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# President's Column

March is supposed to be the month of howling winds and I must confess there was a breeze blowing when the Phoenix Chapter had its annual luncheon at Carefree, Arizona. But the day was beautifully clear and we were so happy to have about 125 present.

Some of those attending from out of town (and it would be impossible to name them all) were Ruth Smith from up Flagstaff way, Dottie Sanders and Leah Liersch from El Cajon Valley Chapter, Virginia Rainwater and two guests from San Fernando Valley Chapter and Carol Ewing from Tucson. We were so pleased to have Virginia Britt, Florida, stop in for lunch. She would surely get the prize for coming the greatest distance.

It doesn't rain very often in Phoenix but when it does it stops such people as Peg and Jim Ong and Lygie and Cornie Hagan. Gave us a chance to visit, Peg and Jim flew on to Dallas but Lygie stayed over and attended a Chapter meeting with me. I should have guessed that Lygie was here, every time she comes, it rains. We really do have beautiful weather most of the time, but I will never be able

to convince Lygie!!

Every flight, except short ones, have to stop for fuel. This month has been a refueling for me. I have only been off the ground a couple of times . . . but am saving for the next leg of Flight 99, which will include attending the Board meeting in OKC, the North Central Section Meeting in Missouri, the Southeast Section Meeting in Chattanooga and the South Central Section Meeting in Denver. Doesn't that sound like a most interesting leg? I am looking forward to it!

I would consider our Flight 99 on Downwind . . . get out your check list and be sure you have everything under control . . . your reports are being written, you have encouraged new pilots, you have been actively flying, maybe you have air marked, started a Wing Scout program, conducted an airlift . . . contributed to the AE Fund and the AWTAR . . . participated in a Safety Clinic AND HAVE MADE PLANS TO ATTEND THE CONVENTION IN SEATTLE!

Are you communicating????

Happy, safe flying,  
Alice Roberts

## Coming Events

**April 4-6, 1966**  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Okla. City, Okla.

**April 15, 16, 17, 1966**  
SOUTHWEST SECTION  
SPRING MEETING  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**April 15, 16, 17, 1966**  
NORTH CENTRAL SECTION  
SPRING MEETING  
Lake Ozark, Missouri

**April 16, 1966**  
NORTHWEST SECTION  
SPRING MEETING  
Everett, Washington

**April 17-24, 1966**  
FLORIDA AIR TOUR  
(See AIR MEETS)

**May 6, 7, 8, 1966**  
SOUTHEAST SECTION  
SPRING MEETING  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

**May 7 & 8, 1966**  
SPECIAL FLY-IN  
CANBERRA, A.C.T., AUSTRALIA  
at the invitation of  
His Excellency the Governor General of Australia and Lady Casey

**May 20, 1966**  
SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION  
SPRING MEETING  
Denver, Colo.

**June 11, 1966**  
FALLON FUN RACE

**June 17, 1966**  
SKY LADY DERBY  
(See AIR MEETS)

**June 28, 1966**  
AWTAR Impound

**June 30, 1966**  
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION  
Seattle, Washington

**July 2-5, 1966**  
AWTAR  
Seattle, Wash. to Clearwater, Fla.

## NOTAMS

THE WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER WOULD APPRECIATE AN INDICATION AS TO HOW MANY PLAN TO ATTEND THE 1963 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AND WHAT TYPE ENTERTAINMENT IS PREFERRED. SEND A POST CARD TO GINNY ANDREWS, 2136-104th PLACE S.E., BELLEVUE, WASH. 98004, ADVISING IF YOU:

PLAN TO BE IN SEATTLE FOR CONVENTION AND RACE START AND/OR RACE. TENTATIVELY WILL ARRIVE ON JUNE \_\_\_\_\_. PLAN TO BRING \_\_\_\_\_ PEOPLE WITH YOU, OR WILL BE JOINED BY \_\_\_\_\_ PEOPLE BEFORE RACE STARTS.

WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN: (IDENTIFY BY NUMBER/S)

1. A one-day ferry trip to Victoria, B. C., Canada, for shopping and sightseeing.
2. An all day trip to Mt. Ranier.
3. An authentic Indian salmon bake on nearby Blake Island.
4. A tour of Boeing production plant, where 727s, 73's and even later designs are being built or studied.

ED NOTE: If you've ever seen "hostess" for International Convention you'll know how important it is to receive such information as requested above. So get those post cards, notes or letters off to Ginny soon as you can.



Stadium Blanket offered by Michigan Chapter. It is 99 Blue, all wool, with Blue and White emblem. Carrying case is white with clear window. Case is padded on one side, making a soft seat with or without blanket enclosed. Also makes a nice pillow/blanket to carry in your airplane. \$16.95 postpaid. Order from Sammy McKay, G9191 So. Dixie Hwy., Grand Blanc, Mich.



Some of South Africa's 99s with DOREEN'S aircraft in background. Back row: MURIEL GARROW, YVONNE LOURENS, EVA HOLLINGWORTH, DOREEN JACOBS. Front row: MYRTLE BROOKS and JACKIE HUGHES.

## MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

### SOUTH AFRICAN SECTION (OF THE FUTURE)

Yvonne Lourens, Reporter

On the 18th December, 1965, a small group of women got together at Grand Central Airport, Halfway House, to discuss the formation of a Section Charter of the 99s, in South Africa.

Up to that time, South Africa had only one member, YVONNE LOURENS, who joined the 99s in 1952. Now, eight more girls have applied for membership, and they are anxious for a South African Section.

MYRTLE BROOKS flew her Tiger Moth to the meeting, from Baragwanath.

DOREEN JACOBS arrived in her twin Piper, from the East Rand. Later DOREEN braved the comments of 4 female pilot passengers, and took them

for a ride over Johannesburg's northern suburbs.

MURIEL GARROW took the afternoon off work at Rand Airport, Germiston, to rush (by car) to the meeting.

EVA HOLLINGWORTH kept the others entertained with her tales of flying in Switzerland while on holiday.

JACKIE HUGHES—we are awaiting her application—lives in Durban, took Muriel and Yvonne for a ride in her Cessna 235.

YVONNE LOURENS arrived from Tzaneen in clear weather—by car.

BRIGID BECKER, HESTER ERASMUS and JEANETTE VAN GINKEL could not attend the meeting. DR. SHIRLEY SIEW is still in New York.

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ED NOTE: Headquarters advises applications processed and, I feel I speak for the membership, we are proud you desire to form a South African Section.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

Bids for stenotypist for International Convention, Seattle, Washington, June 30 - July 1, 1966, are now being accepted. Any Ninety-Nine who would like to have the job contact Betty McNabb, 926 Third Ave., Albany, Georgia, prior to May 1, 1966.

## AWTAR Powder Puff Derby

Marion Andrews Lopez, Reporter

The new duplicator at AWTAR Headquarters has hardly had a rest since it was moved in. We were able to save a little of the green stuff by running off our own posters this year. They are quite attractive with blue ink on pink paper having the same format as last year. Copies are yours for the asking to post at your local airports or where have you.

Speaking of the green stuff, money for leg prizes has been unusually slow in coming this year. There are 13 officially designated legs. If you know of any individual, group, Chamber of Commerce, Company, etc., along the race route, or off it for that matter, who would like to sponsor a leg prize, please contact Headquarters. These awards are from \$25.00 up . . . can be good publicity for the money. Longer combinations of the official legs may be added up until May 1st if the donating sponsor so desires.

At this date, we have received a nice donation to the general fund from AC Sparkplug, one from Glenn Buffington of Seattle and another from The Muter Co., in memory of Gladys and Les Muter, by their daughter Mrs. Rowe.

Requests for information kits are 20 above the number at the same time last year.

Have you been noticing those personalized postmarks on your mail becoming ever so popular with companies and organizations? Well, we have one for our 20th Anniversary Powder Puff Derby. We think sponsors and all participating companies would like to use it. The slugs to go into the postal meter machines will be sold through AWTAR, Inc. price depending on size of logo the machine takes. Each 99 will receive an order form.

Don't flip when you find your handicap on that new list. All but one has gone up. Because scarcely any time on the ground is involved this year, they have been adjusted for the fly-by arrivals and wheels-off departures method of timing. Handicaps for fixed gear airplanes, please note, are WITH speed farings because most have them.

Through the cooperation of the FAA, we are most grateful and pleased to

announce that there will be control towers at all the stops along the race route.

Evelyn Bryan Johnson of the Tennessee Chapter will be Chairman of the NAA Terminus Timers Committee at Clearwater.

CAP is planning a feature story in their monthly publication on the cadets who participate in and help with the Powder Puff Derbys. This should be a most interesting angle of the race. Hope we get to read it.

FLASH:—The 1968 P.P.D. start and terminus points have been confirmed. Van Nuys, Calif., to Savannah, Ga.

Entries for the 20th Anniversary Powder Puff Derby must be postmarked April 15th and NOT BEFORE to qualify for the drawing for place positions. This is always an exciting event. There is a possibility that it will take place on a TV show this year.

WATCH FOR BIG NEWS NEXT MONTH!!

Send 50c for information and entry kits to: AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608.

In order to bring your Roster up-to-date, following is the current list of AWTAR Board Members:

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It is suggested you clip and replace — or just correct the listing on page 12.

## AIR MEETS

Page Shamburger, Carolinas Chapter, reports that The Ninety-Nines, Inc. possesses a "truly beautiful" plaque awarded for the association contributing the most to the Third Bahamas Flying Treasure Hunt in November.

Members attending were: Miriam S. Davis, Fla. Goldcoast; Gerry Chase, Alabama; Pat Clark, Michigan; Helen Shropshire, Monterey Bay; Jean Ellen MacDonald, Oakville, Ont., Canada (Member - at - Large); Selma Cronan, Greater N.Y.; Dorothy Julick, Long Island; Pat Arnold, Michigan; Judy Wagner, Long Beach; Marion Betzler, All-Ohio; and Page.

Page advises she has the plaque and "plans for it to make an appearance at one Convention and one TAR terminus before turning it over to Headquarters."

### —o— "ALL FLORIDA AIR TOUR"

1st Day: Sunday, April 17, 1966. Rendezvous at Tallahassee, Fla. Takeoff buffet supper and RON.

2nd Day: Monday, April 18th. Breakfast at Tallahassee. Lunch, Race horse breeding farms, Six Gun Territory, dinner and RON at Ocala (Silver Springs).

3rd Day: Tuesday, April 19th. Breakfast at Ocala. Lunch at Busch Gardens, Tampa; Ybor City Latin Quarter tour, dinner and exclusive floor show at famous Columbia Restaurant and RON—all at Tampa.

4th Day: Wednesday, April 20th. Breakfast at Tampa. Lunch at Winter Haven, Cypress Gardens. Dinner and RON at Orlando.

5th Day: Thursday, April 21st. Breakfast at Orlando. On to Daytona for lunch, tour of Embry Riddle Aeronautical Institute, Daytona Speedway, famous beaches, buffet and RON.

6th Day: Friday, April 22nd. Breakfast at Daytona. To Vero Beach for tour of Piper Aircraft factory, lunch and tour of McKee Jungle Gardens. Dinner and RON at West Palm Beach.

7th Day: Saturday, April 23rd. Breakfast at W. Palm Beach. On to Miami for many fabulous attractions and RON.

This tour is sponsored by The Florida Air Pilots Association, composed of general aviation pilots (including many 99s). An outstanding project to promote general aviation and further aviation/air age education is their FAPA Scholarship Fund which is a

program conducted through the public schools to teach winning qualified applicants to solo at no expense to the applicant. A \$10.00 per plane donation to the FAPA Scholarship Fund constitutes entry fee. The tour is limited to 100 planes.

All tour expenses will be borne by participants although FAPA members, the State of Florida Development Commission, various Chambers of Commerce and airport operators have volunteered their services. Special group rates and free ground transportation will be furnished in as many places as possible.

Total distance of this tour—arranged by pilots for pilots—is approximately 589 miles.

Deadline for receipt of applications is March 25, 1966.

Send \$1.00 for Flight Kit to 99 Dorothy Davidson, Contact Chairman, 12040 N. W. 19th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33167.

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The Fifteenth Annual SKY LADY DERBY, sponsored by WNAA, will be June 17th this year. It will start at Little Rock, Ark., with stops at Springfield, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn., then back to Little Rock. For information contact Ruth E. Lake, No. 6 Arrowhead Estates, Chesterfield, Mo., or Frances Henke, Baltezor Road, Rt. 1, St. Peters, Mo. (both are members of Greater St. Louis Chapter 99s).

**1966 ALL WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE**

**Monterrey, Mexico—West Palm Beach, Fla.**

Impound Deadline,  
Harlingen, Texas 5:00 p.m. May 22  
Controlled flight to  
Monterrey May 24  
Takeoff, Monterrey 8:00 a.m. May 25  
Deadline, West Palm  
Beach, Fla. Sundown May 27  
Awards Banquet May 28

**Entry deadline: April 30, 1966**

For application, information and rules contact: Ann Ross, 9113 72nd Ave. S. W., Apt. 6D, Miami, Fla. Phone (305) 611-4912

**A LETTER TO ALL NINETY-NINES**  
February, 1966

Dear News Editor and all 99s,

In our constant effort to present our organization to the public—to tell the public WHO we are, WHAT we do — this past New Year's Day gave me an idea. I would like to present this idea to all the 99s, and certainly would ap-

preciate hearing from you after you finish reading this letter.

The Pasadena Rose Parade is viewed by countless millions. Why couldn't the 99s have a float in the parade? As each float appears on the TV screen the announcer gives a thumbnail sketch of the organization sponsoring the float! We would be seen by people in every town or city we live in, work in, or just fly in.

The costs of floats vary, and the work can be contracted, or "do it yourself" project. We have members with ideas and occupations who could make this a fantastic realization. Since a float would require funds, labor, and a lot of pre-planning, would you be interested in seeing this project get started and become a reality?

Ideas have come to me by the hundreds on the actual float possibilities — a floral portrait of Amelia Earhart — our International President our "Queen", riding on the float—The International Officers—her "Princesses" and all you other 99s have imaginations, too!

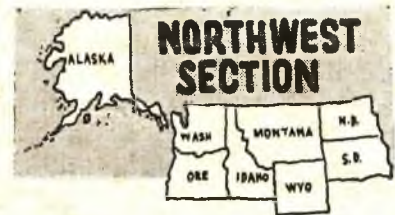
If you are interested, please let me know—pro or con. Alice Roberts suggested I write a letter for the News to discover the opinions of all the members. So, won't you write—let me know, or discuss it at your next Chapter meeting and have your Chapter Secretary write me. I will present your answers to Alice and, if there is enough response, I might be able to do a little campaigning at the Annual meeting in Seattle.

Cordially,  
Lois Miles,  
San Fernando Valley Chap.  
4901 Winnetka Ave.  
Woodland Hills, Calif. 91364

**AIRPORT BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Janey Hart, Michigan Chapter 99 and Chairman of The Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation, has asked the cooperation of The Ninety-Nines to assist aviation and non-aviation women's groups and airport managers in planning for airport beautification. The Committee has been requested by General William F. McKee, Administrator of the FAA, to initiate an airport beautification program.

The Ninety-Nines, individually and collectively, have responded with enthusiasm, understanding the need for beautification of many airports where travelers usually form first impressions of each community and where



**EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER**  
Diane Jex, Reporter

It has been snowing all day, so it seemed a good time for me to gather Eastern Idaho's news and get it to the editor.

In December we had a Christmas party at the home of MARY and GRANT KILBOURNE. We all enjoyed dinner and an evening of hangar flying. Everyone present was a pilot. Our 49½ers were included and MR. and MRS. DICK WHEELER from Idaho Falls were guests.

Our January meeting was in Idaho Falls. FRANCES CUNNINGTON was hostess. Following a business meeting we viewed a film about the Pinch Hitter course. It featured KEN and DARLENE LEATHAM from Idaho Falls.

MARY KILBOURNE was appointed Chairman of the AWTAR stop in Pocatello. FRANCES CUNNINGTON was appointed to the publicity committee.

We have two new members . . . EMMALYN PAYNE has transferred to our Chapter from San Joaquin now that she and her husband, MARTIN, are living in Wilson, Wyoming. ARLENE BAILEY from Pocatello is the second new member. She received her Private License in 1965. Both are enthusiastic pilots.

A short business meeting was held February 9 at B. J. WAYNE'S home. The main purpose of the meeting was to select a nominating committee and prepare a slate of officers. The committee members are ONITA HOFF, B. J. WAYNE, FRANCES CUNNINGTON and DIANE JEX. The WAYNES have added an adorable French Poodle to their family. B. J. and BILL will be moving soon. BILL has been traveling between Idaho Falls, Sacramento, and Las Vegas since December. Thanks to their Bonanza, 5915 Charlie, Bill has been able to spend quite a few weekends with the family in Idaho Falls.

MARY and GRANT KILBOURNE left for Chile February 10. MARY

the local people form their opinion of aviation. The Ninety-Nines is considered the pivotal group on which implementation of airport beautification programs depends.

just received her multi-engine rating and we are all very proud of her. They plan to stop in New York before returning home on March 15.

#### **EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER** **Helen R. Crum, Reporter**

Chairman JEAN CARBON, who is recuperating satisfactorily from surgery, was hostess for the February 5 meeting in her Spokane home. Those present were MILLIE SHINN, TERRIE BECKER, BOBBIE PRICE, FRANCIE GIBSON, BONNIE and CHET HENSON, GINNY HARPER and two guests.

A recommendation to make a change in the Constitution regarding membership was accepted. Recommended nominations for International Officers were made. Some plans for the entertainment before the race in Seattle were discussed. The treasury balance was \$125.53.

The Oregon Chapter invited us to have a joint meeting with them in May in Pendleton to discuss manning the Pendleton stop during the race. Those present accepted. A Bay Cities Chapter member wants to know the number of grandmothers and great grandmothers among us. The Spring Sectional will be in Everett, April 16. FRANCIE reminded them of the May 1st Loyalty Day fly-over at Moscow, Idaho.

HELEN ERNSDORFF impressed her cross country student in Yakima the other day with an expert emergency landing in a corn field. She remarked, "Everything I have been teaching students all these years about emergencies worked out perfectly." She is holding eight ground school lessons for a YMCA class of twelve including two men.

DODE NETTLESHIP tried out her new Bonanza on the Secretary of State who flew with her from the Capitol to Yakima for a speech recently. She, her husband and friends are flying to San Diego for a vacation.

The CARL BOYDS, CORNIE HAGANS and WIKSTROMS met in Palm Springs for dinner a few days ago. The HAGANS were en route to Mexico in their plane and the WIKSTROMS were returning from two weeks there in the Aztec. The HITCHCOCKS are back from San Francisco in the new Baron. KAM HITCHCOCK will leave soon for a year in Beirut.

GINI RICHARDSON is active in the Yakima figure skating group. The SHINN and THISTED families have spent much time on the ski slopes this winter. BONNIE and CHET have

been showing their pictures taken on their flying trip to Yucatan and Mexico. TERRIE has passed her commercial written and will take her check ride soon. CHERIE is not far behind for her instrument rating. We understand that FRANCIE and BOBBIE with seven children each find more time than most of us for flying.

CARROLL MATTHEWS from ATC will talk on the new Search and Rescue program at the next meeting in Spokane March 4th at Chairman JEAN'S.

#### **FAR WEST CHAPTER** **Barbara LaRue, Reporter**

We are happy to report three new members in Bellingham as of December. DONNA CABRAL is a college student, majoring in education, and is a strong supporter of float plane flying. MONICA (TOMMY) BRINSON is the wife of a physician and also flies floats. VIRGINIA HAYDEN and her husband own and operate HAYDEN'S Thriftway store in Bellingham.

