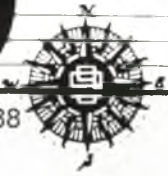


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The bus driver said, "I've never seen a group that enjoys each other as much as you folks do."

*She was perhaps the keenest observer around, with ample time to look at various groups being driven among the Shangri La resort's several buildings. Convention coverage begins on **Page 3**.*

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—Amelia Earhart Scholarship winners, 12.



Photo above, by Marilyn Copeland and son, shows the whole bunch prepping for a "Good Morning America" taping. Chanda Budhabatti(r.) and friend(l.), far left photo by Verna West, and the Canadian contingent on MASH dress up night, right (Robyn Sclair photo), were among quite a few who crossed borders to share good times and to remind the largely American Ninety-Nines that we are an international group. See more photo information, 16.



PRESIDENT'S

By GENE NORA JESSEN

Message

'Game plans' of our own

The aviation industry in the United States has declined steadily in recent years. The numbers show:

- student starts:*
1979 140,000 - 1986 87,000
- active pilot certificates:*
1980 825,000 - 1986 710,000
- new aircraft sales:*
1978 18,000 - 1987 1,085
- inactive aircraft:*
1978 34,000 - 1985 58,000

The National Air Transportation Association (NATA) called together a large

group of general aviation executives in December of 1987, having concluded that the industry's illness could not be cured through natural means. Business consultant Dr. Richard Byrne pointed out that "If you keep doing what you're doing, you'll keep getting what you've got!" The 170 companies represented said they would support financially a massive effort to bring more users into the general aviation industry. The General Aviation Market Expansion plan, the GAME plan, was born. It encompasses a three-pronged attack: public relations programs, local operator programs and a national advertising plan.

Since general aviation has not tracked alongside the dramatic growth in the business travel industry, both the non-user and current user segments of the business

travelling audience are targeted. Advertising will direct a potential customer to the toll free number (800) I-CAN-FLY where he/she can obtain information on learning to fly or charter referrals.

And how many dollars is the program going to cost? Fifteen million dollars annually over the next three years. If that number is a little nebulous, consider what the California raisin industry did, with its

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Members who attended the year's international gathering in Shangri La, Oklahoma witnessed an orderly change-over among occupants of our organization's top posts. But with it they saw broad questions, subtle provocations laid down like a bubbly coat of paint.

Outgoing international president Barbara Sestito used wry wit to show often polarized thinking among Ninety-Nines members. She read aloud letters she has received, revealing everything from upset over a probable bad day to precise commentary on board actions. A telling

example was two letters, one from a member venting spleen over her apparent general dislike of the organization's monthly magazine, *The 99 News*. The other described it in glowing terms. Laughter greeted Sestito's revelation that both letters had come from members of the same chapter.

Wanting perhaps to drive home realization that her words opened a business meeting holding potential for drastic change, Sestito ended her remarks with the warning spoken aloud that the organization could choose to position itself for graceful movement into a changing condition, or "we can go kicking and

to be a pilot

By ROBYN SCLAIR



and a woman



screaming" into the 21st century.

A television set was set up to watch a neatly-assembled group of us say "Good Morning America!" U.S. President Ronald Reagan sent a telegram lauding The Ninety-Nines, which was read aloud along with one from AOPA head John Baker.

The importance of piloting currency was a matter put to question several times, including whether a pilot, licensed though not current by the laws of her country, should be allowed to become a new member. Another was whether non pilots should have a recognized place in the organization, an auxiliary membership for "friends of The Ninety-Nines." Also, need members of the nominating committee be current pilots?

Linda Clayberg, Betty Wittmer, Charlene Falkenberg, Pat Forbes, and Carol Rayburn were among the count in support of admitting new members lacking flight currency. One spoke of the training opportunities open for chapter instructors with the entrance of non current new members. Most favored the move by the sentiment that "once a pilot, always a pilot," despite prevailing medical and financial factors.

Maisie Stears countered with the fact that estimates count 45,000 licensed (but current?) female pilots in the U.S. and that "we should work on them."

The bylaw change passed with 784 in favor, 332 against. The word "current" will be struck from the definition of eligibility to become a Ninety-Nine.

Debate was vigorous about member-

the GENERAL COUNSEL

By SYLVIA PAOLI

Some laws not eligible for change

A number of provisions exist in Section and chapter bylaws and in policy set by the international board of directors that members sometimes question, but that cannot be changed without adversely affecting the exempt status of the organization. When new chapters are

formed and incorporated, those provisions are pointed out to them. As years go by, and files move around, however, we frequently lose track of the original documents and instructions.

Most of the provisions in your bylaws

that relate to giving notice of meetings to your members, providing them the right to look at the books and records of the organization, putting out advance agendas, and similar features, are there because state corporate laws require them. Keep in mind that those laws are enacted to cover everything from the local garden club to General Motors, and if one is a corporation one is covered by them, regardless of size, purpose, formality of meetings, or number of members.

Provisions which can always be changed are those relating to the specific operations of your chapter or Section, such as the number of officers, time and place of meetings, number of signatures required for checks, duties of officers, number and type of committees, location of bank accounts, and similar items pertaining to actual chapter functions.

If in doubt about which category a proposed change falls into, please check with me.

SEPTEMBER

23-25 LIBERAL, KS

Centennial air event and reunion, dedication of Liberal Air Museum, airshow. Info: James Bert (316)624-5263.

24 LAS VEGAS, NV

Scavenger hunt, Las Vegas Valley chapter. Contact Kathleen Snaper (702)870-8227 or Linda Gagnon (702)438-7021.

24-25 WILMINGTON, DE

18th EAA East Coast fly-in sponsored by East Coast EAA Chapters at Greater Wilmington Airport. Info: EAA East Coast Fly-in, 2602 Elnora St., Wheaton, MD 20902-2706.

29-10/1 FT. STOCKTON, TX

First reunion of Ft. Stockton AAB/Gibbs Field personnel. Info: Chamber of Commerce, POBox C, Ft. Stockton, TX 79735.

OCTOBER

1 WESTMORELAND ARPT

Pennies-A-Pound, Western Pennsylvania chapter.

1 Pacific Air Race for women pilots.

Contact Dottie Campbell. (619)448-7820.

7-9 PHOENIX, AZ

21st Kachina Doll Air Derby, purse \$1500, open to male and female

Please see CALENDAR page 16.



WHAT'S HAPPENING UP THERE?

A lot. General aviation is facing its greatest challenges yet. Find out how the current regulatory climate is affecting you and what you can do about it at AOPA Convention 88. Get the information that will help you protect your right to fly and make you a smarter, safer pilot. Learn about your options as the used aircraft market rapidly expands. See products and services that match your increasing skills. Join us at Opryland Hotel for seminars, exhibits and social activities you won't want to miss.

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SECTION

AUSTRALIA

...Northern Territory now hdqtrs...Bicentennial round-Australia race will be a big deal...Palmer awarded medal for aerobatics—

The Australian chapter executive is now located in the Northern Territory, a remote and frontier type country, and where any itinerant 99s are very welcome.

Kathryn Flynn, Australian Governor, holds a commercial pilot license and lives in Darwin. Vice Governor Marcia Heremeviuc is based in Alice Springs, but is often at Ayres Rock conducting helicopter flights for tourists.

In September Darwin will entertain crews of 140 aircraft competing in the Bicentennial Round - Australia Air Race. Sonja Robey flew and surveyed the proposed route earlier this year.

Congratulations to Secretary Bonnie Palmer, awarded a bicentennial medal for her contribution to aerobatics. Bonnie represented Australia in the World Aerobatic Championships, and has appropriately named her new baby Amelia.

Barb Stott, AE Scholarship winner, is at Brooks AFB in San Antonio, Texas to study aviation physiology, and also represented Australia at the Shangri La convention.

