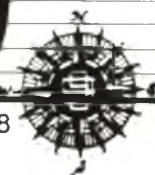


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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN PILOTS



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Above: Thon Griffith and Nancy Bird Walton at AWPA tent, Richmond. The AWPA has an active membership, but 99s are needed for international flavor. The AWPA and 99 meetings are usually held jointly.

Right: Birds of a feather in Sydney Airport terminal: Thelma Pye (past Australian section reporter), Nancy Jensen (past Greater Seattle chapter chair) and Barbara Collins (past Australian section governor).

Tom Jensen photos





PRESIDENT'S

By GENE NORA JESSEN

Message

VOLUNTEER - "to offer one's services of one's own free will" NINETY-NINES - "Volunteers Extraordinaire"

How would you define Ninety-Nines? The September issue 99 News cover showed a hodge podge of professional women, grandmothers, teenagers, military aviators, homemakers and airline pilots. Did you notice how many were following directions and looking at the camera? (Few.) How can such a diverse gathering unite for any project? How can they consolidate toward a goal? How can they accomplish?

It's the cause. We share the bond of having learned to fly aircraft. Rather than perpetuating the myth that only supermen can fly, women pilots seem to want to share the joy of flight, and support and promote our floundering aviation industry.

We do it by volunteering. These diverse females come together to support their favorite Ninety-Nine projects, some microcosm of the aviation world. Our first goal, dating back to President Earhart 60 years ago, was to support women in aviation jobs. We still do that through our awesome network. Our US members have taken international members into their homes and given them ratings not easily available, but desperately needed, in their own countries. Chicago Ninety-Nines conceived their "Air Bear" program introducing school children to jobs in aviation. New York Ninety-Nine Ida Van Smith has for four years introduced disadvantaged youth to airplanes through her flying club turning them away from negative options in their neighborhoods.

My own chapter in Idaho sought out a fund raiser so that we could give substantially to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Program. We decided to make and auction off an aviation quilt. You must understand that there are some strong anti-domestic leanings in the Idaho Chapter (we have a member who says her mother never gave her the keys to the stove - she flies a Falcon 50). We all swallowed hard, signed on for the project, and those of us who don't DO quilts got our portion manufactured somehow (my mother did mine) and the project was a howling success. It was the CAUSE. We wanted to support scholarships for women pilots - and this group of strong-willed women, usually straining in different directions, got it together for the cause.

The Corporate Angel Network was conceived by Ninety-Nine Pat Blum upon observing a need for ambulatory cancer patients to travel to treatment centers. Pat saw corporate airplanes departing daily from her home airport in Westchester, NY

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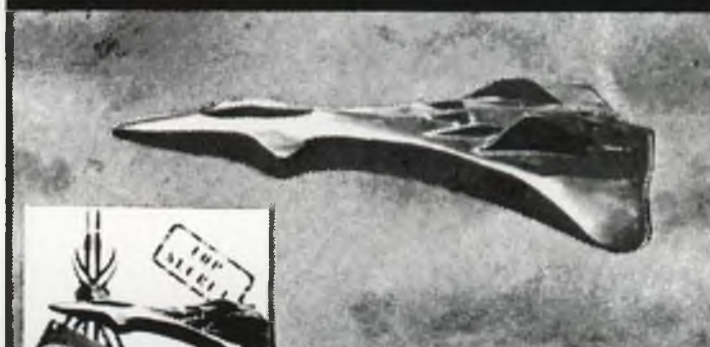
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Section governor recounts history of women pilots in Australia

by Kathryn Flynn,
Australian section governor

On behalf of the Australian 99 chapter members, thank you for dedicating this issue of the *Ninety-Nine News* to Australia and New Zealand. What a finale to our bicentennial year!

All Australian 99s are members of the Australian Women Pilots Association, Inc. which has 600 members and was founded with 49 women pilots by Nancy Bird Walton on September 16, 1950 over luncheon at the Royal Aero Club at Bankstown Airfield, NSW.

The first patron was Lady Maie Casey, wife of Lord Casey, former Australian Ambassador to Washington. Both Lord and Lady Casey were active pilots, over the years offering members of AWPA hospitality at their home in Berwick, Victoria and with the appointment to Governor General of Australia, at the residence "Yarralumla" in Canberra. Lady Casey died in 1983 and Nancy Bird Walton became our present patron.

AWPA has a federal executive board with a three year term, all members from the same state, elected at the annual general meeting. The 99 section meeting is also held at this time. All states and the Northern Territory have their own elected committees and operate as a branch of AWPA.

The logo or symbol of AWPA is a winged lady affectionately known as "Gertie." Membership costs \$A30 (\$25 US) annually. The objectives of the association are (1) to foster closer relationship and unity among women pilots, (2) to assist women to undertake flying in Australia and elsewhere, (3) to develop public interest in aviation, especially among women, and (4) to assist in the development of aviation.

Australian 99 members are representative of this larger group in that they are active in all areas of the Australian aviation industry.

Each year at the AWPA general meeting, several awards and scholarships are presented to women pilots including two from the Australian 99s to winning pilot and navigator of a flight proficiency trial concluding at the site of the meeting/sectional.

Sir Donald Anderson Memorial Award—donated by the Dept. of Aviation to the woman pilot who has made the most meritorious academic progress towards commercial aviation qualifications.

Nancy Bird Award—donated by Nancy Bird-Walton, OBE, OSJ, Hon ME (Syd), ARAeS for the most noteworthy contribution to aviation by a woman of Australasia.

The Lady Casey Scholarship—Awarded by the Australian Women Pilots' Assn. to financially assist an AWPA member to further her career in aviation.

The Lores Bonney Award—Donated by Mrs. H.B. Bonney, MBE, to a woman pilot who has achieved or made a valiant attempt to achieve a flying record in the previous 12 months or has been chosen to represent Australia at world championship level.

Gliding Award—Donated by the AWPA for the most meritorious flight carried out during the previous year or an outstanding contribution to the advancement of gliding in Australia.

1974 Memorial Grant—Awarded by the AWPA, Victorian Branch to financially assist a women pilot in obtaining a class four instrument rating.

Proficiency Trophy—Donated by the Ninety-Nines, Inc. for the enroute flight to the annual conference.

Nancy Bird Walton was made a 99 at large in 1937, only six years after the beginning at Curtiss Field! Nancy was also the first Australian woman pilot to fly in the Powder Puff Derby which held a great fascination for participating Australian pilots until discontinuation.

On July 10, 1959 the Australian 99 Charter was issued. The seven members were Nancy Bird Walton, Margaret (Peg) Kelman, Nancy Leebold*, Gertrude MacKenzie*, Helen Blackburn, Maie Casey* and Freda Thompson* (*deceased).

The first convention to be held in Australia was in Canberra in 1978 when Layne Glanville-Williams was Governor. At the convention, the fear of flying clinics were offered by Fran Grant at a meeting with Nancy Bird Walton and NSW AWPA President Aminta Hennesy. The first clinic began in October 1979 and similar programs are now run by AWPA branches in several states with further demand where it is not yet available.

The Australian aviation industry is now administered by the Civil Aviation Authority. It has been designed to provide a more responsive and flexible infrastructure with responsibility for safety and operational regulations and

provision of air traffic services. It is removed from the government budget cycle constraints by being placed under the control of a board with membership from the business community.

All licensed pilots now pay for the required charts and amendments but the "Aviation Safety Digest" remains free for maximum "dialogue" on safety issues in the aviation community.

Australian women pilots - and 99s in particular - are proud of their achievements in aviation and look forward to continued fruitful international fellowship.

