 49 1/2 Wayne and Happy Von Oder. Tookie Hensley of **Inland Chapter** and others from **London Bridge/ Havasu** made it more exciting and made Coachella Valley members aware of the ARC, June 1992—starting from Thermal Airport! That

Fullerton Chapter's June Leach, Joyce Ilves, Denise Jennings, Evelyn Craik, Kim Ernst, Karen Boggio, and Sue McNutt attended the Piper Noise Testing Event at the Fullerton Airport which also attracted city officials. 8 aircraft were tested for noise levels, using two variations of RPM and flap settings to determine noise impact. **Fullerton Chapter** members planned an airmarking on trash cans—a community service project—as well as the Norwest hangar at Flabob Airport. The annual Southern California Invitational Safecon was planned for January at Brackett Airport. Plans are in the offing to sell airplane rides at the Fullerton Airport Day. A pancake breakfast will give a good start to the quarterly FAA Safety Seminars and a continuing activity is the Girl Scout Airport Tours.

Imperial So-Lo Chapter members have been asked to assist with the Air Race Classic cross country race in June, 1992.

Jacquie Sprague and Dee Bowers, members of the **Long Beach Chapter**, gave a CAP presentation. The Sedona, AZ, Fly In for **Coyote Country Chapter** members was a success, despite the intervention of Mother Nature that held everyone for an extra day. Emily Ives, Vivian and Dick Steere, Terri and Walt Brubaker from

the **Coyote Country Chapter** attended. Margaret Calloway, Mary Pickney and Lucille Fernandez with 49 1/2 Sam from **Long Beach Chapter** also attended. Long Beach Chapter's Wally Funk has a chief pilot job in Tyler, TX. Vickie Norton, Nikki Tennant and Leslie Heffernan are new members and Rita Gibson's astronaut daughter-in-law, Dr. Rhea Seddon, was on the cover of the November 1991 *Ninety-Nine News*. Rhea was aboard the "Columbia" flight. Betty Faux and Connie Farmer presented a lecture to members and guests of the Flying Samaritans at their 30th anniversary International Seminar. Ginger Graham, Mary Wenholz, Margaret Calloway and Aileen Mellot (from Mission Bay) lent their support. Kudos to Iris Critchell, Connie Farmer, Ginger Graham, Mary MacDonald, Mary Jane McNeil, Jacquie Sprague, Lori Papp, Ann Armstrong, Pat Brown, Dee Bowers, Amy



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means more help from this chapter on the heels of the combined hostessing of the Spring Section Meeting by **Imperial So-Lo** and **Coachella Valley**. Carol Hamilton and Mari Hurley are chairing the Section soiree, "Stars Over the Desert."

El Cajon Chapter's Frankie Clemens attended the California Aviation Council Board of Directors Meeting. Operation Sunbreak with Mark Conley, air traffic controller at Gillespie Field, was scheduled for January. **El Cajon's** Doris Ritchey received the 1991 Aerospace Education Officer of the Year, California Wing of the CAP. A Careers in Aviation Day at Gillespie Field was a success, with 600 hotdogs and 99s information served. An All 99s Dinner with Governor Lois Erickson was especially fun. Lois was surprised with an early birthday cake and Betty Wharton provided slides and narration.

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Ellsworth, Carolyn Fischer, Nancy Hewett, Anne McNeeley, Shelia Papayans, Mary Pinkney, Jean Schiffman, Laurel Romm, Polly Profitt, Georgia Vogel, Birdie Ward, and Jenifer Jo Williamson for a successful Poker Run.

Marin County Chapter members took on a Christmas project of collecting for the county food bank. Best wishes to Jess Thompson and new 49 1/2, Rod Martinelli. Cathy Morshead used her new IFR rating enroute to John Wayne Airport. Marin County's Lynda Moerschbaeher conducted a seminar on estate planning at the AOPA Convention, New Orleans. Elaine Bull, Althea Moore and Marilyn Snyder traveled to the Santa Rosa Chapter meeting in September for a BBQ Potluck and a visit with Governor Erickson. A Chairman's Discretionary Fund was established to award confidential mini-scholarships to cover International and Chapter dues where there is a need. **Marin County Chapter** members discussed the possibility of adopting a needy family in lieu of a Christmas Party.

Thank yous to Dell Hinn, Kay Harmon, Bobbie Garin, Harriet Brin, Carolgene Dierolf, Geneva Cranford, and Carol Hill, as well as Joanne, Theresa, Louise and Paula who all helped with **Monterey Bay Chapter's** Great Pumpkin Classic. A possible event for Aviation Awareness Week is a Hangar Dance.

Mount Diablo Chapter members have been invited to participate in an after-school aviation education program. Instead of a gift exchange, **Mount Diablo** members adopted a family in association with the Battered Women's Program. The Pilot of the Month was B.J. Yuke-Miller, a dentist who commutes weekly from her home in Lake Tahoe to her office in Pleasant Hill. A "White Knuckle" Seminar is planned for March or April.

Mt. Shasta Chapter members held a Greasy Thumb Clinic at Hillside Aviation. Mt. Shasta Chapter's Doris Lockness received a Certificate of Honor, an Elder Statesman Award, from the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) for her lifetime aviation accomplishments. **Mt. Shasta** members welcome Margaret Brennan as a new pilot and new member.

Palms Chapter members have published the first newsletter. Congratulations. Dia-

mond Lil and Nina Laughbaum flew the Palms to Pines air race. C.J. Strawn and Andrea Englander are new members and **Palms'** Christina Sanchez landed a job at the new American Flyers at SMO and gets to fly free.

Members of the **Palomar Chapter** planned a North Country Air Tour for early January. A Pre-Flight Breakfast was a success with 53 ready for breakfast and 5 for the pre-flight. Dot Avery, Jean Bustos, Coleen Campbell, Sheila Drayster, Sue Dyer, Ilse Hipfel, Lyn Larsson, Penny Moynihan and Sheryl Sandhagen deserve thanks for their efforts in the booth at the Brackett AirFair. **Palomar Chapter** members viewed slides of flights into Australia, New Zealand and Alaska by Dr. Robert Borland and his wife.

Phoenix Chapter members participated in the annual Airport Appreciation Day and sold programs at the Barnstormer's Airshow. **Phoenix 99s** handed out information at the annual Thunderbird Balloon Races at Glendale Airport and anticipated a Scavenger Hunt Poker Rally. A recent speaker was a representative of Embry-Riddle University, Phoenix Campus.

Reno Area Chapter members and **Nevada High Sierra Chapter** members have been asked to repeat their performances and to provide volunteer workers for each race day of the Reno National Championship Air Races, September 1992. **Nevada High Sierra's** new members are Darlene Hargrove and Kay Lynn Marble.

Sacramento Valley Chapter members flew to Petaluma for a fly-in. The January meeting was a planned joint meeting with the Zontas. The guest speaker was a woman pilot who was on active duty during the Persian Gulf action.

San Gabriel Valley Chapter participated in Tower Appreciation Day and scheduled a Poker Run for January.

San Luis Obispo County Chapter enjoyed guest speaker, Albert Bresnick, Amelia Earhart's personal photographer. There was a display of photographs, some film clips and interviews of Amelia prior to her final flight. Marcia Moore and 49 1/2's AT-6, *Bad Company*, placed 5th in the Silver Race at the Reno National Championship Air Races in 1991. Pat Kamm was the winner of the Chapter's Member of the Year Award.

Santa Clara Valley Chapter members held a Shelter Cove fly-in. Janet Ewert, Joey Connell and Debby Cunningham visited the Reid-Hillview Tower with gifts of appreciation. **Santa Clara's** Kathy Gardella was one of this year's recipients of the Marion Barnick Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to Lois Letzring, Marcie Smith, Pat Lowers, Barb Murren, Nancy Ramirez, Phyllis Lappin, Janet Ewert, JoAnn Levin and Nancy Rodgers who lent hands for the chapter hot dog fundraiser and to John and Peggy Ewert for the invitation. Pauline (Paula) Wallace and Alicia Austin are new members of Santa Clara Valley Chapter.

Santa Rosa Chapter's Mary Henig, is one of this year's recipients of the Marion Barnick Memorial Scholarship. The members of the Santa Rosa Chapter planned a fly-in brunch to Shelter Cove.

Sierra Foothills Chapter members decorated trees at the County Airport office and the flight school at Placerville Airport. Their November meeting focused on Angel Flight, an organization that coordinates donated corporate flights for patients and their families, to and from medical centers. The **Sierra Foothills Chapter** members sponsored a FAA Safety Seminar with featured speaker, chapter member Nancy Haugarth.

Utah Chapter members enjoyed a 41st Anniversary Luncheon. Congratulations.

Florida Spaceport Chapter has welcomed four 66s who have all soloed: Jayne Garrison, Dolores Vitullo, Jane Martin, and Paula Reckson.

Colorado Chapter members celebrated the 50th Anniversary of their Chapter and the Mile High Air Derby and Anniversary Banquet that day were a great success. Thanks to Candace Covington, Chairman of the Derby, and Gail Steger Mock, Chairman of the Banquet. While 12 entrants were scrounging the Denver area for clues in hopes of winning the Derby, 180 participants enjoyed the Safety Seminar which was going on simultaneously. During the banquet, Colorado Governor Roy Romer declared September 21 as *Colorado Women In Aviation Day*. **Colorado Chapter** members are to be congratulated for awards received at their fall Section meeting: Lucile Bledsoe, Outstanding Aerospace and Safety Educator; Lu Purdy, Outstanding Service to Colorado Chapter,

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2nd Place; Joyce Hilchie, Chairman Aerospace and Safety Education, 2nd place; Marylou Pohl, Outstanding reporting; and to members of the Colorado Chapter, Achievement of Excellence in their service to 99s. Sheila McLeod, Patricia Jimenez and Kara Huckle participated and placed in the NIFA competition held in Billings, MT. Welcome to new members: Sheila McLeod, Amy Taylor, Clarinda Spees, Kyla Peach, Kendra Burnham, Liz Lee, Sheri Miller McGregor and Patty Bockhoff-Gattmann.