Jean Marsh and her husband journeyed to the EAA Convention at Oshkosh.

Aileen Mellor and grandson of California have been visiting South Australia before travelling on to Alice Springs.

Darwin had many USAF visitors this month taking part in the "Pitchblack" exercise. Sadly we did not meet any of the women pilots but were inspired to hear them on the radio. Our first two female Air Force pilots have just graduated from flight school.

Western CANADIAN

...Vancouver finds home ...BC tackles issues ...Airmarking at Milk River...Spence elected to COPA board...30 planes play Winnipeg poker—

Vancouver Island

Efforts to establish ourselves with the local aviation community paid off with a permanent location at Juan Air Ltd. on Victoria's airport, where we've been holding monthly meetings. A number of presentations have been made at the meetings, including May Primeau's slide show on her flying trip to the Northwest Territories and a presentation by Transport Canada on careers in that organization.

Plans are well underway for the Western Canada Fall Section meeting, to be held in Victoria September 30 through October 2. The theme will be "More British than the British."

B.C. Coast

Connie Shelrud and her family hosted a barbecue at Pemberton, near Squamish. Those who flew landed at Pemberton's newly paved and improved airport.

Margaret Glover and Alison Jeffery went to the B.C. Aviation Council meeting, with Margaret wearing two hats to represent both the 99s and COPA Flight 16. Two important issues discussed there were the six percent sales tax on aircraft rental and the Abbotsford Bellingham traffic advisory radio frequency. The tax obviously adds to the already very high cost of renting aircraft and learning to fly. The latter issue has to do with the frequency in use being the same as that used by some uncontrolled airports in the nearby San Juan Islands,

causing considerable confusion. BCAC, with the support of the other aviation groups, is pressing for a mandatory frequency for the traffic advisory.

We're continuing our policy of having an information portion, speakers or videos, during meetings. Under the direction of Clare Higgins the concept has been very successful. Transport Canada spoke for us and to other chapters on careers within that organization.

Our annual poker run was July 10, together with the Vancouver Island chapter. Nine airports were used in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island. Texada and Gibsons / Sechelt were closed due to the fog. Participants regrouped at the Pacific Flying Club at Boundary Bay Airport for awards.

Canadian Rockies

Two members flew to Salmon Arm on Father's Day and participated in a variety of events at the local fly-in, including flour bombing, nerf ball, and spot landing. They were alone among 12 participants -- ten men and two women -- who weren't disqualified in any of the three events, and as a result each took home a trophy.

A meeting in Kamloops was attended by Transport Canada representatives, there to encourage women in the field and provide a wealth of information.

Audrey Webster and Angie Keeley made it to the Tofino Fly-in on the west coast of Vancouver Island in June and camped over night. Turnout was small because the weather was questionable. Returning home Sunday, many were forced by weather to circumnavigate the island.

Alberta

Our annual Poker Run was June 4th, organized by Barb

Moxham and Laurie Melnyk. The weather was threatening and held up a few planes, but on the whole the event was successful.

June 11 Nancy Rand, Wendy Baskin, and Margaret Warner airmarked at Milk River. It was too windy to paint, but not to be put off, they painted in the corners and returned June 13 to finish the job. Several members of the flying club at Milk River assisted. Also on June 11 Julia Hein, Bella Epp, Treva Woodman and Helen Lavender airmarked at Wetaskawin.

Rosella Bjornson was inducted in the Forest of Friendship June 18, for her distinction as the first woman first officer hired by a commercial airline to fly jet aircraft in Canada. Rosella has been an active 99 for years, involved in the Montana, Greater Winnipeg and Alberta chapters. At Section level she's held a number of posts including governor from 1977 through 1979. Six 99s from the Western Canada Section attended the ceremony.

Saskatchewan

We're pleased to announce Sharon Spence was elected to the COPA Flight 10 board of directors as liaison for the 99s and safety officer.

Special guests at the All Canada Spring Section meeting included Barbara Sestito, Joyce Wells, and Doris Abbate and her husband. Members arrived from across Canada, and greatly appreciated a weekend organized with opportunity to see Saskatoon.

Sunday there was a special tour of the Boom Town at the Western Development Museum and a driving tour around the city. The previous night's banquet followed a full day of business meetings, and was kept informal with entertainment rather than speakers. On the lineup was storyteller Peter Eyvindson and a juggling duo 5

called "The Flying Debris." Alberta chapter members celebrated their twentieth with a skit and a birthday cake -- three feet high and made of plastic -- brought in by helicopter.

We braved strong winds and the threat of rain at North Battleford to paint the name on the apron adjacent to the airport terminal building. Saturday, June 11 was a banner day for our airmarking crew. We accomplished two airports in the same day, beginning at Leader, Saskatchewan with help from the local flying association, the mayor and an alderman. After lunch at Leader we headed to Shaunavon. Assistance came from Ed and Bev Kronberg and a crew of local air cadets, who had already marked out the baseline so the letters could be done in record time. The job was finished in an hour and a half, and was followed by excellent local hospitality.

On July 9 and 10 Sharon Spence, Angela Spitz, Mary Pyne and Noreen Proudlove attended the Moose Jaw Airshow. Our display was well received and a new member hopefully recruited.

Greater Winnipeg

Thirty planes participated in our June 11 Poker Derby. Maryam Murat - Kahn was announced as 1988 chapter scholarship winner at the end of the derby. Maryam plans to use of the funds for her multiengine rating.

Other goings on include these: Shirley Render became president of the Western Canadian Aviation Museum ... Linda Stoetz presented the Aviation Category award at the Canadian Science Fair Finals at the University of Winnipeg ... Janice Cannell has her commercial rating and 45 parachute jumps ... Irene Henley finished her thesis and is going to Australia for an extended period. Australia is a dangerous place to let members visit, as they never come back; B.C. Coast has already lost two members to the Land of Aus.

EAST CANADA

Among the Canadian who's 6 who in aviation, the 99s were

well represented at the opening of Canada's National Aviation Museum June 18. Her Excellency, the Right Honourable Jeanne Sauve, Governor-General of Canada, officially opened the museum, located in Ottawa, Ontario at Rockcliffe Airport. The facility is adjacent to an active runway, as well as a seaplane base on the Ottawa River. The delta-shaped structure contains one of the world's most significant aeronautical collections and the stunning Royal Canadian Airforce Hall of Tribute.

NEW YORK — NEW JERSEY

...Breakfast at Kamp Arpt

...Mae Smith honored

...June Simpson tells of flight with Finnish Section's Orvokki Kuortti—

Garden State

We're welcoming newest chapter member Tessa Sherman and student pilot Sandy Davidson.

A July 10 meeting was held at the home of Betty and Jim Pifer. We took care of business, then joined 49 1/2s and guests poolside for a delightful afternoon. Judging from the covered dishes, our membership is as talented in the kitchen as in the cockpit.

Plans have begun for our Pennies - A - Pound fund raiser September 25 at Allaire Airport, location of the Garden State 300.

New York Capital District

Goings on include our static display in the Richmor Hangar at Schenectady County Airport's airshow in July ... Harriet Bregman was official delegate to the international convention at the Shangri La Resort ... A September 17 dinner boat cruise on the Mohawk River is planned.

Central New York

Goings on include the following: We served over 80 breakfasts at Kamp Airport July 17. The day was not good VFR, but many people showed up for breakfast by ground and air ... Marilyn Kamp and Shirley Ludington were selected official delegates to the convention ... We're looking into the purchase of books on women in aviation

for donation to schools or public libraries.

Greater New York

Goings on: Turn out was great for the third annual Aerobatic Day at the French Connection's Flight School in Poughkeepsie, New York ... Naima Rauam was to exhibit her aviation paintings at the EAA Oshkosh Fly-In.