First and foremost is Lores Bonney, MBE, our only intercontinental pioneer aviator who was 81 on November 20. She was the first to fly solo in a DH 60 Moth from Australia to England in 1933 and from Australia to South Africa in 1937.

The 1989 Australian Chapter Sectional in conjunction with the AWPA general meeting is at Hervey Bay, Queensland on Wednesday, March 29, 1989. Visiting 99s are warmly invited to attend. Inquiries may be made directly to the Queensland branch secretary of AWPA: Jenny Bagley, 302 Gardner Road, Rochedale Q 4123, telephone (07) 341 5903, or to Australian Chapter Executive as listed in the 99 roster.

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THIS IS IT!—Cairns Tower, the total of ATC for airport and enroute above 8,000" north of Brisbane airspace - and they do it without radar. Their FSS handles low level enroute; this may be the only airport in the world with no radar and regular 747 traffic. (Tom Jensen photo)

the GENERAL COUNSEL

By SYLVIA PAOLI

Tax concerns for contributions to charitable groups

For many years, most of the regulation of charitable organizations was done at the federal level, with states adopting similar requirements and accepting the federal exemption as qualifying an organization for the comparable state exemption. While that is still true to some extent so far as obtaining the initial exemption is concerned, recent years have seen many more distinct and independent state regulations of charitable organizations, and there are many more being proposed.

These regulations include a wide variety

of subjects ranging from sales tax provisions to fund-raising requirements. In a very few states, the organization's federal exemption qualifies chapters and sections for a waiver of sales tax requirements, but in most states, sales taxes are required to be paid on items sold. Some states put more stringent requirements and limitations on the charitable organization than the federal laws do - such as requiring a certain percentage of funds raised to be actually used for the group's charitable purposes. That particular law has recently been held by the US Supreme Court to be un-

constitutional. However, other limitations are still on the books.

Because there are 50 states with varying laws, it is almost impossible to keep up with all of them. To that end, I would very much appreciate a volunteer from each state who is willing to look through pending legislation in their state for items that might affect our organization, and advise me of the same. If you are willing to do this, please drop me a note at my office, 17731 Irvine Boulevard, Suite 219, Tustin CA 92680, or call me at (714) 731-4041.

PRESIDENT'S

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with empty seats. Her naive proposal to corporations was to offer those seats free. Scheduling and liability notwithstanding, the project flew and grew. For years Ninety-Nines have flown donated medical supplies to those in need through Direct Relief International. Last year the Minnesota Ninety-Nines flew blood some 149,779 miles - and other chapters quietly donated their time, expertise and airplanes to help others.

Americans are pretty daffy about their college sports teams. The National Intercollegiate Flying Association pulls the same passions through these competitive teams of flyers in Cessna trainers and the like. Their national competition is staffed by Ninety-Nines who drag to the airport at

5:00 AM four days running, get to stand out all day in the wind/rain/heat to judge landing events, and pay all their own expenses for the privilege. And they come back year after year for the same punishment and payment - a bad sunburn and tired bones balanced by

the pride in helping the college youth take one more step in their quest of an aviation career. The essence of volunteering seems to be little glory, lots of work, and unlimited satisfaction.

That's Ninety-Nines.

INTENT TO SEEK ELECTION FORM:

The form will be available in the January issue of *The Ninety-Nine News*. The directors will be elected by delegates at convention in New York City, NY. Contact Verna West, nominating committee chairman at (415) 854-6349 for further information.

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SECTION

Western CANADIAN

...BC Coast holds general meeting... Airmarking at 108 Mile... Search and rescue discussed—

Alberta

We held our annual general meeting at Sylvana Lake in Alberta and the event was a successful mix of business and pleasure.

Chapter historian May Oswald is dedicating herself to organizing the chapter archives. This is a lengthy task considering the chapter's active 20 year history.

British Columbia Coast

We held our annual general meeting at Abbotsford Airport, with good attendance. Outgoing chairman Alison Jeffery was presented a plaque in appreciation of her service, particularly during the hectic period before the 1987 international convention. Incoming chairman Margaret Glover promised great things to come which we shall hold her to. Vice chairman is Mary Lee Burns, treasurer is Lucy Hargreaves and secretary Marcia Buchyns.

In October Clare and Paul Higgins, Lucy Hargreaves and Alison and Jim Jeffery flew to 108 Mile, British Columbia for an airmarking. They were met there by BC Coast member Joanne Montgomery and Ann Dale of the Canadian Rockies Chapter. Although the weather was a touch cold for airmarking, they succeeded in painting "108 Mile" on the apron. It was also planned that "32" would be marked on the runway but paint and time ran short. The end result, however, was very effective and the exercise provided a chance to meet with Ann and Joanne.

Vancouver Island

The Western Canada Fall

section meeting, hosted by us, was held in Victoria, British Columbia. A wine and cheese reception on Friday gave everyone a chance to catch up and try their hand at throwing darts.

Breakfast on Saturday had guest speaker Captain Louise Neil of 442 Squadron, talk on her primary area of how to help search and rescue find downed planes and how not to get in a similar situation yourself. The importance and proper care of ELTs was emphasized, particularly the problem of false alarms. Ninety percent of the ones that go off are false alarms -- one was even located under a Christmas tree.

After an efficient and useful business meeting, lunch was served at the Crystal Gardens in the form of an English high tea. Some went sailing during the afternoon. Finally, a seminar on flying the coast was held Sunday morning before participants headed for home.

NEW YORK — NEW JERSEY

...Operation Skywatch discussed... "Best Aero Club" received by Griffiths AFB ...Pennies-a-pound held in New Jersey—

Central New York

Chairman Nancy Morgan, Vice-Chairman Joanne Bolton and Marilyn Kamp met with three representatives of New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, and Canadian 99s Ann Pangrazzi and Margo McCutcheon and Ron Johnson of Canadian Environmental Ministry to discuss implementation of Operation Skywatch in New York State.

The Griffiths AFB (near Utica) Aero Club has been awarded its

second consecutive "Best Aero Club in the Air Force," based on safety, membership, and general operations. Our member Elaine Roehrig is manager of the Griffith Aero Club.

Finger Lakes

Not ones to rest on our laurels after hosting a fine section meeting, we will provide hostess members for the ceremonies inaugurating Sally Ride into the National Women's Hall of Fame November 15.

Due to increased manufacturing cost, price of the bags we sell has increased as follows: Purses \$34, 16 in. tote \$34, 22 in. tote \$39, 39 in. garment bag \$41 and the 48 in. garment bag \$45. Please make these corrections in your roster when it arrives.

Garden State

We're working on arrangements for the spring section meeting next April at Townhouse Motel in Hightstown, New Jersey. A section wide money raising auction will take place and donations should be sent to Racquel McNeil.

The Pennies-a-Pound finally flew on October 2 and the resulting \$900 we shared with

the Mercer County College Flying Team.

Long Island

Jill Hopfenmuller took the chairman's gavel from Mae Smith. Her first act in office was leading our team in helping the FAA dedicate the Long Island Automated Flight Service Station.

International By-Law changes inspired the chapter to not only delete "current" but completely re-work our chapter bylaws. The committee of Jill, Debbie Bonnard, Gloria Bryant, Madeline laCarubba, Cathy Reilly, Mae Smith and Bozena Syska put in long hours on the project. Special thanks to Madeline and Bozena for research and getting copies to chapter members.

MIDDLE EAST

...Wings Safety Seminar in VA ...High schoolers supported in DC—

Delaware

Congratulations to Elaine Phillips on getting her airframe and powerplant license and on becoming a consultant for IAP,



AT HEADQUARTERS DEDICATION—Long Island 99s (1 to r) Joyce Malkmes, Doris Abbate (NY/NJ Governor), Harold and Dorothy Campbell, Ronald and Patricia Rockwell and George and Gloria Bryant. Joyce, Dorothy and Gloria flew VFR to dedication and Shangri-La convention in their C-172 - sending hubbies and luggage by airline.