Dallas Redbirds' member, Olive Kemper, and her husband spent the summer as park rangers in Vermont and remained through the fall color season. Kathy Long participated in the NIFA meet in Norman, OK and also delivered boxes of Hazel Jones' memorabilia to Ninety-Nine Headquarters. She brought Hazel's last NIFA meet video to a Dallas meeting for some moving reminiscing. **Dallas Chapter's** Elaine McReynolds invited the Redbirds to watch the Plano Balloon Festival from her daughter's open house and more than sixty balloons inflated and lifted off. Sandra

Carruthers and her husband attended the 1991 Albuquerque Balloon Festival. Dallas Redbirds gave the annual Christmas party to Amelia Earhart School sixth graders with an aviation video, paper-airplane-making and flying contest, and a bag of goodies for each child. A coloring book from 99 Headquarters was included. Sandra Carruthers and her husband flew their plane to the Virgin Islands. Lisa Mixon is welcomed as a new member and another new member, Pat Peterson, and her husband attended the Confederate Air Show in Midland, TX. Marcie Bissell gave a Girl Scout troop an aviation orientation program at Addison Airport. Assisted by Iris Ellis, a CAP member, and Elizabeth Jordan, the Scouts were given a preflight walk-around of single-

and twin-engined airplanes, then taken for rides in two Duchess planes with Marcie and Iris. Rumor has it the parents were as excited as the Scouts. Marcie also flew another AirLifeline trip giving a helping hand to people with medical problems. Mike Conlin and her husband helped with the Frontiers of Flight Museum's Static Airplane Show at Love Field which had record crowds and brisk museum business. Mike and Olive also assisted at the book signing party of Marianne Verges, author of *On Silver Wings*. Several Redbirds attended and a number of WASP were also there. Welcome to a new Dallas member, Robin Bales. Dallas 99 and Alaska

Naval Air Station, Linda Peterson, Helen Hyles, Helen Houpt, Angela Casteel and friend Bob with Juanita Waddell, Carole Sue Wheeler, Jean Peterson, Charli Lamb and Louie Burnett doing double duty. **Fort Worth Chapter's** Edna Gardner Whyte held a successful signing of her book, *Rising Above It*, in Lampassas, TX, with Glenna Bowden and Antique Airplane Association members. In December, Ann Cooper, author of Edna's book, joined Edna for three book signing sessions at Waldenbooks in Fort Worth and also in Denton. The Pancake Breakfast at Alliance was a great success and 165 people

signed in including Edna Whyte and Ross Perot, Jr. Co-sponsors with the Alliance Fire Dept., Fort Worth Flight Standards and AOPA. Charli Lamb, Angela Casteel, Carol Morris and Louise Burnett registered those who attended. Charli judged at Norman, OK, and she and Kelli Hughes were in Killeen to judge the NIFA contest. Charli acted as navigation flight captain and was chief judge for the



AERONAUT, PAULA GRISWOLD, SOUTH LOUISIANA, DOING A "WALK-AROUND."

Air Pilot, Sandra Simmons, will be on the panel of speakers on Aviation Careers at Spring Section meeting. Dallas members are preparing for Spring meeting. To pique your interest, they've already signed Enid Casper, air traffic controller at Redbird Tower, to speak on careers of women in aviation, as well as Lynn Spruill, who has an impressive background in aviation, is a Delta Airline pilot and is the Mayor of Addison.

Brave **Fort Worth Chapter** members scheduled back-to-back airshows one week-end. Carole Sue Wheeler, Jean Peterson, Juanita Waddell, Charli Lamb, Kelli Hughes, Debbie Henderson, Cathy Kidwell, and Louis Burnett "womanned" one show. Steve Kidwell had bicycled 20 miles, then blew airplane balloons all afternoon. At Dallas

message drop while Kelli judged the simulator testing. Janet Hackler, pilot, and Charli Lamb, navigator, flew the 3-leg proficiency race in Fairview, OK's 40th Annual Fly-In. 5th overall, they won a 2nd leg trophy. Welcome to new member and C-150 owner, Patricia Griffiths of Arlington.

Members of the **Golden Triangle Chapter** welcome new member Kristin Vollstad-McKean. A Scandinavian, Kristin learned to fly in the US. **Golden Triangle 99s** celebrated the 22nd anniversary of the chapter's charter. Dr. Dora Strother, former WASP, retiree from Bell Helicopter's Human Factors, and a member of the Fort Worth Ninety-Nines was the speaker. The chapter members toured the Page Jet facil-

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ity at Meacham Field, Fort Worth. Henry Pavliska and Don Cohen gave an overview of their nationwide operation and a close up of an MD-83 that had just arrived for painting. Mary Wheelock and Jacque Boyd attended the book signing party at Dallas Love Field's Frontiers of Flight Museum for Marianne Verges, author of *Silver Wings*. Chairman Jacque Boyd has spoken in Kentucky and Abilene. Her topic, *Pregnancy and the Professional Pilot*.

High Country 99s joined with members of the Colorado Pilots Association and the Colorado Chapter of the Ninety-Nines—get-acquainted fly-in at Garfield County Airport, Rifle, CO. Thanks to Ken Kramer, Jr., and Kennie Ruth Patterson for excellent planning and creativity. 35 people enjoyed the fly-in. **High Country** members held a Poker Race with 6 planes and 13 pilots. The 250-mile course started in Grand Junction and went to Utah and returned. Again, thanks to Activities Chairman Kennie Ruth Patterson. Welcomed as new members are Emily Warner, Catherine Dwinnell-Moore and Ann Moffat. Catherine is a CFI&I and ATP. Emily, one of the first to pilot with the airlines, is also a CFI&I and ATP and is a FAA Air Carrier Inspector in the Denver FSDO. High Country members who received certificates of merit are: Marla Stevenson, Mary Herman, Dena Kempton, Kennie Ruth Patterson and Linda Lake. 49 1/2s Larry Kempton, Jr., Jim Rumble and Ben Kramer received certificates for their support. ATTA-Gals went to Jody Chapple, Judy Humphries, Fran Long, Amanda Woodward and April Barber. ATTA-Boys to Lynn French, Don Miller and J.D. Stevenson.

Northeast Kansas Chapter members gathered in Junction City to roll that airport, chipping away at the long list of scheduled airmarkings. Marge and Jim Wahle and Virginia and Jack Colbert supplied food and Marge's daughter, Terese Sinnard, char-broiled hamburgers for the working crew.

Oklahoma Chapter members have started plans for their portion of the Air Race Classic that will terminate at Elk City, OK in June. The Fairview Fly Lady Derby was won by Oklahoma's Jan and Charles Perry in their Bonanza. Past International President Broneta Evans has been in the hospital, but is doing better. Diana Burton moved to Tulsa as her husband accepted a job with a flight school there. Several mem-

bers attended the recent induction of Tulsa member, Jan Mauritsen, into the Oklahoma Air and Space Hall of Fame. **Oklahoma's** newest member is Joy Loftis. Phyllis Miller is the new newsletter editor and is doing a terrific job. Chapter members toured the FAA Tower Simulator, a new, state-of-the-art, three dimensional computerized sim used to train FAA controllers at the FAA Academy. Members feel fortunate to be living in OK, to have access to wonderful tours, and to have been used in Aero-Medical studies on female pilots. Chapter Chairman Phyl Howard has a great job—Administrative Assistant to the FAA Administrator. Welcome to new member Captain Barbara Piper, AWAC pilot from Tinker AFB.

San Antonio Chapter's Gloria Blank and Margaret Cosby, CAP officers, spent a weekend at Bergstrom AFB, Austin, TX., for a Corporate Learning Course and Commander's Course, respectively. They toured the small museum and were especially impressed with the tribute to the MIAs. Margaret is teaching General Education Classes at the Kendall County Jail and the sheriff reported that it made a noticeable improvement in some of the inmates. **San Antonio's** Aviation Activities Chairman, Ginny McDaniel was interviewed on San Antonio television in connection with their series on "Child Lures." Ginny has counselled many children, particularly on how to avoid being lured by strangers into precarious situations.

Shreveport Chapter members held their annual salad supper for prospective members in January. Becky Netherton was the hostess and Membership Chairman Dottie Ports invited 6 women pilots in various stages of their training. Sandra Phillips provided the excellent program with American Airlines' pilot Captain Whitney Boggs, Jr., as guest speaker. **Shreveport's** Amy Pilkenton, Operations Inspector with the FAA in Baton Rouge, is recovering from surgery. *The Shreveport Times* featured Eileen Anderson, emphasizing her many contributions as Lt. Colonel and Commander of the Shreveport CAP. Congratulations, and also to Allison Holbrook and Sheryl Kwarcianny who received degrees in

Professional Aviation from Louisiana Tech. Sheryl was hired by Southeastern Flight Academy in Georgia and began work a week after receiving her degree.

South Louisiana Chapter members are organizing Second Sunday Seminars as a public service aviation community awareness program for 1992. The January Seminar featured a meteorologist from the National Weather Service on the El Nino weather phenomenon which affects our



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weather conditions and forecasting. The February seminar featured a fire patrol pilot and a workshop on the use of ADF for VFR and IFR pilots. In March, the Chapter plans to host a pilot from the State DEQ to speak on Operation Skywatch. **South Louisiana's** Pat Ward and her husband have been selected by the International Cessna 195 Association to host their convention in Jennings, LA, in September 1993. Gail Smith spoke on hot air ballooning to the Zontas. Sandra Leder organized a community-wide Young Astronauts program in Lake Charles and conducts mini-space camps around the country. She was featured at the National Science Educator's convention as guest lecturer. South Louisiana Chapter members awarded three scholarships to a BFA Certified weekend ground school on hot air ballooning and balloon safety under the FAA Wings Program. A new bronze plaque has been installed commemorating the River Birch planted at the Baton Rouge Airport terminal building by the South Louisiana Chapter members as a sister tree to the one sent to the Forest of Friendship in 1974.