Long Island

We honored outgoing Chairman Mae Smith recently. After a brief speech by incoming chairman Jill Hopfenmuller, Mae received a warm round of applause, an ink stamp in the shape of a balloon, and a handmade painted wooden airplane with the 99 logo. After updates by Ida Van Smith on the Forest of Friendship, and Doris Abbate on the dedication in Oklahoma, we ended with a chocolate ice cream cake in the shape of a smiling airplane. Inscribed on the fuselage were the words "Thank you, Mae!" We also honored new members Joan Acton, Cathi Reilly, Pamela Mackenzie and Ruth Kogel, and Doris Abbate received congratulations on her victory in the race for international secretary.

Hudson Valley

Chairman June Simpson went flying while she was in Finland. She met the Finnish Section Governor, Orvokki Kuortti, after inquiring about renting a Cherokee and a copilot who knew the area, and could handle radio communications. She introduced herself as a 99, and lo and behold, Orvokki appeared the next day to fly with her. June would like to thank Orvokki for

sharing the experience of flight in Finland with her, and for sharing friendship with a visiting 99.

Finger Lakes

We'll be hosting the October 21-22 Fall Section meeting, and are working hard on it. Virginia Schweizer and her husband will speak.

MIDDLE EAST

...Tips on dealing with FAA...Lycoming class well attended...Potomac votes for more joint activities ...Airmarking done despite landing traffic ...Maryland hosted clinic on physicals, crashes—

Eastern Pennsylvania

Twenty-five members, two prospectives, and three 49 1/2s attended a meeting at the Flying W Airport. Susan Claypoole gave us some insight into what happens when you run afoul of the FAA, for "incidents" of any kind. Susan highly recommends joining AOPA's legal program. She also advises careful thought before answering a letter from FAA, and suggested sending a report (preferably on the NASA form) to NASA Aviation Safety Reporting System at PO Box 189, Moffett Field, CA 94035. If done within ten days of the "incident," according to Susan, the FAA can't go after you on most infractions. NASA's ASRS offers a free monthly newsletter, **Callback**, which they'll send if you ask.

The engine class at Lycoming was attended by Marge Pinciotti, Shelly Katz, Kathy Wilson, Maggie Hill, Lynne Forbes and Terry Morse, plus four members

CORRECTIONS TO MAY/JUNE ISSUE: In the Aux Plaines chapter news, Chuck Claussen, not Carol Hanquist was the instructor from the Stick and Rudder Flying Club. Sue Kulick, not Pat Thomas, organized the Chicago Area's outing to the dog races.

NEW RATINGS

Judy Stream, All-Ohio: Citation II type ... Sandy Arvo, Minnesota: instrument ... Joan Thomas, Minnesota: private ... Joan Hermeyer, Greater St. Louis: instrument ... Myrna Logan, Minnesota: private ... Jayne Disette, Lake Michigan: private ... Diane Balzer, Wisconsin: private ... Vickie Miller, Mt. Diablo: instrument ... Cindy Huffman, Austin: instrument ... Pat Maxey, Austin: private ... Kay Walling, Austin: private ... Julie Schmitt, Top of Texas: instrument and multiengine ... Sharon Norton, Northeast Kansas: private ... Trish Greufe, Northeast Kansas: instrument ... **CONGRATULATIONS ALL!**

from the Delaware chapter and one from Western Pennsylvania. All agreed that Jim Dobler is not only extremely knowledgeable, but knows how to teach.

Margot Eld and Alice Wright competed in the Garden State 300 against 30 other airplanes. They flew through and around several unforecast rain showers, had a good time and didn't win anything.

Potomac

Our July meeting was well attended. Thanks to Alice and Ben Krick for allowing us into their fascinating home and for a breathtaking view of Chesapeake Bay. We voted to establish a closer working relationship with the Washington DC chapter, to coordinate more joint activities. Ellen passed around a very interesting article from

Washington Woman Magazine, about our very own Nancy Waylett, who is a B737 first officer with USAir airlines.

Congratulations to Martha (Marty) Goppert, hired recently by Presidential Airways as a first officer on a Beech 1900.

West Virginia Mountaineer

Mary Austin and Morgan Hapeman attended ceremonies at the former Fairmont Field in honor of local aviator Sam Frankman. Congratulations to Morgan, hired recently as First Officer on a Jetstream 31 with Presidential Airways.

Greater Pittsburgh

Twelve entered our 12th annual Allegheny Air Derby at the Westmoreland County Airport. Billie Latshaw and Helen Davison once again chaired the successful event. Their 49 1/2s, Carl Latshaw and Alison Davison, managed the line crew with assistance by 66s Carol Maholic and Jane Miller, and 99 Roni Singh of the Greater Winnipeg chapter.

A transfer from the Idaho chapter, new member Cheryl Cox flew her Skyhawk in the derby.

In mid-June, we returned to Pittsburgh Metro Airport in Cuddy, Pennsylvania to complete airmarking. Airport Manager Donna Russell closed the runway, however, traffic

continued to land long just past the fresh paint, forcing us to scurry off the blacktop. Even so, the prop wash felt good in the hot sun.

Mary Lou Waite, a CFII, taught Sandy Andrews to do loops and spins in a Cessna 150 aerobat. The loops were fun because you can look "up" through the sun roof and see the ground at the loop's peak.

Maryland

The Maryland Chapter hosted pilots and others at an FAA safety seminar, with presentations on the FAA medical exam and crashworthiness. Guest speakers included Dr. Gustav C. Voigt, Senior Aviation Medical Examiner, Gary E. Crump, Assistant Director, Medical Certification Dept. of AOPA, and Gary Livack of the FAA.

July's meeting was a pool party given by Suzie Jones, with a sparerib - potluck lunch and poolside socializing. Sue Maule, of the El Cajon chapter, was a guest. She flies out of Baltimore - Washington International (BWI) for Piedmont Airlines.

Congratulations to Barbara Feader, now a senior pilot for the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. One of her missions was to transport the admiral and two assistants from Norfolk to BWI and back.

SOUTHEAST

...Bilingual seminar brought over 100

...Spaceport introduces genav to youngsters at Space Camp—

Florida Goldcoast

Installation of new officers was done in July by Alexis Ewan-chew, former governor of the Southeast Section.

We co - sponsored a bilingual FAA Safety Seminar July 20 at Miami-Dade Community College. Attendance was over 100 pilots, and Ann Nobles acted as a volunteer counselor for the program. Miami Approach Control, Opalocka Tower, Tamiami Tower and Miami Flight Service all gave presentations in English, then answered questions in English and Spanish.

Ann was appointed squadron commander of the Miami Senior

MIDLOTHIAN, TX - A recent issue of *SOARING Magazine*, journal of the Soaring Society of America (SSA), revealed these statistics:

—There are probably fewer than 600 female glider pilots in the United States.

—Of more than 500 U.S. diamond badges awarded, only 13 belong to women.

—Nearly half the states have no women's soaring records.

—There was only one woman pilot, not an American, competing in the last World Gliding Championships.

The Women Soaring Pilots Assn. (WSPA) was formed in 1985 to foster growth in this very arena: "Our purpose is to encourage the growth and participation of women in soaring...we would like to have more women get their glider ratings, more women going for badges and records, and more women getting into competition."

The group says it has tried to encourage women in cross country flight with the Anne Morrow Lindbergh Challenge Trophy and soaring seminars nationwide, offering advice from top pilots and the chance to fly in diverse locales and ships. Future plans include a women's sports class and regional competitions, leading eventually to a national meet.

Full membership in WSPA is open to women possessing a student glider pilot license; associate status is open to all. For more info and WSPA's newsletter *HANGAR SOARING* write Janet Clark, 4019 Vista Way, Davis, California 95616.

