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President's Column

T'was a most gratifying day recently when I spoke on "Women in Aviation", to the Kidney Foundation auxiliary here in Denver. I enjoyed their meeting — they are doing a fine job. Would you believe, I talked on my favorite subject — The Ninety-Nines? None of these women were pilots, but the questions they asked when I finished, were just great. Naturally, I gave our history — how we achieved our name, when it was formed, and that AMELIA EARHART was our first president.

They were most intrigued with our Powder Puff Derby and had read about it — but one of them said she would surely watch the papers this year for publicity on the race. AWTAR Board, please note — I could answer the question, "How much fuel do they use to fly the race?" I explained that since there was a variety of aircraft in the race, with different horsepower, etc., the aircraft are handicapped. Then, one member said — "Just like all our cars are different."

They further were most interested

in our AMELIA EARHART Scholarship program, and that we have been able to increase the number of scholarships given, in the last few years, through donations and interest from investments.

I liked one person's question — "Why can't we require pilots to file flight plans. We, in Colorado are most cognizant of this lack of filing, since we have lost four aircraft in our rugged Rockies this winter. And some have not been found yet." Further said she, "The Civil Air Patrol and many others spend thousands of dollars, man hours and perhaps risk to themselves in the search". It was so pleasing that they were all interested in this subject and that they follow it closely in the papers.

It truly was a most interesting morning.

BERNICE LOVERING of Ottawa called in by phone — she was in Denver on business. And Past President DEEDO HEISE called to say they are watching their new home being built in Arvada on their daughter and son-in-law's ranch. It will be so nice to have DEEDO with us in Colorado, but I know Wisconsin will hate to lose her. She turned her foot on the basement stairs and has a broken bone in her foot. (She may not appreciate my mentioning this — as she said it was a stupid thing to do).

Oh, back to the meeting with the women of the Kidney Foundation, afterwards one of the members came up to me to ask if I knew a Ninety-Nine in El Paso who had been a past president. I assured her I did indeed know RUTH DEERMAN — seems they worked together in volunteer projects at the hospital, some time ago.

With reluctance, we have accepted the resignation of our Headquarters Secretary, DARLA BULLARD, who is leaving for personal reasons. She assures us she will be on tap for some part time work, when the office becomes very busy.

Next issue will contain a report of the Executive Board meeting in Oklahoma City — March 28-31.

Remember your Spring Section meetings!

Best,
DONNA MYERS

Were YOU Involved In The "CPTP" (1939 - 1944) ??

WERE YOU INVOLVED IN THE "CPTP" (1939-1944) ??? If so, CATHERINE STRICKLAND of Washington, DC would like to hear from you. She is currently compiling a history of the Civil Aeronautics Civilian Pilot Training Program and obviously many of the 99s were a part of that program, either as students or instructors. She is particularly interested in learning the number of 99s who took their initial flying courses with CPTP and what that opportunity has meant to them in the years intervening. Address your replies to:

Mrs. H. H. Strickland
2500 Que St. N.W. Apt. 414
Washington, D. C. 20007

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Free Country?

Fran VanStavern, Reporter

Monday, March the 4th started off just like any other dull, drab Monday. BUT . . . by 11:30 p.m. it was one of the most hectic days encountered lately. . . I was getting ready for bed when my phone rang. . . It was ESTHER GOBLE, our Chapter Chairman, with a "hair raising" story about a bill in the Virginia Senate. When I finished talking to her, I couldn't believe what I had heard. It seemed as though the State of Virginia was trying to pass a bill that would really "ground" general aviation in the state. ESTHER had called to ask me to help her contact pilots and advise them of what was going on. From 11:30 PM until 2:00 AM we called. . . . Everybody we could think of that flew or had any interest at all in aviation.

By 2:00 AM Tuesday, we had been able to secure the word of approximately 250 people that a telegram of objection would be on their senator's desk that morning. By 10:00 AM ESTHER GOBLE, VIRGINIA RILEY and I were at the Capital Building and on our way to LT. GOVERNOR POLLARD'S office. By previous arrangements, he had agreed to meet with us and introduce us to several Senators so that we could voice our protest to the bill. After several minutes of anxiety, LT. GOVERNOR POLLARD appeared and took us on the senate floor. We were introduced to several senators and then MR. POLLARD very casually said, "O. K. ladies, you're on your own." We met and talked with 25 of the 40 senators and were able to convince one of the senators to have the bill passed by for that day. This gave us another 24 hours to contact more people, and a little breathing room. The bill is as follows:

HOUSE BILL NO. 982

Offered February 12, 1968

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia: In any case in which the negligence of a pilot of an air craft is at issue, the fact that the air craft fell and caused damage to persons or property shall be prima facie evidence of negligence of the pilot, and the burden of proof shall be upon the defendant or defendants to

show that due care was used in the operation of such air craft.

Wednesday morning ESTHER, JINNEY and I were back on the job. This time when the bill came up we had been able to convince one of the senators that we should at least have our "day in court" and the bill was re-referred to the Committee for Court Justice. The committee meeting was set for 2:00 PM the same afternoon, so the minute we heard the outcome of the vote, we were on the phones again. We kept the phones at the capital busy for at least two hours. We contacted everyone we could think of locally and told them what had happened and to get down to the capital as soon as possible for the hearing. I called A.O.P.A. in Maryland and they were able to contact a local attorney to represent their interest at the hearing. When the committee convened there were approximately 25 pilots, several members of the State Corporation Commission - Division of Aeronautics,

several fixed base operators and two representatives from the House, all present to oppose H.B. No. 982. When the committee meeting was over, and the vote was taken, WE HAD WON. . . the vote was 8 to 6 and H.B. No. 982 was dead.

Needless to say ESTHER, JINNEY and I were overcome with joy. We were exhausted from the activities of the past two days but we all agreed the warm feeling that we had been able to help in a small way to have such an unjust bill killed, overcame any tired feeling we had.

GIRLS BEWARE. . . This bill had passed the House and was on its second reading in the Senate before we were aware of its existence and evidently all because of its vague title.

Just as a matter of information, we were told that ten states already have this bill passed. Sorry I don't know which states they are.

Ninety - Nine History Books

The Ninety-Nines owe a deep debt of gratitude to RUTH RUECKERT for compiling our early Ninety-Nines history books. They are beautifully done and fascinating to read. While visiting Washington, D.C., take the time to go to the Research Department of the Smithsonian Institution. You will be well rewarded for your time.

The search continues though for pictures to complete a few of these books. We are still in need of fifty-six snapshots of our Charter Members and pictures of some of our former officers. A few are deceased and some no longer have known addresses. Do you have pictures or reprints of the following people that you would share with us?

Charter Members: BARBARA W. BANCROFT, BERNICE BLAKE, RUTH T. BRIDEWELL, MARY or MARGERY BROWN, VERA BROWN, THELMA R. BURLEIGH, MYRTLE R. CALDWELL, MILDRED H. CHASE, IRENE J. CHASSEY, BONNIE M. CHITTENDEN, MARIAN CLARK, JEAN DAVIDSON, JANE DODGE, SARAH S. FENNO, FRANCES FERGUSON, ADELINE FISIT, PHYLLIS FLEET, ILA FOX, GERALDINE GREY, CANDIS I.

HALL, SACHA P. HALL, RUTH HALLIBURTON, LADY MARY HEATH, JEAN D. HOYT, KATHERINE F. JOHNSON, ANGELA L. JOSEPH, MILDRED E. A. KAUFMAN, BETSY KELLY, CECELIA M. KENNY, ELEANOR B. LAY, EVA MAY LANGE, DOROTHES LAH, ETHEL LOVELACE, EDWYNA McCONNELL, RETHA McCULLOH, HELEN MANNING, AGNES A. MILLER or MILLS, MARGARET F. O. MARA, NEVA PARIS, PEGGIE J. PAXSON, ACHSA B. PEACOCK, ELIZABETH F. PLACE, LILLIAN PORTER, MATHILDE J. RAY, NETA ROTHHOLZ, GERTRUDE C. RULAND, ELEANOR SPEAR, HAZEL M. SPANAGLE, MILDRED STINAFF, MARJORIE G. STINSON, MARGARET THOMAS, WILMA L. WALSH, NORA A. WHITE, NELLIE Z. WHITHITE, JOSEPHINE CHATTENDEN WOOD, ALBERTA B. WORLEY.

Former Officers: DOROTHY GEORGE, ELIZABETH PHILLIPS, ETHEL SHIRLY, RUTH HELLER and AMELIA STONE.

Amelia Earhart Scholarship Chairman: ALMA HARWOOD.

Because of a gracious donation last July, a lot of early material was in-

corporated in our books. Our "Women in Aviation" news series is now complete except for Volumes: 1 to 9, 12, 13, 22 and 29. Do you know where we might obtain these?

It would be most appreciated if you would send me pictures of new chapters chartered this year or **photographs of international interest** along with the **most outstanding news clippings**. Thanks so much for your help.

VIRGINIA THOMPSON, Historian
3803 Hillcrest Lane
Annandale, Va. 22003

Recap of The "See The U. S. A." Folio Presentations

The impact of the 1967 International Convention continues to be felt around the world with the presentation ceremonies of the SEE THE USA Folios.

So far, the Folios have been presented to the following:

His Excellency, Lord Casey, The Governor General of Australia.

His Excellency H. L. de Vries, The Governor of Surinam.

His Imperial Majesty, Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia.

The Right Honorable Lester Pearson, The Prime Minister of Canada.

His Excellency, Keith Holyoak, The Prime Minister of New Zealand.

Mr. S. du Toit, Director of Civil Aviation for South Africa.

Mr. Mallalieu, The Minister of State for the Board of Trade of England.

His Excellency, Ferdinand Marcos, President of the Philippines.

D. L. Asjes, President of the Royal Netherlands Aeronautical Association.

Mr. Tadashi Adachi, President, Japan National Tourist Organization.

His Excellency, Nihat Kusad, Minister of Tourism for Turkey.

His Excellency, Mohammad Ayub Khan, President of Pakistan.

His Excellency, Zalman Shazar, President of Israel.

We hope to have the Folio with all the ceremonies completed in time for the Convention in June. It is proof indeed of World Friendships through Flying!

Here are pictures of three of the presentations.



SHUKRAI ALI, our only Ninety-Nine in Pakistan being congratulated by His Excellency **MOHAMMAD AYUB KHAN**, the President of Pakistan, after he was presented with the SEE THE USA Folio by the American Ambassador, His Excellency **BENJAMIN H. OEHLERT**. Left to right, **AMBASSADOR OEHLERT**, **AIR MARSHAL ASGHAR KHAN**, Chief Administrator, Civil Aviation and Tourism and President of Pakistan International Air Lines, **SHUKRAI**, U. S. Consul General **HENRY C. RAMSEY** and **PRESIDENT KHAN**.



EDITH DIZON, our only Ninety-Nine in the Philippines, presenting the SEE THE USA Folio to His Excellency **FERDINAND MARCOS**, the President of the Philippines. With them are (left to right) **EMIL CAMARRILLO**, Chief of the Air Education Division of Philippine Air Lines; **ELLSWORTH SHINN**, of US-AID representing the United States Federal Aviation Agency and **CAPTAIN FEDERICO ALBAN**, Deputy Director of the Philippine Civil Aeronautic Administration.

- Then and Now -

Fifty years ago KATHERINE STINSON donated her flying skill to raise \$100,000 for the American Red Cross. On a publicity mission from Buffalo, via Rochester, Syracuse, Albany, New York & Philadelphia to Washington, D. C. she raised this amazing sum of money. KATHERINE STINSON was among the "Women With Wings" to be honored by the Ninety-Nines at their Calander Party on February 15 at a cocktail buffet at the American Women's Press Club in Washington. The Western New York Chapter of Ninety-Nines was anxious to duplicate her historic journey — even without the \$100,000.

MRS. HOWARD LAVERACK and MISS JANET HUGHES were at the airport in Buffalo to place in our care a Red Cross poster to be delivered to Washington.

So far we were on schedule and full of the old aviation spirit. Undaunted by the snowy perspective from the window, we left the Red Cross delegates and the photographers behind, and headed for Flight Service. Can you guess what the "prophets of doom" had to say to this jolly foursome when we proposed our flight plan? History was not to be repeated!

By the grace of United Airlines, who had a corner on friendly skies that day, three of our delegation, NAOMI MEEKER, TERRI PIRRUNG and ETHEL FEDDERS, did manage to deliver the Red Cross poster from Buffalo to Washington. The fourth 99, AGNES DENLER, doggedly refused to settle for a commercial flight and missed a wonderful party.

On hand to meet the Western New Yorkers with a mission were MRS. K. L. HASTINGS and CAROLINE MORAN. NAOMI wore today's Grey Lady uniform, while CAROLINE wore the 1917 version that must have greeted KATHERINE STINSON. The reception committee graciously overlooked the rather formidable dimensions that our Cherokee had grown to in transit. Washington was most hospitable and our Chapter thanks everyone who made us welcome.

We are also most grateful for the photographs that were supplied by generous boosters of the Ninety-Nines — Cornell Aeronautical Laboratories of Buffalo, New York.

P. S. - We discovered later that KATHERINE made her trip in June!



The actual NOW re-enactment of the famous 1917 flight on behalf of the Red Cross World War I fund. L. to R. NAOMI MEEKER, present-day Red Cross volunteer, ETHEL FEDDERS, and TERRI PIRRUNG, all 3 members of the Western New York Chapter, and CAROLYN MORAN, Ass't Dir. of Training, ANRC, dressed in a WW I Red Cross uniform.



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Impound Date: 9 August 1968

Entry Fee: \$15.00

Edna Gardner Whyte
3155 Willow Park
Fort Worth, Texas 76118

Coming Events

April 13

New England Spring Sectional
Hanscom AFB (Bedford, Mass.)

April 19, 1968

Fair Lady Follies
Adams Field - Little Rock, Ark.

April 19-26

IAR - "Angel Derby"
Managua, Nicaragua
to
Panama City, Florida

April 20

Middle East Spring Sectional
Flying W Airport

April 21 (rain date April 28)

Flying Poker Party
Tulsa, Okla.

April 26, 27, and 28

Southwest Spring Sectional
Bakersfield, Calif.

April 27

Western Canadian Spring Sectional
Calgary, Alberta

May 3, 4, and 5

South Central Spring Sectional
Houston, Tex.

May 5 (rain date May 12)

2nd Annual Pilots Poker Run
South Louisiana Chapter

May 10, 11, and 12

Illi-Nines Air Derby
Cole County Airport
Mattoon, Illinois

May 11

Eastern Canadian Spring Sectional
Ottawa, Ontario

May 17, 18, and 19

Southeast Spring Sectional
Memphis, Tenn.

May 18

Oregon Chapter Petticoat Derby
Troutdale, Ore. to Ellensburg, Wash.

May 24, 25, and 26

North Central Spring Sectional
Plaza Inn, Kansas City, Mo.

June 2

Pilot's Poker Run
First Canadian Chapter
Buttonville, Ontario

June 8 and 9

N. Y. - N. J. Spring Sectional
Hammondsport, N. Y.

June 30 - July 6

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Statler Hilton, Los Angeles, Calif.

July 6 - 9

AWTAR - "Powder Puff Derby"
Van Nuys, Calif. to Savannah, Ga.



The American Ambassador, PARKER T. HART, presented the Ninety-Nines SEE THE USA Folio to Mr. NIHAT KURSAT, Minister of Tourism for the government of Turkey. Present at the ceremony were (left to right) MR. MUNCI GIZ, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Tourism; MR. NORMAN GETSINGER, Commercial Attache, United States Embassy; MR. NIHAT KURSAT, AMBASSADOR HART and MR. WALTER PEDERSEN, Director of Pan American Airways in Turkey. MAJOR SABIHA GOKCEN our only Ninety-Nine in Turkey, was ill and unable to attend the presentation ceremony.



KATHERINE STINSON, Washington, DC Chapter member, and her THEN airplane.

August 10

Skylady Derby
Oklahoma City, Okla.

September 13, 14, and 15

Southwest Fall Sectional

September 21

Fairladies Annual Indiana Race
Valparaiso, Ind.

September 27, 28, and 29

South Central Sectional
Lincoln Nebraska

October 4, 5, and 6

13th Annual Michigan SMALL Race
Ann Arbor Municipal Airport

October 26

Dallas Doll Derby



Marian Andrews Lopez, Reporter

Pieces are starting to fall into place for the 1968 22nd Powder Puff Derby.

Champion has made a contribution to the general fund and will give the usual cash awards to those of the first five places using Champion Spark Plugs and will give the spark plug key rings to all entries.

Flying Magazine has also contributed to the general fund and will give the "Best of Class" awards to the five classes plus a Nova-Tech radio to each of these pilots and co-pilots.

Continental will give a cash award and a Revere bowl to the entry with the highest score piloting a plane with a Continental engine besides their donation to the General Race Fund.

GLEN BUFFINGTON has again contributed.

AWTAR, Inc. will again give a scholarship to the best scoring crew flying their first TAR to be used for advancement in aviation. This has been made possible by Astro-Aero Corp.

The following Special Services, so vital to the race will be supplied: Jepsen will again furnish Avigation Kits to all racers; The baggage will be carried by the Flying Tiger Line; Simplex will again furnish the time clocks.

Entries open April 15th and must be postmarked no later than June 1st. At this time, requests for entry kits are running ahead of last year.

Send 50c in cash or stamps for Entry Kit containing rules and regulations to AWTAR, Inc. Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608.

Please make a note in your Roster, page 251, that the crystal ash trays sold by Chicago Area Chapter should be obtained from MARY PANCZY-SZYN, 1505 Sequoia Trail, Glenview, Illinois 60025.

April, 1968



What's the biggest flower in your bonnet?



In Springfield making plans for the Illi-Nines Air Derby are l. to r. **DEED HOLCOMB, ROBERTA JOHANSSON, SUE ROSCOE, NONA GUSTAFSON, MARY PANCZY-SZYN, JANE McMILLIN, ARLENE JOHNSON, and GLORIA FARR.**

The 13th Annual Michigan SMALL Race dates have been set for October 4, 5, and 6. The homebase for the event this year will be Ann Arbor Municipal and entry blanks will be available in June from JO PRUDEN of Lambertville, Michigan.

Gals, make plans to fly the Dallas Doll Derby, October 26th. Female or male co-pilots. Info, PAT CLARK, Apt. 246, 7843 Villa Cliff Dr., Dallas, Tex. 75228.

Air Marking Report

The Air Marking Committee has not been completely asleep through this most inclement winter, although this year, surely, set records for impossible days.

I had the occasion to visit with the dean of air markers, PAULINE GLASSON, and she has given me food for thought that I wish to pass on to all of you.

What is the purpose of air marking? My answer is the obvious one, "to help pilots that are temporarily misplaced or in trouble". How can this purpose be best accomplished? PAULINE believes and I certainly agree that a lost pilot is not really in trouble if he has an airport under him whether it has an air marker or not. We assume that every pilot will have a sectional chart in the plane, so by marking towns and landmarks without landing facilities, we provide him with the ability to find the nearest airport.

I certainly do not wish to suggest that the markers that have been done are useless because, in high density areas, the great number of airports creates confusion for both low and high time pilots. Markers on small airports are invaluable as navigation aids. I have used them myself and I am sure that many of you have also. Marking airports has been a means of creating community interest and goodwill, both excellent side results to the prime purpose. Airport marking gives a chapter the excuse to combine civic service with a fun flying activity which makes for improved relations among the chapter members.

I would like for the Air Marking and Chapter Chairmen to discuss this idea with your members and get their opinions. Let me hear from you and by all means, continue with all air marking programs in progress. I am extremely proud of all air markers that have been installed and anxious to exceed last year's total of 114.

Get busy and remember,

IF WE CAN PAINT, YOU CAN PAINT
with apologies to Mr. Cessna
AIRMARKING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MARY N. ABLE.

Must call your attention to the March issue of Flying Magazine . . . KEITH CONNES' Winds Aloft column . . . page 18 . . . certainly want no 99s with compass deviation problems!



Committee members busying themselves with preparations for the forthcoming International Convention at the Statler Hilton in Los Angeles and the 1968 POWDER PUFF DERBY START from Van Nuys, California are: Standing left to right: SHIRLEY THOM, AULEEN HALL, LOLA RICCI, LORELI CANGIANO, MARGARET WARD, RUTH MAYLE, LIBBY SVENSON, Chapter Chairman. Seated left to right: AUDREY SCHUTTE, GERRY VICKERS, ELLEN TRINDLE. Not able to be present: MARY KEMPER, KATHY BLACK, VESTA MALBY, JEANNE DAY, VIRGINIA RAINWATER, FLO STANTON, ARDIE TRENHOLM.



ALL Lady Pilots

COME TO THE DERBY!

THE ILLI-NINES AIR DERBY, that is

May 10, 11 and 12, 1968

Coles County Airport,

Charleston-Mattoon, Illinois

OVER \$1,000 IN PRIZE MONEY,

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150 years ago, in 1818, Illinois became the 21st State in the Union. The Illi-Nines Air Derby, sponsored by the Illinois 99s, is one of the many events taking place in 1968 to celebrate this Sesquicentennial Year.

The Department of Aeronautics, the State Sesquicentennial Committee, and the Charleston and Mattoon Chambers

of Commerce are all working with us to make the Illi-Nines Air Derby a special occasion.

Stock (manufactured after January 1, 1953), antique, and experimental aircraft up to 420 Horsepower side by side positioned for take-off. The 250 statute mile undisclosed course is on the horizon. Women pilots keyed for precision flying, precision navigation, precision landing are obtaining procedure and weather briefings. Applause awaits the one with best handicap speed and spot landing. Cole County Airport offers all this May 10, 11, 12, 1968.

Our hosts in historic Charleston-Mattoon want you to enjoy their lovely, central Illinois countryside (so pleasant in the springtime!), their beautiful airport and their fine hospitality.

THE ILLINOIS 99s

Send for your entry kit and information March 1, 1968.

Write to:

MRS. JEAN CLAUSS
3 N 370 Wilson Street
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER Peg Noltensmeyer, Reporter

Are our faces red! We swore that New Mexico blue skies were a habitual part of the "enchantment". Five times my instructor husband planned an instrument cross country to El Paso. Five times there were icing conditions in that direction!

Well, it just adds to the amusement and hasn't dampened the spirits of our gals at all. Everyone agreed that after the very busy year we had last year that we needed "a night out." IRENE KAY arranged for dinner at the Elks Club and on the first day of March we were all in our best bib and tucker enjoying dining and dancing with our 49½ers. Helping to make the occasion a little more special, Chairman MARGUARITE FRICKS presented PAT CICARDO with her pin at the dinner. We're going to have fun with PAT among us. You've never heard a gal more excited with her own bird, a 172, which she bought and used to just sit in before she had any kind of instruction.

We caught GEORGIA TILLERY at our little festivity and learned how busy she has been working for the Heart Fund, something she takes on annually and something she puts her whole heart into.

Some of us who hadn't had the chance to hear more about VIRGINIA CUTTER'S trip to Europe in the fall were fascinated with her descriptions and encounters as only VIRGINIA would see them and tell them. Sitting opposite her at a dining table is delightful.

About a week later, we had our regular meeting. Our Chapter has been asked to work with the New Mexico Aviation Association who is sponsoring an AOPA Clinic to be held here in April. It will run from the 25th through the 29th. Courses offered are: the 360° Rating, Enroute Instrument Procedures, Approach Instrument Procedures, Written Instrument, Private and the Pinch Hitter Course.

