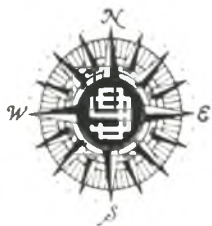
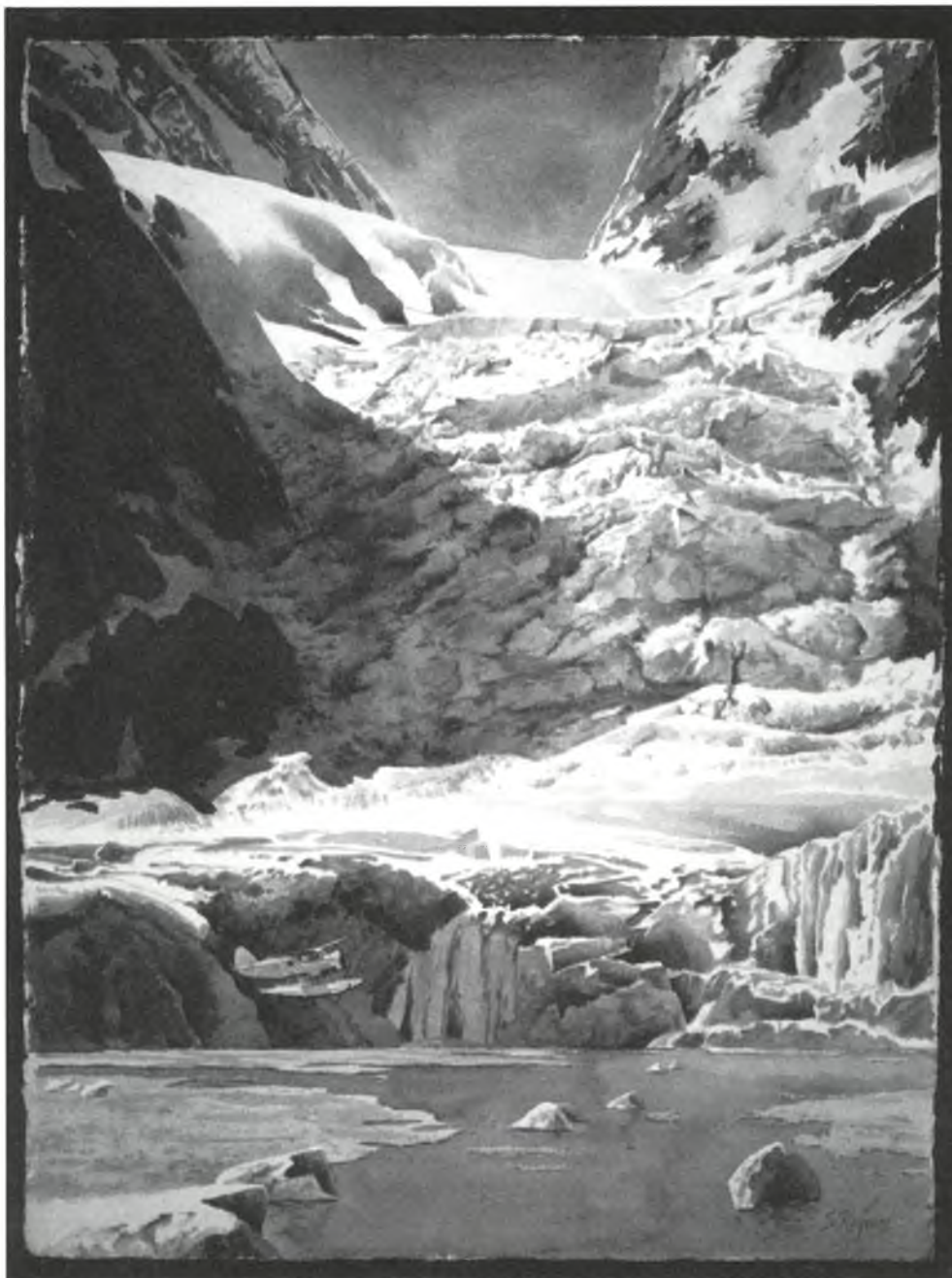


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Letters to the Editor are welcome. The deadline for publication in the *Ninety-Nine News* is the first of every month at which time the subsequent month's issue is being prepared. Letters should pertain to information pertinent to the *Ninety-Nine News*. They may be edited for space. Ann Cooper, Editor

From Linda Osland, Minnesota Chapter:
Just a note to thank you for printing the article on Adopt-A-Highway. I was also thankful that it appeared in the June issue and that Clara (Johansen) enjoyed seeing it in print. She was the member who initiated our involvement. However, clarification needs to be made on exactly where the fish came from. My original article stated that a fishing boat rounded the curve at high speed just before we cleaned that section. Clara found them shortly after the boat came by and obviously the fish were thrown from the boat. She was not fishing—no stream was nearby. I would like the readers to know that we found the fish in the ditch!

(Ed. note: With sympathy and empathy for Clara Johansen's family, we publish the following letter from Clara posthumously: Clara wrote, on July 5, 1992; "Thank you for keeping our *Ninety-Nine News* coming. We need Communication! Point of information about the article by Linda Osland in June issue. I really did find the two fish along the highway. With ten thousand lakes in Minnesota, we don't fish in streams, besides, I was too busy picking up. My advice to the fisherman/woman whose boat the fish escaped from, never use a safety-pin stringer on big fish. Incidentally, we buried the fish in our tomato patch, great tomatoes and no scales." Clara was a caring and hard-working member of The *Ninety-Nines*—one of those dynamic woman pilots with so much to offer. Our sincere regrets at her tragic, untimely death and our blessings.)

From Karisa Holen, Garden State Chapter:
In response to your article about the Region 7 NIFA competition, one very important person wasn't mentioned. My flight school friend, Paul Berman, earned the honor of being Top Male Pilot. Our 99 Chapter donated funds to aid the financing of his trip to Monroe, LA, for the Nationals. I hope 99s everywhere will continue to support and acknowledge all of the aspiring pilots and flight competitions in the future.

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On the cover: Winner of a highly-coveted *Par Excellence* Award at the 1992 EAA Art Contest, Oshkosh WI, the watercolor, *Glacier Flying*, by artist/pilot, Sharon Rajnus, of Malin, Oregon. Rajnus Arts: 30485 Transformer Road, Malin, OR 97632 or 503 723-4371.

From Chanda Sawant Budhabhatti, India Section:

The World Aviation, Education and Safety Congress in India is ON! Come with your family and friends and ride the magic carpet of Air India on a trip especially designed for the 99s. Date: March 14-19, 1993. Venue: The Centaur Hotel, Bombay. This hotel is on Juhu beach with complete convention facilities. American, Oriental and Indian food is offered in an exquisite setting. Be a participant to a meeting of top aviation, aerospace and government officials from around the globe, promote good will and peace. Promote women in aviation around the world, hear internationally known speakers and more. Shop for great buys in brass, silks, cottons, fine leathers, art, jewelry and rugs. Tours planned to meet your schedule and budget. Total expenses for a trip half way around the world ranges from \$2100 to \$3500 depending upon choice of tours. Mark your calendar and make plans to visit and experience the thrill of mysterious, philosophical, spiritual India with her cultural heritage which dates back 5000 years. For further details, write to: the World Aviation Congress Secretariat, 1051 N. Columbus #101, Tucson, AZ 85711. Please bring ONE aviation book with you to donate to our 99s Aviation Library in Bombay. Members of the India Section and I will be looking forward to welcoming you in India.

From Richard Gillespie, TIGHAR:
I'd like to reply to the allegations made in the *Los Angeles Times* article "A Theory That

Won't Fly" reprinted in the July 1992 issue of *Ninety-Nine News*. Because of their special relationship with the memory of Amelia Earhart, *Ninety-Nines* are more familiar than most with the many purported "solutions" to the mystery of her disappearance. That they should be skeptical of yet another attempt to answer aviation history's greatest riddle is not only understandable but laudable. However, that skepticism deserves to be exercised in the light of fact and I'm afraid the *Los Angeles Times* article scores very poorly in that regard. The discussion of Amelia's shoe size is a classic example. The article says, "The rubber heel came from a size 9 shoe and Amelia had small feet. She wore a size 6 which was confirmed by her sister, Muriel Morrissey, and the curator of the Amelia Earhart Museum in Atchison, KS." First of all, you can't size a shoe heel - you need the sole to do that. The shoe sole we found, when reconstructed, measures about 278 mm in length. Assigning a particular size number is problematical because sizes are anything but constant (as you are reminded every time you buy shoes). Roughly speaking, 278 mm is around a woman's size 8 or 9. Did Amelia have small feet? Sure, so did I, once upon a time. But look at the many photos of her as a grown woman. Her feet are entirely in proportion to her height and build. Ask the next lanky, 5'8" woman you meet what size shoe she wears. The shoes in the Kansas museum are brocade dancing slippers marked 6 1/2 and

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"WE" and "THEY" by Lu Hollander



Who are we—the members of the 99s? Look around the next time you participate in a chapter, section or international activity.

Who will you see? An amazing amalgam of women—all shapes and sizes, from all walks of life and all backgrounds—that's who you'll see.

Who are we? Private pilots and airline pilots, flight instructors and military pilots, astronauts and aircraft mechanics, air traffic controllers and glider pilots, balloonists and bush pilots, mothers and grandmothers, and *more*—women whose work day is not associated with aviation and those who spend "daylight 'til dark" working in aviation.

What a mixture we are. We enjoy a rich diversity of ideas, styles, interests. Yet, there's one focus that binds us—our passion for flight. But it's not just flying that holds our collective interest.

This unity of purpose, this need to be associated with flying extends to improving our world of flight through promoting aviation educa-

tion and safety, implementing scholarship programs, flying medicine and other supplies, sponsoring flying companion seminars and fear of flight clinics, mentoring young people whose goals are to fly—the list of activities involving 99s around the world is much too long for this space. We "just plain love" anything associated with aviation.

With this unified focus in our favor, let's each of us take some time to think about our expectations for the organization. What should the 99s examine, accomplish, change, in these last few years of the twentieth century?

We glow in the warmth and exuberance of a rich and exciting past—a past that has had its share of turbulent moments. A past that has brought us to where we are today, a past that will influence our twenty-first century tomorrows.

The distant past takes on a romantic aura—what may have affected our Charter members in 1929, or our members in 1934 or 1974—has become part of a colorful history that, today, we read about and discuss with interest. We chuckle about the content of letters and articles from the distant past.

Events in the near past—yesterday, last week, last year—are still too close for comfort. We seem to be holding onto a "we-they" attitude when we speak about those with whom we disagree, and about how we disagree.

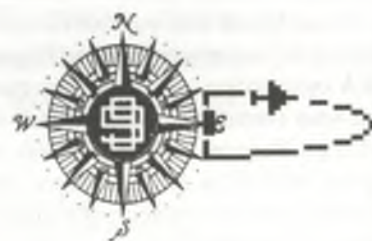
There is nothing wrong with disagreeing, but the longer a disagreement continues without the benefit of clear dialogue and frequent exchanges of information, the more

difficult it becomes to resolve—the more rigid become the lines of demarcation that are drawn, the more feelings there are to be hurt, and the more damage that occurs within the whole group.

Remember, the past is just that—it's past. We may examine the events of the past for their historical impact, but we must leave behind the hurts and disappointments that were part of the past. We must, as one, move away from the disagreements that have separated us from our purposes and begin a new dialogue, so that we can successfully plan our exciting tomorrows.

To the extent that we, not "we and they," participate in the governing of the 99s and in the activities of the 99s, to that extent will the 99s belong to us—all of us. Speaking for your Board of Directors, I ask you to keep us informed about your concerns, your activities and your questions. Our responsibility as your Board is to serve you well. Your responsibility as members is to inform us.

U.S. presidential candidate Bill Clinton said, "No more 'they,' only us!" I say, "No more 'they,' only we! We, the 99s."



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GOIN' TO KANSAS CITY...and we DID!

by NANCY WRIGHT

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Photo: Margaret Cosby

99s and 49 1/2ers descended on the Westin Crown Center for four days of work and fun. A short synopsis of the whirlwind follows.

The first day was filled with board meetings and registration services. Some of the lucky early arrivals traveled to the AE Birthplace and to the Forest of Friendship. Others went on a tour of the National Severe Storms Forecast Center and some went on the Hallmark Card Tour. The highlight of the day, other than greeting 99s that we seem to see only at convention with a hug, was a sumptuous and savory Jazzy Barbecue. Mr. Robert Gilliland, SR-71 Blackbird test pilot, was the featured speaker and toe-tapping entertainment was provided by the Skip Hawkins Hot Five. I thought, as I trudged to bed, "How do you top this?"

Early the next morning we enjoyed a Welcome Breakfast with Arlene Feldman, 99 extraordinaire. Arlene is the New England Regional Administrator for the FAA, an interesting attorney and pilot and a fine speaker.

Our agenda continued with the International Committee Chair reports to the membership. I gave my Aerospace Awards to three chapters: High Country, Santa Paula and Maple Leaf. The outstanding section was East Canada and the outstanding individual was Patricia Crocker of Maple Leaf Chapter—a dedicated and inspiring individual. Those who missed this program missed an awesome demonstration of talent, capability, inspiration and

achievement.

Thursday afternoon was filled with Workshops and a BFR Refresher. Everyone enjoyed the AWTAR Reunion on the 13th floor. I know this for a fact, as my room was just a few doors from the party. Although the Starlight Theatre presentation of Peter Pan was rained out, several Ninety-Nines went on the Jazz Club Crawl and enjoyed a pleasurable and historical tour of Kansas City Jazz.

Friday morning convinced me anew that time goes fast when you are having fun. The morning was filled with seminars of all kinds and noon brought the long-awaited AE Luncheon with Charlene Falkenberg showering compliments on 16 grateful scholarship winners. Congratulations to all.

And Friday afternoon? THE COM SESSION. There was plenty of discussion and exchange of ideas. It was decided to review the Bylaws one at a time.

A lucky few went to the Truman Library/Independence Tour and had a very interesting time. After a delightful get-together hosted by Connie Fricker, our English delegate, and a quick sandwich at the Deli, we attended a very funny play, *Something's Afoot*, at the Heartland Theater. The play was witty and the actors superb, but I told Connie, "How ironic that you came all the way from England to watch an English play."

We were up very early for our last

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day. A lucky few set out for a tour of Kansas City. After a nice continental breakfast, we attended THE BUSINESS MEETING. Full of great expectations and the hope that we would not be in for a marathon meeting like the one in 1990, we tackled the Bylaws. We broke for lunch and returned to the Bylaws. Suddenly, at around 4 in the afternoon, we adopted the *you-know-what*—THE BYLAWS!

One of the highlights of the business meeting for me was the unanimous adoption of a motion that I made to name our Ninety-Nine building in Lake-land after my friend and fellow Chapter member, Barbara Sierchio. We honored our past and present Presidents, Marie Christensen and Lu Hollander, at a reception and enjoyed piano entertainment by Sylvia Paoli and the singing voice of Carolyn Carpp—all examples of our outstanding Ninety-Nines. The Gala Banquet, complete with Kansas City steak, was the crowning touch of the Convention. We heard a History of Jazz presentation with singers, dancers and the Steve Miller Orchestra, and an inspiring speech by Astronaut Dr. Linda Godwin, who presented a picture of her space flight. Gene Nora Jessen accepted a cloth helmet worn by Louise Thaden which Dr. Godwin carried into space with her on her flight.

The Award of Merit presentations to Bobbi Trout, Thon Griffith, and Lotfia El-Nadi honored worthy recipients. Another outstanding woman pilot, Betty Pfister, was awarded the Kathryn B. Wright Award. More awards from NAA, EAA, and the Ninety-Nines went to Grace Harris. Was this enough for one night and day? No! We had a brief post-convention Board Meeting with incoming International President Lu Hollander, her new Board of Directors and the Section Governors.

Add to all of this activity: Fly Market, Hospitality Suite, Credentials and

Registration, good food, good friends and talk, talk talk. We had a full and rewarding four days. I cannot finish this convention review without a big pat on the back for Convention Chairman Helen Hamilton and those who worked so hard on behalf of all convention attendees. Last but not least, Pat Mlady. Marie Christensen made a special gift presentation to Pat at the banquet. This is her last convention as a coordinator and she will be sorely missed. Thank you, Pat Mlady!

Well, we have the 1992 Convention behind us and a good time was had by all. Was I glad I had an afternoon flight home! Next year? The Standing Rules. See you in Portland, Oregon, 1993!



BEST WISHES TO MARIE CHRISTENSEN, below, AND TO PAT MLADY, above.