They flew in to Port Angeles for the December meeting with JO BURKHART, LYNNE MAHLBERG, and guest JOANN OLDER. MARGARET LAYTON 172'd in from Port Townsend, ELENE DUNCAN drove from Sequim, and MARY KOCHANNEK furnished transportation to and from the airport to BARBARA LARUE'S home. We enjoyed a film and spent the remainder of the afternoon making favors for the 1966 convention.

DR. and ELENE DUNCAN are beginning a ten-day vacation, flying as far south as weather and time will permit.

The Chapter is again making plans for the spring art show at Dungeness March 26 and 27. One-half the proceeds are donated to a local organization for the handicapped.

JO BURKHART has had several articles published in aviation magazines under her maiden name, JOANN ROE. Will try to find out more about her accomplishments and pass it on.

Your reporter and family moved into their new home last weekend after ten years of accumulation in the old home, so back to the unpacking!

#### **IDAHO CHAPTER** **Jacque Batt, Reporter**

Idaho 99s met in February for a noon luncheon meeting in downtown Boise. Mainly discussed was the AWTAR stop in Boise next July—an event all our Chapter is looking forward to with lots of enthusiasm. Other topics up for dis-

cussion were the annual hangar dance on the second of April at the Boise Municipal Airport; also, obtaining uniforms for our new members. DON and ANNETTE GOULD recently returned from a week of golfing and relaxation in Palm Springs. They are now busy skiing and plan to fly to North Idaho for a weekend of skiing this next weekend.

WILLIE and EILEEN SCHRIER flew to Spokane for a day at the races at the Playfair race track—no report on their outcome.

CLAIRE JUSTAD'S home is completed after five months of construction with new additions and remodeling. She is planning a trip to Florida this month via jet.

HILDA ELLIOTT is looking forward to her son DWAYNE'S arrival home from Basic National Guard training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. With his arrival home, HILDA expects to have more free time to devote to her flying activities.

JACQUE BATT and 49½'er PHIL vacationed in Mexico the last two weeks of January. Main stops were Mazatlan, Mexico City and Guanajuato. Guanajuato is highly recommended for anyone who likes to get off the usual tourist circuit. It is a very old and beautiful city with few American tourists. Incidentally they have a new paved airstrip that was completed just last month but is not on the maps as yet.

#### **MONTANA CHAPTER** **Bev. Ledbetter, Reporter**

"Wouldn't you all know, on a day when only the airlines are flying here would be you — all women pilots". This was the greeting from a Southern talkin' line - boy to PEARL MAGILL when she arrived at the Great Falls airport for the January meeting. With her were BEV. LEDBETTER and a guest, GRACE NESS, a student pilot from Rudyard.

Other members present at the meeting, held at the Victors Airport dining room, were ELSIE CHILDS, HELEN DUNLOP, LU NELSON, DOTTIE PAYNE, ROSEMARY BOWMAN and LAULETTE HANSEN.

Big Sky Race No. 3 was discussed and, from a vote taken of those present, a navigational and fun type race patterned after the Oregon Petticoat Derby was decided upon. Temporary plans have it starting in Glasgow and ending in Lewistown. A committee was appointed to meet in Glasgow and select the date and route for the race

before the February meeting.

ELSIE reported that the Chapter Amelia Earhart Chairman, ELSIE JOHNSON, had selected JOY LUECK and PEARL MAGILL for our candidates for the Scholarship Award. PAT ROEMER will represent Montana on the ballot for Section Nominating Committee members.

The Spring Sectional will be in Everett, Washington, April 6. LAULETTE, Section Treasurer and ELSIE, Chapter Chairman, plan to attend. Plans for the International Convention and start of the '66 AWTAR will be discussed.

The February meeting will be in Helena, a little closer to some of the members unable to drive to Great Falls.

#### **BIG SKY FLYING ACTIVITIES . . .**

Montana skies were clear enough for the ground hog to have seen his shadow on his special day but they were also clear enough for many of our members to make airplane shadows too.

Some of those making use of the Big Sky this past month:

PUD LOVELACE . . . flight over Yellowstone Park on a clear cold day with reports of a breath-taking view of Old Faithful and the many other geysers along with frosty, ice-rimmed upper and lower Falls of Yellowstone Canyon.

MARY STEVENSON . . . who has her instrument written passed and every clear day is busy with instructor, working for the flight check.

SHAREL BITZ . . . flying a Cessna 182 from Big Timber to Havre for her father, WALT HENSLEY, after purchase of same in that town.

PAT ECTON . . . pleasure trips to Helena and Billings.

BEV. LEDBETTER and LAULETTE HANSEN . . . flew to Glasgow for a committee meeting at the home of PEARL MAGILL to discuss plans for Big Sky Race No. 3.

VIVIENNE SCHRANK . . . and 49½-er cleared the snow drifts away from their hangar preparing to fly to the Glasgow committee meeting only to discover a flat tire on their plane. They drove instead.

KAY WIDMER . . . grounded because of major overhaul on airplane.

PAT ROEMER . . . and husband spent 3 fun-filled days in Las Vegas on their way to Phoenix. While flying between Las Vegas and Phoenix they flew over the practice area (at an allowed altitude) of the Air Force Thunderbirds and had the pleasure of seeing 2 sets of 4 jets each, practicing on

either side of their course. On their return trip they passed over the west end of the Grand Canyon but due to a snow storm over the major portion of the Canyon were unable to take the "grand tour".

JOY LUECK . . . and husband BOB from Missoula Skyflight made a two week trip to Florida to ferry home airplanes for their business. JOY visited a meeting of Clearwater Chapter and heard plans concerning the '66 AWTAR which will end at Clearwater.

ROSEMARY BOWMAN . . . told of plans for a flying trip to Mexico. Hope to have an interesting story of the trip next month.

#### **BIG SKY GROUND ACTIVITIES . . .**

DOROTHY DRYDEN . . . elected Sec.-Treas. of the Missoula Hangar M.P.A. JIMMIE KUHN . . . an announcement of "motherhood" is in order for JIMMIE who has become "Mother" to a teen-age high school freshman (a relative) whose parents are living in South America where there are no high schools available. JIMMIE is also enrolled in art classes at Montana State University. DOROTHY SABO . . . was named recipient of the first Bozeman Jaycee "Outstanding Community Service Award". An engraved bronze plaque and bouquet of roses were presented to DOROTHY for her 30 years of outstanding service to the community. She has used her airplane many times, flying to Girl Scout meetings on the West coast and around the state in her 23 years of service with this organization.

ELIZABETH TIMM . . . the youngest member of the Chapter, from Polson, was one of 19 lovely teen-age girls taking part in the state finals of the Junior Miss Pageant held recently in Kalispell.

MARY ELEANOR GREENING . . . a "new number" in our Chapter, from Laurel. ELEANOR BAILEY . . . with guest FLORENCE JENSEN and LOIS MARSHALL, all Canadian Flying Farmer members, issued an invitation to anyone interested to attend the Flying Farmer Bonspiel, March 4 & 5 at Swift Current, Saskatchewan. One of the highlights of the meeting is the "curling contests", a game played by sliding a heavy, flat polished stone along the ice. Former Montana Flying Farmer Queen, VERNA WOOD, has "curled" before and enjoyed the game very much. The news has been varied this month and many thanks to you who have contributed to the column. It can't be written without your help.

#### **PUDGET SOUND CHAPTER**

**Juanita Matheson, Reporter**

Our Chapter was pleased to have as guest for our February meeting a Charter Member of the 99s. THELMA BURLEIGH JOHNSON presently residing in Arlington, Washington, took her first instruction in a World War I Jenny aircraft and later went into a Travelair. All this was back in 1929 when she arose at 3:00 in the morning, took a bus or street car to the end of the line, ran a mile to the airfield (an old speedway) to take an hour's lesson and be back in town by 7:00 a.m. to go to work. That was a real desire to learn to fly.

BETTY CURRAN has a beautiful new Cessna 310J. She again tried to fly to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, with a stop in Salt Lake City to have radios installed. Along with BETTY went her parents, MR and MRS. BURKE of Seattle. Due to weather they had to RON in Pocatello, Idaho, and then on to Salt Lake. They were called back with the sad news of the death of DR. CURRAN'S father in New Westminster, B. C., Canada. Let us hope that the third try for Betty will be successful.

JEANNE REEVES is headed for Whitefish, Montana, again in March. Have heard rumors that skiing is not the complete reason for the return trip to the Big Sky Country.

BETTY VAN BUSKIRK has two conventions coming up. First to Vancouver for a Medical Auxiliary Convention and then on to Los Angeles to attend a Medical Convention with husband Dr. Lyle.

MARCHINE DEXTER is sporting a new wig and had all of us thinking it was a swishy new hair-do. It is that natural looking. Understand our two BETTYS have also purchased wigs but so far they haven't been modeled for us. We gals are busy making arrangements for the one day Section Meeting to be held in Everett on April 16. The plans sound interesting and we do hope as many as possible will attend. As of this date we think there will be about 50 in attendance.

Our two BETTYS are to be contestants in the 1966 AWTAR. They will be flying the Spirit of Monte Cristo, the same Bonanza used in the 1965 race. Our Chapter will be cheering for them all the way.

Two of our members are making tentative plans for trips to Europe, one flying her own airplane and the other flying commercially. More about this as plans progress.

See you in Seattle the Queen City.

## **SOUTH DAKOTA CHAPTER** **Geneva Oleson, Reporter**

Eight 99s met at the Busfield Airport, Bell Fourche, S. D. Coffee was served by WANDA BUSFIELD in her beautiful home that overlooks the Black Hills airport. Our meetings are very reverently opened with prayer by our Chairman, AUDREY BAIRD, of Dickinson, N. D. This meeting was a one day meeting we concluded our business and had a noon luncheon as guests of WANDA and DICK BUSFIELD. CAROL RAYBURN flew her 180 Cessna with co-pilots PHYLLIS PETERSON, Brookings, and BARBARA HEDBERG, Sioux Falls, S. D. AUDREY BAIRD flew her 182 Cessna with GEN OLESON as co-pilot. Driving to the meeting were LEANETTE MACEY, Rapid City, and MARGARET JOHNS, Prairie City, S. D.

WANDA BUSFIELD is recovering from a back injury suffered while bowling. She is a many times trophy winner in bowling and she flies her Bonanza with the same precise skill.

O.K.C. held their seminar for instrument refresher courses for North Dakota pilots in Minot. This was well attended by many pilots and non-member women pilots. 99s were AUDREY BAIRD; GEN OLESON; Dickinson, N. D., and KAY VOGEL, Bismarck, N. D. KAY VOGEL, having passed her instrument written, took the advanced course. The same program was held in Pierre, S. D. It was well attended and commended by our South Dakota women pilots. Those attending were: PHYLLIS PETERSON, CAROL RAYBURN, Brookings; LENETTE MACEY, DOROTHY LEE, BETTY DAVIS, Rapid City; and LOIS CHISHOLM, Pierre. CAROL RAYBURN and BETTY DAVIS, having their Instrument ratings, took the advanced course.

LOIS CHISHOLM recently checked out in her new Debonaire. She will be flying with her 49½er on many nationwide V-country flights for the National Flying Farmers organization.

CAROL RAYBURN, our AMELIA EARHART Scholarship winner for 1965 is making plans to do ferrying trips of one of her favorite sporty airplanes, the Pawnee, from the factory in Lockhaven, Penn.

Meanwhile, she is teaching college students flying and her pet student is her brother. He is well on his way to receiving his instrument rating from his sister's very stringent instruction.

Christmas season had in store an interesting overnight meeting at Brook-

ings, S. D., with CAROL RAYBURN, PHYLLIS and DAN PETERSON as our hosts. The first agenda on this trip was the poker hand to be played! All 99s landed at the Huron airport and picked up one card from five decks (will try 5 airports another time). JEAN TOUGH came up with the winning hand, a full house! We have to admit we fly better than play that game. The members present were WANDA and 49½er DICK BUSFIELD, PHYLLIS and 49½er DAN PETERSON, CAROL RAYBURN and her brother; BARBARA HEDBERG; JEAN TOUGH, AUDREY BAIRD and GEN OLESON.

JO ANN THOMAS, Rapid City 99, has been transferred to an outpost in Alaska. We wish her much success and adventure in Alaska.

RUBY McDONALD and MARGE STEVENSON, Members - at - Large from Brandon, Canada, have tried to make several meetings but have had to cancel their flight plans. MARGE STEVENSON has been flying and has been hopeful of getting some hulky casts removed.

We are very proud of the rigorous flying that our S. D. Chapter 99s are doing this year. These women are all active in many things and many have young families. Our congratulations to AUDREY BAIRD, Dickinson, N. D., who has given up the past two months to attend a class of instrument instruction at the Dickinson airport given by two Herrod Aviation pilots from Billings. AUDREY has passed her written portion and will be ready to fly the flight test this week.

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BE SAFER WITH A FLIGHT PLAN.

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## **WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER** **Pat McGee, Reporter**

Our last two meetings were held in conjunction with the Seattle Unit of AOPA, so it seems like quite a while since we've had a get-together.

Everyone who was able to make it agreed that the AOPA Christmas party was well worth attending—and the same remarks applied to the January blast. Highlights of the January dinner were the movies shown and comments made by the famous ZENO CLINKER.

Our Chapter continues to grow—a recent and most welcome addition is BETH OLIVER who came here from Minnesota. She had been on the verge of transferring into the Minnesota

Chapter when her husband BARRETT, a Northwest Airlines pilot, was assigned to a Seattle run and they moved out here. We're awfully glad to have her here. One of our local operators at the Bellevue airport is extremely interested in having BETH fill in as Instrument Instructor. She's going to be a real asset to our aviation community.

In reporting a recent new member, I'm sorry to admit, somehow the name came out wrong. ELLEN BENTON was mistakenly identified as DENTON—please forgive, ELLEN!

FLORENCE BELL and her 49½er, GEORGE, departed last week for a sunnier clime. They made a flying trip to San Francisco, visited the Nut Tree in Sacramento, went on to Los Angeles, Palm Springs and Palm Desert. Not much on their schedule except golf and relaxing in the sun.

Checked with JOAN DAVIS on the progress of the J-3 she and friend husband are building in their garage. She says very little work has been done lately but reports that the house smells strongly of dope.

Our other "home - built" devotee, GENE STEWART, reports that the "STEWART Special," a modified Monocoupe, is coming along fairly well. The fuselage is done and when husband HARLAND can prod GENE into getting busy, the cowling is beginning to take shape. They hope to have their pride and joy in the air by next fall.

GINNY ANDREWS indicates that things have changed around their house since son TOBY got his Private License. Now when they decide to take a weekend flight they end up in a foot-race to see who makes it to the left hand seat of their 172 first. TOBY generally wins, GINNY says, being somewhat younger and more fleet of foot. However, NICK occasionally pulls his rank as head of the household and does the flying himself. GINNY is seriously considering airplanes labeled HIS, HERS and HIS, Jr.

ILOVENE and LES POTTER started off on a southland vacation, but on reaching Tucson learned that son GREG had been taken ill back in Seattle. They had him flown to Tucson, thinking the climate would be good for him, but this didn't seem to be the case. Then DAVID, their younger son, also became ill so the whole family returned to Seattle. This has been a bad year for virus infections in general. We hope they've had their share for the year, now!



## SOUTHWEST SECTION

### EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER Dottie Sanders, Reporter

In taking a poll of flying grandmothers in our Chapter at our last meeting in January, hosted by DOT-TIE CAMPBELL, we find we have two: ERNESTINE STANLEY and LEAH HANLON. We were glad to see DORIS RITCHEY and BARBARA HILL, who have missed some meetings due to a heavy schedule at San Diego State College, and to welcome guests BETTY WHARTON and FLOR-ENCE FRASIER, a student pilot. A film on Sonic Booms, projected by 49½er Dick Campbell, was enjoyed by all.

Around the traffic pattern: ANNE BLEDSOE is back from a wonderful vacation with 49er JIM, having flown to San Juan and Aruba in the Dutch West Indies and back through New York and Long Island; MAC HUNTINGTON has been spending some time in Phoenix; JEAN and DICK BUSSY planning a flying trip to Sun Valley about the 20th of February; AILEEN SAUNDERS flying a Bonanza to La-Paz, Baja, California, for a weekend vacation. January 23, the dawn broke CAVU after a forecast of low clouds and drizzle, so Chairman LEAH LIERSCH and DOTTIE SANDERS took off in DOTTIE'S 140-A to enjoy the hospitality of the Phoenix Chapter at their annual fly-in to Carefree for a wonderful luncheon, fashion show and air show and returned home that afternoon. Your writer felt a bit of "motherly pride", having been a member of the sponsoring San Diego Chapter at the time the Phoenix Chapter was formed, seeing the progress it has made since that time with so many wonderful members and boasting a Southwest Governor and International President in the same year. Congratulations, Phoenix!

On February 11, DOTTIE SANDERS, with LOIS BARTLING and BETTY WHARTON of the San Diego Chapter, ferried a Bonanza back to Wichita, Kansas, with LOIS at the controls and returned ferrying three new Cessna 150 Commuters back to the Coast. It was so nice to see VIRGINIA CUTTER at CUTTER'S on Albuquerque Support and ELIZABETH HAWES who keeps track of all Ninety-Nines flying through Albuquerque for their Chapter.



**LVV 99 FRAN JOHNSON, right, receiving appointment of Acting Commander for the Sahara Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, from Nevada Wing Commander WILLIAM THOMAS, left. The 40 member squadron boasts of 14 privately owned aircraft and 21 licensed pilots—Photo by Robert L. Lawson.**

Although it was through an unfortunate circumstance that she was in the hospital, it was nice talking to MARGARET PEREZ on the telephone and hope she'll be good as new soon. Although DOTTIE, LOIS and BETTY were snowed in at Amarillo for one day, seeing it snow was such a novelty that they almost enjoyed it.

Such a marvelous organization of women these Ninety-Nines!

### FALLON CHAPTER Elaine Brown, Reporter

DORIS and JOHN EACRET spent the Christmas holidays in Southern California on the desert and Northern Mexico, driving all the way, while "Ole Pat" sat on the ground in Reno. They plan flying to Cabo San Lucas at the tip of Baja, California, the middle of April. This will be their eleventh trip to the area since 1951, a delightful place to fly on a small plane vacation.

JANE JANSSEN has been logging some time learning to start a balky engine on these 15 degree mornings. She took ELAINE BROWN to Fallon thereby proving that she can land a 170 extremely well!

DE BAER has been giving instructions in her Beech Musketeer. DE also stacked up another rating this month,

her multi-engine! She put it to use by flying the Beech Baron from Oakland to Reno.

BERTHA CLINE is grounded as her plane received a sand blasting (the end of a beautiful paint job!)

DOROTHY and CARROLL STAUFF returned from a wonderful two week vacation in Puerto Vallarta. They and their Cessna 182 left Reno at its coldest but in a matter of hours were in the warm sunshine. Weather was perfect for the whole trip.

Fallon 99s and husbands had their February meeting during a fly-in brunch at BERTHA CLINE'S in Schurz, Nevada. BERTHA and 49½er CURTIS have their own strip and it certainly feels elegant to be able to taxi your plane right up to their front door. Those making the jaunt were JUDY HISLE, LOIS WILLIAMS, FRAN GUSTAFSON, LOIS BROWN, PAT HENNING, student pilot PAT DORY, ELAINE BROWN, and 49½ers BILL HISLE, MIKE BROWN, HOWARD HENNING, GUS GUSTAVSON, STAN BROWN and our host and hostess CURTIS and BERTHA CLINE. We sketched out plans for the Fallon Fun Race coming up on June 11th and are all beginning to get excited about it now that we've had a touch of spring in the air.

**LAS VEGAS VALLEY  
CHAPTER**

**Gerry Whitton, Reporter**

Members of the L.V.V.C. of 99s are eagerly looking forward to being hostesses for the Southwest Sectional, April 15, 16, 17. Won't you accept our cordial invitation to join us?