Inc., publisher of aviation books. We are in the process of organizing another Flying Companion Seminar.

Eastern Pennsylvania

Fourteen airplanes and pilots, plus an enthusiastic ground crew were on hand for our pennies-a-pound. Margot had an ample supply of soda, peanuts and potato chips ready for the customers, who were far and few between. Finally the rain caused us to cancel around 3 pm.

Virginia

We helped sponsor a Wings Safety Seminar given by the FAA at Chesterfield Airport in Virginia, and had several members working in the Virginia Aviation Museum Booth at the state fair.

We welcomed our newest member, Jackie Leavitt, and WASP member Pat Pateman, Lt. Col. USAF (retired), our special guest, at our October meeting. Congratulations to Nancie Yeager on passing the first half of the Flight Engineer exam with a very respectable score of 95. Best wishes to Ginny Riley, a long standing member, for a speedy recovery from her automobile accident on the way home from our September meeting.

Washington DC

The Herndon Success/Flunkbusters program is something we sponsor for the Herndon Virginia High School students. We will treat 12 students who had no unexcused absences during the entire school term to a tour of Dulles Tower in November. The tower manager has promised a VIP tour for these youngsters, to include visiting the simulation room where they will be able to try their hands at directing traffic. Ten students with the highest grade point average will each get airplane rides. Others in the program and their families will be on hand to see their compatriots take off and land during a picnic at Leesburg Airport.

Western Pennsylvania

Our Pennies-a-Pound at Latrobe was a big success with rides for 250 people. Now we are planning another at Beaver Count Airport for April. Also, we are looking forward to hosting

the Middle East Spring section meeting in Latrobe, Pennsylvania April 14-15.

Potomac

Guest speaker at a recent meeting was US Navy Commander Jane O'Dea, a member of the first class of three women to enter the Navy's flight training program in 1973, and now working at the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon. Cmdr. O'Dea flew C-130s in Europe, the Mediterranean, the Middle East and Africa and is qualified in the T-34 B/C, T-28, S-2, and C-K- carrier qualified. She was a Navy flight instructor, a carrier pilot on the USS Lexington, "TACAMO" (communications) and a mission commander in EC 130s. Cmdr. O'Dea talked to us about her experiences as a Navy pilot.

Hampton Roads

We heard Navy flight surgeon Dr. Jan Martin speak at a recent meeting, on medical aspects of flying, and the effects of over the counter cold remedies, especially at altitude.

First place winner at our spot landing contest at Franklin Airport was Betty Armstrong. The meet was held September 10, along with an EAA fly-in. Claire Lingenfelter also competed. Linda Hollowell, Maria Flint and Rosemary Doud were judges.

SOUTHEAST

*..Mini workshop planned
...TCA discussed—*

Florida Goldcoast

We plan to hold regular mini workshops during our business meetings, intended to help members brush up on flight skills. Workshop leader is Loy Ann Cox, who is also aerospace and safety education chairman.

Florida Suncoast

Richard Cutshall, airspace manager of McDill AFB in Tampa, Florida, was a recent speaker. He discussed the proposed Tampa TCA and McDill military training routes.

Three new members were introduced, one from Ft. Myers and two from outside Florida -- Alaska and Spain.



From Sandra Vogelpohl of Florida Spaceport chapter:

On May 28th Martha Esch took off from Orlando Executive Airport in Florida on the first leg of her 20,000 mile Barnstorming USA project. Originally, Martha was to fly with Colonel Joe Kittinger in a 1942 Stearman of Rosie O'Grady's Flying Circus, but last-minute problems forced a change to a 1946 Champ, flown by Mac Barksdale.

Fascinated by vintage aeroplanes and the era, Martha dresses the part of a true aviatrix, complete with leather helmet and goggles to her hightop lace boots and set out to make her way through all 48 states in aeroplanes 25 years or older. Many thanks to all those who have shared in Barnstorming USA.

Pictured left to right are Col. Joe Kittinger, Sandra Vogelpohl, Martha Esch and Mac Barksdale, taken at Orlando Executive Airport.

Tennessee

Labor Day brought clear weather for a special fly-in to Irene Flewellen's Dallas Bay Skypark. Bill Beck, a retired controller, and David Hopkins inflated their beautiful balloons for a static display. David and his daughter, Tracy, attended the afternoon business meeting and answered questions about hot air ballooning.

Skydiver Sue Galloway made her 1,414th jump from a plane piloted by her husband. The two manufacture their own line of parachutes.

Several interesting and unusual planes flew in and an impromptu aerobatic display by a rare Swift Buckaroo climaxed a great day.

NORTH CENTRAL

*..Awards banquet held
...International committees served
...Speed record broken—*

All-Ohio

Top ten achievers at our 33rd annual achievement awards banquet included the following: Salley Berryhill, Linda Blodgett, Carol Deitsch, Marcia Greenham, Jaune Herman, Cheryl Hussan, Elinor Kline, Connie McConnell, Kathy Samuelson, and Jeane Wolcott. Marcia Greenham, 1987 top achiever, presented this year's award to Linda Blodgett. Among

Linda's good works was co-chairmanship of the Buckeye Air Rally. Steve Kline presented the Emmett Blowers Award to Rodger Blodgett for his support of the 99s and his help in the rally also.

Central Illinois

Libby Kaiser organized our judges for the fall 1988 region eight NIFA SAFECON at the University of Illinois, Champaign - Urbana. Helping out were Julie Hurn, Theo Sommer, Sandra Smith, Lynne Trupin, Carol Swicher, Barb Brusseau, Barb Jenison, Lori Anderson, Kathleen Wood, Ginny Butler, Ellen Ausman, Jean and Bob West, Deed and Max Holcomb, and Bob Kaiser.

Chicago Area

Ann Marie Schorsch was selected to participate in the United Airlines Boeing 727 internship program with Southern Illinois University. For 15 weeks she will receive simulator time leading to a Flight Engineer rating, and college credit, too.

Two of us have been chosen to head international committees. Madeleine Monaco and Ruth Rockcastle will chair the legislation and aerospace education committees, respectively.

We were well represented at the 50th anniversary convention

of the North American T-6 owners in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and were also interviewed for Channel 21 news and the *Kenosha News*.

A meeting held in conjunction with our 40th annual air rally at Landings Airport was hosted by Tiana Flentge and her committee. Winners of the rally included Ruth Franz and Marion Servos in first place, Sharon Ann Schorsch and Judy Davidson in second place, and Tiana Flentge and Jeff Heal placing third. The traveling rookie trophy went with Tiana.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Ardyth Martiny Williams, an air traffic controller supervisor at the Indianapolis ARTCC. She is also national vice president of the Professional Women Controllers, and a 99.

Cynthia Madsen, Pat Thomas and Connie Grubermann took 75 Cub Scouts through both phases of Air Bear. Ilene Helfand, Marjorie Sundmacher, Nancy Haroldson and Sharon Ann Schorsch showed children from the McHenry County College Day Camp and Orland Park Cub Scouts around the airport and let them sit inside their planes while explaining the instruments. Beverlee Greenhill conducted a hands on introduction to aviation for several groups of children from the summer camp program in Highland Park. It was a memorable experience for the handicapped group since they were able to sit in the cockpit of

Bev's Lake 200 EP.

Wendy Wenk Deeter, Marge Sundmacher, Bev Greenhill and other Palwaukee Airport Pilots Assn members were featured in the Illinois DOT's aviation publication for having given local officials an opportunity to see their villages from the air and the uses of aviation in their communities firsthand.