Registration will be on the 25th at the Sunport. We will be on hand for that portion. We'll also be hostessing those who don't have a full scheduled

enrollment. There will be tours to our famous and historic "Old Town" where browsing and shopping is an endless delight, close by Ancient Indian Pueblos, etc. On Friday night a cocktail party has been planned for those not too busy, at the Summit House on top of Sandia Crest 10,678 feet up, a most exhilarating atmosphere to be reached only by riding the world's longest tramway. (I draw a regular check from the C of C). Saturday night will offer a dinner-dance at the Sunport and Sunday morning is a natural for the Fly-in breakfast where there will be static displays of aircraft, etc. Tests will be held on Monday morning, the 29th.

All of this will be headquartered at the beautiful Western Skies Hotel at the foot of the Sandia Mountains overlooking the city. Transportation to and from the city will always be available.

All of these added adjectives are meant to help make our invitation enticing to all of you to join us on these dates in April. We're really very pleased to have the clinic in Albuquerque.

After all the planning and discussions at our meeting, BERNIECE SWARTZ, who was unable to be at our dinner, was presented with her pin. Our new girls are going to be broken to the saddle in a hurry with all we have in mind for them, starting with April.

WANDA COTHRAN arranged with the Air Force to show their films on mountain and desert survival to the girls and their husbands the night of our meeting. It was held at the Kirtland Aero Club's facilities of which WANDA is a member.

We missed SHIRLEY MORRIS at our recent gatherings. She had a little bout in the hospital but she's not the kind of a gal to be down long.

Here's hoping to register a "bunch" of you on April 25th. Hasta luego!

ARKANSAS CHAPTER Marguerite Nielsen, Reporter

Our Chapter held a spot landing contest in Pine Bluff, Sunday March 10. Hostesses were JANE BERRY and NANCY FRITH. Six members com-



Left to Right: RAMONIA SLOAT, Fort Smith, First Place — NANCY FRITH, Little Rock, Second Place — PAM STOWELL, Little Rock, Third Place.

peted for the three lovely trophies. First Place Winner: RAMONIA SLOAT of Ft. Smith, 2nd place: NANCY FRITH of Little Rock, 3rd place: PAM STOWELL of Little Rock. BETTYE BOLLEN, JANE BERRY, and RUTH GRAY also competed! All of the girls made good landings but when there is a first place, there must also be a last place and some of the landings were closer than others. Judges were BILL MILES, DANE ROSS, and PAUL FRITH of Little Rock. Others attending but not competing were MARJORIE McLEAN, 49½er WILLIAM, DRS. MARY and BARTON DUKETT, DR. H. C. SLOAT, SHIRLEY BOGGESS and son JIMMY, and DONNA HALE.

Our busiest member: DELORES MITCHELL of Sallisaw entertained the Interior Decoration Class whose purpose was to study the decor of DELORES' home. DELORES is very talented in this department as well as many others. She has recently decorated four new Nursing Homes in this area. She also served as panelist to the Sallisaw High School group on "Values of Higher Education." She will serve as Judge for the "Miss Ft. Smith Pageant", where Miss America will also be present. She is owner of "Miss Hurry Bars" quarter horse who placed third in the "Blue Ribbon Derby." She models in the local style shows. Two girls were selected

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of the editor
on or before deadline**

from her Senior Girl Scout troupe to attend the nine state camping event to be held in Camp Storey, Arkansas. DELORES served as Hostess to Open House at Sequoyah Memorial Hospital and Sallisaw Public Library.

BETTY McNABE, Georgia Chapter, flew into Little Rock March 7, to speak at a Library Convention, came down with a bad back, and is still hospitalized at University Medical Center Hospital. We hope publication will find BETTY and her Bonanza back in the air without bad memories of her flight to The Land of Opportunity.

FETTYE and DR. LINDY BOLLEN must have had a wonderful time skiing in Aspen, Colo. BETTYE is already dreaming of a flight to Aspen for the Arkansas Chapter to ski, and enjoy the beautiful sights of Colo. BETTYE and LINDY found IFR conditions 192 miles out of Aspen, landed at Salida, left the 182, and drove in, but, BETTYE says it was worth it all.

MARGE NIELSEN was very definitely surprised this week when ten girls arrived at her home with loads of food, gifts, three airplanes (also gifts), and birthday cake, to spend the afternoon, and when the National President of W.N.A.A. arrived in the evening to spend the night with MARGE, we all went to dinner at Emmy's German Restaurant, which has become a favorite spot of the Ft. Smith Unit of W.N.A.A. Just in case you're wondering about the three airplanes needing a hangar, one is hanging on the wall and two will hang from the ceiling. It was a wonderful party and her first in 31 years. Thanks girls!

DRS. MARY and BARTON DuKETT, DR. H. C. and RAMONIA SLOAT attended the Arkansas Chiropractic Convention in Little Rock three days this month. Eight year old GINA PEOPLES of Ft. Smith won the title of "Miss Correct Posture" at the convention. She was sponsored by DRS. SLOAT and EALKMAN of Ft. Smith.

Happy Flying wherever you may be!

DALLAS CHAPTER

Hazel H. McKendrick, Reporter

We were supposed to meet and have fun and games at PHYLLIS EMMERT'S house, but down came the snow and the meeting was called off. It was re-scheduled for the following Thursday and came off this time on schedule. We have two new members, DELORES SAINOTT and BONNIE YORK. We had four guests,

CAROL MORRIS, LOU RYAN, JOYCE KNOX, and SALLY OLDHAM. We just keep on getting new members and for sure we will win the trophy next year, cuz "we iz lik Topsy and jest growed and growed." Special mention should go to HELEN WILKE'S cream puffs that she made for the previous week, froze, and served the following week. They were interesting".

PAT JETTON showed slides provided by MARY JO OLIVER of the Education Department of Cessna. One is "The Future is Johnny's Home," and the other "Paths of Least Resistance." Are just great. We are grateful to both PAT and MARY JO for these interesting and informative films.

DOROTHY WARREN has been elected 2nd Vice-President of the Dallas Chapter of Zonta International. We are mighty proud of that girl!

PAT CLARK'S 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er FRAN has volunteered to check ride (in your airplane) all the girls desiring to get APT. So let's all get with it.

HELEN WILKE and KATHY LONG have gathered together a most unusual "flight kit" for the up coming IAR. They have a 100 ft of rope, K-Rations, flare gun, mosquito netting, and last but not least, a machete, Heaven help the natives, if they go down.

HELEN WILKE, KATHY LONG, and your reporter went to Plainview for lunch the other day. Poor ole HELEN was the driver, and KATHY and I helped her find the town. In spite of us, she managed to get there anyway.

KATHY LONG and MARGE MITCHELL will be flying a Bellanca 260 in the Powder Puff Derby. That is, if KATHY, gets back from the IAR. Wonder if she could be persuaded to carry all that stuff with her this summer?

We still have lots of Hanger bags for sale. Contact PHYLLIS EMMERT 9244 Meadowglenn, Dallas, Texas until June 1st. After that (sob!!!) she will be gone to San Francisco.

DORIS WELLER is somewhere in South America on a three week trip with the World Samplers. The two cards received at the "friendly" Flight Service Station indicate that she is

having such a good time, she may never come back.

By the time, I correct the spelling in this, I will have missed the pony express, so that's it for now.

EL PASO CHAPTER

Emma S. Udovich, Reporter

The winner of the Spot Landing Contest that was held at Sunland Airport in February was WANDA GARSON. NEVA PETERS was second and RUTH DEERMAN was third. The March contest will be held at Las Cruces Municipal Airport and the husbands, sons, and boy friends have been challenged to participate. We hope to have a good turn-out.

WANDA GARSON has been doing alot of flying lately along with her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er JOHN. They went to Rome, Georgia; St. Petersburg, Florida; Columbus, Georgia and then home, having had beautiful weather all the way. Incidentally, WANDA has started ground school for her Instrument rating. Lots of luck to you WANDA!

KAY BOND and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er CAL went on a week-end trip in early Feb. and here's her interesting story:

"We took a sort of gastronomical tour in Southwest Aviation's Commanche 250 and it seems, in telling people about the trip, that all we did was eat. Taking off from Municipal Airport Saturday morning, we had lunch at San Diego, dinner in Anaheim, Sunday breakfast on Santa Catalina Island, and lunch at Phoenix. We landed back in Las Cruces just in time for—you guessed it—supper.

It was an instrument practice flight CAL, but California turned out to be unusually free of smog and he was able to make only on real ILS landing at Long Beach—the rest were simulated.

A word here about tower operators—theirs is a hectic and demanding job and you meet all kinds. There was the one who cleared us to land and when we had almost done so, (lacking only a few feet) yelled (I had a mental image of him tearing his hair and jumping up and down) "go around—there's traffic on the other runway."

We snapped the landing gear up and gained altitude without any delay at all, which was fortunate because the traffic on the intersecting runway turned out to be four F-100s screaming in, one right after another!! That tower operator should have paid more attention to what was going on—however, I had unmeasured admiration

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for the operator who talked us in to Long Beach through the smog. He was juggling dozens of small and large planes, whose pilots could scarcely see each other or the field, without any yelling at all.

When we took off from Long Beach Sunday morning to fly to Catalina Island, it was one of those rare occasions when you could SEE—the gigantic urban sprawl that is Los Angeles, laced by the freeways with their never ending streams of traffic carrying masses of people to houses that stretch as far up and down the coastline as the eye can see and are only stopped eastward by the Santa Ana Mountains. A study in contrast is the Island—Santa Catalina—only about 20 miles across the bay, but so “away from it all” that it could be 2,000.

We landed Sunday morning in time for the weekly fly-in breakfast on the patio at the Airport in the Sky, where the favorite pastimes are gazing out over green hills and winding roads with no cars rushing to get any place, and watching the pros and the amateurs land on the 3,200' strip, which slants down or up-hill, depending on which runway the wind is favoring, with a sheer drop of several hundred feet to the water at each end. It isn't at all unusual to see an amateur (and some of the pros too, I might add) make 2 or 3 passes at the strip before he decides he's low enough and slow enough to get the wheels on the ground and stopped before the plane drops off the end.

Heading back east, reluctantly — because Catalina is the kind of place that makes you want to stay—and with the sky clear as it had not been the day before, we got a bird's eye view of the Queen Mary. I think we'll be flying that way again.”

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Fort Worth members who helped in forming the new Wichita Falls Chapter, were invited to fly up for the organizational meeting in March. SHIRLEY WESBROOKS, RUTH RENTON, LOU ELLEN FOSTER and JIMMIE KOLP of the Fort Worth Chapter, may have dual memberships for awhile, all are from the Wichita Falls area. VIOLA!

Wives of the German Air Force students at Shepard AFB, cooked and served genuine German *essen - grosse gut!*

BRENDA STRICKLER (49½er

FRANK) moved into a new home, with landing strip and personal 140A parked in their acreage N of Lake Grapevine. Have E-W strip, putting in N-S, if it ever quits raining. **Glace.**

BETTY ALLISON flew to New Orleans Thanksgiving, Colorado later, took DAVID (5 months old) on both trips. He's a flying fan. **Bueno!**

BETTY PARSONS, been to Boston and took a Jet to San Francisco for a few days — took 49½er JOE along. Flew to Gunnison, Colorado, via Cessna 182 to look at the snow, do some skiing! **Au bon!**

EDNA WHYTE, flew to the West Coast as far N as Washington, Muskeeter, and home in time for the Wichita Falls flight, **a coup sur.**

DIANE BARNETT, Colleyville, PAT MOORE, Irving, new FTW members, **viva!**

Discovered: Sixteen new pilots, three student pilots, prospective FTWorth members. IPSO FACTO, more next news letter, **recht?**

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Charlotte Smith, Reporter

Okay, Gang, here's the late scoop on the gala Spring Sectional. The first event is especially for the early arrivals—a tour of NASA's Manned Spacecraft Center. Be at Hobby Airport at noon sharp Friday, May 3, for this attraction, and be sure to let us know you plan to take the tour (there will be a place on the mailing to so indicate); we will need an exact head count. I don't plan to take the tour myself — I work there. How's that for smug superiority?

After that, we have a Mexican fiesta slated for Friday evening, dress will be informal, with a surprise for everyone. Saturday morning is meeting time, of course, and we're planning something so the husbands won't get bored — none of your business what! We'll have lunch in the Astro Club at the Domed Stadium, followed by a tour of the Grande Dome, the only place in the U. S. where it can rain indoors.

Naturally, all this is the prelude to the cocktail party and banquet skedded for Saturday night. But our bag of tricks still has a few left, so

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we'll have another surprise for those leaving Sunday morning. And if that doesn't make you eager to join the run, see your doctor — you have tired blood!

If people would only stay in one spot, reporters like me would have no news. MABLE EDITH and JIM OLIVER moved to Box 1377, Conroe, Texas 77301; JIM is the new Airport Manager there. New phone for them: 756-4243. MARILYN STONEBERG'S new address is 5414 Beverly Hill Lane, No. 22, Houston 77027, phone MO7-4915. SALLY COX now resides at 103 West Deepgrove, phone 448-1491. Whew!

Chapter Chairman MARILYN STONEBERG was the featured speaker at the Amelia Earhart dinner given by the local chapter of Zonta International. Your reporter, who was also invited to attend, can report firsthand that her talk was well-received. And speaking of speeches, your intrepid correspondent (that's me) has been invited to address the August meeting of the Flying Physicians Association on the subject of “Flight by Disabled Individuals.” DR. STANLEY MOHLER, who extended the invitation, is the FAA's Director of Aeromedical Applications. He is the FPA's Program Chairman for this meeting, and is also on the program committee for the Aerospace Medical Association, to which I belong. It was too much for DR. MOHLER when he learned I had my ticket; there are very few paraplegic pilots with training in medical physiology! He got curious, so I've gotta tell him (and a few hundred other people) how the heck I did it.

CAROL MOORE and 49½er BUELL have (gosh!) a new helicopter.

Newcomers to our fold: JANET PRESTRIDGE, a Petticoat Pilot graduate, and DEANA GANT, who is transferring from Top O'Texas. Prospective members are JO FUNKHAUSER, who just got her ticket, and JOYCE EDWARDS from Conroe.

See y'all at the Sectional!

KANSAS CHAPTER

Ev. Schneider, Reporter

First, I'd like to correct a statement made in error last month—that money raised by PAT McEWEN'S luncheon and bake sale was to defray the donation of \$50 each to AW-TAR and A. E. Scholarship Fund. The \$100 raised was an **additional** contribution to AW-TAR.

March is birthday month for the Kansas Chapter. The end of our 17th year was fittingly observed with a dinner meeting in the home of DR. AND MRS. HUGH RIORDAN. Attendance and food were excelled only by the good fellowship.

New member of the Kansas Chapter is CHARLOTTE (MRS. WILLIAM) RUSSELL. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to CHARLOTTE.

Bad news that could have been worse: (1) GARNETT HASTINGS has been in and out of a hospital for tests and minor surgery, (2) HELEN SIMMONS has been nursing a fractured right wrist and (3) MILDRED EARLY is still fighting an off and on battle with walking pneumonia that has plagued her since Christmas.

MARGARET YOURDON is advisor to a local high school group interested in flying and aerospace. Being twelve in number, the group dubbed themselves "Yourdon's Dirty Dozen". MARGARET says the boys are attaining a measure of proficiency working problems on both TAS and wind sides of a flight computer.

MARY LEE GEBHART is getting into the swing of military life as her 49½er, KEN, has been called to active duty with the Kansas Air National Guard. A single engine jet pilot for The Boeing Company in civilian life, KEN is an F-100 pilot in the 184th Tactical Fighter Group stationed at McConnell Air Force Base.

ESTER and JOE BERKLEY came to the Chapter birthday party fresh from another trek to Mexico. They, along with 37 other planes and 99 other people, spent a few days in Vera Cruz then winged their way to Hotel Tanninul (a resort hotel with hot sulphur pool, golf course, horseback riding, and orange groves to lure people). ESTER and JOE were so enthusiastic and vivid in their conversations about the trip, that we all wished we had been along.

IDA SCHLITTER and her 49½er, RAY, joined five friends in a trip via Cessna 401 to Atlanta, Georgia; Miami, Florida; and New Orleans, Louisiana. IDA reported she enjoyed ocean swimming, fishing, horse and dog races, and visiting Bourbon Street.

In closing, we request that you all hope with us for weather suitable for air marking during the week-ends. Of course, we wish the appropriate amounts of rain during the week-days for our Flying Farmer friends!

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Evelyn Sedivy, Reporter

Once again weather was a factor in keeping down the attendance at our March meeting. Those making it to Grand Island on the 3rd were DOROTHY PARTRIDGE, JANET SCHMEECKLE, VERA BARTUNEK, DONNA BRUMMER, MILDRED BARRETT, SHIRLEY AMEN, MIMI HAWORTH and LEAH SNART. Topic of conversation was the upcoming Fall Sectional—but what else? Plans are really starting to take shape now and everyone is getting anxious to start putting the pieces of puzzle together. In case you are wondering—we do talk of other 99 business at our meetings. We are working on the goal of 100% for the APT program in addition to recruiting new members for the Chapter. The dates of April 15 and 16 have been set for the physiological training course to be held at Offutt AFB. The course being held at this time is especially for the 99s and other women pilots in Nebraska. We are all looking forward to the experience and consider it an honor to have such an opportunity. We should have lots to tell for next month's Newsletter.

The gals in Omaha have been busy bees with their plans for a grand event which will occur on the evening of April 27. They have been successful once again in obtaining an outstanding personality in the aviation field. This time, no other than MAX CONRAD. MR. CONRAD will relate some of the exciting adventures surrounding his many flying honors and records.

Much to the envy of the rest of us, GEORGIANN RYNEARSON, INEZ STOCKER, HELEN EHRLICH, CATHERINE MARSH and 49½ers are looking extra healthy and happy following their tour to the Hawaiian Islands. The group from Omaha included 10 pilots, 2 student pilots and 2 other couples. They visited Honolulu and Oahu five days and spent three days on each of the other three islands. INEZ reported one of the highlights for her was taking her first jet ride. Island hopping helped to bring the total of different aircraft flown to ten for the trip. HELEN felt that just to be among blooming flowers and

bathing in the warm sun in February was a treat. I wonder if they had time to think of us poor birds freezing back in Nebraska.

MIMI HAWORTH and SHIRLEY AMEN with their 49½ers made a whirlwind trip to Wichita last week. They managed to sandwich in a visit to both Cessna and Beech. The gals report that you just haven't lived till you fly in Cessna's 303 foot traffic pattern right at the approach end of McConnell AFB. They were delighted to find out that the weather man could be so cooperative and provide them with a tailwind for the trip home.

Lucky MIMI got more flying time when she and her family flew to Stillwater, Oklahoma for a physical education honorary dinner and an all-college fencing meet.

FLORENCE BORING and EVELYN SEDIVY, both Lincoln schoolteachers, attended an organizational meeting of the state's aerospace teachers recently in Millard, Nebraska. The group has adopted the name of Nebraska Aerospace Educators Association. Both FLORENCE and EVELYN are on the committee to form the constitution and by-laws.

SHIRLEY AMEN has been logging many hours on XC trips which include Denver and St. Joseph. She has also taken on a new position as night supervisor at the Lincoln General Hospital.

Everyone has their fingers crossed and are hoping for good flying weather for next month's meeting. If any of you out there in 99-land have a little sunshine, clear skies and tailwinds left over, we would be more than happy to share it with you. Just send it up to "Big Red" in Nebraskaland. Be seeing you all in Houston!

ED. Note—Watch for Eastern New England Chapter member ANN PRINGLE, who has moved to Omaha. Her 49½er ANDY is with SAC and they fly a Stinson.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Arlene Walkup, Reporter

If you are in the South Central part of our state but don't know exactly where, you just might be over Ada. You can be sure if you fly over the top of the large hanger. It now says ADA in yellow letters 10 feet high. Our new templates are really great. They make it easy to lay out letters—even an A. Our thanks to ANN CATLIN and guest, RUBY REDPATH for going all the way to Altus to get

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Full throttle, gear and flaps up, trim for climb altitude. . . and what was your rate of climb, CAROL and ESSIE? They're gaining altitude the dangerous way enroute to the Ada air marking session.

our paint and brushes; to CAROL WADDELL, PAT MORGAN, MARY DeKINDER, and PAM BUGG for keeping the paint stirred and coming, and especially for cleaning the brushes after MARTHA THOMASON, ESSIE TAILAFERRO, BEBE BARRETT, and ARLENE WALKUP got through painting. We owe the biggest thanks of all to a couple of men whose names we didn't remember to get. One was the Fire Chief of Ada and the other is his best fireman. They brought the fire truck out, put up the 65 foot ladder, helped us climb it and brought all of our supplies up for us, including cokes! And on top of all that, helped with the painting! MARTHA'S son JOHN, was a great help running errands. Doesn't sound like much but how many people do **you** know that will run errands up and down a 65 foot ladder?

We finished the painting in jig time and adjourned to MARTHA'S for an evening of hanger flying and a most delicious spaghetti dinner. And a good night's rest. Sunday morning, I'm sorry to say, did not dawn bright. The phone rang all morning with messages from members unable to come because of the weather. (The forerunner of our snow storm). Despite this, our meeting was a success. In addition to those already mentioned, NEMA MASONHALL drove and also 8 guests!

MADELINE WOODS, Cushing, MARGARET BROWN, MARILYN PETERS, and MARY SUE NIEMMO from Ada, and GRACE RINGER, PHYLLIS REID, JUDY SHARP, and JEANNE FIELD from Pauls Valley. The business was conducted following a scrumptuous lunch prepared by ESSIE. The Oklahoma Chapter will be giving APT pins to all those who complete their APT programs this year. Ch. CAROL reported they are white with the letters APT in blue. ESSIE was appointed to the Chairman of the Flying Activities Committee. Our next meeting will be in Minco and we are going to repaint the Air Mark we did there some years ago.

CAROL WADDELL is flying a beautiful new blue and white Skylane. Have you heard what she got for Christmas? Her 49½th gave her a savings account book showing a good sized chunk of money, and a note saying it was to be used to obtain an Instrument rating AND time off from homemaking duties to get it!

PAT MORGAN is having fun in a J-5. She missed her 17th wedding anniversary celebration just to help us paint. (Not really. Actually she got weathered in. But if you have to get weathered in, what better place than with a bunch of 99's?)

We are sorry to lose SARALEE FISHER but our loss is Colorado's gain. We are happy to welcome PAM EUGG, a transfer from the Eastern New England Chapter. Also new members MARY DeKINDER and JAN MILLION. We presented MADELINE WOODS with a membership application.

POLLY RUBLE is now the editor of two weekly newspapers in addition to being Vice-President of the Taloga Bank. With 5 children how does she do anything and find time to do all the flying she does?

Several of our 99s were seen at a Flying Farmer Fly-in at Fairview. We attended the open house of DAVID and BESSIE MARTENS whom many of you know. BILLIE JO KINNARD, MARY CORNELSEN, POLLY RUBLE, CAROL WADDELL, MARIE KETCHUM, ARLENE WALKUP, and TRISH SMITH, Tulsa 99, were there.

Wives of Flying Dentists have read the article in their last magazine written by our MARY ELLEN MURDOCK. It is really for women who haven't gotten the flying bug yet. If you know of a lady like that, let her read that article. It's good!

Remember JEANNIE THOMAS, director of the Sky Fillies Follies? She was in the City recently and had dinner with RITA EAVES, SKIP CARTER, RUTH JONES MARY LESTER, DOROTHY MORGAN, BETH SMITH and RUTHS NEICE. JEANNIE and CHUCK are entertaining at a supper C'ub in Elgin, Ill., and would love to see any 99s who care to come by.