1987		1988	
June	1376	January	987
July	1307	February	1025
August	1200	March	1378
September	1351	April	1327
October	1245	May	<u>4316</u>
November	1195		9033
December	<u>967</u>		
	8641	total	17674

The above figures represent the actual number of mailings received by headquarters for processing during the past year.

Loretta Gragg, Executive Director

FAIRFIELD, CT - Jet Professionals, Inc. is a pilot placement firm for corporate aviation. We spoke with marketing executive Donna Gagnon recently, who says the firm is little over a year old, but already has over 600 pilots listed in its databank. Gagnon called because just five are women, and as the firm had had several requests asking for female pilots, she wanted to know where to go for more.

Jet Professionals Inc.—JPI—offers both temporary and permanent placement nationwide. Interested pilots receive a questionnaire with which to outline their qualifications, and for a \$40 initial fee are entered into the JPI database. Yearly renewal is \$20. Placements are sought for everything in the corporate transport category, from Citation bizjets to Sikorsky helicopters.

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Airline Ground Schools is pursuing a new avenue with its **Airline Hiring Expo 88**: "...an exciting series of one day employment conferences designed to assist people in their professional career goals."

Guest speakers include Irv Jasinski, head of personnel at Flying Tigers, speaker and author Col. Steve Ritchie, Dr. John Kennedy, M.D., Naval Postgraduate School, psychologist and noted speaker Dr. Jerry Cockrell, and a host of others too numerous to list.

Many topics useful to hopeful airline applicants are covered, and the whole event happens at locations across the country. Dates and locations include Seattle WA, 10/01; Pensacola FL, 10/22; Minneapolis MN, 11/05; Houston TX, 11/12; Las Vegas NV, 12/03; Oakland CA, 12/10.

CHICAGO, IL - Applications for the Zonta Int'l Amelia Earhart Fellowship awards for women for graduate study in aerospace sciences or engineering are sought for the 1989-90 academic year. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree, graduate school acceptance, and superior academic record and potential.

To date, 511 awards totalling over \$2.2 million have been made, and 35 grants of \$6000 each are foreseen this year. Application deadline is December 31, 1988; write Zonta Int'l Foundation, 557 W Randolph St., Chicago IL 60606-2284.

Squadron of Civil Air Patrol, operating from the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Opalocka Airport.

Florida Spaceport

With 11 volunteers and friends, we made a presentation on aviation at Space Camp in Titusville. Young campers numbering 130, from fourth to seventh grade, were introduced to general aviation, charts, instruments, flight controls and preflight inspection. Another program was scheduled for July 28.

We met July 16 at Merritt Island for a business meeting, after which Bonnie Carr presented a thrilling armchair tour of the Air and Space museum with her slide program. Leaving Merritt Island, several entered the pattern for a one-shot spot landing contest. We intend to keep the contest as a regular feature of future meetings.

Florida Suncoast

Lt. Dave Medina of the St. Petersburg Coast Guard Station gave a slide presentation of the facilities, aircraft and services available to U.S. citizens. We also heard reports on the induction of Sophia Payton and Jessie Woods into the Forest of Friendship.

North Georgia

We toured Federal Express' hub sorting facility in Memphis, Tennessee.

NORTH CENTRAL

...Library display draws good reviews...New 66s pinned...Air Bear helped Chicago achieve success in 1987...Friedman and Panczyszyn win Ill-Nines Derby...GDAC marks 13 years...CFI record set—

All-Ohio

Our 1988 Buckeye Air Rally is now history. David Croson and Norbert Hoffman came in first. Linda Blodgett and Peg Figley co-chaired the event.

July meeting was in Delaware on the day EAA Chapter 9 held a fly-in breakfast. Mark Savage, author of *Those Were the Days*, told us about flying during WW2, and Sandy Gordley rode in Jim Priebe's newly

restored P-51 Mustang that day.

Janet Keith organized over 40 volunteers from the All-Ohio and Greater Cincinnati chapters to assist in the lost / found / information booths at Dayton Air Fair. With a record attendance of 162,000, seven lost children needed our service on Saturday, and 13 on Sunday.

Aux Plaines

Margaret Biedron and her 49 1/2 returned from the Forest of Friendship with a glowing report and excellent pictures.

Our July 24 meeting was at the Kenosha Airport in Kenosha, Wisconsin. The *Flightfest* airshow held there featured the Harrier and Oshkosh - bound warbirds. Margaret, Dee Davis, Betti Loebbaka and Virginia Rabung assisted the Chicago Area chapter with their booth in the exhibition area.

Women in Aviation, our display at the Cook Memorial Library, drew much attention and favorable comment. We've been invited to stage another in the future.

Central Illinois

Kay von Tobel presented a check to the Jerrie Cobb Foundation from Mr. and Mrs. Holz. Our favorite charity, the foundation flies supplies to the Amazon Indians.

Diane Anderson pinned our newest 66, Nancy Umphree, with a guardian angel after her solo flight. The pin is to help Nancy on her way to becoming a licensed pilot. Mary McFadden is sure her 66 guardian helped.

Our Illi-Nines Derby Board - Anita Albert, Jean West, Linda Schumm, Lisa Woldow and Rosemary Emhoff - met with the board to put the '88 derby to rest and to plan for 1989's derby at at Rockford, Illinois the weekend after Memorial Day.

Chicago Area

Since January, our Air Bear program has reached 1,305 students with Phase I and 307 with Phase II. Marie Hamann and prospective 99s Connie Schuester and Sue Ochsinsch made ten presentations at Boulder Hill Elementary in Montgomery, Illinois. Ruth Rockcastle and Nancy Haraldson finished the regular school

season with a presentation at Nerbert School in Algonquin, Illinois. Sharon Ann Schorsch, Air Bear Chairman, deserves credit for her efforts toward a successful year.

Rita Adams, Johannah Grieco, Sue Kulik, Cynthia and Ralph Madsen, Susan Murray, Mary Panczyszyn, Ruth Rockcastle, Loretta Sincora and Judy Smallish helped at the Navy Glenview / Armed Forces Day open house.

Pat Thomas, 66 Membership Chairman, hosted our annual 66 victory picnic at "The Farm" near Sanger Airport -- fun, good food and great fellowship.

Pat Friedman and Mary Panczyszyn won the proficiency category among 45 entries in the 19th Illi - Nines Air Derby, begun at the Vermillion County Airport in Danville, Illinois. Kathleen and Douglas Ordon came in second; Ruth and Bob Franz were fourth. Lucy Browne and Joseph Jackson were second in speed. Madeleine Monaco was third in the spot landing contest. The 222 nm round robin speed and proficiency race was run on a beautiful VFR day, though slightly bumpy. Chicago Area, Central Illinois and Aux Plaines chapters sponsored.

A large delegation attended the critical issues forum presented by NASA Astronaut, Mission Specialist and 99 Marsha S. Irvin, held at the Union Club in Chicago.

On June 18 six planes flew in to Wittman Field in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to tour the EAA Museum and lunch at the Pioneer Inn on Lake Winnebago.

Our fly-out to Timmerman Tower on June 25 was attended by a number of brave pilots who ventured into the 100-plus degree weather and gusty winds. Lunch at the Bavarian Wurthaus followed the tour.

Greater Detroit

We celebrated our thirteenth birthday with the annual potluck / installation / birthday party. Chairman Sue Siporin, officers, and the board were installed on beautiful Grosse Ile. Pat Gilgallon was hostess.

Cindy Fischer, our only helicopter pilot, has introduced 75 non pilots to our skies in her helicopter.

As a result of Gini Sutherland's participation in the 99 cultural exchange, some of our Tri-motor patches are now in the Finnish Air Museum and in the Soviet Union.

We're watching at airshows for Dorothy Gillis in her antique L-2 warbird.

Greater St. Louis

Del Scharr's new book, *Sisters in the Sky, Vol. II - The WASP*, is new off the presses. She's been busy with autograph appearances throughout the area.