Verna West Photos



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. *cont.*

nobody knows for sure when Amelia wore them. If Mrs. Morrissey ever said that Amelia wore a size 6 we can find no record of such a statement, and we know that the *Times* reporter did not talk to her. The real question is, "Exactly what size and kind of shoes was Amelia wearing at the time she disappeared?" Fortunately, numerous photos make that an easy question to answer. AE flew in a pair of blucher-style oxfords measuring about 278 mm in length. Each shoe had ten brass eyelets, and immediately prior to her June 1, 1937 departure from Miami she had the shoes reconditioned, including new heels. The stitching marks on the 278 mm shoe sole found on the island show that it was a woman's blucher-style oxford. The significance of the heel found on the island is that it is an American replacement heel of mid-1930s vintage. One of the brass eyelets was also found. Like it or not, the remains of a shoe just like the ones AE was wearing on July 2, 1937 were found well inland on the same island where a great deal of other evidence indicates she landed her Electra.

Of my remarks at the March 16, 1992 press conference in Washington, the *Los Angeles Times* article says "Gillespie did NOT announce that, prior to addressing the news media, he had requested that Elgen Long ...examine the 23- by 19-inch chunk of aluminum." Absolutely untrue. Video tape of that press conference documents that I spent something over seven minutes reviewing Elgen Long's objections, describing how we had evaluated those objections with the help of a former Lockheed aeronautical engineer and the NTSB, and why we consider them to be invalid. How the *Los Angeles Times* could have printed such a patently false statement is baffling, especially since the LIFE magazine article, published the same day as the press conference, also details Elgen Long's objections. And what of those objections? What of the rivet pattern that doesn't fit a "duplicate" of Earhart's airplane in an Oakland museum? Let's stick with the facts, shall we? The original Lockheed Engineering Repair Orders for the repair of Earhart's airplane following the March 20, 1937 groundloop in Hawaii specifically call for modifications to the belly of the aircraft. Those orders change the stringer spacing on the

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Earhart aircraft from that seen on the standard Electra. New engineering drawings for these changes were submitted and approved by the Bureau of Air Commerce on April 29, 1937. This is not conjecture or opinion, but fact, documented in the original paperwork for the airplane. There will always be those who sit and scoff while others go out and do. AE understood that, and so do we at TIGHAR.

From Galina Rastorgueva, Director, Program "Rodina" International Women's Center, Moscow, Russia:

I would like to express my profound gratitude to the magazine and Mary Lou Neale for a kind article about us. I appreciate the hospitality of 99s pilots in Las Vegas in 1990. Our crew includes Galina Rastorgueva, commander, first-class test pilot, and Ljudmila Poljanskaya, first class navigator. We are going to take an international flight from Moscow to America on MI-24 helicopter, the model of which we have given to 99s museum. Piloting this type of helicopter, we've established international speed records. (See the *Ninety-Nine News*, July 1991.)

The flight is timed to coincide with the 500th anniversary of Discovery of America and the 50th anniversary of "lend-lease." It is carried out with kind assistance of the National Foundation UNESCO-Moscow. We are taking off in the middle of August and the flight will follow the "lend-lease" route over Russia and America and coincide with the routes of American pilots and one of Valentina Grizodubova's record-breaking flights.

We agreed on leasing a military helicopter re-equipped into a transport version. Four suspended fuel tanks would be installed under the wings instead of missiles. Advertisements will be placed on board. After the end of the flight, we expect to sell the helicopter to a museum or to an individual and payment to the Ministry of Defence for the helicopter will be put into "Rodina" (homeland) Complex establishing a fund for aged lady pilots, war veterans, pilot-pensioners and disabled soldiers.

We are also establishing commercial tourist enterprise "Rodina" assisting foreign aviators to travel by personal aircraft or by light Russian Aircraft or helicopters fol-

lowing the most interesting routes of our country. We will establish "Rodina" enterprise attached to International Women's Center. We intend to put part of the gained money into establishing and maintaining a complex for "Rodina" pilots as a kind of charitable activity.

Through this magazine, we hope to find a purchaser for our helicopter, possibly on an auction basis. Doing this, the magazine would be able to take part in our charitable program and to agree on a certain percent from the helicopter sale for your magazine. Please contact: International Women's Center "The Woman's Future," 18 Sadovaya Kudrinskaya, Moscow 103001. Telephone: 290-17-98, FAX: (7095) 200-3262. Galina's home address is: 89-1-44 Michurinsky Prospect, Moscow 117192, Telephone: 932-36-39.

From Steffanie Epstein, Eastern New England:

Two issues ago, you had written an article about *Cockpit Crew Coordination* and I wanted to relate how it has helped me. As you know, IFR training is so demanding! At the same time your article ran, I was making an appointment for my checkride. My husband was my instructor, and he is a very

"precise person," so the tolerances were even narrower. Most times things went well, but there were a couple of occasions when I suggested he could step outside if he didn't like my flying. We read your article together and decided to employ the same techniques—"Captain, ..etc.," and we have continued since. After I passed the checkride, I flew to ACY in the soup (with him) and the techniques are becoming easier every time, along with being "professional sounding" in communications with ATC. The article was truly beneficial and I wanted to thank you for your insight.

(Ed. note: The thanks go to John and Martha King who suggested the techniques based on their Citation jet training and experience. However, I know from experience how intimidation can stop the mental process—something that is counterproductive in all piloting situations! Thanks for your letter.)



1992 WHIRLY-GIRLS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Three \$5,000 scholarships were presented in March at the 25th Annual Whirly-Girls Scholarship Awards Banquet in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Whirly-Girls, organized in 1955 by 13 women helicopter pilots from France, Germany, and the United States, now number 820 members in 24 countries. Congratulations to:

CAROLYN J. LUCY, Whirly-Girl #745 from Granite City, IL, is the winner of the Doris Mullen Memorial Scholarship. Since 1968, this scholarship has been awarded annually in memory of Doris Mullen, Whirly-Girl #84, who was killed in an airplane accident. Carolyn is employed by a graphic arts firm. She has a nursing background acquired in the Navy and hopes to become a medevac helicopter pilot.

SUZANNE J. BROWN, from Corvallis, OR, is the winner of the Gini Richardson Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is in memory of Gini Richardson, Whirly-Girl #64, who died in 1990. Suzanne is an airplane flight instructor. She is also a board certified nurse in emergency medicine. She, too, aspires to become an EMS helicopter pilot.

JANET A. HUBBERT, of El Paso, TX, is the winner of the Marie T. Rossi Memorial Flight Scholarship. Major Marie Rossi was killed while flying a U.S. Army helicopter during Operation Desert Storm. Janet works as an engineer for a large chemical company. She is an Army aviator who remembers Marie Rossi from her flight school days. Janet hopes to pursue aviation as a full time career.

OSHKOSH, THE AVIATION SPECTACLE OF THE YEAR. *Photos by Ann Cooper*



Major Rhonda Cornum, Flight Surgeon and heroine of Desert Storm, was at the Author's Corner to sign her book, *She Went To War*. Cornum was shot down, wounded and captured by Iraqi soldiers—a story of a bravery that challenges the myths about military women.



Also in the Author's Corner, your editor, Ann Cooper, was pleased to meet film star, Cliff Robertson, who flew in a Celebrity Race with Edna Gardner Whyte in the '60s and is promoting the encouragement of youth in aviation with the EAA's Young Eagles Program.

Famous at Oshkosh is this "wingwalker's" craft (although the wingwalker was new in '92). It wheezes and chugs while the flimsy wings pump vainly at the air. Note, in the background, the replica of the Granville Brothers' Gee Bee, flown to racing fame 60 years ago by Jimmy Doolittle.



Below: A view of the EAA Museum, Pioneer Airport, a bit of Wittman Field and Oshkosh on Lake Winnebago on the horizon.



More than 45 aircraft are included in this aerial shot of the two Lockheed Constellations that depicted the dual civilian and military history of the venerable machine. Below, the busiest airport tower in the world for the week of "Oshkosh."



Al Bresnick was a youthful 23 when he became AE's Personal Photographer. He discussed her impact on his life at Oshkosh '92.



"Real" Wingwalkers of yesterday and today: Jessie Woods and Teresa Stokes.



Above: EAA's John Burton, right, introduced General Ben Davis who spoke to a press conference and to many of his famed WWII Tuskegee Airmen—honored at Oshkosh '92.

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

RITA BUHL FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

On June 1992, members of the Long Beach Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. and Mary Jo Buhl Volk presented three scholarships in memory of Rita, Eileen and Tommy Buhl to Lori Papp, Vickie Norton and Todd Clark.

Lori Papp of Redondo Beach is currently working on her Instrument rating. Vickie Norton of Garden Grove obtained her Instrument rating since applying for the scholarship and is currently working on her Multi-engine Land rating. Todd Clark of Capistrano Beach is currently working on his CFI rating.

Rita, Eileen and Tommy Buhl left this earth for new horizons on 14 September 1991 when their Cessna 210 crashed off Long Beach Airport. The Buhls were very active members of the aviation and Long Beach communities and all three were licensed pilots. The money for the memorial scholarships was donated by family and friends.

Jacquie Sprague presented Mary Jo Buhl Volk with a lovely poem entitled, "Rita," which she had written in memory of her friendship with Rita and the loss we all felt in their passing. *Pictured below, from left to right: Mary Jo Buhl Volk, Vickie Norton, Todd Clark, Lori Papp and Connie Farmer.*



The 1991 presentation of The Ninety-Nines Canadian Award in Aviation was presented by Trustee Members Margo McCutcheon, left, and Beryl Scudellari, right. The award will fund the creation and upgrading of museum aircraft data signs. (A new sign is on the right.) The cheque was received by Dennis Bradley, President and CEO of the Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton, Ontario. Robert Schweyer, Curator of the Museum, is on the left.



- In news from the New York-New Jersey Section: Long Island Chapter's Dotti Campbell and Joyce Malkmes attended the Australian/New Zealand Air Women's Rally at Christchurch. They were accompanied by 140 other Yanks who were made very welcome by New Zealand 99s. Dotti and Joyce had time to fly Cessnas, helicopters and to practice glacier landings. Dotti wrote, "It was a rare and wonderful experience traveling and meeting the 99s and partaking of their wonderful New Zealand hospitality." Long Island's Marilyn Smith, and her 49 1/2 Adrian, flew their C-195 to Florida for the Southeast C-195 Club's annual St. Patrick Day weekend at Pompano Beach. They were thrilled to not only get a ride in the Goodyear blimp, but to get a chance to fly it.

- Members of the Garden State Chapter turned a Pennies-a-Pound into a great activity and Chapter meeting. Pictures of the intrepid passengers (for a modest, fundraising fee), a fixed rate tour of the Statue of Liberty, a display on *Women In Aviation* to keep those waiting occupied, and T-shirt and towel sales added to the fun. The money from the photo sales will help Mercer County College #1 pilot, Paul Berman, go to the National competition. The 1992-3 officers of Garden State include: Julie Collinge, Chair; Linda Canulette, Vice Chair; Barbara Kara, Secretary; and Karisa Holen, Treasurer.

- A Luau Fly-in was planned by members of the Greater New York Chapter to Falmouth, Massachusetts, Airpark. Greater New York members are planning the Fall Section meeting and a fall fly-in to the Bahamas.

- Members of Central New York Chapter enjoyed the Spring Section meeting and found the tour of Griffiss AFB to be educational and interesting. Those on the tour were treated to an overview of the R & D at Rome Laboratory in areas of command, control, communications, and intelligence technology and some of the uses, such as the J-Stars program of Desert Storm. Attendees were given a tour of a B-52, including a chance to sit in the cockpit and to visit with crewmembers who had served in Desert Storm. The pilot said that

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the difference between practice and real life was the noise. On his first mission, when they dropped the underwing bomb load, the release mechanism was so loud that they thought they'd been hit. Eight lucky attendees (drawn by lottery) got to fly the KC-135 simulator (a 707 in the civilian world). The banquet speaker was Mr. Ron Geiler with slides of his "Friendship Flight" over Canada, Alaska and Russia (Siberia). Members of Central New York Chapter held their first poker run in May. Despite cloudy skies and a delayed start, 25 planes flew the run and 42 hands were turned in at the Kamp Airport terminus. Twenty three prizes, including a first-class upgrade on USAir, \$99 in cash, and free breakfasts at the annual pancake breakfast were awarded. Will this become an annual event?

- From **East Canada Section** reporter, Nancy O'Neil Holden: Cathy Fraser, newly-elected Governor of East Canada Section, is a proud lady these days. Her 49 1/2, Dr. Dave Williams, was one of the four new astronauts recently chosen from 5,330 applicants. Dave will begin training to fulfill his dream of working in space. Congratulations, Dave and Cathy! East Canada was well represented at International Convention and was the recipient of the Section Award for dedication to aerospace education, while Maple Leaf Chapter received the Chapter award. Pat Crocker, both East Canada Section and Maple Leaf Chapter Air Ed Co-ordinator won the individual award for her dedication. Winning three of the five awards makes us all very proud of our work and accomplishments.

- A record number of members of **Maple Leaf Chapter** attended the convention. Inclement weather prevented Cheryl Wheatley with Thery Preston and Heather Revesz and Nancy O'Neil Holden with Karin Williamson and Grace Morfitt from flying the Archer and C-172, respectively, to Kansas City, so they joined Pat Crocker, Sue Ehrlander and Hilda Devereux on commercial flights. Weather was again the culprit for a fly-in and potluck lunch at Nancy's cottage near Tobemory. It took three tries before five aircraft carrying Peggy Smith, Betty Ellison, Grace Morfitt, Karin Williamson and their 49 1/2ers and Nancy and son, Scott, finally got together for a pleasant flight and day. Maple Leaf Chap-

ter members have been busily toting a newly-purchased display board to many local airshows: Spence, Windsor, London and St. Thomas.

- From the **Eastern Ontario Chapter**, Betty Jane Schermerhorn and Felicity McKendry attended convention as did, from the **First Canadian Chapter**, Cathy Fraser, Margo McCutcheon, and Katherine Price, winner of an AE Scholarship. Katherine will use her scholarship to obtain her instructor rating. Margo, along with co-chairman Marilyn Kamp, presented a workshop on Operation Skywatch. Eastern Ontario's Mary Norman and Sylvie Snutch, both instructors at Buttonville Airport, participated in a float plane rally to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the building of the Alaska Highway. The rally started from Dawson Creek, B.C., and terminated in Fairbanks, Alaska, but that was only part of their trip. First they had to fly across Canada from Toronto to British Columbia before even starting the rally. They were the only all-female crew of the 36 planes taking part and flew a total of 60 hours. Eastern Ontario members welcome Deborah Harris and Judy Murray.

- **First Canadian Chapter** members hosted their annual Canada Cup Challenge in June and opened the event this year to non 99s—a great way to have fun and to test your skills. Their Poker Run was weathered out and re-scheduled for September 12. Sue MacNamara has completed a check-out on the King Air 100 and accepted a job at Awood Air in Thunder Bay.

- From **Western Canada Section** comes news that Allison Major, who has undoubtedly received her instructing certificate by this date, is expecting to fly to Florida to learn about banner flying for her new flying career. A Poker Run was held throughout the Okanagan Valley with terminus at Oliver B.C. Southwind motor resort which is at the Oliver airport. Members of **Canadian Rockies Chapter** wish to return the prestige of the renowned name "the black sheep." A white and black scarf with Canadian Rocky emblem will be made and worn. Keep an eye out for their new image. Canadian Rockies held a Poker Run and the participants, from the Kamloops Flying Club, a couple from Penticton and Jim and Alison Jeffrey from Abbotsford en-

joyed winning the prizes. Sonja Wilford was the chairman of the successful event. A Fall meeting is planned for Western Canada Section to be held in Kelowna, B.C. on October 2-4. Jeannine Sprague is chairman of the planning committee. Mary Oswald and her committee from the North deserve a big thank you for the planning and hosting of a successful **All Canada** meeting. Governor Nancy Rand wrote, "The weekend was very special for me in the presence of incoming **North Central Section** Governor Gini Sutherland and her husband, Neal, all the way from Detroit, Michigan. Gini and I were roommates at our first BOD meeting in OKC in April. Friendships in the 99s! A motion was passed to make the All Canada Meeting every 4 years instead of every 2 years. This may enable more participation from the visiting Section."

- **Northwest Section** news reporter, Anita Hapka Taylor, wrote that the members of **Alaska Chapter** are planning the 1993 Northwest Section meeting which is to be held in Fairbanks July 1 through July 4.

- Members of **Greater Seattle Chapter** have been supporting Washington State's newest NIFA team from Green River Community College. In their first NIFA competition, the team finished a respectable 20th out of 28 teams. Congratulations. Greater Seattle's Nancy Jensen and Pat Jotlich have been active in the Big World Flight for Education, visiting 8 airports in Washington.

- Members of **Rainier Chapter** hosted a Big World Flight program for CAP cadets, training the attendees to bring the Big World software and curriculum to their chapters all over the state.