WALLY FUNK, our globe trotting member, has returned home after 3 years of living and traveling in Europe and Africa. She stopped by for a visit with NEMA MASONHALL on her way home to Hermosa Beach, Cal. ANN CATLIN has a traveling job which she does both by car and air. We are lucky that SWO is in her territory because we have had a marvelous opportunity to become better acquainted with her.

CAROL WADDELL, APT Chairman, would love to pin YOU at the South Central Section meet in Houston.

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SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke, Reporter

Everybody have the flyin' machine all polished up for the races? I hope so 'cause the time is almost here! There will be quite a bit of activity in our area with a stop at McAllen and Austin in the IAR and a stop in Corpus Christi and Del Rio in the TAR!

It was nice to see PEG and JIM ONG for a quick minute in San Antonio . . . they were enroute to Mexico via airline for a few days in the Latin sun. Stop by again PEG and JIM when we have time for a longer visit. (Will do, thanks!)

When you see the welcome mat at Corpus Christi during the Powder Puff Derby, you'll be glad that Corpus Christi is a must stop . . . I saw some of the "goodies" to be given. What a bunch of hard working gals! They have been working since the first of the year to make your stop the "best ever" . . . and believe me it is going to be a great success from what I've already seen.

We had a recent surprise visit from

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TONY PAGE . . . it was great to see her. She is still hard at work with her "XC News" and was in San Antonio to get information for a Hemis Fair issue . . . sure was great to see you TONY . . . please come back again and stay longer.

Enough for now . . . Happy Flyin'!

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

Evelyn Snow, Reporter

Wedding bells rang at the home of CHARLES and HELEN WRAY as their daughter, HELEN ELIZABETH, became the bride of JOE BRADY ANDERSON of Helena, Arkansas, on March 16th. BRADY just received his commission as an Ensign in the Navy and is leaving for his first assignment, while BETTY will go back to school at Southwestern at Memphis, where she is a Senior French and Math major. She plans to teach when she graduates. We extend our congratulations and warmest wishes for happiness to our young newlyweds!

Our last meeting was held at HELEN HEWITT'S home. On hand were ROSE MARIE BURKETT, MARTHA CHRISTY, HELEN WRAY, SARAH HENLEY, ALICE STACEY, JUDY MOORE, JACQUE SMITH (after three newsletters, I finally got her name spelled correctly!), DOTTIE PORTS, JOAN CARROLL, JENNY McWILLIAMS, PEGGY HARRIS, HAZEL NEALEY, CORINNE STRICKLAND, and EVELYN SNOW. This was almost 100% of our Chapter—we missed JERE SAUR, who was in class at Louisiana Tech, and KITTY JENKINS (one of our newest members) who was off to Florida in her new Musketeer.

Members present voted to order our air marking kit, and we plan to make good use of it in the coming months. MARTHA CHRISTY was unanimously voted our Aerospace Education Chairman—we thought she would be a good one since she will be teaching area-space studies in the schools next fall. MARTHA'S 49½'er, RAY, is Director of Aerospace Studies in the Bossier Parish schools and has invited Shreveport 99s to hold one of our future meetings in his trailer, which is equipped with a link trainer and various gadgets for sparking interest of young people in aerospace and related subjects.

Newsflash!! "PEACHES" PORTS rides again—or should we say, flies again? HELEN HEWITT was sent an SOS by the Zonta Club of Little Rock

to pinch-hit and provide a program for their meeting when the regularly scheduled program had to cancel. Ever willing and able, HELEN grabbed DOTTIE PORTS and flew to Little Rock where DOTTIE gave her monologue on a student pilot's unbelievable boners (the same rendition she gave at the Fall Sectional in Shreveport in 1966 which had everyone rolling in the aisles with laughter). HELEN had been asked to give an inspirational speech, since one of the Zonta Club members knew first-hand how inspiring HELEN can be! Incidentally, HELEN was also asked to participate in a local television program entitled "Women in Aviation," recently. We're proud of her!

Attending the Ark-La-Tex Airmen's Association Banquet, where aerobatic champion MARION COLE was speaker on March 8th at Shreveport, were: HENRY and JERE SAUR, FORREST and HELEN HEWITT and son JEFF from LSU, CHARLEY and HELEN WRAY, CORINNE STRICKLAND, DAVID and JOAN CARROLL, and WALLACE and ROSE MARIE BURKETT.

Speaking of the BURKETTS—that Cherokee 180-D, which we mentioned in our last newsletter that they'd gone to Baton Rouge to inspect, is now their newest and proudest possession. The rest of us are busy reminding them that whenever one gets a new plane, the rest of the chapter is entitled to a demonstration ride!

SARAH HENLEY reports she has been busy flying around the pattern getting re-current, while CORINNE STRICKLAND has two more sessions with her instructor to her credit.

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Pat Ward, Reporter

The March winds blew in eight members, one 66, three 49½'ers, one 66 turned-prospective-member and two guests to Opelousas meeting at the lovely home of JIMMIE and DOC LaFLEUR. This was the first meeting that this reporter has missed since February of 1966 when the organizational meeting was held to form the South Louisiana Chapter, and I especially regret having to miss JIM LaFLEUR'S delicious home baked

cakes! Attending beside JIM and DOC were: DEE and BILL COMEAUX, FOY and PHIL WEST, MOLLY STOCKWELL and her younger sister JULIE, GLORIA HOLMES, JAN PHILLIPS, MARGARET RUTH, YVONNE RYDER, and LYNNETTE LOEWER (our prospective member who was reported as a 66 at the Lafayette meeting last month, now licensed). I am sorry that I don't have the name of the new 66, but I understand that she is 16 years old and that her Mother, who also attended the meeting, has taken two flying lessons.

The purpose of the meeting—to make publicity posters about the Poker Run—was fulfilled and quite a lot of business was taken care of. Our Chapter passed a motion to submit contributions to AE and AWTAR. DEE read a letter, of resignation from NITA DELARODERIE, who wrote that circumstances prevent her from taking an active part in Chapter activities. Also, HELEN HOOKS wrote that she will, of necessity, be unable to participate in our activities for several months in the future, and GINNY SMITH writes that she has undergone surgery and will be inactive for a while but not to forget her because she will be back as soon as she can. Goodness! At first glance one would think that we are falling apart at the seams!

But then came some good news (and we were due some good news after all that!)—that ALICE CAGLE has resigned her instructor job at Pan Air in New Orleans to become the personal pilot of a physician, flying a new Cessna 337 (Skymaster), fully instrument equipped, and will be able to be more active in Chapter activities in the future. We certainly were happy to hear from her, and hope that perhaps she will be willing to let us help her keep her CFI and FAA Examiner status current by helping us in our APT program. (Hope we get a chance to write and ask her before she has to read it here first!)

YVONNE RYDER and JAN PHILLIPS enjoyed Mardi Gras in a grand way—at 1000 ft. above Canal Street, New Orleans, in YVONNE'S CESSNA 150! They said that the crowds were really something and the floats beautiful, as the birds see them. They flew over late in the afternoon on Fat Tuesday, Mardi Gras Day. Sure beats fighting traffic, someone said . . . then they told us about the traffic that they had to content with. Seems

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that they weren't the only ones who wanted a bird's eye view!

DEE and BILL COMEAUX enjoyed a ten-day trip to the N. Y. - N. J. area late in February. BILL was on business, DEE was on pleasure and thoroughly enjoyed spending some time with our long-distance member, MARY JEAN PRESTRIDGE and her 49½er, EDDIE. We mentioned MARY JEAN in the January News, and lo-and-behold if the Garden State girls didn't phone MARY JEAN to attend a meeting while DEE was there. They both went and DEE came back with a glowing report on the meeting she attended. She sends her expression of gratitude to the Garden State Chapter for a most enjoyable time.

FOY and PHIL WEST had to cancel a much-needed vacation trip to the Bahamas in February, but report now that PHIL will jet to jolly-ole-England soon for an International committee meeting (details of which I did not get) soon—over on Monday and back in class at LSU on Thursday morning!

MARGARET RUTH made a flying trip to Dallas via 1968 VW to visit daughter and first granddaughter in February. GLORIA HOLMES reported "no sweat" on her trip back from the Cessna factory in ICT in the 180 with no radio that we mentioned as we were writing before PATSY JONES missed the March meeting because she had to go over to somebody's pasture near Eunice to bail an airplane out that a student had planted in "inclimate weather" . . . which might not have been so bad if PATSY, herself, hadn't advised the student that the weather was too bad to make a so'o cross-country. She's working on her CFI and we hear tell that she's going to be a good one.

The 66 we mentioned to the Texas gals last month, RITA WEESE, got so excited about having been invited to attend the Ft. Worth Chapter meeting that she ran up quite a long distance phone bill telling me about it. She was really enthusiastic and can hardly wait, now, to get her license so she will be eligible for membership—and is willing to work, even before then. Thanks, Ft. Worth! We appreciate your answering our "ad". We also appreciate El Paso reading our report to see what note of interest especially for them was there! (Private joke, huh, PEG?) New proof readers?

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South Louisiana Chapter members (left to right) MARGARET RUTH, Chairman DEE COMEAUX and JAN PHILLIPS, at the Lafayette, Louisiana, meeting, embarking on a helicopter ride courtesy Petroleum Helicopters.

TIP OF TEXAS CENTER Elaine Needham, Reporter

Hello everyone!

A nice way to start these newsletters is to say right off that we have two interesting new members: MACE WISS has a brand new Private license and is an eager, enthusiastic flier. Her husband, COMMANDER DON WISS, is soon to retire from the Navy and we hope CRP will be their permanent call letters. And . . . a very special welcome to BERTHA ZERON DE GARCIA of Mexico City . . . we are very happy to have BERTHA with us—she is an avid parachutist, holds an Instrument Flight Instructor Rating and is a member of Club de Paracaidasmo Deportive. Her husband is a retired pilot.

BARBARA LEWIS airlined to Aberdeen, Mississippi to bring her mother for a visit.

ARDATH McCREERY, McAllen, copiloted a Skymaster on an ambulance

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trip to Chicago. A 50 knot tailwind on the way up, but like all good pilots ARDATH isn't talking about the return.

IRENE YOUNG, Harlingen, will be our only entrant in the Angel Derby, but Corpus gals will be on hand to help ARDATH with the stop in McAllen.

PAULINE GLASSON recently made a flying trip to Del Rio to confer on the race stop (AWTAR) in July.

Since spring is finally making itself felt it's time to say — girls get those planes ready! . . . fly, fly, fly!

TOP OF TEXAS CHAPTER Vannie Beauchamp, Reporter

After having the weather cancel our meeting date of March 7 with low clouds and poor visibility, the date was set again for March 14. That date, along with some pretty strong winds, saw 13 Top of Texas 99s fly into Dumas for perhaps one of the most well attended meetings we have had this year.

We had a total of 15 present for

our luncheon hosted by POLLY SORELLE and VANNIE BEAUCHAMP. Members attending were CARMEN LEWIS, PAULINE RAINWATER, BILLIE HOLMES, HELEN BUCKLES, PAT POWELL, MARTHA SUE BOREN, JEAN BAKER, POLLY SORELLE, and VANNIE BEAUCHAMP.

We also had with us 6 delightful guests—MOZELLE TILLARY of Stratford who is a newly licensed Private pilot, CHRISTINE LASLEY of Hartley who has just passed her written and lacks only a few hours before her check ride, BETTY PRUITT, who is just beginning to learn to fly, but with all her enthusiasm, we know she will have a Private license as soon as possible, HELEN WILLIAMS and HARVEY JOHNSON who are both Private pilots, and traveled the greatest distance of any to be with us. We are looking forward to the time when all of these girls will be members of our Chapter. The more, the merrier! Also we had as a very special guest, MARIE CAMP of Nashville, Tennessee.

It was a fun meeting! As usual, most of the talk centered around flying. As PAT POWELL put it, "Most women talk about their operations, but we talk about flying." In spite of all talk, we did manage to take care of the business at hand. Time is always too short.

PAT POWELL and CARMEN LEWIS are both working hard to become instrument rated pilots. PAULINE RAINWATER is working on an A & P license.

She and her husband are building a P J 260, which is a two place biplane. PAULINE has taken some training in aerobatics, and expects to take more at a later date. Congratulations to these gals for the effort put forth!

A large group is planning to go to Reese AFB at Lubbock on March 29 to take the FAA Physiological Training offered there. It sounds like an informative as well as fun trip. We are to arrive in Lubbock by 8:00 a.m. Friday morning, spend the day taking the training, and everyone is spending the night, departing for home the next morning.

Also discussed was air marking. No definite plans were made, but a group is looking into this matter with a report for us at our next meeting.

If any of you ever happen through the Top of Texas, give any of us a call, and we promise a Texas Welcome!

TULSA CHAPTER

Agnes Hellman, Reporter

It only happens about once every 25 years, so wouldn't you know Tulsa would have its quarter-century 10 inch snow the night previous our regularly scheduled meeting. Only 3 or 4 of us could even get out of our driveways, so we had to cancel. By keeping the telephone wires hot, we're going full throttle on plans for the Flying Poker Party. The date is set for April 21 (rain date, April 28.) Hope many of you will join us for a day of fun, prizes and trophies.

On Sunday, March 3, the Tulsa World had a beautiful full color picture and accompanying article about our BETTY NATION in Pryor, Okla., giving her due credit for her many achievements in aviation.

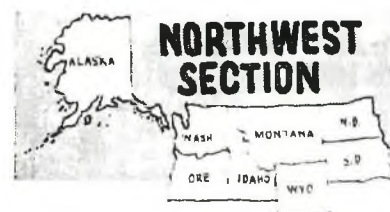
We have extended applications for membership to JEAN WILLS and MYRNA ELLIOT, both of Tulsa.

DOROTHY JOHNSON flew to Dallas a couple of weeks ago (between college classes). AGNES and PAUL HELLMAN flew to Dallas for a quick look at the Texas Mobilehome Show. ANNAHLEE JONES has been buzzing north, south and east to the markets doing spring buying for her fabulous shop, The Bazaar. JAN and DON MAURITSON, with another couple, made an exciting trip in their Travel Air down Mexico-way. Nine days of fun took them to Mexico City, then to a fishing village northwest of Acapulco and finally to Monterrey before it was time to get on home.

I'm sure many of you remember TISSIE HEATH. She dropped her membership in the 99s about 6 years ago because of seriously failing health. During better days she flew in the Powder Puff Derby once, and operated her own Tulsa Aircraft Sales Co. TISSIE succumbed to a heart attack during February. Even though we saw very little of her the past few years, she was one of us and we all know she'd have, preferred to have been flying into her sunset because her heart was always up in the blue sky that God most assuredly made with aviators in mind.

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ALASKA CHAPTER

Ruth Hurst, Reporter

First of all, a big welcome to our three new members, MARGARET SNIDER and JAN PESSEL, of Anchorage, and MARGARET WAGNON, of Sitka. So happy to have you aboard!

The AOPA Pinch-hitter course, sponsored by the Alaska Ninety-Nines, last week concluded classes, four in number, with 89 participants. This is the second time the Ninety-Nines have sponsored this course, and both times with great success. Lots of credit goes to LAVELL BETZ, MARY REID, MARY GANGE, MARION ZAEGEL and PAT MCGEE for their time spent on this.

Congratulations to MARY GANGE for being named one of Anchorage's "Ten Best Dressed Women". She was presented with an engraved silver tray by the two sponsoring organizations; The Anchorage Business and Professional Women's Club, and Greater Anchorage, Inc.

RUTH O'BUCK, MARION ZAEGEL and RUTH HURST put in many hours on the recent search for three missing Palmer fliers.

RUTH O'BUCK is the proud owner of another Super Cub, and has recently gone to work full time for PAT GILLESPIE, at Pat's Flying Service. MARION ZAEGEL tells of a recent junket to Stephen Lake for some ice fishing, which met with no success as far as the fish catching was concerned. A local expert blames the full moon for preventing the fish from biting. (I learn something every day). (Ed. Note — "Me Too, RUTH").

KATHY KIPPENHAN took ten days off to ski, and to be a Gate Keeper at the International Airlines Ski Races, held at Alyeska. (forty miles from Anchorage). There were 300 skiers, representing 25 different airlines, and for the first time, a "behind the Iron Curtain" participant, from Czechoslovakia. The finish lines were a little higher up the mountain than usual, because of our lack of snow, but all in all the meet was a great success.

Hope our perfect flying weather con-

tinues. Clear and calm. Hope this is indicative of a sunny summer coming up.

FAR WEST CHAPTER

Elene Duncan, Reporter

The February meeting was held at Arlington airport with the following members present: MARGARET LAYTON, MARY KOCHANNEK, BARBARA LaRUE, LYNN MAHLBERG and JO BURKHART. Several guests were present. BING HISEROTE flew to the meeting in a Cessna 150 on her dual cross-country trip and JEAN RUTZ flew their Ercoupe on her second solo cross country trip. IRENE JONES from Diamond Point, who plans to take flying lessons in the spring, was another welcome guest. MARY LOU GREGOR accompanied BARBARA LaRUE in their Tri-Pacer. BARBARA, MARY LOU and IRENE are taking the course in navigation at Peninsula College. Everyone was pleased to have FLORENCE HELM and LOUISE NIEMI from the Western Washington Chapter join them for lunch. FLORENCE is Chief Ground Instructor for Southern Flying Service at Boeing Field. LOUISE NIEMI was flying a new Cherokee Arrow. Also present was MARCHINE DEXTER, Chairman of the Puget Sound Chapter. Reporters for the Arlington News and The Everett Herald took pictures and interviewed a member of each chapter represented. Plans were discussed for air marking some of the airports in this area. LYNN and RICHARD MAHLBERG flew to Montana on a business trip and reported encountering high winds and icing enroute. They have also made family skiing trips to Garibaldi near Vancouver and Whistler Mountain. B. C. JO and ERNIE BURKHART flew via commercial airlines to Minneapolis and Winnipeg in November and returned by train stopping off at Banff and Vancouver, B. C. MARY KOCHANNEK has been airport hopping during our beautiful spring weather to Shelton, Port Orchard, Bremerton and Silverdale airports. MARGARET LAYTON gave a talk on aviation and showed slides of some of their vacation trips to fishing spots in Canada and aerial photographs of the Olympic Mts. to the seventh and eighth grade classes at Chimacum. We are hopeful that other members will contact their local school princi-

pals regarding an air education program.

MARGARET LAYTON of Port Townsend is Chairman of the Far West Chapter for the second successive year. She started flying in 1957, received her Private license (SEL and SES) on April 8, 1959 and became a Member of the Far West Chapter which was formed in 1962. In addition to the present office, she has also been Secretary and Vice-Chairman of our group. MARGARET and husband, own A Cessna 172 and she has accumulated over 800 hours flying time to date. The first plane was a Stinson Stationwagon on floats. She is a member of AOPA, Amarath, Order of Eastern Star. Past Matrons Club of Washington. She participates in swimming, sailing and horseback riding activities as well as her primary interest which is flying. For three years, MARGARET served as co-chairman of the Washington Heart Association in Jefferson County. She was called upon to fly a Port Townsend pilot, ROBERT AUSTIN, and wife to Seattle several times where he was tested and hospitalized to receive a pace maker. Last summer; she was invited by the Port Townsend Kiwanis Club to attend several of their out of town meetings as pilot and guest. MARGARET flew as co-pilot with LYNN MAHLBERG in a Piper Tri-Pacer in the 1964 Lipstick Derby and they placed fourth in their first race. In January, the principal of Chimacum elementary school invited MARGARET to give a talk on aviation and show slides of their flying activities. We are pleased to have such an active and enthusiastic member as MARGARET and find she is always willing to transport other members and guests to our meetings. MARGARET is presently working toward passing the Instrument and commercial written exams

An impromptu luncheon was held at Harringtons in Port Angeles Feb. 8th. to honor BING HISEROTE and JEAN RUTZ on completion of their solo flight. Silver wings made by MARY KOCHANNEK were presented each of our prospective members and a momento, an airplane clock, was given to BING as a reminder of her student days. The group including

MARGARET LAYTON, BARBARA LaRUE, GERRY KOCHANNEK as well as the honored guests, wished Mary KOCHANNEK a happy birthday.

Over Washington's birthday, I drove to Mission Ridge near Wenatchee with our three children and a couple of their friends for three days of fabulous skiing and perfect weather. Since I have missed a few meetings, I will look forward to seeing everyone at the March meeting at Port Orchard.

OREGON CHAPTER

Charlotte Dodson, Reporter

We may not be a chapter with the largest turn out of members at each meeting but you will have to go a long way to find a chapter whose members participate more when absent. The Feb. 10th meeting at TILLIE'S in Morgans Alley was conducted by RUTH WIKANDER with NONA GOARD, DOROTHY PARKIN, PATTI ENGLISH, LILLIAN BILLINGS, LUCY DRUCKER and CHARLOTTE DODSON. Those unable to attend had sent in their reports and comments to our Secretary LINDA. LINDA does a good job of keeping the members informed by sending the monthly minutes and bulletin to us. In this way chapter interest is kept alive.

The date for Oregon's Petticoat Derby will be May 18, 1968. Take off will be from Troutdale Airport and terminus at Ellensburg, Washington. LINDA GOSSETT, Flight Activities Chairman, RUTH DOLAND, DOROTHY PARKIN and ALETHA ADAMS have promised an interesting fun time. Trophies and prizes to be awarded at the post race banquet to be held at the Thunderbird Motel in Ellensburg. Two of the trophies to be awarded are rotating trophies—one is the beautiful silver trophy given to our Chapter in 1961 by Lipman Wolfe Co. for our first Petticoat Derby—it was won that year by MARGARET TUEFEL. The second trophy, awarded for best in commercial class, is a gorgeous dream donated in memory of JOAN MERRIAM SMITH by DON WANAMAKER. The first custodian of this trophy was MARCY WOLFORD in 1965.

The Race Committee keeps muttering something about prizes for the best dressed? Woman pilot—they don't say what era. Interest in the race is already evident since the first entry has been received from MARCHINE

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DEXTER of Everett, Washington. If the Early Bird type means anything, she may just go home with a trophy!

Fund raising projects are the order of the day or year with us—therefore when you are approached to purchase or sell a box of candy, a ticket to a spaghetti dinner, to the Ice Follies or many other things—don't feel we have gone Money Mad—we are merely raising funds to have the AWTAR start from PDX. RUTH WIKANDER had started this project before she left us in cooperation with the other Chapters, we will present Oregon to you at its best.

Our March meeting was set ahead a week to help us do a pre-flight for a good take off with PATTI ENGLISH, our new Chapter Chairman at the controls. Guests present were PAULA OCCHIUTO, CAROL FLEMING of the Willamette Valley Chapter, 49½er RON GOARD and Greater Portland Convention Association representative MURRAY McBRIDE.

RUTH DOLAND is working toward her Commercial and seeing that her daughter, DIANNE ROSE finds time to work for her Private ticket. LINDA GOSSETT is working for Eagle Flightways — ALETHA ADAMS has an Aerospace Workshop set for May in Ellensburg—GRETCHEN FRASER is now Chairman of the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry Aviation Committee and working hard on the OMSI Air Fair to be held in July in Salem, Oregon. In February, LILLEAN BILLINGS, NONA GOARD, RUTH DOLAND, DIANNE ROSE, BETTY JOHNSON, LINDA GOSSETT and I assisted the OSBA with registration and hospitality for their Instructors Seminar held in Portland.

Spring is here—so happy flying to all!