Nelda Lee is newly installed as president of the St. Louis Chapter of the Society of Flight Test Engineers. The society has about 70 members locally, 1,100 internationally. Nelda has flown many aircraft, including a McDonnell Douglas F-15.

Amy Laws and Jan Eveans shared details of their flight in the Air Race Classic.

Indiana Dunes

Goings on include Linda Mattingly, who soloed three students in one day to establish a Hobart Airport CFI record ... Diana Austin spoke to fourth, fifth and sixth graders at LaSalle Elementary School in Plymouth, Indiana ... Gail Schroeder taught aviation awareness to fifth and sixth graders in a three week summer enrichment class ... Pamela Fleming did a beautiful job decorating the new terminal at the Laporte Airport, then was safety officer at Laporte's annual fly-in pancake breakfast ... Courtney Bargerhuff received Jane Templeton Wilson's certificate of induction into Memory Lane. She and 49 1/2 Earl flew to the Forest of Friendship for the occasion. They also built a Pedal Pitts for the Chicago Area Chapter raffle at Oshkosh ... Gail Schroeder and her daughter, Jessica, hosted our luncheon meeting. Charlene Falkenberg led a discussion on air racing.

Lake Erie

Bev Demko was host for our July potluck meeting at Geauga County Airport, Middlefield. Al Harley of Detroit spoke on Lorain.

Bev has been crewing on the Yankee Air Force's B-25 based at

Willow Run Airport in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Last fall the Yankee Air Force acquired "Gallant Warrior," a B-25D, from its owner of 25 years, Col. Glenn Lamont. The aircraft is flown in local airshows and will be on display during Founders Day, Sept. 18 and 19, at Willow Run.

Wrong Way Corrigan a place with marching 99s.

Three Rivers

We donated toward a plaque honoring America's first licensed woman pilot, Harriet Quimby. Dedication took place in Coldwater, Minnesota June 5.



GALLANT WARRIOR—Bev Demko, Lake Erie chapter, is with l. to r. Steven Allen, William Mermelstein, and Col. Glenn Lamont of the Yankee Air Force, taking delivery of the B-25D.

Lake Michigan

Our June meeting was a luncheon at the home of Ann Meens in Holland, Michigan; Nancy Lammers was co-hostess. Speaker was Cathi Bates, an extensive traveler of the Soviet Union.

The travelogue continued in July at Betty Bytwerk's home in Spring Lake, Michigan. Maisie Stears shared her experience with the 99s tour of the Soviet Union. Mary Creason and Barbara Goodwin also showed slides from the Air Race Classic. They finished in tenth place.

Minnesota

We're welcoming newly licensed private pilot Myrna Logan to the 99s and to our chapter.

July meeting was hosted by Dawn Peaslee and Pat Emberg at Sky Harbor in Duluth, Minnesota. Located on a peninsula in Lake Superior facing Duluth, Sky Harbor is noted for its tricky landings. Warm weather made it possible to stretch our picnic on the beach into a swimming party in Lake Superior.

Our new parade float was introduced in Faribault, Minnesota. The Irish theme gave

Now is our time to plan for the future. We're looking forward to a poker rally and some compass rose paintings.

Wisconsin

We're welcoming new chapter member Bev Cornelius.

Our first Poker Run, chaired by Cathie Mayr, was in June. The winner was our own Diane Balzer. At our annual pancake breakfast the next day, we fed 350 hungry people who flew and drove in. Krys Brown chaired the breakfast. The night between was a fantastic time for a steak fry / campout / meeting; Linda Neumann, Karen Tessmer and Judy Foy were hostesses.

Thirteen Wisconsin 99s, 49 1/2s and 66s spent the weekend of June 24 at the EAA grounds in Oshkosh polishing the Lockheed 12 in preparation for the show. The head of EAA Aerospace Education talked to us about helping with a Super Saturday presentation to teenagers.

Yvonne Salzman hosted our potluck dinner meeting July 10 at Juneau Airport. Dinner was followed by a discussion on air safety with the airport manager.

IN MEMORIAM



CHARLES BIRDSONG

Husband of Dorothy "Dotti" Lanelle Birdsong of Temple Terrace, Florida and a life member, Charles died April 14. He was very supportive of his wife and the 99s.

RICHARD D. CALLAWAY

Richard, 75, died June 11 after an extensive struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was the 49 1/2 of Margaret, longstanding member of the Long Beach chapter. The two would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September of this year. Dick had spent 30 years in the Air Force, and he and Margaret's travels had brought them into contact with the Florida, San Joaquin, Fort Worth, Middle East, Ohio, and Long Beach chapters. Dick's own contributions to 99 activities include arranging to sponsor a Section meeting at Travis AFB, helping with the 1957 terminus of the Powder Puff Derby and Convention, helping with starts of the Baja Air Races, and numerous others.

FRANCIS LANGESLAG

The 49 1/2 of Elizabeth Langeslag, Minnesota Chapter.

CHARLIE BORDNER

Charlie Bordner was 49 1/2 of Billie Bordner, of the Greater Kansas City chapter.

MARY GRACE SEBELIUS

Mary Grace Sebelius, Mount Shasta Chapter member, died June 5 at her home in Redding, California. Born in Amarillo, Texas, Mary Grace always had the desire to fly, and was a flight instructor for more than 15 years. She flew numerous air races, including the Powder Puff Derby and the Palms to Pines. Mary Grace's happy smile, humor, flying tips, love of life and crazy hats will be sorely missed by our chapter and by all those who knew and loved her.

MARY YATES

A Mt. Diablo member, Mary passed away June 14. She will be missed by all left behind.

HELEN HARRISON

Helen Walker Menefee Harrison died August 15. She was a 99 from 1939 until 1953, then relicensed in 1971 and a life member in 1974. She flew a variety of planes, and actually learned to fly in a Ford Tri-motor in 1939, receiving private license number 66076. Helen was a charter member and past president of the San Diego chapter of the Women's National Aeronautical Assn.

While living in Honduras with her first husband and commercial pilot, John Menefee, the two established a flying service. Helen was a member of the Los Angeles chapter (1937), Bay Cities chapter (1947-53), Monterey Bay chapter (1971-73), when she returned to Bay Cities, 1973. Her second husband, Benjamin Harrison, whom she married in 1952, died in 1972.

--Ruth Rueckert submitted the above information about Helen, and adds this: "Helen belonged to various chapters, but wanted to be in Bay Cities, even if spending her last years in Monterey ... she had so many friends, and will be missed. A long interesting life, 1906 to 1988, just short of her 82nd birthday on December 11th."

WILLIAM GATIPON

Bill was 49 1/2 of Mary French Gatipon, and lost his bout with cancer December 23, 1987. He was a great supporter of the South Louisiana chapter, and his Mooney 2962L isn't the same without him.

--Mary French Gatipon

SOUTH CENTRAL

...Mile Hi funded with garage sale...Dallas numbers 40...Gladys Harr Scholarship fund set up ...Hicks wins Oklahoma scholarship...Herring named best pilot—

Austin

Way back in February, we celebrated our annual anniversary with a banquet. Guest speaker was former WASP and charter chapter member Mary Smith.

On May 21 and 22 we ran a successful booth at the Georgetown Static Air Show, selling sodas, lemonade, iced tea and baked goods.



WELL-KEPT SECRET—Austin chapter members are pictured here gathered for their annual anniversary banquet, held in February, with former WASP and charter member Mary Smith.

Colorado

Linda Horn and Gretchen Jahn were presented the Chairman's Award (Chapter Achievement Award) at a picnic held at Diana and Mark Williams. The two tied for the award with more points in aviation activities.

Funding for the Mile Hi Air Derby was accomplished with a chapter garage sale at Mari Murayama's home.