- Members of the **Montana Chapter** hosted an Aviation Conference with over 600 people in attendance. Montana members also presented Air Bear to over 800 students and a program on 99s and women in aviation to 6 middle school classes for Laurel Public Schools.

- Congratulations to **Oregon Pines Chapter's** Betty Wittmer who was recently elected President, Oregon Pilots' Association, and to fellow Chapter member, Mary Decanter, who was elected to Oregon's Aviation and Space Education Forum.

- **Western Washington** members, Jan Liberty and Marilyn Moody, participated in a

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Drug Prevention Awareness Relay.

• **Wisconsin Chapter** members have welcomed three 66s-turned-99s: Ernestine Lynfoot, Jill Wegner and Rose Parmeter. Congratulations for having passed successful check rides and welcome!

• The former and current reporters for **South Central Section**, Margaret Cosby and Bonnie Tassa, have reported that news editor Ann Besley of **Colorado Chapter** details a full calendar of events. A Companion Flyer program tied with the FAA Wings Program at the Golden Buff Hotel and Restaurant in Boulder in June was sandwiched with the sales of coffee and donuts for the Mile High Air Derby and, within a week, an annual picnic to be followed by the Rocky Mountain Fly-In, Greeley. Members of Colorado Chapter have nominated outgoing SCS Governor Pat Ward for the Forest of Friendship. Pat has been and will continue to be a very responsive person to both person and chapter needs. Colorado has awarded their annual 66 Scholarship to Lori Wireman, a full-time student and part-time employee who flies out of Aspen Flying Club and a member of the Colorado Air Patrol. Lori hopes to become a professional charter pilot and/or own her own charter service. Congratulations and good luck, Lori. Colorado Chapter members welcome Beth Koenig (from Yuma), which brings the membership total to 132.

• Members of **Dallas Chapter** had their annual summer picnic at Pauline and Jack Winthrop's Kitty Hawk Airport. Soggy skies did not dampen their spirits or appetites. New officers were installed by Jerry Witbeck: Chairman, Anne Davis; Vice-Chairman, Nancy Whatley; Secretary, Bonnie Lewis, and Treasurer, Benetta Rusk. At the July meeting, Ken McLaughlin demonstrated a new, state-of-the-art, computer-based flight simulator. Many members tried to shoot approaches with the sophisticated software. Members of Dallas Chapter have the honor of being invited to staff the booth of Corporate Angel Network at the National Business Aircraft Association Convention, September 22-24. Companies from all over the world will be represented at this convention. Last year there were 16,000 in attendance! Dallas Chapter welcomes Dorinda Herzog and Catherine Crowder,

the two newest members. Dorinda picked up her application just hours after having passed her check ride and Catherine, formerly of **Golden Triangle Chapter**, is returning to flying after an absence of several years.

• Diane Helly joined the **Dallas Redbird Chapter**. She is a CFI and recently added Instrument to her certificate. Diane and her father, a commercial airline pilot, visited the

airmarking go to: Fran Long and Alice Monroe, Penny Lowe, Sharon Ziegler, April Barber and daughter Le'an, Mary Hermann, Kennie Ruth Patterson, Judy Humphries, and Phyllis Kramer. Linda Lake and Shirley Simpson did not participate in the airmarking—they were on a CAP Search and Rescue Mission. Jody Chapple was in Bartlesville at the BiPlane

Martha Dunbar, ENE Chapter Chair; Andrea LaBaume; Hannah McCarthy, President Daniel Webster College; Justyna Oles; and Nancy Marstall, Scholarship Chairman



National Air & Space Museum, Smithsonian. Dallas Redbird's Fran Shelton and her husband, Fred, flew their L-19 "Birdog" to the Aspen Air Show in Colorado where it was included in the aircraft static display.

• **El Paso Chapter** members welcome Sue Critz who flies out of Gene's Flight School. She is a Molecular Biologist/Analytical Biochemist and is working toward her PhD. Congratulations, too, to El Paso's Didi Shaffer who won election to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Board of Trustees.

• Members of **Fort Worth Chapter** celebrated their new officers: Louie Burnett, Chair; Lottie Eubanks, Vice Chair; Debbie Henderson, Secretary; and Helen Houpt and Juanita Waddell, Co-Treasurers.

• Officers of **Golden Triangle Chapter** have been elected to a second term. The installation was held at the Grand Prairie Municipal Airport and named: Chairman, Jacque Boyd; Vice-Chairman, Betty Thomas; Secretary, Beverly Stephens; and Treasurer, Helen Hill. Golden Triangle's Helen Hill, Penny White and Mary Wheelock attended International Convention in Kansas City.

• Members of **High Country Chapter** have kept busy with a fly-in breakfast in Farmington, New Mexico; an air show at Gunnison, Colorado (their first); an airport marking at Delta, Colorado; and a Balloon Festival at Montrose. Thanks for the

Expo. High Country members planned a fly-in barbeque at Crawford in August.

• Phyllis Blanton, Bonnie Johnson and Marguerite Lawrence of the **Kansas Chapter** flew to Hays to assist with the Air Race Classic in June. They left at 6 a.m. and landed at 7:30 after dodging storms the entire route. Unfortunately, they missed Janet and Karen by about 30 minutes, but were on hand to greet and give snacks to the crews of about 30 other planes. They received much-appreciated help from other Kansas members: Carol Lanning, Marilyn George, Phyllis McCollom, Marty Benham and Linda Leatherman. Karen Tucker, Cheryl Sutton, Bonnie Johnson, Janet Yoder, Carol Lanning and Pat Hobson helped with the Augusta Airport fly-in at the entrance gate and in the 99 information booth. Their booth at Wichita Aerodrome Days was a success and Sandy Wolf-Washburn became their newest member as a result. She and husband, Jack, are sky divers. Welcome. The 1992 Sunflower Rally has been scheduled for September 26 at Augusta Airport.

• **Northeast Kansas Chapter** members helped to host the Forest of Friendship in Atchison in June. Sondra Ridgeway and Virginia Colbert, with Virginia's husband, Jack, provided soft drinks and "goodies," ramped planes and drove passengers into

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town to register. Northeast Kansas' Brooks Powell arrived early to assist committee members, welcomed pilots and aircraft occupants, and assisted Virgene Smolik with decorations for the banquet. Thanks to all who helped and congratulations to Ben Powell for being an honoree this year.

- Members of **Oklahoma Chapter** spent several wonderful days hosting the Air Race Classic terminus stop at Elk City, OK. They invented new stylish raincoats during the downpour of rain that followed several of the racers to the ramp—black trash bags with three holes cut for heads and arms. Even the trash bags were inadequate when the timers' tent blew down. Oklahoma members helped to shuffle racers to shopping, Ninety-Nine headquarters, the Oklahoma Air & Space Museum, the Oklahoma Cowboy Hall of Fame and also worked on the banquet. This was truly an experience in which every Chapter should have the opportunity to participate. A great time was had by all.

- Two aerospace education events topped the **Pikes Peak Chapter's** calendar: Akron, Colorado's High School Career Day—Phyllis Wells, Joanne Wormsbacher and Cam Stomberg flew to Akron from Meadow Lake Airport in Falcon, CO, in Phyllis' C-180 to participate in the all-day event. The following week, Falcon Middle School's gifted and talented pupils spent a morning with Phyllis at Black Forest Gliderport learning about aerodynamics, charts and soaring. Clancey Maloney led the group the next day to the Colorado Springs Tower, an avionics shop and an aircraft maintenance facility before they went for airplane rides at Meadow Lake Airport. The Chapter's eighth birthday celebration was held at our own WASP Ann Frink's Broadway Inn in Pueblo. Pam Mahonchak continues as Chairman. Angel Smith is the new Vice Chairman and Ruth Lucy, the new Secretary. Aileen Johnson will tend the books for another year. The annual sprucing up of the Black Forest Gliderpark was undertaken by members of Pikes Peak Chapter. Planting, digging and flowering highlighted the day for Phyllis Wells, Alice Palmer, Patsy Buchwald and

Pam Mahonchak. Phyllis and Alice "kept on soaring" along with other Black Forest Soaring Society members at their cross-country soaring camp in Limon, Colorado in June. The June meeting of members of Pikes Peak was highlighted by a talk on the jobs of the Civil Air Patrol by Gary Mountain. A reciprocal program by Pam and Ruth Lucy was given later in the month. Ruth dramatized the need for CAP's SAR function by recounting her own rescue after a mountain crash two years ago. Clancey Maloney's house was the site of Pikes Peak's first (and hopefully, annual) garage sale—a highly successful fundraiser. Welcome to the newest member, Denise Hixon.

- **Purple Sage Chapter** members sponsored a Treasure Hunt and pilots and passengers in 7 airplanes participated. The top prize

McDaniel as runner-up. Past Chair Gloria Blank has recovered from surgery, but our heartfelt concern goes to Laura Richter's son who met with a nasty accident at work and lost a leg. San Antonio's Col. Virginia Spikes has been a member of the Curriculum Planning Committee at Palo Alto College and is our 99 rep in that capacity. Virginia recently presented Palo Alto with the Chapter's annual \$500 scholarship. Last year's recipient became a 99 on receiving her Private certificate. Members of San Antonio Chapter have contributed to Palo Alto Library's aviation resource material by donating memorial volumes to their library. The most recent contribution was Edna Gardner Whyte's *Rising Above It*.

Margaret Cosby and F-16 pilot son, Mike, flew in their C-177 RG to Florida. Marga-

ret appreciated the lovely compass rose painted by the 99s at New Smyrna Beach Airport. Members of the Chapter were on hand to help Kerrville's Schreiner Airport celebrate its 50th Anniversary.

- **Shreveport Chapter** members have been very envious of Chapter Chairman, Starr Stone. She was invited to accompany the Confederate Air Force to

Finger Lakes Chapter Exhibit at Greater Rochester Airport, NY:



*R. Slocomb,
W. Reed,
FSDO Mgr;
99s Marilyn
Bolton,
Marcia
Gitelman and
S. Cooper.
The exhibit
attracted a lot
of attention.*

was \$99 in a flight "fanny pack." Sabrehna Wyche and her husband Jim cooked hamburgers for all workers and contestants. Judy Maurer, who is in Midland from Germany and working on her instrument rating, talked to members of the Chapter about general aviation flying in Germany. Members had a concession booth at the Second Annual Southwest Air Fair & Expo in Odessa, TX, in July. Purple Sage members painted a compass rose at Midland Airpark. Members Janet Koonce, Priscilla Barbee, Mary Alice Tidwell and Patricia Petosky attended the International Convention. Sabrehna Wyche was the winner of Oklahoma Chapter's diamond wings pendant.

- Since all the officers of **San Antonio Chapter** will be in their second term of office except Jo Houseler who was appointed as secretary to fill the unexpired term, no formal installation was held at the annual dinner. Chair Laura Richter had kept track of member's participation and the 99 of the Year trophy went to Lena Kronk with Ginny

England for a 6-week tour celebrating the 8th Air Force's 50th Anniversary. The CAF took a B-29 over and back. The tour was a huge success and Starr had the time of her life. Lisa Garrett is moving to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, where her husband, Darryl, a lieutenant in the Army, is stationed. Sandra Shaw has moved to Dallas. Shreveport will miss them.

- Members of **Texas Dogwood Chapter** had a hamburger cook-out at Sally Coker's hangar at the Kaye Ranch Estates in Winona. Lyle Lawler presented a program on the Pilot's Psychological Profile, the results of which surprised a few members. Texas Dogwood's Jerry Anne Jurenka made a trip to New York to help plan her daughter's wedding; Clara Pace got a Super Cub; Caroline Geer worked in Virginia for the summer; and Aina Hancock headed for "Oshkosh," the EAA Convention and Fly-in. Rose and Gene Ellis and Cynthia and Jerry Pitts visited Florida. Texas Dogwood Chapter members hosted a successful Poker

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Run with airplanes ranging from an Aeronca to an AT-6 and painted a compass rose at Gilmer. Camille Brackeen, Aina Hancock and Pat Wright (**Wildflower Chapter**) "manned" the unicom for an EAA Fly Market at Mount Vernon, TX. Jerry Anne Jurenka and Jan Maxwell each made her first parachute jump!

• **Tulsa Chapter's** Jan Mauritson flew to Tenkiller Airport to pick up Mary Kelly and husband, Joe, to attend the U.S. Pilots' Association Meeting in Branson, MO. Installed by Jan, the new Tulsa officers are: Marilou Poore, Chairperson; Charlene McCullough, Vice Chairperson; Phyllis Scott, Treasurer; and Evelyn Hayes, Secretary. New members are welcomed to Tulsa Chapter: Frances Luckhart, Shannon Small, Jennifer Wheeler and Leisl Turner. Melissa Whitehead attended the International Trauma Counsellors' Convention in San Diego and was recognized as one of only 30 internationally-certified Trauma Specialists in the U.S. Congratulations. Mary Kelly has been taking aerobatic lessons from Kent Filkins. He invited her to fly with another and she performed some of the maneuvers.

Fallbrook, CA, friends of Pam Van der Linden, Coyote Country: (front) Emily Ives, Hannah McSheehy (who took her first steps at a meeting!), Penny Fedorchak, Vesta Malby and (rear) Kay Brick, Nancy McSheehy and Barbara Brotherton, gather by the exquisite monument by Stuart Tucker. In the preserve established by Pam, the bronze was commissioned by Pam's 3 children; a dedication to Pam. The sculpture's theme, "Strive to reach the stars," is depicted in a twisting trunk that rises to a soaring hawk transmogrified from an airplane.



• Pat Eby, Tom and Carolyn Sanders and Carolyn Baker of the **Wichita Falls Chapter** attended an Aero Club Safety Meeting at Sheppard AFB. A presentation of the book, *Women Aloft*, was made to the Electra High School Library in memory of Jimmie Kolp, outstanding pilot from Electra. Two students from Electra High were treated to their first plane rides during a hangar party in June at Christie and Leslie Finnell's hangar where Fred Ridenour, a good friend of Virginia Claer, gave an interesting talk. Marilyn Milor is the newest member of Wichita Falls Chapter. Welcome.

• Kathleen Browne, **Southwest Section** reporter, wrote that Beverly Kritz is welcomed as the newest Chapter member of **Antelope Valley Chapter**. Thank yous to Florabelle and Ralph Reese, Rosemary and Jeff Coonrod, LaDell Webster, Elaine Levesque, Cheryl Winter and Paul Reukauf for a successful Flying Companion Seminar last Spring. Deborah Collins received her BS in Health Care. With thank yous to Lynne Bunn, Beverly Kritz, Jane Woodward, Shirley and George Williams, Antelope Valley's airmarking was a success. For a 3rd consecutive year, the Chapter won the Small Chapter APT trophy at the Spring Section meeting and a permanent trophy now resides in a case at Fox Field. A date is set for a tour of the Science/Technology Center in Apple Valley on September 19 and for the Fox Field Open House on October 11. Members of the Chapter are discussing scholarships and the possibility of sponsoring an Embry-Riddle student.

• **Aloha Chapter** news reports that Kuuiipo Barbara Teague is alive and well on the mainland. Donna Frost-Swank attended the

FAA's DC-9 school in OK City. A 20th Annual Aloha Chapter Apuepuelele (proficiency) Flying Contest was held and Chapter member Carol Read, director of operations and chief pilot for All Pacific Air,

provided the use of APA for start and finish. Lindy Boyes handled all arrangements except for the route and Lois Luehring was Route Chair. Fred Sorenson regaled members of Aloha Chapter with tales of ferrying light aircraft long distances over water. The compass rose was painted at Killingham Field.

• **Alameda County Chapter** members held an airlift with 15 pilots and 14 aircraft. Thanks for the resounding success go to Judy Barker and Billie Sposeto who co-chaired the event and to all who helped. New members welcomed into Alameda County include Barbara Zoellner, Wilmoed De Bly, Jacqueline Waide, Phyllis Manning and 66 Jacquie Coleman. Andrea Brown, Karalee Carnham, Jacquie Coleman, Lynette Menard, Jennifer Naylor, Kim Purcell and Barbara Zoellner all flew in the 28th Annual Hayward-Las Vegas Air Race. Alameda County awarded 2 \$1000 scholarships this year. Summer plans included a spot landing contest at Hayward Air Terminal and a fly-in to Pine Mountain Lake as well as a membership drive in the form of a hangar party/BBQ.

• Karen Maish has been elected to serve a 2nd term as chairman of **Arizona Sundance Chapter**. Thanks to Sharon Grey, members got to tour the America West hangar, simulator and several aircraft. **Arizona's** Marge Thayer and **Phoenix Chapter's** Ruby Sheldon placed 2nd in the Shamrock Air Derby. Entertainment for the June meeting was performed by Bonnie Krentler.