While in Washington, D.C. for the International Fire Chiefs' conference, Connie and Mike Grubermann joined 99s from the Maryland and Potomac chapters in airmarking the Cambridge, Maryland airport.

Vern Jobst was guest speaker at the two day workshop organized by Ruth and Rock Rockcastle for Navy Flying Club managers from all over the world. The banquet featured Verne's "Spirit of St. Louis" slides and talk. He also presented Ruth a medallion from the Lindbergh Commemorative Tour in honor of her being named accident prevention counselor of the year.

Greater Kansas City

Marie Christensen established a new Speed Over Recognized Record from Chicago to Shreveport on April 11 according to the National Aeronautic Association. In Class C-1C, Group 1, Marie and official observer Verne Jobst flew the course with an average speed of 223.93 mph in her Beech Bonanza. Her time was 3 hours 11 minutes and 40 seconds.



RECOGNIZED—Dodie Jewett (l) and Marg Juhasz (r) receive Certificates of Recognition from, respectively, Dick Fischer of the Columbus, Ohio, FSDO and Ron Drake of the Cleveland, Ohio, FSDO at the Fall North Central section meeting in Columbus, Ohio.



MICHIGAN 99s—(l to r) Edna Reinhold, Laura Gosko, Nancy Walters, Clarice Vasold, Lynn Jeffery, Marlene Savine, Beverley Michell and Renate McLaughlin at the fall section meeting.

We were presented an FAA flight safety award at an October 6 dinner meeting for our support of activities in the genav community. We also welcomed new member Lynn Wendl.

Turnout for a tour of the Strategic Air Command at Offutt AFB in Nebraska was excellent! Ruth Stafford piloted a CAF T-34 during an open house airshow held there.

Sharon Foster is attending the FAA Aeronautical Training Academy in Oklahoma City. Joan Reindl is now an FAA Aviation Safety Inspector with the Flight Standards District Office in Lubbock, Texas.

Minnesota

Lucky 13? It is for the St. Paul Red Cross and our Lifeguard Pilots! Our "13 years of Success" were celebrated September 21. During the past year, we've flown 103,129 miles to deliver blood, for an average of 45 flights each month with each flight averaging 280 miles. Eight of our pilots, Rita Orr, Lucile Thern, Clara Johansen, Ellie Nelson, Linda Osland, Marilyn Anderson, Terri Frazee and Shirley Christenson, flew over 5,000 nautical miles. Ginnie Reed earned our top honor. She flew 40 flights and 11,236 nautical miles. The dinner program featured Bruce Casselton, acting director of donor resources, Henry Korent, assistant director of blood services and Phillis Acker, director of the office of volunteer services. Amelia Earhart (Muriel Miller) was a surprise guest. We closed the evening by celebrating Clara and Arnie Johansen's 47th wedding anniversary.

Aviation activities chairman Ellie Nelson has organized some very different flying jaunts, for example we flew to Telemark Lodge in Cable, Wisconsin for a

birthday party. Everyone who wanted to celebrate their's brought a present to trade.

Looking ahead to Minnesota's weather, we gathered for a seminar on winterizing aircraft a few weeks ago, presented by Gordy Amundson at Flying Cloud Airport.

Michigan

Nancy Walters and Lynn Jeffery assisted the American Cancer Society (Angel Air) by flying two children from the Upper Peninsula to Montague for a week of camp. Nancy traveled to Manistique to pick up Dan, 12, and his whole family came to see him off on his first airplane flight. Next she picked up Michelle, 13, in Menominee, and her whole family was there, too. At the end of the week, Lynn made the return trip to the Upper Peninsula.

Beverly Price has been selected flight instructor of the year for the FAA Grand Rapids GADO, covering all of Michigan north of Flint and west of Ann Arbor. She has been very active in the pilot proficiency program and also received the FAA Great Lakes Region (11 states) accident prevention counselor of the year award in 1984.

With this award, Beverly will also be entered in the FAA region selection flight instructor of the year and if chosen would be entered in the national selection.

Nancy Walters won the Greater Detroit Tri-Motor Air Rally. We're also welcoming new members Betty Oliver and Geni Grant.

Greater Detroit Area

Carol Landefeld, our 1988 AE Scholarship winner completed her CFII rating.

At the Michigan Small Race in which we participated, waiting for weather was part of the event.

Our Tri-Motor Air Rally, however, took place through all of lower Michigan on a perfect day. All entrants enjoyed the clues, poker run and spot landing contest.

Indiana

Vice chairman Nancy Warren spoke on her recent trip to Africa to assist a UNICEF sponsored grain distribution. Her mission, grain drop via DC-3, was interrupted abruptly due to civil unrest.

Linda Orth, Sharon Pfeiffer and Sue Sears attended the general aviation Safety Fly-In at Grissom AFB. Fly-in attendance was 85, and with that kind of success it may become an annual event.



UP, UP & AWAY—Marge Juhasz and Bernice Barris congratulate Lou Grosser on winning Lake Erie's balloon ride raffle.

Lake Erie

At our fall section meeting, Dodie Jewett and Marg Juhasz were awarded a certificate of recognition from the FAA for their past efforts in helping at the FAA office, conducting safety meetings and holding pinch hitter courses.

Ruth Ensley is new as vice chairman, taking over from Sandy Stokes who moved to Fayetteville, South Carolina.

Three Rivers

Despite threatening weather, Ruthie Amstutz won our first annual poker run. Josephine Richardson came in second, Larry Lamp third, and Dee Bohman fourth place. Bill Hudhan took the prize for best hand flown to three or more airports, and A.W. Richardson received honors for the worst hand.

Wisconsin

We held a spot landing contest recently in Fond du Lac. Judy Foy took the trophy from her 49 1/2, Ron, who was the winner 8 last spring.

North Central section meeting news 'n notes

Scioto Valley chapter, under the leadership of Marilyn Miller and Amy Yersavich, hosted a fine and fun-filled Octoberfest fall section meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The gathering drew 124 of the 1150 members.

We began with a Friday trivia night, a buffet and great entertainment from the Sweet Adelines.

Eighteen of our 22 chapters were represented at the chapter chairman's meeting Saturday morning. We have very active, energetic members in our chapters and section, and they have truly been busy.

Jim Miller was the Red Baron luncheon speaker, and he kept the audience spellbound with his report and slides of retrieving a downed business jet from an island in the Amazon delta of South America.

Tours and educational seminars filled the afternoon. The Octoberfest banquet closed with a dance and live band. Sunday was time for good-byes and best wishes for blue skies and tailwinds until the spring section meeting April 29 and 30, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SOUTH CENTRAL

*...Fly-in...Flour bombing
...NAIA tour...Airsho held
...Discovery launch witnessed—*

Albuquerque

Our activities included a fly-in to Sandia Airpark in August for breakfast and a flour bombing contest. We airmarked the runway numbers and centerline at Sandia in August also.

Austin

We held a combination business and 1988-89 planning meeting at the home of Pat Maxey. A NIFA donation was given in honor of John Mattingly, an Austin FAA Examiner who died June 12.

El Paso

We joined Chaparral chapter members for a tour of the North American Institute of Aviation in



BOMBS AWAY—El Paso 99s prepare markers for the flour bombing contest at West Texas Airport.

Las Cruces, New Mexico. Most of the 102 aviation students in the six month program are from Scandanavian countries, and the school employs three female instructors for a total of seventeen instructors.

The word was "GO" for the 99s chalet at the Amigo Airsho in October. Chalet theme was "Women in Aviation." Jim Driscoll's aviation students at Andress High School competed in a model airplane design contest judged by us, and models were displayed in the chalet.