Top of Texas Chapter members have offered 66 pins to student pilot 66s who attend three consecutive meetings. **Top of Texas 99s** are compiling a Chapter membership directory with photos and bio infor-

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The presentation of the trophy will be made at the National Congress on Aviation and Space Education, March 26, 1992, in Oklahoma City at which over 1,000 aviation and aerospace educators will be present. The National Aeronautic Association, the oldest aviation organization in the U.S., presents the award. Primarily to advance the art, sport, and science of aviation and space flight, the NAA fosters opportunities for participation and promotes the importance of aviation and space flight to the United States.

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- Australia and New Zealand Sections in Christchurch, NZ**
11-14 AE Scholarship BOD Oklahoma City, OK International Hdqtrs
12-14 **Women In Aviation Conference Aladdin Hotel, Las Vegas, NV**
For information: Dr. Peggy Baty, Parks College, Saint Louis University, Cahokia, IL, 62206; 314-241-0280 or 618-337-7500
21-24 Las Vegas, NV National Helicopter Championships and the Annual Convention (Hovering) of the Helicopter Association International.
Contact: Jean Tinsley, 415-325-9198
26-29 Oklahoma City, OK NCASE Safety Conference
Contact: Evelyn Craik
29-31 Bloomington, IL Illi-Nines Air Derby
Contact: Linda Schumm, Central Illinois
28 Florida 400 Air Rally
Nancy Wright, 122 Highland Rd, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

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- 3-5** Cincinnati, OH North Central Section
4-5 Oneida, NY NY-NJ Section
5-11 Sun 'n Fun, Contact: Barbara Sierchio
11 Shreveport, LA Holiday and Dixie Airshow and Open House
Contact: Sandra Shaw: (wk) 318-868-5375 or (hm) 318-865-0640
10-12 Board Of Directors International Headquarters
Oklahoma City, OK. Contact: 405-685-7969
11-12 Treasure Cay, Bahamas Columbus 500 Quincentennial International Air Race
Contact: 813-251-1115, FAX 813-251-4669 or
BTO Pilot Briefing Center 800-327-7678
15-17 Ann Arbor, MI Pinch Hitter Course
Sponsored by Greater Detroit Area Chapter. Contact: Susan Siporin, 313-661-4610
24-25 Kings Dominion, VA Middle East Section
24-26 Wilmington, NC Southeast Section
24-26 Edmonton, Alberta All Canada Sections
24-27 Dallas, TX South Central Section
26-May 2 Monroe, Louisiana NIFA
28-May 2 8th Annual Great Southern Air Race
Sponsored by Florida Race Pilots Association, Merv Griffin's Paradise Island and the Bahamas Ministry of Tourism. Call 813-442-0995

MAY 1992

- 2-3** Pease AFB New England Section
13-17 Orlando, FL Annual Reunion P-47 Thunderbolt Pilots Association
15-17 Palm Springs, CA Southwest Section

JUNE 1992

- 15-21** Berlin Brandenburg, Germany International Aerospace Exhibition
19-20 Forest of Friendship
26-29 Air Race Classic

JULY 1992

- 8-12** Kansas City, MO International Convention, Ninety-Nines
31-Aug. 6 "Oshkosh" EAA Convention, WI
EAA Convention and Fly-In. For information: 414-426-4800

AUGUST 1992

- 20-23** Salem, OR Northwest Section

SEPTEMBER 1992

- 11-13** Ann Arbor, MI North Central Section

OCTOBER 1992

- 1-4** Albuquerque, NM South Central Section
4-7 Las Vegas, NV 344th Bomb Group Reunion, B-26 Marauders
B-26 Marauder Personnel sought for reunion.
Contact Carl Christ, 516-689-1689

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mation. Members are planning on joint meetings with High Plains Aviation Association whose members include representatives from CAP, AFA, FAA, EAA, CAF



L to r: Marie Sireci, Shirley Knudsen, and Pat Rockwell, Long Island Chapter.

and the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. Mary Margaret Vermeulen, Chairman; Joann Hodges, Vice Chairman; and Cathy Morgan, Secretary-Treasurer are the new officers. Debbie Haynes GAVE a classroom building located at Tradewind Airport to **Top of Texas Chapter** for use as a permanent meeting place—heat, air, paneling and carpeting to boot. An all-you-can-eat fly-in breakfast brought 120 guests to a Tradewind Airport hangar donated by Joe and Larry Boyd who displayed their Turbine Bonanza for guests. Prizes included five rides in a Longranger and ten rides in a Pitts Special. Top of Texas members belonging to the local CAP Composite Squadron attended the election of officers: Mary Margaret Vermeulen, Major, is CAP Public Affairs Officer and Kathy Davis, Captain, is CAP Finance Officer. The chapter members co-sponsored a FAA Safety Meeting and traveled to Fort Worth to visit the Soviet Space Museum display at the Noble Planetarium. That included models of their spacecraft and equipment from Sputnik I to the MIR Space Station currently orbiting the earth.

Twenty members and guests crowded into **Tulsa Chapter's** Jan Mauritson's hangar to view the film on UAL Flight 232 that crashed in Sioux City, IA. It was moved,

seconded and approved that officers for 1991 remain for another year. **Tulsa Chapter** officers, then, are Marilou Poor, Chairman; Kathy Knotts, Vice Chairman; Sherry Jones, Treasurer and Marianne Parker, Secretary. Congratulations to Jan Mauritson, recently honored as Pilot of the Year by the USPA and to Sherry Jones' daughter, Alisa, a new Private Pilot. Charlene McCullough retired after 23 years with Tulsa schools. She was presented with an airplane clock by the Education Service Center. Everyone was saddened by a fire at Tenkiller Airport that occurred while Mary Kelly and Joe Cunningham were on their round-the-world trip. An "Officer Shower" was arranged by Jan Mauritson and was very successful.

Long Island Chapter members hosted the Fall New York/New Jersey Section meeting in October with a theme of Tail Dragging on Long Island. Among the many events was a trip to see antique aircraft at Bayport airport. Ann Wood, WASP and New England Ninety-Nine, spoke at the banquet. Thanks to Dotti Campbell and Joyce Malkmes for organizing the event. 99s Bozena Syska, Mae Smith, Donna Harris and Pat Rockwell were assisted by Charlie Harris, Rich Burns, Jim Zambik and John Laird in flying 199 passengers in 88 flights for a pennies-a-pound. Two families from the Brighter Tomorrows home for battered women and their children were among the guests. \$50 was donated to the Bayport Aerodrome Society Scholarship fund. Fog dampened the Brookhaven Airport Ida Van Smith Flight Club Fly Out, so 50 children and parents toured Islip tower and the firehouse. Pat Rockwell taxied her plane over to the ramp for the children to climb into to try the controls. Joan Scarpinato and Jill Hopfenmuller volunteered as ground crew to help Ida Van Smith.

Greater New York Chapter co-sponsored the annual Meet the Authors Night with the New York Wings Club. It provides a great opportunity to meet current aviation authors and to mingle with other pilots. Ninety-Nines from at least three other chapters were in the audience to greet old friends and get an early opportunity to add to their aviation bookshelves. Ann Cooper, Garden State Chapter (and *Ninety-Nine News* Editor) was one of the featured authors this year. Ann presented her new book, *Rising Above It*, An Autobiography of Edna Gardner Whyte. **Greater New York Chap-**

ter members tell that the Bahamas fly-in to Great Exuma was "great fun." Those lucky enough to have gone found beaches, sunshine, blue waters, snorkeling, etc., and are talking of returning next May.

North Jersey Chapter members heard a seminar for Operation Skywatch presented as part of the FAA's safety program with guest speakers from the aviation and law enforcement community. The New Jersey Policemen Pilots' Association was also in attendance, interested in Operation Skywatch and the environmental implications of the program. Thanks are due to Joanne Bolton and Marilyn Kamp (Central New York Chapter), who have spearheaded Skywatch in the U.S., for all their help. The Birchwood/Pocono airport had the runway numbers changed and they needed one new number for each runway and wanted to match the existing numbers. **North Jersey** members fielded a repair team and the artists got rave reviews. 5000 By-The-Numbers cards will be donated to the Farmingdale FSDO. These cards are very popular with pilots and flight instructors and have been a good way to "advertise" the Ninety-Nines. There is a place for membership information on the bottom. Any one interested should contact Leslie Highleyman. North Jersey Chapter received \$183 as their share in the proceeds of the Section's pool towel fund raising project. \$83 was donated back to Section for the Skywatch committee. Pennies a pound are very popular in the New York/New Jersey Section. Even despite a blustery wind, 170 rides were given including a troop of Cub Scouts.

Mary Barker, FAA FSDO, discussed "What It's Like To Work For the FAA" at a meeting of the **New York Capital District Chapter**. This was informative—good insight into career opportunities.

Joanne Bolton and Marge Holdsworth of the **Central New York Chapter** are the proud owners of a new 1966 Cherokee 180. Don't expect to see much of them or of the plane as both have lots of plans. New member Patty Bear is home from Saudi Arabia, out of the Air Force and newly married. Congratulations and welcome, Patty. **Central New York's** Elaine Roehrig and Marolyn Wilson gave a slide presentation of their participation in the 1991 Air Race Classic. The race was the fifth flown by members from the chapter and great fun,

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though they ran into mechanical problems with the plane and some adverse weather. The meeting was a great opportunity to learn, first hand, what racing is all about. Shirley Ludington, who has been ill, was spotted at the Oswego County Airport coffee shop not too long ago. She is feeling much better and we all wish her a continued recovery!

Garden State Chapter's Diana Dade and Deborah Demcak hosted the chapter's booth at the Aviation Awareness Days at R.J. Miller field, Toms River, New Jersey. It was a successful event with many visitors to the booth. Anne Shields of Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter spoke to members of **Garden State Chapter** about her visit to Russia. She met some of the *Night Witches*! Imagine flying a two seat trainer at 120 kts over enemy lines with four bombs strapped to the wings! The Pennies-a-Pound chaired by Linda Canulette and held at Trenton Robbinsville Airport was a great success. Assisted by Karisa Holen and Danyce French, Linda reported that the Garden State Chapter donated over \$800 to the NIFA team at Mercer County College and increased its own treasury by a like amount.

Nancy Rand, Governor of the **West Canada Section**, wrote to members of the six Chapters of her Section, but her words are apropos for us all. She wrote, "As I look ahead, I read the signs and see a bright future for our International Women Pilots Association (99s). The storms of change at International seem to be calming as everyone strives for diplomatic and lasting solutions to the problems. We all grow when individuals put away personal agendas for the sake of the whole.