• **The Bakersfield Chapter's** annual summer potluck was held at Suzanne and Mel McGowan's home. Peter Thomas, acting airport director at Meadows Field, gave the membership information on the improvements underway at the airport and info on the new International Flight Training Academy opening soon. Thank yous go to all who assisted at the air show at Minter Field (Joan & Bill Paynter, Suzanne McGowan, and Darlene & David Pillows), the Hayward-Bakersfield-Las Vegas Air Race (in which Donna Weeks placed 11th) and the booth painting party. Bakersfield was well represented at Minter Field and has donated \$100 to the West High Future Flyers. Pat Church earned a Master's Degree in progress.

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• Members of **Bay Cities Chapter** will be working in the Oakland Air Show this fall honoring Women In Aviation. Ada Laurence is a new member of Bay Cities and won the dubious honor of being "Tail End Charlie" in the Hayward-Bakersfield-Las Vegas Air Race.

• **Cameron Park Chapter** members planned a fund raiser—selling strawberries with whipped cream, iced tea and lemonade—for the Garage Sale at Cameron Airport in June. They had already donated aviation books to the local library. Penny Burman was awarded a scholarship by the **Sierra Foothills Chapter**. Shari Meyer is flying the Cayman Caravan. *Wide World of Flying* is filming from her aircraft for use in one of their videos. Linda Swan received the "Outstanding Performer for 1991" from Chapter 116 of the Air Force Association at Mather Field. April Guest, Connie Lloyd, is now a legal eagle. Pat Collins gave a presentation on her trip to Costa Rica. Cameron Park's Wray Robertson is moving to Nevada. Members are planning a fly-away weekend on October 10-11 in Santa Maria with Bobbie Trout and author Carol Osborne as the guest speakers.

• The monthly fly-in for members of **Coyote Country Chapter** was to Fallbrook Airport with lunch at El Jardin and flying videos at Barbara Brotherton's home. Members of Coyote Country help plans for river rafting in Kern Valley, spot landing contests at Borrego Springs, Columbia, and Ocotillo Wells. Thanks to Betty Gillies for sharing her exploits as a pioneer in aviation.

• An article with **El Cajon Chapter** Chairman Frankie Clemens as the local focus appeared in the *Daily Californian*. The article touches on the mystery surrounding Amelia Earhart's disappearance and the 99s. Members of El Cajon planned to sell ice cream at the Air Force Air Show at Gillespie Field.

• **Fullerton Chapter** members planned a poker run and BBQ last spring, then a fly-in and lunch to Catalina in June and Sylvia Paoli, Kim Ernst and Eleanor Westerland participated. Two Girl Scout troops were scheduled for an airport tour during the same month. The PCIFA Regional Competition saw Jan Nievesky, Annette Smith, Pat Savage, Evelyn Craik and Denise Jennings as judges. They were joined by Jacquie

Sprague from **Long Beach**. Members of Fullerton Chapter planned to airmark a compass rose at Fullerton Airport in September. The 3rd Annual Poker Run and BBQ went well despite the weather. The Installation Dinner and White Elephant Auction was held in July. Karen Boggio won the Spot Landing Contest sponsored by the Fullerton Airport Pilots' Association. There were 38 contestants—36 men and 2 women. Congratulations, Karen!

• Members of **Hi-Desert Chapter** claim a successful Apple Valley High School Career Days for the Chapter's local exposure. Yvonne & Dale Koepke, Virginia Rainwater, Midge Hoover, and Margaret Bolton all participated.

• Many thank yous go to those of **Imperial So-Lo Chapter** who worked so hard on the Spring Section Meeting: Faye Douthitt, Kathy Dirian, Pat Drye, Carla Keating, Chris Myers, Betty Porter, Phyllis Westcott, Marie Woods, Birdie Gibson and Mari



Newly-installed by Dodie Jewett, past governor North Central Section, right, are Lake Erie officers: On the wing, Chairman, Donna Moore; Vice-Chair, Gaye Wohlin; treasurer, Jennifer Syme; and Secretary, Sandra Stokes.

Hurley. Thanks to the art students of Pat Drye and Lillian Schuler at Central Union High School in El Centro for the centerpieces. Faye & Bob Douthitt, Chris & Earl Myers, Kathy and Don Dirian, Phyllis & Scott Wescott, Mari & Cliff Hurley and Lucy all flew to Gonzaga for the Chapter Fly-in and participated in a scavenger hunt while there. Members of Imperial So-Lo helped to provide transportation from Thermal Airport to the hotel for ARC pilots.

• **Long Beach Chapter** member Ginette Aelony was seriously injured in an aircraft accident. Our thoughts are with her. Mary Pinkney hosted 99 Grazia Sartori of Italy. Hawthorne Air Faire invited 99s to greet and direct incoming warbird pilots in August. Members of the Chapter received a check from Thomas L. Buhl for the RITA

BUHL FAMILY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP. Torrence Airport is the site of a Flying Companion Seminar. Long Beach's Vickie Norton received her instrument ticket in May and Ella Pattison was re-certified in the Grumman Tiger from her flying club. Carol Wilson and Barbara Standing are welcomed as new members and our best wishes are also extended to Anne McNeeley's 49 1/2, Bill, who is recovering from injuries due to an auto accident. The Long Beach Flying Companion Seminar was a success. Thank yous go to: Nancy Clinton, Iris Critchell, Nancy Hewett, Sheila Papayans, Sandy Couverley, Dayle Buchkotter, Pilar and John Simmons, Mary MacDonald, Mary Wenholz, Ella Pattison, Lorie Papp, Mary Pinkney, Anne McNeeley, Amy Ellsworth and Connie Farmer. Long Beach Chapter won 1st Place for Aerospace Education at the Spring Section meeting.

• Three members of **Los Angeles Chapter** attended the Santa Monica Airport Association meeting to monitor the status of proposed building on the corner of airport property. Bernie Stevenson's 49 1/2, Jim, underwent hip replacement surgery. Our best wishes. Pat Olson's 49 1/2, Roger, took an extended horseback ride from Canyon De Chelly to Monument Valley. The June meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter was the Installation Dinner. Georgia Lambert, Sally La Forge, Eugenia Rohrberg, Virginia Showers, and Bernie Stevenson all attended the Spring Section meeting.

• Many thanks to Peter and Elaine Bull for their work in publishing the **Marin County Chapter** newsletter. John Gullett, MD, spoke to members of the Chapter on FAA medical certificates. Peggy Williams, who successfully battled to get her medical back, is now IFR current. In July, Marin County members sponsored, as they had sponsored an IFR Refresher Course with Rod Machado in May, the FAA presentation featuring UAL Captain Al Haynes at Hamilton AFB. The Installation dinner is to be held at the home of Dee and Ro Selman. Woodlake Airport was scheduled to be airmarked in August. Arnette Wilson passed her checkride in June and the Chapter's Proficiency Race, Fly-in and Overnight will be

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held in September or October.

• Isabelle Hale of **Mission Bay Chapter** and son, Dr. Michael McCrae, were guests aboard the Ranger during the ceremonies at North Island re-creating the Doolittle Raid on Tokyo that occurred 50 years ago. B-25 bombers were launched from the deck and a formation of B-25s later overflew the home of Doolittle living in Pebble Beach. What a touching honor for a great man. Mike's AT-6 was part of the static display of vintage planes.

• Members of **Monterey Bay Chapter** planned to sponsor an airlift for the Salinas Airport Open House in August. Monterey Bay members also planned to sell strawberries at the Independence Day Fair in Watsonville.

• Two fly-ins were planned by members of **Mount Diablo Chapter**—one short hop to Mendocino and a long distance flight to Prospect, Oregon. Earlier Chapter members planned to fly-in to Round Valley, coordinated with the **Round Valley Chapter**. The Chapter participated in a Pilot Appreciation Day at the Concord Airport in June with a planned information and sales table. The members of Mount Diablo celebrate the 25th anniversary this year and planned a celebration potluck in August. They planned to look into taking a group through the high altitude training at Mather AFB. The July fly-in was a "Family and Friends" riverside picnic at Cloverdale. Phyllis Manning, an **Alameda Chapter** member, won the scholarship. Congratulations to Phyllis and to 66 Deborah Russo who received her Private certificate.

• Members of **Mt. Shasta Chapter** report that the Corning Air Show was a success with thank yous to Donna Taylor, Jane, Lois Erickson, Suann Prigmore, Michelle and Mark and Candy with special thanks to Diane Schneeweis. Thank yous also to the crew that manned the Redding Air Show: Suann Prigmore, Donna Taylor, Michelle and Mark Bond, Don Erickson, Lauren Handley, Candy Murphy, Audrey Schutte, Lois Van Zelf, Gayle and Allan Wright, Jan Streeter, Barbara Boot and 66 Tammy Richens. Pat Nash, RN, was a featured speaker last Spring. Mt. Shasta's Barbara Boot was elected to the Section Nominating Committee. The Chico Air Show is September 12 and members of the Chapter

CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Sep 1-6** 7th World Helicopter Championships, Swindon, England
Sep 4-6 Colorado Springs Balloon Classic
Sep 11-13 Ann Arbor, MI. North Central Section Meeting.
 Contact: Sue Siporin at 313 661-4610.
Sep 13 Platteville, WI. Fly-In Breakfast, 7:30 to 11:30 AM at the Grant County Airport, PIC free. Prizes for 1st Arrival, Furthest Distance, etc.
 For further information: 608 348-3580.
To Sep 14 Tri-State Poker Run Contact: Marjorie Sundmacher, Chicago Area 708 945-5266.
Sep 18-20 Kansas Sunflower Rally, Augusta Airport, KS.
Sep 18-20 Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic, Parks College of St. Louis University. Speakers include Bill Kershner, Peggy Baty, and others. Contact: Nita Browning, 618 337-7575.
Sep 18-20 Mile Hi Air Derby, Centennial, CO
Oct 1-4 Joint SWS-SCS Meeting with Balloon Festival, Albuquerque, NM.
Oct 2-3 Plymouth, MA Fall Meeting, New England Section
 Host: Eastern New England. Location: Plymouth Sheraton.
 Friday Eve Speaker: Genie Rae O'Kelley, a founder of the Air Race Classic. A tour of Plimouth Plantation is scheduled for Saturday following the business meeting. For more info: ENE Chairperson, Martha Dunbar, 508 478-3808.
Oct 3-4 Parks College of St. Louis University will celebrate its 65th Anniversary during the college's Open House and Homecoming. Fly-in breakfast, fly-bys, a display of the replica of Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis and more. Contact: Nita Browning, 618 337-7575.
Oct 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
Oct 9-10 Phoenix 99s 25th Kachina Doll Air Rally, Deer Valley Airport, Phoenix, AZ. Silver Anniversary Proficiency Rally open to all licensed pilots. For a Rally Kit, send \$5 to KDAR, Elaine Ralls, 2539 N. 35th Ave, Ste. 10 Phoenix, AZ 85009 or call: 602 998-9619.
Oct 17 Back To Basics Air Race, Los Angeles Chapter. Contact: Dorothy Friedmann, 310 450-2788 or 213 937-2150. For Race Kit, send \$4 to Dorothy at 2343 Pier Avenue, Santa Monica, CA 90405.
Oct 24 Purple Sage Poker Rally, Skywest Airport, Midland, TX.
Oct 31 Halloween Poker Run, Dallas, TX. Callt: Bonnie Tassa, 214 964-1671.
Nov 6-8 Tucson Treasure Hunt (A Scavenger Hunt In the Sky), sponsored by the Tucson Ninety-Nines. For entry kits and information, send \$3.50 with your name and address to Iona Gamertsfelder, 271 Calle McCleary, Green Valley, AZ 85614 or call: 602 648-0420.
Nov 14-15 Oregon Air Fair 1992 Oregon Convention Center, Portland
 Organized as a free annual event by the Northwest Aviation Association (NWAA), Inc., the FAA and the Oregon Aeronautics Division. It features a wide variety of nationally recognized speakers, over 200 trade show exhibits and interactive displays and numerous seminars. For more information: NWAA—800 547-NWAA.

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- Mar 4-6** Women In Aviation Conference, St. Louis, MO.
 Contact: Dr. Peggy Baty 618-337-7500
Mar 14-19 World Aviation Education & Safety Congress, Bombay, India.
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plan to be there. It took three attempts, but the compass rose at the Hillside Airport was finally completed. The Chapter won an aerospace education trophy and the APT award at the Spring Section meeting. Many thanks to: Shirley Leatherwood, Lee Agnew, Michelle Bond, Margaret Brennan, Liz Dealey, Jane LaMar, Suann Prigmore, Pat Nash, Diane Shneeweis, Donna Taylor, Diane Ward, Lois Van Zelf and 66 Tammy Richins for the successful Pepsi-Hotdog booth at the Benton Father's Day Air Show.

- Members of **Nevada High Sierra Chapter** planned to assist the members of **Lake Tahoe Chapter** at the Truckee Air Show in June. Members of Nevada High Sierra have been asked to assist at the National Championship Air Races, Reno, in September. Dayton Airport is scheduled for an airmarking.

- Members of **Palms Chapter** welcome new pilots and Chapter members: Andrea De Tournay, Carol Cleveland, Heather Phelan, Gail Diane Kass, Jennifer Ann Wright and Kathy Driscoll. Claire Walters is responsible for signing up Liz Wexler Berry and Rosalie Iaea as new members. Palms' Mahlone Beck taught her mother and brother to fly. Congratulations to all three!

- In the Palomar Chapter, Patty Haley is an Amelia Earhart Scholarship winner and the El Cajon Chapter's Delano Scholarship winner. She will use her awards to get her instrument rating on her way to CFI&I and

ATP. Patty, Ginny Boylls, Marti Show, LuAnn Unger, and Charlotte Lindner are all members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The North County Air Tour airlift of **Palomar Chapter** was scheduled for August. Palomar's Dolores McComas donated an Apple computer with a printer to the Chapter. Anne Sandall took a Girl Scout troop on a tour of CRQ in June. Carolee Sansone and Marti Show took part in the ARC.

- Julie Francisco was the ASU student who won the **Phoenix Chapter's** scholarship this year. Congratulations. A VFR Refresher course was planned for June. The Phoenix June dinner meeting was held at Jimmie Hall's home and Turf Soaring School was airmarked in June. Thank yous to the crew at the Scottsdale Air Fair: Kathleen and Joanna Browne, Patty Rodgers, Lois Eaton, Molly Gentry, Terrie Ekin, Shirley White, and Nancy Nay. Jackie Whitford, Tanna Romberg and Joanna Browne participated in a career day at Cactus High School and spent a day successfully promoting The Ninety-Nines. The annual "Picnic in the Pines" was planned for August at Lois Ward's house. Welcome to Valerie Doyle, the newest member. There were plans for a garage sale to help provide operating funds for the 25th Annual Kachina Doll Air Rally in July. Welcome to Ruth Dobrescu, and 49 1/2 Charles, who transferred from the **Long Island Chapter**.

- **Placer Gold Chapter** members celebrated

the Chapter's birthday with a Chili Dog and Cake party at Barbara Hall's home. The new officers of Placer Gold are: Marge Clinton, Chairman; Betty Walsh, Vice-Chairman; Jean Coyle, Treasurer; Lorry Jukill, Secretary. Best wishes to Marge Clinton who is expecting in November. The annual Poker Run will be held in October. There was a good turnout for the fly-in to Willows in June.

- The program for the June meeting of **Redwood Empire Chapter** was Skydancer Skydiving. Members report a successful Flying Companion Seminar with thanks to Jo Patton, Sue Adler, Carol Bloch (on loan from **Orange County Chapter**), 66 Wendy Lipsey, Cinda Webber, Erma Chance (**Caribbean Section**), Sue Chambers, Melissa Snyder, Lane LaMar (**Mt. Shasta Chapter**), and Colleen Turner. Cinda Webber was voted the Redwood Empire's WPOY. She gave a presentation on flying in proficiency air races. A July fly-in was headed toward the Flying AA Ranch in Ruth, CA. Aviation Week in California is October 11-17 and the Napa County Airport will be celebrating on the 17th. Members of Redwood Empire will participate with a concession booth. Cinda Weber is coordinating a tour of the Oakland Center for September.

- Members of **Reno Area Chapter** have filled their calendars: Mother's Day Flyathon, Fly-in to Bridgeport, Truckee Air Show, Fall River Mills, Harris Ranch, Nervino Annual Fly-In, National Championship Reno Air Races, NAS Fallon Air Show with the Blue Angels and, in October, to Columbia. Sandwiched between flying dates was the Carson City Career Fair for 9-12th graders. Thanks to Hazel Hohn, Sally Somerfield, Cheryl Bloom, Joan Shonnard and Linda Chandler-Law.