Kansas

Kay Alley presented a flying companion seminar for the Flying Farmers International convention, and accomplished it all in five hours.

Jackie Luke has agreed to be our chapter's new membership chairwoman, as Maureen McMaster has accepted a job with Fairchild in Texas.

Northeast Kansas

The chapter welcomes Gina Taylor who recently moved to Kansas City from Oklahoma. She is an aerobic pilot in competition circles.

South Central section newsletter editor Rose Whinery accepted a position with Applied Communications Inc. in Omaha, Nebraska and will be moving soon.

Cathy Shrieves is moving to Berlin, West Germany with her husband and plans to join the 99 chapter there.

We ran a booth in Atchison for the Muddy River Days, selling AE coins, deeds and the ever-popular 99 t-shirts. Dress was turn of the century or aviatrix.

Pikes Peak

We were treated to a look at the computer model used by the area council of governments regional transportation authority. Shown us by Jim Jackson, the model shows an array of tools and overlays on airport noise, arrival and departure patterns, and weather features relevant to flying in this area.

Monthly brown bag lunches are also proving to be interesting, with the new airport directory and a Flight for Life helicopter pilot as guest speakers.

San Antonio

We're welcoming newest member, Marge Balaz. She is an instructor and flies for the Army Reserve. Her sister is a 99 in Minneapolis, also.

Margaret Cosby has been in Germany visiting her son, and says she's been treated royally by the German 99s.

Australian 99 Barb Stott has been a delight to have here with us while studying at Brooks AFB.

Shreveport

Two of us are teaching in colleges again this year. Jere Saur is head of the music department at Louisiana Tech, Barksdale campus. Corinne Strickland is teaching an obesity course at Bossier Community College.

Rae Hardy is looking around for another airplane to rebuild. Thi will be her fourth!

South Louisiana

We airmarked the Lake Charles Regional Airport, working the weekend and at night to finish the project, which took more than 80 woman hours.

Pat Ward was chief navigation judge for the NIFA competition in Texas in early October. It was noted with pride that Dr. Sandra Leder was awarded the 99 Aerospace Teacher award. Sandra also gave a presentation on Space Academy for Teachers at the South Central section meeting.

Space City

Fly-ins are starting back up after a short break. The next will be to Brownsville with a trip by cab across the border just in time for Christmas shopping.

Kay Murphy, Dottie Wood and Kitty Havens witnessed the



FLIGHT FESTIVAL '88—(l to r) South Louisiana members Jan Owen, 66 Bethany Duff, Glad Strean, Dr. Sandra Leder, Astronaut Col. Fred Gregory, Cathie Miller, Dr. Ziggy Novak and Dee Wilson at Lake Charles Regional Airport. (Lisa Cotham photo)

Discovery launch in Florida. Kitty's husband, Mike Lounge was part of the Discovery crew. It was quite an experience.

At this writing we were preparing for an air derby to be held at West Houston Airport. We have been combining our meetings and planning sessions with a "bring a salad" dinner. We usually have quite a spread and enjoy the efforts of one another.

NORTHWEST

...Unusual airmarking at Ferndale...Mary more airmarkings in section ...Canadian picnic enjoyed—

Montana

We held an airmarking at the Ferndale Airport near Bigfork, Montana. Inasmuch as Ferndale is a turf runway, FERNDALE had been spelled out in rock by a couple of 99s prior to the airmarking and the rocks were painted.

Cook Inlet

We airmarked Homer Airport. Pilots present were Dorothy Thompson, Roswitha Miller, Ruth Jacobs and Randi Summers. The weather was beautiful and everyone had a good time.

Cleo Webb will be attending IFR ground school in Fargo, North Dakota this winter. She will be returning to us in May of 1989. Good luck, Cleo.

In September the Anchorage 99s visited us and we all visited the new Kenai flight service.

Wyoming

Pats on the back are always nice, and we were thrilled to receive our share at the section meeting in August for all of the airmarking completed in the past year. Gillette, Cody, Torrington

and Lovell were all completed. We planned to mark the airport at Lusk in October. With the chapter encompassing the entire state, members sometimes have two or three hours flight time to reach the airport they are to mark.

Glowing reports were brought back from both sectional and international meetings, with videos of the international meeting and headquarters dedication being shown by Judy Logue.

North Dakota

We held an international meeting on the airport at Bottineau, North Dakota, originally planned for the International Peace Gardens, but cancelled by fog. We enjoyed picnicking with Canadian 99s Sharon Spence and Angela Spitz from the Saskatchewan chapter. Both were enroute home from the convention.

SOUTHWEST

...First Hawaiian rose dedicated...awards received...revalidation clinic held—

Aloha

Dedication and blessing of the compass rose came off without a hitch despite cloudy skies and threatening rain. Media coverage included television features on the 6 and 10 PM news. Representative gifts were bestowed on the rose and included ti leaf, ginger flowers, purple flower and fern symbolizing royal power, great beauty, joy, fun of flying, sense of earthliness and blessing of the ground. Lois Russell presented a photo essay on the project, soon to be compiled into a booklet, during a celebration held after the ceremonies.

Final preparations are being made for the Apuepuelele proficiency event.

Captain Mimi Tompkins and Captain Schornsteimer, both of the disabled Aloha Airlines B737 fame, received an award from Lloyds of London. This award of heroism is usually given to crews of sailing ships, but this time to the crew of an airship.

Bay Cities

We seem to be on the move. Most members were able to help at the section meeting held at Clear Lake. Some regrettably had other commitments but no less important or fun. Gay McCauley took a trip into the past for her high school reunion. Ces Dumas winged to Texas for her reunion then went on to Charleston, South Carolina for a WASP reunion. Plans for our Lodi ballooning trip are finalized with a buffet at Ruth Jacquot's home to be held after the flight.

Lake Tahoe

We celebrated our chapter's 13th birthday with a dinner. Charter members Bonnie

Seymour, Helen Foeger and Lois Brown were in attendance. Our two newest members, sisters Kim and Karen Northrop were also on hand. Kim is a 1987 graduate of the USAF Academy and is currently at Castle AFB learning to fly KC-135s. Karen is at the University of the Pacific, Stockton, obtaining her master's degree.

We awarded our sixth annual \$1,000 female aviation scholarship to Denise Mansberger. Denise is a Reno chapter 99 who has her private pilot's license. Her goal is to acquire her commercial and instrument licenses this winter. Eventually she hopes to fly as lead/attack plane pilot for the US Forest Service.

Cameron Park

We have voted to donate to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund video production. Mary Bovee and Wray Robertson are helping to raise the donation by selling their aviation-themed sweat-shirts.

Linda Swan, aerospace member and teacher, was invited to attend the landing of

NEW RATINGS

Bonnie Campbell, Washington DC: commercial, multiengine ... Lin Clayberg, Washington DC: instrument ... Barbara King, Hampton Roads: instrument, commercial ... Holly Friedman, Florida Goldcoast: commercial multiengine ... Maggie Lynch, Florida Goldcoast: single and multi commercial, instrument ... Pat Thomas, Chicago Area: commercial ... Michelle Benton, Greater Kansas City: multiengine and commercial ... Anissa Berry, Greater Kansas City: multiengine and commercial ... Betti Loebbaka, Aux Plaines: instrument ... Ellen Ausman, Central Illinois: instrument ... Judy Davidson, Chicago Area: commercial, instrument ... Carol Landefeld, Greater Detroit Area: CFII ... Sharon Foster, Greater Kansas City: instrument ... Linda Neumann, Wisconsin: instrument ... Lynn Scherbert, Wisconsin: seaplane ... Marcie Bissell, Dallas Redbird: commercial instrument ... Toni Hacker, Albuquerque: commercial instrument, CFII ... Cindy Huffman, Austin: commercial multiengine ... Betty MacGuire, El Paso: instrument ... Elizabeth Jordan, Dallas Redbird: instrument Colvin, Space City: CFI ... La Vonne Boyle, Marin County: CFI ... Susan Chambers, Redwood Empire: multiengine ... Connie Francis, Las Vegas Valley: commercial multiengine ... Pam Hengsteler, Orange County: instrument ... Jan Pedersen, Orange County: seaplane ... Michele Scott, Marin County: instrument ... Bonnie Trenholm, El Cajon Valley: instrument ... Mary Yarnell, San Fernando Valley: ATP ...