"...As you read this I want you to know that each of you is very special with your own story, your own accomplishments, your own thoughts—you are what this organization is all about! We are joined together through our love affair with flying and airplanes. There are lots of opportunities:

- to HAVE FUN—fly-ins, Poker Runs, Air Bears, Science Fairs, Hangar flying with other 99s;
- to be OF SERVICE—Flying Companion Seminars, Operation Skywatch, Familiarization Flights;
- to LEARN—AE Scholarships, Back to Basics Clinics, Survival Courses,

Update discussions, encouragement to fly cross country to meetings.

"I invite you to participate. Your talents are appreciated."

Saskatchewan Chapter welcomed two new members, Lorna Giroux of Regina who is president and chief pilot for Flagship Air Corporation and Shari Granley of Moose Jaw. Shari was a member of the Seattle Chapter before moving to Canada as the wife of one of the Snowbirds. Shari is membership chairperson for the **Saskatchewan Chapter**. Sharon Spence has been involved in planning the American Yankee Association (Grumman) International Convention which will be held for the first time in Canada. Noreen Proudlove has been working with the Watrous Air Cadet Squadron, instructing a 6-week course on airframe. Angela Spitz has been active in promoting the 99s at Regina Flying Club's Open House and the Yorkton Air Show. We now have an annual tradition, thanks to Shari Granley and her husband, of static display at the Saskatchewan Air Show at Moose Jaw. Our picture is being taken and hung in the Snowbird's lounge. The Snowbirds are sponsoring our chapter by donating the autographed picture for our raffle.

In the **East Canada Section**, the **Maple Leaf Chapter** members, in 12 aircraft, flew to Pelee Island with 38 pilots and passengers. Then Chairman Nancy O'Neil Holden, Vice Chairman Pat Crocker, Secretary Grace Morfitt, Karin Williamson, Cheryl Wheatley, Betty Ellison, Peggy Smith, Thery Preston, Marie Spence, Susanne Wilkins, Sue Ehrlander, Connie Panton, and Karen Anderson were part of the group. Wilma Grootegood from **Lake Erie Chapter** was a guest. The fly-in participants were bussed around the island in a school bus. New to Maple Leaf are Karen Anderson, Heather Revesz, Brenda Steffes and Siobhan Maharaj and new officers: Pat Crocker, Chairman; Thery Preston, Vice-Chairman; Karen Anderson, Secretary; and Cheryl Wheatley, Treasurer. **Maple Leaf Chapter** members heard Elsie Barnett as a guest speaker. Elsie flies a Decathlon as an aerobatic performer. She flies to "The Rose," currently and is a very interesting lady. Several members attended the Muirkirk Airshow '91 put on by Marie

Spence, Susanne Wilkins and family. Many had seen the Fairey Swordfish at various stages during restoration and it was beautiful to see it completed. Karen Anderson found a unique way to celebrate her 39th (sh!) birthday. She and Nancy O'Neil Holden flew to Grand Bend for the First Jump parachute course. After a full day of instruction, they made their jumps and landed successfully. A month later it was time for Nancy's birthday, so they returned for a second jump. Sue Ehrlander and Pat Crocker have given their Air Bear and Theory of Flight presentations to over 600 students as well as four workshops to teachers! Nancy O'Neil Holden, Karin Williamson, Pat Crocker, Karen Anderson and Brenda Steffes attended the Wings Banquet for the Windsor Flying Club. Susanne Bruner moved to Florida and transferred to the **Florida Suncoast Chapter**. Her home is situated on a 2600-foot turf runway named Kingsport, Lake Placid, FL. In 1992, Maple Leaf Chapter members will donate to The 99s Canadian Award in Aviation, Western Canada Aviation Museum (Canadian Women In Aviation Exhibit), AE Scholarship Fund, Canadian Harvard Aircraft Association, Canadian Search & Rescue, and the Maple Leaf Chapter Award of Excellence. Brenda Steffes welcomed a new little co-pilot and future 99, Lisa Marie. Congratulations, Brenda.

First Canadian Chapter's Shirley and Neil MacDougall came in 3rd in the Governor General's Air Rally to win \$100 and a plaque. **First Canadian's** Anne Brown attended a chapter meeting and brought an interesting guest, Milli Donkah from Ghana who had been a pilot for the Ghana Air Force in the '60s. Diane Bourdon combined her badge presentation to 30 Girl Guides with info on the 99s and a career as a pilot, emphasizing flying as a most enjoyable sport. Several First Canadian members heard Ted Senese speak on Remote Sensing at the Ministry of Natural Resources. Ted flies and uses primarily infra-red film to capture information on everything from wildlife to vegetation.

Rainier Chapter members welcomed Carrie Toffenetti, El Paso 99 who now

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lives in Washington, and Marion Carter who has returned to Gig Harbor from Arizona.

Western Washington Chapter members had a successful Preflight Contest and Dirty Hands Workshop at Harvey Field. Sheryl Alfson-Kerkof is welcomed as a new member and plans are underway for a Tacoma Dome Flying Companion Seminar.

Greater Seattle Chapter members heard Dave McKenna, director of "Big World Flight." Nancy Jensen participated in "Operation First Flight" and "Big West Flight" which plans to unite kids worldwide through aviation.

Oregon Pines Chapter members planned meetings with the **Columbia Cascade Chapter** members to plan for the Northwest Section meeting. New members, Pat Kirkendall, Elaine Colony, Bonita Colony and Dot Slaton, are welcomed. **Oregon Pines** members raised \$2500 for local YWCA youth programs by providing rides for small fees at the Balloon Championships and Airport Day at Salem's McNary Field.

Mat-Su Valley Chapter members co-sponsored the First Annual Palmer Fly-In and Safety Seminar to which 300 were in attendance and the Matanuska Valley Safety Seminar with 3 speakers and over 70 attending. Ruth Jefford participated in the Friendship Flight to the USSR with the Alaska Airmens Association. She has been written of in the recently published, *Heroes of the Horizon*, by Gerry Bruder.

Glasgow, Montana was airmarked with help for members of the **Montana Chapter** from the Glasgow Hangar of the Montana Pilots Association. Montana members held first NIFA/Safecon to be held in Montana for at least a decade. Lynn Webber and Jeanne Batson-Lesnik assisted with judging and scorekeeping. **Montana Chapter** members donated the trophy presented to the Top Female Pilot.

The **Central Oregon Chapter** received the "Excellence in Aviation Education" Award from the FAA Administrator Fred Isaac. Chapter members were praised for their highly successful Air Bear programs, Saturday Academy programs for students, Safety Seminars, and promotion of aviation through the Palms to Pines terminus and Central Oregon Airshow. Photographed

by Donna Vasko, the members received the award at Roberts Field, Redmond, OR in August, 1991. Congratulations to all **Central Oregon Chapter** members.

Bill Cook, 49 1/2 of Phyllis Cook of the **Western Washington Chapter**, has written a book, *Road To The 707*. See his book review and that of the reference to Ruth Jefford in *Heroes of the Horizon* by Gerry Bruder elsewhere in this issue.

New members of the **Central Illinois Chapter** are welcomed, Mavis Green and Jane Currie. Central Illinois Airmarking Chairman, Jean West and 49 1/2 Bob assisted Chapter members in outlining the airmarking for Marshall County Airport in Lacon, IL. Airmarking will be completed in the spring.

How many 99s does it take to determine the time in Terre Haute? When **Illinois Chapter** members traveled to Terre Haute to tour the Flight Service Station, only Barb Jenison and Jan Bucinski remembered that Terre Haute is on EST. Other members arrived an hour late. Sylvia Topper, **Indiana Chapter**, was the patient tour guide.

Several new members were welcomed into **Lake Erie Chapter**: Amy deChant, Ashley Edwards, Pam Gindlesberger, Michelle Garog, Sue Guttman, Donna Moore and Martha Taylor.

Minnesota Chapter's Barbara Mack, Designated Examiner, is based at the airport at Crystal, MN.

Tucson Chapter Ninety-Nines are working actively to keep the Tucson FSS open in the face of probable closure in August 1992. 21 airplanes from AZ and CA competed in the annual Tucson Chapter Treasure Hunt in November and Chapter scholarships went to Heidi Harsch and Maureen Powers who will use the money to further aviation careers. **Tucson Chapter** members toured Fort Huachuca, the Aerostat radar balloon, and the facility that houses the fight against drug runners.

Barbara Sandow reports from "Down Under." The **Australian Section** will hold a sectional meeting during the Australian Women Pilots' Association Conference to be held in Christchurch, New Zealand, from the 4th to 8th March. Any overseas 99s wishing to attend are welcomed. Mary O'Brien, President of AWPAA and a 99, has been appointed

District Flight Operations Manager at Bankstown Airport, Sydney's general aviation airport. This is the first time a woman pilot has been appointed to a senior flying/management position within the Australian Civil Aviation Authority. Congratulations, Mary.

Jenny Houghton, **Australian Section**, is the organizing convenor of the Sport Aviation Assoc. Fly-In held each Easter at Mangalore, Victoria. This event attracts the majority of sport and warbird type aircraft from all over Australia and would be of particular interest to visiting aviators. Sue Burdekin attended Oshkosh '91 and was lucky enough to fly in the Australian Vampire being flown there. The Los Angeles FAA are hosting visits by Australian ATC's to inspect their facilities—a group of six controllers are spending two weeks in the USA each month as part of a joint educational program.

Barbara wrote, "I was delighted to have a phone call from **San Diego Chapter** member, Doris Hughes, who was in Adelaide recently. Doris made contact through an American controller, Mike Yaeger, who words with me at Adelaide Airport. We are pleased to welcome new members Chele Gillespie, Janet Grosser, Anne St. Martin, Sue White, Adrienne Williams, Margaret Dahl, Trish Ahmer, and Catherine Burjak."



Below: Receiving the award for Excellence in Aviation Education are, left to right: Pat Washburn, Mary Ann Campbell, Sally Katter, Mary Lou Shortreed, and Patty Burrell. The Award was presented to these members of the Central Oregon Chapter at Roberts Field, Redmond, OR.