- **Sacramento Valley Chapter** members heard chief mechanic at Capital Skypark, Art Jackson, speak on aircraft maintenance, what to look for in rental aircraft, and how to do preventive maintenance on your own aircraft. They planned a fly-in to Clear Lake in June and are already anticipating the hostessing of the Spring 1993 Section meeting. Thanks to Dorothy Flynn, Isabel Wormoth, Kris James, Susan Kennedy, Shirley Lehr, Nancy Haugarth, Florence Breen, June Devine, Bobby Campbell, Kelly



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Phyllis Wells	Pikes Peak	Gold Seal Instructor (CFI-G)
Victoria Wilson	Mount Diablo	ME and Commercial
Sue Chambers	Redwood Empire	ATP
Vickie Norton	Long Beach	IFR
Victoria Wilson	Mt. Diablo	ME and Commercial
Tessa Sherman	Garden State	IFR
Kay Walling	El Paso	IFR
Debby Downey	Lake Erie	IFR
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Gay Williams	Potomac	ME IFR
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	Virginia Ursin	East New England	Phase III
	Phyllis Kramer	High Country	Phase IV
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	Pat Osmon	Willamette Valley	Phase VII
	Carolgene Dierolf	Monterey	Phase VII
	Gini Sutherland	Greater Detroit	Phase VIII
	June Simpson	Hudson Valley	Phase VIII

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NY-NJ Section Governor, Barbara Mead, with WWII ace, "Gabby" Gabreski as Suffolk County Airport is renamed in Gabreski's honor.

Feeney, Pamela O'Brian, Barbara Clark, Kristine Hauswirth, Sandy Peterson, Jean Hunt and Walt Campbell, the May Air Fair and Flying Companion Seminar was a success. Sacramento Valley's WPOY Banquet was to be at the McClellan Officers' Club.

• Members of **San Fernando Valley Chapter** planned an Installation Dinner in June with Traffic Reporter, Mike Nolan, as the guest speaker. Also planned was a tour of Burbank TRACON and tower as well as, in July, a sales and information booth to be held at the Van Nuys Aviation Expo. Welcome to new members: Shanda Lear, Joyce Rowley and Sandra Bullok. Marcia Fuller received a Member of the Month award for her work on Salute to Youth. The Chapter received 50 complete applications for the JHMAR/SFV 99s Career Scholarship from which three were to be chosen. New officers include: Chair, Felicia Hoppe; Vice Chair, Mary Glassman; Recording Sec'y, Sylvia Sanderson; Corresponding Sec'y, Marcia Fuller; and Treasurer, Golda Neuman. Jan Hall volunteered to assume the editing of the newsletter. The 1992 Valley Air Derby, sponsored by San Fernando Valley, will be September 26, Van Nuys to Needles, with the banquet at Lake Havasu.

• Members of **San Gabriel Valley Chapter** held an Aviation Pet Photo Contest. The successful event culminated with a display of the work of the winners at Brackett. Proceeds were placed in a scholarship fund to support a San Gabriel Valley area high school student to attend a week at Space Camp in Alabama. The Space Camp Scholarship winner is Nor Chan Chiao from Arcadia High School. San Gabriel Valley welcomes new members: Kay Anderson, Carol Grunsfeld and Virginia Harmer. A

trip to Ontario TRACON was held in June and a Mystery Fly-In was held in July.

• Airport Day at San Luis Airport saw members of **San Luis Obispo Chapter** with an information and sales booth—99s promoting women in aviation.

• **Santa Clara Valley Chapter's** Nancy Sliwa is in Ormond Beach, FL, and planned to attend the Spring Section meeting. Amelia Reid was the recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Aero Club of Northern California and the National Aeronautic Association and Jeana Yeager won the Crystal Eagle Award from the Aero Club. Congratulations. Jim Brendel and Rhys Williams, representative of Angel Flight, gave a presentation. Peggy Ewert is leading the movement for a Chapter Lending Library of aviation books. A special event was held by members of Santa Clara Valley Chapter to honor Betty Hicks on her retirement from Foothill College Aviation Department. This was also to launch the "Betty Hicks Foundation" that she is inaugurating for low-interest student aid to be available to flight students who have soloed. Best wishes, Betty. Peggy Ewert was elected as Section Treasurer. Lois Letzring won a ride in a J-3 Cub and enjoyed her first ride in a taildragger. Nancy Sliwa and Marcie Smith won 4 leg prizes in the Great Southern Air Race. A Proficiency Poker Flight and Barbeque was held in June.

• The 19th Annual June BBQ of the **Santa Paula Chapter 99s** saw the presentation of the POY award to Pat Thomas. Runners-up were Kitty Alegre, Nadine Beliveau, Marie Fasano-Ramos and Pamela Stock. Connie Hewett was the winner of a \$200 flight training door prize from Santa Paula Chapter.

• Members of **Santa Rosa Chapter** met for an Installation Meeting at the Hoffman House and then on to Rosalie Hope's Hope-Merrill House for dessert, the installation and presentation of the Chapter scholarship. Rosalie shared her Mexico experience at an earlier meeting and Pat Furay attended Santa Rosa meetings.

• **Utah Chapter** members held a "Group Photo Session" as well as a Poker Flight the following month. New officers for Utah are Chairman, Carol Clark; Vice-Chairman, Barb Coleman; Secretary, Janna

Cardon; and Treasurer, Betty Lou Manwaring. Utah's Judy Davidson, Barbara Coleman and Wilma Nichols are co-chairing the Program Committee. Wilma Nichols is also chairing Membership. Helen Hilburn is handling airmarking and Alberta Nicholson is doing the AE Scholarship. Jean Coffman is chairing APT and Hospitality and Sidney Sandau is publishing the newsletter.

• From **New York-New Jersey Section** comes word that Governor Shirley Ludington was among the new honorees inducted into the International Forest of Friendship in June. Members of New York-New Jersey were proud to sponsor Shirley in recognition of the extra responsibilities she shouldered for serving on the initial Council of Governors. Incoming Governor, Barbara Mead, represented the Section at the rededication of the former Suffolk County Airport when it was renamed in honor of Col. Francis S. Gabreski, World War II Ace. Many of "Gabby's" friends also gathered for the celebration and several members of **Long Island Chapter** were in attendance: Doris Abbate, Jill Hopfenmuller, Edith Kuzenko, Nancy Newman, Mae Smith and Bozena Syska. The audience was treated to a fly-by of the stealth fighter. Maybe you can't see it, but you sure can hear it! Long Island Chapter will be among fifteen local aviation groups represented at the September first annual Long Island Heritage Days at the Cradle of Aviation Museum.

• The **North Jersey Chapter** members installed their new officers at their annual dinner meeting. Jeanne "Jan" Kent took the gavel from Leslie Highleyman, who had served enthusiastically for the past three years. Another activity keeping members of North Jersey busy was a successful poker run chaired by Tara Donn. Chapter events have drawn so well that Doreen Tighe had bright safety green hats made for Chapter workers. They went over so well that people wanted to buy them. Members of **Garden State Chapter** co-sponsored a safety seminar that featured Skywatch with members of North Jersey. Tara Donn has become very active in this program and helped to organize the seminar. Bill Miller from Philadelphia FSDO was in charge with the panel members from New York, New Jersey and the EPA.

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• **Central New York Chapter's** Patty Bear has been hired by United for their 707 crews. Congratulations, Patty. Once again, Central New York had a booth at Griffiss AFB during Commander's Day. This year's announcement about the various groups sponsoring booths was read over the loudspeakers so the Ninety-Nines received a very nice plug heard by 30,000 people. Let's hope this helps the membership drive.

• Myrna Stephens, reporter of the news from the **North Central Section**, sent news of the 1992 Buckeye Air Rally, June 26-28. Sponsored by the **All-Ohio Chapter**, this was the 17th annual event. Winners, Marcia Greenham and Fred Totten, achieved an error of less than one mile per hour in their estimated ground speed. Congratulations. Congratulations, too, to Kathy Samuelson and Roberta Jones, Best 99 Team. Kathy also won the spot landing contest. Donations from the proceeds go to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship, the National Intercollegiate Flying Association, and the Women's Air and Space Museum, Centerville, OH. The Buckeye Air Rally will be held on June 18-20 at Phillipsburg Airport near Dayton and hosted by Judy Westerheide in 1993. Mark your calendars.

• Congratulations to Lydia Lazurenko, **Michigan Chapter**, who became the first woman president of the Engineering Society of Detroit.

• **Three Rivers Chapter** members are hard at work planning their Flying Companion Seminar to be held October 24th.

• **Central Illinois'** Jean McLaughlin and 49 1/2, Mac, travelled to Oregon to the Annual Navion Convention where they received the "Navioneer of the Year" trophy. The National Aeronautic Association (NAA) recently presented its Certificate of Honor to Central Illinois 99, Linda Whitsitt, to honor her as Founder and President Emeritus of Lifeline, Inc. Lifeline is a volunteer organization of pilots providing emergency air transportation to assist people, agencies, and organizations with special transportation needs. Linda Schumm and Rosemary Emhoff, Central Illinois, placed 18th and won 2 leg prizes in the Great Southern Air Race—their first cross-country race and first time over open water. Linda and Rosemary, competing in their first Air Race Classic, placed third out of 40

entries. They also received the Mary Pearson Award for the highest scoring team flying the race for the first time. Congratulations. May found Central Illinois members at Lacon, IL, airmarking the Marshall County Airport. Later in the month they hosted the 23rd Annual Illi-Nines Air Derby. Central Illinois workers included: Lisa Woldow, Derby Chairman; Jean and Bob West, Operations; Deed and Max Holcomb, Pylon Judges; Joan and John Boyd, Pylon Judges; Marilyn and Ron Black, Cookie Suppliers. Carolyn Pobanz and Karen Monteith of the Quad Cities Chapter were timers.

• **Chicago Area Chapter** members Nancy Haraldson, Sharon Ann Schorsch, Marge Sundmacher, Sue Murray, Lori Haraldson Diversey, Rita Adams and Judy Smallish conducted an Air Bear class during the Palwaukee Pilots' Association pancake breakfast in June. Sharon Ann Schorsch also presented a program on "Flying Communications" to 50 Civil Air Patrol Cadets at Great Lakes Naval Station in Waukegan and, as NIFA Chairperson, represented the Chicago Area Chapter at the Safecon 1992 hosted by Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe. Diane Cozzi and Carol Hickman are celebrating 20 years as 99s. Ellen O'Hara, Ruth Rockcastle, Barbara Muehlhausen and Nancy Haraldson form the task force for the the October "Third Annual Statewide Teachers' Workshop and Resource Conference" to be held at DuPage Airport. The EAA/Wagner Foundation Flight Scholarship has been presented to Chicago Area 99, Val Gorra. Congratulations. Chicago Area Chapter's new officers are: Chairperson, Cynthia Madsen; Vice Chairperson, Mary Krautkramer; Recording Secretary, Kristin Glick Nuckolls; Treasurer, Ellen Herring. The June Chicago Area meeting was held at Belvidere Airport and a feature of the meeting was a spot landing contest won by Ellen Herring. Nancy Haraldson placed second and 49 1/2 Chuck Herring placed 3rd. Chicago Area Chapter participants in the Illi-Nines Air Derby included Cynthia and Ralph Madsen who won first place in proficiency and Ruth and Bob Frantz who placed fourth. The spot landing contest was won by 49 1/2 Lance Nuckolls. **Central Illinois Chapter** participants who placed in the race included Don Hughes (49 1/2 of Marge), Jan Currie who won first place in the speed category,

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and Linda Schumm and Rosemary Emhoff, mentioned above, who placed third in speed.

• New member, Jolynn Hurwitz, is welcomed by the members of **Greater Cincinnati Chapter** and farewell is bid to "Captain" Connie Troyer who has been hired by American Airlines. Greater Cincinnati's Karen Asher-Young and her husband, Dave, are starting a new charter company, Chart Air, at Lunken Airport. Karen is also the new Chairman of Greater Cincinnati Chapter along with: Vice-Chairman, Marilyn Vogelpohl; Secretary, Sheri Stehle; and Treasurer, Mary Schmidt.

• Phyllis Webb, **Indiana Dunes Chapter**, was honored as the Accident Prevention Counselor of the Year for FSDO Area 8 in Michigan. Joy Black, Indiana Dunes, received a certificate of appreciation from EAA Chapter 104 for participation in the Fly-A-Teacher program.

• **Lake Erie Chapter** members installed new officers at their June meeting: Donna Moore, Chairman; Gaye Wohlin, Vice Chairman; Jennifer Syme, Treasurer; and Sandy Stokes, Secretary. Members of Lake Erie Chapter met at Portage County Airport in May to honor George Kirkendall, Sr., the aviation pioneer who flew the first Piper Cub to take to the air. George's pilot certificate, issued in 1930, is signed by Orville Wright. Nadine Bluhm was honored in June with an article in the *Canton Free Press* about her activities in the WASPs. Lori Perry, outgoing Chairman, was the speaker at the safety meeting held in June. New member Judith Cochrac is welcomed.

• **Lake Michigan Chapter** members welcome a new member, Kristi Gerritsen.

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Kristi has just earned her CFI and CFI&I. Another new 99 is Paula Lupina who recently participated in the first KIMO regional 4-state ultralight competition. Lake Michigan Chapter's Eudora Riemers had a booth promoting flying and the Civil Air Patrol at the Recreation Awareness Day at Battle Creek, VA. Congratulations to Wendy Holforty who graduated with honors from Western Michigan U. with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering. She is currently studying in Russia. Lake Michigan 99s have been active in state aviation activities. Betty Bytwerk is working on the airport user committee in Grand Haven to help keep the airport usable. Mary Creason is chair of the Michigan Aeronautical Commission and Paula Lupino is a member. Ann Meengs is a member of the Commission on Aviation Education. **Worthy of Note: Lake Michigan 99s plan an aerospace workshop for teachers in November. Exciting young people about aviation is the goal of the Chapter members for 1992-93. Barbara Goodwin has developed a curriculum, "Hi Tech—Flying High," and is willing to share this with other middle school teachers.**

- Seven new members have been added to the **Minnesota Chapter** roster: Carol Casey, Mary J. Corrigan, Marcia Uluilagi Higley, Faye Ide, Sandra Duffy, Donna Stageberg and Sherry Webb. Janice Orr of the Minnesota Chapter has been promoted to Fixed Wing Captain, Life Link III, Mobile Intensive Care Unit. Congratulations to Janice, the first woman captain. Minnesota 99's Flying Companion Seminar is being used by the Dakota County Sheriff's Department as a means to provide training for staff who fly-in aircraft while escorting prisoners. The most recent seminar presented by the Minnesota Chapter was attended by 20 and was presented by Marcia Higley, Lynette Renneke-Wiest, Shirley Christenson, Linda Osland and 49 1/2 Glenn Morrow.

- **North Central Section** members who attend the fall section meeting will have an opportunity to buy raffle tickets for a picture painted by Lake Michigan Chapter member Jean Flower.

- Joan Niles, reporter for the **Middle East Section**, wrote that the **Maryland Chapter** met recently at the Maryland Air Na-

tional Guard base. Hosted by the 175th Fighter's Lt. Col. Robert Foster, 8 members from the newly-formed **Old Dominion Chapter** joined the Maryland group for a very informative evening viewing an Air Force video of a recent Gunsmoke competition. On the flight line, tours of the C-130s and external tours of the A-10s were offered. The pilots are very proud of their airplanes and their mission. They won the 1991 Gunsmoke competition against some of the best Air Force pilots from all over the world. Maryland Chapter came in second for the Section Aerospace Education Award. Chairman Bobby McAdam represented the Chapter at the Bay Bridge Safety Seminar in June and the last Air Bears program was presented for the school year.

- **Washington DC Chapter** members recently toured the FAA Flow Control at its headquarters. It was a great learning experience as guide Bob Keister provided in-

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formation on various sections of the division including weather, air traffic monitoring and many computers. He indicated that the busiest time of the week for ATC was Thursday evening. Washington DC's new member, Sue Lewis, and her husband are building a Glasair in the basement of their Washington home. Washington DC Chapter's Bev and Ed Sharp attended the 16th celebration of the Forest of Friendship, a very memorable event. Bev wrote that besides co-founder Fay Gillis Wells, the Washington DC Chapter was also represented by Chairman Morgan Reeb, Jo Eddleman, and Hazel Kern. Ken and Dorothy Price Gillis were being inducted and over 20 members of the Gillis-Wells clan turned the tables on Fay, gathering at the celebration for a family reunion. Many surprises including a helicopter-delivered pizza and two parachute jumps into the celebration made it a gala affair.

- **Western Pennsylvania Chapter** has a brand new private pilot, Karen Xander,

who was licensed on July 3rd. Members of Western PA planned to have a sales and information booth at the Beaver County Airport Airshow in August. Their Pennies-A-Pound fundraiser was cancelled due to the high insurance cost per airplane. They are looking for new fundraisers. Any ideas anyone?

- **Potomac Chapter's** Evie Washington, Gay Williams and Chairman Betty Olivolo attended the International Convention.