You will soon be receiving your reservation cards and information sheets.

Our February monthly meeting was held in the Captain's Room of the Showboat Hotel and plans for the Sectional were discussed. We had three guests, MARION KORRELL, student pilot; PAT BARKER, licensed pilot; and MARTHA LUNDY, former Southwest Section Governor. We hope to see more of these girls in the future.

Our ever-on-the-go member, JUANITA DALY, is in Lima, Peru. She will return shortly to expedite plans for the Sectional of which she is Chairman.

An invitation has been extended to the Phoenix Chapter to join us in a Fly-in to Lake Havasu, former Site 6, Feb. 20. Plans include an informal no-host luncheon at noon, P.S.T.

CAROL RAIZIN and family have taken off for a few weeks of skiing in Utah.

FRAN JOHNSON has been appointed Acting Commander of the Sahara Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol. Congratulations.

Start making your plans to attend the Sectional. See you then.

**LONG BEACH CHAPTER**

**Carole B. Dunn, Reporter**

February meeting was held at JUANITA TANGERS home on top of Palos Verdes Hills. This time JUANITA ordered clear skies so we could all see the view and watch the planes go by. BETTY FAUX showed her 16 mm films of her trip to Australia. We were delighted to hear about her royal welcome from the Australian Section members, particularly NANCY BIRD WALTON who showed her the Capital City of Canberra. We had a turnout of 40 of our 68 members and 5 prospective members namely: LOU LOWE, RACHEL MUNDINE, LORNA COVELL, PEGGY WHITE, GEORGIA LAMBERT and JACKIE KESSLER. Four of our girls are studying Celestial navigation — CLAIRE WALTERS, BETTY FAUX, MAUREEN LEONARD and COLLEEN GIGLIO. Our Chapter is planning a mass ocean flight—only trouble with studying Celestial navigation here lately is that we have to

go to Griffith Park Planetarium to see the stars.

EDNA LOUDON and ELE PETERSON have been terrorizing the local airports, out practicing for something, but they won't divulge what. EMMA McGUIRE and CAROLE DUNN have been out practicing their aerobatics for up and coming competition among Champion Citabria Aerobatic students in Arizona next month—March. Try to come see that competition—it ought to be quite hair-raising. EMMA holds the record for the longest aerobatic cross-country with BOB HERENDON, they started out from SMO airport with knife-edge to all the other maneuvers to Conejo and back to downwind without ever flying straight and level. RUTH NITZEN and JOHN and EDNA and JACK BOWERS flew to Phoenix for a weekend and just missed meeting JACK and TERRY LONDEN who were there also weathered in for the weekend.

MARY PINKNEY has been doing a marvelous job holding out the coffee pot for the 99s at the monthly Hangar Sessions in Torrance. Have you all written to your Congressman and Senator telling them of your wishes to have them vote favorably to pass S.J. RES. U4 and H.J. RES. 461-5 to have Congress make May 12 AMELIA EARHART and JOAN MERRIAM SMITH Aviation Day and to have a special stamp issued in their honor? This bill is stuck pending someone and everyone writing to ask them to vote on it. So please write if you are in favor of it.

We almost got a ride in the Goodyear Blimp—courtesy of DORIS LOCKNESS, but we were shot down by weather and wind so we have a raincheck. We're planning on having the 49½ers Race again this year possibly a round robin in September, so girls — start getting your husbands ready by showing them racing techniques (that is if they'll listen to you). A brochure will be forthcoming soon to all Chapter Chairman. Also come join us for our three airport 2c-a-pound ride on May 1st (Mayday—maybe that's a wrong day?) at Santa Monica, Long Beach and Torrance.

**MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER**

**Stormie Carlson, Reporter**

Spring is already in the air around the Monterey Peninsula. And with the clean, sunny days and evenings lengthening to where BUD and I can get in a set of tennis after work, our 99s are busy themselves with our "First Pro-

ject". What could be more fitting for a lovely spring day than a barbecue with fare "fit for a Princess"? Therefore, we are planning a Wild Boar Barbecue to be held on 24 April. (When PRINCESS MARGARET and LORD SNOWDEN were on the Monterey Peninsula several months ago, she was entertained with a Wild Boar Barbecue . . . so, fare fit for a Princess!) The meat is extremely delicious; it tastes to me very much like the Kalua Pig we frequently had in Hawaii . . . where the pig is cooked in the ground. If you've never tasted it, you have quite a treat in store and we hope you can join us on the 24th. The Barbecue will be held in Hollister, which is about 15 minutes by air from Monterey. At the Hollister airport we will provide transportation to Bolado Park for the Boar, beans, salad, French bread and coffee all for \$2.50. There'll even be swimming for 50 cents. By the way, Hollister is usually out of the fog area, so chances are good for VFR weather.

We are proud to announce we have three new 49½ers in our Chapter. DELL HAUK is now MRS. GEORGE HINN; JOANNE NISSEN became MRS. MIKE AIELLO; and ZOE DELL WEST is now MRS. J. NUTTER and makes her home part time in Carmel and the rest of the time in Xenia, Ohio. One can certainly say our Chapter girls are active in uping their ratings. Happy flying to you all.

Last month when I was on one of my jaunts to the Piper factory, after running into my usual variety of bad weather (from tornadoes in Florida to snow in San Antonio) I landed at Deming because of storms. I was pleasantly surprised to receive a call from 99 FRANCIS SLAPE. She was in town with her 49½er who was taking his Private written. Did you pass, DEWEY? FRANCIS has a strip all her own which she and her husband carved out of the desert; I saw it as I flew over and had been curious as to whom it belonged. We enjoyed a cup of chocolate in the coffee shop as we talked of flying, Ninety-Nines, and her experience in the Powder Puff. Deming is only a small speck on the chart, but I certainly recommend it as a stop-over, or just a fuel stop. The people are all so friendly, service is good, and there are several excellent motels at hand . . . not to mention a lovely 99 to visit with.

At present I am sitting in our Chalet at Lake Tahoe, nursing a sprained knee and waiting for the snow storm to pass so I can get home and to my

chores awaiting. Things don't look too promising so I shall get this already late bit of ramblings to the post office . . . the skiing was great tho'!

#### **NOETHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER** **Ruth Smith, Reporter**

What a nice time we had at the Phoenix Chapter's fly-in to Carefree! DOT WARD and 49½er WAYNE plus another pilot and his wife, BOB and NANCY WARDEN, flew down. My 49½er, our two children and I flew down also. We enjoyed a delicious lunch along with a fashion show of many lovely desert fashions. After lunch, DALLAS TAYLOR was on hand to give an aerobic performance in his Pitts Special. This alone was worth the trip—really marvelous.

CAROLYN SHOEMAKER and 49½er GENE made a trip to Central Mexico the first of the year. They were gone four days, one day down, one day back. Couldn't do that in a car. CAROLYN said she was particularly impressed with the high, rugged mountains along the costal and interior regions. She kept thinking that if anything should go wrong, there just wouldn't be any place to sit down safely in that area. She recently made a trip with the children to the Burbank area for a visit with GENE, who teaches in Pasadena.

HELEN flew the Civil Air Patrol T-34 on a search this past weekend, for an Idaho pilot and his wife. They were found safe and sound. She flew four hours in the Santan Valley. Also took the Squadron Commander along as an observer. How about that?

My 49½er and I flew to Williams not long ago. Mainly so I could fly, too, but he caught me off guard and got the left hand seat first. Had coffee with JUNE and LARRY ELY. JUNE told me that she and three students were planning a fun trip to Las Vegas for a weekend. Seems the respective husbands had made a similar trip about a year ago. Haven't seen JUNE since so I don't know if they were able to go or not. Hope to hear a report at our next meeting.

Our February meeting is scheduled for this Saturday, the 19th, in Flagstaff. We are looking forward to seeing many of our 66s at this meeting and want to really get going on our 66 program. JEAN KNOTT, a 66, has been out to get back to flying now that the weather is better.

Everybody go fly so there will be more news next time.

#### **ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER** **Ann Cantillon, Reporter**

On the crisp cold morning of February 4th, Orange County Airport was teaming with activity as NANCY THOMAS, THON ABBOTT, MYRNA SHANFIELD, NANCY CREWS, MARGOT SMITH, HELEN HEDGES, DORIS BAILEY, MADINE PARSEL, BETTY FARRELL, EDNA STENNETT, VEE WOLENSKY, BITSY RETTEW with 49½er GIL, CHRIS HOFFMAN and your reporter loaded our planes with supplies and doctors heading for Mulege, Baja, Calif., on our second annual trip with the flying doctors.

One by one off we went to rendezvous at Mexicali to clear customs. All papers in order the long, beautiful trek down Baja started. Besides our eight planes there were six flown by doctors. I'm afraid we had the radio frequency a bit blocked as we tried to maintain constant contact between planes since many of us had not flown Baja before. We surely found out that you can't get lost, all navigation should be so easy.

I can only speak for myself, but

## **PLAN AHEAD**

### **International Convention and Powder Puff Derby**

**JUNE, 1966  
Seattle, Wash.**

after hearing the tales about the dirt strip we were to land on at Mulege, most of my three flying hours from the border were spent in wondering just how I was going to get on. I'm sure the thought must have crossed every mind at one time or another. Finally, there it was. It even looked shorter (1200') than I had anticipated, with a mountain at one end and a canyon at the other which you must fly up, turn around and make your approach. If you don't make your first approach, it's miss the mountain and try it again. Quite to my surprise, and I do mean surprise, we made it first try.

Three planes had a must stop at Bay of Los Angeles for refueling, meaning

they should arrive just before dark. Not until final nose count did we realize we were one plane short and no contact. Nothing to do but wait until morning since you can't fly at night in Mexico.

Next morning each plane was assigned to a small village with a doctor or supplies or both. After breaking ground, our lost plane with HELEN HEDGES and DORIS BAILEY aboard were heard loud and clear on their way to Loreto. Being rather slow and slow refueling at Bay of Los Angeles she decided it best to RON and continue later. HELEN reported they had a ball.

Clothes, shoes, vitamins, candy, etc. were disbursed while countless natives arrived to receive medical and dental care with our girls assisting. Someone even came home with a tooth as a souvenir (UGH).

After a long day each plane returned with everyone full of tales. The little town of Mulege (600) was having a dance at the town square which we decided to attend. The Club Aero where we stayed furnished us with a jeep (I think) which we piled 19 people on for our trip to town. Think I'd rather land on that short strip than try that ride again. The music was loud and wild, the people delightful.

Along with morning came the inevitable, we must go home. A little more time than usual was spent eating and packing but finally each one of us broke ground with a fond memory of Mulege.

Upon reaching Bay of Los Angeles weather started to move in. When California was finally reached via radio the Los Angeles area was completely socked in. Some of us made it to Palm Springs, some to Calexico. Others had to be home so cars were rented for the journey.

NANCY CREWS and MARGOT SMITH broke an oil line and had to make an emergency landing. Luckily they found a duster strip about 30 miles south of the border, advised everyone of their trouble and they were down safe. One of the doctors returned, repaired the plane as best he could then escorted them to Mexicali and through customs.

Outside of HELEN being missing overnight, NANCY CREWS' emergency landing and dumb me breaking my ignition off in the baggage compartment going through customs on the way down, we had a safe fun trip. The weather and terrain were beautiful and may next February find us again heading south.

**PHOENIX CHAPTER**  
**Ginny Moser, Reporter**

Our Chapter again played host on January 23rd to a luncheon and style show at the Carefree Inn, Carefree, Ariz. The wonderful food and breathtaking fashions for flying were enjoyed by all. Among some of our fly-in guests were LEAH LIERSCH and DOTTIE SANDERS of El Cajon and VIRGINIA BRITT of Ft. Lauderdale. Afterwards we all adjourned to the airport where we were thrilled by an airshow performed by DALLAS TAYLOR in his tiny Pitts "Experimental" biplane.

Several 99s attended the fly-in of antique airplanes sponsored by the Arizona Antique Aircraft Assn. and held February 5th and 6th at Wickenburg Municipal Airport. MELBA BEARD, secretary of this group, reports a fine get-together, and among those attending were LILY SANDOVAL and husband from Albuquerque, JUNE HICKOX and RUTH EBHEY of San Diego, VIRGINIA COOK and husband from Tucson, and from our own Chapter, TRUDY MURPHY, GRETCHEN YINGLING, JUANITA NEWELL and their 49½ers.

FREDA and MICKEY TOLIVER had an interesting return trip from L.A. recently. Coming by way of Blythe, the weather would not permit their going beyond Blythe, so they decided to fly to Yuma. There they waited two hours and the only plane from Phoenix was an emergency flight bringing blood. They then proceeded to San Diego where they stayed with friends overnight and came home the next morning. Well, at least that's getting around!

We were so happy to have ALICE ROBERTS at our last meeting for she is quite a busy gal these days. She reports her last flight was to Nogales where she spoke at a recent Zonta luncheon. With ALICE at the meeting was her special guest, "LYGIE" HAGAN, Executive Board member and 99 from Spokane, Wash. We believe it is propaganda, but of all things—LYGIE was weathered in, here in Phoenix, enroute home from Mexico. Anyway, it gave many of us a chance to become acquainted with her and we certainly enjoyed having her attend our Chapter meeting. Hope to see you again soon, LYGIE, and happy flying!

**REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER**  
**Phyllis Cantrell, Reporter**

Our February meeting was held at the Usibelli Lodge in Pope Valley.

BETTY SHUNN flew over in her Tri-Pacer with her son, MIKE, and OLIVE RAYMOND, a future 99. BETTE SMITH flew up from Napa in her Cessna 140 with 49½er BOB. MYRTLE WRIGHT also arrived from Napa in a shiny Cessna 172 with PAT STOUFFER and HAZEL BERTAGNA as passengers. I flew the club Tri-Pacer with daughter SANDY, also a future 99, and dropped into Petaluma to pick up BETTY FOSTER and her daughter, BRENDA.

Our Chairman, ANITA WOREL, and JUNE O'DONNELL were sick with the flu and didn't make it.

Last weekend ANITA, JUNE and I attended the CCAA (California Council of Aviation Assns.) meeting in San Luis Obispo. Several legislative issues of current interest were discussed and voted on. ANITA was our Chapter delegate.

We had a letter from MARDO CRANE the other day telling us that she has been commissioned to do a novel (fiction) on the Powder Puff Derby by the AWTAR Board. She has a year to complete it and will donate the proceeds to the AWTAR. She would appreciate hearing from anyone who might have an unusual experience to relate. I'm sure there have been plenty.

BETTY FOSTER passed her Commercial written last week and is off and running to complete the flight check. I'm still plugging on the instrument rating and plan to take the written soon.

Our next meeting will be in Oroville in March so we'll see you there.

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER**  
**Virginia Townsend, Reporter**

CLAIRE RALEY and 49½er TOM gave a holiday party for their flying friends and needless to say a good time was had by all.

JOYCE EVANS and her 49½er HUGH, along with BERYL EISSINGER and her 49½er ART, are the proud owners of a brand new Cessna 210. Bright red and white. We are very happy for both couples and wish them many happy flying hours.

VIJA BERRY, one of our go-getter gals, has been busy getting checked out in a Cessna 182. Congratulations, VIJA.

January 18 we had a Lady Bug flight to El Macero which is a few minutes flight from Sacramento. So most of us drove. MARILYN JAK flew in from Marysville. HELEN SMITH, BETTY MacPHERSON, and VOLINE DODGSON flew up from Fresno. Our Sacra-

mento gals on this trip were CAROL HAMMOND, JUNE DEVINE, DARLINE GILMORE and her 49½er GIL, BETH SCHOOF, LARUE BROWN, FLORENCE BREEN and VIRGINIA TOWNSEND.

After reading in our local paper about Russian women piloting four engine jets, CAROL HAMMOND and LARUE BROWN are contemplating defecting to Russia. "This I've got to see."

Our sympathy to CAROL BLOOM on the loss of her husband after a lingering illness. CAROL is one of our go-getter gals who is really a go-getter. She heads the Aeronautics Department of Diablo Valley College during the week and instructs at Buchannan Airport in Concord in her "spare time".

**SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**  
**Ruth Ebey, Reporter**

Lois Bartling and Betty Wharton are still exuberant about the ferry flight they made recently. DOTTIE SANDERS, of El Cajon Valley Chapter, arranged through Airflight, a division of Pacific Airmotive, for LOIS to fly a Bonanza back to Wichita taking BETTY and DOTTIE as passengers. Then each of the three flew a Cessna 150 back to Gillespie Field. They felt fortunate that the 150s were radio-equipped. They had a ball even though their ground speed was held to 70 mph at times by headwinds. They had a grand time hangar-flying at Tradewinds airport office in Amarillo while it snowed like mad outside. LOIS was thrilled by the snow; BETTY and DOTTIE just said b-r-r-r! The ultimate destination of the 150s was Long Beach, so CLAUD WHARTON flew up in the 210, the girls flew the 150s and then all returned in the 210.

TERRY VASQUES went to Fort Worth the middle of February via Delta 880 to confer with DR. DORA DOUGHERTY on helicopter instrument research. DORA, a 99, is Chief of Human Factors at Bell Helicopter. These women are really making their mark in aerospace!

MARGRIT GOODRICH reports that she flew the Debonair to a convention in Las Vegas recently, also flew to Palm Springs for lunch. She is attending ground school in preparation for the commercial written exam.

MARTHA and JOHN MULLEN, after being frustrated by many rainy weekends, finally got a chance to put their newly acquired Debonair through its paces.



**MARY REINHOLZ**, reporter for Valley Times, interviews **DOLORES CANGIANO**, **MICKEY DUNCAN**, **NITA LOVELESS**, **LINDA DENSMORE**, **EDITH WHITE**, Pilot **HARRY HANES** and **MARJORIE MORONG** from the San Fernando Valley Chapter of 99s after a demonstration ride in a Lear Jet. California Airmotive donated two rides to the 99s. Proceeds of 5c per lb. will go to help promote the 1968 Powder Puff Derby start in 1968 from the Van Nuys Airport.

JUNE and JIM HICKOX plan to fly to the Experimental Aircraft Association fly-in at Flabob, near Riverside, Calif. They also hope to fly to Oakland, Sacramento and Reading in March. JUNE drove and JIM flew to Wickenburg, Ariz., in early February to attend the Mid-Winter fly-in of the Arizona Chapter of Antique Airplane Association; they, RUTH and JACK EBEY and several others from points west were weathered in for a couple of days afterward. The airport manager, CAL BROWN, was most hospitable and saw to it that we enjoyed being grounded and didn't fret too much. We were delighted to see LILY SANDOVAL and her 49½'er there from Albuquerque and to meet MELBA BEARD.

MARIAN BANKS, RUBY KEAVENY

and MARGARET LANG attended the dedication of the San Diego Aerospace Museum which was moved to a new location several months ago and has been rearranged and generally spruced up.

Kits for the 1966 San Diego-Fallon Fun Race may be obtained by writing MARGARET MOODY, 3103 Mobley St. San Diego, Calif. 92123.

THE 180° TURN IS AVIATION'S BEST SAFETY DEVICE — IF USED PRIOR TO BEING ENVELOPED BY ADVERSE WEATHER. DON'T BE A "PUSHER" IN THE HOPE THAT THE WEATHER WILL GET BETTER!

#### **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER Loreli Cangiano, Reporter**

We continue to be happy about pinning new members. This past meeting MARGE MARONG and MICKEY DUNCAN received their official badges as new 99s. Also we want to welcome into our midst BETTY STORRS who with 49½'er CHUCK and three sons moved lock, stock and airplane from Eastern Idaho to our Valley. Lots of luck to them in their new home and may they find us a happy 99 family.