TWO BOOK REVIEWS by Anita Hapka Taylor

The Road To The 707, by William H. Cook, is a treasure trove of information, sketches and photos, tracing the evolution of aeronautical engineering from Cayley to the Wright Brothers, to the 707, to today's jets. Humble in his approach to his subject matter, it was Cook and another young engineer who were put in charge of developing the 8 by 12 foot transonic wind tunnel for Boeing. His insights into the relationship between engineers and management, corporate integrity and competitive advantage are presented in a compelling fashion.

Bill presents an accurate narrative from an insider's perspective on Boeing's involvement with the B-29 and C-130 competitions, insights on design of the B-17 and the evolution of the 707 design. His book is also full of entertaining trivia such as: why early airplanes were pushers, why only balloonists were permitted to wear parachutes during WWI, and why an event over the North Atlantic could have put Boeing out of the commercial airline business.

Biography: Ruth Jefford. Excerpted from *Heroes of the Horizon*, and *Soaring on Wings & Strings*, by Gerry Bruder.

Ruth dreamed of flying ever since watching a Curtiss flying boat land on Lake George in upstate New York when she was just 4. Her dreams were realized in Nebraska in 1937 when she met Jim Hurst and asked for a ride in his Arrow Sport. Jim became her instructor, guided her to a Private License and to become his wife. When they moved to Anchorage in 1942, Jim worked for the CAA.

Ruth continued her training in Alaska and became the first woman in the territory to receive her Commercial License. Soon thereafter, the first woman CFI at Merrill Field, she taught on wheels, floats and skis for several years. In 1954, she became a charter member of the Alaska Chapter of the Ninety-Nines.

In 1957, Ruth and her husband started and ran International Air Taxi. Divorced in 1961, they remained business partners, but Jim was forced to give up flying for health reasons and Ruth did all the company flying. In 1963 he signed over the lease and air taxi certificate to her and she ran the business alone until 1972. Flying her C-175 and a C-180 which she still owns, she provided weekly mail service to the village of Skwentna, 70 miles north of Anchorage, flew charters throughout southeast Alaska and performed all of the mundane jobs: answering the phone, pumping fuel, shoveling snow, and typing government reports.

In 1972 Ruth married Jack Jefford, a well-known Alaskan pilot who retired from a distinguished career with the CAA/FAA to join her at International Air Taxi. She received an AE Scholarship that year as well. They sold the business in 1975 and moved to Wasilla where they founded Valley Air Transport. After Jack's death in 1979, she continued to operate until the high cost of insurance persuaded her out of commercial aviation.

In 1988, Ruth Jefford was honored by the Alaska Airmen's Association for her contributions to Alaska General Aviation and, in 1990, was the recipient of the annual woman pioneer's award from the OX-5 Aviation Pioneers' Association.

An accomplished violinist, Ruth helped to found the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra and served as its concert master for 38 years. She played in the Anchorage Symphony Quartet and, during breaks in her flying, went on concert tours and gave music lessons. She continues to be active in music associations as well as in aviation, planning to fly in an upcoming tour to Siberia with fellow pilots from around the country. Ruth Jefford's accomplishments are truly an inspiration to us all.

NEW HORIZONS

EDNA LAVEZZARI

El Paso Chapter lost a wonderful member when Edna Lavezzari died in December 1991 after a long battle with cancer. Marsha Mascorro wrote, "I know Gus appreciated the support of the 99s during this time. We will all miss Edna and always remember her."

JOHN MAXIM

Lake Erie Chapter members mourn the death, following surgery for a brain tumor, of John Maxim, 49 1/2 of Edye Maxim.

PAT SCHIFFMANN

New horizons to Pat Schiffmann, 49 1/2 of Jean Schiffmann, Long Beach Chapter.

TONI HACKER

Toni, beloved Albuquerque 99, and her pilot husband, Steve Hacker, died in the crash of their Glasair in Arizona October 27, 1991. Toni was an active CFI and taildragger pilot who enjoyed her own little C-120 in her free time. She was organizing a Pilots for Christ Chapter in New Mexico, was a past officer of the Intermountain Weavers' Guild, and an active member of Heights-Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Steve was a pilot, custom home builder and VietNam veteran. They are survived by two daughters, Karen and Shari.

Past students of Toni, friends, and Albuquerque 99s flew the "Missing Man Formation" over her church in a touching tribute at the close of the double memorial service. A ground school scholarship has been established by members of the Albuquerque Chapter in memory of Toni.

LANA SEETIN BOXBERGER

Lana Boxberger, 78, of Boise, ID and Idaho Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, died October 25, 1991. At the outset of WWII, Lana patriotically joined the WASP that ferried new military fighter planes to various military bases. She became proficient at flying the P-38, P-47 and P-51 and, after the war, continued flying with the purchase of her own Swift. She married Jerome Boxberger, a Captain with TWA and they lived in Morristown, NJ prior to moving to Camarillo, CA. Memorials may be made to the WASP division of the Warhawk Air Museum, 4917 Aviation Way, Caldwell, ID 83605.

LAURA MAY MAXEY BRUNTON

Following a long and valiant struggle against cancer, Laura May ("Johnny") Maxey Brunton of Tucson, AZ, and Bozeman, MT, died in September in Tucson. Overcoming many physical handicaps, she was an accomplished pioneer aviatrix, equestrian, artist, investor, jewelry designer, author and loving mother. She was especially proud of several achievements: election as one of the earliest Governors

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of the New York/New Jersey Section of the Ninety-Nines; Women's National Soaring Champion in 1937, a feat she accomplished despite having lost a leg in an airplane crash two years earlier. In 1939 she was honored as Woman of the Year in Seattle by the U of Washington Women In Communications and awarded a certificate honoring her as a "Belligerent" by General Hoyt Vandenburg for her service to the country as a pilot during WWII. By 1949, she had earned her commercial, instrument, multiengine land, single engine land and sea, flight instructor and glider certificates and ratings. Survived by her son Jack Brunton, Tucson, AZ, a private memorial service was held.

EDWARD J. (Jim) SULLIVAN

Carolyn Sullivan, Memphis Chapter, bid farewell to her 49 1/2er, Jim, on October 30, 1991. A Navy pilot during WWII, member of the Air Force and Army Reserve, Jim was a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the Tennessee Air National Guard. His interment was marked by military rifle salute and a flyby. Jim, a flight instructor, was a faithful benefactor and champion of the Memphis Ninety-Nines. He refused to accept any fees from chapter members for biennial flight reviews, suggesting only that the recipients make donations to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Jim will be sorely missed by Carolyn, their four daughters, seven grandchildren and a great grandson. The Memphis Chapter members mourn his passing. *Submitted by Mary Needham.*

RAE CAWDELL

Rae Cawdell, a member of the Indiana Chapter since 1952, took her last flight on Sunday, November 3, 1991. Rae was a talented writer and actress as well as pilot. She worked as secretary at Indianapolis Newspapers and Lake Central Airlines and helped to write and produce WIRE radio public service programs. She was active in theater and taught dramatics. She received the E. Edward Green Award for outstanding contribution to community theater. A graduate of Arthur Jordon Conservatory, Rae was also active in Indianapolis Aero Club and served as secretary. In 1955, she was awarded the Dee Nicholas Trophy for the most deserving pilot. An active member of the Indiana Chapter, she served in many capacities. Co chairman of the chapter's first race in 1960, she wrote, directed and acted in the chapter's 50th anniversary skit, *The Indy Golden Girls*, in 1989. The Indiana Chapter will sponsor Rae Cawdell for Memory Lane in the International Forest of Friendship in 1992. *Submitted by Dorothea Hendricks, Indiana Historian.*

HERMAN H. SMITH

Herman H. Smith, 87, prominent civic leader, business executive and philanthropist died at High Point Regional Hospital, September 21, after two weeks of declining health. Husband of past International President of the Ninety-Nines, Louise McEwen Smith, who survives, Herman was a longtime member of the Sportsman Pilots and, through the many years of Louise's flying, was a loyal supporter of her Ninety-Nine activities. *Submitted by Nancy Wrenn, Carolinas Chapter.*

ERNEST K. GANN

On December 19, 1991, the Ninety-Nines lost a long standing fan and staunch friend in Ernest K. Gann, husband of Seattle Chapter 99, Dodie Post Gann. Ernie had a wide variety of interests and a rare appreciation for everything life has to offer. Each new career he initiated, and there were many over his 81 years, he indulged with a passion that did not allow for failure or mediocrity.

As a young man, after brief stints directing screen tests in Hollywood and plying the waters off San Francisco as a commercial fisherman, Ernie capitalized on flight experience gained barnstorming and began a career as officer and captain for the airlines, accumulating some 20,000 hours of flight time. He began to scribble down story ideas based on his flying experiences and molding characters after his co-workers and the interesting people he met and began the career for which he became best known, that of author of best selling books, film and television scripts. His colorful and graphic writing style earned him a following among his readers and the attention of Hollywood producers. Gann's *The High and the Mighty*, *Island In The Sky*, *Twilight For the Gods*, *Fate Is the Hunter*, *The Aviator*, and other epics were brought to the screen.

Throughout his adventurous life, Ernie remained an intensely private person, relishing his privacy and using it to accomplish a prodigious amount of work, even though the process of writing never came easily. When he was not on a foray on the waters of his beloved islands, riding herd on his San Juan valley ranch, or working on a new novel, he was flying his pride and joy, the Wing Derringer, cross country with Dodie to visit friends, attend Q.B. meetings or aviation events.

Each summer the Ganns hosted a potluck picnic for Greater Seattle Ninety-Nines, the highlight of the year. Aircraft flying to the airport were met by a flatbed full of hay bales while Ernie sat high on the tractor to pilot the contraption along country roads to the ranch. He graciously autographed copies of his books for those who wrote to him from around the world. When the 99s held a fundraiser, he inscribed a book with, "To My Favorite Aviatrix." The bidding was brisk and the book went for \$99 to a thrilled woman pilot.