- Several members of **Central Pennsylvania Chapter** participated at the Pennsylvania Championships of the International Aerobatic Club (IAC) held at Donegal Springs Airport. Minerva Eno served as a regional judge and Nancy Abt served as assistant. Sue Godar served as recorder. Pilots from northern Virginia, the Carolinas, Canada and the Northeast competed.

- **Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter** members held the Scholarship Awards Dinner at Wings Field Philadelphia Aviation Country Club in partnership with the Aero Club of PA. Eastern PA's 50th Anniversary Scholarship was awarded to Carol Knickerbocher, one of the new members who works as Compliance Specialist for the Bureau of Waste Management and spends her week-ends as lineman at Perkeomen Valley Airport to support the cost of her flying time. Her goal is to become an Air Traffic Controller. The Aero Club also gave two scholarships, both to women. Chairman Mary Wunder received the Special Achievement Award from the FAA in recognition of her outstanding Tower Tours and her ATC talks to area pilots. A new member was welcomed, Ann Patricia Ercolani who owns an Archer. Her first passenger was her father. Betty Jo Ault conducted a Safety Seminar in the Bahamas recently. Sandy Ewell is now on TWA Express staff and will be flying out of PNE. Merle Starer and her daughter, Kimberly, flew the ARC. Margo Eld and Alice Wright flew and placed 5th in the Garden State 300 rally and Eileen Weigand, flying it for the first time, placed 19th.

- Eastern Pennsylvania members are proud of the Young Astronaut Chapters—Space Patriots—that they have set up. The projects have been on-going for three years now. The following is worthy of note: Eastern PA's Nina McKissock wrote, "Since it is difficult to get people to teach on a regular

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basis, I decided to start the YAC during the elementary schools' eight-week long After-School programs. Our *Space Patriots Chapter* was started in 1989 in 3 schools in our district. We enlisted the help of Orbital Engineers, Pilots, Air Traffic Controllers and Astronomers. We've designed logos, submitted ideas to NASA, gone on unbelievable field trips to private observatories, had a full page write-up in the newspaper, developed our own airport design contests, did lots of brain storming and even synthesized our own 'Orbital Opera.' All of this is in addition to the routine stuff like airport tours, sitting in an airplane, following the course curriculum, etc. I wish I had the time to profile each of my classes because not only do the kids learn a lot, so do I. In fact, the first was such a success that the parents were asking if they could take the course and I agreed. Three Moms actually followed through and took initial flying lessons! The Ninety-Nines, in my mind, are here to share the love of aviation and to be facilitators of knowledge to the communities. Nothing makes me crazier than a bunch of prissy women not using their minds. If you love something enough, you can do it. Most female pilots are either working during the day or they are reluctant because they have never taught children before. It is so easy. If you don't know the answer to a question, you can research it together! Every Chapter should be sponsoring an educational Seminar of some kind. I feel very strongly that it is our duty as female pilots to be mentors to children in some way."

• **Nancy Marstall, Eastern New England Chapter**, wrote that the Eastern New England 99s met at the historic Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA, to award the 1992 Marjorie Van Vliet Memorial Scholarship and the 1992 Anne Bridge Baddour Scholarship to two well deserving applicants. Andrea LaBaume, studying to become an Air Traffic Controller, was awarded the Marjorie Van Vliet Memorial Scholarship. Justyna Oles, who plans to become an airline pilot and has been instructing while attending school, was awarded the Anne Bridge Baddour Scholarship. Andrea and Justyna are students at Daniel Webster College in Nashua, NH. Daniel Webster is known for its strong aviation programs. The luncheon guest speaker was Hannah McCarthy, Presi-

dent of Daniel Webster College. Nancy also noted that several Eastern New England members attended their annual Jaffrey (Silver Ranch), NH, hayride and meeting. The hayride was fun—riding deep into the wooded acreage of Silver Ranch while sharing aviation related stories. (*Ed. note: Nancy enjoyed her first Oshkosh this summer. It was good to meet her there. She and her husband, Jerry, are in the process of trying to sell their home and relocate to Asheville, NC—MA's loss and NC's gain!*)

• **The New England Section** will meet in historic Plymouth, MA, in October. The meeting will be hosted by ENE Chapter and events, meetings and room accommodations are at the Sheraton Villager Inn. In addition to other events, a tour of quaint Plimouth Plantation is planned. ENE Chair Martha Dunbar (508 478-3808) can answer questions about the planned fall meeting. Newly-elected Martha Dunbar is joined by the other officers of Eastern New England: Mary Lee Blais, Vice Chair; Paula Rooks, Secretary; and Judy Kelley, Treasurer. Eastern New England members airmarked Fitchburg, MA, Municipal Airport. Committee chair Ginny Ursin, Harriet Fuller, Debbie Torres (and daughters), Diana Syriac, Jo-Rita Jordan and Steffanie Epstein participated. Airport Manager Dick Walsh assisted in stirring the traffic yellow and his hearty thanks were appreciated. A raffle for the scholarship fund with a drawing to be held in the fall with prizes to include a leather flight jacket donated by The Pilot Shop of Norwood, a David Clark headset and a BFR with our own Allegra Osborne, CFI&I. Ninety-Nines tables were set up at the Orange, MA, EAA Fly-in for tickets and sales. Despite the rain, members raised over \$500. Plans are in the works to have the same success at the Hanscom Safety/N.E. Escadrille to be held at Bedford, MA, in September.

• **Australian Section's** Barbara Sandow wrote that she spent three weeks in San Francisco on an ATC study tour visiting the FAA facilities in the Bay Area. She said, "What an education! We were astounded by the sheer volume of traffic the U.S. controllers handle and impressed by the use of computers and technology. Six Australian controllers are visiting the U.S. each month with the idea of bringing back ideas and procedures that can be used in Australia."

Queensland member Sarah Chandler has started her own business, "Outback Air Tours," specializing in showing tourists the Australian "bush." Recently Sarah entertained 99 Suzie Azar from Texas who was visiting with her husband, Dick. Anne St. Martin from Cairns has been flying her vintage Luscombe in air displays in the North Queensland area. In June, Anne and husband, Robert, visited the U.S. to see family living there. Sue Burdekin is working towards her ATP with the intention of pursuing a career in aviation. Sue hoped to complete the theory subjects during the summer and was planning to look for a position as a pilot either in Australia or overseas. Chele Gillespie was featured in a television segment discussing her daredevil aviation skill—wing-walking. Chele did a display at the Archerfield Airshow and is the only wing-walker in Australia. Rhonda Tulk is busy helping to organize the Qantas 70th Anniversary celebrations to be held in Longreach in November. Qantas will reinact the first airline run from Charleville to Cloncurry. Neva Cavenagh, who regularly flies her C-120, the only one of its type in Australia, and partner Peter Marsden left for a three-month tour of the U.S. and Europe, planning on attending "Oshkosh." (*Ed. note: A chartered Qantas B-747 flew into the 1992 EAA Convention and Fly-In at Oshkosh carrying more than 300 Aussies, identifiable in their matching red shirts and distinctive hats. Neva and Peter ought to have discovered several good friends from home! We hope that everyone enjoyed the Wisconsin, U.S. aviation spectacular.*) Australians remembered their American friends in May with celebrations for the Coral Sea 50th Anniversary. Queensland celebrations included airshows at Cairns and Archerfield and in other cities there were flypasts and naval displays to celebrate the occasion.

• Before we close, we extend congrats to Jean Flakker, **Garden State**, who won the Garden State 300 with co-pilot, John Ornowski. She won, too, the Alice Hammond Trophy and R. E. Abbott Memorial Award.



THE AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, 1992

by Jean Pearson

Sixteen members of The Ninety-Nines received scholarships for advanced flight training at the annual convention. The awards, provided by the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund of The Ninety-Nines, were given to the following:

EVIE AMBROSE—Evie began working in 1987 at a flight school, pumping gas and washing airplanes, saving her income to pay for rent and necessities. "The last necessity on my list," she says, "was flying money." She managed, however, to receive her Private in 1988, her Instrument rating in 1990 and, most recently, her Commercial certificate in September of 1991. In November of '91, she "landed" her first job—flying skydivers. She says she wants to thank the 99s for giving her the Amelia Earhart Scholarship to obtain her Multiengine rating. "I feel," she says, "they are saying, 'Hey, you are the best, you have our 100% support—Now GO FOR IT!'"

KATHRYN BAUER—Kathryn's love of flying goes back as far as she can remember. She earned her Private certificate in 1989, soon after her high school graduation. Kathryn began college in August, 1989, at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, with a major in aviation flight/management. Within two and a half years she completed her Instrument, Commercial CFI and Multiengine rating. She is currently a part-time instructor at SIUC and plans on graduating in December, 1992. Her scholarship will be used to obtain her Instrument Flight Instructor rating. Kathryn plans on pursuing a career flying for a major airline.

LISA ANNE COTHAM—Lisa, after 10 years as a non-flying Private pilot, became an active one and joined The Ninety-Nines in 1988. As her enthusiasm grew, so did her commitments in aviation: Chairman of the South Louisiana Chapter, Treasurer of the Aviation Association of Louisiana, and as observer instructor for the U.S. National Hot Air Balloon Championship. "I became consumed to the point where I had to pursue a long-forgotten dream—an aviation career," she says. In five months she earned a Commercial certificate with Single-engine, Multiengine and Instrument rating, two Ground Instructor ratings and a Flight Instructor certificate. She is now a CFI&I at Falcon Air in New Orleans and will use her scholarship for a Multiengine Instructor rating.

ANNE ENGLISH—Anne joined the Mid-Columbia Chapter in 1983 when she moved to the Yakima Valley. She learned to fly in the high mesa country of Arizona where, she reports, it was 85 miles to anywhere. "What was originally a way to cover miles," she says, "became a love." To be able to do more flying, she obtained an Instrument Commercial, CFI and CFI&I. "I'm an airport rat," she claims, "and love being around planes and pilots. I still enjoy teaching and jump at the opportunity to share the thrill with newcomers. I also teach school to support my flying bug." Anne has held all the chapter offices and a section chairmanship. She will use her scholarship to obtain a Multiengine rating and plans to eventually get a Multiengine Instructor rating. After receiving her Multiengine rating, she is hoping to fly air taxi and corporate.

PATRICIA (PATTY) HALEY—Patty started flying when she was 15 years old. Her father had soloed a glider in her earlier years and wanted to see her solo a Cessna 152. Patty did so at the age of 16. After starting the cross country phase of her flight training, Patty took over paying for her weekly lessons with the money she earned from house cleaning. That occupation, along with working at local FBOs, has been her sole financial means of support. Patty is working toward a four-year degree and plans to transfer to San Jose State University where she will apply for the internship program with United Airlines. She now attends a local community college in San Diego. Since 1989, Patty has headed the committees of APT, airmarking, aviation activities and is presently treasurer for the chapter. She will use her scholarship for an Instrument rating.

MARY HENIG—Mary's intrigue with airplanes goes back as far as she can remember, but it wasn't until four years ago that she managed to materialize those childhood yearnings. She began her aviation education with a half-hour "intro" flight in a Piper Tomahawk and was hooked. She proceeded to complete an Associate of Science Degree in Aeronautical and Aviation Technology and earned her Private, Instrument, Commercial and CFI—Single- and Multi-engine ratings. In 1990, she was awarded the Santa Rosa Chapter 99s Aviation Scholarship and, in 1991, the Marion Barnick Memorial Scholarship. Mary is enthusiastic about flying and feels fortunate to have a job that enables her to do so daily. She would like to fly jets someday, and her goal is for a "long, happy career with a major airline." She will use her scholarship for an ATP.





ADELE McDONALD—Adele knew after two flights in the rear seat of a Cherokee 140 in 1980 that she wanted to learn to fly. Since her first lesson in July of 1988, she has earned her Private and Commercial certificates with an Instructor rating. "With each of the 370 hours I have logged," she says, "my love of flying has continued to grow." Her experiences as a pilot have included a solo VFR flight from Oregon to East Tennessee in a Cessna 172 soon after earning her pilot certificate, non-commercial pilot for state and federal fire patrol and pilot for first flights for people of all ages. She will use her scholarship to earn her Flight Instructor certificate and reports, "I am looking forward to the pleasure of introducing others to the joy and challenge of being safe and competent pilots."



PAMELA A. PARASK—Pamela, San Fernando Valley Chapter, says that since she was a child she was always fascinated by aviation. However, she never thought it was a realistic option for a woman until she met a couple of women airline pilots and joined The Ninety-Nines. She was initially in the Marin County, California, Chapter and then transferred to her present chapter. There she discovered how many avenues there are for women in aviation and decided hers was eventually to be an airline captain. Winning the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship for her ATP in Multiengine aircraft will help her to obtain the necessary certification to ultimately achieve that goal. Progress toward her goal was first accomplished by flying cloth-covered taildraggers in the Sonoma Valley, then light twins and turboprops in the L.A. basin and northern California. Soon she hopes to be flying large transport category aircraft.



KATHERINE PRICE—Katherine, First Canadian Chapter, started flying at age 15, earning a Private license in 1985 at age 17. While attending the University of Waterloo, earnings from cooperative placements allowed her to complete a Commercial license in 1989. After graduating with an Honours (Cooperative) Bachelor of Science Degree in 1991, she obtained a position as research technician with a biotechnology company. This employment enabled her to obtain a Multiengine endorsement in February, 1991, and a Multiengine Instrument rating in March, 1992. She joined the First Canadian Chapter of the Ninety-Nines in 1985 and has assisted and participated in many chapter events. She presently serves as chapter secretary and published the first chapter membership directory in 1991. In 1989, she joined the "Operation Skywatch" program as a surveillance pilot and continues to participate actively in the program. Katherine intends to use her scholarship to obtain an Instructor rating working toward her goal of becoming an airline pilot.



MARGARET S. PUCKETTE—Margaret says, "My flying career has been brief, but intense." She fulfilled a lifelong dream when she began flight training in 1989 after purchasing a friend's Grumman Trainer from savings. Having her own airplane enabled her to learn about aircraft maintenance as well as piloting. Her Private certificate came after two and one-half months, and one brief week later, she discovered she had won a new Piper Archer from the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA). Her first trip as a Private pilot was flying the Archer from Orlando, FL, across the nation to her home in Oregon. During the past two years, she has earned an Instrument rating, Advanced Ground Instructor, Commercial certificate and CFI-A and passed the FOI written exam. She will use her scholarship to bring her closer to her ultimate goal of being a flight officer for a major or regional airline.



CHRISTINE M. ST. ONGE—Christine, a Registered Nurse, says she fell in love with aviation at the age of eight and that love has blossomed into a second full-time career. Christine joined the 99s in 1974 with the Greater St. Louis Chapter and is presently a member of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter. She is section aerospace chairman of the Middle East Section and vice-chairman and safety and aerospace chairman of her chapter. She holds CFI&I, AGI and IGI ratings. She is also an FAA designated written test examiner and an FAA accident prevention counselor. Christine received numerous awards during her aviation career. Among them are: FAA Eastern Region Award-Educator/Flight Instructor; Middle East Section Individual Aerospace Education Award; Civil Air Patrol Ten Year Service Award; and nominated for Flight Instructor of the Year and Young Eagle Award, Beechcraft/Travel Air International Convention in 1991. In March 1992, Christine reached the current high point of her career by establishing a flight school, Wings Aviation, Inc., at Zelenople Airport, PA. She is co-owner and Chief Flight Instructor. She will use her scholarship to obtain a Multiengine instructor rating and will continue to pursue her goal of an ATP.

THE AE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, 1992, *continued*

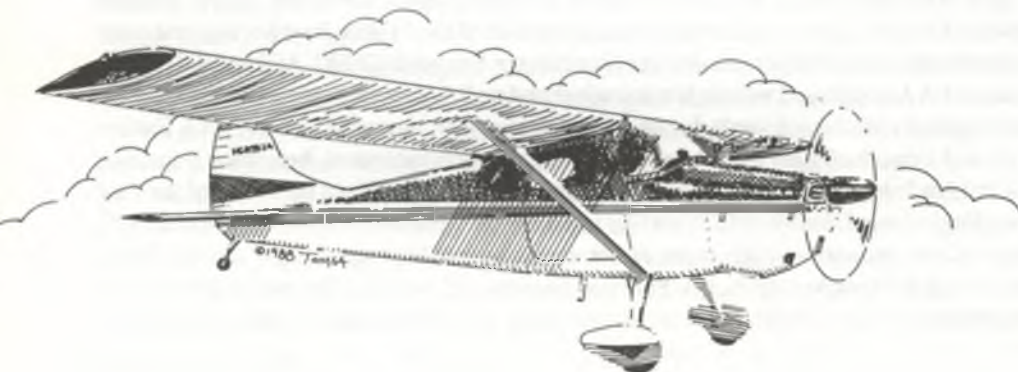
DONNA M. STEVENS—Donna says, "Like so many of us, flying has been a dream most of my life." In 1989, the dream became a reality with her Private pilot certificate. She claims she is "not a natural," but with the help of a ground and flight instructor who wouldn't give up on her, "plus all the encouragement I needed from the 99s," she became a pilot. Donna also immediately became an active member by holding, during the past three years, the chairs of: 66 Membership, 99 Membership, Airmarking and, presently, Chapter Treasurer. She is also currently serving as North Central Section 66 Chairman. Donna has obtained her Basic, Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor certificates and Instrument rating. Donna will use her scholarship to obtain her Commercial certificate. Her ultimate goal is to be a corporate or charter pilot.