We assisted with the SIDS Fly-In at Boulder. They're coordinating efforts to send their congressional delegation to a meeting concerning FAA rulings on Mode C, exclusions and diameter of control circles.

Dallas

Dallas grows! New members Ila Moses and Sandy Buschhorn bring new interests to the chapter and raise membership to 40. Also, we celebrated Chris

Swain's solo with a 66 pinning ceremony. Sue Matlock is her sponsor, and they've promised to listen to each other tell flying stories.

In July, we toured the FAA Regional Flight Control Center. We watched radar and computer generated blips representing everything in the air over the south central US! The operators assured us it wasn't even close to a peak traffic time. Most screens were coded to elevation and to local geographic areas. Some also had weather indications superimposed over flight paths. We watched and listened as flights were handed from one controller to another, and paid close attention when computers issued warnings of possible converging paths.

The fly - or - drive lunch at the

sky blue matching jumpsuits in the 99 Chalet.

Yvonne Garibay is the recent recipient of our 66 funding program, and is already making her solo cross country flights.

Lubbock

We've established the Gladys Harr Memorial Scholarship Fund, to be awarded to a female from the local area who wants to learn to fly. Gladys was a member of our chapter who was killed along with her husband, Bill, and two grandchildren in the crash of their private plane on June 26.

Kansas

Sid Tucker was awarded a free breakfast for stopping on the spot in his Tiger Moth at our successful event at Halstead. He and Roy Norris gave a flight demonstration of what these planes are capable of doing. Vice Chairman Linda Massey was in charge of the meeting.

Janet Yoder and Nancy Sheldon participated in the Air Race Classic. Nancy described it as a crash course in cross country and instrument flying, as they built IFR time on their way home from the race. Carolyn Schmalz and Pat Mlady were timers at Winnamucca, NV.

New member Cheryl Sutton entered her first air race at the Okie Derby. She is a former model and a skilled marksman with numerous awards. Cheryl is the second female out of 14 National Range Masters who instruct in firearm safety and plan firing courses.

Northeast Kansas

Goings on: We're welcoming new members Lyn Walther and Mary Harrington ... Spot landings were planned by program chairman Joyce Russ at Wamego. Ingrid Nestler and Virginia Colbert were hostesses for the contest ... Guests at our business meetings were Fay Gillis Wells, Forest of Friendship chairman and her right hand, Irene, a retired Navy captain.

Oklahoma

We're welcoming new member Marilyn Duffy.

Our "Wings of the Future" scholarship was awarded to Lisa

Jill Hicks. This outstanding winner is enrolled in a four year aviation program at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant. The scholarship is made possible by the Okie Derby and is supervised by the committee chaired by Susie Sewell, with Nancy Barrett, Lu Hollander and Terry Neese.

Other goings on include Pam Jones and Mary Kelly, each of whom presented aviation programs for civic organizations ... Dorthy Stenstrom, who flies for Continental Airlines, flew a T-6 in warbird formation at Aerospace America ... Charlie and Shirley Brown provided bed and breakfast for Martha Esch on her 20,000 mile Barnstorming USA project ... Lu Hollander recently flew a 172 solo to Phoenix ... Representing the chapter at Aerospace America were Carol Sokatch, Poochie Rotzinger, Helen Holbird, Pam Jones, Rita Eaves, Jan Perry, Shirley Brown, Kay Roam, Susie Mitchell, Susan Adair, Sue Halpain, Sherry Kelly and 66 Barbara Brumbaugh.

San Antonio

Our poker run June 18 brought 25 entries. Stops included Kerrville, Boerne Stage and New Braunfels.

Annual picnic was at the home of Barbara Moore. Attendance was very good -- about 40 including 49 1/2s.

Shreveport

We're proud of Ellen Herring, home from the Arkansas Air Derby with a plaque designating her the best pilot. Her co-pilot was 49 1/2 Chuck.

On July 1 Chairman Mary Spells was sworn in as a reserve deputy with the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department Air Wing.

Barksdale Air Force Base recently invited several school principals to accompany some of its pilots on a practice refueling mission. Martha Christy was one of the lucky ones. We were green with envy when she described her four hour ride which included refueling a B-52 and being refueled by a KC135.

South Louisiana

Our June meeting was held in Baton Rouge in Annette Salles' hangar. Karen Milchanowski was

ected to fill a vacant board post. Mary French Gatipon, Fran Taylor, Glenda Reniedo, Gloria Peterson, Pat Ward and her daughters Lauren (66) and Leslie (66) from Baton Rouge, Lisa Cotham, Dee Wilson, Sandra Leder and Nancy Koonce (66) from Lake Charles attended.

Margaret Standing planned the July meeting in New Orleans, and invited the New Orleans chapter. Family and friends were invited to the New Orleans Lake Front Airport for a very special program by the Coast Guard on air/sea rescue. They brought their equipment, a helicopter and four bright, enthusiastic young men. After the program, we boarded their helicopter and asked questions before lunching together in the terminal building restaurant. Those attending included Margaret Standing and her daughter, Sandra Leder, Mary French Gatipon, Nancy Koonce, Marion Brown, Gloria Peterson, Annette Salles, Emile Salles and John Nye.

Top of Texas

On a morning too foggy for a planned fly-in to Delhart, Kathy Davis, Nell Findley, Lesa Grider, Joanne Hodges, Vicky Sexton and Candy Whitfield met at Tradewind, then adjourned to Lillians for breakfast and a meeting.

Lesla is coordinating plane rides and ground school for a library's science club made up of youngsters aged ten to 15 years.

NORTHWEST

Intermountain

Seven aircraft with sixteen members flew to Sandpoint, Idaho, then were met and driven to Dorothy Fowler's condominium at the base of Schweitzer Ski Basin. We rode the ski lift to the top of the mountain for a very enjoyable July picnic meeting. The weather was fully cooperative.

On July 24 we helped with tours of the control tower during "Celebrate Flight 1988" at Felts Field in Spokane, Washington.

Willamette Valley

Several flew to Hillsboro Airport for a July luncheon



THE HAPPY FACES OF SUCCESS—Former 66 Barbara Martin, left, was welcomed into the 99 fold at a July picnic at the home of Barbara Moore, right.

meeting at the Blue Max Restaurant. We met Pegge Blinco, Northwest Governor, and Barbara Thisted, of Intermountain chapter and chairman of last year's Section meeting in Spokane. Barbara has written a SOP on Section meetings and conventions that she introduced to us. She had several tips and bits of information in this handbook that should make our 1988 Northwest Section meeting in Ashland a big success. Bless you, Barbara!

SOUTHWEST

...Night flight to Montgomery...Mt. Diablo enjoyed Sun River, Oregon
...Sacramento goes for rafting the Deschutes—

Cameron Park

Five of our members ran the Palms to Pines Race. Esther De Young, a first time racer, and Betty Kohler placed tenth. Misti Flaspohler and her partner Cora Lee Tucker of the San Fernando Valley Chapter took a third leg prize, and Mary Bovee and Wray Robertson flew the race in Mary's Cardinal.

Jeannette Bell has accepted the Southwest Section APT chairmanship.

Fullerton

A night fly-in to Montgomery Field for dinner at the 94th Aero Squadron was attended by Joan Campbell, Tracy Barclay, Sylvia Paoli, Kim Ernst and Mary Beth Robinson.

Several raced the Palms to Pines which resulted in Jan

Morris and Evelyn Craik taking 23rd and Sylvia Paoli with Marie Christensen 30th. They informed us that they were just in it for the fun.

The installation dinner arranged by Ann Kocherhans was entertaining and profitable with our white elephant auction.

Jackson Gold Dust

We're welcoming Rosalie Pryor, part owner or Gold Country Soaring, as our newest member. She is a commercial glider pilot and has been elected chapter secretary.