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Luella Burrows, Reporter

We have had two weeks of spring already, but some of our members missed out on it by taking trips. They may be sorry — it could be the last sun we see for several months!

BETH OLIVER and 49½er BARRITT took their three children to Hawaii, where they stayed with friends for a week. ILOVENE POTTER and 49½er LES flew their new Twin Comanche on a shakedown flight to Mexico.

GENE STEWART and PRISCILLA COOK headed for snow country, PRIS-



This may be the start of something big — well, at least new. Shown here is the nucleus of a new chapter for the SW Section to be formed in Hawaii. The group got together on March 1 to discuss possibilities of forming a chapter, name and geographic scope of which are yet to be decided on. From left, the prospective and current 99s are: RUTH O'CONNOR, DOROTHY READ, MARY KING (Bay Cities Chapter), TERRY ADAMS, JANET HITT (Washington, D.C. Chapter), ANN ANDERSON, IRENE ROGERS, DOROTHY KELSEY and LINDY BOYES (both of Bay Cities Chapter).

CILLA to Jackson Hole, and GENE to Big Mountain.

PAM and SVEN HOLM joined a Flying Club — Pacific Flyers — and are now flying happily. PAM spent a week in New York City. The trip, a birthday present from her 49½er, was spent shopping, sightseeing, and visiting friends.

HELEN APPEL has started an instrument ground school course, and JOYCE ANDREASON is the proud possessor of a new Commercial ticket.

IMOGENE CHAMBERLAIN, former member of Willamette Valley Chapter (Ore.), will be joining us for a while. Her husband is working on his Ph.D. at the University of Washington.



BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

Judi Faulstick, Reporter

SPRING SECTIONAL. . . The Ninety-Nines, Inc., Bakersfield Chapter. . . invites YOU. . . to a fun weekend HAPPENING. . . in Sunny Bakersfield. . . April 26-27-28. . . Fly in on Friday. . . Friday evening. . . PERSONALITY ADJUSTMENT PARTY. . . Saturday morning. . . PIONEER VILLAGE. . . Saturday evening. . . WORLD OF THE BASQUE. . . Sunday morning. . . CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST. . . drawings . . . gifts. . . prizes. . . fun. . . fun. . . fun. . . COME! ! !

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

Elizabeth Buzzell, Reporter

The 36th Anniversary of the Bay Cities Chapter was celebrated on March 2, 1968, at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant at the San Leandro Marina. A total of sixty-five members and guests were present. Everyone introduced themselves to the other members and unfortunately, space does not permit a listing of everyone present. We had two charter members present, RUTH RUECKERT and RITA HART. RUTH was also the first Chairman of the Chapter and she gave us a brief history of the past 36 years.

Many of our former members were present including ANNA BRENNER, now a member of Redwood Empire Chapter; CORAL BLOOM, now a member of the Sacramento Valley Chapter; ROSEMARY BLAKE, ADELE CHASE, MARFRED A COFFIN, EVELYN ESSER, and MAUD EVENSON. It was a great treat to get together with so many former members and for some of us newer ones to get acquainted.

Our guest speaker was RUSS JOHNSON, from the Federal Aviation Agency who spoke to us about the importance of safety with the growth of general aviation.

A Fliteway (3 band) radio, donated by Colony Aircraft, Piper Dealers at Oakland Airport, was won by PHYLLIS PIERCE, Chairman of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter. DR. ROGER COLLINSON, President of Colony presented the prize. DR. and MRS. ROGER COLLINSON were guests of ELI-

ZABETH ANN (BUZZELL) EDWARDS, who is Administrative Manager of Colony.

SPECIAL 36th ANNIVERSARY REPORT

Ruth Rueckert, Reporter

At the 36th Anniversary Party of the Bay Cities Chapter, March 2nd, 1968, I was requested to present a short history. The following is a condensation of that speech:

Between the founding of the parent organization of the Ninety-Nines in 1929, and 1932, members in the states of California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona were listed as members of the Southwestern Section. Soon it was suggested Chapters should be formed within our large Section. Those of us in Northern California agreed to form a Chapter so one could be formed in the Los Angeles area. Bay Cities Chapter could be the first Chapter in the Southwestern Section.

You are all aware by now, our Chapter was chartered March 2nd, 1932. There were nine original members, three of whom are still listed in the current roster: LILLIAN ANDERSON, of Minnesota, RITA HART and myself. Five other charter members are DR. JANET BRIGGS, now of New York City, AFTON LEWIS GIACOMINI, Mill Valley, PHYLLIS PENFIELD, Santa Maria, MARIAN TRACE JOHNSON, Industrial City, and THYRA MERRILL, of whom I have lost track. LUCY BROWN, killed in June, 1932, was the other Charter member of the Chapter.

I was the first Chairman, AFTON LEWIS GIACOMINI, the first Secretary-Treasurer. Our territory was northern California and Nevada, and the state of Utah.

Our members had a great deal of fun flying in the 1930's. The then Department of Commerce, in those days, printed a list of women pilots, and if a woman pilot lived in our territory, we had a "Winging Party" to her location, got acquainted and interested her in the 99s.

During the war years (WW-2) when flying was forbidden on the coast, and many of our members in the WASP'S, the two Southwestern Chapters were dormant, notably as to meetings. Our Bay Cities Chapter member, HELEN KELTON, as Governor of the Southwestern Section from Sept. 1942 to August 1945, held the Section together by

much correspondence. The Bay Cities Chapter was kept in existence by RUTH WAKEMAN, as Chairman, and MARJ FAUTH, as Secretary-Treasurer, for the same period. All three women are Past-Governors of the Section; MARJ is a Past-International Treasurer and was Permanent Trustee of the A.E.M.S. Trust Fund for four years. Former Bay Cities Chapter members who have been international Presidents, are ETHEL SHEEHY and GERRY MICKELSEN.

Our Chapter membership lists show close to 200 women pilots as having been members of our Chapter, over the years. As more Chapters were chartered — Bakersfield, Sacramento Valley, Redwood Empire (ANNA BRENNER, its first Chairman is here tonight), Utah, San Joaquin Valley, Santa Clara Valley, Fresno, Fallon, Monterey Bay Chapter — all these Chapters drew members from our Bay Cities.

Our main activities in the early years were getting ratings, and signing up members, many secured through "Winging Parties" — and we had the fun of flying. After the war years, California needed to again be air-marked. We did Morgan Hill, Medocino County, Buchanan Field, Hollister — in 90-foot letters, San Mateo County Airport and Hayward, first in 1957. We have done Hayward again, Naval Air Station, Oakland, and assisted with San Jose Airport.

In 1956, and again in 1957, we ran the take-off of the All Woman's Transcontinental Air Race — "The Powder Puff Derby", from San Mateo County Airport; and in 1962 again ran the take-off, this time from Oakland Airport.

Many of our members have flown the Powder Puff Derby, not once but several times. We have seldom failed to have a delegate at the International Convention, or the Section Meetings. We were hostess to the Southwest Section three times. We have been hostesses for aircraft shows; airport dedications; assisted in running local races and air shows; Hayward-Las Vegas air races; proficiency flights — having had winners in several; held our own air shows, Penny-a-pound air-lifts; hangar dances; raffles; rum-

mage sales; sponsored Wing Scout Groups; and had speakers on radio, TV and before service clubs.

Because our members save publicity items, we have a scrapbook for every year of our existence.

We've been an active Chapter. We have loyal members. Besides our three 36-year members, MARJ FAUTH is a 35-year member; RUTH WAKEMAN, 34; HELEN KELTON, 28; MARGARET GERHARDT, FRAN GRANT and PEGGY POTTER, 27; ENA AYERS, 22; MIRIAM BRUGH and the DIETRICH twins, 21; GERI HILL, 20; DIXIE EASTERBY, 19; RUTH JACQUOT, 18; LINDY BOYES and MAXINE CARLSON, 17; HAZEL MILES and ELEANOR WILSON, 16. GAIL LANE has the lucky 13. WRAY MISENER, 12 and MARY FIELDS and JEAN TINSLEY, 10.

As of this date, our membership totals 49. I wish I had time to list the accomplishments of our members, each one individually. I must mention the newest Whirly-Girl, No. 118, JEAN TINSLEY; and JAN DIETRICH, who is first officer and co-pilot on a Lear Jet. We have many Private Pilots, 14 Commercials, 4 instructors, 4 Instrument, and 2-Multi-Engine ratings.

I feel this is a wonderful 35-year record, and as we start our 36th year, I hope there will always be a Bay Cities Chapter of the Ninety-Nines.

Ed. NOTE — We all do too!



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Mary W. Neil, Reporter

We are ever so grateful to CYNTHIA KEMPER, our Chairman, who made a valiant attempt last month (but missed) to pinch-hit for your News Reporter, who was off on a flying trip with husband, DAVE. Here is what she wrote—"On Tuesday, February 13th, our Chapter had a luncheon at Sachem Country House in Guilford, Conn., and our guest speakers were two people we know very well—TEDDY KENYON and her husband TED. TEDDY is a Charter Member of the Ninety-Nines, and was taught to fly by TED. During World War II, she was a test pilot at Grumman Air-

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craft on Long Island. She told us of her sometimes hilarious experiences, and showed us a film of an early air meet on Long Island in which she was a winner. Then TED demonstrated a stabilization device for us which has been developed in the Kenyon Laboratories. This device will be called a Turn, Slip, and Direction Instrument and will be tested in actual flight within a few weeks.

Sitting next to TEDDY, was NANCY TIER, another Connecticut Chapter member, and a Charter Member of the Ninety-Nines. Those attending were fascinated, listening to these two pilots, who have flown so many types of aircraft at a time when a pilot, whether man or woman, had to be a mechanic and a good navigator. It was a most stimulating and interesting afternoon.

We were happy to see EABS McALEENAN who, with her husband, makes frequent trips to Ireland. She is a part-time instructor at Chester Airport. This was a first meeting for MARCIA SPAKOSKI, who has transferred from Eastern Idaho, and now lives in Croton, Conn. Welcome MARCIA!!

The By-law Committee has made progress in drawing up governing rules and will have further meetings soon. Membership procedures are an important part of this study. We are happy to be growing for each new girl brings something individual and special to our Chapter."

March 16 will be our next meeting at which time MURIEL EARHART MORRISSEY will be our speaker. We hope to have the details plus some photos for you by next month. COL. WETHERILL of the Dept. of Aeronautics will also be there. The Gov. of Conn. was expected, but word has just come that he can't make it. Being a DEMPSEY, and this so close to St. Patrick's day b'gorra he thinks it better to be with the boys o'green instead of the girls o'blue.

LORRAINE JENCIK has her Instrument rating. She flew to Long Island for her instruction, and wished several times she had already had it, since the weather was not too cooperative.

We are all looking forward to the Section Meeting April 13 which will include a tour of Hanscom Air Force Base, Norwood, Mass. Those girls from Eastern always do such a terrific job with anything they tackle.

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Virginia Bonesteel, Reporter

ANN PRINGLE, who was our Secretary and Newsletter Reporter, is all packed up and ready for her move to Omaha, Nebraska where 49½er ANDY has been transferred with SAC. The Stinson has already migrated, and before this is in print, ANN and her horse will also be transplanted. Taking over Chapter duties—RUTH CROWELL will serve as Chapter Secretary and VIRGINIA BONESTEEL as Reporter.

We welcome new member BILLY DCWNING and offer congratulations to the following 99s with new ratings: RUTH CROWELL now has her Commercial, Instrument and Instructor Ratings, DOROTHY PULIS and LONDON YOUNG have their Instrument ratings and RIPLEY MILLER has received her Instructor Certificate. RIPLEY will be instructing at Tew-Mac Airport.

ISABEL ELODGETT is recuperating from her broken leg misfortune and should be checking out in her Beechcraft real soon.

The January meeting was held in Fitchburg, Mass. during New England's "deep freeze" when most airplanes were still in snow banks. However, ANN PRINGLE and MARY SHEE flew in from Westover and Chairman MILLIE DOREMUS and RIPLEY MILLER flew in from Lawrence, slightly delayed by a frozen throttle! Despite the temperature, we had a good turnout to see the films on weather and icing shown by RUTH CROWELL.

February's meeting was held in Boston at the Logan Motel for 34 members and guests. After a short business meeting we enjoyed films of the 1929 "Air Races" at Cleveland shown by MR. MURPHY of Reading. Of particular interest was the arrival of LOUISE THADEN.

Our March meeting was a very successful fly-in at New Bedford Airport. DOROTHY PULIS and RIPLEY MILLER flew in in their respective Cessna 170's with members and guests. LOIS AUCHTERLONIE'S CHEROKEE 180 brought a plane load of members, while two planes from Hopedale-Draper arrived with four prospective members, two with future 49½ers. RUTH CROWELL flew in from Newport and

GEORGIA PAPPAS arrived with your reporter in a Cherokee 140 from Bedford.

The program was ably arranged by HELEN HASSEY, who flies her Cessna 172 out of New Bedford. She used her charm to gather three qualified men to discuss radio procedures. Predictably, we spent most of the time discussing the use of large, high density airports by general aviation. Following a constructive and lively exchange of ideas, a look at the sky convinced us to adjourn to the airport for the business meeting. A weather check indicated that showers were approaching and the meeting was cancelled in favor of getting airborne and home before the weather closed in.

ENE Chapter will hostess the Spring Sectional at Hanscom AFB (Bedford, Mass.) on April 13. RIPLEY MILLER is Chairman of Section Meeting Committee and has arranged a briefing on the USAF's Electronic Systems Division and a base tour.



GARDEN STATE CHAPTER

Mary Rose Myers, Reporter

Hi All . . . it's time once again for our monthly visit and compare Chapter Flying notes.

I must say our Chapter members sure have been busy Sunny-Southland Flyers for their vacations. BEA HAYDU and 49½er enjoyed the warm Florida sun and good golfing. They are planning another Florida flight in March. JUDY MELTSNER and 49½er, GIL did Bonanza it to Miami for a Medical Seminar and of course JUDY did renew old acquaintances while GIL was busy with the seminar. FLO WALSH and her 49½er also were "Florida Flyers". DORIS DOLCE, 49½er and two friends did hop over to the "Islands" for their Sun-Fun. VENITA GEORGE and her 49½er did enjoy their Southern vacation but their trusty "Bird" nosed it to Selma, Alabama and Charleston, S. C. for Christmas visits with relatives.

A hearty welcome to DONNA Willard who transferred to the Garden State Chapter from Alabama.

PAT WEIR tells of the newest addition of the WEIR assets . . . a spanking new Cherokee Arrow. Lots of happy hours in the new "Bird".

VOTE VOTE VOTE

**Immediately when you receive
YOUR Ballot !**

ALICE HAMMOND hopped in her Mooney to fly to Boston to see her newest Grand-daughter. Got a brand-new "First-time Grand-mom" in our group. MARGE DRYANT was all starry-eyed as she told us of her first grandson.

Now I have some "Stork-land" news to impart. MARY JUNE LOCH and JOAN BERTOLEJ have received tentative "Flight Plans" from future pilots. The expected "ETA" for the LOCH'S is for June and it is July for the BERTOLEJ'S. Congratulations to MARY JUNE and JOAN.

Won't be long before we have another SHEFFLER name added to the Carden State Chapter rol's. ETHEL SHEFFLER tells your Reporter that her daughter has just soloed and on her sixteenth birthday.

ALICE HAMMOND and GAY MAHER have been quite busy on speaking engagements. GAY tells us that she is now the supervisor of the Veteran's Approved Flight School at the Flying W. GAY sure is a busy "Gal."

MARY ROSE MYERS invited BARBARA CUEBISON and friend DAVE DOZARTH (who will be a new flight student this spring) to Mooney it down to Shannon, Fredericksburg, Va. for lunch. Gosh . . . never saw such large Angus-burgers . . . just like saucers. As we were waiting to be served, we noticed a Cessna 150 piloted by a "Gal". Was wondering if she were a Ninety-Nine. Sure enough, I spotted her Ninety-Nine pin and of course there were prompt introductions . . . CATHEINE GROVER of Baltimore, Md. had as her flying guest her Air-Force Nephew, who had recently returned from Guam.

Well it is time to close the "Flight Plan" for now so until next month have lots of happy, safe "sky-hours".

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER Dee Mosteller, Reporter

Despite some pretty fiendish efforts on the part of the weather to break up a scheduled fly-in at Teterboro, the March meeting turned into a pretty successful drive-in at nearby Glennon's Restaurant. Even had a bunch of up-staters down to greet special guests JOHNNY JOHNSON and WARD SAUDERS from the Air Traffic Service evaluation staff in Washington.

Although we promised a rousing report on our meeting with the FAA, the presentation was informative, rather than controversial, and there was no way to harass or stump those two



MR. JOSEPH A. RIVKIN, V. P. Baltimore Luggage Co. shown here presenting Michigan Chapter member, ANN PELLEGRINO, their AMELIA EARHART Memorial Award for 1968 "in recognition of her outstanding achievements in the field of aviation and air travel." Looking on, is International Treasurer DORIS RENNINGER. (Photo by Wagner International)

friendly guys. Their presentation of "You and the System" was well done and useful in describing traffic services available to pilots. JOHNNY and WARD are definite assets to any meeting.

Other special guests were JULES DE CREDENZA, FFA at Teterboro; MRS. IRVING EERLIN, a top executive of the Girl Scout Council in NY; the top four officers of the G. S. Senior Planning Board—CINDY SCOTTO, CAROLYN WAH, PAT TEUTSCHMAN and JEANNE BROOKS — BEE HAYDU from the Garden State Chapter; and Australia's CHRISTINE HENDERSON. CHRISTINE had just gotten her seaplane rating and was headed for Piper's Lock Haven plant where she was to fry out the new Cherokee Arrow.

New member HELEN EGAN was

pinned by her sponsor, SELMA CRO-NAN. HELEN has a Private, working on Instrument, and is a bank officer. (She's also an attractive red-head who's done some modeling for Hansa Jet Corp.) We also welcomed two prospective transfers from New Jersey—GRACE AMSTER, a Private with 250 hours, working on Commercial and aiming at the Derby, and CAROLYN CARINE, Private with 140 hours, working on Commercial. Two prospects sponsored by GALE BROWNLEE—MADELYN EYLES and BRYARLY LENMANN — were also there.

The Girl Scouts were looking us over in connection with our sponsorship of some local Wing Scout groups. In April, the Chapter will assist at an organizational meeting for the senior scout program. New York 99s are also looking into the possibilities of campaigning for aviation education in the state's school system. (Get 'em when they're just ripe for solo!)

DORIS RENNINGER was fresh from

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participating in Baltimore Luggag's annual presentation of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Award which went to ANN PELLEGRENO this year for her commeration flight around the world. DORIS and our friend, HERE FISHER, joined JOSEPH RIVKIN, VP for the luggage company, in making the award earlier this month at the Wings Club.

KAY BRICK had been making speeches again — at the Hackensack Zontas Amelia Earhart meeting and at the Bergen County Medical Secretaries Assn. on the Powder Puff Derby.

SELMA and Chapter Chairman BETTYLOU SCANDLING had some items to add to the scrapbook . . . about wearing mink when you fly! Eoth gals made New York news recently for their flying accomplishments . . . BETTYLOU appeared in a two-column picture in the Times-in full-length mink, talking on her Aztec's mike, and SELMA was in the News under a headline that said the thing to wear when you fly is mink. (That's what you get for telling an innocent young reporter, who asks if you wear goggles and helmet to fly, that you're more likely to wear a cocktail dress and mink!)

DORIS STOLL, Vice-Chairman, with her 49½er, FRED, and daughter MARGOT (plus French poodle) flew their Cherokee SIX to Miami for a late February vacation. While enjoying the palm tree bit, they hopped over to the keys a couple of times, hobnobbing in the Defense Zone with Delta Airlines. Great trip, says DORIS, perfect weather. Fourteen-year-old MARGOT, a 66'er, is becoming a proficient left seat pilot in the Cherokee say Mom and Dad.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Helen Moxim, Reporter

There's an old adage that says if you want something done, let a busy person do it. No one can dispute the fact that HONEY KATE TRATTLER'S hours of leisure are but few; her accomplishments are many and speak for themselves.

In 1964, with 49½er CHARLES, already a pilot and a Cherokee 180 to call their own, the lure of aviation beckoned to HONEY KATE. Why not succumb to it's call, and perhaps let the distaff side of the family assist with those business and pleasure trips!!

The lessons that started at Zahn's



HONEY KATE TRATTLER, Chairman of the Long Island Chapter, and Baron 1951 T, based at Republic Field, Farmingdale, L. I.

grew and multiplied in number to over 700 hrs. of flying time. From Private Pilot, to Commercial, to Instrument, to Single and Multi-Engine Land, Single Engine Sea, and Glider Rating. Husband, CHARLES, holds the same ratings.

The Cherokee 180 gave way to a Debonair, and at present a beautiful twin Baron is their pride and joy. Waiting for her, in the near future, is an Instrument Ground Instructor's Rating, and meanwhile she is already hard at work on a Flight Instructor's Rating.

Between 49½er CHARLES and HONEY KATE, their family Baron is in almost constant use—business trips when necessary, the Bahamas or out West when they can manage it, and pleasureable weekends to Vermont for skiing and soaring. Weekly, after school's out on Friday, you'll find the TRATTLERS at the airport, with 3 enthusiastic passengers helpfully assisting for the flight to Vermont. They are their children, SARA aged 13, RACHEL almost 6, and 3 yr. old TOMMY. SARA is already beginning to catch the sailplane bug.

At present, HONEY KATE is the very able Chairman of our Long Island Chapter. She trained as an Art historian and teacher, and has a B. A. from Syracuse University (her home town), and a M. A. from New York University. She worked as a

portrait painter through college, and has continued, specializing in children's portraits.

CHARLES' Alma Mater is Princeton, and he too has a strong interest in art. Both TRATTLERS are active in community work, and in the formation of a major Art Museum at Hofstra University on L. I.

Their spare (?) time is spent riding, which the whole family enjoys. They are involved in several aspects of the sport; perhaps a flight to Maryland for riding there, possibly a horse-show—but HONEY KATE'S particular love is jumping.

Her especial aspiration when her youngest progeny is off to school is to teach in aviation. Not only are we confident that she'll attain her goal, but we guarantee she'll be the comliest flight instructor in the field!

Good news from ELLIE McCULLOUGH. She passed her Instrument Written. Atta girl, ELLIE.

MARGE GRAY is back, rested from her stay in the Neth. Antilles. She is now looking forward to her 2 week stint of active duty with the Air Force Reserves.

NINA CLAREMONT is our new Program Chairman. With blinding loyalty, we'll go anywhere and do anything you say, NINA.

NINA had the most pleasurable long X-Country towards her Commercial. A 10 day trip to the Bahamas in her new Arrow, with 49½er HUGH, relaxing from his duties, at her side. Jekyll Is., Georgia weathered them in for 2 days, but the hospitality they received when they reached the Out Island Inn in Great Exuma, Bahamas, erased any memories of inclement weather and it was CAVU for them from there on in. Island hopping was fun, however it was Georgetown that stole their hearts.

Those magical Islands! They lured our DOROTHY JULICH to their midst. DOT is now working out of Turks and Caicos Is. as a Ferry and Charter Pilot for LIAM MAGUIRE, and plans to stay there indefinitely. Seems there's a dispensary on the island that depends on visiting pilots to fly in medical supplies from Miami, etc., which DOT always benevolently did whenever in that area. She surrendered to the charm of the Islands and can now be reached: c/o LIAM MAGUIRE in Nassau.