TINA THOMAS—Tina says her first aviation experience "was a thrilling ride in an open cockpit WWII trainer." At that time Tina was attending college. Her interest in aviation soared from that point and she learned to fly while helping to restore a number of antique aircraft. She received her Private certificate in 1976. After joining the Chicago Area Chapter, she added more certificates and ratings and now holds a Commercial, Instrument, CFI and both Basic and Advanced Ground Instructor. She pursued these additions while continuing her nursing career and raising three children. Tina will use her scholarship to obtain her Multiengine rating and plans to continue to promote aviation locally as an instructor at the Belvidere Illinois Airport.

MELINDA WALTON—Melinda has been interested in flying ever since childhood when her uncle took her on a tour of Delta Airline's simulators. After seeing that cockpit and the flight in progress, she was hooked. Her aviation career began with pursuing aviation subjects in high school. She completed her Private, Instrument, Commercial and CFI while earning a degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry Riddle. Since graduation in 1987, she has been working as a CFI and has continued on to CFI&I and her Multiengine rating. Using the AE Scholarship for the Multiengine ATP will bring that airline cockpit a little closer.

LAURA JEAN WARMAN—Laura's first airplane ride was in a 737. Her second was in an open cockpit Stearman biplane at the Flying Circus Airshow, Bealeton, VA. It was in the second flight, she reports, that "I was bitten by the 'flying bug.'" Shortly after moving to Michigan, she began working at Berz Flying Service in Utica and started flight training. She achieved her Private certificate on August 22, 1986, and, two days later, attended her first 99 meeting. By the next month, Laura had become a member of the Greater Detroit Area Chapter. She moved to Big Beaver Airport, Troy, MI, and, while working as office manager for the FBO, earned her Instrument rating, Commercial certificate and CFI. In 1989, she applied for and received an AE scholarship to obtain her CFI&I. She left her office job to devote all her time to flight instructing and has logged almost 2000 hours as a CFI. Laura will use her scholarship for a Multiengine rating. Her ultimate goal? She answers, "To be the best instructor that I can be."

GAY ZENA WILLIAMS—Gay often thought about learning to fly, but work commitments and financial restraints precluded her from pursuing a dream. Finally, she let actions speak louder than words and, in 1987, she acquired her Private certificate 36 days after she soloed. After earning her Instrument rating in June, 1988, she joined the Potomac Chapter of The Ninety-Nines. Gay and a partner started Aero Source to provide rush hour traffic reports to a Washington, DC, radio station. The company evolved from traffic survey flying to its present stage of providing flight services to several defense contractors and federal agencies. Additionally, she flies for a Part #135 charitable air ambulance service, Mercy Medical Airlift. She will be using her AE Scholarship to obtain her Multiengine rating.



The aviation art of William Tomsa, who can be reached at P.O. Box 50175, Phoenix, AZ 85076 or 602 598-0214.



Three members of the Arkansas Chapter to Central America

Big Creek Belize, Central America. Three members of the Arkansas Chapter of Ninety-Nines recently traveled from Little Rock to Belize, Central America. The purpose of their trip was to visit with members of the 148th Evacuation Hospital, Arkansas Army National Guard, as they performed a medical training exercise (MEDRETE).

MEDRETE is a program sponsored by the National Guard Bureau at Washington to provide medical, dental and veterinarian support to countries throughout Central America. The 148th set up a clinic at a different site for seven days. During this time they saw 2,500 medical patients, 500 dental patients and 600 animals.

Our Ninety-Nines visited with the 148th on day three at Independence near Big Creek. They were part of a civic leader flight sponsored by the Arkansas Army National Guard to see what the Guard is doing in other countries.

The group flew into Belize City aboard a C-130 Hercules from the 189th Airlift Group, Arkansas Air National Guard. Since most roads in Belize are poor, the group was airlifted from Belize City to Big Creek via a CH-47 Chinook Helicopter from Fort Hood, Texas. From there a bus took them to the temporary clinic at Independence.

It was a fast trip, two days travel and two days in Belize, but it gave everyone a brief overview of the humanitarian mission of the Arkansas Army National Guard.

In the photograph to the left: A CH-47 Chinook Helicopter will travel back to Belize City as U.S. Ambassador to Belize, Eugene Scassa (second from left) graciously accompanies the group of Arkansas Ninety-Nines and a 49 1/2: Mary Jo Mead, Ninety-Nine and Arkansas Army National Guard member Major Cissy Lashbrook, Emma Hall, and Ray Shilling.

Submitted by Pat Ditsch.



INTERNATIONAL BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT *by Pat Ward*

November 15, 1992 is the preliminary deadline for submitting proposed amendments to the International Bylaws and the proposed Standing Rules for vote at the 1993 Annual meeting. The Revised Bylaws presented at the 1992 Annual meeting were adopted, with some amendments by the Delegates from the floor of the convention.

Pat Ward, 1990-1992 Governor of the South Central Section, will Chair the Bylaws Committee and Diane Cozzi, past International Director from North Central Section, will Chair the International Standing Rules Committee.

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be published 60 days in advance of the Annual meeting. The November deadline will allow time for the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committees to study and coordinate any proposals submitted to their Committees for vote in 1993 in Portland, Oregon.

The Bylaws Committee has the authority to review and consolidate proposals which are similar. Committee members may also develop alternatives to those submitted or return proposed amendments to the originators with an explanation of the reason for their return.

Under the Bylaws revised at the 1992 Annual meeting, all proposals to amend the Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation must be submitted to the International Bylaws Committee through a Chapter, a Section Bylaws Committee, or the International Board of Directors by the published deadline.

Standing Rules are also subject to membership approval by Delegates at the annual meetings. Proposed Standing Rules were distributed to Delegates as they registered for the 1992 convention, but the Delegates in Kansas City chose to defer adoption of the proposed Standing Rules until 1993.

A Proviso attached to the newly-adopted Bylaws permits members of the International Board to continue to write Standing Rules until the 1993 meeting when they will be presented for approval or amendment by the members.

Both Pat and Diane or representatives of their committees will attend meetings of U.S. and Canadian Sections to confer with members on the impact of Bylaws and Standing Rules on membership participation in the organization. They will also discuss any proposed amendments, which will be submitted for consideration by Delegates next year.

The Council of Governors has been asked to appoint a Bylaws liaison in each Section to assist members and Chapters with wording, financial and legal impact, and the feasibility of the implementation of any changes to the governing documents which members wish to propose for the 1993 meeting.

Pat Ward's mailing address is: P.O. Box 45053, Baton Rouge, LA 70895-4053. Her FAX at home is 504 925-1048. Proposals for Standing Rules may be sent to Diane Cozzi at 7911 S. Mansfield Avenue, Burbank, IL 60459. She can be reached in the evenings at home at 708 425-4505.

THE AWARDS OF THE NINETY-NINES—THE AWARD OF MERIT, KATHRYN B. WRIGHT, and NAA, EAA, 99s

The purpose of the Award of Merit of The Ninety-Nines is to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to aviation, aviation education, science, aviation history or The Ninety-Nines, Inc. In addition to recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to the ideals that The Ninety-Nines stand for, this award provides an incentive to others to contribute to aviation and aviation-related endeavors. It also provides The Ninety-Nines opportunities to be recognized as the donor of the award.

The general criteria for the award include: achievements may have occurred in the present or prior years, specific details of achievement being recognized will be at the discretion of the award committee, the recipient need not be a member of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.; the recipient may be living or dead, the recipient may be female or male, and the award is not limited to individuals in the United States.

The Ninety-Nines are proud to present the AWARD OF MERIT to:

LOTFIA EL-NADI, Arabian Section, was the first Arab woman to learn to fly. (See *Ninety-Nine News*, November 1991.) She soloed in 1933 in Cairo, Egypt, at the age of 25 in a Gypsy Moth and received her Private license that same year. Although it was considered dishonorable for women of a certain Egyptian class to work, Lotfia decided not to tolerate subjugation and to try to make something of her life. She began working for a flying school as a secretary, taking all of her wages in flying time. She participated in air races on the African continent, took aerobatic instruction and received numerous honors for her achievements. Honored again in 1989 as Egyptian Aviation's First Lady, she received the coveted Order of Merit, the highest award of the Organization of Aerospace Education.

THON GRIFFITH began flying in 1961 and she joined The Ninety-Nines in 1962. She began a "career" that spanned 29 years and saw Thon in numerous positions at the Chapter, Section and International level. She is a Past International President—1978-1980. Thon raised four children, added certificates and ratings to her aviation achievements, and became a corporate pilot for her husband's companies, flying personnel throughout the

U.S. and to Mexico, Central America and Canada. Thon flew humanitarian supplies to Mexico, medical personnel and supplies to Guatemala after the earthquake in 1976 that killed more than 22,000, and participated in many air races. She helped to initiate the Palms to Pines Race and served as Route Director and West Coast Representative for the Powder Puff Derby from 1967 to 1972. In Thon's letter of resignation from the Board of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund, she attested to the enrichment of her life through her relationships with The Ninety-Nines. Indeed, we are all richer for her selfless leadership and generous contributions.

EVELYN (BOBBI) TROUT took her first flight in 1922 and enrolled at the Burdette Fuller Flying School in Los Angeles in 1927. She soloed in 1928. Bobbi was hired to demonstrate and test pilot the Golden Eagle aircraft and attempted record endurance and altitude flights in that capacity. She set an endurance record in 1929, bettered her own record several times, logging the first all night solo flight by an aviatrix in the process. She piloted a Golden Eagle (90 hp) to 15,200 feet, an altitude record in 1929. Bobbi entered the first Women's Transcontinental Air Derby and, although a forced landing took her out of contention, she continued on to Cleveland. She set a refueling endurance record of 122 hours 50 minutes with Edna May Cooper as co-pilot in 1931. Bobbi became an active member of the Women's Air Reserve, preparing for emergencies and for war, and has been honored, to name a few, with election to the OX-5 Hall of Fame, as Elder Statesman of NAA in 1991, and as an Eagle, the first woman to be named to the Gathering of Eagles, 1986, at Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB.

KATHRYN B. WRIGHT AWARD:

BETTY PFISTER is the 1992 honoree in receipt of the award that was named for the sister of Orville and Wilbur Wright. It is given to a woman who has provided support and encouragement to another and instrumental to his success in aviation or to an individual who has made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space

flight over an extended period of time. In over 50 years of service in aviation, Betty has piloted more than 25 aircraft—fixed wing, rotary wing, glider and balloon. She was a WASP and served as a pilot for the Ferry Command; has worked as an instructor, a non-scheduled airline pilot, and competed in two World Championships as a member of the U.S. Precision Helicopter Team. A member of The Ninety-Nines for more than three decades, she is an International Judge for FAI competitions and a judge at national and world helicopter championship meets (headed for England in September, 1992). Betty served as a member of the Aspen, Colorado, Airport Authority. She was instrumental in the design and construction of Aspen Valley Hospital Heliport and is the founder of the Pitkin County Air Rescue Group. Inducted into the Colorado Hall of Fame, Past recipients have included Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Moya Lear, Olive Ann Beech, and Achsa Peacock Donnels. Betty is the deserving recipient of the Kathryn B. Wright Award that epitomizes selflessness in the promotion and encouragement of aviation.

NAA, EAA and NINETY-NINES AWARDS:

GRACE HARRIS achieved acclaim in airplane and auto racing circles. Winner of the Kendall Trophy at the 1948 and 1949 National Air Races, Cleveland, OH, Grace was the deserving recipient of the NAA, EAA and Ninety-Nines Awards at the International Convention. She raced a highly-modified AT-6 and recounted her racing and aviation exploits in her autobiography, *West To The Sunrise*. Grace was the first FAA-licensed woman balloonist in the United States. She joined the Sports Car Club in 1955 and drove an English Elva MKII and an Italian Maserati 200 S to the championships of the women's division Midwest Region in 1958, 1959 and 1960. She also was involved in auto racing in England, the French Riviera and Monte Carlo.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR ALL OF THE DESERVING AWARD RECIPIENTS. YOU HAVE OUR RESPECT AND ADMIRATION.

OVER THE RACE COURSE *by H. Glenn Buffington*

The sixteenth annual Women's Air Race Classic was flown June 26-29 and the 2615.65 statute mile course took the contestants from Thermal, CA, to: Holbrook, AZ; Tucumcari, NM; Hays, KS; Kirksville, MO; Bloomington, IN; Dyersburg, TN; Mena, AR; and Elk City, OK. 33 aircraft and 67 pilots started the race.

The Arkansas Chapter of The Ninety-Nines and friends kept busy taking care of race details—timing arrivals and departures, handling paper work, opening and closing flight plans, furnishing refreshments and transportation to town when needed. These services were handled by: Patricia Ditsch, Texarkana; Karen Foster, El Dorado; Kris Irvin, Little Rock; Mary Jo Mead, Pine Bluff; Betty Neal, Rogers; Camelia Smith, Hindsville; Marilyn Stowe, N. Little Rock; Joyce Warger, Cotter; and Ruth Wyatt, Huntsville. Gary Williams, Airport Manager, and crew lent a helping hand as did Pat Ward, outgoing South Central Section Governor of The Ninety-Nines, in attendance from her home in Baton Rouge, LA.

This year's race roster included pilots from 20 different states. California with 21 headed the list, followed by Arizona, 7; Texas, 5; Florida, 4; Georgia, Illinois, Ohio, 3 each; Kansas, Indiana, New York, Nevada, Colorado, Massachusetts, South Carolina and Virginia, 2 each; and Tennessee, Wyoming, Minnesota, North Dakota and Pennsylvania, 1 each.

Saturday, the 27th of June, the activities started at Mena Intermountain Airport with 5 plane arrivals, all of whom had spent the previous night at Hays, KS. The first team, mother and daughter, Merle and Kimberly Starer, from Virginia Beach, VA, buzzed the line at 4:05 PM and then continued on to finish at Elk City, OK. Four other teams landed at Mena Saturday, 2 refueled and headed for Elk City; 2 spent the night and continued the next day.

Sunday, the 28th, was a bee-hive of activity at Mena as the remaining 28 planes landed. Twenty-three pilots refueled and left for Elk City after the weather improved to the west. Five crews remained for the night and were unable to leave on the 29th because of the inclement weather. They were disqualified, unable to make the 5 PM deadline-to-finish.

The Awards Banquet was held on July 1st and officials reported the following top five winning crews:

1	Susan Collier/Nancy Toon	Mooney M20F	+30.385
2	Esther Grupenhagen, Mardell Haskins	Cessna 310D	29.268
3	Linda Schumm/Rosemary Emhoff	Cessna 177B	23.894
4	Marge Thayer/Ruby Sheldon	Cessna 182RG	23.698
5	Jenny Wright/Joan Steinberger	PA 28-236	23.564

PALMS TO PINES AIR RACE FOR WOMEN *by Betty Loufek*

Claire Walters got a call 23 years ago at her Flight Academy in Santa Monica from former student John Koich of Independence, Oregon. Koich wanted her to run a women's air race to his town. Walters flew there with Thon Griffith, Margaret Berry, and Frosty White, all from Long Beach Chapter. They found a grass field with a few planes, no hangars, and no motels in town (a population of 4,000).

The town had purchased the land and given it to the state for an airport. For years, nothing happened until Koich had this plan. The race committee set up scorers, timers, and handicappers, with race stops handled by members of local Ninety-Nines chapters. The first race with 34 planes was held just 4 months later. Margaret Mead took 1st place.

Each year townspeople watched the finish and picked up "their" teams to take home. Some folks hosted 6 or 7 pilots, becoming close friends over the years. "It was as if, for one brief weekend a year, the town became Camelot, with glittering people literally descending from the sky," to quote a news item. Koich saw to it that state aviation leaders came to the awards banquets. Taxiways, runways, lights, and hangars were built over the years until finally the airport was completed. For 12 years, the race went to Independence, even though weather in the Willamette Valley was often marginal and sometimes delayed the finish. Weather blocked the 13th race beyond Klamath Falls, OR. The race committee of Walters, Nina Laughbaum and Lillian Camden was there and declared the race ended. The Awards Breakfast was held the next morning.