We sponsored a documentary film on soaring, followed by an FAA safety seminar, Airspace II, at the Jackson Civic Center.

Mount Diablo

We're welcoming new members Sue Grass and Sara Shapiero.

Sixteen participated in a beautiful flight to Sun River, Oregon in mid-July to enjoy river rafting, horseback riding, food and fun.

Other goings on include an evening barbeque at Chairman Betty Dunn's home, honoring incoming and outgoing officers ... Darlene Frank gave an interesting program on her flying experiences in France ... Vickie Miller and Gloria Martin brought home an award for "Best First Timers" from the Palms to Pines Air Race.

Phoenix

Election dinner ushered in the month of June. New officers were announced and special awards given to Heather Horn:

Tip of the Hat award, Jeff Stuk: Supporter, Curt Tinsler: 99 3/4, and Dalia Bureker: 99 3/4 Rookie of the Year.

Our annual Prescott picnic was held in early August.

Placer Gold

In July, we helped out at a pancake breakfast at the Nevada County Airport in Grass Valley, and sponsored a density altitude clinic. Another seminar on mountain flying was held at the Auburn Airport in mid-July.

Pat Tucker and husband Bruce are on a long cross country trip through Arizona, Texas, and Oklahoma in their Cessna 150. Pat plans to develop a video of the trip, complete with take-offs, landings, and radio communications.

Sacramento Valley

Mary Ben McClave arranged for a Rio Linda summer school class of 32 to visit Executive Airport. The class toured the tower, saw a fire truck demonstration, viewed other line service equipment and climbed into airplanes for a look-see, guided by Bonnie Neely, Jan Baldwin, Jean Turner and Mary Ben.

Kris James and Bonnie Neely, having just finished racing in the Palms to Pines, cooled off with a white water raft trip down the Deschutes River with several other racers. Preparations are underway for us to sponsor the start of next year's Air Race Classic.

San Fernando Valley

Our annual July potluck dinner brought 50 members and guests to Ceci and Mal Stratford's for an evening of fun and frolic. Jan Goforth chaired the event. Several flew the Palms to Pines Air Race with Mary Rawlings taking sixth place, Lorrie Bleck and Madeline Kurrash eighth, Coralee Tucker and Misti Flaspohler third leg award and 14th place, Wanda Ogne and Liz Dinan 24th, Paula Sandberg and Jaye Howes 27th, and Carol Rose 28th.

Santa Clara Valley

We celebrated our chapter's 34th birthday with a party July 19. It was highlighted by introduction of officers for the

Three chapters turn in winning projects, meet new criteria

By **ROBERTA TAYLOR**, chairman, international safety education committee

At the international level, a new competition invited chapters to submit their most successful or favorite safety education activity. Projects were to aim for one of the following three objectives:

--Category One: to educate the non flying public about aviation safety.

--Category Two: to educate other pilots (non 99s) about aviation safety.

--Category Three: to educate fellow 99 members about aviation safety. Submissions were judged for originality, purpose, clarity and achievement of the objectives.

The winner of category one was Greater Detroit Area chapter for its Pinch Hitter Course. Purpose of the project was to enable non pilot, frequent passengers to land the aircraft in case of emergency, and to acquire basic skills in navigation, communication and aircraft manipulation. For more information contact Lee O'Connell and Mardi Drebing.

Category two was won by the Western Pennsylvania chapter, with its Sky Skamper project, a 220 nm air rally stressing safe, effective VFR cross country flying. For more information contact Chris St. Onge.

Category three award went to the Alaska chapter, for a Short Field Takeoff and Landing Proficiency Clinic, to improve skills in landing and take off from short strips common to remote areas.

Project descriptions are filed at headquarters, where chapters are urged to write for details on any new projects they might wish to try.

coming year.

Congratulations to Barbara Murren and Dee Ramachandran for completing the Air Race Classic from California to West Virginia. They're already talking about next year's race.

PRESIDENT'S

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little dancing raisins, to raise our raisin consciousness on \$14 million a year. They generated a phenomenal 9.7 percent increase in sales, and are ecstatic.

The Ninety-Nines is not able to participate financially, however the board of directors has enthusiastically endorsed the GAME

By **JEAN PEARSON**

Names of 11 Ninety-Nines who received Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships were announced at the convention in Shangri La. All will use the monies for advanced flight training.

The trust fund to provide annual scholarships honoring Amelia Earhart, first woman to fly the Atlantic solo (1932), was established in 1941 by The Ninety-Nines. A total of 170 scholarships and five academic research scholar grants have been given to members of the organization since that date.

11 winning women: The Amelia Earhart Scholarships



Deborah Cunningham, a part-time flight instructor in San Jose, California received her private license in 1979, instrument rating in 1984 and a commercial rating in 1985. She earned her CFI in 1987, and will use her scholarship for a CFII.

Deborah joined the Santa Clara Valley chapter in July of 1979 and is presently chairman. She says her husband, Bruce, is very supportive of her flying, and of her ultimate goal, which is to be a flight instructor with instrument, multiengine, and advanced instrument ground instructor ratings.



Shari Egan of Thornton, Colorado had her first flight when she was five years old. When her father, a Piper dealer, let her take the controls, Shari says she "felt so big." When she was 15 he gave her a first real lesson and entered it in a logbook. At 16, she soloed before receiving a drivers license. After a private license in 1982, Shari joined the Ninety-Nines.

She has worked for several Piper dealers, and as a flight attendant for Continental Airlines for a short time. Shari now holds a commercial license with an instrument rating and will use her scholarship to become a CFI.



Barbara Ann Goodwin, of the Lake Michigan chapter, started flight training the summer of 1984, encouraged by her husband Robert, flying since 1979. "That summer," Barbara says, "was the beginning of the most exciting chapter in my life thus far."

One month before her fiftieth birthday, Barbara passed her private pilot checkride and "recieved my license to continue learning." She became instrument rated in 1987.

A teacher of young children for many years, Barbara started a yearly paper airplane contest for her science classes in 1985. Several students have won airplane flights with their teacher.

Barbara will use her AE Scholarship for a commercial license: "... a step close to my ultimate aviation goal of becoming a CFI."

Plan as have virtually all segments of general aviation in the United States. Watch for the campaign coming soon and support it as you can in your own area. We will all benefit as our industry regains robust health.

The Ninety-Nines has some game plans going, too, in a more modest mode, but with "raisin" potential. An independent ad hoc committee has been appointed to review our structure, elections, nomination and business practices and to recommend changes and improvements to the board. Committee members are: Chairman Thon Griffith, Page Shamburger, Doris Renninger Brell, Pat Roberts, Eleanor Bailey, B Steadman, Dr. Dora Strother and Im-

mediate Past President Barbara Sestito. Please contact any committee member with your concerns, observations and suggestions.

Our membership committee, under the enthusiastic direction of Stacy Hamm, is continuing a successful membership drive by forming specialty subcommittees to recruit military, corporate and airline pilots. Contact Stacy to help.

Hazel Jones now heads up our section meeting seminars committee. As a past president, long-time 99 and gifted teacher, Hazel is eminently qualified to teach us how to be a chapter chairman or an MC or how to put on a section meeting. She's available to speak anywhere, any time on any topic (well, almost) for only her transportation and out-of-pocket expenses.



Jessica Hatfield, of Coronado del Mar, California became interested in aviation while in high school. She researched a professional pilot career, and decided the goal was realistic. She started flight training soon after graduation, and earned her private pilot's license in August of 1984, at age 19.

Jessica has worked multiple jobs the last three years while earning her commercial license with multiengine and instrument ratings. With an associate degree in aviation just finished, she will complete her bachelor's degree this year at California State University at Fullerton.

Jessica is using her AE Scholarship for a CFI certificate. Her ultimate goal is to be a commercial airline pilot.