One of our busy girls this month was LIBBY SVENSON who opened up her lovely home for our "Fallen Angels" Party and then betook herself and family to Hawaii for an enviable Christmas vacation. The party was a great success with just about all

99s and 49½ers present for fun and games. Because of quite a few new members in the past few months, there were lots of new 49½er faces in the crowd. It was great getting acquainted.

SHIRLEY ROBINSON CLARK now boasts the title "Public Relations, Publicity and Advertising Manager" at PacAero, a division of Pacific Air-motive Corporation at Burbank Air-port. We'll all get a chance to see her new surroundings soon because we've accepted her offer of holding our next meeting there.

And in our "lucky members" department we find JEANNE DAY who flew to San Diego to visit Sea World and found a \$30 real live pearl in her oyster.

Not so lucky as just plain talented is LINDA DENSMORE who has an up and coming story to watch for in "Air Facts". MARJORIE MARONG announced a glider rating and LIZ CROWLEY is using a Citabria 150 for her aerobatic work. MARGARET WARD winged her way to Palm Springs to spend her Christmas holidays.

LOLA RICCI has a new home up in the hills looking down runday 34 at Van Nuys Airport. Hubby ED received a VHF receiver for Christmas to monitor (spy on?) his flying friends from his new back yard. The week after a high calorie holiday, LORELI CANGIANO flew to Catalina Island for the fly-in breakfast and to San Diego for lunch with visiting 99 HIALEAH REILICH from Hayward. No more fly-ins until some of that poundage flies off, even though MICKEY DUNCAN says the food she just flew to sample at Borrego is excellent.

Speaker for the January meeting was MR. McCHESNEY, the President of the California Council of Aviation Associations. MR. McCHESNEY flew down from San Luis Obispo to discuss the proposed California Aircraft in Lieu Tax and to answer questions pertaining to this bill.

#### **SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER** **Laverne A. Gudgel, Reporter**

A hearty welcome to our three new members which brings our Chapter total to 21.

Our new Sonora member, HELEN McGEE and husband, HARVEY, whom we met at our October fly-in meeting at Columbia, own and operate the Sonora area "Union Democrat" newspaper, have a Cherokee 235 which they flew to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, and Palm Springs to the California News-paper Publishers Convention in Jan-

uary. HELEN started flying in November '64, and received her Private in August of '65.

JERRY UNDERWOOD and husband GERALD of Modesto took up flying at the same time in the spring of '64; JERRY soloed in May and received her Private in August of the same year.

ELAINE SMITH and her doctor husband, LEWIS, of Stockton, also began flying lessons together with ELAINE soloing in May of '65 and earning her Private in August. They flew to Carmel to spend a recent Sunday.

MARGARET ANDREWS hosted our January luncheon meeting at her home overlooking the Tuloloumne River in Modesto with 10 members and two prospective members attending. EV HENDLEY gathered 13 members and guest CHARLOTTE RYAN, who is scheduled to take her check ride for her Private Pilot license, around her fireplace for lunch at her Modesto home for the final arrangements of our Chapter Anniversary Dinner Dance to be held at the Stockton Exchange Club on March 12.

Evelyn Johnson brought Jean Murray and Elaine to Modesto in her Cessna 175 for the February meeting and tells us she is attending instrument ground school and taking flight instruction working towards the rating. EV HENDLEY is attending a ground school class which she helped establish at Modesto Junior College and is also doing a little local flying, enjoying the new Modesto tower now in operation.

PAULINE CHRISTENSEN took her dad to Lovell, Wyo., for five days late last year in her Apache. HETTIE FREESE and hubby have kept busy rebuilding an Aeronca Chief, in between local hops and instructing, during the non-flyable winter weather.

In the absence of Chairman MARIE McDOWELL who was basking in the sunshine at Bull Head City, Ariz., Vice Chairman TERRY HOLM conducted the JANUARY meeting. TERRY has recently returned from N.Y.C. (flying a Cherokee to Reno, from there via commercial airliner) where she appeared on the "To Tell the Truth" TV program.

Two proud new plane owners among us—DOROTHY and FLOYD KOEBEL of Gustine bought an "M" model Bonanza which they flew to Nut Tree on New Year's Day. LAURA MAY and GENE CRAWFORD took possession of a new Bonanza at Wichita on Jan. 3; spent 28 days traveling from Kansas to New Orleans, central Florida, Ft. Lauderdale and Miami where they

watched the Orange Bowl Boat Race, Jan. 15, then back to Kansas City to get a new granddaughter before returning home to Turlock.

JEANETTE THOMPSON of Modesto has checked out in a Cessna 205 which her husband flies on business trips. BILLIE WYATT has been working actively on an aviation legislative committee in Modesto.

Your reporter has been somewhat grounded the last two months except for a flight to Long Beach with 49½er BOB in our Debonair over the New Year's weekend. Happy landings until next month!

#### **TUCSON CHAPTER** **Maggie Schock, Reporter**

Last week VIRGINIA and KEN COOK took to the hills for some much needed peace and quiet and to attend the Experimental and Antique Aircraft meet in Wickenburg, Ariz. VIRGINIA said she thought she was home again when those big radial engines buzzed the dormitories before daylight. The windows shook almost the way they had at home during daughter SUSAN's college age birthday party with live music. (It sounded like the musicians had \$500 worth of instruments and at least \$5000 worth of amplifiers. No wonder they needed to get away.) The meet was very well attended and lots of 99s were there from California and Phoenix.

There isn't a 99 in Tucson with an "Antique". (Husbands excepted!) MARY MARTIN, however, lives so close to JOHN THURMON, veteran restorer of antique aircraft, that she almost qualifies. MARY has been flying an Aeronca 7AC at Ryan Field to keep her hand in and recently received almost the highest accolade a pilot can get. She took a friend for her first airplane ride; a girl who had been afraid to go before; and when they landed her passenger was ecstatic and wanted to go right back up for more. Sweet satisfaction.

DARLENE THURMON, a student pilot and no relation to JOHN, mentioned above, was a guest at our last meeting at BONNY FEATHER's. She and BONNY's daughter BONISE, who has 14 hours already, can encourage each other when they reach those inevitable slumps. Remember when you thought you would never learn!

IRVING BARTZ seemed to think SYLVIA was still at that stage when they went into Burbank, Calif., recently. Weather gave them 40 miles visibility and it might have been—if you

were 40 miles straight up. Seems IRVING, also a pilot, couldn't see and SYLVIA couldn't see either; but it only bothered the male half of the team. SYLVIA calmly worked her approach with radar advisory and as IRVING screamed in her ear she ignored him and worked out a very satisfactory pattern and landing. That is really flying well under VERY trying circumstances. Scream back at him, SYLVIA.

Chairman PATSY BROOKS still finds time to work on her instrument rating between preparation for daughter CAROL's wedding in March and guiding our Chapter thru its activities and problems. The newest one coming up—activity not problem—is an all girl flight to San Carlos, Mexico, in April. PAT NOLEN will handle details for this flight and with her knowledge of the area she was a natural choice. PAT has planned one night in Hermosillo before going on to San Carlos for fishing and skin diving from the NOLEN's boat. When she and SHIRLEY MARSHALL were there on SHIRLEY's birthday last month another accomplishment of SHIRLEY's was uncovered. Have you ever heard Boogie-Woogie or Rag-Time Jazz on an organ? Everyone loved it and SHIRLEY was the belle of the ball. You just can't beat talent. Meg GUGGOLZ came down for a visit and was with PAT NOLEN, SHIRLEY and ART MARSHALL on their last trip to San Carlos. Seems she caught lots of fish then forgot to take them with her when SHIRLEY flew her home to Santa Fe. BOB and PATSY BROOKS promised to deliver them to MEG on their next trip to New Mexico. Frozen fish flown fast for fortunate female friends.

PATSY and BYRD GRANGER will represent our Chapter at the Tucson Matrix Table dinner next month. BYRD has just recovered from a bout with pneumonia and looked a little wan at our last meeting. The flight to Mexico should put her back in fine shape, though or finish her off completely.

#### UTAH CHAPTER

Lucile Christopherson, Reporter

We just returned from the ski areas—it is beautiful! Alta had a new snowfall yesterday and now has 88 inches of snow. Brighton has 89 inches while Solitude and Timphaven have 81 and 69 inches respectively. Mountains, snow and ski-trails—this could be the description of Utah at this time of year. Some of the Utah girls who are taking much advantage of these wonderful skiing conditions are LOUISE MORRI-

SON, GINI STREETER, LOUISE ANDERSON, DONNA DAHL, ALBERTA NICHOLSON and JANE ANDREASON.

January 19th the Utah girls held their monthly meeting at the home of NANCY REULING. After various matters of business were discussed, two good films were shown: "Come Fly with Me Darlene" and "Using Your Instruments". The following members were in attendance: ALBERTA NICHOLSON, LYLE BECKSTRAND, SUE ELLIS, NANCY REULING, VIRGINIA LAVIN, MARGE MACKEY, CARYL KNOWLTON, GINI STREETER, PAT PANOS and LOUISE MORRISON. As guests, we had BARBARA BARLOW, KAY BEERS and JACKIE SAWYER.

On January 22nd the Utah Chapter held a "fly-in" to Provo. A brunch was served at the airport to the following members and guests: NANCY REULING, ALBERTA NICHOLSON, CARYL KNOWLTON, MAXINE NIELSON, SUE ELLIS, GINI STREETER, LUCILE CHRISTOPHERSON, KAY COLEMAN, KAY BEERS and RUTH ADAMSON. LYLE and her husband found some difficulty with their plane and returned to the Salt Lake Airport after just a few minutes out.

During the month of January RUTH WALKER of Provo has been hospitalized for surgery. At this writing all seems to be going well with her.

The Utah Pilots and Owners Assn. held their third annual convention in St. Lake City on January 29th. At this meeting CARYL KNOWLTON was elected as Treasurer of the organization with KAY BEERS as Secretary and LOUISE MORRISON as a member of the Board of Directors.

During January LOUISE ANDERSON and her husband, KEITH, flew to Butte, Mont., on business. They have a produce company in Butte and make

frequent trips to the area. LOUISE and KEITH's daughter, KAREN, and her husband have been stationed in Germany for the past year and their other two daughters, PATRICIA and NANCY, had the exciting experience of visiting with their sister in Germany. NANCY returned in November while PATRICIA returned last Saturday.

MARGE and DON MACKEY flew to Phoenix, Los Angeles (for the Boat Show) then on to Palm Springs (for a short vacation) returning via Las Vegas. They had their two eldest daughters with them.

NANCY REULING has just successfully passed her instructor written examination. She has been actively flying, when the weather permits, to such places as Grand Junction, etc.

LOUISE MORRISON has been getting some flying in during the calm periods, between the rash of storms which has plagued our area.

Not much news comes our way from our Cedar City member, SALLY WELLS, but we know that she is at the airport and working closely with her husband in instruction work and charter flights. As the weather moderates she will be able to attend our monthly sessions.

At our February meeting, held February 9th in the home of LYLE BECKSTRAND, we had the privilege of hearing State Aeronautical Director BOB WALKER give some of his futuristic plans and hopes for aeronautical development for the State of Utah. Those present besides our hostess, LYLE, were JANE ANDREASON, CARYL KNOWLTON, BONNIE YORK, GINI STREETER, SUE ELLIS (who will have an announcement anytime now), VIRGINIA LAVIN, MARJ PETERSON, ALBERTA NICHOLSON, as well as the following guests: KAY BEERS and BARBARA BARLOW, (new pilots) LILA FILDEN, JOYCE ROBINSON and MRS. BOB BRANDT, who is ready to solo. The girls from Ogden and Provo had to return to home base due to bad weather. NANCY REULING could not be present for she had taken a load of Art treasures for an art show and due to bad weather this had to be done by car.

It has definitely been established that JANE ANDREASON will be the official timer at the Rock Springs stop for the AWTAR in July, with CARYL KNOWLTON and LYLE BECKSTRAND as assistants.

With best wishes from the Utah girls to all our friends—Happy Flyin!

## PLAN AHEAD

### International Convention and Powder Puff Derby JUNE, 1966 Seattle, Wash.



**Margaret Kentley, Governor**

Summer is almost over and in many parts the terrible drought has broken, but is still bad in some areas. This has very adversely affected the sale of light aircraft but pilot training is going on apace with ever increasing records of monthly hours flown by aero club and other flying training schools and there has been much coming and going amongst the Women Pilots.

In mid-January we had the great pleasure of a visit from a new 99, DR. VERA FINLAY, of Connecticut, and her husband, DR. JOHN FINLAY, who is immediate past president of the Flying Physicians. They were on their way to give post-graduate lectures in Manila and then to visit the DR. TOM DOOLEY Hospital in Laos. We took them flying in both Sydney and Melbourne and they were truly impressed with our flying-training set-up for light aircraft pilots.

The following week we were charmed by that extraordinary woman, MRS. JAMES (BETTY) FINLAY from Grumman Aircraft Co., who is a flight test engineer with the N.A.S.A. Apollo project. She lectured the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Aeronautical Society on U.S. efforts and plans to put a man on the moon in 1970. As a result of the lecture all I hope is that, when they get there, they have something else to eat besides "green Cheese" to make up for the quite impossible shortages of space in the landing craft to enable them to have "forty winks" between their sorties onto the green cheese. Maybe the "man in the moon" will be hospitable and loan them a pressurized sleeping bag to stretch out in during their 2-day visit. Perhaps we can keep the Spacemen nourished by mental telepathy from memories of the enormous Oyster & Lobster supper the Grumman Agents, H. C. Sleigh & Co., gave us after the lecture.

ROSALIND MERRIFIELD has won a Commonwealth Government Scholarship to take her through her senior instrument rating. She is back from a stint as relief pilot in the Solomon Islands, but will be going back there shortly. BERYL YOUNG is also back from that very difficult, heavy and de-

manding work, flying the United Nations Geophysicists around those islands. The leading twin Aztec trails a "bomb" and the second one must follow it exactly and closely, while throwing forward a magnetic field which bounces off the ground to be picked up by the leading aircraft. Any anomaly below the surface shows up on a type of cardiograph. Any air turbulence upsets the whole thing and if you have to go down, you can choose between the ocean and the crocodiles!

OLGA TARLING is back at A.T.C. Brisbane and was the first of us to greet BETTY FAUX of Long Beach Chapter and ROSALIND MERRIFIELD after the last Pacific crossing. BETTY's first and ROSALIND's THIRD!! How these girls sit in a cockpit flying over the ocean, for up to 16 hours at a stretch, for a total of 53 hours, is a continuous source of wonder to me, but they seem to have lots of fun.

HELEN BLACKBURN's husband has been appointed Hon. A.D.C. in Adelaide to the Governor General. This is a very happy appointment as both men are 49½ers.

LIN BUTLER and her 49½er will soon be on a World Tour and will be coming home via U.S.A. about September and RHONDA STEWART will be coming across the States probably in August.

I do hope some of you will be here for our "Fly-in" as the guests of HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL and THE LADY CASEY, in Canberra on 7 and 8 May, 1966.

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**BRITISH SECTION**

**Janet Ferguson, Reporter**

Two successful and enjoyable meetings to report.

Firstly, on January 21st a business meeting/hangar flying session was held at GILLION CAZALET'S flat. There was a good crowd of members and guests including three prospective members: BARBARA CANNON, JOAN MENSING, and RIKA HARWOOD. RIKA brought along her husband, GODFREY—they are both well known in the gliding world. Various plans were discussed, including arrangements for

the American Ninety-Nines' visit to England this fall, and the race for the Ninety - Nines Trophy, which will be held in early October.

GILLIAN had laid on a magnificent supply of food and drink for us, and even provided a "maid" to serve it. There was a hilarious moment later on in the evening when the "maid" revealed her identity as JAY BALL, a photographer with Hunting Surveys (GILLIAN's company). Her disguise of black dress and stockings, white apron, and spectacles had carried the plot through most effectively, and everyone had been greatly impressed by the fact that Gillian had a maid!

A most enjoyable evening and our thanks to GILLIAN — who in turn wishes to thank everyone who helped her with the party—bottles, food, bartending, washing up, etc. Incidentally, GILLIAN really needed that help as she had to rush down by airline from her survey flying in Scotland and didn't get home until just before the guests were due to arrive!

The second occasion was a visit to a television quiz program, "Double Your Money," compered by the well-known Canadian pilot/showbiz personality HUGHIE GREEN. I missed it, unfortunately, but BETTY CONES has sent me the details. Again a goodly number of Ninety-Nines, 49½ers, 66s and 33s, and their guests gathered together and descended on the TV studios. The Ninety-Nines were welcomed to the program by HUGHIE GREEN and our Governor SHEILA SCOTT actually appeared on the program. After the rigors of TV quizzery, most of the group adjourned to a local restaurant to recuperate.

Our professional pilots are all flying hard—others doing as much as weather and cash permit!



**CONNECTICUT CHAPTER**

**Ruth P. Buckley, Reporter**

The Connecticut Chapter has been busy communicating on a person to person basis these past few weeks. The New Haven Zonta Club presented PEG DAVIDSON as guest speaker. Her topic dealt with air safety.

PEG also spoke to a gathering of local Cub Scouts adding taxi demon-

strations and radio procedure for aircraft for further interest. There is little doubt that she has established aviation into the multiplicity of activities of these eight to eleven year old boys. MARY HORTON, our Vice-Chairman, with her Cub Scout den of twelve visited a control tower. RUTH BUCKLEY and her smaller Cub Scout den produced a model airport with hand-crafted planes. From this the boys learned a few elementary concepts of air traffic patterns, and the relationship of compass to runways. RUTH is also an advisor to a group of Cadet Girl Scouts working on the Aviation Badge.

Using the News as an instrument of communication, we wish to extend greetings to those members within our own Chapter who find themselves unable to attend as many meetings as they might like, due to their various occupations. A special hello to NANCY LUDLOW. NANCY was the Chapter's first Treasurer and is Director of Student Nurse Activities at Norwalk Hospital.

The order of the flight plan is go South! PEG DAVIDSON and family can't wait to fly her 205 down on vacation. JO MASSEY and family also enroute. GINNY and DICK CARRICATO airborne in the Mooney. TETA and BOB GUNTHER enjoy their Skymaster trips. They, too, flew South and then on to a sailing vacation.

The February fly-in was held at Cobelt Airport, Wallkill, N.Y. The March meeting will be a quarterly business meeting to be held at CYNTHIA KEMPER's home in Westport. CHRIS WINZER, Chairman, home from European ski vacation will preside.

The April dinner meeting will be "An Evening with MAX CONRAD". This is Saturday, April 2nd. The place will be the Stratford Motor Inn, Stratford, Connecticut. Their banquet facilities are housed in the Mermaid Tavern. Stratford is S.E. of Danbury Airport and north of Bridgeport Airport.

And when you fly back east ELAINE McCABE, we'll all be out to meet you.

**EASTERN NEW ENGLAND  
CHAPTER**

Lois Auchterlonie, Reporter

February meeting was held at the Kings Grant Restaurant in Beverly, with 19 members and guests. After a business meeting directed by our able Chairman, FRAN PORTER, DOROTHY PULIS presented some 'helpful



**CATHERINE HILLER, Eastern New England Chapter, newly appointed member of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission.**

hints' for pilot proficiency which were most interesting.

New England's gain is Chicago's loss — we're glad to welcome NONA GUSTAFSON to our Chapter. NONA's husband is with American Airlines and is now stationed in Boston. Her Chicago friends can reach her at Box 304, Marblehead, Mass.

Hearty congratulations to CATHERINE HILLER, recently appointed by GOVERNOR VOLPE to serve as the only woman member of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission for a 5-year term. CATHERINE is a qualified FAA pilot examiner for airplanes and gliders at Hiller Airport, Barre, Mass., where she has been a fixed based operator for 14 years. She holds a commercial license with ratings for SEL,

SES, MEL and instrument. She is also an instrument instructor and an advanced ground school instructor. She is a member of President Johnson's Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation, serves as Soaring Society of America Governor for Mass., and is on Board of Directors for New England Soaring Assn. She is a past Governor of New England Ninety-Nines and past President of Mass. Aviation Trades Assn. With her outstanding background in aviation, CATHERINE's contributions to the Mass. Aeronautics Commission will be most helpful.