'Till next month, see you in that Friendly Sky!—

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EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Kate Macario, Reporter

Our March meeting is on the 23rd at Hershey Air Park and will be written up in the next issue. Meantime some of our members are busy preparing for the AWIAR which is from Managua, Nicaragua to Panama City, Florida, April 19-26. ANNA SHIELDS and HELEN ZUBROW flying a Cherokee 140 and NANCY DIEMAND and LIBEY DuVAL flying a Bonanza, have been getting punctured with shots for yellow fever, small pox, typhoid and polio booster, plus working over their ONC maps. Also entering the race this year is ELSIE McBRIDE with MARGARET CALLAWAY in a Mooney Mark 20, sponsored by ELSIE'S boss MARTIN M. DECKER, developer of Decker Square. ANNE and HELEN are leaving April 5th in order to spend some time vacationing in Central America. We'll be anxious to hear a report on the race from all the participants at our May meeting in Elmira.

LOUISE SACCHI is enroute to Belgium in a Bonanza, accompanied by JACQUELINE COUSIN who purchased the plane in Wichita for her charter service in Belgium. LOUISE had planned for us to meet JACQUELINE at a reception in her apartment, which would have been a real delight, but due to a change in JACQUELINE'S schedule the party had to be put off.

Our Chairman, BARBARA FARQUHARSON, has the Spring Sectional well under way. The meeting will be at the Flying W Airport, April 20th, and included is a tour of the USAF Space Track at nearby Moorestown, N. J., BARBARA had the opportunity to hear and meet MAJOR GENERAL J. C. MAXWELL, Director SST Development, FAA. She thought he was a most interesting and humorous speaker; practicing his FY'69 Budget Speech at this affair.

BARBARA and BILL MORRISON have traded their Cessna 172 in for a '64 Skylane and have some exciting trips, such as Island-hopping, planned for it . . . ANNA SPIVEY flew to Boston via airline to bring back their Cherokee 180D when 49½er JIM got weathered in last weekend. Both SPIVEYS are working on an Instrument rating; it can come in mighty

handy . . . CONNIE WOLF, who is Education Chairman of the Women's Advisory Committee of the FAA, is planning a balloon flight from the front lawn of the Lankenau Hospital on Thurs., May 9th, or if the wind situation isn't favorable, Friday, May 10th. She keeps the balloon in a stone barn at "Wingover"; also a recently acquired Cessna 170-B.

WASHINGTON D. C. CHAPTER

Ruth Freckleton, Reporter

Call it OPERATION CHANGE—or never a dull moment. While everyone else is speculating about politics, we go right on flying. Through suggestion of FAY WELLS, JEAN ROSS HOWARD was guest speaker at the Toronto Airways, Ltd. annual "WINGS" Banquet. Governor of the Canadian Section, EDITH DENNY, unrolled the red carpet, and really impressed JEAN that they have 70 active members. SYBIL and CHARLES DUNN (the former is the first Chairman of the Canadian Chapter) took off in their plane from that "red carpet" and gave JEAN the treat of seeing all the sights without having to walk. CHARLES is Vice President of the Toronto Airways, where in 1967 240 students won their wings. JEAN presented an autographed "Women in Aviation Calendar" to SYBIL from the Washington, D. C. Chapter to the First Canadian Chapter.

VELTA BENN, whose name was inadvertently left out of the Roster (a former Amelia Earhart Scholarship Winner and Chapter Chairman), and NANCY LYNAM (present Chairman), continue to work for the AOPA Clinics all over the country. Look them up whenever they are nearby.

MITZ KELLER (and her 49½er GIL) entertained the Chapter members and their 49½ers at a Buffet. We voted in the Program Director of UTOL and STOL. MRS. JOAN BARRIAGE, an engineer with FAA, and friend of KATHERINE STINSON. Welcome!

JACQUELINE SMITH (Canadian member of our Chapter) married JERRY SCOTT. We feel so friendly to them both and all went to the beautiful wedding at the Pilgrim Episcopal Church in Washington, with reception at the American Presswomen's Club. Even the gold crises, with many of the guests from JACQIE'S World Bank, did not dampen any spirits, and we toasted the romantic couple with imported champagne. JACQIE walked

down the isle in a dress from Damacus, on the arm of her boss. I was so excited, I dropped my camera! 'Nuf said.

I have been having fun showing my pug dog: "Freckleton's Aero Queen"—and I send tickets ahead in Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, etc., wherever I know the girls will go to cheer her on!

See you at the next Air Show, Dog Show, or Clinic!

VIRGINIA CHAPTER

Fran VanStovern, Reporter

Exciting things have been happening in and around our chapter this month.

We held our February meeting in Norfolk, in one of the conference rooms at Piedmont Aviation with BRUNHILDE BRADLEY as our hostess. We had an excellent turnout. BRUNHILDE held an educational session on frequencies and omni flying. JEANNE HARRIS was voted in and is now our newest member. We also were delighted to have CAROLYN WEBB visit us. CAROLYN is a prospective member and we are looking forward to having her join us in the near future.

Ed Note—See special feature - "Free Country"—for more activities of the Virginia Chapter.



Memphis in May. . .
Magical and Marvelous. . .

SOUTHEAST SPRING SECTIONAL

May 17, 18, and 19

FLORIDA SPACE PORT CHAPTER Dot Macnamara, Reporter

That wonderful hostess with the mostest, JOAN DAVIS, had the Space Port Chapter of the 99s and their 49½ers to her home at Vero Beach for a delicious lunch and afterwards a tour of the Piper Plant. 49½er ELWIN DAVIS was our very efficient guide.

One of the most interesting parts of



WOMEN PILOTS VISIT UA's AEROSPACE LAB — Members of the Alabama Chapter were treated to a tour of the University of Alabama's Aerospace Laboratory during their visit March 3. **PROF. COLGAN H. BRYAN**, head of the Aerospace Engineering Department, explains supersonic wind tunnel equipment to **MRS. BETTY FERRELL** of Birmingham, Alabama Vice-Chairman; **MRS. NANCY BEELAND** of Greenville, Chairman; and **MISS JEWEL HUDGINS**, English instructor at the Capstone and hostess for the group. (Photo by Clark, News Bureau, U. of A.)

the tour was the trip through the experimental part of the factory. Maybe we have already seen some of the planes Piper may come out with in the future. Maybe we saw some that will end up on the junk heap, too!

We saw how Piper builds planes from the beginning to the end. It surely was interesting. Surprisingly enough, there are no women working in the plant, other than the first aid room. However, none of the 99s decided they wanted to work there either. We just like to fly the planes, not build them.

NANCY and WARREN HECKSEL flew their Cherokee down from Titusville, JUANITA DIESBOURG and LEW BLUMEURG came in Comanche 85P from Orlando with SUE and FRED PIERSON as guests. MARY and DICK DIXON flew their Cherokee down from Orlando. CY BEERS and her cute daughter, JoANN, flew from Ormond Beach in a green Mooney Executive 21. You never know what CY is going to fly in. With 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er DON being in the plane business CY has to take what no one else wants to fly at the moment. Sometimes that is

good and sometimes bad. Saturday was one of those good days!

New members (we voted them in Saturday) JO CHRISTMAN and SARAH PARMENTER with their husbands flew down from Jacksonville. Other new member JERRY SNYDER and husband wanted to come, but they had bad luck, very bad luck with their recently purchased airplane. Like an engine burning up. Fortunately they were able to land safely at Mayport Naval Station.

My 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er and I, along with son PATRICK, home for a week from college flew down in our Cessna 170. MARGARET and BOB STANNAH and MARY BLACKWELL drove down from Orlando. MARY B was going to keep going for a short vacation, GENEVIEVE PERRY also drove over from Melbourne Beach. Her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er had planned on coming until that old flu bug hit him the night before. GENEVIEVE was reluctant to leave him but he told her to go on and just let him sleep, please.

Don't forget our big weekend coming up. There will be more about that next month. Keep watching this space!

GEORGIA CHAPTER Betty McNabb, Reporter

Letter to the Editor:

Dear PEG,

I am flying low at this writing, flat on my back in Arkansas University Medical Center! Flew the Bonanza out to do a couple of lectures at the annual meeting of Arkansas Medical Record Librarians and got "down in the back". I had a lame back when I left Albany but figured it would limber up as the day wore on. It didn't!

Blessings on the Arkansas 99s! RUTH GRAY was just getting ready to fly her brand new "V" Bonanza down to New Orleans on the gauges, PAM STOWELL was "between" students, and they both pushed and hauled and helped this poor old wreck get into a car and head for the Medical Center.

They, and BETTYE BOLLEN, have been so nice, coming by, calling, sending flowers and candy. BETTYE even offered to take me home, without ever meeting me! It's been wonderful to know that 99s DO look after each other. I'm a long way from home!

I made both of my speeches, one by leaning on a wheelchair, the other from a stretcher. (You know the old jazz about "the show must go on—" well, they had come from all over Arkansas to hear by golden (?) words—and heard 'em they did.)

Now, a week later, I'm about ready for discharge and plan to be more careful about lifting henceforth.

I missed the March Georgia meeting but had a nice news note from BETTY JO ALISON. Georgia 99s met at Arnold Aviation, L B Wilson Airport in Macon. Hostess was MYRTLE CAGLE and she had arranged a tour of Robins AFB with lunch at the Officer's Club.

MAJOR MULLER of the 58th Military Airlift Squadron escorted 99s and their guests through Operations and up to the flightline for a cockpit orientation in the C-141. Said BETTY JO, "I've never seen so many lights, gauges, switches, buttons, and radios!" A trip to Rapcon followed to conclude the tour. One prospective member was present — MIRIAM ALLEN from Milledgeville, with son BILLY, and her instructor.

Well, I must fly that wheel chair back to Physical Therapy now. It's easy to fly—pure jet and fixed gear. Hope I'll be airborne for the next NEWS!

PS—Am going to get to try flying

home this afternoon (March 16)
Ed. Note—Sorry to hear you had a
"ketch in your get-along," BETTY.
Do hope all is air-worthy now!

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

Mary Stanley, Reporter

The March meeting of Memphis 99s was held at Hi-Air, Memphis Metropolitan Airport. HILDA SAVAGE presided in the absence of Chairman POLLY DUNCAN (currently touring Florida with 49½er HOWARD in a camper). 17 members and five guests were present. JUNE PENTECOST, MARY OLIVER, SHIRLEY WEBB and EVELYN PARKER contributed lunch so that the dutch treat funds collected could be applied to the Southeast Sectional kitty. Our efforts for making this Sectional (May 17-18-19) truly enjoyable for not only all our guests but ourselves as well are proceeding apace. Make your plans now to be here, all you Southeast 99s and 49½ers—as well as any of the rest of you interested.

I had an opportunity to visit briefly with four more of our new members, all Memphians. All of our new members are making a big contribution to our Chapter, already working enthusiastically on all current projects and are greatly appreciated by all us old hands. A brief introduction to these new 99s follows.

LINDA LANGE, received her license in September and is currently flying the CAP 172. She is a Registered Nurse, working in the Intensive Care Unit at Methodist Hospital. She is also a flight nurse in the Tenn. Air National Guard. JENNY COOK is also a Registered Nurse. She received her Private ticket in Muncie, Indiana in 1966. Since moving to Memphis, she has added a Multi-Engine rating, and has ambitions in the helicopter field. Coming from Yankee land, flying out of Memphis has presented her with a unique problem—She has trouble understanding the tower operators' southern drawl! SHIRLEY WEBB is a pharmacist at Baptist Hospital. Since receiving her license last Sept. she has checked out in a Cessna 150, 172 and an Aero-Commander 100. She is also a member of Memphis Senior Sqdn., CAP. Our youngest member, BONNIE McLAURINE, is a sophomore at Memphis State University, where she plans to work with the Air Force ROTC in forming a flying club. She received her license in November and hopes to start to work on her Com-

mercial this summer.

Latest news from the flying front: MARILYN ASHLAND has passed the Commercial written. FRANK and MARTHA TOBEY encountered absolutely no flying problems while in Mexico. They flew to Tampico in their Debonair. Ditto for BOB and ROSE-MARY WILLIAMS flying over the mountains to Aspen, Colorado at 18,000 ft. in their Bonanza. They also became fairly proficient skiers in a week's time. HILDA SAVAGE, MARGE SCHULTZ and GERRY and BILL BAKER flew to Hot Springs in HILDA'S Mooney for a day at the races—no report on the success of that venture.

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

Margaret Shipley, Reporter

Our March meeting in Clarksdale with NORMA BACHARACH as hostess was **outstanding!** Even the weatherman cooperated beautifully. Much effort and planning on NORMA'S part made this an extra special day.

An aerobatic performance by DOT ETHERIDGE was spectacular! DOT has perfected and polished her act and will get a chance to thrill crowds in Washington, D. C., Reno, and Las Vegas. These cities are the locations of the N.W.P.R.A., along with Cleveland and Phoenix. For the pylon races, DOT will fly an Aero Commander 200. Always a crowd pleaser, the Clarksdale sky-diving group had everyone's heart in her throat.

After lunch at the Holiday Inn, CHARLES SULLIVAN, Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi, kept us in stitches with tales from his own long flying career.

What a grand surprise to have two planes from Memphis to visit us, with JUNE PENTECOST, CHRIS BROWN and MARY OLIVER in JUNE'S 172, and MARTHA and FRANK TOBEY in their Debonair.

JANET GREER up from the Coast, making stops in Hattiesburg and Jackson to pick up JESSIE MILLER, FRANCES MEADOR, KITTYE GREEN and GRACE BROWN. ETHEL RADCEWICZ and BERNICE KELLY came from Jackson in a Cessna 150. CAR-GILL and DICK BARRET, with niece DINA FAIR JACKSON, flew from Lexington in their 172. From Greenville came: LOIS and PERCY BELL, plus son PERCY, JR., in their Cherokee 180, LUCILLE WOLFE solo in her Cherokee 180, DOT ETHERIDGE

in her clipped-wing Cub, and 49½er BOB ETHERIDGE and JOE CALL in a Luscombe. From Tutwiler, we had BOBEYE WILLIAMS and beau in the WILLIAMS' home-built "Tailwind", mama RUBY with guest YVONNE SMITH, and sister JEANNIE and beau in the family car.

CAROLINE and JAY C H E E K, daughter KATHY, and WILHEMINA (a 40-lb. St. Bernard puppy) stopped on the way home from a trip to Cape Girardeau, in a 6-place Muskeeter. They enjoyed meeting ALICE GODWIN and seeing her display of trophies. The CHEEKS are building a "Tailwind" in the living room.

From Greenwood there were JEAN HODGES, PEGGY McCORMICK and FRANK, JR., in their Skylane, and MARGARET SHIPLEY in her Cherokee 140, with her dad, DR. SAM BRISTER as her honored guest. Your reporter calls him her favorite passenger, though he does get embarrassed when she tells of his 98 on the Private written.

Thanks again, NORMA, for a great meeting. Next month, Fairhope, Alabama, with the Alabama Chapter, with lunch at the Grand Hotel. We're looking forward to meeting all the girls to the east of us.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Genie Rae O'kelley, Reporter

The Tennessee 99s met on February 24, 1968, in the lovely pilot's lounge at Chattanooga's Lovell Field. Those present were IRENE FLEWELLEN, DOT JONES, LADY McREYNOLDS, EVELYN JOHNSON, GLORIA CAROWAN, JESSIE DRAIN, BEE REID, BEVERLY GIESON, DOT PATTON, EDNA DAVIS, and a prospective 99, CHRISTINE KAMPER. The Chattanooga girls served a picnic lunch, which gave us all a chance to visit; the social hour during lunch was very delightful. Our thanks to these girls for the delicious lunch.

A movie of the July 4th fly-in at Dallas Bay Sky Park was shown by MR. BRUCE BANTON of the Chattanooga Flyers Club. The fly-in was sponsored by the Chattanooga Flyers, with the 99s as hostesses. Over 200 people and 35 airplanes were present at the fly-in. The film showed the activities of that day, which included a spot landing contest, a dead stick landing, and elapsed time race. The 99s were shown serving a picnic lunch in the hangar at Dallas Bay. The Chattanooga Flyers Club were so pleased

with the turn out last year that they are planning another one for this 4th of July—bigger and better than last year. The Tennessee 99s will again act as hostess and will be participating in the contests and races.

MR. J. C. STUART, of the FAA General Aviation District office, showed us a movie on "Wake Turbulence." This was a very informative and educational film. We hope all 99s will have the opportunity to see this and other excellent films put out by the FAA.

IRENE FLEWELLEN told of the many new improvements at Dallas Bay Sky Park. The power and telephone lines have been buried underground, and the trees near the runway have been topped. They also have a new building and some additional beautification is in progress.

LADY McREYNOLDS is very proud of her new Arrow, which she bought from DOT PATTON in Chattanooga. It is really fully equipped, and she is enjoying learning all about how it flies. Hope she will give us all a ride very soon.

Our Tennessee Chapter has begun plans for our annual Tennessee 99 award to the person, living in Tennessee, who has done the most to advance aviation in our state. This award will be presented later in the spring at our regular meeting. Last year's recipient was MISS LILLIAN WARD, of the FAA General District office in Nashville.



LAST FLIGHT

Florence H. Boswell

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ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Marcia Singer, Reporter

February the 18th, MARTHA FIN-
TON and Co-hostess DOTTIE AND-
ERSON welcomed us to a windy Find-
lay, Ohio for our monthly meeting.

Spring is Coming. . .

SPRING SECTIONAL

that is. . .

Plaza Inn.

Kansas City, Mo.

May 24, 25. and 26

MIKE MURPHY, Chief of the Marathon Aviation Division, and one of the judges of the International Aerobatic Competition, was the guest speaker.

This reporter was looking forward to the monthly get together with poised pen and open ears . . . but due to an illness in the family was unable to attend. However, JOAN DANGL, a fly-in from Dayton was kind enough to bring back news of the meeting to me. And, bless EDY MAXIUM of North Olmsted for sending news via mail or I'd be blank.

Goodbye MARIAN PETZEL . . . hello . . . MARIAN PETZEL MOYER and 49½ ER ED MOYER. The newlyweds will be living in Bellevue, Ohio. Wobble your wings when you pass Ridge Rd. . . Maybe MARIAN will wave.

JOAN HRUBEC has just been elected Vice-President of the Cleveland Chapter of the Zonta Club.

NANCY SINCLAIR has added . . . to quote EDY MAXIUM, "another to her string of ratings." NANCY of Strongsville, Ohio received her Basic Ground Instructor's rating in January.

MERRILL and RUTH LOVE of North Olmstead are the luckiest! They won a jet trip and a weekend in Las Vegas from the Field Enterprises Corp. It was RUTH'S first jet ride . . . but not her last, we hope.

Talked to JOANN STYPE of Wooster who is up in the air with the STYPES new purchase . . . a 210 Cessna. JOANN who just several weeks ago gave birth to a son, is instructing. Would you believe her obstetrician is one of her students?

CLARE THARPE of Dayton and CONNIE JONES of Painesville have been racing around making preparations for the IAR.

Trotwood, Ohio is having it's Air Marking event April 7th . . . Rain date, the 28th.

With great sadness we report the All-Ohio Chapter's loss in the passing away, after a long illness, of our member of long standing, FLORENCE H.

EOSWELL of Cleveland. In 1936, it was FLORENCE who helped re-organize and re-establish what became known then as the Northern Ohio Chapter. Also in 1936, FLORENCE was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the North Central Section, and in 1937 became Governor of the North Central Section. From 1941-1943 FLORENCE was Chapter Chairman of what had by then become known as the All-Ohio Chapter, and it was during this interim . . . February 2, 1942 . . . that All-Ohio received its chapter charter. FLORENCE, during her active flying years owned three different aircraft, was the third woman in the United States to attain her Instrument rating, the third person in Ohio to receive her radio license, and also the first woman in Ohio to receive her Instructor's rating. LADY "B", as she was familiarly known will long be remembered by many for her perpetual enthusiasm for aviation and women in aviation.

MUGS AND EARINGS . . . are still for sale for everyone!

CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA

CHAPTER

Margie Hall, Reporter

No the CGI Chapter hasn't gone out of business, but this reporter has been running 2 months behind in everything. Never fear girls the CGI girls are still here!

We have been snowed in and iced in during this past winter, but come spring you'll see us up and flying again.

We had our Annual Awards Party in between snow storms at MARY EVANS lovely home, Elmwood. We invited lots of prospective members and presented our Women Pilot of the Year Award to our wonderful Chairman, NADINE HEUER. NADINE has been Chairman of the Powder Puff Derby Stop for the last two years, and has done a magnificent job. She has also been busy working with the local Chamber of Commerce to help promote Women in Aviation and especially the Ninety-Nines. We were proud to present her, our highest award for she truly earned it.

We have two new members, MISS DEMARIS McGEE of Kenneth, Mo., and MRS. MARTHA JOHNSON of Portageville, Mo. We will feature them at a later date when we have pictures available. We're delighted to have them in our Chapter.

We're popping our buttons off, about

our N. P. A. Proficiency Race Pilot, MARY ELDERS, of Cuba, Mo. Would you believe that she is the Nations Most Proficient Pilot for 1967? This is the 3rd. time MARY has won this award, and makes two times in succession. How good can you get? But then these are the kind of women you find in the 99's!!

The CGI Chapter is planning to help the local aviation committee with their new runway dedication in June. We now have a new Instrument Runway and to help celebrate the occasion, the Navy's Blue Angles are supposed to give us a demonstration. Needless to say we can hardly wait to see them in action.

Again if you're in our area do give any of us a ring. We love to visit with Ninety-Nines.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Barbara Brusseau, Reporter

We are planning a meeting for Saturday, April 6 at Coles County Airport to paint letters on the airport for the coming ILLI-NINES Air Race being planned for May 10-11-12. Deadline for entries is April 30

Our March meeting was held in Bloomington Illinois at the home of LIB DUNSETH. We wish to thank her and her co-hostess LOUISE STAHLEY for an excellent meeting. The following members were present: MARG KELLY, JANE McMILLIN, PAT SMITH, JEAN READ, LUCILLE GREGORY, LOUISE STAHLEY, LEAH WARREN, DEED HOLCOMB, and BARE BRUSSEAU. In conjunction with this meeting the Race Committee was meeting with CAL MATTICE of the Illinois Dept. of Aeronautics. Our members attending this meeting were MARTHA McMAHAN, ARLENE JOHNSON, GLORIA FARR, and HELEN GRIENKE. Guests at the meeting were ARDIS ROVELSTAD a student pilot of JEAN REED, and LOREN BAILEY who just received her Private on her seventeenth birthday.

JOAN READ told of an interesting experience in going through the High Altitude Chamber at the Air Force Base in Bunker Hill, Ind. MRS GREEN from Pontiac Radio Station interviewed JEAN REED and DEED HOLCOMB.

Several members have been keeping us in the aviation world. JEAN WEST checked out in the Debonair at Coles County and then took it for a quick trip to Florida. RUTH RITTER is Secretary of the Decatur Flying Group. LOIS WHEELER is working

up newspaper publicity for the 99s, and JANE McMILLIN is Treasurer of the Midwest Airmen.

Next event is the AIR RACE—don't miss it!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Marilyn Dickson and Nona Martin,

Reporters

A dinner meeting of the Greater Kansas City Chapter was held March 7, at Fairfax Airport with lots of members and guests present.

LAURIE and TOM MONK flew in from Atchison (in the newly acquired Aztec we told you about last month) and brought with them, MARGE PARIS and LINDA WALLACE. JOAN REINDL and husband JOE came down from Ft. Leavenworth as did NANCY GEORGE. In addition to these members, we were pleased to welcome several guests from the Fort: COL. McLEAN, who is a Flight Instructor and MAJOR and MRS. MARVIN KORTUM, both student pilots.