CONGRATULATIONS ALL!

Discovery at Edwards AFB. In special ceremonies held by the California Association of Aerospace Education, she received a teacher of the year award for her "many positive, creative, motivational and meaningful classroom aerospace projects that complemented her usually high caliber lesson plans and regular courses of study."

Fullerton

Plans are being made for a blood drive and pennies-a-pound. Eight attended the section meeting, with Sylvia Paoli entertaining and delightful in her performance on the grand piano. We were pleased to be awarded the public relations trophy for large chapters for the second consecutive year. Mary MacDonald received runner-up for woman pilot of the year award.

Las Vegas Valley

We were honored to be recognized by the Southwest section as the chapter with the

largest membership growth for the year.

Barbara MacDonald took first place and solo trophy in the Pacific Air Race along with Velda and Stephanie Mapelli, who took home the mother-daughter trophy. Other participants included Nita Ruger/Charlotte Place and Kathleen Snaper/Jan Tait. A successful treasure hunt was held with Mary Anne Johnson winning by high card draw. Kathleen Snaper won the spot landing contest.

Los Angeles

Goings on include these: We held a highly successful flight instructor revalidation clinic, organized by Sally La Forge ... Rachel Bonzon and Eugenia Rohrberg flew to Catalina Island to try to escape the intense heat ... Gail Erwin and friend flew by C172 RG to San Luis Obispo on business, and later in a Piper Dakota to St. George, Utah ... Rachel Bonzon, Dorothy Limbach, Eugenia Rohrberg and Doris Robertson were among the

guests at the dedication and opening of the Clover Field Terminal and Administration Building at Santa Monica Airport. Rachel, chairman of Santa Monica Airport Commission, spoke at the ceremonies. As a chapter we donated a loudspeaker for the upper deck of the tower for spectators to hear tower and pilot communications ... Dorothy Friedman and husband Wolf once again participated in the Reno Air Races as pylon spotters ... Tracy Rice is flying as first officer in a B747 for UPS.

Mount Shasta

Going on include our "Get Acquainted Salad Potluck," enjoyed by 28 who attended ... The fly-in trip to Columbia was a fun day for all including our meeting with a group of Mooney-Mites who allowed us to inspect their aircraft from the inside and out ... Fly-ins are in the works to the Hearst Castle at San Luis Obispo and to Schelville ... A second flying companion seminar at Hillside Aviation is being organized. Kudos to Beverly Romero on being named Southwest section Woman Pilot of the Year and on the chapter winning the section public relations trophy for small chapters.

Phoenix

We were joined by the Sundance chapter to attend the prestigious invitational opening reception for the world premiere Smithsonian exhibition *Vision of Flight* at the Mesa Southwest Museum. The exhibit displays 70 paintings from NASA's comprehensive archives ... Nancy Crase was the hostess for an Old Timer Get Together for members who joined prior to 1970. Marjy Crowl, sole remaining active chapter charter member, Mary Lou Brown, Susan Storm, Judi Carnes and Lillian Brewer, one time member of the now defunct Northern Arizona chapter, attended the function ... Grace Jones and Ann Newcombe accepted an invitation from EAA Wickenburg Dust Devil chapter to make a slide presentation on our organization. Kathleen Browne accepted the section airmarking trophy on behalf of our chapter.

Redwood Empire

Goings on include Lynn Ahrens, who is teaching ground school at Fresno College ... Erma Chance is waiting to leave on another Peace Corps assignment to Jamaica ... La Verne Whitmall and Nina Rookaird enjoyed the section meeting at Clear Lake, and seeing new and old friends.

Sacramento Valley

Bonnie Neely, Kris James and Shirley Winn flew into the five airports designated by the Placer Gold 99s poker run. Bonnie and Kris won a BFR with a pair of Kings. Our general meeting was highlighted by Miriam Burcham who regaled us with tales of her flight from Paris to Sacramento aboard the Concorde.

Twelve members and a guest enjoyed the section meeting and were proud to take second place for airmarking. Kris James received a permanent plaque for her accomplishments as the 1987 Section Woman Pilot of the Year.

San Fernando Valley

Pilot Jaye Howes and 49 1/2 Bill, navigator, flew their Navion to win first place in the 35th Annual Jim Long Memorial Air Rallye. The pilot-navigator team who comes closest to their estimate for ground speed over the course wins. Jaye was the sole 99 and woman pilot in the Rallye.

Santa Clara Valley

Chapter awards at our annual banquet went to Dee Ramachadran for pilot of the year and service. Michiko Wagner was professional pilot of the year and eight chapter members were presented the "Helping Hands" award. The Marion Barnick Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kathleen Ferguson, Fullerton.

Three teams including Diane Little/Sheila Benech, Barbara Murren/Joan Valor and Dee Ramachadran/Anne Tapay will be participating in the Pacific Air Race.

Screening of "An Instrument Cross-Country: SJC to SAC" was seen at our October meeting. The videotape produced by Foothill College features Jeanne McElhatton, Mayetta Behringer, Anne Tapay, Betty Hicks and Sue Schiff.



LARRY L'HERISSON

Shreveport chapter mourns the loss of Mary's 49 1/2 who lost his battle with cancer. Larry was a licensed pilot, a former FAA Medical Examiner and a dear friend to our chapter.

MARGUERITE POLEN NIELSEN

Marguerite had been a member of the 99s since she started flying in 1961. She died of a heart attack on August 4, 1988. Marguerite was a member of the Women's National Aeronautical Association, Zonta International and had been active in the Civil Air Patrol. She flew the Powder Puff Derby in 1965, 1966 and 1972 as well as numerous other air races. Although medically grounded in 1975, she continued her interest in aviation.

LYDIA HARLAN GUTIERREZ DISMUKES

Cancer claimed our Tulsa chapter member on August 8, 1988. She learned to fly 42 years ago, soloed at 16, and received her pilots license at 17. She joined the Chicago chapter in 1948 while attending Northwestern University. She had to give up flying in 1963 due to tuberculosis, but regained her license in 1966 and joined the Tulsa, Oklahoma chapter, where she was an active member until her death. Lydia worked as an interior designer and raised four children. She is survived by 49 1/2 George Dismukes, her children and a number of grandchildren. The Tulsa chapter misses her ever encouraging presence and smile.

SAM WARREN

Sam was 49 1/2 of the late Leah Warren, of the Central Illinois chapter. He waited three months to follow his 99 to new horizons.

Section meeting notes

Middle East

Snow, sleet, rain and low ceilings failed to dampen spirits and enthusiasm at our section meeting held in Rochester, New York in October.

Finger Lakes Chapter provided a wine - cheese - chili and dessert reception Friday night. Following the Saturday business meeting, the luncheon featured Virginia and Paul Schweizer of the Schweizer Aircraft Co., Inc., who told of the history of soaring.

South Central

In spite of weather problems, over 100 members and guests enjoyed warm western

hospitality at the South Central fall section meeting, hosted by the Abilene and Purple Sage chapters in Odessa, Texas at the end of September.