The 14th race ended at Sunriver, OR. Fog there delayed takeoff from the RON (Red Bluff) airport. Bend is 15 miles north of Sunriver on a dry plateau at the Cascades' eastern edge. At the airport, Dennis Hungerford (Paramount Aviation) asked what we needed and it was done. Race pilots stay at The Riverhouse. Beautiful rooms overlook the Deschutes River. Nine years later it is still fun and this year it was extra special: Bend Airport celebrated its 50th Anniversary.

The race committee uses basic rules of the PPD. SAFETY is primary. FUN is a close second. Racers do their best in safety, using all flying skills; on the ground, they enjoy the company and the beautiful scenery. Many enter every year. This August 7-9, 60 planes raced with 120 pilots aboard from 6 western states: Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. On Wednesday and Thursday before the race, planes and papers are inspected, and a banquet is held on Thursday evening. Friday morning, pilots and their planes leave from Santa Monica, race to Modesto for flyby timing, refueling, and a buffet hosted by SJV 99s. On to Redding for flyby timing, RON and a barbecue. The next morning at 8:30, pilots begin the last leg to Bend. The entire race distance is about 750 miles. The Bend area offers golfing, river rafting, thunderegg collecting, hiking, fishing, pool swimming, horseback riding, shopping and much, much more. There is a Saturday evening western barbecue. The Awards Breakfast is held on Sunday morning. Pilots and co-pilots of winning categories receive identical trophies and \$500 is divided among the top five places.

Members of Palms Chapter sponsor the race and members of San Fernando Valley and Los Angeles Chapters assist at the start. 99s of San Joaquin Valley are at Modesto; of Mt. Shasta, at Redding, and of Central Oregon with Donna Vasko as Race Terminus Chairman, are hostesses at Bend. It is great FUN. Come join us next year.

NEW HORIZONS**CLARA and ARNE JOHANSEN**

Members of Minnesota Chapter are grieving the loss of Clara Johansen and her 49 1/2 husband, Arne. Clara, past North Central Section Governor, was a dear friend to all in our chapter and outside of it and Arne was one of our strongest supporters. They were killed in a mid-air accident in the traffic pattern at St. Paul Holman Field on the afternoon of July 7, 1992, as they were returning from a Red Cross blood flight. Clara joined the Minnesota 99s in 1970 and from that time was a catalyst within our chapter and the North Central Section. All committees, offices and projects received her enthusiastic attention and leadership. Saying "No" to a request from Clara was a very difficult thing to do. Her special interest was our Lifeguard program, transporting blood to be separated into components (and, therefore, time-critical) for the St. Paul Red Cross. Many new members were recruited and flew their introductory Lifeguard flight with Clara. We have been honored to share the skies with her and in her spirit will continue the work she loved. Memorials may be sent to MINNESOTA CHAPTER 99s, C/O Elaine Morrow, Treasurer, Route 2, Box 88-A, Delano, MN 55328. Funds will be used for a scholarship in memory of Clara. *Submitted by Linda Osland.*

SUE LEFEVRE

Sue Lefevre Dunn flew to new horizons on May 8, 1992. She was a member of Texas Dogwood Chapter only a short time before she became ill in 1987. She will be missed.

CHARLIE BOYD

Charlie Boyd, 49 1/2 of Golden Triangle Chapter Chairman Jacque Boyd, flew to new horizons June 7, 1992. Charlie was a passenger in the Siai Marchetti owned and flown by Homer Woodard of Arcadia, Louisiana, which crashed north of Fort Worth, Texas. Charlie was a captain for American Airlines and an ardent supporter of general aviation. Charlie's enthusiasm, good humor and willingness to help others will be missed by all who knew him. Our condolences to Jacque.

NOVETAH HOLMES DAVENPORT

Novetah Holmes Davenport, aviation devotee at age 90, died July 3, 1992, at Colonial Palms East Nursing Home in Pompano Beach, FL. An amazing woman with an incredible interest in family, friends, and people in general, Nove kept abreast of Ninety-Nines' activities throughout her life, and will be missed by all of us. Nove's pilot certificate number was 16169 and she "passed the tests for her pilot's license recently at Bridgeport Airport" as reported in the *New York Herald Tribune*, August 31, 1930. At the age of 60, Nove earned a license for hot air ballooning. During her long aviation-related career, Novetah worked for Sikorsky Aviation as Advertising and Publicity Manager, for *FLYING* magazine as an associate editor, and for Fairchild Aviation and the United Aircraft and Transport Corporation in administrative positions. In 1933, her friend, Amelia Earhart, wrote to Nove, "I am glad married life agrees with you. But don't let it turn you into a kiwi." Nove was one of the women aviators on hand in 1932 to welcome Amelia upon her return on the S.S. Ile de France from her solo flight to Europe.

As a personal note, Novetah was the granddaughter of Samuel Hank Holmes, first cousin of Abraham Lincoln. She was very involved with the Girl Scouts of America and wrote two books on scouting. Novetah donated her aviation collection and memorabilia to the Ninety-Nines Headquarters' Archives when she moved to Colonial Palms. The Ninety-Nines received a \$25,000 grant in Novetah's name from the Grayce B. Kerr Fund in Oklahoma City in 1988. Through her kindness and generosity and her contributions to aviation, Novetah will long be remembered by all of us. *Submitted by Alexis Ewanchew.*

PATTY SHERWOOD

Members of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter deeply regret the loss of one of our charter members, Patty Sherwood, on June 26, 1992. Patty, whose quiet, supportive presence and gentle, friendly enthusiasm made her a special person, lived in Palo Alto most of her life in the family home built on Professor Row in the early days of Stanford University. Her grandfather, Professor Marks, was one of the first Stanford professors. Patty learned to fly in 1942 and became a WASP in March of 1944. It was there, at Sweetwater, that she met Marg Standish and Pat Gladney (then Thomas) and formed their lifelong friendship. They were all at Williams Field engineering testing the AT-6 when the WASPs disbanded.

Patty worked as an X-ray technician at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation Clinic for over thirty years. She made vacation flights to the Yucatan, Alaska and Panama as well as all over the United States. She was an excellent cook and enjoyed entertaining friends at her savory dinners. Patty will be sorely missed. We were fortunate to have had the opportunity to share a part of her life. *Submitted by Mayetta Behringer.*

JIM BALL

Connie Ball, Maryland Chapter, lost her husband, Jim, in an accident at Wilmington, Delaware recently. Our sympathies go out to Connie and the Ball family. *Submitted by Joan Niles.*

ANNIE PRYNE

Lake Erie Chapter's Annie Pryne passed away on May 13 after suffering a stroke while returning from Pennsylvania with her husband, Gilbert. They owned *Beach Ball*, a hot air balloon and were licensed pilots. Later they continued to volunteer on ground crews of gas and hot air balloons across the country. Annie was looking forward to going to Europe next year where she had been invited to be in charge of observers for a race in Luxembourg. In June 1989, Annie fulfilled a long time wish and rose in Goodyear's *Enterprise* blimp. She saw that craft retired in March 1991 at Wingfoot Lake in Akron. Annie also flew a Piper Cub. She was a tireless worker for the Lake Erie Chapter, heading up transportation for the 1986 Section meeting in Akron. She will be greatly missed. *Submitted by Myrna Stephens.*

NOTAMS

Women of WWI Sought: American Women who worked during World War I—1914-1918—are sought for *WOMEN AND WORLD WAR I* documentary. By entering the labor force during the period 1914-18, women played an integral role in the war effort and many lives were changed forever. More than 20 Canadian and British women have been interviewed for the film and now director Maureen Judge is looking for American women to complete the picture. Participants will be involved in an important social document that pays tribute to this largely untold women's story. The film, produced by Silva Basmajian, will be released in 1993.

If you are a woman who worked during WWI or have women relatives or friends who did, please contact: Daniela Saioni, The National Film Board of Canada, 150 John Street, 3rd Floor, Toronto, Ontario M5V 3C3 or call the NFB office collect: 416 973-2593.

Last Call for Scrapbook Items:

The 1992 international meeting at Kansas City will be included in the 1990-1992 scrapbooks. Please send clippings and pictures as soon as possible. Identify persons in the pictures and date and name publication on clippings. Two copies, PLEASE.

Especially would like pictures from the committee reporting on July 9th, AE Scholarship on July 10, and the Banquet Ceremonies on July 11. Thank you for your cooperation the past two years. DOROTHA HENDRICKS, RETIRING SCRAPBOOK CHAIRMAN, 409 LAUREL ST., PENDLETON, IN 46064.

Residential Airport Directory:

A directory of residential airports, "Living With Your Plane—Residential Airport Directory" has been compiled by

General Aviation News and Flyer. Dave Sclair said, "When we started compiling the directory nearly 10 years ago, we found no definition for a residential airport, so we developed one. A residential airport is one which contains two or more homes or homesites that are immediately adjacent to the runway or can be reached by taxiway or are within a few hundred feet of the runway and tiedown areas. The airport can be either privately or publicly owned and used." Copies of the directory and information about the LWYPA are available from *GANews & Flyer*, P.O. Box 98786, Tacoma, WA 98498. The directory is \$5 a copy. For additional information, contact: Dave Sclair at 206 588-1743.

Bobbi Trout's Bronzed Shoe:

"Headquarters of The Ninety-Nines recently received a bronzed shoe (sized 6 1/2), donated by the son of one of Pioneer Pilot Bobbi Trout's best friends, Marie Sponholz," submitted Carol Osborne. The deer skin shoe was worn by Bobbi during her record-setting Refueling Endurance Flight, January 4-9, 1931. Bobbi and Edna May Cooper remained aloft for 123 hours around Inglewood and Mines Field (now LAX). A complete synopsis of the flight is in her book, *Just Plane Crazy*.

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- The Whirly-Girls Memorial Flight Training Scholarship, presented in 1993 in the memory of Robert L. Suggs, the late founder of Petroleum Helicopters, is a second \$4,500 award. It will go to a licensed woman airplane, balloon, or glider pilot for flight training to obtain her initial helicopter rating.

Applications may be obtained by writing to Diane C. Dowd, 100 Green Pond Road, Sherman, CT 06784. Completed applications, with a check for \$15, must be postmarked on or before November 30, 1992.

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Amelia Earhart's Shoe Size is in the Spotlight

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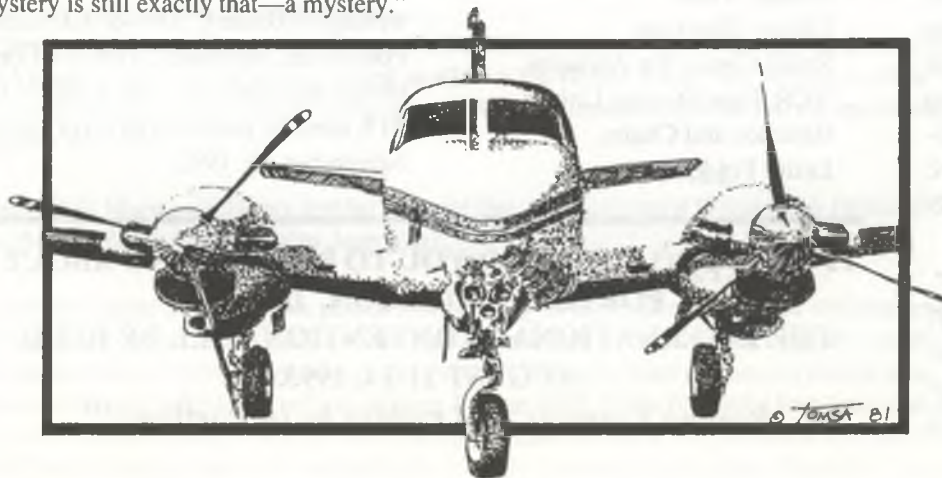
- October 29, 1982: *The News Tribune*, Woodbridge, NJ, reported, "Miss Earhart wore a hard-to-fit, very narrow size 6 shoe. 'I remember she always had difficulty getting dress shoes,' said her sister, Muriel Morrissey."
- July 17, 1986: Father Angelus Lingenfelter of the Atchison County Historical Society viewed museum artifacts that once belonged to Amelia, many donated by Muriel herself. Father Angelus and Muriel took most of the artifacts out of the showcases and Muriel posed with some in case the photos would be useful in the production of her book, *Amelia, My Courageous Sister*.
- March, 1992: Father Angelus had Amelia's museum shoes analyzed. They were size 6 AA. This was also printed inside both shoes.
- March 23, 1992: Celia Lang, a longtime family friend of Muriel's wrote, "The size 9 shoe bit really hit me because I *knew* AE didn't have such big feet! While I never met Muriel's sister, I 'inherited' some of her shoes because Muriel couldn't wear them. ...mother and I were then in the 6-6 1/2 range, so we shared them..."
- July 9, 1992: Aviation Pioneer Bobbi Trout, friend of Amelia's, visited the museum and took a closer look at Amelia's shoes. They were indeed size 6 AA.

Henry Maude, Gardner Island Historian

Carol Osborne also sent the following bulletin that focused on the history of Gardner Island.

- Professor Maude and his wife met on the island of Jersey in the English Channel and have celebrated over 62 years of marriage to date.
- They went to the Gilbert Islands with the Colonial Service and remained from 1929 through 1949, although, according to Maude, "We left there during part of the second World War when we spent some time on Pitcairn Island."
- Harry Maude wrote seven books on Gilbertese history, from the islanders' point of view. He and his wife collaborated on some articles, the first in 1931 to the Polynesian Society and the last, in 1981.
- Maude remained in the Colonial Service until 1955. He and his wife live in retirement in Canberra at this time.
- Maude claimed possession of the Phoenix Group (destined to be the last new territory of the British Empire—1937) and undertook a plan for the resettlement of the Gilbert islanders on the three southern Phoenix Islands of Gardner, Hull and Sydney (1937-1938). The Gilbertese people lived on Gardner Island between 1938 and 1964—26 years.
- Maude named Gardner Island Nikumaroro in October 1937.
- Maude wrote a report which was dated 19 November 1937, a few months after the disappearance of Amelia, that stated, "There was plenty of food on the atoll, any amount of fish on the reef and in the lagoon, and coconuts to drink or eat on the ground or on the trees. The succulent leaves of the boli (Portulaca) make a very nutritious vegetable salad and can be sucked for moisture. The mtea, the ruku and the wao are also, I believe, growing wild on the atoll. The water is brackish, but drinkable for a period in an emergency..."
- In 1991, Maude wrote, "Gardner is such a small atoll (3.5 miles wide) and was inhabited for so long that every inch of the place must have been walked over many times; anything out of the ordinary would have been reported and be on record. Not so much happens on a small atoll from day to day and unusual events and findings are subjects for endless gossip..."
- Between 1943-1946, the U.S. had a Loran Navigation and Communication Station occupied by men on Gardner Island. The Loran Station received supplies, on a monthly basis, from PBY aircraft flown out of Canton Island in the South Pacific.
- Coupling the above facts with sensationalized findings (i.e.: a cigarette lighter, a Consolidated PBY navigator's bookcase, pieces of aluminum aircraft skin from the 1930's era, and, of course, the size 9 shoe heel) there is only one logical conclusion. Muriel Earhart Morrissey explained that conclusion in her 1987 book, *Amelia, My Courageous Sister*, "It seems to me most likely that (the Coast Guard Itasca's) Commander Thompson's conjecture is correct, and that Amelia's plane was submerged within minutes after her last radio message and probably within one hundred miles of Howland Island."

Editor's note: A comment on the cover of the August 1992 *Air Classics* magazine asks: "Amelia Earhart Controversy. Is aviation's greatest mystery still a mystery?" On page 29, the article ends with the statement, "Media hype aside, it seems that the Amelia Earhart mystery is still exactly that—a mystery."



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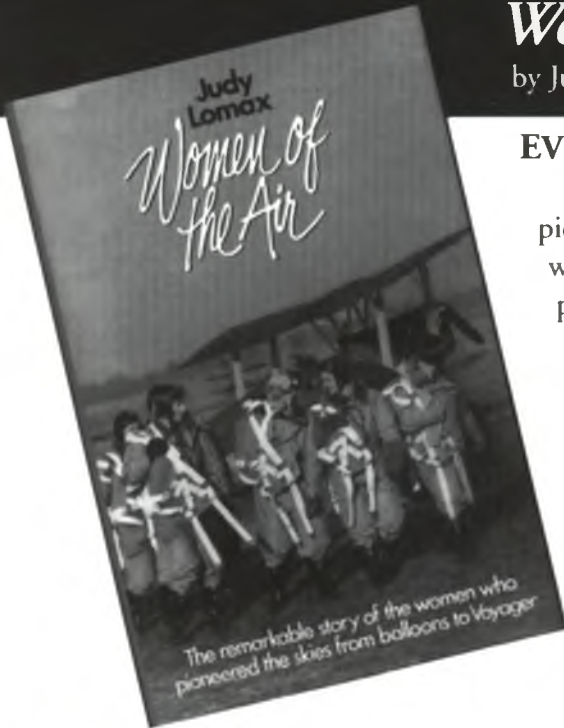
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