Long time absent and much missed DOROTHY and DON STRATTON, FBO's at Excelsior Springs joined us for the evening. KATHY ZIMMERMAN came in from Lawrence, Kansas; BONNIE FERGUSON from Windsor, Missouri; RUTH and SHELDON STAFFORD from Lake Lotawana; JOY MORRISON from Springhill Ks., and with her RUTH HARMON from Gardner.

Chairman MARGAROT WRIGHT, BETTY SIMPSON, DONA RIDGEWAY, ELAINE and BILL MORRIS, NITA IRWIN, ROSAMOND OLIVER, KATI LETCHER, LOIS WILLY, LOUISE and TOM HART, MARY ANN NOAH, BOBBI and BILL MILLER, MARGARET and RALPH REID, FAYE GLENN and her husband, PEGGY and JOHN WRIGHT, KAY and DALE CAIN, Sectional Chairman ALEAH COMBS and BUD, new member FRED ALEXANDER and husband LENNY, EDITH WILCOX VEE and ANDY ST. JOHN (we're still working on VEE) and last year reporters NONA and MARILYN.

DAN WRIGHT from the local FAA Safety Office brought excellent films on Wake Turbulence, Density Altitude and Integrated Instrument Instruction to provide the program for the evening. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening — we're sorry more of our local people were not able to attend.

The fly-out last month was delayed a week due to "stinkin" weather (what else but on the 4th Tuesday, five planes and nine members from

Kansas City aimed at Omaha, where they met COL. McLEAN and three of his students, along with several friends from the Omaha area for lunch.

Congrat's to DONA RIDGEWAY on her brand new Multi-Engine rating. She is currently working on her Commercial license.

LAURIE and TOM MONK have been traveling a bit lately. Made two trips to Colorado for a skiing vacation and one trip to Las Vegas.

VEE ST. JOHN works at her hobby and has been piloting the City Architect around quite a bit lately. Recently she flew him to St. Charles and plans a trip to Eoonville very soon.

RUTH STAFFORD was scheduled to go to Sedalia, Missouri, to address a large group of Cadet and Senior Scouts on March 9th concerning the Wing Scout Program. RUTH has worked with groups such as this in past years and is happy that she can again contribute to this program.

The Kansas City Chapter is a bit busy at the moment — meetings, meetings and more meetings are being held by the various committees who are planning the Spring Sectional meeting just for you. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in May at the Plaza Inn. The more the merrier.

Since both reporters are now working full time, we do sometimes have a problem acquiring the news from our members due to lack of time. If the column seems "disorganized" this time — that's because we both are momentarily. We'll get it all worked out pretty soon.

Remember, Fly low and slow.

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GREATER ST LOUIS CHAPTER

Ruth Taksel, Reporter

'Twould take a hardy soul to keep up with our local fly-gals; all I can do is TRY—and I know in advance I'm gonna miss something! Our February meeting was so well attended it taxed even the spacious quarters of the new Monsanto flight department (and at that, we only invited members since it was basically a business meeting). JAN POCOCK, Monsanto's flight-girl-Friday was hostess, with RUTH TAKSEL and VAL JOHNSON sharing the co-hostess honors. All kinds of business was discussed — including our rummage sale, Fall Sectional in STL, up-coming Weather Seminar, etc—then movies of last year's Bahamas Treasure Hunt, and the 1967 Powder Puff Derby were shown by RUTH and VAL. (Those PPD movies make a gal antsy to get working on the next one!)

Eig self-improvement project of the moment (spearheaded by our Chairman, JAN POCOCK) is a weekly weather seminar to be conducted by Chief GEORGE BRANCATO and his side-kick BILL WALDHEUSER. It's to run for three consecutive Monday nights beginning March 18, at the Monsanto office. After that, if we want more, the weather boys are willing to go on. A weather quiz put together by that Bureau really showed us how much we've forgotten (or never knew?) Anyway — we're about to DO something about it!

A full dozen of our members flew down to Jefferson City for an NPA sponsored meeting, which was very helpful also. Weather hazards en-route charts, FAR's (including new restriction on special VFR) were all covered, plus too-much too-good food in the form of coffee-and-donut break plus lunch. ROSE JOLY, IRENE RAWLINGS (with 49½er IRWIN) and JAN POCOCK Aero Commander down with PAUL VANCE; LOIS SHAFER took MARY LOWE and JOAN LAMB in the Cherokee 235; DOTTIE RUMSEY and MARGARET WALSH flew in with MARGARET'S 49½er; VAL JOHNSON Bonanzad in from St. Clair with DOROTHY CLARK; LORETTA SLAVICK motored down, and AMY SUMMERS, our Jefferson City member helped organize the whole thing, with an assist from LORETTA and PAUL VANCE

One of our most interesting meetings was our March 9 get-together at Conductron, Missouri, as the guests of BETTY BRAUN and her 49½er

CHET (who's a VIP in the Corporation). Highlight of the day was a tour of the simulator with us flyin' the beasts. This followed a business meeting and a delightful lunch. (Somehow, everything about flying except the flying itself turns out fattening!) We had another big turnout for this one. Several of our members flew into St. Charles Airport and were shuttled over to the plant nearby. Our Chapter is becoming so spread out that we have a lot of fly-in members lately.

Our gals are right in the middle of arrangements for the annual rummage sale. LOIS SHAFER is Chairman, and the dates are March 22 and 23.

Last year most of our members bought powder blue blazers, to be used as a sort of 99 uniform; STL patches are now on order and we hope that soon we'll all be properly labeled . . . on the personal side KIT HEACOCK, our aerobatic member, is flying in air shows at Jerseyville every first and third Sunday . . . BETTY WILLISTON, our original glider pilot member, is working on her power rating . . . BETTY and CHET BRAUN flew down to New Orleans recently for a fun weekend . . . we've lost a few members recently through moving JOY KRIEG to Denver, MARY JANE MCKILLUP to Chicago, HELEN POOLER to Perry Mo. and JEANNE REUSSOW to parts unknown . . . BETTY BOARD is our newest member . . . LORETTA SLAVICK reports on her recent trip abroad she enjoyed visiting with ANNELIESE PINTO of Portugal. LORETTA says they have a wonderful general aviation airport with three hangers and a clubhouse. there . . . several of our 49½ers were initiated into the fold at the January meeting with the Aero Club . . . we've received flannel for making a cover for the trophy (bowl) for best attendance at the Sectional from SUSAN ROSCOE of Chicago. SUSAN promised it at the Fall meeting, has sent it on to us and we thank her . . . in my own travels about the countryside as airplane peddler, I run into such nice Ninety-Nines. This month I've met LOU FROST of northern Illinois and RUTH SCHLEUSNER of Waterloo, Iowa. RUTH and her husband run Flyer's Airport there.

The April meeting is scheduled to be held at the home of SUE MATHEIS, with AMY LAWS as co-hostess. Informative program concerns "ramp etiquette," or "what line service expects from you and vice versa."



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INDIANA CHAPTER

Defia Sanders, Reporter

The February meeting was held at the Airport Holiday Inn in Indianapolis on the 18th with 28 members in attendance in addition to the 49½ers and several prospective members of the 99's. The topic of the program was "Racing Weather" given by JOE CIRIELLO, Specialist, Indianapolis Flight Service at Weir Cook Airport. This was the third Chapter meeting attended by BETTY FIKE and MADELYN WAGNER. Guest brought by DOROTHY NIEKAMP was CAROLYN MILKY, and RAE CAWDELL brought BECKY GRINSHAW. ANNELIESE BOETTIGER, guest of MARTHA HOLST, is a Purdue graduate student who is currently working on her Doctor's degree in Electrical Engineering. Her home is near Nuremberg, Germany and she holds a Commercial and an Instructors rating. JILL McCORMICK had as her guest, PEGGY ARNETT, of Richmond, Indiana. She just received her Private license in January and is enrolled in the 2 year course in Aviation Electronics and working for an associate degree in the school of Aviation Technology at Purdue.

The many friends of BETTY NICHOLAS were shocked to learn of the sudden death of her husband, TED, on February 18th. TED was a staunch supporter of aviation for both men and women. Our most sincere sym-

pathies are extended to her at this time.

MARCIA REYNOLDS has resigned from the office as Secretary of the Indiana Chapter so that she might spend full time as Race Chairman. The Executive Board appointed LOIS KENNARD to fill out the unexpired term.

Air Marking Chairman, DOROTHY SMITH, took names of volunteers to check the completed air markers in Indiana and hopes to have the project completed by the March meeting date.

KATIE SAGE was on a most interesting vacation in February. She was in Africa on a camera shooting safari. More about this later.

DALE and VIRGINIA McKINNIS and daughter DONNA flew in their Tri-pacer to Florida for a long week-end the last of January. Their destination was Punta Gorda on the Gulf Coast. After their return home, they made a short trip to Rockford, Illinois to ferry a Cherokee 140 back. VIRGINIA flew the Tri-pacer and reported the trip a bit rough with gusts at 40 knots, near Rockford, but smoothing out somewhat when nearing home.

FERN RINKER drove to Florida in February and was having a ball watching the horses.

PAULINE and BOB GENUNG are the proud owners of a Cessna 150, this one being the smallest of the three planes they have owned but are finding it the most fun to fly. After two years of non-flying, soloing was a bigger thrill for PAULINE than the first time. They are based at the new Sky Harbor Airport on the west side of Indianapolis. PAULINE'S daughter PAM was a guest at the February meeting.

SOPH and NEAL PAYTON flew to Cleveland to visit SOPH'S twin sister, IRENE. SOPH has just received word that she has placed 2nd in the National Pilot Association Proficiency Awards and will receive this recognition at the Spring meeting of N.P.A. to be held in the Bahamas. Nice going there, gal!

Now the official dates have been set for the FAIR—September 21—with impound dead line September 20 and flyaway on September 22—see you in Valparaiso then.

IOWA CHAPTER

Twenty-nine Iowa Ninety-Nines and their husbands braved a less than perfect day March 10, 1968, to converge

on the Convair Room at the Waterloo Municipal Airport for their monthly meeting. JERRY WALKER, RUTH SCHLEUSSNER, and VERA MAE PROCHASKA were co-hostesses for the event.

DON WALKER, sound engineer for John Deere, presented a most interesting program on the effects of varying intensities of a wide range of sounds. This was graphically demonstrated on film and with a sound intensity meter with complete and enlightening explanations by MR. WALKER.

A short business meeting followed, conducted by Chairman LOIS GRANGE recently returned from, Arizona, California, Mexico City, Acapulco and all points between. Two new members were voted into the organization, which makes a grand total of six new members in the last three months. CLAUDETTE (MRS. DEL) PARKER of Cedar Falls and MYRT KAUTENBACH of Waterloo are our two most recent members.

The next meeting of the Iowa Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is scheduled for April 21, a week later than the normal meeting day, due to the Easter holidays.

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER Dot Arnett, Reporter

When Ninety-Nines start scheduling Fly-Ins it must mean that spring can't be far away. The KB Chapter is looking forward to the Terre Haute Fly-In with the Indiana Chapter, Cape Girardeau Areas, Greater St. Louis, and All-Ohio at the Ramada Inn, April 21.

Our Ninety-Nine happenings include some flying south of the border. BARBARA and JIM HEALY returned home February 4 after racking up 32½ hours and about 3,500 miles on a trip from Naperville, Ill. to La Posada de San Carlos, Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico and Taos, New Mexico. Their first week with sun and sea at San Carlos and then skiing at the Taos Ski Valley for a week of learn to ski better.

PATRICIA HUDGENS and SUSAN STILES, a non-pilot took to the air for a total of 23 total hours. Destination Renosa, Mexico via RON Monroe, La. and McAllen, Texas. They visited the

Piper dealer in McAllen. PAT flew a Cessna 172 and her longest day was 9 hours from McAllen to Springdale, Ark. PAT returned to Arkansas the week-end of March 1 for a visit with relatives.

SKIP GUMBERT'S 49½er GEORGE was elected President of the Flying Physicians Association at the group's 13th annual meeting recently held in Williamsburg, Virginia.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Mary Carpenter, Assistant Reporter

LORRAINE McCARTY said, "Look for the house with the elephant in front" when she invited us to her home in Royal Oak for our February meeting. She wasn't kidding, it's life size. We had a nice turn-out. Good conversation over coffee and rolls while waiting for the members to gather.

JULIE AVERBACH and ANN PELLEGRENO braved snow showers and flew a "little fella" a Cessna 150, from Ann Arbor to Berz Airport — a whole fifty miles!!!

It was the first meeting as Private pilots for LIZA DIXON and ESTHER STELLWAGEN. Other guests were DOROTHY REED (the voice that we hear on Unicom when calling Berz belongs to her) and BARBARA MITCHELL, a potential 66. Welcome to MARTI SEEGER our newest 99.

J. L. Hudson Co., is planning a display window entitled "A Salute to Women Who Fly." MARY VON MACK modeled her 1928 leather jacket and goggles which she has kindly consented to loan as part of the exhibit. She wore this outfit when she picked up her new Waco OX-5.

The 1968 SMALL race board had it's first meeting February 3 to begin making plans for this year's race, which will be held October 4-6 at Ann Arbor Municipal Airport. Plans are fast shaping into the best race yet.

EEA STEADMAN has a new Beech Travel Air and says she's waiting for a break in the weather to give it a good try-out. Her plans involve the Woman's Advisory meeting and 99 Board meeting in March in Oklahoma City.

LES and ALICE DAVIS flew commercially to Jamacia for two wonderful weeks.

MARGE ASHTON passed her Commercial written and MARY CARPENTER added Commercial and flight Instructor to her ticket.

**Next NEWS Deadline
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Planning 13th annual Michigan SMALL Race to be held in Ann Arbor, October 4, 5, 6, 1968 L. to R. ANN PELLEGRINO, Programs, DON WEISBAUM, Airport Manager, and JULIETTE AUERBACH, Race Board Chairman at the Ann Arbor Municipal Airport.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Mary Peltó, Pinch-Hitter

Spring is in the air, but most of us were not! It seems that the lowish ceilings were keeping the majority of the Michigan Chapter right down on the freeway. However, the attendance at our meeting in Jackson was very good, with 45 members and guests from all sorts of lower Michigan cities. MARY CLARK was our charming hostess, and BERNICE STEADMAN, our speaker.

We are proud to include in our membership "B" STEADMAN. Among her many accomplishments and honors, she is a member of the Women's Advisory Committee to FAA and this was the topic of her talk. We learned that many of the suggestions by the committee have been adopted and others are in the rule making stage. Among the adopted ones are the Gold Seal Instructor Rating and addition at busy airports of a parallel landing strip for light aircraft. There is a recommendation presently for all pilots who operate above 14,500' (or plan to) to attend the classes for use of

oxygen and pressurization problems. The committee meets every 6 months for a 3 day session. The government pays transportation and \$16.00/day. The 32 woman committee is voluntary and one third rotates off each year. Twenty-eight are selected and four are from the government agencies.

JEAN REYNOLDS, 1966 AE Scholarship Winner, has both her Instrument and Instrument Instructor Ratings as of Valentine's Day. JEAN now lives in Moline, Ill. and is a member of the brand new Quad-Cities Chapter.

MARY CREASON has her Advanced and Instrument Ground Instructor Ratings and has earned her Gold Seal Instructor Rating, as well. We'd like to see all of our Michigan 99 Flight Instructors sporting that pretty Gold Seal on their CFI ticket. Upgrade, is our by-word.

And speaking of upgrading, we like the idea of the South Central Sec-

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tion's APT program. I'm sure it would make an excellent national project. We'd like to go one step further and encourage every one to add another rating. Keep a goal and keep striving to accomplish that goal.

Our membership was enriched by the addition of DOROTHY REID and LIISA DIXON who were accepted this month.

Attending her first meeting as a prospective 99, was PAULINE CESSNA, who flies, of all things, a Comanche. That's just typical of us gals.

SAMMY and GEORGE McKAY are flying the 210 to Palm Springs California for the Pontiac National Dealers' Council.

Planning on flying the Angel Derby are SAMMY McKAY and MARGE ASHTON, and WINNIE DUPEROW (SAMMY'S sister) and MARGE HATFIELD.

"B" has a new airplane which she named "Erand X." It's a Beech Travel-Air, purchased used from a Cessna dealer — and after all those years as a Piper dealer. See what I mean about us gals??

Pinned officially at this meeting were JUNE JARVIS and ELEANOR TITLOW.

We have a Dawn Patrol scheduled for our June meeting. And we hope to initiate a goodly number of husbands into the 49¹/₂ers at our May meeting in Grand Rapids. And then there's the Section meeting. Wouldn't it be fun to win the attendance prize?

SAMMY McKAY has beautiful stadium blankets to sell. They make a lovely gift and Mother's Day is coming up. Here's your chance to get the gift you've always wanted.

The Instructor Seminar at Flint was attended by BABE RUTH, BEA STEADMAN, MARY CARPENTER, LINDA WARREN, and MARY PELTO among about sixty others. There were a couple of other female instructors present, but they weren't 99's, a'tho' we invited them to join.

Ed Note—Two reporters are better than no reporter!

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Florence Robinson, Reporter

In March, the Minnesota 99s had a fly-in meeting at Austin. DOROTHY piloted the Bolander Travel Air with passengers PEGGY JOHNSTONE and two prospective members, JUDY McCURM and SIMA PERRY who were attending their second meeting. ONIE LUGER arrived in her Cessna 172 with

RUEY ST. ONGE and a prospective member, RETA BRADLEY, who has recently come to the Twin City area from Denver. RETA will be doing research at the University of Minnesota. MARGE CUSHMAN and her 49½er ROGER flew in from Montevideo in a Musketeer. We were pleased to have VIRGINIA PURDUE with us. She came in a Piper Clipper from a private strip on her father's farm, southwest of Douglas, Minn. KARIN JUNGQUIST soloed down in SALLY SLOAN'S Citeabria, EILEEN MAVENKAMP and RHODA CLAYTON, two more prospective members who were attending their second meeting, arrived in a Cessna 150 from Maple Lake. MARION FREDLUND, a prospective member from Cambridge flew in with her husband in their Cessna 210 for her second meeting. This was my longest trip solo in the Cessna 175.

RITA ORR, HELEN MASTERTON, DOROTHY RYAN and CAROLINE OLSON with their 49½ers drove to the Austin Airport. CAROLINE and RAY led us to one of Austin's restaurants for a smorgasbord dinner. After dinner we went to their house for our business meeting.

SALLY SLOAN missed the meeting because she was participating in some pistol shooting matches in Florida. MARCI ROYCE was not there because she had flown commercial to California for a visit.

Some other flying activities of our members were HELEN and GEORGE MASTERTON'S trip in a commercial plane to Hawaii. RITA and BURT ORR had recently returned from a trip to Palm Springs, California, in their Bonanza. CAROLINE and RAY OLSON had been home only a few days from a trip to Mexico in their Mooney Executive.

Those who had come by car drove the rest of us back to the airport and saw us off. It was real fun being part of the line up of planes that took off homeward bound for various parts of the state. SIMA PERRY kept me company in the Cessna 175 on the way home. The air was smoother and it was the finish of a fine day of fellowship and fun.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Ramona HUEBNER, Reporter

Wisconsin Chapter met at Timmerman Field, Milwaukee, March 10. Nine members, two prospective members and two students attended. We have some very fine prospective mem-

bers and our Chapter members need to cooperate in their attendance to welcome these women.

We have four or five members working on advanced ratings. Meeting with other women who are advancing themselves in aviation proves inspiring and helpful. This is one of the many advantages and purposes of the Ninety-Nines.

JANICE THOMAS gave an excellent summary of an article from AOPA on general aviation, its problems and suggestions for improvement. We discussed how the Ninety Nines can keep informed and voice their opinions.

MR. JOHN CONKLING (husband of one of our newest members), active in C.A.P. talked on the senior organization's work as well as the program and activities of the young people. He and KATIE give much time and effort in helping the cadet groups. They will be of assistance to our committee which is working out plans for scholarships for high school teachers in Wisconsin in aviation.

FLORENCE TONEY is spending several months in California. MARILYN FIFIELD, JANICE THOMAS, JANE OEHLERS and others have been traveling to Mexico, Florida and other places around the country in their own aircraft.

Our April meeting will be held at Wausau, with MARIE GRIMM our Chairman of Aerospace Education, as hostess.



EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

Judy Lee Bachman, Reporter

February's meeting was held at DOTTIE SANDERS' home. We had a surprise guest, BETTY FRY from San Fernando. We enjoyed visiting with her and VI CHAMBERS, our next hopeful 99.

DOTTIE SANDERS made the first burdle of her Instrument ticket — got her passing results on the written February 23.

February 23 was a big day for a couple other members — KAREN MONISE became the proud mother of

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a 7 lb. 1 oz. boy named WESLEY and BARBARA ALMAND changed her name to EINER by marrying RICHARD EINER of Escondido.

We welcomed ANNE BLEDSOE back after many months of being out of town. ANNE is expecting next month! Her daughter to be — DHAVEE MAHATHARADOL, better known as "LEK" for little, will arrive March 27 from Thailand. The BLEDSOES have known the girl's family for several years and will give her a home while she finishes high school and attends Mira Costa College in Ocean-side. Just got word that ANNE has left for Thailand to bring LEK home.

While ANNE was in Calcutta this winter she noticed a newspaper carrying a feature story on our India member, CHANDA SAWANT. Titled "Women with Wings", the story related CHANDA'S experiences in last year's AWTAR and included a large color picture of CHANDA. The article is now in our scrapbook.

AILEEN FREEMAN and 49½er flew their 172 to Milling Range in Baja one weekend last month and to Larado, Mexico commercial the following weekend. The commercial trip was wonderful except being forced to ride the bus from Los Angeles International to San Diego.

DOTTIE CAMPBELL reported seeing her first UFO while her husband was under the hood. Since she could not believe her eyes, she demanded he take a look. A large Mickey Mouse balloon then sailed by!

We wish IDA GAY a speedy recovery from major surgery February '8.

FALLON SECTION

Jane Janssen, Reporter

Seems like we're always scattered when something fun happens. Members and guests of the Redwood Empire and Santa Clara Valley Chapters flew to Carson City for lunch on Sunday, March 10, and HAZEL HOHN was our one lonely greeter. Sorry gals and guys, we'll try to do better in May. Those members in attendance were LOUISE MONTERO, BETTY WORSTELL and 49½er DICK, ANITA WOREL and 49½er JACK, JANET MEYER and MYRTLE WRIGHT, all from Redwood Empire Chapter. From Santa Clara Valley, BARBARA KNAPP and 49½er WAYNE, MARY SMITH, EVELYN LUNDSTROM and 49½er and other guests.

By way of partial explanation; FRAN GUSTAVSON holding down office in Fallon with JOSIE CROMWELL studying for her Commercial. BERTHA CLINE, no doubt, still trying to sift through wreckage of Public Utility office in Tonopah after a fire which leveled one whole block of town. ELAINE BROWN looking chic in Black Watch plaid bermuda shorts and a knee length cast; seems there's something to this skiing bit. LOIS WILLIAMS and 49½er DAVE sneaked off to Sun Valley for a skiing week with friends. Seems their luck was a bit better, all returned in one piece. JANE JANSSEN holding down National Championship Air Race Office while trying to tie up loose ends as Secretary of Washoe County Republicans. There was a joint birthday party for two daughters which added to the confusion here.