The international board was represented by Carol Sue Wheeler and Lu Hollander and Secretary Doris Abbate.

Nema Masonhall of the Oklahoma chapter was present for her 66th section meeting.

Committee chairmen presented awards as follows: Air Age Education (first place size categories): Abilene, Nebraska, South Louisiana and Tulsa (tie), and Kansas. Airmarking: first - Oklahoma, second - Coastal Bend, third - tied with Pikes Peak and Tip of Texas which, along with other chapters,

showed a total of 90 airmarkings. Membership: (first places) Abilene, Space City, Houston, Colorado. Sixty-six program: first - Colorado, second - Abilene, third - Houston.

Governor Sue Halpain presented Dr. Sandra Leder, South Louisiana, with the Space Camp Award. Also, the Governor's Achievement Awards were given to First Place Winners Purple Sage, Pikes Peak, Tulsa and Oklahoma chapters. Pat Ward, South Louisiana was honored with the Jimmy Kolp Award presented by the Wichita Falls chapter.

Educational seminars included aviation photography, stalls and spins, medical aspects of flying and women in FAA.

Spring section meeting will be at Longview, Texas hosted by the Texas Dogwood chapter.

Southwest

Filled with a flurry of activities, the section meeting at Clear Lake involved committee reports, interactions between members and friends, a well-planned leadership seminar presented by Jaye Howes, an avionics seminar, banquet and awards for airmarking, public relations and woman pilot of the year awarding.

Hosted by Bay Cities and Clear Lake chapters, the meeting was orderly, relaxing and informative for the 250 attendees. Shirley Winn, outgoing governor, presented certificates of achievement to her officers and committee members. Kathy Walton, incoming governor, presided over the event.

1988 Pacific Air Race Results

Place	Pilot/Co-pilot	Aircraft	HCP	Score
1	Barbara MacDonald	Cessna 172P	122	+18.382
2	Pat Moreland/Janna Shea	Cessna 172N	121	17.315
3	Mary Rawlings/Betty Irwin	PA28-161	126	15.818
4	Diane Little/Sheila Benech	PA28-181	130	15.221
5	Corinne Keza/Tookie Hensley	PA28-181	130	14.965
6	Dene Chabot-Fence/Gloria May	PA28-180	129	14.785
7	Barbara Ann Murren/Joan Valor	Beech A-36	181	14.222
8	Eddie Whistle	PA28-235	142	13.732
9	Jan Tait/Kathleen Snaper	Cessna 182Q	148	12.358
10	Rita Buhl	Cessna 152	105	12.280

The 23rd annual Pacific Air Race, sponsored by El Cajon Valley and San Diego Chapters, was flown October 1. It attracted 43 pilots in 23 aircraft from four states. The race

course of 492 s.m. flew from Gillespie Field in El Cajon, California over the Bard VOR to Gila Bend, Arizona, north to Prescott, then to the Bullhead City, Arizona terminus. How-

ever, a controller foul at Prescott negated the fly-by times there so first-leg scores served as final scores.

Purse and trophy winners were as follows:

During the two-day seminar, attendees will plan a flight, prepare pilot and airplane equipment, analyze special weather conditions, practice emergency procedures and discuss topics leading to a safe, pleasurable flight.

The seminar is supported by the Canadian Civil Aviation Authority in Moncton, New Brunswick, which is responsible for examining the plane and for issuing the single engine trans-Atlantic waiver necessary before making the trip.

So, if you are thinking about joining the likes of Lindbergh or Amelia Earhart, join us first in St. Moritz, Switzerland in January. Come share 20 years of ocean flying experience with two of the finest trans-Atlantic pilots as well as the first husband and wife team to fly the ocean in formation, Ruth and Sheldon Stafford.

For more information contact Mirjana Ivanovic, Postfach 220, 7500 St. Moritz, Switzerland. In the USA, contact Stafford Aviation, 105th and Thompson Road, Route #1, Lee's Summit, Maryland 64063. (816) 578-4161.

Seminar offered in Europe for ocean flying

by MIRJANA IVANOVIC

Ocean flying has become really popular recently as American dollars sink below other western European currencies. Every day many light aircraft are ferried to the other side of the Atlantic to meet new owners, or private pilots cross the ocean chasing a dream. For the professional ferry pilot with years of experience, an ocean trip is a piece of cake, but there are a lot of inexperienced folks

who don't know the difference between ocean flying and pattern flight.

My first three trips were supervised by Ruth and Sheldon Stafford. We met in 1983 in England during the European women pilot's convention. They flew their 1949 Bonanza with standard fuel tanks from Kansas City for the event, then visited me in Yugoslavia and came back via North Africa to the US.

Ruth has logged over

6,000 hours and Stafford more than 8,000. They have made over 150 delivery flights all over Europe, Africa and Asia. Now you can share that experience, too. In January the first seminar in Europe will be held in St. Moritz, Switzerland. Ruth and Sheldon are well-known speakers on the subject of trans-Atlantic flight and have given many presentations. The AOPA lists them as specialists.

New Zealand's aviation explored

by **PAM COLLINGS, Governor**

New Zealand - a land of just over three million people, 60 million sheep, 3,000 registered aircraft and almost 11,000 pilots.

The aircraft include around 1,800 aeroplanes, 300 gliders, 360 helicopters and nearly 500 microlights. (The people and the sheep are also of varied breeds and types.) Our pilots include over 4,000 private pilots, almost 2,000 commercially licensed, and 800 airline transport license holders; the remainder are student pilots. Approximately six percent hold helicopter licenses. Unfortunately figures for percentage of women pilots are not available.

New Zealand is very aviation minded; one aircraft per 1,000 people is probably quite high compared to other countries. Aircraft and air travel have always held a fascination for us, and have played an important role in agriculture, which for many years was New Zealand's primary export earner. Many acres of difficult hilly terrain fertilized from the air. More than 75% of New Zealand's surface is above 650 ft MSL.

Helicopters have performed a demanding task in the deer recovery role, at first involved in shooting the deer for venison and more recently for capturing them live to stock deer farms. The deer population (an introduced animal) had increased so much that they were causing substantial damage to native forests with resultant erosion of the mountainsides.

This flying is done in bush covered, mountainous terrain and tests both the helicopter and its pilot to the limit. We've not been without our casualties, especially in the early, lucrative heydays of intense competition and some inexperienced pilots.

Helicopters also serve an important role in search and rescue. Sea, mountains and bush are all popular destinations for outdoor loving New Zealanders.

These same mountains and bush, together with picturesque lakes, sounds and fjords, make New Zealand a beautiful and challenging country to fly in. Most VFR flying is done by dead reckoning and map reading, but our highly varied topography provides plenty of positive checkpoints. Due to its small land mass and the alpine divide down the centre, however, the weather can be equally variable.

Women are becoming increasingly involved and recognized in New Zealand and aviation. Our first woman pilot was

licensed in 1925 and women have entered every sector of the aviation scene since. Air New Zealand accepted its first women in 1979 and this year the Royal New Zealand Air Force finally opened its doors to female pilot trainees.

On the sport aviation scene, Yvonne Loader, current president of the New Zealand Airwomen's Association (NZAWA), set a women's world gliding record in February this year, and women are involved in all aspects of sport aviation—from aerobatics to homebuilt aircraft.

NZAWA has over 300 members who really enjoy the fellowship of their annual rally, and also compete in a wide variety of competitions encompassing aeroplanes, helicopters, gliders and parachuting. Our Ninety-Nines membership is small but visitors will find a warm welcome and introductions to other women pilots.