Leslie Highleyman was working three jobs six years ago when her father offered his Cessna 152 if she wanted to learn to fly. She declined, thinking she didn't like the little plane very much, but changed her mind a year later.

"My first lesson," she explains, "was on Father's Day in a Cherokee Archer with my father, and my uncle sitting in the back seat. I was hooked in the first 15 minutes and decided right then I wanted to be the best pilot I could possibly be." She now has a commercial license, multiengine and instrument ratings.

Leslie is vice chairman of the North Jersey chapter, among other related activities. She will use her AE Scholarship for a CFI certificate.



Carol Landefeld started flight training three years ago and has earned private and commercial licenses, and instrument and CFI ratings. She will use her AE Scholarship to obtain her CFII.

Shortly after receiving her private license, she joined the Greater Detroit Area chapter, and is now treasurer and a member of the Pinch Hitter board, among other related activities. She says her husband, Craig, and two sons "have always happily supported my flying."



A. Lee Orr, Vice Governor of the Southeast Section, says she was "coerced" into her first airplane ride while a high school student, but adds, "this adventure added a whole new dimension of excitement to my life." Another stroke of good fortune was a blind date with a pilot. They married and they started a Cessna Flight School.

At first, flying was a recreation for Lee, but in the 1960s she became serious about flying professionally, and obtained her commercial, instrument, multiengine, and CFI. She has also become an FAA examiner for private pilots, written tests, and accident prevention counselor. Lee will use her AE Scholarship for a CFII.

Kathy Osborne joined the 99s on the day she received her private license three years ago. She has since obtained her commercial, multiengine, instrument, CFII, and is a flight instructor at Louisville's Bowman Field.

A May graduate of the University of Louisville's law school, Kathy's undergraduate degree is in public affairs and labor relations, from Indiana University.

Kathy says, "I will be using this scholarship to earn my airline transport pilot rating and hope to find a way to combine my love of flying and my law degree in a career, possibly with airlines, a full service FBO or in aviation law." Among her goals is employment as a pilot with a major airline.



Mary Rutherford, a staff nurse with Ohio Valley Hospice, says she began flying to overcome a fear and, in the process, found it "endlessly challenging and fulfilling." Chairman of the Indiana chapter, Mary likes to get involved: she taught the aeronautical section of Project Challenge to gifted children, has annually led an airport tour for the mentally handicapped, is area team leader for Lifeline, Inc., an organization that flies people and organs for treatment and transplants, and has many other doings to her credit.

"Hospice nursing is extremely rewarding and fulfilling," she says, "but flying helps keep things in perspective. Married with two sons, Mary will use her AE Scholarship to obtain a commercial license."





Anna Regnera Scott, born in the Netherlands, did most of her initial flying in West Germany and obtained her private pilot's license in Antwerp, Belgium. A year in the U.S. in the early 1970s allowed her to gain commercial, instrument, CFI and CFII ratings in New Mexico, where she began instructing. Anna earned her multiengine rating while instructing in England. Back in California, she opened her own fixed base operation at Apple Valley Airport. In the last 16 years Anna has logged more than 6300 hours flying time, and will use her scholarship for a multiengine CFI.



Valerie Suberg, who started flying at 15 1/2 years of age, soloed on her 16th birthday and received her private pilot's license at 17. Since, she has acquired a commercial license with instrument and multiengine ratings.

Valerie attended Miramar College, and with a degree in aviation maintenance technology, got her airframe and powerplant certificates. She now works as a flight line mechanic with Flying Tigers, and work on Boeing 747s and DC-8s at San Francisco International.

In 1987 Valerie was selected by the Santa Rosa chapter as Pilot of the Year. She applied for an AE Scholarship to obtain a CFI rating, and her ultimate goal is to fly for a major airline.

CONVENTION

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ship for nonflying Ninety-Nines' "friends." Past president Hazel Jones favored the move, and described a broad network of auxiliary arms The Whirly-Girls (international organization of women helicopter pilots) enjoy. Dorothy Gillis railed at the other extreme, against any type of membership status for nonflying friends, saying, "We don't need groupies." A voice vote—the first of the morning, then all subsequent votes were counted—resulted in defeat.

Proposal to make the immediate past president chair of the nominating committee was defeated by a vote of 164 in favor, 922 against. Barbara Evans, Betty Gillies, and Lu Hollander all registered feelings against, chiefly objecting to the possible imbalanced strength of the former officer's influence on committee decisions, with ultimately very broad effects. Objections to an even number sitting on this committee were also heard.

Elimination of the flight currency requirement for members of the nominating committee was approved by the votes of 926 for, 171 against.

A lot of argument surrounded proposals to establish honorary membership, and to change life membership bylaws.

Joan Kerwin heartily agreed with past president Lois Feigenbaum's stance in favor of creating honorary members, and that "...there are so many people we can't thank enough."

Potential monetary and image benefits for the organization were behind the proposal, but many seemed to feel that wise selection of honorees would be overwhelmingly tough, and foresaw the regret of ill-chosen obligations. Past president Maryland Copeland spoke against, saying that parties deserving honor should be so honored, but at the time of their actions, and not with honorary membership. Outgoing board member Chanda Budhabhatti was also against, and suggested a certificate be given, or a plaque.

The creation of honorary membership was defeated by a count of 329 votes in favor, 750 against.

Change to the life membership rules would have made even brand new members eligible. With a \$2000 payment, all further dues would be abolished. The most obvious argument against was whether \$2000 would be enough to sustain a lifetime's worth of membership dues. Alexis Ewanchew felt it would under the logic that \$2000 invested and earning ten percent interest per year yields \$200, which far outweighs the current dues of \$40, as well normal

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CONVENTION

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increases to come.

Dorothy Gillis wondered, on the contrary, whether life membership for relative newcomers to the organization is desirable from a non financial standpoint. Doris Abbate, newly elected international secretary, came out in favor of the change, saying the amount to be paid for a life membership could be changed later, and bearing that in mind, less restrictiveness would be good in this area.

The proposed change was defeated this year with 446 votes in favor, 613 against.

Lastly, a proposal was defeated that would have required presidential candidates to have served two terms in any post on the board of directors, and one term likewise for candidates for vice president, secretary, and treasurer. The outgoing board sought this change to ensure an experienced slate of officers, but commentary against presented some feeling that the route to the president's office is already too long.

Harriet Fuller noted that as a corporation worth more than one million dollars, "we need continuity on the board." Jan Perry, on the other hand, spoke of having encouraged a member of her Section to run for office, only to hear her say that, though interested, she "just can't commit ten years" to the board service needed to attain higher office.

Various reports were given, including Marie Christensen's on the Soviet

Union trip. Membership chairman Stacy Hamm reported success from the "Each One Reach One" membership drive, but called for continued resolve. She likened the commitment needed to getting and keeping new members to what goes into a breakfast of bacon and eggs, concluding with, "The pig is committed."

The gavel was passed with dignity from Barbara Sestito to our new president, Gene Nora Jessen. Other new officers are Vice President Marie Christensen, Secretary Doris Abbate, and Treasurer Pat Forbes. Joining Roberta Taylor and Joyce Wells on the board of directors are Lu Hollander and Carole Sue Wheeler.

The women airline pilots able to attend our luncheon held in their honor, pictured on page three (photo courtesy of Marilyn Copeland and her son), formed a high point of the convention. After lunch a panel discussion led by Piedmont Captain Lori Griffith was extremely well received. Middle photo by Verna West shows something of the newly dedicated headquarters. "And it's paid for," says Pat Roberts. "That's the best part." Executive director Loretta Gragg, seated, received special honors for 20 years of exemplary management services on our behalf. That tigress at the bottom of the page is another Verna West exclusive. The tiger artwork looks to be an imprint on the lady's hosiery, by the way, not a tatoo.

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