Boston's WINTERFEST cultural festival included an aviation display of two aircraft and representation of aviation groups. RIPLEY MILLER was instrumental in getting a 99 poster ready (hubby KEN donated his artistry), and printed hand-outs explaining "just what IS a 99" were prepared by LOIS AUCHTERLONIE. First day attendance met the 50,000 mark — with much interest going to the aviation displays. Foremost questions — how much to solo, for license?

GERT McGRATH is working on her instrument rating and recently had the opportunity to co-pilot an instrument flight to Omaha and return. DOROTHY PULIS happily passed her first instrument milestone—the written!



**GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER  
Charlotte M. McCollum, Reporter**

What with the black-out in November, the fog and rain in December, and the transit strike in January, Chairman JULIE VOM SAAL was ready on the morning of February 16—ready to hang herself, that is, when she woke up and saw the snow! The snow, however, changed to light rain, JULIE collected her wits and her bulletin board, and presided over our dinner meeting at Ferdi's Restaurant with graciousness and great aplomb. There were nearly fifty people present. Our brief business meeting consisted mainly of Nominating Chairman PAT WILSON presenting her committee's slate of International Officers, which was passed as presented, there being no nominations from the floor. Our program, most ably arranged by SELMA CROGAN, was the WCBS-TV film "Big Boom in Small Planes." The personal

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appearance of the star of the film, JOAN MURRAY, and CBS-TV executives GEORGE DESSART, ROBERT WEIMER and DAVE SCOTT made the evening a most enjoyable one. We all thank you, JULIE and SELMA, for such a good evening.

Guest JOAN MURRAY made the drawing for the free dinners at the Flying W Ranch, which were won by WILLIE HANZLIK and reporter CHARLOTTE McCOLLUM. WILLIE and SPEED HANZLIK run the air service at Flushing Airport, you know. As for me, I was ecstatic—I never won anything until I became a 99.

My 49½er and I spent a wonderful time island-hopping in the Bahamas for three and a half weeks. I would say the best new place we found was the Cape Santa Maria Club on Long Island, run by BILL SALVADOR. Food, accommodations, beach — everything just fantastic. Don't expect night clubs, though. While at Cape Santa Maria who should pop in for lunch but Member-at-Large FLORA MURPHY from Toronto. She, 49½er DON and friends flew over from Georgetown, Exuma, after hearing about the great food over on Long Island. It wasn't long before we found we had a mutual friend—our own little Treasurer, BARBARA BROTHERTON, who will soon be moving to the Toronto area. Flying Physicians take note—we found Florence Municipal Airport, S. C., to be a most pleasant gas stop on the way home, and they give Green Stamps for your Flying Hospital Ship project.

AVIS and BOB BAYARD are to be congratulated on their new baby daughter born February 1. Name—NICOLE ROBERTA.

Did anyone see DORIS RENNINGER and LOUISE HYDE on "To Tell the Truth"? LOUISE was on nighttime impersonating JUNE DOUGLAS and DORIS was on daytime as a Yoga expert.

JULIE VOM SAAL and 49½er FRED left February 26th for Mexico, the East Coast. RUTH BLISS has had fun in the Cherokee Six—trip to Kalamazoo, Michigan, with taxi trips to pick up 49½er ELLIOTT in Detroit twice.

KAY BRICK lectured to Clifton-Passaic N. J. Zonta on AMELIA EARHART and the Powder Puff Derby and played a recording of AMELIA's voice after landing in Ireland. IRENE KEITH lectured to Paterson, N.J. Zonta on the fascinating job of "jet dispatching." IRENE is one of only two

women in the world qualified in doing this.

MARION LOPEZ ANDREWS has been at her easel again—rendered two watercolors of the USS Duluth LPD6, the last ship to be built at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The ship has a deck for helicopter landings. The paintings were presented at a dinner aboard ship with MARION the guest of honor (and only woman on board!). The paintings will hang aboard the ship in the ward rooms (Officers Quarters). This was done on the NACAL Program—Navy Art Cooperation and Liaison Committee. If you remember, MARION was commissioned last year to do the Blue Angels at Pensacola.

#### LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

##### Honey Kate Trattler, Reporter

ELLIE McCULLOUGH was selected as New York-New Jersey section's candidate for the AMELIA EARHART Scholarship — we're mighty proud of her! ELLIE, who is with Fairchild-Hiller, is a regular commuter now between Long Island and Washington. She and JEAN GLICK were flown by helicopter, on Valentine's Day, into New York City to attend the Wings luncheon—hope the luncheon was as much fun as the transportation.

February meeting was hosted by DOTIE BOCK at her charming Smithtown home. Among the many things discussed was RUTH DOBRESCU's talk with the 66s — all of whom expressed a real need for the encouragement of other women pilots. RUTH, 49½er CHARLIE, and their two girls will be spending part of March in Greece. ANNA DIETRICH, traveling about in her Ercoupe, flew out to Morristown recently to visit her son—and this reporter, 49½er CHARLES and daughter SARA are off to Austria in a few days for some deep powder skiing (CHARLES, by the way, has a shiny new Instrument Rating).



#### CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

##### Marion Dunlap, Reporter

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter held their January meeting in Lock Haven, Pa., as guests at the home of ELLEN ROTTSCHAEFFER. Plans were made for holding a Penny-A-Pound on May 15, 1966 at The Univer-

sity Park Airport, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania.

The February meeting was a luncheon at the Green Gables Restaurant in Lewistown, Pa., and the hostess was CAROL SMITH, our Chapter Treasurer who lives in Lewistown. Plans were made for the Fall Section Meeting to be held at Williamsport, Pa., in October 1966.

MARION DUNLAP participated in Game Feeding at The Mid State Airport, Philipsburg, Pa., February 6th. This is sponsored several times a winter by The Aero Game Feeding Club of Pennsylvania, Inc. The next feeding will be February 27th.

HELEN SHEFFER who has ferried aircraft to Alaska several times has promised at a future meeting to show slides taken on her trips to that area.

MARION DUNLAP flew to Miami Beach, Fla., during the month of January for a week and from there over to the Bahamas where she flew the chain of Islands spending several days at Spanish Wells on the Eleuthera Island and Nassau. It was an interesting trip and a lot of fun especially as there were two aircraft flying together, both 180 Comanches.

The next Chapter meeting will be Saturday, March 12th, at State College, Pa.

#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

##### Caroline Bregler, Reporter

It's that time of the year again when most of the flying is done in the hangar, instead of in the sky. But this has not prevented JOYCE ROGIO from getting her multi-engine rating in the family Baron.

Congratulations to JANET MUNTZ who recently gave birth to a future 99.

JUDY HOPKINS, who is sharing the pleasures of building their own planes, was elected Secretary of the North Philadelphia EAA.

The January meeting of the Eastern Penna. Chapter of 99s was a combination business and theatre meeting. After a luncheon business meeting, CELIA STETLER who was January Chairman also arranged for the Ninety-Nines to see Carousel which was a real great show.

In February the Ninety-Nines sponsored a Maintenance Seminar at the Brass Rail Restaurant at the Philadelphia International Airport. On the program was JOSEPH TYSON from Lycoming Division, AVCO Corp., LES DREHL from Piper Aircraft Corp. and

B. S. VAN ARTSDALEN from FAA at North Philadelphia Airport. Lunch was served by the Brass Rail for this all day seminar which was a highlight of Air Age Education.

On March 19th, there will be a dinner meeting to be held at the Barclay Building, Williamson Restaurant; Chairman, HELEN ZABROW. For reservations contact HELEN. Hope to see all you Ninety-Nines and guests at this meeting.

**MARYLAND CHAPTER**

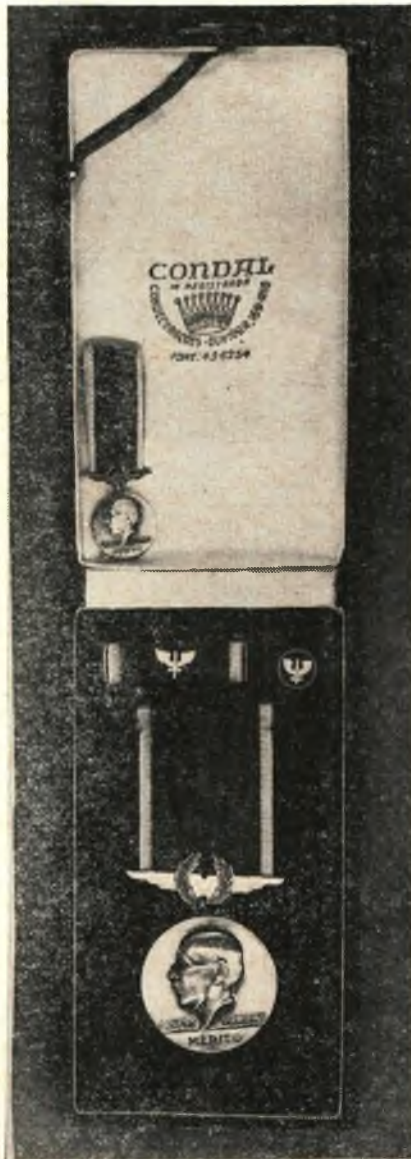
**Leah Stinchcomb, Reporter**

Since you last heard from us, Maryland Chapter has been just too busy to write. In November, LOIS BATY published the first edition of the "Crabpot Intersection News," which is expected to keep us all informed of Chapter and personal doings. (So far, it is living up to expectations.)

EDITH ALBRECHT recently acquired her Commercial ticket to add to the Glider and Instrument ratings she already held. Congratulations! JOYCE ELLSWORTH of Denton, Md., and PORTIA HUTTON of Frederick, Md., are our newest members, but the prospect list looks promising so we'll expect to hear more from MARGE LAKE, Membership Chairman, in the near future.

Our December meeting was special in several ways. BRUCE BATY, Auctioneer, held a White Elephant Sale that did wonders for our Treasury and provided some laughs; and maybe some tears when JOEL saw the lamps JOAN GREER brought home. But best of all, our Christmas gift was to the Pickersgill Home (a Community Chest Agency for elderly people) and thanks to the generosity of 99s and 49½ers, there was a small gift for every resident of the home. Girl Scout Troop 98 gift-wrapped the packages and LOIS BATY delivered them in time for Christmas.

February found us at Friendship International Airport to share the meeting and guest speaker of the Maryland Flying Farmers. JIM SMITH of television station WJZ-TV talked about weather, and boy!! did we have it. There was fog as we came to the meeting, the sun came out during it and just as I slammed the car door to leave, hail and heavy rain. Throw in calm, high winds, black clouds, and clear skies, and you'll have our day. That's one thing about Maryland — if you don't like our weather, just wait a few minutes.



Silver "Merit Santos Dumont Medal" awarded to **BLANCHE NOYES**, January 20, 1966, at the Brazilian Embassy.

**WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER**

**Mary M. "Mitzi" Keller, Reporter**

February 11th meeting was held at the home of your reporter, with 25 members attending. At this meeting a standing ovation was given our member **BLANCHE NOYES**, for this outstanding award.

REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF BRAZIL

MINISTRY OF AERONAUTICS

"Merit Santos Dumont Medal"

Decree N. 39905 of September 5, 1956

D I P L O M A

The President of the Republic of

the United States of Brazil has resolved, by decree dated December 10, 1965, to grant to the American citizen **BLANCHE NOYES** the "MERIT SANTOS DUMONT MEDAL," in silver, for outstanding services rendered to Brazilian Aeronautics.

Brasilia, 15th December, 1965

144th year of Independence and

77th of the Republic

**EDUARDO GOMES**

Minister of Aeronautics

**BLANCHE**, Charter Member of The Ninety - Nines and the air marking specialist for the Federal Aviation Agency, was accorded this honor by decree of Brazilian PRESIDENT CASTILLO-BRANCO and is the first American aviatrix to receive the award.

The silver medal of "Merit of Santos Dumont" is given to Brazilians and foreign nationals in recognition of outstanding services rendered the Aeronautics of Brazil. The medal is named for **SANTOS DUMONT**, a Brazilian who is credited with the first powered take-off and flight in Europe in 1903.

A veteran pilot, **BLANCHE** has been an employee of the FAA and predecessor agencies for the past 30 years. She is in charge of all air marking throughout the U. S. and territories. In addition, she has assisted many foreign countries in setting up air marking systems of their own.

She began her air marking work with the former Bureau of Air Commerce in 1936, having been recommended for the job by **AMELIA EARHART**. Since then she has been responsible for the Government's air marking program. She wrote the technical handbook used by those who install air markers and also designed the U. S. standard helicopter marker and the standard ground signals used by pilots awaiting rescue. The far-reaching effects of her activities is shown in her successful promotion of construction and maintenance of air markers at non-Federal expense.

A native of Cleveland, **MRS. NOYES** began her career as a public figure in the theatre and movies as a dramatic leading lady. She gave up this career to marry an air mail pilot, the late **DEWEY L. NOYES**, who taught her to fly in 1928. After three hours and 45 minutes of dual instruction, she soloed and has been flying ever since. She was the first woman pilot in Ohio and one of the first women to hold an air transport rating.

The recipient of many honors and trophies, she was the first woman to



**BRIGADIER GENERAL ARY PRESSER BELLO, Brazilian Air Attache, presenting the "Merit Santos Dumont Medal" to Charter Member BLANCHE NOYES for outstanding services rendered to Brazilian Aeronautics.**

receive the Gold Medal award of the Commerce Department and was a winner of the Bendix Air Race from New York to Los Angeles; and currently is a member of the Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation as well as an active member of The Ninety-Nines.

FERRELL, DONNA WILLARD, MARION MAY, LOIS BATES, BETTY ROWE and two guests from Hunts-

ville, SUE COFF and CONNIE BROGDON. CONNIE had just soloed the day before. We were ushered to the Flight Service Station in the terminal building of Montgomery's Dannelly Field by our hostess, JUANITA, for a very interesting and informative demonstration of Direction Finding Equipment being installed in many FSS around the country. This equipment is used to help the "disorientated" VFR pilot find himself or the FSS and will take some of the load off the radar which is primarily intended for IFR use. Any VFR pilot can call the FSS and ask for a "DF steer" if help is needed. Facilities that now have this service are listed in NOTAMS and we were informed that FSS so equipped will be happy to let you test their DF installation. After the demonstration, our meeting was held over lunch in the terminal. We voted to run our own JUANITA HALSTEAD for International Secretary. We feel she is an excellent choice for this office and I shall be "campaigning" at great length in the future!

The lack of flying news can certainly be blamed on the distinct lack of decent flying weather that comes with the Alabama winter. However, a few Alabama gals have chased the ceilings up. JEAN LANE deserves a hurrah and well done as she recently received her Commercial license. Congratulations, JEAN! She reports she is now working for her Instructors rating — a busy gal! NANCY BEELAND and her 49½er, JEFF, flew to the Senior Bowl



**ALABAMA CHAPTER**  
Betty Rowe, Reporter

Young Ho from the Alabama Chapter! The February meeting was held on the 6th, an exceptionally beautiful flying day, in Montgomery. The thirteen members and guests who attended were: Chairman BENNIE PETERS, JUANITA HALSTEAD with her daughter, JACKIE COMPTON, as guest, MARGARET FORD, ELISE HEILPERN, NANCY BEELAND, BETTY



**The Alabama Chapter visits the Space Orientation Center on Redstone Arsenal, Ala. Back row (l to r) SHIRLEY HANSEN, DONNA WILLARD, MARION MAY, JEAN LANE and KATHI LANE. Front row: BETTY ROWE, JUANITA HALSTEAD, JAN WARRICK, BENNIE PETERS and ELISE HEILPERN.**

Game in January and they plan to wing their way to Washington, D. C., soon if the weather will cooperate. The HEILPERNS, ELISE and GENE, flew to Washington, D. C., for a Real Estate conference in January. The snows beat them out and they returned commercial, leaving their 182 at Dulles Airport. When weather permitted, the HALSTEADS (JUANITA and 49½er CECIL) and HEILPERNS flew back to Dulles in the HALSTEADS Twin Comanche for lunch and to bring the 182 home. ELISE reports the return trip was much slower in the 182! MARGARET FORD told us of her recent vacation through the Canadian cities of Montreal and Toronto, Quebec, by way of Niagara Falls. She has had some painful back trouble, so we have missed her at previous meetings, but hope her trouble is over now and that we'll see her more regularly.

The accompanying picture was taken at the December meeting in Huntsville by our nice 49½er GENE HALSTEAD. Our Chapter visited the Space Orientation Center at the Marshall Space



**LEONA MALCOM** of Bellair Beach joined the Suncoast Chapter in September 1965. LEE received her private license in May 1965. Her husband, **BILL**, is a commercial pilot with single and multi-engine land, instrument and helicopter ratings plus flight instructor on aircraft and instruments. They own a Cessna Skyhawk and a Brantly Helicopter. They have two children, a boy and a girl, and two poodles. LEE enjoys swimming, shark fishing, bicycling with the family and improving her flying with the help of **BILL**. Her flying came about due to her husband's wanting her to solo and help as a co-pilot on long trips. LEE says, "I was conned all the way to a private license, his original intentions". Now, she couldn't be happier!

99 (or a 49½er would be acceptable).

December 11, 1965—our Chapter had a holiday Monte Carlo party at the home of **MAGGIE FIELDS** and husband, who were such charming hostess and host. All present enjoyed a delicious buffet supper planned by the members. The evening was spent playing the various Monte Carlo Games. The members attending agreed to repeat this type of party at some future date.

The January meeting was held at **JAN WAGNER's** in Fort Lauderdale with ten members attending plus one guest and **DOTTIE BIRDSONG** of the Suncoast chapter, who was attending a convention with her husband in Miami.

After the business meeting, the Goldcoast chapter gave **DOTTIE HARRISON** a little shower for the expected new flier.

The Suncoast Chapter has invited the Goldcoast Chapter to attend their February 9th meeting at Clearwater Airpark, which is the terminus for the AWTAR in 1965. Those planning to attend are **VIRGINA BRITT**, **MIRIAM DAVIS**, **DOTTIE SHAW** and **BETTY TRACY**.

**DOROTHY DAVIDSON** announced the dates and route of the Florida Air Tour. It will start in Tallahassee and terminate in Miami with various planned stops along the way. The dates — April 17 through the 24th. For further information, contact **DOROTHY DAVIDSON** in Miami.

Did you all receive your brochure announcing the "Angel Derby" for 1966? And did you notice the point of departure and the terminus?? It sounds exciting, gals; so don't forget to tuck a Spanish dictionary in your **RON** case. See you all at the races.

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AN AIRPLANE'S BEHAVIOR IN THE AIR IS DEPENDENT ON WEIGHT AND BALANCE!

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#### FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER Theodora B. Shafer, Reporter

The Suncoast Chapter of The Ninety-Nines met at Clearwater Airpark, Clearwater, Fla. Beautiful, warm, sunny flying weather enabled the girls from the Florida Spaceport Chapter at Daytona Beach and the Goldcoast Chapter of Miami to join us in an effort to review plans for the Terminus of the 1966 Powder Puff Derby.