But Ernest Gann's most notable achievement was his irrepressible zest for living. As though he was supremely aware of the brevity of life, he lived to experience every possible adventure with the satisfaction of doing whatever he undertook well. In his later years, he took up oil painting with his usual dedication and enthusiasm, determined to capture the events and emotions of the human condition.

Ernie was not only true to his friends, but also true to his beliefs in what he had been granted time to achieve: to live life to the fullest in celebration of the wonders around us and the value of time spent in the company of good friends. In the criteria of a life well spent, Ernest Gann wasted not a moment. *Submitted by Susan Pal, Greater Seattle Chapter.*



PAGE SHAMBURGER, In Memoriam

PAGE SHAMBURGER

Page Shamburger died December 7, 1991, after a valiant battle with lung cancer. Page had been immersed in aviation since starting to build her 6700 flying hours in the mid-40s while working as an apprentice mechanic to pay for her flying lessons. Her formal education led her to combine aviation and journalism. One of her first professional jobs was the unique assignment of landing at every airport in the U.S. during 1952-1953 and reporting on it for *American Aviation Magazine*. She didn't quite get to them all, but did make it to nearly 4,000 airports.

Page wrote for the colorful Tony Page at *Cross Country News* and was the editor of *Southern Aviation Times* while also a radio script writer, announcer and TV writer. She contributed over

1,500 aviation articles to virtually all the aviation magazines, but also branched into history and art, flying her Bonanza to where the stories were. Page authored seven aviation history books, the best know of which were *Tracks Across the Sky*, *Command The Horizon*, and *Summon The Stars*.

Page's writing assignments led her into unusual adventures. She was the first woman to fly on an Air Force hurricane hunt in a Lockheed WC-130 into the eye of Hurricane Betsy. "It did right much damage on the first flight," Page said in her soft Carolina accent. "I counted 138 rivets popped out of the plane. The wind was violent, sometimes up to 150 mph. It was black, pitch black. We couldn't even see the outboard engines." Later, Page was the first woman to ride in an RF-4 Phantom Jet.

Page's awards are too numerous to list and she'd be embarrassed to have them all enumerated anyway. A few must be mentioned, however, including the 1971 Non-Fiction Aviation Book of the Year Award; the Lady Hay-Drummond-Hay/Jessie R. Chamberlain Memorial Trophy; the Doris Mullen Scholarship for helicopter training (she was Whirly-Girl #142); and membership on the FAA's Women's Advisory Committee.

Her involvement in Ninety-Nines and the organization's projects runs the gamut. She was a 43-year member serving on all levels as Carolinas Chapter Chairman, Southeast Section Governor, the International Board of Directors and Curator for the Resource Center. The history of the organization's early members and especially her dear fellow North Carolinian and Charter Member Louise Thaden, were of great importance to Page. She served the Powder Puff Derby for 8 years, was a National Intercollegiate Flying Association Trustee and a member of the board of the University Aviation Association.

People who knew Page only in aviation might be surprised at the directions her energy and interests took her. A member of the old Moore County Page family which founded Aberdeen, NC, Page participated in foxhunting throughout her life, riding to the hounds and showing thoroughbred dogs. She received a great honor, the prestigious Madeline M. Coleman Perpetual Memorial Award, from the horse community just last year. She was deeply involved in the unique horse world of the Sandhills—the Moor County Hounds, the Horse Trials, the Hunter Trials, and, her great love, the Walthour-Moss Foundation of which she was trustee and secretary. Her guardianship of the land through the foundation's wildlife preserve and sanctuary were loving labors to the end of her life. 99s may wish to honor her aviation life in Ninety-Nines projects through headquarters or contribute in her name to the Walthour-Moss Foundation, P.O. Box 147, Southern Pines, NC 28388.

A few weeks before her death, Page said that she still had three books in her head and she had started a brand new business after "retiring" from her travel agency. Failing health never slowed her down in ideas or spirit and the press had accurately labeled her a pixie atom bomb. Once a reporter asked Page to reflect on her vigorous, lively life. Her grin belied her response, "I don't think any of it's been particularly exciting." Wrong.

Submitted by Gene Nora Jessen, Immediate Past President, Ninety-Nines.

"REMEMBERING PAGE SHAMBURGER: I feel blessed with having known Page since early childhood, growing up in the same small community in North Carolina's Sandhills. She followed me into the world of horses and years later led me into her world of flying.

As I reflect on her unique personality, I have a vivid picture of the annual recital of Miss Sara Busbee's Dancing School. There, aged 7, Teensie (as she was known to her family and friends), dressed in tinsel and tutu, tiptoed lightly into the spotlight on the darkened stage. As she touched the bright star of her magic wand to the inert figures of the other dancers, they came gracefully to life, the stage brightened and the performance began. I think this has been symbolic of Page's life. As she has moved along the paths of her many interests, accomplishing great things, and receiving well-deserved honors, she has continued the touching with the magic wand, bringing light and laughter into countless lives with her inimitable style and humor.

As the lights went out in her personal world, her hands were clasping an imaginary yoke. Those who were with her said she repeated the N# of her old Bonanza 9538R, talked with the tower, brought 38 Romeo to a final stop and went quietly to sleep. If the stage is darkened now and the curtains close, we know that Page continues to live in the hearts of those who love her, and we are legion. Her zest for living and her example of courage in the face of overwhelming adversity are lessons for all of us.

Can't you just see Page and Louise Thaden having a hilarious time Up There, kidding Amelia about her lousy navigation?"

Submitted by Nancy Wrenn, Carolinas Chapter.

• **MARGARET COSBY, San Antonio Chapter:**

With my background of experience in public relations and education, and leadership in organizations, I feel well-equipped to fill the office of director of one of the outstanding aviations in the world.

I was aviation-oriented with stars in my eyes as a little girl living not far from Roosevelt Field on Long Island where aviation history was made and Curtiss Field—the birthplace of the Ninety-Nines. Little did I ever think that I would be able to be up there flying with the best of them. I would like to continue helping to make that dream come true for others. And still, with stars in my eyes and hope and faith in you, I believe the Ninety-Nines will continue to light the fires in many areas of aviation in which we are now involved and in the future—wherever that may lead.

Together, we can achieve whatever goals we may set. I want to be there in a dignified and realistic way to help shape our future. Elect me and help maintain a stable, solid base of operations for the Ninety-Nines—aiming high in the skies and with mind-set for progress!



COSBY

• **BONNIE GANN, Florida Spaceport:**

Bonnie Gann brings leadership, business experience, and flying accomplishment to the Ninety-Nines. As chief executive officer of a computer software company, she understands the challenges of running a complex organization. She is familiar with accounting and finance.

An active pilot, Bonnie has competed in numerous air races and flying events, often with her Ninety-Nine mother, perhaps soon with one of three daughters who fly. She has held the position of chief judge in NIFA Regional events and the Air Race Classic. Bonnie keeps her flight instructor certificate active. One of her most memorable instrument students was her spouse Archie.

Bonnie has made presentations on behalf of general aviation. She has delivered seminars on topics including instrument flying, weather, the BFR, the Flying Companion, and race clinics. She has organized flying events such as the Deltona Great Land Sea and Air Race and the Spaceport Treasure Hunt Air Rallye. Bonnie was the founder and charter president of her county aviation association. Her continuous service to the Ninety-Nines as an officer or committeeman goes back to 1974, the year after she joined.

Bonnie Gann's enthusiasm, ability, and diplomacy will be an asset to the International Board of Directors.



GANN

• **ANITA LEWIS:**

1981 was a banner year for me. I moved to Idaho from Texas, met Gene Nora Jessen who recruited me into the 99s and became Chapter Chairman within the year. The Idaho 99s wouldn't let any grass grow under my feet. In the ensuing 11 years I have held membership and newsletter positions, section director and currently section Vice-Governor. I have headed the international sweepstakes, obtained donation of the Avid Flyer Airplane for the sweepstakes and became chairman of the 21st Century Fund. If you attended the Las Vegas convention you saw the show "Through the Century" which I compiled to get the 21st Century Fund off the ground. This project that I would like to see promoted and continued.

In 1984 I bought a charter operation and flight school, Falcon Air, Inc. I am currently a working flight instructor and loving every minute of it. The Idaho Aviation Association was another project I launched because I felt the need for all pilots across the state to communicate with one another. The Saylor Creek working committee was an effort by diverse groups (ranchers, environmentalists and pilots) to stop or minimize the expansion of a 2.6 million-acre bombing range in Southern Idaho. This was an effort that was expanded over a two-year period and is still on-going.

I work with different volunteer agencies and receive a ten-year pin for my dedication to Camp-Fire Girls. Sometimes my husband and children want me to slow down and smell the roses with them. I hope they will still say that when I'm Edna G. Whyte's age and still going. That's my goal.



LEWIS

• **JUNE MILLS, Canadian Rockies Chapter:**

I became a 99 soon after obtaining my pilot's license in 1970; having now flown 2,470 hours. The stimulus to remain proficient through the APT program (19 years), led onto night, commercial, and instrument ratings.

With the "Joie de vivre" of fly-ins, Poker Runs, chapter, section and international meetings, I have experienced the fellowship of many aviators, both male and female. When in office, there has been both advice and support from all levels.

The stresses of work and life in general, have eroded my recreational time, but once there is "lift off" I realize I am "there."

Although I have done some service in the organization, it is the 99s that has served me well throughout all these years. It is, thus, my wish to offer a more active service by seeking intention to be elected as a non-officer director.

There is comradeship where ever a member goes in the 99s.



MILLS

• **LOUISE G. WHITE, Blue Ridge Chapter:**

Member since 1970. Attended 22 International Meetings. 47 Section Meetings.

Membership Chairman—Vice-Governor—Governor of Southeast Section. International Treasurer.

Organized: Blue Ridge Chapter (served all offices—Chapter Chairman many terms; WNC Pilots Assoc (3 terms as President—served in all offices many times; Sugarloaf Mountain Cadet Sqdn, Civil Air Patrol (Commander, Rank of LTC; "Autumn Gold Air Rallye".

Raced 6 PPD's; Impoundment-Inspection Chairman 7 ARCs—2 GSARS' chaired 2 SES Meetings—4 MAPA Regionals (NC Director) Member USPFT Council (Local/Regionals).