In addition to the above, we've all been doing a bit of shingle and fence chasing lately. Here in Western Nevada we do get a bit of wind occasionally, and last week proved to be a real dandy. HAZEL HOHN'S 49½er WERNER was flying back to Reno with wind reports of 25 to 30 knots. When they finally got the plane on the ground, a wee small voice asked, "would you believe 90 knots?" They would! Damage in the area was estimated at \$1,000,000.00. A quick check of members revealed that fences were the most susceptible, with most of us searching the neighborhood for our planks and posts. That's 30 for this month.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER Rebecca Held, Reporter

Sunday, March 3 marked the visit to L. A. by the Chairman and Sec'y. of the First Canadian Chapter, SYBIL DUNN and ESME WILLIAMS, together with their husbands CHARLES and JOHN. They flew here from Las Vegas and plan on leaving their plane at Santa Monica Airport while they fly commercially to Hawaii for several weeks. They were met by SALLY LAForge, BEULAH KEE, ANN LEDWIG, and VIRGINIA SHOWERS of our Chapter; and EMMA McGUIRE of Long Beach Chapter. The L. A. girls took them to lunch at the Kittyhawk Restaurant, after which SALLY drove them to the Statler Hilton.

DOROTHY and RACHEL, in a 172,

took part in the first Downwind Flight of The Golden Birds. This is a brainchild of Public Relations man PAUL GARRISON and is an efficiency-type race stressing fuel management, and involving calculations of your performance using given power settings, etc., versus performance data printed in the Owner's Manual. It involved landings at Calif. Valley, Holiday Haven (the new glider school near Tehachapi), and California City (in the Mojave Desert). They had beautiful weather and "arrived" back at SMO about 4 p.m. in, believe-it-or-not still practically CAVU conditions. A debriefing cocktail party was held in Crescent Bay Flyers Pilot Lounge, with some of the still-having-to-fly-home guests sticking to 7-Up on the rocks. While PAUL figured out the results dinner was enjoyed downstairs at the Kittyhawk. First place went to JAN WOOD of San Fernando Valley Chapter, flying a C-170. Her prize was a Golden Egg.

I missed our March meeting, my first in a long time. Would you believe — I was shot down by UFO's — Unwanted Foreign Objects — **Unspeakable** Foreign Objects — hey, PEG, can you mention nasty things like hemorrhoids in a family-type magazine like our Newsletter? So anyway RACHEL was nice enough to gather up the news and bring it over to me. And darn it, I missed CLARIE WALTERS' marvelous movies of her flight to Australia, and the '67 AWTAR Terminus activities at Torrance. The prologue — "Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch" — eleven puppies and five kittens. Seems as how in the five weeks CLARIE was gone her sheep dog and k'tty who grew up together gave birth. Anyone for sheep pups?

All of one plane — Rachel's new Sky-lane — containing RACHEL, TILLIE KLEMENTS, DOROTHY LIMBACH, and SALLY, took part in the Feb. Fly-Around. And boy, did they fly around. They pretty well covered Southern California, that weekend: nice flight to Death Valley but sans reservations (hey, I thought you were going to take your sleeping bags?) After flying over Furnace Creek Ranch, Scotty's Castle, and

the Ubchebe Crater, they landed at Death Valley, walked to the Furnace Creek Inn for lunch, and were turned away. However, Furnace Creek Ranch fed them. Then they flew back to L.A. — and promptly departed for what they hoped were more hospitable environs at Bermuda Dunes — ha! That's what they thought. Bermuda Dunes turned them away too. (Gee will they ever find that manager) Soooo, our weary travelers next find themselves in Yucca Valley, where the kindly manager-keeper scrounged them up a room — complete with straw. And lo and behold, they were even lucky enough to find a place to eat — a nice family style place called The Burnt Mountain Inn. They had entertainment but our weary wanderers were too pooped to peep.

Next day, all refreshed, they were off to Lake Havasu. The notes end there so I don't know what they did there. Being such energetic kids I suppose they went water skiing and like that.

Oh, I got to do a little local flying the day before the UFO's got me (in the end).

MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER Ruth Huston, Reporter

It's Monterey Bay in Sixty Eight! !
Fall Sectional - September 13th - 15th.

We have had the pleasure of adding two more names to our membership roll. The first is WANDA STRASSBURG from San Luis Obispo, and a transfer from Santa Barbara Chapter. WANDA is well known to 99s and it is our pleasure to have her join our Chapter. Traveling that distance to attend meetings is difficult, but do come as often as you can, WANDA. Our second new member is FERNANDE VAN LEER. She and husband, RICHARD, have been in Ethiopia for a year. RICHARD has been working on a U.S. Mapping Mission. They will be returning home in April, with a stop-over in Europe for some sight-seeing. We are all very anxious to meet FERNANDE and RICHARD and give them a royal welcome to 99s. FERNANDE met DOROTHY BANCZAF, a member of Monterey Bay Chapter, who has been in Ethiopia for over a year. She and her husband, BOB, operate Axum Air Service there.

DELL HINN recently flew a AFS

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Exchange student named "ABE" (ABEBE) for a air tour of Monterey Bay. His home country? Where else but Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Now isn't that a coincidence?

Our February 21st meeting was held at the home of JOANN HUSTED in Salinas. Guests at this meeting were JUNE KNAPP and PAMELA DELANY. JUNE is the beautiful and charming wife of WARREN KNAPP. WARREN is President of the Monterey Peninsula Airmen's Association. JUNE has recently received her Private Pilots license and we do hope it won't be long before JUNE will be joining us as a full-fledged member. PAMELA DELANY has been flying since June 1967, and received her license in just thirty-seven hours of flying time. That is really making each hour of flying time count, and must be a record. PAMELA is working for I.B.M. as a systems engineer. She will be leaving this area in a month or so, and I do hope some chapter will be lucky

Our March 6th meeting was held in Monterey at the home of HELEN SHROPSHIRE. JUNE KNAPP was our guest at this meeting also. Our last few meetings have been work meetings with lots of cutting, sewing, gluing and crocheting going on. Just make sure you come to Fall Sectional in September and find out what we've been up to.

Monterey County now has two groups of Wing Scouts with our Chapter of 99s providing the leadership for these teen-age girls. HELEN SHROPSHIRE is leader for the Monterey group of twenty-five girls. GERI HALFPENNY and DELL HINN are leaders for the twelve girls from Salinas. The rest of us help whenever possible and give moral support to HELEN, GERI and DELL. Tours of FFS, towers, hangers, shops, airplanes and for many their first airplane ride have been given these girls as their introductions to flying and a possibility that they will follow a career in some aviation field later.

DELL HINN, TRISH MARKS, JOANN HUSTED, HELEN SHROPSHIRE, MARY McDONNELL and MARGE THORNBURG recently joined members of Santa Clara Valley Chapter for lunch at Sakura Gardens and then a tour of the Air Traffic Control Center at Fremont. A nice afternoon was reported by all and our

"Thanks" to Santa Clara for inviting us.

TRISH MARKS and DELL HINN flew to Santa Paula in a Cessna Cardinal with DELL checking TRISH out on the way home. DELL said "took forever after flying 337 Skymaster! ! !".

Here and There: Mexico is very popular this time of the year and lots of our members have been down that way just recently. The latest to make this trip have been MARGE THORNBURG and TRISH MARKS. MARGE THORNBURG flew down to Los Mochis and Alamos, Mexico. TRISH and JIM MARKS and DICK TUCKES flew the MARK'S Skymaster to Mazatlan, Mexico. MARY and IVAN PAINTER took a week's winter vacation and did lots of skiing. Stops at many of the famous ski places in Northern California were enjoyed by them on their way to Moomoth, Oregon for more skiing. CONNIE HOOD has been keeping the airways busy with trips to San Francisco International, Santa Barbara and Fullerton (Disneyland) with the return flight from there made at night. CONNIE'S one word description for her first night flight "Beautiful". ANNA MAY and EARL PARK flew to Tulare to take in the Farm Equipment Show. SUE JOHNSON flying to Fresno. SALLY PLUMMER to Sacramento. JOANN HUSTED to Reno and last but certainly not least GENEVA CRANFORD flying down from Tahoe to attend our monthly meetings.

PALOMAR CHAPTER

Skip Darwin, Reporter

Buenas dias Senores y Senoritas! We had a very interesting fly in to Mexicali the 13th of March. PAM and VICTOR VAN DER LINDEN, WANDA and DEAN MILLER, ESTHER and LOU WHITT, HILDA and BILL PETROSS, LOIS KLEINSCHMIDT, MARY PEARSON, NEL CONNOLLY, BEA DEERING a prospective member, ROWENA DAVIS student, and your reporter. We were met at the airport by LITA and FRED MILLER of Mexicali. She is one of the three lady student pilots there, and her husband has been a pilot for some time. We

didn't get to meet the other girls as they were out of town. Also meeting us were JOAN MEISER from the Yuma Chapter, and MARGARET CARPENTER, student from Yuma. The Yuma girls are building their membership rapidly.

From the airport, we were taken to the lovely Hotel Lucerna, and served a very delicious luncheon in the Los Candiles room. There we were hosted by the gracious SENOR CIRO MARTINEZ, who is President of the Mexicali Aero club, which has 101 members. Also present were MARTIN MUNIZ, Secretary of the Aero Club, and CAPITAN RODOLFO MONTERO from Hermosillo. SENOR MARTINEZ, who holds an ATR rating and flies for General Motors, spoke to us of the efforts of the newly formed Federacion Aereo Nacional de Mexico AC, which is the equivalent of our AOPA. Their aim is to encourage tourist flights into Mexico and make it easier to do so. They, among other things, are requesting that tourists be allowed two trips a year for 15 days each at no fee, and also that there be only one form to fill out instead of the many that are now required, and this one free. They want to delete all the red tape that sometimes goes along with an extended trip into Mexico. The 1st annual convention for the Federacion was in Acapulco last year.

There are now 3,000 members. Another plan in the offing is to install 20 VORs along the peninsula to aid navigation. SENOR MARTINEZ also urges that any complaints about flying in Mexico be sent to him, and he will see that the Federacion receive them. Box 1466 Calexico, zip 92231. We look forward to seeing our friends in Mexicali again, and especially look forward to congratulating LITA when she receives her wings!

On March 3 the MILLERS and the VAN DER LINDENS met for lunch at Apple Valley Inn.

Note from our absent IVY in Minot, North Dakota, "Lovely Spring day, its only 31 degrees now!" How's that for a California gal?

ESTHER and LOU WHITT went on a two week charter trip to South America. They spent six days in Quito, Ecuador, six hours in Santiago Chile, three days in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and three days Rio de Janeiro, where they celebrated their anniversary. The flight home to San Diego from Rio and

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ed at Houston for re-fueling. It was a marvelous trip and they recommend it to all of you. Quito was their favorite, the country is so beautiful, and the Indians are so colorful and different, to be sure you can stand the altitude of 9500!

MARY PEARSON made a speech to the San Marcos Rotary, "Future of Aviation" at Palomar Airport. Seems the future is right now the way we are expanding.

Happy flying till next month!

PHOENIX CHAPTER

Sue Harper, Reporter

Spring may be sprung, but the 'fever' seems to be Derby fever. PPD Trail Blazers, MARION BANKS and THON GRIFFITH, came to PHX to check preparations for the Stop. We are looking forward to having the racers stop here. It's gonna be real excitin', thanks to ALICE ROBERTS and BETTY SMITH, Race Stop Co-Chairman.

LELIA REGER is receiving congratulations. Her log now shows it's legal for her to charge passengers, but her 49½er HARRY, says no dice! The plane isn't insured for commercial. LELIA says it was great fun to work for the Commercial rating.

And thanks to LELIA'S hard work, Grapevine airstrip, near Roosevelt Lake, is now marked so that all can see it. The finishing touches were put on with LELIA REGER, MARY LOU BROWN, SUE HARPER & son WILL, BEV & WAYNE POWELL present. Actually, WAYNE did the work. But he and BEV were the bravest! They had to make a 6 hr. round trip by truck to get there. They had a compressor on the truck which enabled WAYNE to paint the segmented circle. Thanks, POWELLS!

BETTY & ALLEN SMITH report a x-c to Dallas, Tex., where they got weathered in and their Mooney stayed there for three weeks, while they winged home via commercial. Since that time, they have purchased a new Mooney Executive, which can get them over the storms, as it will be fully equipped.

MARY LOU BROWN took 2 teenage boys on their first flight. It must have been inspiring for the boys as they have big plans for their futures. One boy plans to be an aeronautical engineer and the other an airline pilot.

ALICE and CHAS ROBERTS flew to Guaymas for a week of rest, but she's been on the go ever since. Besides chairing the Race Stop, she attended the Christian Business Conference in Palm Springs, and the 99 Exec. Board meeting in OKC. She says ILOVENE POTTER called to say "Hello" while stopping in PHX enroute from Mexico to home, Seattle.

Welcome to our newest member — MARILYN SELLER!

It's obvious that MARY and GEORGE VIAL are looking forward to being Grandparents! They are flying mucho baby equipment to expectant daughter, BETSY & husband, in Greeley, Colorado.

MARY LOU BROWN & I were at Sky Harbor the other day and saw a PBY sitting on the line. Thinking it might be the DORR Family's "Golden Goose" we ambled over. Met MR. HERB SHRINER instead and enjoyed seeing his PBY, which he kindly invited us to inspect.

EVELYN SASSER'S been real busy. Her 49½er KEITH, outgoing President of Flying Farmers, had her busy working on their Convention held here in February. Then they went to OKC for a Nat'l. Cotton Council meet, only bad weather forced 'em to fly the airlines.

ERNA & BILL BLATT had a thrilling weekend, or perhaps, I should say, unusual. It all started with a round about commercial flight. They took Frontier to Tucson, Silver City and ABQ. After a 2 hr. wait, Continental took them to Denver and on to Wichita, Kansas. Their luggage went on to SLC via Frontier and their hotel reservations were for Wichita Falls, Tex. Of course, when you are picking a brand new Cessna Turbo-System Centurion things like this don't really daunt your spirits! Or even a mix-up on plane's equipment, or rain all day Sat! They had a great tour thru Cessna's plant and met interesting people. Took off on Sunday in an overcast, and that 210 flew like a dream. ERNA said icing on the wings did slow them from 160 to 130 indicated; then PIREPS from ABQ were bad, so they RON'D in Tucumcari for the next 30 hours, making it to PHX Monday, in about 2:20.

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The WARES, and son ERIC were with them for their very exciting weekend.

GWYN DARE had a film on our day at Luke AFB & Gila Bend Gun-nery range and SUSAN STORM showed an interesting film on DEW (Distance Early Warning) system, at our recent meet. I provided the place and MARY LOU BROWN the goodies for our many guests and good turn out of members. We all enjoyed a letter from DOROTHY McLEOD, in Seattle with the AF Reserve, as a flight nurse. She's working on her Phd. Says she doesn't get to fly often enough, but does get to fly a C-124 every now and then. Best wishes to you, DOROTHY. Hope your unit doesn't get called up for active duty!

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

Myrtle A. Wright, Reporter

Believe it or not the weather gave us a break today, February 18th, and we were able to fly to Napa County Airport for our meeting.

We were delightfully entertained and honored to have EDNA GARDNER WHYTE as our guest. Anyone who has heard EDNA talk about the early days of Women in aviation, know what a fascinating personality she is. We had a wonderful turnout at Jonsey's Restaurant at the airport. Out of seven other chapters invited, five were represented. What with all the flying activities in California and the weather problem in February this is a good participation. VIJA BERRY of Sacramento Valley Chapter was there with husband HASKELL and guests, ANN & STAN WELLS, JUNE and JIM DEVINE, CAROL BLOOM, HELEN & EARL BEEDLE, BETH and WIM SCHOOF, all of Sacramento. LARUE BROWN arrived a little late for the lunch but she did show. Her 49½er and son had not returned from a fishing trip in time. BARBARA KNAPP and husband WAYNE of Santa Clara Valley; ELLY and ROY JONES, RUTH and FRED RUECKERT of Bay Cities; MARIE PORTER and PAT KEEBLE of Mt. Diablo Chapter; HELEN, HARRY, NANCY and TIM McGEE, ALAN and MARIE McDOWELL of San Joaquin Valley; BETTY WORSTELL and BRENDA, HAZEL BERTAGNA, BETTE SMITH, PAT STOUFFER, JANET MEYERS, ANITA and JACK WOREL, NINA ROOKAIRD, LOUISE MONTERO and

MYRTLE WRIGHT from Redwood Empire. Two more guests were HJORDIS WOLFE, a prospective member and BETTY WHITE. It was so good to see so many visitors from as far away as Sonora and Los Banos. Of course Texas was represented too because EDNA GARDNER WHYTE is a member of the Fort Worth Chapter. EDNA has such a wealth of knowledge about our early women pilots. Wouldn't it be well worth the effort of every Ninety-Nine to help compile a permanent record in our own Headquarters, of these pioneers in aviation? They are really the forerunners of the Ninety-Nines and certainly deserve recognition by every woman pilot. The women who are just learning to fly and even those who have flown for just a short time, really have no idea of the struggle these women had.

The STINSON girls and BESSICA RICH plus a few more have not been heard of by most of the newer pilots, men or women. Thank you again EDNA for coming to visit us and giving us a peek into what aviation has meant to you. We hope you will come back and join us again soon.

If the weather is good to us again in March, the Redwood Empire Chapter will meet at the Carson City Airport Restaurant, Carson City, Nevada on March 10th. We welcome anyone from any other chapter to join us at these fly-in meetings. The "neighbors" we miss at these fly-ins, we hope to see in Bakersfield in April. This is our Spring Sectional and F U N T I M E!

We were so glad to see Mt. Diablo represented. We haven't heard much from them because the most of them are busy at the airport in Concord or Antioch on weekends. That chapter surely must have the highest percent of membership being professional pilots.

'Till better weather, keep out of the ice, eyes on the horizon and stay safe, sane and happy in flight.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER **Margaret Moody, Reporter**

The San Diego Chapter was very honored to have CLAIRE WALTERS from the Long Beach Chapter as guest for our March social meeting. Approximately 50 members, 49½ers and guests heard CLAIRE give an excellent talk on her flight to Australia. CLAIRE was one of three people giv-

en the job of ferrying three Aztecs to Australia via Hawaii and the Solomon Islands. Her film was prefaced by comments explaining her preparations, the inflight feelings and radio problem, courtesies extended at landing stations and the welcome in Australia.

CLAIRE'S film showed the flight and excellent footage of her visits in Australia, New Zealand and Tahiti on her return via commercial airlines. She threw in some shots of her puppies and the arrival of the Queen Mary to Long Beach for free. We all thank CLAIRE for taking time out of her busy schedule to come down and visit with us. We truly enjoyed the evening.

Congratulations go out to MARIAN BANKS, who received her Instrument Instructor rating and to ELEANOR RICHARDSON, who received her Commercial license. MARIAN, in the meantime, was keeping busy hopping down to Acapulco, Mexico, to pick up her 49½er, JERRY, who was a crew member on the yacht Novia Del Mar in the San Diego to Acapulco Yacht Race. Later this month, MARIAN will be trail blazing for the Powder Puff with a stop in Oklahoma City for a race meeting.

DOTTIE KLOTZ, MARIE and JACK LEWIS, BETTY and CLAUDE WHARTON, MARTHA and JOHN MULLINS, CLEO and BOB HUTSON, RUTH and JACK EBEY, LOIS and HARRY BARTLING, CHELMA and LE ROY MALINSKI and ELEANOR RICHARDSON along with several members of the El Cajon and Palomar Chapters made a fly-in to Bermuda Dunes. They reported having a real fun time along with a delicious prime rib dinner.

Extra curricular flying for the month included a trip to Palo Alto by LOIS and HARRY BARTLING to visit friends. MARGRIT and MURRAY GOODRICH flew to Catalina for breakfast one morning. That's always a pleasant trip. HIALEAH REILICH hasn't made it to the last couple meetings. She is taking a physics course this semester with an Associate Arts degree in physics as her goal. They did get to Borrego Springs one day for a look at the beautiful spring desert. MARGARET MOODY accompanied a

group of Brownie Scouts to Montgomery Tower. She and her family are planning trips to Solvang and Disneyland in the near future.

Does anyone have a house for sale? BETTY FRYE is planning on quitting smogsville (LAX) and wants to move down to the good country (SAN).

The Chapter's next fly-in will be to Oak Creek Canyon with 26 people already signed up for the trip. More about that next time.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER **Virginia Rainwater, Reporter**

The Flight of the Golden Birds, is an organization put together to Honor and Challenge women pilots in General Aviation. Originated by PAUL GARRISON, Aviation Public Relations Assoc. is endeavoring to make transportation flying as universally understood and accepted as other means of personal locomotion. While at the same time, they want to make sport flying rank with its competitive aspects: automobile and boat racing; and also to parallel hunting, boating, fishing and skiing in recreational enjoyment.

There will be awards for achievements and many competitive events. Yearly events climax just in time for the Powder Puff Derby to take wing. Here is a real chance to warm up for the PPD and show your "stuff" to a possible sponsor. For further information write: APRA, Box 55063, Sherman Oaks, California 91403.

Our very own JAN WOOD, flying in her famous Cessna 170, was the winner of the first Flight of the Golden Birds. The flight covered some 400 miles involving check points at various off-airways airports and returning to its point of origin, Santa Monica Airport. AUDREY SCHUTTE also participated in the FGB's flying her Bonanza, and was delighted when her daughter "COOKIE" consented to go along. Pilots need Private license, co-pilots need only to be female to qualify. VIRGINIA RAINWATER made several flights introducing the small aircraft to would-be pilots. Giving talks to Service Clubs can be fun! While guest speaker at an Optimist Club (Talk PPD), VIRGINIA won a door prize, a bank, which was immediately passed around for contributions for the PPD.

FLO STANTON and helpers are sewing together some great "goodie bags"

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for guess what! in FLO's spare time from being a private investigator, she has earned her Multi-engine rating. Seems she managed to fly to Hawaii Com. on business. Not bad!

I would like to introduce two new members: ESTELLA STEIOFF whose husband is with American Airlines and ROSALIE BURCHETTE who married her flight instructor, Chief pilot of American Aviation Assoc. BERNADINE BENNING, now MRS. STEVENSON has just picked up a new Mooney at the factory. Congratulations on both accounts! BERNIE has joined the Pylon Races for women. ELLEN TRINDLE makes many trips to Santa Barbara (keeping that Instrument rating current), but seems VNY goes below minimums and she can't get back in. ELLEN is giving ground school to the Wing Scouts our Chapter are sponsoring. ELLEN sends out a plea to borrow any Sanderson's Private Pilot Manuals not in use. VESTA MALTBY flew to Thermal to enjoy the famous Date Festival. EDDIE WHITE is getting current in a Cessna 150 again.

MARY KEMPER, by way of New York where she visited friends, has arrived in Johannesburg, South Africa where she will join some of the 99s in the South African Section on an airplane Safari. That's adventure! CATHY BLACK has earned her Commercial Glider Rating. Congrats! AULEEN HALL now has a monthly column in Air Age News. AULEEN flew to Palm Springs and said it was such a beautiful night that there were as many stars in the sky as lights in the L. A. City below. BETTY FRY has returned home from a vacation in Hawaii and said she intends to return to Hawaii. FLO DITTMAR is recovering from quite an ordeal with surgery and loss of big toe. LOLA RICCI brought her ex-Squadron Leader of the WASP's, MARY NEALE, to our March meeting. Bring in the talent LOLA! LOIS MILES WEAVER has returned to Laos, after settling affairs at home so that she can be with husband, DICK, as long as he is needed in Laos.