There were 27 girls present to enjoy coffee and refreshments at the Airpark upon arrival. As everyone was informally chatting and sipping coffee, **MR. AL HOOPER** and **MR. WILLIAM E. MONFORT** of the FAA Flight Service dropped in on us. They gave us the latest information on the new Student Instrument Program that the FAA is promoting. Also they enlightened us as to the most recent change that is going to take place in the relocation of the FAA Weather Service in connection with Flight Service from Tampa International Airport to St. Petersburg - Clearwater International Airport. Since this was a surprise visit we were quite delighted and took

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Flight Center on the Redstone Arsenal in HSV. I have included it now as an impetus to visit the Orientation Center, a very worthwhile and enlightening exhibit that gives an aviation-minded 99 a good insight into the realm of space. Movies are shown of Astronaut **ED WHITE's** walk in space and of the proposed flight to the moon. There is even a gadget for the public to "ride" to simulate the feeling of weightlessness.

The March meeting will be held in Tuscaloosa on March 6. We are planning to have a visit from our charming and very capable Section Governor, **MARTHA TOBEY**. We are looking forward to her visit and we'll see you all then!

#### FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER

**Dottie Harrison, Reporter**  
(Jan Wagner, pinch-hitting)

I didn't realize that I would be reporting so soon again, but your present reporter is anxiously awaiting her new

advantage of their presence by questions and answers regarding regulations, etc.

We later had a delightful buffet luncheon at the Jack Tar Harrison Hotel. ETHEL GIBSON'S birthday was recognized with a big slice of cake with a lighted candle in the center. After lunch MR GENE ALLEN ROBINSON, President of the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the group regarding the Chamber's action on the '66 Derby Terminus. The Chamber and the Suncoast Chapter of The Ninety-Nines are working concurrently toward the success of the Terminus celebration and a celebration it is! Since the girls from Spaceport and Goldcoast chapters were on hand to see and hear our latest plans, they were very helpful in offering their support and their presence at the Terminus of which we are deeply grateful.

As this issue of the Ninety - Nines News appears we will be recognizing our Suncoast Chapter's first year anniversary.

It was during this month one year ago that we received our Charter with eight members to sign. Upon reviewing our present status our number has more than doubled as we are welcoming five new members who are: MASON LYKES, MARGUERITE SMITH, SUE VAN DYNE, JEANNE McCLANATHAN and BILLIE DUNBAR (who received her private ticket Dec. '65). Also RUBY SADLER has transferred to us from the Greater New York Chapter. Our Chapter now totals twenty-four members which casts a pleasant reflection on the year of '65.

#### GEORGIA CHAPTER

##### Frances Peacock, Reporter

"Atlanta, measured ceiling one thousand six hundred, visibility four, temperature 47 dewpoint 47 rain (3 inches of it) wind 240° at 15, gusting to 30, barometer 2942 and falling . . . thunderstorms . . . tornado warnings . . ." What a way to start February 13th, meeting day for the Georgia Chapter of 99s. The next morning the Atlanta newspaper headline screamed TORNADIC WINDS, RAIN, LASH STATE, CAUSING WIDESPREAD DAMAGE.

Being ever mindful of our safety training, those who could, drove to Chamblee, the others stayed home. Despite the weather eight 99s and two guests arrived at the HENDERSON home for a delightful luncheon followed by business meeting and address by a guest speaker.



**KAY ALPAUGH, Florida Suncoast Chapter, came to Tampa, Fla., in 1947 from Lebanon, Ohio. She started flying in November of 1963 and received her private license in June 1965. Her husband, BOB, is a pilot and they have a Bonanza M-35. BOB is a plumbing contractor with a plumbing supply in Tampa. Their son BOBBY, age 16, is ready to solo while daughter ROBBIE KAYE, age 4, goes along for the ride. KAY'S leisure activities are flying, bowling, cards and golf. She belongs to various flying and civic clubs, is very active and dedicates much of her time to Eastern Star.**

JEAN VOYLES, program chairman, introduced her guest, MRS. MARTHA BULLOCK, of Atlanta, who spoke concerning her participation in the newly inaugurated aviation training program in the Atlanta schools. The Atlanta Board of Education was fortunate in getting MRS. BULLOCK, whose aviation career began in 1942 at a civilian field where potential military cadets were being taught to fly. With a brand new license and a log book showing 29 hours, she was accepted as a WASP and went on to fly B-26s, 24s, 17s and

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other army aircraft. Her description of this phase of her life was most interesting. Now, a housewife and four children later, MRS. BULLOCK has returned to aviation to take part in public school training of tomorrow's pilots.

This program, the first of its kind in the country, though meeting obstacles of every sort, is continuing. MRS. BULLOCK teaches one hour a day, five days a week, in Dykes high school. This program is also given in two other Atlanta schools, and it is hoped that it can be expanded to the entire school system. Motivation of mentally capable potential drop-outs was the purpose behind establishing the aviation course and the results have been very rewarding.

During the business meeting nominations for International office were made. CAROLYN KENNEDY, Chairman, read the various communications concerning support of a candidate, support of a resolution, announcement of the 1966 IAR, an Aero Club flight to Europe, Women's Pylon race and others. Committee reports were made by CAROLE HARP for the RON Kit sales, JEAN VOYLES on program plans, MARY LEE NIX on membership, FRANCES PEACOCK on public relations and air marking. Announcement was made of the Spring Sectional to be held in Chattanooga May 6 and 7 A committee, composed of JEAN VOYLES, MARY LOU HENDERSON and BETTY TERRY, was appointed to investigate potential sites for the Fall Sectional, to be hosted by the Georgia Chapter. Plans were discussed for a tour through the Lockheed - Marietta plant, also a meeting in Augusta for further planning of the AWTAR "must stop".

CAROLYN KENNEDY described a flying trip to Sarasota, Florida, where she and HOWARD visited MARY SHEAFER (99 from All-Ohio Chapter) and her husband. She also told of a trip to Huntsville, Alabama, to visit her daughter and family. MARY LEE NIX, who is busy working on her commercial, continues to add hours in her log. JEAN VOYLES and husband, ROY, are now a 2-plane family—hers a 210, his a bright yellow JC3 cub. FRANCES PEACOCK reported a delightful visit in Atlanta with BLANCHE NOYES early in February, when BLANCHE came to Georgia to visually inspect the 71 airmarkers that have been completed under state contract during the past several months.

## MEMPHIS CHAPTER

Mary Stanley, Reporter

On Feb. 12 Memphis 99s gathered at the Club LeRonde, atop the new Midtown Office Bldg. Our social chairman, HILDA SAVAGE, had arranged a gala evening featuring dinner and dancing, particularly honoring our new members and their husbands. It was our first completely social gathering in some time and everyone took advantage of the opportunity to catch up on the news with both new and old flying friends. The setting was very fitting for a group of pilots. The Le Ronde, as its name indicates, is comprised of an outer circular floor with tables revolving around the stationary dance floor. In a 360 degree revolution the entire Memphis horizon is visible from every table, and the view is beautiful — almost as spectacular as flying over it at night.

Our attendance at meetings is always good, we think, and on this occasion thirteen of our sixteen members and 11 49½ers were present. These included: GERRY and BILL BAKER, CHRIS BROWN, POLLY and HOWARD DUNCAN, JERRY and KEN GUTHRIE with guests LAFON and GEORGE AKER, ANN HATTEN, JOSIE and DR. JOHN HOWSER, VIRGINIA and EVERETT PROCTOR, HILDA and DOYLE SAVAGE, JUNE and DR. CARY KUYKENDALL, MARY and JOE STANLEY, INA and MIKE WALKER, ROSEMARY and BOB WILLIAMS, and NINA JOE and WAYNE WITHERINGTON.

Flying news this month is somewhat curtailed due to unfavorable weather. CHRIS has recently bought half interest in a Skyhawk. ROSEMARY and BOB had flown into LaGuardia in their Bonanza during the holidays and to their surprise found it no busier or more difficult than Memphis Metropolitan — and it was at night, too. INA, POLLY and HILDA had flown to West Palm Beach to pick up DOYLE SAVAGE — flew a Mooney Mark 21. KEN and JERRY GUTHRIE with their three children visited several points in the west in a Cherokee 6 — including Phoenix and the Grand Canyon.

Spring is just around the corner and tentative plans for many happy flights are in the making, including participation in the Spring Sectional, the National Convention, the AWTAR, and a visit by some of us to one of the stops. You will be seeing the Memphis Chapter around.

## TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Ruth W. Thomas, Reporter

RAIN DATE — a misnomer in Tennessee this winter. Both our regular January Meeting Date and Rain Date were cancelled because of snow — thick, slick SNOW. According to LADY McREYNOLDS' notice, Tennessee Chapter next meeting will be held in Knoxville, February 19th with Feb. 26th as SNOW date.

AGENDA — The two important items for discussion and action at the January meeting which didn't take place will be carried over to the February meeting. They are: the Spring Section Meeting at Dallas Bay Skypark in May and the Chattanooga Race Stop in July.

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### International Convention and Powder Puff Derby

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TERMINUS TIMERS — EVELYN JOHNSON reports that she had an easy time getting her Timers Committee together for the 1966 AWTAR terminus. The question, "Will you, again?", was answered "Yes" by EDNA DAVIS, Tennessee; MARY SAWYER, Tennessee; JAN WARRICK, Alabama; and LOIS WARTMAN, Rhode Island. In addition LADY McREYNOLDS, Tennessee, has agreed to fill in if needed. CHATTANOOGA RACE STOP — DOROTHY PATTEN, Chattanooga is Chairman of the Race Stop.

HISTORY — RUTH THOMAS, Knoxville, has been appointed to write a History of the Tennessee Chapter of 99s. A visit to her home will find old Newsletters and newspaper clippings laid out in neatly organized disorganization all over the spare bedroom. This History will also be used by the participants of the Annual Tennessee Aerospace Workshop. One of their major projects this summer will be History of Aviation in Tennessee.

CORRECTION — Please correct your list of officers for the Tennessee Chapter to read IRENE FLEWELLEN, Treasurer, and VALARIE GRANT, Secretary.

AE SCHOLARSHIP — Tennessee's applicant for the AMELIA EARHART Scholarship Award is VALARIE GRANT of Chattanooga. VALARIE is ready for her Instrument Rating and Instrument Instructors Rating.

SPRING SECTIONAL — IRENE FLEWELLEN and SARAH DUKE are firming up plans for the Southeast Spring Sectional to be held at Dallas Bay Skypark, May 6, 7, and 8. MARTHA TOBEY writes that 14 of their 16 members (Memphis Chapter) will be up for the fun planned on Friday night. Wouldn't we have a record breaking meet in all Chapters sent a proportionate number of members?

PUBLIC RELATIONS — LAVONNE JOLLEY and husband flew the Mayor of Chattanooga to the Orange Bowl in December. DOT PATTEN, BEE REID and their 49½ers attended the NATA meeting in Atlanta the first part of December. BEAR FACTS — MILDRED JORDAN and her husband went bear hunting last fall. Each has a bear skin rug to prove their prowess with a rifle.

TENNESSEE — What do you think of when the State name is mentioned? Pencils? Hardwoods? How about aviation and Space? The 1966 Aerospace Workshop for Tennessee Teachers will celebrate its 14th year this summer.

The Advanced Workshop has developed into a supply house of staff members for workshops all over the country. The University of Tennessee is now in its second year of class sessions in aerospace science and engineering at the Space Institute in Tullahoma Tennessee. The 2 million dollar Institute will be completed by fall. Meanwhile the Air Force's Arnold Engineering Development Center (which houses the world's largest wind tunnel) has provided quarters for classroom sessions.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER  
Edy Maxim, Reporter

News of our Travelers: MARY SCHAEFER, Medina, enjoying the winter in

Sarasota, Florida, and is expected back about March 1st. VIRGINIA SCHUMACHER Comanched to Nassau for New Year's Eve and Bahama's "Junkanoo". VIRGINIA TOOPER did two dozen puppet shows over the Christmas holidays and will go in March to Rolla and Joplin, Missouri, to speak before the Teachers' Association and Rotary. MARIE HUSTON flew her Skyhawk to Arkansas for the holidays with the children. On the same day, 49½er SAM flew to Alaska on a military TDY. JOANN STYPE and ROY left for Florida in January in their 172. BEV and BOB LANG welcomed their new daughter, SUSAN MICHELLE, on October 11th! The LANGS plan to jet to Florida in February.

Good to learn that DOC BONAR is on the A-Okay list once again. In January, JEAN and DOC finally had the opportunity to log some more hours on their lovely new "S" Bonanza. To Phoenix and then on to Mexico—terrific scenery, food, sun and the best fishing ever. "Just what the doctor ordered".

January 16th meeting: All of Ohio VFR, but Cleveland, and so the attendance at Port Columbus Airport excellent. Many thanks to MARION BETZLER, BEV LANG, BUNNY FOLEY, LEAH SCHOFIELD, ANN NICHOLS and the many other CMH area girls for the splendid arrangements. On the agenda, too, was a tour through the radar room. One of our guests was CAPTAIN BILL BARBER who in routine, every-day life flies for North Central Airlines but for diversion, fun and relaxation, performs aerobatics in many air shows in his Curtiss Falcon or Clipwing Cub.

Two of our members were busy with AMELIA EARHART Zonta Club dinner meetings in January. JOAN HRUBEC was AE chairman for the Cleveland Zonta. Speaker at the AE dinner was Cleveland's "Early Bird" GEORGE SCRAGG, who had early movies to show us of those amazing early fliers and their early flying machines. Very impressive and this certainly reminded us of the movie (Magnificent Men and Their Flying Machines). Speaker for the Findlay Zonta AE meeting on January 4th was 99 MARY BRANDMAN, who spoke of the part women have played in aviation. MARY also presented another talk on January 18th.

JERRIE MOCK is once again planning for a new flight record and will

be using her new Cessna Super Skylane. Details are not entirely worked out, but she will probably try for a distance non-stop mark—perhaps from Honolulu to Cleveland.

Interesting notes on two of our nurses: IONE SHELTON — The Ohio Air National Guard's 160th Air Refueling Group has the distinction of being the only Air Guard unit in the state with a distaff Squadron Commander. IONE, a Major, is Commander of the 160th TAC dispensary, which is part of the 160th ARG, and she also serves as flight nurse for the unit.

IONE'S military career began in 1944 after graduating as RN from Toledo (Ohio) Hospital. She at one time served in the India-Burma Theater. After completing Flight Nursing School at Gunter Air Force Base (Alabama), she joined the Ohio Air National Guard. In 1963 she was named Commander. She

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flies the family 182, WX permitting, to Unit Training Assemblies throughout the year. In civilian life, in addition to caring for her family, IONE serves on the hospital staff at Bowling Green (Ohio) University.

MARTHA "BUNNY" FOLEY—BUNNY was the first nurse to be engaged in aero-space research and really "feels like a pioneer". She has been an assistant in the aviation medicine research lab at Ohio State University for 4 years.

She "drives" and altitude chamber which she calls "Ground Bound Airlines". She navigates it for research projects, some personally developed but most presented by other OSU departments to the 4-member lab team which sometimes is assisted by others in the department of preventive medicine. Most of her research is done with people. And, among her current projects are blood pressure study, met-

abolics on divers underwater and high altitude exercise tolerance.

After 2 years at Rosemond College, near Philadelphia, she trained at St. Xavier College, School of Nursing, in Chicago. Following a post grad course in operating room procedure, she taught there for 5 years. BUNNY learned how to dive and fly, which probably prompted her to join the Air Force for 2½ years. As a Captain at Scott Air Base (Illinois), she helped set up a new hospital but had a desire to go into aviation research. As this phase was not available, she retired to spend a year taking courses in physiology at the University of Illinois before coming to Columbus. One weekend a month she spends at Wright-Patterson in Dayton (Ohio). She is a major in the Air Force Reserve.

A BIG WELCOME to our many new members, joining All-Ohio in the past several months: RAE ARLENE WHITNEY (Dayton), VIRGINIA TOOPER (Cincinnati), VIRGINIA BLAKELY (Cleveland), NANCY FAIRBANKS (Cincinnati), ISA FREEBOURN (Erie, Penn.), MARIE HUSTON (Lockbourne AFB), ANN NICHOLS (Columbus), MIRIAM ROSELL (Lebanon), WINIFRED STEPHENS (Arcanum), PAULINE EK (Cleveland)—PAULINE and her 49½er got their private licenses about the same time, MARYA GIESY, RUTH SITLER (Kent), and CAROLYN JUNE HALEY. Reinstatements: JOAN MACE and MAROLYN JOYCE CARLIN (Newark). Transferred from San Diego: JANE WEISLOGEL.

MUGS, ANYONE?

### **CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER**

**Margie Hall, Reporter**

ATTENTION ALL GIRLS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL SECTION—Please mark your calendar NOW for the wonderful North Central Section Convention, to be held at the Lodge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri—April 15, 16, 17, 1966. Plan to come early on Friday because we've big doings in the making.

Our Convention Chairman, MARY ELDERS, has been buzy, buzy, buzy; twisting arms, shedding tears and co-ercing friends, getting all the wonderful plans ready for the Convention. If you arrive on Friday, we've planned a Ozark Bar-b-que done in Four Seasons style, there will be a combo for dancing, we'll play Bingo, and we can assure you lucky winners of lovely prizes.

Saturday morning we'll have a delicious Buffet Breakfast. Following this there will be a golf tournament for the 49½ers and bass fishing will be at its peak, so bring the children, there's loads to do that will keep them entertained.

We'll have our luncheon at noon, with a outstanding speaker. Bring all your friends whether they fly or not, we know they will enjoy all the festivities. Following this will be our business meeting. After a (short) meeting, we'll have time for a swim or a short boat ride or just resting.

Saturday night we'll really have a whing-ding. Cocktail party to put us in the mood. Then a banquet with another speaker of note. Following this we'll go to the Great Hall for dancing and fun, fun, fun.

Sunday morning will find the Cape Girardeau Chapter up bright and early; we'll be hostesses for the Fly-away Breakfast and then check out for home.

We would like to issue a personal invitation to each of you to come and bring all your friends. We can assure you of fun, frolic, fishing, golfing, aviation talk, prizes and numerous goodies too wonderful to miss. We'll be sorry you couldn't come if you don't show up, but you'll be sorry that you didn't when you find out how much fun you missed. **SO FILE YOUR FLIGHT PLAN NOW—DESTINATION: LODGE OF THE FOUR SEASONS — LAKE OZARK, MO. — NORTH CENTRAL SPRING CONVENTION — APRIL 15.**

#### **CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER**

**Delores J. Adamson, Reporter**

Winter weather has grounded most of us these past weeks but we still are doing a little commercial flying. JANE SCHMIDT and 49½er BILL recently returned from a four day stay in sunny Las Vegas. JANE has also been doing a little flying in a Cherokee and reports that Terre Haute is just the right distance for coffee.

DEE ADAMSON recently "jetted" out of Indianapolis to Augusta, Ga., to spend a weekend visiting her brother who is stationed at Ft. Gordon with the U. S. Army. She was accompanied by her future sister-in-law who was making her first flight commercially. Fortunately, she had been "broken in" by flying with DEE in "little" planes.

Our Chairman, CARMEN SKOW, and Vice-Chairman, DEE ADAMSON, were the speakers for the January meeting of the Zonta Club in Decatur, Ill. Their

appearance received some very nice publicity and the reporter who interviewed them asked for more literature on The Ninety-Nines.

Chairman CARMEN SKOW reports that the control tower is now in operation between the hours of 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. at the Decatur airport. The tower frequency is 118.9 and ground control is 121.9. CARMEN sent the tower staff a lovely bouquet in behalf of our Chapter to welcome them to our area.

JEAN REID has been actively supporting her special project — that of seeing the city of Streator obtain a new airport — by giving lectures and talks before various community organizations. Much luck, JEAN!

Hope to see you all at Spring Sectional.

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#### **CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER**

**Mary Shumway, Reporter**

The January meeting was held in the home of VIRGINIA BOWMAN in Oak Park, who spends one half of the year in their apartment house in the Virgin Islands and we don't see enough of her. A huge group attended and were entertained by a film medley consisting of BOWMAN'S 16mm movies of antique airplanes on display to the public at Midway Airport this fall to promote the film, "The Magnificent Men and their Flying Machines," and had shots of TRACY PILURS in her "Pretty Purple Putty Tail" who flew in for the display. Several other members contributed their colored slides and movies of aviation (of course!) and were enjoyed by all.