Graduate "Air War College", Maxwell Air Force; Secretary to the Inspector General - Armed Forces.

Co-owner Motor Freight Specialist, Inc. (V-Pres, Secretary, Treasurer.)

President (3rd term) 468 condos.

Objectives: Representation for ALL members—to ensure that our by-laws are adhered to as written—and to try to restore respect for each 99 member.



WHITE



BLINCO

FOR INTERNATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE: BLINCO, BREGMAN, FULLER, HALL, LEACH, McGLASSON, OSWALD, REYNOLDS and WRIGHT

• PEGGE BLINCO, Northwest Section:

Joined the Ninety-Nines in 1973. Elected to the N.W. Section Board of Directors in 1977-78; Public Relations Chairman, 1981-82; Treasurer, 1983-84; Secretary, 1985-86; Governor, 1987-88 and 89. Flown the Palms to Pines and local Petticoat Derbies. Received the N.W. Section Achievement Award in 1977 and 1986. Active member of the Columbia Cascade Chapter. Held offices of Treasurer, Chairman and Nominating Committee Chairman. Attended 10 International Conventions and 17 Section Meetings. Ninety-Nines and flying have been the hi-lite of my life.

• HARRIET BREGMAN, New York/New Jersey Section:

I am interested in running for Nominating Committee for the Ninety-Nines, Inc. and have been a member since 1975. I was vice chairman and then chairman of the new York Capital District Chapter from 1978-1982 and am again chairman of this chapter. I have also been Secretary, Vice-Governor and most recently Governor from 1988-1990 of the New York-New Jersey Section.

In running for Nominating Committee, I would like to help the Ninety-Nines continue to operate and ensure that the International Board represents all its members. I have met many members throughout the years, some who have attended the New York-New Jersey Section meetings and many others at the International Conventions, and expect that this would help me in functioning on the Nominating Committee. As part of the Nominating Committee, I hope to be able to make enlightened decisions in order to continue to respond to members concerns and to ensure the future of the Ninety-Nines. I am of the opinion that one of the best ways to ensure change in an organization is to take an active part in that organization and not just complain or cause other problems. I also try to listen, read, review and discuss everything presented before making decisions.



BREGMAN

• HARRIET FULLER, New England Section:

I joined the 99s in 1968. I've served in all chapter offices and as secretary, vice-governor and governor of the New England Section. I've served 4 years as a director on the International Board. Currently, I am chairman of the trustees of the AE Birthplace and serve as liaison for the board to the Forest of Friendship.

I was Chief Judge for the NIFA Safecon for Region 7 at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, NH, in October 1991.

I have a commercial license, single engine land and sea with instrument rating and more than 1700 hours.

I have attended every international convention since 1969, all 23 of them! Also, I have participated in more than 70 section meetings, many of which were in various parts of the US and Canada.

With this experience and personally knowing so many of our wonderful members, I know that I could serve the organization well as a member of the Nominating Committee.



FULLER

• JUNE LEACH, Southwest Section:

I earned my private license in 1975. Later that year, I met a teacher at school who was a pilot. She said, if you really want to enjoy flying, join the 99s. Was she right!

I went to my first meeting of the Fullerton Chapter and was "hooked" instantly. Each lady had a different profession, but loved flying. It didn't take long to become involved. I served the chapter on several committees, as Secretary, Vice-chairman, and Chairman; each office more enjoyable and challenging. The chapter activities include air races, "pennies-a-pound", and co-chairing two section meetings. In 1990, I Chaired the Section Meeting at Long Beach. I have attended conventions, Section meetings, and found time to fly with friends.

I have attended so many International Conventions (12) that Barbara Sestito asked me if I would serve as the International Credentials Chairman. The job continued for five years. It is another way of meeting 99s from around the world.

I am a public school educator, which requires me to be organized, complete tasks, and encourage others to do their best. These skills will be useful if elected to the Nominating Committee. Serving on another 99 committee will be an honor.



LEACH

• RJ McGLASSON, Middle East Section:

RJ McGlasson joined The Ninety-Nines in 1985 as a member of the Washington, DC Chapter, to which she now belongs. She has held office as Chapter Chairman and Governor, Middle East Section. She obtained her private pilot's license in 1985 and her instrument rating in 1989. She is presently working on her commercial.

RJ has been in Government service for thirty-one years and is currently Director, Acquisition and Resources for the Command Systems Directorate of the Naval Space and Warfare Systems Command in Washington, DC., where she is responsible for the acquisition and financial management of Navy Command and Control Programs totalling in excess of \$500 million annually. She has been the recipient of numerous awards for her outstanding performance and has twice been nominated for the navy's Successful Woman Manager Award and the Federal Woman of the Year Award.

RJ is presently serving The Ninety-Nines as Chairman, International Bylaws Committee; Chairman, Middle East Section AE Scholarship Committee; and Chairman, Middle East Section 1994 International Convention Planning Committee. In addition, she is a member of the ZONTA International Amelia Earhart Annual Luncheon Committee. RJ flies a Cherokee Arrow and is anxious for another crack at winning the Air Race Classic.



McGLASSON

• MARY OSWALD, Western Canada Section:

I believe that one who serves on the Nominating Committee should have a broad and deep understanding of the total organization: how it is organized and how it is administered. Knowledge of the nomination and election procedures is also necessary.

I have gained valuable information through serving in many different capacities in the Ninety-Nines (Alberta Chapter and Western Canada Section), especially as Governor, attending International Conventions and Board Meetings as a member of the Council of Governors, as well as meeting many members. I feel confident that this knowledge will assist me in carrying out the duties of a member of the Nominating Committee.

I believe the Nominating Committee holds a position of utmost responsibility to the Organization, and must sustain the trust of all the members. The task must be approached with honesty and sincerity at all times.

I have many years of experience working in positions of leadership, as teacher and consultant in education, and as Director and Vice-President of the Alberta Aviation Council. I feel that this will provide a solid base for important decisions that must be made as a member of the Nominating Committee.



OSWALD

• JEAN REYNOLDS, South Central Section:

In 1966 I joined the 99s in El Paso, Texas but in 1973 moved my membership to Santa Fe, New Mexico. At the Chapter level I have held the offices of Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Santa Fe Chapter. In 1982 I accepted the Chairmanship of 501(c)(3) Taxes for the South Central Section and held that job for ten years, resigning in September 1991. Presently, I am serving on the International Bylaws Committee which is handling the greatest number of Bylaws changes ever submitted. By attending 34 Sectional meetings and 6 International Conventions I have kept abreast with the problems and changes within our Organization.

When the 99s went on Educational Exchanges to China in 1988 and the U.S.S.R. in 1989, it was my pleasure to be included in those Exchanges.

Professionally I am President of Aztec Industries, Inc., manufacturers of electric radiant heaters, and Vice-President of Byars Marine Service, which provides boats and services for off-shore oil rigs and exploration. My avocation is my ranch in the mountains of Northern New Mexico.



REYNOLDS

• NANCY LUCILE WRIGHT, Southeast Section:

I have been a resident of Tarpon Springs Florida for the last 10 years and a member of the Florida Suncoast Chapter since 1982. I have served my Chapter as Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and on many committees such as Membership, Programs, Sun 'n Fun, Florida Air Rally, Aerospace, Newsletter and our 25th Anniversary Celebration. I have served the Southeast Section as Secretary and am the newly elected Vice Governor. On the International level I am Aerospace Education Chairman and served on an Ad Hoc Committee for Conventions. I was the Chairman for the 1991 International Convention in Orlando. I have attended many Conventions and Southeast Section meetings. I received a scholarship from the Florida Goldcoast Chapter to complete my Commercial License. Through my efforts my chapter received two International Aerospace Awards and two Florida School Awards for our Air Bear Programs reaching over 5,000 children. I have had memberships in AOPA, EAA, and the Florida Grasshoppers. I am a partner in an Electrical Contracting Business and am working on my Master Electrical License. I am a Commercial Pilot with an Instrument Rating and have all the Ground School Ratings. I would be proud to serve the 99s on the International Nominating Committee.



WRIGHT

FOR TRUSTEE OF THE AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

• CAROLYN CLARK

Raised and educated in Massachusetts, I learned to fly after moving west. A Utah Ninety-Nine since 1974 I have served in all chapter offices, as Southwest Section Governor, International Nominating Committee Chairman and member of the Award of Merit Committee.

A 1981 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship for a multi-engine flight instructor rating enabled me to become chief flight instructor and manager of a Beech Aero Club, then owner of a flight school and pilot shop. Currently I teach aviation classes at the University of Utah and design sweaters for aviators. Other interests include ice dancing, computers, and travel.



CLARK

• MARILYN J. (DIDI) SHAFFER

As Scholarship Chairman of the South Central Section for the past 6 years, I feel I would bring a great deal of experience to the position of Trustee of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Having been responsible for collecting, correcting and assessing scholarships has given me invaluable insight into the selection process. I have gained a great bit of information on costs and requirements for different ratings from the flight instructors, designated examiners, corporate and commercial pilots who have served on my scholarship committees. Given the success rate of scholarship candidates during my tenure, I feel I have done my homework well.

In addition to my duties as Section Scholarship Chairman, I also keep myself busy with Chapter activities and duties. I am currently Chapter Treasurer and have held all Chapter offices at least once. I have attended 6 International Conventions and at least 13 Section Meetings.