General aviation is going through a difficult time at present with the user pays principle being implemented by the civil aviation authority, air traffic control services and airport authorities. The resultant total of charges seriously threatens the future of many light aircraft operators. However, we have come through difficult periods before and no doubt aviation will survive this setback to flourish once more.

Australia

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We have enjoyed many visitors to all states in 1988, especially the visit of International President Gene Nora Jessen and Thon Griffiths which highlighted the Bicentennial Airshow at Richmond for 99s.

For 99s who wish to fly themselves in Australia, the CAA has recently simplified revalidation procedures. These include "tagging" flight plans to indicate visitor status incurring greater assistance in the airways system.

So come and discover Australia in your favorite environment. Also, in the past, flying safaris have been arranged, successfully shepherding international aviators over vast distances within Australia. We have unique and beautiful regions such as Kakadu National Park, Tasmania's wilderness, Far North Queensland, the Central Australian Deserts, the rugged southern coastlines - the choices are endless. The greatest problems you will encounter are those two elusive components common to all great explorations - the time available given the resources!

This beautiful continent is sparsely populated. It has a population of 16,000,000 yet the area of North America (without Alaska or Mexico).

Be assured we love to share its beauty with visiting 99s and also to share our mutual abiding interest in all aspects of aviation.



"Read me the one where Mary had a little plane and she ended up running the biggest cattle station in the Northern Territory."

Nancy Jensen and 49 1/2 Tom of the Greater Seattle chapter recently returned from "down under." They were kind enough to share some highlights of the trip:

Our October vacation consisted of 3-1/2 terrific weeks exploring Australia's East Coast from Canberra to Cairns, plus a trip to the "Red Centre." It was springtime, and we were fortunate to attend their Bicentennial and "Navy Day," the Bankstown Airshow, the World Expo at Brisbane and the Richmond International Airshow. What a trip! As part-time guests of Ron and Nancy Wells, a good amount of time was spent around airports and flying folks, especially women.

The Aussies struck us as open, friendly, proud and hardworking—and slightly crazy. They complain about their government as much as we Yanks do. The big cities were all clean and busy, with a lot of new construction and refurbishment of old buildings. There is a significant effort to preserve key heritages (buildings) in the midst of new construction using what were called "trusts." We came away with a positive impression.

While oppressively taxing some areas, the Australian government seems to have a clear picture of the country's interests. Immigration is restrictive toward those with skills to offer. Food and clothing is not taxed but alcohol and luxury items are. Australian beer is cheaper in the US. Opal miners are evidently establishing a smuggling link to Hong Kong. And the Australians clearly remember they were bombed by Japan.

Weather was gorgeous, from a bit cool in Canberra to warm rain in the mountains near Cairns. Sydney and Brisbane had a few pleasantly hot days, but with proper coverage, 98.6°F was bearable at the Expo because of reasonable humidity.

A diving trip from Port Douglas to the Barrier Reef was had in perfect conditions: smooth, clear, and warm. Tom has been diving since 1972, but mostly in cold, murky Puget Sound, so warm water, 70 foot visibility and unbelievable fish arrays were a real treat.

We got around by Wells's A36 Bonanza, private car, coach (bus) and commercial air. We rented a car only one day. Ray's A36 was equipped with HF, two ADFs, and a single VOR radio, plus Mode C, equipping him for flight anywhere in the country (even

ADF coverage is sparse in some areas). The Australian ATC system seemed to closely control even VFR flights on the East Coast, but centre pilots like it without control once away from Alice Springs.

Ayers Rock was the only "tourist trap" we saw. Because of its geographic (and hydrographic) isolation, it was pricey. Diesel fuel is trucked in to

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generate electricity, and the water must be desalinated. We decided next time to spend more time in homey "Alice" and take a charter flight to the rock for less than the hotel cost at Yulara. Both Alice and Cairns were fun for exploring back streets.

The Richmond Airshow really put Australia on the map, with four trade days and two public days. The rest of the world seemed to recognize a growing aviation potential "down under" in supporting the show. Amazingly, the show was put on by the Schofield's Flying Club, now headed by a sharp lawyer who chaired the airshow and kept the club in charge of what must truly be the greatest aviation event ever held in the Southern Hemisphere. Intended to raise the government's aviation



TOURING MACHINE—Ray Well's VH-WDV, an A36 Bonanza. (left to right) Nancy Jensen, Ray and Nancy Wells. Note the HF antenna. Yes, that airplane gets its leading edges wiped down after each flight, and it shows. (Tom Jensen photo)

consciousness (Australia has no prime airframe manufacturers), this event may have worked, as a 25% import tax on aircraft (and parts?) has just been lifted, heralding a possible surge in activity in a country dependent upon aviation.

A trip to the Australian capitol by A36 showed more beautiful coastline and took us across their Blue Mountains dividing range. Canberra has many similarities to Washington, DC—a seemingly unlimited supply of money, bureaucrats and building security guards who insist that cameras be x-rayed.

Back in Sydney, Nancy attended a fear of flying clinic meeting. She is active in the Seattle, Washington clinic and Tom had provided the Sydney clinic with some Boeing flight test films. Unlike the Seattle facility, Sydney's is completely supported by Qantas, the Australian national airline. Even the graduation flight is provided so all fees are spent on educational projects. The women have just completed an excellent video on careers for women in aviation, and several scholarships are provided for advanced ratings every year. This is in great contrast to the Seattle clinic which has difficulty breaking even. Contents of the course are very similar and both clinics enjoy over 90% success rate, due in large part to the women pilots who donate many hours and caring attitudes toward clients.

We enjoyed the people, the countryside, the cities and the weather, about in that order. Nancy didn't like XXXX beer as much as Tom. The roughest part of the trip was returning to fall temperatures, drizzle and 2,000' RVR in Vancouver, BC.

Photos by Tom Jensen



ACROSS THE "BRIZZY"—The city of Brisbane shines.



AIRSHOW ENTRANT—This replica of Charles Kingsford Smith's Fokker Southern Cross flew at Richmond Airshow. The original has been restored and is displayed near Brisbane International.



"GERTIE"—Logo of the AWPA, closely allied to the 99s.



TWO FLYERS—Norton "Nortie" Gill flies King Airs and B90s for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The cockatoo flies at will.

Australia checks in

by JUDY CROFTS,
Australian section reporter

On hearing of Gene Nora Jessen's visit to Alice Springs, Australian governor Kathryn Flynn and secretary Bonnie Palmer decided on a meeting. They flew the 700 miles from Darwin to Alice Springs in a Cessna 210, across sparsely inhabited desert. Bush flying means returning to the basic clock, compass and chart type of navigation because radio navigational aids are as sparse as the population. The flight was very rewarding.

Together with Marcia Hremeviuc, Kathryn and Bonnie were able to show Gene Nora and Thon Griffith around Alice Springs and to welcome them to the Northern Territory.

The largest and most impressive air show held in Australia took place on

Richmond RAAF base in October and was attended by thousands, including Barbara Collins, who attended the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) conference over five days in Sydney just prior to the airshow. A five day International Aviation & Space Medicine conference took place in Brisbane the following week.

In South Australia and in conjunction with the Aviation Historical Society, Jan Hoopman, Josie Reish and Jean March coordinated a great display, "Women in Aviation," for the Edinburgh RAAF Base airshow.

Seattle 99 Nancy Jensen was able to meet with Nancy and Ray Wells while in NSW and later Marcia Hremeviuc in the NT. Marcia, living in the center of Australia at Alice Springs, certainly enjoys meeting lots of people.



BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION—Navy Day in Sydney Harbor, taken from the American National Club penthouse. There were 63 capital ships in the harbor from all the world's navies.

Batten buried in Majorca

Pam Collings, Governor of the New Zealand Section, submitted this:

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