LOUISE and RAY KOKESH, MARIE CRONIN and MIKE and MARGE and KELLY LITTLE all flew to Moline for dinner Sunday and were talking to the SHUMWAYS and KRAUSES on their way back from Peoria. (Yes,

that frequency was a little crowded). LOUISE KOKESH also writes how much they enjoyed their Bonanza trip to Miami, in January, along with EVA and HAROLD WHITE in their Debonair. One day they flew to Freeport in the Bahamas, the first time over water and she says it was great. They'll skip Miami the next trip and go direct to Bahamas.

MARIE CRONIN is just getting back to flying activities after helping out with her first grandchild, a baby girl. Congratulations!

DORIS MULLEN writes they'll be gone for next meeting as she and MOON were asked to go on Caribbean trip with friends in their Twin Beech H-18, going from New Orleans to Guatemala City, Central American cities, his a few islands and end up in the Bahamas, three weeks in all. She also passed her helicopter instructor written and is now preparing for flight test. DORIS really put the helicopter to use recently big game hunting as some imported live elk from Wyoming were brought to Kankakee for the Bolin game farm and broke out. (Six of them to be exact.) DORIS and the Hughes were called in to assist the deputies in shooting them with tranquilizing guns as they couldn't get them all because of the 50 to 100 foot range of the guns, so DORIS zoomed the deputy in close and they got one. Altogether four were tranquilized and two are still at large. There was quite an article in the Kankakee Daily Journal and quite a merry chase.

DORIS and MOON also had a power failure on takeoff in the P-Bonanza of late, took the gear off on some cars coming down, clipped the two wings going in between two trees and came to rest in the snow. Totaled the engine, but they were uninjured! DORIS attributes it to MOON'S quick thinking and glider experience. DORIS sez "Who says being a homemaker is a dull routine?" (No comment, wheeeew!!)

SUE ROSCOE and her 49½er just returned from medical meeting at Boyne Mountain, Michigan, in the '65 Skylane in spite of a few stops because of low ceilings. She is now medicating GARTH'S injured leg, bruised and swollen from the skiing. It's spelled "Mate-a-care."

Yours truly is flying, but not getting all DORIS MULLEN'S experience, just getting familiar with the new 206 and making friends with it! Grrrr!

Happy flying!

**GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER**  
**Joy Morrison, Reporter**

The Domestic Engineers in our club have organized and are taking to the airways during the weekdays. JOANN REINDL, MARY ANN NOAH, RUTH STAFFORD, LAURIE MONK, MARGE PARIS, MARILYN DICKSON, BETTY SIMPSON and KITTY HEATH averaged a "O" heading for St. Joseph and upon arrival found themselves hungry so they took a westwardly course and steered to Topeka for lunch. KITTY, it was a shame that you had plotted a course to Topeka only to have the fellows in the tower tell you that the group was flying to St. Joseph first. Anyway it was a fine way for you and that 150 to build confidence — alone. The ladies are seriously considering forming a weekday fly-away club. And where are the "working girls"? Standing earth bound enviously looking toward the sky.

Toastmaster ARTHUR GODFREY was in Kansas City to speak to the Aero Club. 99s and their 49½ers attended the meeting and found MR. GODFREY very entertaining.

There is a future 99 in our midst. DOROTHY STRATTON gave birth to a girl in January. Mother and daughter are doing fine, but neither has taken to the airways yet.

For our January meeting we toured the Air Control Center in Olathe, Kansas. We were highly impressed with the mechanization required to keep the skies under control. We were able to watch the radar closely. Some of the members were disappointed that they didn't make a very big blob on the screen when they pushed their transponders. COLEEN GORDON is seriously considering having two transponders mounted on the plane so they'll notice her without delay. MARILYN DICKSON and her girls from the Wing Scouts took part in the tour also.

In case of nuclear attack, contact ALEAH and BUD COMBS. They are participating in a 60-hour radiological course sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol. At the end of the sessions, they will be able to read a Geiger counter, tell about protons and neutrons and determine the amount of fallout in a given location.

**GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER**  
**Amy Laws, Reporter**

Always suspected — now I know — that our 99s have more on the ball than the ability to fly - keep house -



**IRENE RAWLINGS**, Greater St. Louis Chapter Chairman, presenting attache case to 3,000,000 passenger of 1965 to Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo., **MRS JULIA NEWTON**. From left to right: St. Louis Ambassador **SAM LEWIS** (Director of Soldier-Sailor Memorial in STL); **MRS. CARMEN CERVANTES**, wife of St. Louis Mayor; the **HON. A. J. CERVANTES**, who is hidden behind **IRENE**; Ambassador **ROBERT A. GRIESEDIECK** on mike; with STL Ambassadors, **EDWYNNE MURPHY** and Alderman **PETER SIMPSON**, partially hidden behind him.

etc., etc. Our January meeting held with the St. Louise Aero Club proved it. We are Hams! And I don't mean like in radio. I mean like in 'the theatre'.

Our skit, entitled "Those Magnificent DAMES in Their Flying Machines", or "Behind the Scenes at the Cream Puff Derby", was a humorous expose of what REALLY goes on at those female-type air races; as such it was

appreciatively received by the audience — about 65 people, all in the flying business—who are always ready to laugh with us (or was it at us?).

About 16 of our girls took parts as crews of two who argued all the way, singing, "Anything you can do, I can do better" — ROSE JOLY and JAN POCOCK. Two glamour girls, more concerned with their appearance than with flying, were BETTY WILLISTON and MEARL FRAME, singing appropriately enough, "We are two little girls who have lost their way". Two with radio trouble were DOROTHY HAUPT and KIT HEACOCK with IRENE RAWLINGS as the Tower Operator, singing "Hello Dolly".

JEAN LENNERTSON did a clever job as "Telephone Tillie", who told the whole story to her husband as the race progressed. RUTH TAKSEL, who wrote the show, also was narrator. GOLLY MINER did the choreography (that is eight chorus girls opened the show dancing to the music of the title). Other members of the cast were LOIS SHAFER, MILDRED JAMES, EARLENE HAUPT, VAL JOHNSON, and

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AMY LAWS. (Apologies, if I left anyone out). All in all a real fun evening.

After the dinner and just before the show, we also had our Achievement Awards announced and trophies given. Winners this year were VAL JOHN-SON, first place; RUTH TAKSEL, second; AMY LAWS, third; DOROTHY HAUPT, fourth; and IRENE RAWLINGS, fifth. Our thanks go to SYLVIA BLOOM for being Award Chairman and keeping track of the points all year and to LAURA SELLINGER who does such a good job choosing the lovely awards which this year were in brass and quite beautiful.

We are so thrilled at having so many new members—JEAN LENNERTSON was pinned at the December luncheon, and LOIS SHAFER and MILDRED JAMES at the January dinner. Our February meeting, held at JANE NOYES' home saw MEARL FRAME receive her pin from Chairman IRENE RAWLINGS. We also welcomed two guests, MARY ELLEN McCLERNON, just transferred from the Ozark Chapter, and ANDY RIGGINS, a student from St. Charles Airport. MARY ELLEN is living in St. Louis now, having become manager of the St. Louis office of the Government of the Bahamas, and she flies with the club at newly opened Parks Airport in East St. Louis, Ill. She received her private license last August. Ozark's loss is our gain.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

Billie Anderson, Reporter  
Dorothy Smith, Pinch-hitting

The Indiana Chapter met Sunday, February 20th in Lafayette. MARTHA HOLST was our hostess and a very fine one as always. SHIRLEY MAHAN attended a joint Indiana and Illinois Flying Farmers Convention in Bloomington, Illinois, in January. She was chosen Indiana Queen of F.F. for the 1966-1967 year. She will represent her state at the International Convention in Louisville, Ky., this summer and promote flying among women in the state organization.

CARL and MURIEL DYKEMA have just returned from a trip to Acapulco on the Indianapolis Voyager 1000 Club D-7 plane. Weather wonderful, warm and dry there. They would like to take another trip there with the children for a very effective Spanish lesson.

EILEEN RIDGWAY was made Secy-Treas. of the Delaware County Aero Club in Muncie. She recently had her first ride, and handled the controls for

about fifteen minutes, in the 18-A Gyroplane. EILEEN brought as her guests, WENDY BLUMENFIELD, a prospective member, and JOHN CLAYTON, President of Delaware Co. Aero Club.

The GENUNG'S finally have their Skyland back in action after three months down time for maintenance. They have taken several trips: Evansville, Danville and local; also getting back in practice on PAR's at Weir Cook.

DOROTHY SMITH was awarded the Dee Nicholas Trophy by the Indianapolis Aero Club this month. This rotating trophy is awarded every year to an outstanding woman pilot of the year.

The Indiana members are working hard and looking forward to a 100% membership attendance meeting in May. KATIE SAGE with assistance from ETHEL KNUTH and DELIA SANDERS are doing the promotional work. They promise many prizes and surprises. We also hope to attract any former Indiana members. The date is May 15th. The place Weir Cook Airport Hotel, Indianapolis. Keep this date in mind and plan to attend.

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#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Pat Clark, Reporter

LORRAINE McCARTY'S Art Exhibition proved to be a wonderful success and we were proud of her work. Many of her paintings were painted in her Georgia hide-away this past fall.

ADDIE BINSFIELD and LUCILLE QUAMBY will be flying to New Orleans for the WIBC. LOMA MAY was guest speaker for Alpenza Zonta Club observance of AMELIA EARHART Day, Jan. 21. She was "home" for the first time in 24 years.

MARY PELTO has agreed to be an aviation Advisor to Wing Troop 1714 of the Allen Park Girl Scouts. Yours

truly, PAT CLARK, gave a talk on Ninety-Nines to the same troop.

No new ratings this month but: NAOMI WEITZMAN of Lansing, MARY PELTO of Detroit and PAT CLARK of Allen Park are all working on Instrument ratings.

We had many guests at our February meeting, held at the Holiday Inn of Dearborn. NANCY BRANDON and guest, MRS. ELEANOR WALDO, flew in from Lansing. NANCY is flying to Washington, D. C., this month—commercially — with 10-year-old nephew DAVID and 8-year-old daughter JULIA.

MARY CARPENTER'S guest, LINDA WARREN, is a prospective 99 member. LINDA received her private pilot glider rating on August 13, 1965, at age 16. On her 17th birthday she received her pilot ratings on both single and multi-engine land. CAROL WELCH'S guests were NORMA and RUSS ETTER of Oscoda. The ETTERS own a Piper Cherokee. RUSS is a Jet pilot stationed at Wurtsmith Air Force Base; NORMA is a private pilot. They have 2 children.

ALICE DAVIS will be picking up a new Comanche 260 at the Lock Haven plant soon.

How do you fly an airplane at night? Well, you have a light on the right wing, a light on the left wing and a light on the tail so all you do is keep the plane within the lights. I, too, have kids . . .

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Ruby St. Onge, Reporter

This report will go way back to December to give a brief description of what the Minnesota Chapter has been doing. We have not been inactive but this reporter was lax on her job due to Christmas and also the death of her father in January.

The Annual Christmas party was held on December 4th at the Golden Valley Country Club with our Chairman, DOROTHY WESTLING, hosting the event. There were 32 gay parties on hand for the delicious dinner and festivities. Following the dinner we were entertained by "Senator Stumblebum" a fictitious character passing through our state. In person the "Senator" was MR. ROMAN DICAIR, a member of the Toastmaster Club 75 and also an Aqua Jester. It goes without saying — he was the hit of the evening.

In January we had another very well attended evening at Minneapolis - St. Paul International Airport. Those who

could make it for dinner at the Voyageur Inn in the main Terminal. After dinner we all toured the new FAA Control Tower. Many members had visited the old tower in the past but this was a first for everyone in the beautiful new tower. The tower personnel are always very gracious and our thanks go out to each of them for showing us the duties they perform to make each of our landings and takeoffs safe and easy.

This month, February, we went one step further and on Sunday, February 13th we toured the Air Traffic Control Center in Farmington, Minn. Around 30 members and friends met at 2 p.m. at the Center. First thing on the agenda was a film showing an average citizen — air passenger — learning how the plane he is in is controlled on the entire flight. Following this very interesting film our group was divided into smaller groups of 6 and given a guided tour of the entire Center. It was interesting to find out that there was only one lady controller, although there have been as many as seven in the past at this Center. I'm sorry I did not get this gal's name but maybe it would be fun to invite her to talk to us at some future meeting.

A few of our members were not at the Sunday tour because of trips to warmer climates. DOROTHY RYAN and husband ROCKY have flown to the Bahamas. CAROLINE and RAY OLSON of Austin, Minn., have flown to Mexico and I understand they may go on to South America. RAY got his Instrument Rating before leaving JOYCE JOHNSTONE and husband BRUCE flew their Travelair to Florida in January but are back now to face "old man winter" and we just learned that BRUCE has filed for Mayor of St. Paul.

GRETCHEN GEPHART received her Masters degree in Public Health Nursing and then won a scholarship — a trip to Europe. She and her husband, WALLACE, will be gone for about 5 months and I'm sure she will have much to tell us when she returns. New member JOYCE FRANCIS received her Commercial License in January and RITA ORR just passed her Instrument written. This reporter finally got started on work for the Instrument Rating that the AMELIA EARHART Award will make possible. I am also typing the manuscript for a new Instrument Flight Manual being written by MR. FRED VAN DUSEN, here in Min-

neapolis. The topic is so interesting it doesn't seem like work.

At our February Center tour we had several prospective members with us. SUNNY JAMES, NAN WICKLAND and DOROTHY BOLANDER. Also a Wisconsin member who will be transferring, VIRGINIA PURDUE. VIRGINIA and her husband, RICHARD, now live in Rochester, Minn., and are busy building a "Pitt Special". Sounds like fun, doesn't it? Welcome to you all.

Our Chairman, DOROTHY WESTLING, and her husband, DON, moved into their new home just before the first of the year. It sounds perfectly lovely. Congratulations and best wishes to the WESTLINGS and to JOYCE, RITA and GRETCHEN, also.

Valentine day has passed and spring is on the way. May we all find time to get out and fly and happy landings to all.

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#### **WISCONSIN CHAPTER**

**Marie A. Mitzenheim, Reporter**

VICKI MARSHALL invited the 99s to a luncheon at her home for the February meeting. MARILYN RITZMAN, DORA FRITZKE, JUNE BOYLE, DEEDO HEISE, EHREN FATH, Chairman TONEY and MARIE MITZENHEIM attended.

Chairman TONEY conducted a meeting during which nominations were made for Section Officers. A magazine article was circulated showing three pictures of JEAN HAUSER and a write-up about her flying, in a publication for the deaf. JEAN has a private license and is a 99 and we are so proud of her.

Some interesting suggestions were made for our program at the Sectional in September, 1966. We are eagerly looking forward to meeting neighboring 99s and enjoying their good company and some Hangar Flying..



#### **ABILENE CHAPTER**

ED NOTE: Since no Abilene news was received prior to deadline, I am pleased to present the following article that appeared in The Sunday Oklahoman, January 30, Okla. City, by Aviation writer, Larry Levy.

"An Abilene woman who was 'scared to death' when she first started flying three years ago has become the first woman to take jet training at Aero Commander.

"MRS. RICHARD HALL, better known as 'MEL' for MELBA, was still 'in the air' after a jet trip to California.

"The trip to Los Angeles was made at night at 40,000 feet. It was the first time MRS. HALL, 36, had flown so high. 'If people could only experience what it is like that close to the stars', she said.

"For the first time she experienced as a pilot — although she was flying co-pilot — such things as the jet stream and wind shear.

"On the way back, during the daytime, she took over the controls from after takeoff until the engines were stopped in Oklahoma City.

"Actually, becoming rated by the FAA for flying the Jet Commander is still some time off. She came to Aero Commander at Wiley Post Airport to attend a two-week ground school on how the plane works.

"MRS. HALL started flying for pleasure, because her husband, a Texas oilman, had learned to fly at 17 and used a plane for both business and pleasure. At first her flying, with a single-engine plane, was strictly for pleasure.

"Her husband was stricken with arthritis and the medicine he used affected his eyesight so he can no longer fly. MRS. HALL now does some business flying.

"Her husband's firm has a full-time pilot who will retire this year.

"She said she hopes to take over his chores, but has doubts about making it her career, especially with the Jet Commander. 'I doubt if I'll ever be first pilot,' she said, 'but will be very happy to be the co-pilot.'

"The firm presently operates a con-

ventionally powered Aero Commander, which she also flies.

"Although she started flying about three years ago and now has about 400 hours of flying time, MRS. HALL admits she didn't really get the flying bug until two years ago.

"As for the Jet Commander, she is a big booster of the way the plane flies."

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#### ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Donna Hale, Reporter

The ridge-runnin' gals from Arkansas have been on the go, skidding on runways of ice and snow. The January meeting was a frigid fly-in at Ft. Smith where MARGE NELSON, our sparkling newest member, had arranged for chicken dinners served on airplane wings and a special entertainment treat by "Uncle Tom", Arkansas' TV Magician. BETTYE BOLLEN with her 49½-er, LINDY, properly in tow, tooled her scootin new Skylane to the meeting as did MARY DU KETT with her BARTON. Coming thru the icicles from Siloam Springs were Arkansas newest licensed aviatrix, SALLIE SIMMONS, whom we are proud to announce is becoming a 99, and a prospective student, HELEN TURNER, in SALLIE'S Cherokee, "69 Whiskey."

Next month JONESBORO.

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#### AUSTIN CHAPTER

Peggy Dougal, Reporter

The past few weeks have included several activities interesting to the Austin 99s. Our Chairman, BEVERLY GREGG, appeared on a television program in late January. She was interviewed concerning the local 99 group. She appeared as her usual delightful self while she gave an enthusiastic description of flying in general and activities of the 99s in particular.

Our January meeting, arranged by MARY BELLE SMITH, proved to be an interesting event for all who were able to attend. We met at the airport on a beautiful clear day and went for over an hour ride in the plane belonging to the former Governor of Texas, Allan Shivers. We were highly impressed by his new Lear Jet. GENE BEARD allowed us to take turns sitting in his co-pilot's seat. Don't you know we all felt pretty proud to tell our husbands that we had taken a turn at the controls! The pilot, LEONARD SMITH (MARY BELLE'S 49½-er), explained all the extra dials and buttons that we were not familiar with. As we return-

ed to the airport, LEONARD made a simulated ILS approach for us and explained it step by step. It seemed simple enough with him doing it!

Our February meeting fell on another beautiful day and we needed good weather since the Fort Worth Chapter had planned to fly down and join us for a noon dinner at Lakeway Inn. There were 40 adults who attended. Some of the guests were from Houston and Wichita Falls but the majority came from Fort Worth. The day turned out to be a reunion for our MARY BELLE SMITH and Fort Worth's DR. DORA DOUGHERTY. They recognized each other after 23 years — it was that long ago that were in the same WASP class.

It was an enjoyable get-together for all — until 1500! Some one checked the weather then and a mad scramble followed. A front was expected to pass the Fort Worth area by evening and everyone wanted to beat it home.

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Mary Olmstead, Reporter

Florida Chapters please note—there is a prospective member in your area. She is MILDRED STEWART (Mrs. GENE) who received her private ticket before leaving El Paso. Her address is: Diplomat Apartments No. 23, 3150 Atlantic Ave., Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931. MARY FRAN SEIDL, our immediate past Chairman, and MILDRED were neighbors. MARY FRAN highly recommends MILDRED.