SHAFFER

NEW CERTIFICATES, RATINGS, and ACHIEVEMENTS

Nancy Kyle	Eastern PA	Commercial
Beverly Sinclair	Colorado	Comm 135 Check, Air Carrier
Julie Schmitt	Top of Texas	Comm 135 Check, Charter, West Air
Heidi Kunichika	Aloha	Commercial, IFR and ME
Earline Giles	Tulsa	Beechcraft Super King Air 300
Diana Burton	Oklahoma	Commercial, CFI-ME, MEI
Linda Marshall	Montana	ME, AE Scholarship Award
Nancy Clinton	Long Beach	ME, ME Commercial
Barbara Harper	Tucson	1st Off, Continental
Allison Holbrook	Shreveport	Commercial, IFR, CFI
Jessica McMillian	Colorado	IFR
Nancy Aldrich	Colorado	Captain 727, United
Patricia Jimenez	Colorado	IFR
Karen Giem	Colorado	CFI
Amy Taylor	Colorado	Comm
Anna Scholten	Colorado	CFI&I
Ann Besley	Colorado	Comm
Shelia McLeod	Colorado	ME
Anna Campbell	Iowa	IFR
Rosemary Emhoff	Central Illinois	ME
Judy Longenecker	Indiana Dunes	CFI
Gail Schroeder	Indiana Dunes	Comm
Susie Schmalz	Wisconsin	CFI
Donna Hansen	Minnesota	CFI
Fran Milo	Indiana Dunes	IFR
Donna Stevens	Indiana Dunes	AGI & I
Rosemarie Mintz	Lake Erie	ATP
Judy Parish	Tucson	Comm
Kay Crag	Tucson	AGI
Sara Maher	Aloha	IFR
Leilani Thompson	Aloha	IFR
Cathy Morshead	Marin County	IFR
Anne Sandall	Palomar	Comm
Robin Anderson	Santa Rosa	IFR
Linda Thomas	Santa Rosa	ME
Michelle Marceau	Oklahoma	IFR
Debbie Wilson	Oklahoma	Comm
Melissa Cloer	Oklahoma	Comm, IFR
Ann Piggott	Top of Texas	GI
Lisa Cotham	South Louisiana	AGI & I
Kimi Ishikawa	West Washington	Comm
Sue McHaffie	First Canadian	Instructor
Nancy Balce	Central Oregon	IFR
Patty Burrell	Central Oregon	CFI
Jennifer McMillen	Wyoming	IFR
Barbara Croy	Wyoming	AGI
Rosemarie Hunter	Lake Erie	IFR
Pam Gindlesberger	Lake Erie	IFR
Linda Hamer	Central Illinois	CFI&I
Linda Schumm	Central Illinois	CFI
Sandy Graves	Central Illinois	Private
LeAnne Chandler	Lake Michigan	Private
Elaine Grittner	Minnesota	Private
Karen Poortleviet	Minnesota	Private
Sharon Twining	Minnesota	Private
Eleanor Bryan	Florida Spaceport	Private
Phyllis Manning	Marin County	Private
Mindy Walsh	Top of Texas	Private



AWARDS and POSITIONS:

Jan Mauritson	Oklahoma	Oklahoma Air & Space Hall of Fame
Ann Leininger	Oklahoma	Ass't Chief of Aviation at the U of Oklahoma Aviation Department
Leda Hedglon	Oklahoma	Appointed to Aviation Program Advisory Committee at Rose State College
Sheila McLeod	Colorado	Top Female Pilot, NIFA, Oct. '91
Janice Orr	Minnesota	Designated Pilot Examiner for Minnesota
FSDO		
Debbie Haynes	Top of Texas	Manager, Hughes Aviation & Flight Academy
Kathy Davis	Top of Texas	2nd Lt., CAP, Mission Pilot
Phyllis Howard	Oklahoma	Assistant to the FAA Administrator
Cathie Miller	S. Louisiana	Airport Manager, Southland Apt, LA
Karen Milchanowski	S. Louisiana	Airport Authority member, Lake Charles, LA.
Lisa Cotham	S. Louisiana	Flight Coordinator for L'Express Airline, New Orleans, LA.
Pat Ward	S. Louisiana	FAA Accident Prevention Counselor, Baton Rouge FAA-FSDO
Lorraine Schmidt	West Canada	CFI, Winnipeg Flying Club. 1991 Scholarship Winner
Pat Smithson	Reno	Scholarship of \$1000 twd CFI&I
Gaye Wohlin	Lake Erie	1991 Pilot of the Year
Barbara Mack	Minnesota	Appointed Designated Examiner Private Pilot Airplane.

WINGS PROGRAM:

Mary Lou Shortreed	Central Oregon	III
Alice Marie Newman	San Fernando	IV
Pat Ward	South Louisiana	III
Barbara Croy	Wyoming	VI

NAVY MEETS ARMY AFTER AN OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE *by LCDR Rebecca Beener, U.S. Navy.*

With almost 15 years invested in my aviation career, my last two years in Sicily, flying the C-2A Greyhound have been extremely rewarding, even more so with our squadron involvement in operations *Desert Shield*, *Desert Storm* and *Provide Comfort*. The many stares and unbelieving looks I received as a woman military pilot and even more so as the "person in charge," the person with whom they had to deal or converse with, was an experience in itself.

We maintained a full detachment in Saudi Arabia in order to support as many as four carrier battlegroups in the Red Sea. Although initially barred from entering Saudi Arabia because of being a woman, that obstacle was soon broken down (expedited by LCDR Paula Bond, another woman pilot in my squadron), and we were able to be rotated along with our peers into Saudi Arabia as an Officer In Charge (OIC) of our squadron detachment.

Although the women had to be escorted everywhere outside of the compound where we stayed and we weren't allowed to drive, the nearby Saudi's were friendly. They accepted and respected our cultural differences. The snakes (Asps) were not as friendly.

During the Middle East crisis, I was the Maintenance Officer, responsible for aircraft maintenance schedules, maintenance personnel, and overall aircraft readiness. Paula Bond was the Operations Officer, so both of us were "under the gun" during this critical time, when our squadron turned in one of its best performances. Our mission completion rate was nearly 100 percent and records were constantly broken of amounts of cargo, mail, and personnel transported to and from the Sixth Fleet Carrier Battle Groups and NATO allies.

My current duty assignment is teaching systems engineering courses to cadets at West Point (Yes, that's the Army Academy and I, too, was not aware that Navy instructors even existed at West Point). Well, they do (I do a reality check once a week!) and I enjoy it although it is not a flying assignment.

Greater opportunities for women military pilots are beginning to peek over the horizon, although it is a shame it had to take a war to open the doors. Also, tours of duty overseas can be some of the most rewarding. Not only did I fly into about 20 different countries (detachments in Turkey and RON in Israel, Egypt, Crete, Spain, Italy, Germany, England and refueling stops in many others), but I even managed to go on an African Safari trip before returning to the States. I only regret not finding the opportunity to meet other 99s in the countries to which my missions took me.



LCDR Beener, Officer In Charge, Detachment in Cigli, Turkey, is 2nd from left in front of the Grumman "Greyhound" in which she is carrier qualified.

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GENERAL COUNSEL

by Sylvia L. Paoli, Attorney At Law

FACTS—IF YOU PLEASE!

Previous columns have discussed the necessity of *facts* in Minutes, as opposed to *interpretations* of facts. The same requirements apply to inquiries from the IRS, state corporate agencies, and even the conduct of the business of the organization—at ANY and ALL levels. For example, there are two ways to answer a question from the audit agent about your trip to an International Convention. (1) I was a duly authorized delegate, so voted by the members of my chapter and shown in the chapter's minutes, and traveled there by private plane, which was less expensive than the airlines (or caused me to take fewer days off work, or whatever similar affirmative statement is true); or (2) it looked like a wonderful location and I'd never been there before and by taking our plane we were able to make a lot of little side trips that we couldn't have done if traveling by airline. Now, both of those statements are true. But, which one do you think will get the most attention from the audit agent who wants to question your deductions??



A question from a state corporate agency might relate to how you notify everyone of meetings. You could say: (1) we have a regularly scheduled meeting place and time which is published in the International Directory, and it is also included in our

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monthly newsletter; or (2) we've been meeting on the second Saturday of each month for 15 years and everyone knows it and all the new members are told of the place and time. Again, both statements are true, but the first meets the legal requirements and the second does not.

Finally, in running the organization's business, whether at chapter level or above, in order to be fair and impartial and give everyone a chance to be heard and to make informed decisions, you must stick to facts and leave interpretations and personal opinions out. If two people are running for each chapter office, where the current chairman or newsletter editor has strong partiality towards one member for each office, something to be reported or announced by the chairman or editor could lead to these two choices:

(1) After discussion of pros and cons, the chapter voted to support the local airport policy; or (2) although the chapter ultimately voted to endorse the local airport policy, Susie, supported by Kay and Jane, explained in depth why they oppose the policy saying it will cause future difficulty to our chapter's ride-giving project. Again, both statements are true, but the first is factual while the second tells the entire chapter what the position is of three of its candidates, subtly campaigning either for or against them.

We use words that convey opinions, innuendos, interpretations, implications and assumptions on such a regular basis that for most of us separating those from the bare facts is an almost Herculean task. For example, one can say: "The parties participated in discussions under an improved exchange of dialogue between them," or "The parties discussed the issues." The first implies that things once were bad, but now are a little better. The second has no implications at all, but is merely factual. One can say, "A member urged the executive committee to cease using inflammatory and degrading terms like 'small airplane' and 'new pilot,'" or "A member asked the executive committee to refer in the future to 'airplane' and 'pilot' rather than 'small airplane' and 'new pilot.'" The first is a statement that is prejudicial, inflammatory and damaging to the reputation of the executive committee. The second is a statement of fact.

A good leader uses facts, not opinions and interpretations. So also does a good responder to official questions. With new leaders being chosen at all levels of the organization at least every two years (and often every year), and there being increasing contact between our leadership and the IRS, state agencies and other official bodies, it is very important that you pay attention to the ability of your future leaders to stick to the facts.

FACTS—IF YOU PLEASE!



International Women Pilots Association

The Ninety-Nines Inc.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

MARION BARNICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. NAME: _____ S.S.# _____
 Last First Middle

2. ADDRESS: _____
 Number Street City State Zip

3. TELEPHONE NUMBERS: _____
 (Include Area Code) Residence Business

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

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

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE REC'D

6. AVIATION BACKGROUND:

CERTIFICATE OR RATING HELD	DATE	TOTAL HOURS:

PRINCIPAL TYPES FLOWN:

Use separate sheets for the following:

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

SUBMIT APPLICATION MATERIALS TO: Lois Letzring
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 12252 Somerville Dr.
 Saratoga, CA 95070

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CRITERIA FOR SELECTING THE RECIPIENT:

- A. Must be female with at least a Private Pilot Certificate.
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