BONNEY HADLEY, newly pinned member, flew to Aspen for dinner. RUTH MAYLE flew a guest to Santa Paula, only to find that the Restaurant is closed on Monday. BEVERLY HARRIS is a new Private pilot and member of the SFVC. JEANNE DAY flew to Fley Bob? JEANNE really finds those out of the way places!

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER **Marilyn Norton, Reporter**

Featuring a 4000' hardtop runway and unlimited visibility, Rancho California was the scene of our February fly-in. For those 28 members and guests who attended, Rancho California officials provided transportation to and from the airport and an informed guide to describe this most charming development. Western in flavor, the shopping center area was the setting for a cowboy "shoot-out" contest and square-dancing by local clubs. After a sumptuous picnic lunch enjoyed by a cool pond, everyone took a stroll through the western attire and gift shops. A truly delightful day planned by MARGARET LAWSON with an assist from husband DAVID.

STEWART ANGLE from Mount San Antonio College, Walnut, provided our chapter program for March with a series of slides depicting a week-end charter flight in a Boeing 727. Conceived and executed by MR. ANGLE his description of the problems in planning and the exciting trip itself proved to be most entertaining.

With all members working vigorously in every phase of the preparation for our fourth annual 2c a lb. Air-lift. . . from plastering posters to piloting planes. . . it seems that everything points to another fun-filled day at Brackett. Next month I'll be reporting the results of these frantic arrangements.

Capsule Comments: Celebrating her birthday at the Rancho California fly-in was MARION MARRIOT (she was much too quiet about it though) . . . Breakfast Lions are scheduled to hear VIRGINIA WEGENER speak on the subject of women in aviation. . . Instrument class continuing to hold forth every Thursday with PROF. MERLIN GEDDES contributing his time and talent to guide us. . . Powder Puff Bulletin! DOROTHY GEDDES and ROSE ANN FORD are definitely competing as a team this July. . . Also VIRGINIA WEGENER and MARILYN NORTON have made the big decision to enter (third time's a charm?). . . At the fun-and-games tables in Las Vegas were MARION and BOB MAR-

RIOT celebrating BOB'S birthday and MARION'S brand new Commercial license! Congratulations! . . . And in final, kudos to JACK WEGENER and RON LERG, who successfully navigated the freeways to deliver VIRGINIA'S Taylorcraft with a minimum of damage to both plane and car.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER **Helen McGee, Reporter**

Luncheon at the Metropolitan Room at Stockton Field preceded our March meeting at Bridgeford's Flying Service. CHAROLETTE RYAN with EV HENDLEY, LAURA MAY CRAWFORD and MARGARET ANDREWS from Modesto and MARIE McDOWELL from Gustine flew in, in spite of the gusty crosswinds. BILLIE WYATT and her guest, CHRISTINE JANSSON of Hughson, and HELEN MCGEE from Sonora drove down. Stockton members in attendance were Chairman JEAN MURRAY, SHIRLEY MILLER, and EVELYN JOHNSON.

Former member DORTA BRIDGEFORD joined us for lunch. We all enjoyed visiting with her and hope it won't be long before she can renew her membership.

Over 90 members and guests were present for our anniversary dinner at the Commercial Exchange Club in Stockton February 23 and all agree it was one of the most successful yet. MYRA SLOVAK lived up to his advance billing with his entertaining and exciting stories of life in aviation. It was particularly refreshing to her from someone so enthusiastic about America. Special thanks are due JEAN for the dinner arrangements and MARIE, our Aerospace Education Chairman, for arranging for MR. SLOVAK'S appearance.

Our chapter is nominating MARIE for the office of Section treasurer. A private pilot for eight years and a 99 member since 1962, MARIE has ably served our chapter as Vice-Chairman and Chairman. Ever an enthusiastic member, MARIE has attended every Sectional since her first in the fall of 1963. Her favorite kind of flying is cross country as her many trips to Idaho, Texas, Arizona and Mississippi attest.

Accepting the Redwood Empire Chapter's invitation, MARIE, ALAN, HELEN and her husband, HARVEY, attended a luncheon at the Napa Airport at which EDNA GARDNER

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WHITE spoke. For us relatively newcomers to aviation, her talk was both interesting and inspirational. In the 'it's a small world department': HELEN'S instrument instructor at Columbia Airport, DICK TORRANCE, received his instrument training from EDNA many years ago in Texas.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

Amy Sylvestri, Reporter

A delightful guest was present at the January meeting, which was held at the beautiful home of CHARLENE TAYLOR. Guest LOUISE SACCHI, owner of Sacchi Air Ferry, Philadelphia, Penn., gave us a brief resume of her flying career. She told us she was on her way to Manila, and awaiting favorable winds to commence her first leg of about 15 hours to Honolulu. This is her 7th Pacific flight, and she has made 83 Atlantic flights, for a total of 90 ocean crossings in the past 4 years! In her many years of flying LOUISE has logged over 14,000 hours!

PAT GLADNEY and JEANNE McELHATTON were guest speakers recently at the University of California Berkeley Campus Women's Club. The Zonta Club of Berkeley heard PAT speak about "Women in Modern Aviation", and specifically about the WASP and Powder Puff Derby and JEANNE was equally well received with her talk on "Present Activities of Women in Aviation".

Short Notes: PHYLLIS PIERCE has been elected Flight Chairman of the Santa Clara County Airmen's Association. ELLY & HAP BAILEY recently flew to Mexico; EVELYN & OSCAR LUNDSTROM flew to the East Coast. The latest check-outs are: NATALIE BOSSIO, Cherokee 140; PHYLLIS PIERCE, Mooney Executive; MARY LAIL, Cessna 210 — says it's a fast one and a possibility for the '68 TAR. JIMMYE LOU SHELTON says she hasn't had any flights this month — too busy remodeling and decorating a newly purchased home. New address effective March 1st: 184 Pecora Way, Menlo Park, California 94025. Same telephone (415) 854-3025. The Santa Clara Valley Chapter sponsored two autograph parties for MARDO CRANE, author of "Fly Down of the Wasp". Following is a note from MARDO sent when asked to let us know what she was doing these days in con-

nection with the publication of her book: — "I feel that I am blowing my own horn, so to speak — but here goes concerning my recent activities in the promotion of "Fly-Down of the Wasp."

I did an in-flight interview with CBS HELEN BENTLEY, flying a 180C furnished by RODGER COLLINSON who has the Colony Aircraft Company at Livermore and Oakland; and flying from Flight Education headquarters at San Jose Airport. It was great! Only thing — while the photography came out fine on TV, the sound track went out in the air and the whole interview (after four hours of time spent on it) took about five minutes of TV time! Was disappointed, particularly because I didn't get in the various 'plugs' I had deliberately planted in the interview.

Then I was on the new UHF Ch 36 San Jose for a half hour interview by ADEL HALL, and GOT in my plugs! Was on radio in Santa Rosa (BOB BAKER Show) and Petaluma (BILL WEAVER) — both great. LOUISE MONTERO and her husband MEL, who own Sonoma Joe's (she is a member of the Redwood Empire 99s) gave me an autograph party at their famous restaurant. It poured and while we didn't have the crowd they expected, we did have a ball and sold a few books. The Redwood Empire Chapter had previously given me an autograph party at Books, Inc. in Santa Rosa, which was a big success; and our own Santa Clara Valley Chapter gave me one at Books, Inc. in San Jose, and one in connection with PAUL ELDER'S Books in the Bay Area. Both sold a few copies!

Also was on Ch 11 (San Jose) TV with LU RYDEN interviewing; and have been busier than a bird dog with talks, mostly to women's groups.

The book seems to be well-received and going well.

Since I have offered 50c per book to chapter treasuries for those they sell, many 99s throughout the country are sending to me for autographed copies. Hope this will continue, for I do want the book read by flyers — both men and women. I find men like it too! And teen-agers, as well."

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Thank you for keeping us posted, MARDO — we don't know how you keep up the pace. But we do know one thing — everyone who has read your book has thoroughly enjoyed it and recommends it, especially since it is a story based on a unique role women played in aviation during the time of World War II.

For this, MARDO, we all wish you much success!

Eleven of our members were hostesses to the Monterey Bay Chapter and guests when they accepted an invitation extended by Flight Chairman MARY SMITH to fly in to Palo Alto Airport on Thursday, February 29th. HELEN SHROPSHIRE, DELL HINN, MARY McDONNELL, JOANN HUSTED, TRISH MARKS, and guest MARGE THORNBURG were met and escorted to Sakura Gardens for a Japanese luncheon. Later they were taken on a tour of the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Fremont. Enjoying the day from our chapter were PHYLLIS PIERCE and guest EDIE HOAGLAND, JAN HALAJIAN, JEANINE CECCIO and guest JAN PERALA, MARDO CRANE, MARY SMITH and guest PAT CAIN, VIRGINIA DAVIS and daughter, ALBERTA, JACKIE PETTY, EVELYN LUNDSTROM, CHARLENE TAYLOR, JEAN COLLINS, and MARION BARNICK and guest ANN WEST.

UTAH CHAPTER

Gini Streeter, Reporter

March 13 found the Utah Chapter out in full force for a fun meeting at MARGE and DAN MACKAY'S home. SUE and HAGUE ELLIS provided us with a most entertaining evening. They showed their movie of their recent tiger hunt in India. HAGUE was successful in bagging a monstrous tiger. They had seventeen people to wait on them and help them in this hunt, plus over one hundred natives who showed up to watch the "Great White Hunter". We were especially impressed by the way SUE and HAGUE had to rough it — tea every afternoon, served on a table with white cloth and two white-coated servants! After two weeks in India, they flew to Bangkok, Hong Kong and Japan. Their pictures were beautiful and we want to thank them for a delightful evening.

We had several guests for this meeting; RULON RASMUSSEN from Ari-

zona; ANN and GREG VAUGHN; TERRY WOJCIK, a new-comer from Oregon who is at present a student pilot. We were delighted that so many of the 49½ers turned out. From Provo came LUCILE CHRISTOPHERSON. LUCILE has been laid up for seven weeks with a very bad leg. She slipped and fell from her plane and hit the step with her leg. She is up and around again and we hope the leg will continue to improve. We have missed her at our meetings. Despite her leg, LUCILE has flown to Torrance and Phoenix. MAXINE NIELSON joined us from Springville; ELOISE WILCOX from Clearfield; DONNA and TOM ODEKIRK, JOAN and BOB WILLIAMS and BARBARA GRANT DUNKLEY, all from Ogden; and the Salt Lakers were LOUISE and KEITH ANDERSON, JANE ANDREASON, LYLE and DON BECKSTRAND, K A Y E COLEMAN, SUE and HAGUE ELLIS, LILA FIELDEN, MARGE and DON MACK- EY, ALBERTA and WALT NICHOL- SON, PAT PANOS, NANCY REUL- ING, GINI and JOHN STREETER and JACKIE and BOB SAWYER.

JANE ANDREASON, LILA FIELDEN and NANCY REULING were quick to take advantage of a Rain Check course given in Salt Lake City by Air Traffic Control. The course was to acquaint them with new procedures available through ATC to give a better under- standing of instrument work. This pro- gram was first given in Oakland, and we were fortunate to have it here in Salt Lake.

NANCY REULING has been doing a fine job turning out new pilots and also keeps busy flying the family to Lake Powell, and just recently to Tuc- son for a weekend.

At this writing, we are being blanketed by a heavy spring snow — here's to future blue skies and HAP- PY FLYING.



AUSTRALIAN SECTION

Olga Tarling, Reporter

Just three weeks from now, on March 28th, all we Australian Wo- men Pilots will climb into our "Sil- ver-Winged Chariots" and set heading

for Adelaide in South Australia and the Annual General Meeting of the Annual General Meeting of the Aus- tralian Women Pilot's Association and the Annual General Meeting of The Ninety-Nines, Australian Section. From Brisbane, BERYL YOUNG, PEG KEL- MAN and I are taking a Bonanza and JUDY LORDING will take a Muska- teer. We are all looking forward to the gathering and especially to the 140 mile Navigational test to be held on the Saturday morning following the meeting. On the following Monday quite a few of the girls will set courses for a Safari to the opal fields of Coob- er Pedy and then on to Ayers Rock and Alice Springs before returning home. I hear that members from Syd- ney have been active of late and re- cently organized a Fly-In to Dubbo in N.S.W. There were two aircraft from Sydney and one from Narrabri, eight women pilots in all plus fami- lies. MARGARET KENTLEY flew a Commanche and MARIE RICHARDSON and MARIE MARKEY took a C172. Various competitions were held and MARGARET KENTLEY won the "Se- cret Time of Arrival." Others were "Oldest License", "Newest License", "Distance Flown" and "Most Endorse- ments". The latter was won by MA- RIE RICHARDSON.

ROBIN MILLER has been in com- mand of a Beech Baron and stationed at Carnarvon in Western Australia with the Flying Doctor Service for the past three months. Now ROBIN tells us that she leaves for Paris, France short- ly to ferry an Horizon back to Aus- tralia. The trip will take about three weeks — we wish her the very best in weather conditions for her flight.

ESTHER MATHER, Federal Presi- dent of the A.W.P.A. came up to Bris- bane on a flying visit recently and stayed with PEG KELMAN. We held a luncheon and dinner gathering for her to meet all the girls. Last week we welcomed Her Excellency THE LADY CASEY, on an official visit to Brisbane. The weather was very hot so we all gathered in the garden at HAZEL KENNINGTON'S beautiful home on the banks of the Brisbane River and enjoyed cool drinks while chatting together for over an hour. LADY CASEY is a keen aviatrix and very kindly arranged for us to go a-

broad the Air Force Jet BAC-111 which arrived the next morning to take Their Excellencies back to Canberra. It is a beautiful aircraft with a fas- cinating cockpit layout — all "mod cons" — latest Flight Director Sys- tem, TACAN, DME, DOPPLER — Mmmmm — a pilot's delight!

HELEN BLACKEURN conducted a Mercy Flight recently from Darwin to a point along the rugged West Coast of Australia to collect a very ill 15 year old girl and return her to the hospital in Darwin. Despite the large and frightening thunderstorms which abide in that area at this time of the year, she made the flight without incident and the girl was in the hos- pital four hours after the first call for help.

Heard on the "Grape Vine" that our Whirly Girl, ROSEMARY ARNOLD, has a new hobby of pistol shooting and keeps her fire-arms in a very unusual container, a violin case trimmed with red velvet and sequins.

MARGARET KENTLEY was guest speaker at the Zonta Club in Sydney recently — her subject was AMELIA EARHART, a member of Zonta in 1928/1929, and the commemoration of her last flight by ANNA PELLE- GRENO, who flew a similar Lockheed 10 over the route in 1967.

EDITH ATKIN won the "Dolly Der- by" Pylon race in which RUTH HODGES also participated. Was rather amused to hear this race was later called "Nylons round the pylons" race. EDITH was flying my favorite aircraft, the vintage Tiger Moth.

Being a Space enthusiast, I recent- ly visited the Applications Technology Satellite Station at Cooby Creek, 80 miles West of Brisbane. This tracking station is a mobile unit, and is one of three ground stations round the world associated with a programme to investigate Communications using Microwave and VHF, Satellite control and stabilization, Meteorology, Nav- igation and Radio propagation. The stations are controlled from the God- dard Space Flight Center, Maryland, U.S.A. The first satellite was launched in 1966 by means of an Atlas Agena booster combination. The satellite was successfully placed in stationary or- bit, 22,300 miles above the Equator. At this height the speed necessary to maintain the orbit is such that the space craft will circle the earth in exactly 24 hours which causes the satellite to appear stationary, as earth

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also revolves once in this time. This station contains many more interesting facets of space exploration and I hope we can arrange for more of our women pilots to visit there.

There will be many more stories to tell after our meeting in Adelaide—so till then, Cheers to everyone from "Down Under."

—Special Report—

NANCY BIRD WALTON flew from Australia to Germany for the wedding of ELLY BEINHONN'S son BERND ROSEMEYER to COUNTESS MIECHELA CATELL of Munich in January. The wedding was held in the traditional Bavarian style with two ceremonies and four receptions. Following the civil ceremony the parents of the bride gave a "Polkerabend" at their Trout Hatchery set in the snow covered Bavarian mountains. Munich's best band braved the deep snow to play for the gay party and to relieve the Bavarian band from time to time.

A large barn attached to the house had been heated and cleverly decorated for the 130 guests which included several Bavarian princes and many of the noble families.

The COUNT CASTELL is a pioneer pilot of Lufthansa's early days and was for 10 years in China. His charming wife is a well known film actress, LUISE ULTRICH.

BERND'S late father was one of the greatest racing drivers of the century so the wedding was of great public interest.

Later, NANCY was the guest of the BARON KOENIG WARTHAUSEN who flew around the world in a 20HP Kleum in 1929.

Before leaving Germany, NANCY attended the Southern Germany Air Force Ball as GENERAL TROUTLOFT'S guest.

In London, NANCY has been SHEILA SCOTT'S guest at two Royal Aero Club dinners, one to honor CHARLES MASEFIELD, KINGS CUP winner, JOHN STEWART WOOD, British Air Racing Champion, and MISS SHEILA SCOTT, O.B.E. "In recognition of her achievements in the air in 1967." The other was the 3rd Annual dinner of British Light Aviation Center.

At the Royal Aeronautical Society, she met PRINCESS ALEXANDRA after Her Highness had presented the Whitney Straight Award to ANN BURNS for "her work in the structures department at the Royal Air Force

Establishment, Farnborough, and for work as a flight Test Observer, her investigations of atmospheric turbulence in relation to aircraft structure, pilot performance and flying procedures; also for her contribution to aviation meteorology and for outstanding gliding achievements. By her work, MRS. BURNS has reaffirmed the professional status of women."

Incidentally, NANCY'S address for the next several months in case anyone is in London is:

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BRITISH SECTION

Janet Ferguson, Reporter

To start with, a note from SHEILA which I should have fitted in to a previous report:

SHEILA SCOTT would like to thank the Canadian, U.S.A. and South American 99s for giving her such a fabulous time when she was recently over there, and for all they did to help her with the North Atlantic and South Atlantic records last October. It was wonderful to meet all of them and particularly she would like to thank FAY GILLIS WELLS and the Washington Chapter for their marvelous party at the Embassy.

SHEILA SCOTT has now been presented her O.B.E. by the Queen (with ELIZABETH OVERBURY as one of her two guests), and other recent visitors to the Palace were DAWN and ALAN TURLEY, when ALAN received the Air Force Cross — for which our best congratulations! ALAN was awarded this for his aerobatic displays in a Royal Air Force Lightning fighter.

We have enjoyed brief meetings with two American Ninety-Nines recently. LOUISE SACCHI had a couple of nights in London after a Bonanza delivery flight to Finland. ELIZABETH OVERBURY spent an afternoon with her and I was able to have a quick chat over a drink. Then HELEN WETHERILL of the Michigan Chapter

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spent a few days in London and YVONNE POPE, GILLIAN CAZALET and MARGO McKELLAR met her briefly one evening, but unfortunately the rest of us didn't quite manage to connect.

ANN WELCH is once again Manager of the British National Gliding Team and will be out in Poland with the team during the month of June for the World Gliding Championships.

ELIZABETH OVERBURY reports that, due to the hopeless weather, only five Ninety-Nines and 49½ers made the visit to the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton. ELIZABETH herself drove there, starting at some unearthly hour so as to be there in time to greet anyone arriving by air. One plane got through — the Cherokee belonging to BARBARA and EDDIE CANNON. With BARBARA and EDDIE were DAPHNE POYNTER (her foot still in plaster) and NANCY BIRD WALTON of Australia. In spite of the limited number in the party, the Navy made them very welcome and gave them the full tour of the station, including an excellent lunch. One of the most interesting parts of the tour was the inspection of the school where the Navy will be training both ground and air crew for the new Phantom aircraft which will be arriving shortly from the U.S.

If I mention that these Phantoms will be equipped with British Martin Baker ejection seats, this will lead neatly (?) to my final note, which is that I am currently co-piloting a DC3 for Martin Baker Aircraft Company to fill a gap between one co-pilot resigning and the new permanent co-pilot getting trained. A useful bit of work while the ferrying is slack.



FIRST CANADIAN SECTION
Shirley Macdougall, Reporter

February has been an extremely busy month for the First Canadian Chapter. First there was a well-attended Weather Seminar at Toronto International Airport. Films on meteorology were followed by a tour of the forecast office. We were pleased to meet one of our new members, HELEN BARTER from Milton, Ontario.

Then about 25 Ninety-Nines and friends attended a superlative four-

evening course by MAJOR JACK SOUTENDAM of the Armed Forces' Institute of Aviation Medicine in Toronto. The lectures dealt with our bodies' reaction in different flight conditions. The four evenings were packed with practical information for pilots.

We were told of several accidents resulting from flying too soon after scuba or skin diving. It is recommended that you not dive deeper than 25 feet if you plan to fly (privately or commercially) at more than 8,000 feet cabin altitude within 12 hours.

In flight, our senses are not sensitive enough to feel a very gradual although continuing bank. When a pilot notices the bank on the instruments and corrects quickly, the ears sense this more rapid change without having been aware of the original bank. Thus the pilot leans to one side although his plane is not banking. This is so common it is called "the leans."

Rapid head movements, acceleration and deceleration can all cause disorientation. This dangerous condition can occur even in good VFR weather. An awareness of its dangers and an IFR rating are two good safeguards. BERNICE LOVERING and BRIGITTE SCHULZE received a graphic demonstration as they were spinning around in a revolving chair with their eyes closed.

The operation of oxygen masks were explained. An unusual opportunity was a ride in the human centrifuge to experience 2.5 G's. 49½-year WALLY DENNY enjoyed it, but said he felt he was tumbling head over heels when it



MARIE SPENCE of Muirkirk is shown with their Cessna 172 at London Airport. **MARIE and ROBERT** have just returned from a Mexican holiday. (Photo by Neil Macdougall, Toronto, Canada)

slowed down.

Excellent films on hypoxia, decompression sickness, perception of orientation and physiological limitations supplemented the lectures.

BERNICE LOVERING of Ottawa was in Toronto at the time and we were pleased to meet her.

The London Group of Ninety-Nines sponsored a Weather Seminar at London Airport. There were about 35 present some time during the day. A tour of the weather office in the morning with lunch at the club was

followed by a discussion led by MR. DONALD BURTON, Aztec pilot for Welwyn Canada. Flight planning, navigation and border-crossing procedures were discussed.

MARIE and ROBERT SPENCE have just returned from Mexico in their Cessna 172. Another couple flew along with them also in a 172. The weather was perfect and the flying so exhilarating they are already thinking of a return trip.

SHIRLEY and KEN ALLEN had a pleasant trip to Florida and Nassau in their Alon, although they did take a twin to the Bahamas. They spent three days in St. Augustine, at least a day longer than planned. At Fort Lauderdale, there weren't any rental cars available or motels or hotels. In desperation they phoned a 99 who lives there for a suggestion as to what they might do. This friend-in-need came to the airport and took SHIRLEY and KEN into their home for several memorable days. Also in Vero Beach, they phoned a 99 to say they were passing through and since she lived near the airport, she came out to meet SHIRLEY and KEN.

Governor EDITH DENNY has been busy as usual. A Western Section Meeting is planned for April 27th at the Hotel Sheraton Summit in Calgary. The The Alberta Chapter will meet in the morning with the Canadian Section Meeting in the afternoon. Dinner in the evening will be for members, 49½-ers and guests.

An Eastern Section Meeting will be held in Ottawa on May 11th.

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