It was good to hear from RUTH FLEISHER, who is up to her ears building a new home in Homestead, Florida. Glad you are not here now, RUTH, to see the pathetic sight of Biggs AFB without any planes. Our best to you and BUD.

And to RUBY TATMAN, vacationing in Hollandell, Florida, we hope you

are where it is nice and warm like it is here in the lovely warm sunshine these winter months.

JUANITA BURDICK had a wonderful time at Kino Bay, Mexico, while her husband caught boatloads of fish.

With the Flying Farmers of Texas having their State Convention in El Paso, we learned that four of our members belong to the Flying Farmers: ELLEN JANE ANDERSON is a member in Colorado, LELA CARWARDINE joined in Alaska and JUANITA BURDICK and Ruth Deerman are members of the Texas Chapter. RUTH is Chairman of the Planning Committee for the Convention and JUANITA is Chairman of Transportation. Helping JUANITA is her daughter-in-law, DORIS BURDICK, who is a newly licensed pilot and the following members of our Chapter: ELLEN JANE ANDERSON, MARJORIE BEARD, DOROTHY BLACKHAM, CHARLOTTE MULLEN, MARY OLMSTEAD and Neva Peters.

LELA CARWARDINE is on an air tour of Mexico, going as far south as Mexico City and returning via Monterrey to Laredo and then home to Las Cruces, New Mexico.

ELLEN JANE ANDERSON got in 6 hours flying one Sunday when her husband and children were returning from their ranch near Denver. Her husband couldn't fly their 210, having an injured foot in a cast. The weather was just awful. They were glad to get to Albuquerque where they left the Cessna and finished the trip by airliner.

Our February luncheon meeting was highlighted by the presence of two distinguished guests: South Central Section's Governor, ARLENE WALKUP and Vice-Governor, GENE NORA JESSEN. They were presented Certificates making them honorary citizens of El Paso by our member, JACKIE WILLIAMS, who is also a pilot.

It looks like our March meeting will be a "working" meeting — air marking in Deming, New Mexico.

Last, but not least, our thoughts are with you, POLLY PEERCE, in Springfield, Oregon. We hope your mother is much improved and, before too long, you'll be able to make that promised trip to El Paso.

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#### FORT WORTH CHAPTER

February 13th didn't mean a thing to the Fort Worth Ninety-Nines, who flew to Lakeway 26 miles West of Aus-

tin, for a Sunday flight-lunch. There were nineteen planes on the resort runway when we all met other Ninety-Nines, from Houston and Austin.

Flight Leader and Chapter Chairman, Mrs. Joe E. Parsons (Betty Jo) flew her Cessna Skylane, allowed 49½-er to right seat, but say nothing!

Edna Gardner Whyte, flew her Musketeer, with another member recently transferred from Kansas, Mrs. Robert Richardson, and her son. Also an ex-WASP, Marion Hodgson, who wrote the flight up for the Fort Worth Star Telegram.

Dr. Dora Dougherty flew down with Mrs. Helen Morris at the controls of the Wren, with passengers Tony Page and "Doc" Morris. Dr. Dora was A/C on the return flight.

Mary Kahak let her daughter, Judy, and husband, Capt. Kahak (American Airlines) back seat their Bonanza. Mary has been doing lots of charter flying for a local firm.

Others who made the flight, included Verna Stubbs, who has an airstrip on the Stubbs ranch; Pat McDade; Darla Lewsader and Lou Ellen Foster of Wichita Falls. Anita Rielly, with 49½-er Al, and guests; Shirley Thomas, and husband Dr. H. R.

Houston pilots flew up to tell us about their air marking program. Chapter Chairman Mary Able even gave FTW members an air marking Kit, with instructions on how to climb a barn.

We were met by Ama Lee Jameson, who lives at lively Lakeway now.

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**HIGH SKY CHAPTER**  
**Evelyn Hershey, Reporter**

This has been one of those times in every pilots life, the day that it should be lovely weather and isn't and the day when everything else has to be accomplished and you want to fly.

Speaking of that magic word "fly" we have been doing some of that down here in sunny West Texas. First off, PAT PETOSKY is in Big Spring and commuting got to be a problem with her so then she went out and bought a Cessna 140. The day she took delivery on it was the first time she had ever flown a conventional gear airplane. She says that she wandered all over the ramp, but we didn't hear any yells from the tower boys, so we suspect that she did just beautiful.

JAN BRYANT told us about all their trips up to the snow country to do

some skiing, and to all the football games that they attended all over the countryside. Don't know what we would do without an airplane to get us there for the kickoff or to the ski run when the first flakes start falling. At our last meeting, JAN had already done a lot of planning for the next Powder Puff. She and BETTY HENRY flew in last year's, and they are thinking quite seriously about it again this year. BETTY HENRY was at a convention during the last meeting so don't know how much work she has done on that yet.

Our flying gal from Ozona was grounded last month, broken ribs . . . MILDRED GOODSON went for several days with sharp pains and all before discovering that she had been attempting to get around with a few ribs wandering around inside her. So she came to Midland by car with her mother, and if I can be so bold, she is a living doll. Bring her more often MILDRED.

Sorry that I can't bring you more up to date on what has been happening

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in our chapter but for some unknown reason we didn't have very many at our last meeting and therefore the only knowledge of past adventures is few and far between. VELMA LEE COPELAND telephoned that she was to fly into Fort Worth for the Fat Stock Show and Rodeo; missing our last meeting because of illness out of town.

The things that EVELYN HERSHEY has been doing isn't much here lately. Lots of reading and studying for the ratings she wants. A few flying trips to Lubbock and one in particular to visit the grandparents, but was so nice about it is we went in a 6 place plane and everyone had their own seat and window. It was the quietest trip with all four children that the HERSHEYs had experienced.

This is going to be a plug for the FAA. They held a short school here in Midland for light twins. I went to it and even tho I am not twin rated, learned more about emergency handling for an airplane as well as lots of terminology that had puzzled me for quite some time. Then for two days DR. HARRY GIBBONS, District Flight Surgeon, explained many things, showed slides, films, ran a tape of one poor sole's last flight. If any of you ever get an opportunity to attend any type of school held by the FAA do so. You can learn a lot.

Since the weather has turned pretty, everyone must be out flying so next time I'll fill you in on the whereabouts of us in the High Sky. Bye . . . happy flying . . .

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**HOUSTON CHAPTER**  
**Louise Bickford, Reporter**

I must apologize to all my avid followers for missing the last issue. Although I was home physically, mentally I was still on vacation and just let the time slip by me.

The Houston Chapter and the Petticoat Pilots have decided to meet on separate nights. Both groups were so large that we spent all night meeting and didn't have time for an aviation program. Of course, we will still work together and meet together on certain occasions. There is an unlimited number of programs which could be presented. Now the problem will be to find the time.

Our February meeting was the first one under the new program and it was very well attended. After the meeting we adjourned to a Delta 880 where we were served coffee and given an opportunity to sit in the cockpit and look over all the equipment. This was arranged by BOB NORRIS, MARY JANE'S husband, and a pilot for Delta.

Next month a joint project with the Petticoat Pilots is a pinch hitters course, which will be conducted by our members.

We wish to welcome our newest members: FLORA BYERS and DEEDE PERKINS. FLORA was the recipient of the Petticoat Pilots scholarship award for 1965. DEEDE and her husband own a Tri-Pacer.

We are sorry to have IMIE PRIDDY leave us. However, she will be transferring her membership to the Austin Chapter and will be close enough where we can see her from time to time.

Best wishes are in order for LORI ADAMS who recently became MRS. FRANK HUTCHINSON. She is now devoting full time to her flying school and in January soloed nine students.

RUTH and TOMMY HILDEBRAND flew to Mexico with the Flying Farmers and had a marvelous time. We are most anxious to see their pictures.

The 13th of February we were invited by the Ft. Worth Chapter to join them at Lakeway Inn near Austin. It turned out to be a beautiful day and we had a large turnout.

MARTHA and BILL AKINS drove up Saturday and spent the night. They were without wings as they were having a turbocharger put on the Cessna 182. DEEDE PERKINS and her 49½er flew up and your reporter took MARY and CONNIE ABLE and MARY BURKE in the Cessna 170.

It happened to be one of my luckier days as I won the trophy which the Ft. Worth Chapter presented for landing the closest to a designated time. I was certainly thrilled to receive it and thank you Ft. Worth Chapter.

If you want to know what it is like dancing with a kangaroo, just ask TONY PAGE.

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**KANSAS CHAPTER**  
Mildred Early, Reporter

Our Chapter would like to personally introduce our new Ninety-Nine members to each of you; but as that is impossible, we are happy to do so through our Newsletter. We're proud to present to you these wonderful girls, who will add greatly to our organization: ESTHER BERKLEY (MRS. J. D.), Bennington, Kansas; BARBARA TALL (MRS. ROBERT); CHARLOTTE PARKER (MRS. GERALD); GLORIA BLECK (MRS. MAX); IMOGENE EDGERTON (MRS. HUGH); CARLA VARNER (MRS. ROY D.); LILY ANN HINSON; KAY HARLAN (MRS. DAVID); and SUZANNE WARNER (MRS. THOMAS), all of Wichita. A warm welcome to each of you and we hope you soon have the opportunity to meet many of our sister Ninety-Nines around the country!

Our meeting on February 12th was held at the home of CHARLOTTE PETERS, Valley Center, Kansas. Assisting CHARLOTTE were MARGARET YOURDON and JUANITA HATTAN. It was a wonderful meeting with 24 Ninety-Nines and four guests present. After the business meeting, MARGARET YOURDON surprised everyone with a

movie — in color, no less — of film she had taken since the beginning of the Kansas Chapter. We were unaware of her even having it and thoroughly enjoyed every moment! Following the "surprise", we had a delicious chili lunch and headed our various directions home via air and car. Incidentally, CHARLOTTE has what most of us dream of — an air strip right in her back yard!

The March of Dimes Airlifts (one in Valley Center and two in Wichita) were a great success — thanks to ALICE DODD and her 49½er, HERB. HERB was Chairman of the lifts and reports that the sum of \$5000 was realized! Several of our Ninety-Nines helped with the lifts.

We've been hearing rumors that our Ninety-Nine BETTY PARKS may be returning to Wichita in the near future (we hope so!) BETTY is attend-

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the Columbus (Ohio) College of Art & Design and will graduate in June. She was the 1965 recipient of the ARMCO Steel Industrial Design Scholarship. We're proud of you, BETTY!

GRACE and JOE BROWN and son DAVID had a delightful time, during DAVID'S semester break, at Vail Ski Resort in Colorado. JEAN NOBLE took a "jaunt" to Acapulco; PAT and OWEN McEWEN have been to Denver and are getting ready to leave for points south: Arizona, Mexico City and Acapulco. Our "speakers" have been spreading the word on opportunities for women in aviation: JOYCE FUNSCH to the Zinta's International at a dinner meeting and GENE NORA JESSEN to the girls of Mt. Carmel Academy.

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**OKLAHOMA CHAPTER**  
Fran Blair, Reporter

The January meeting at Catlin Aviation, with SUSIE SEWELL and DOT-

TIE YOUNG as hostesses, was very enjoyable. RITA EAVES read a letter from CHUCK and JEAN THOMAS on their activities since they had left us. ARLENE WALKUP reported in the recent trip to Costa Rica. (For a full account of the trip, don't fail to read ARLENE'S feature story in the February issue of the Flying Farmer Magazine.) Others from the 99s on the tour were MARY CORNELSON and CAROL WADDELL from Oklahoma, TRISH SMITH of the Tulsa Chapter, PAULINE OTTOWAY and LAVETA HAHN of Kansas, and LOIS CHISHOLM of South Dakota. They all report a wonderful and exciting trip.

SHARON FISHER, JO PETROPOLY and SUE LANHAM are working on their commercial license. SARALEE FISHER received her multi-engine rating in January and is now attending American Flyers to get her instructors rating; review her instrument and get her instrument instructors. How about that for a go getter? EMILY FROST reports renewing her instructors rating last summer.

FRAN BLAIR, DONNA PAULSON, DOTTIE YOUNG, SARALEE FISHER and BRONETA EVANS attended the Flight Safety Foundation meeting at the FAA Center at Will Rogers Field in Oklahoma City. These meetings present excellent information for the general aviation pilot. It was disappointing to see such a small turnout. We should all do what we can to support the continuing education of the flying public.

DOTTIE YOUNG received her flight instructor renewal under the new FAA requirements thru participation in a 5 day Flight Instructor Clinic at Stillwater conducted by the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission. GENE NORA JESSEN, Kansas Chapter, also received instructor renewal attending the same clinic. FRAN BLAIR and DONNA PAULSON managed to attend a few of the classroom sessions but just didn't have the time to take the complete course.

DOTTIE also reported a wonderful visit with Whirly-Girls/Ninety-Nines at the Helicopter Association of American meeting in January at Arlington, Texas, plus flying (in) numerous new model choppers.

VELMA WOODWARD has been east on a CAP trip recently, plus back on the "Cherokee Trail" from Vero Beach to OKC, ferrying a 180 for Catlin Aviation.

**SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER**  
**Marian Burke, Reporter**

San Antonio Chapter of 99s enjoyed a luncheon meeting Feb. 12 at San Antonio International Airport. Further plans were discussed concerning the fly-in at BURKE ranch March 20. Everyone has ordered excellent weather for that date and if old man weather treats us right we think we will have a large group.

Chapter Chairman, NORMA McELVAIN, is accepting a position at the state T. B. hospital in San Antonio July 1st. She says it will help keep her real busy while her husband serves a tour in Viet Nam. Gee! that gal is busy 24 hours a day already . . . but her job really sounds interesting and I know she'll be a real success with her medical work.

It certainly is nice to have ANNE ASH back with us after traveling abroad with her husband BILL who is on military duty. We haven't much of her but we certainly hope we can see more of her when she gets a little more settled with her busy real estate business.

BETSY HOGAN is attending night college. She is taking a course in accounting. We wish her loads of success.

Got a recent note from RUTH PHILIPS (our south of the border ranchin' gal). The San Antonio Chapter is looking forward toward a week-end meeting at her ranch in the near future.

It was nice to see JEAN BONAR for a few moments when she was in San Antonio recently. Wish we'd had more time to visit. Hope you had a nice trip home JEAN!

Hey everybody! It's getting air racing time! Why not hop in an available flyin' machine and try for a high score.

Lets everyone try to make the March 20 fly-in at BURKE ranch . . . food and fun for all!

**SHREVEPORT CHAPTER**  
**Martha Christy, Reporter**

HELEN HEWITT was hostess for our last meeting, the weather was foul but the turnout great. It was one of those nights when an instrument rating was a comfort — even in an automobile.

Plans were made to attend a 'fly-in' in Mississippi in February, enthusiasm grew as we discussed details for the Fall Sectional, and a study of the old friend, the altimeter made the evening most enjoyable. The fire snapping in

fireplace didn't deter from the setting either!

Our little new bride, MRS. PEGGY HARRIS, is navigating in the kitchen these days after a beautiful wedding and a fly-away wedding trip to a dude ranch.

Due to the winter months, most of our flying activities have been in the local area but we have managed to keep the tower boys aware that we are still here. DGT PORTS helped out with a local air-lift, JENE SAUR has been giving the practice area a workout, JENNY McWILLIAMS spends as much of her free time as possible strapped to a Cessna and I'm happy to report that my new 'rings' have seated!

Should you visit Shreveport Downtown Airport be sure to make a trip into the lobby of the building, MR. FRANK ATKINS has collected photos of the local fliers and has them exhibited in nice fashion by the planes

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they usually fly. We all appreciate the effort this project took and thank him for his interest, one more little tribute to those who enjoy it so fully.

**TULSA CHAPTER**  
**Jean Engler, Reporter**

BETTY PLUMMER entertained us with a trip through the FAA tower at our February meeting. WALT gave us a mighty good lecture on Radar and transponders and then let us observe in the radar room and in the tower. Much fun.

Since it was raining, the only Ducks out were DONNA SAMPSON, JEAN WILLIAMS, AGNES HELLMAN, JAN MAURITSON, COLLEEN WHITE, LEA BAKER, DOROTHY JOHNSON, LYDIA GUTIERREZ, BETTY PLUMMER and me.

ANNABELLE JONES is down Mexico

way again. This time on a buying trip for her shop.

WALT and BETTY PLUMMER are just back from Aspen and in perfect condition. They really were out on the slopes.

LYDIA GUTIERREZ has been getting some 150 time and has checked out in a Cherokee. We are very happy to have her in our little group.

JOHNNY and I are off to St. Moritz for a week. If I don't fall down and break my typewriter, I'll see you next month.

## **The Whirly-Girls**

By No. 16

For those of you that are not aware (heaven forbid!) of the International Organization of Women Helicopter Pilots: it was organized in 1955 with 13 women pilots qualified in rotary-wing aircraft. Ten years later, the 103 members represent the British Isles, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Switzerland, 27 States, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. DORIS LANGHER, Colorado Chapter, is No. 103. Congratulations to DORIS on her newly acquired rating.

An unofficial check indicates that only one-half of the total number of Whirly-Girls are Ninety-Nines. Appears there's quite a few potential Ninety-Nines . . . and, believe me, you are just as enthused about aviation whether you learn in a "chopper" or in fixed-wing!

Hope to publish a list of Whirly-Girls in an up-coming issue—many Membership Chairmen will find prospects!

CHOPPER PILOTS WANTED! The Army Map Service is actively seeking both twin engine fixed wing, and helicopter pilots for civilian positions in Mediterranean, African and Middle Eastern Countries. Salary range of the positions being filled is from \$7500 to \$12,500 per annum with additional allowances for housing, overtime, post differential and per diem when away from the official duty station on business.

Current FAA certification is required in addition to U. S. Civil Service Commission determination of qualifications for the salary level which the applicant is seeking.

All pilots will support the world wide Army Map Service mapping and geodesy program by flying aerial reconnaissance missions to permit the sur-



Whirly-Girls attending a breakfast "hovering", January 25, 1966, Arlington, Texas, during HAA Convention. Standing, left to right, SHIRLEY THOMAS, No. 102; LAURETTA FOY, No. 46; CHARLOTTE KELLEY, No. 21; TONY PAGE, No. 67; JUDY SHORT, No. 29; HAZEL McKENDRICK, No. 85; DOTTIE YOUNG, No. 16; SPARKY CANNON (prospective member); FAITH RICHARDS, No. 74; NANCY LIVINGSTON, No. 4; DR. DORA DOUGHERTY, No. 27. Seated, left to right, CEAL ORPEN, No. 48; JEAN ROSS HOWARD, No. 13; EDNA GARDNER WHYTE, No. 10; and BETTY PFISTER, No. 52. MARY ANN NOAH, No. 69, "commercialled" in due to poor weather conditions but too late for the breakfast hosted by Hughes Tool Company. Photo credit, Bell Helicopter Company.

vey engineers to establish necessary horizontal and vertical control for mapping and geodetic surveys. They will provide transportation for VIP and survey personnel to remote base camps, transport equipment and supplies to field survey personnel, accomplish aerial photographic missions utilizing photo-equipped U-8D aircraft and will perform emergency air evacuation and search and rescue missions.

If interested in becoming a civilian pilot with the Army Map Service in an extremely challenging job, forward a SF 57 (application for Federal employment) to the Personnel Office,

Army Map Service, 6500 Brooks Lane, Washington, D. C. 20315 . . . JEAN

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ROSS HOWARD talked with MAJOR WEISIGER of the Army Map Service asking specifically if any of the jobs would be open to girls. MAJOR WEISIGER advised that there are three openings in the Mediterranean area for twin-engine qualified commercial airplane pilots that could well be filled by girls. He said that the helicopter jobs were in more rugged terrain and "living quarters many times were extremely simple and could not handle boy-girl situation."

So — even if the chopper jobs are "out-of-bounds" . . . Let's fill the twin-engine jobs with 99s!

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