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DEADLINE FOR NEWS
The 20th of Each Month

There's still time to put yourself in the winners circle! Enter and solve the "Mystery Course" of the OKC Fun Flying Spree! For your application send 25c to: Dottie Young, Air Race Chairman, Box 2398, Okla. City 8, Oklahoma.

International Convention

Whether you will represent your chapter as a delegate to the convention, will be a contestant in the OKC Convention Air Race, or will come as a Ninety-Nine member, the Oklahoma Chapter and the South-Central Section are looking forward to your having a most memorable time in Oklahoma City from July 16 through July 20.

You will receive a letter with more complete details of the scheduled activities, but here are some of the highlights: We will be prepared for early arrivals, beginning July 15. The Catlin Aviation Co. on Will Rogers Field is the official facility to serve you and your aircraft. Special preparations are planned to provide transportation for you and your passengers in a most exciting manner. Visit 99 Headquarters right on Will Rogers Field, before you are taken downtown. Air Race contestants will arrive by July 16. Following a fun flying day on July 17, a reception and dinner will be held to present winners with their awards and silver trophies. On July 18, plan to swim in the pool of the colorful Sun Suite right at the Skirvin Hotel (convention headquarters), and attend a special showing of an instrument training film (it will help you get your Blue Seal). You may wish to go shopping, go sight seeing, or listen to new ideas in an afternoon Seminar on how to sell flying to your friends. It will be old "Home Week" with a new batch of 99's arriving continuously, throughout the day.

July 19 is Tour Day. We have all sorts and at least one or two will be a must on your schedule, including the famed FAA Aeronautical Center. In the evening there will be a party at the famous Potio of the Lone Star Brewery with Texas-size portions of barbecued beef and all the trimmings.

July 20 will be the day to take care of convention business and a luncheon is planned you won't want to miss. Final highlight of this year's convention activities will be the convention Banquet with a cocktail party preceding it. This will be an evening of entertainment for all.

Bring casual clothes and a party dress or two with a sweater or a light wrap for possible cool evenings. This is a dry climate and you won't know it is summer in our wonder air con-



W. C. Smith, Assistant General Sales Manager, Piper Aircraft Corporation, will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the Ninety-Nines 1963 International Convention Banquet. The gala evening affair will be held in the Persian Room, Skirvin Tower Hotel, Oklahoma City, July 20.

Wally Smith is well known in aviation circles and is a colorful and humorous Emcee. The banquet holds many entertaining surprises and is expected to be attended by the largest number of members and guests in recent years.

Wally Smith learned to fly in 1941 to begin a career in aviation. He obtained a Commercial License and Flight Instructor Rating in the civilian pilot training program of the early 1940's. After completion of the flight instructors standardization at Randolph Field, San Antonio, Texas, he joined Embry-Riddle as a civilian flight instructor to train Air Force primary students and later trained Royal Air Force pilots in primary and advanced flight.

After obtaining sales distribution experience in other industries, Wally Smith joined Piper Aircraft Corporation in 1951 as a member of the Sales Department. In 1953 he became the Assistant General Sales Manager and has been working in all phases of Marketing of Piper aircraft since that time.

ditioning. Bring your swim suit and above all, **BRING YOURSELVES!** OKLAHOMA CITY WELCOMES YOU!

Elizabeth V. (Susie) Sewell
Convention Chairman

YOUR CONVENTION DRAWING BOOK

- S** is for SUSIE SEWELL, your Convention Chairman. Draw her wrapped up in plans and details.
- E** is for EAVES. RITA has charge of printing tickets and programs. Draw her in ink. (She's also Chapter Treasurer — so make that red ink!)
- E** is for entertainment. Draw JEAN THOMAS with verve and a big "T" for talent.
- Y** is for YOUNG. Draw DOTTIE, OKC Air Race Chairman, running in circles.
- O** is for ornamentation — that's Decorations spelled with an "O". BETH SMITH and PATRICIA SMITH, Co-Chairmen — draw them pretty.
- U** is for United Effort. BRONETA EVANS is coordinator for all the South Central Section Chapters making this the best Convention ever! Draw her active.
- A** is for ARLENE and ABBOTT. ARLENE WALKUP is Okla. 99's Membership Chairman. Draw her recruiting. JANE ABBOTT is our COMANCHE JANE News Reporter—draw her reporting.
- T** is for transportation. MARIE HALL is Chairman of this ground necessity. Draw her with wheels.
- O** is for Okla.'s VELMA WOODWARD. She's on the Convention Committee. Draw her efficient.
- K** is for KETCHUM. MARIE is Chapter Secretary. Draw her corresponding.
- C** is for Chairman. That means draw NEMA MASONHALL, Okla. Chapter Chairman, and CAROL WADDELL, Vice Chairman, bewildered and busy.
- I** is for innumerable Corporations. Companies and Individuals who are contributing to this 30th INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION. Draw us grateful.
- N** is next to "M" which is for MARY LESTER. She's on National Headquarters and Nominating Committees plus Associate Editor of Newsletter. Draw her swamped.
- J** is for JONES. Draw RUTH JONES, SKIP CARTER and DOROTHY MORGAN as registrars.
- U** is for the Unmentioned 99's of the SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION devoting time, money and effort for you to enjoy a WONDERFUL CONVENTION. Draw them lettering "WELCOME".
- L** is for LAST but not LEAST. Draw yourself in OKC July 16 - 20, '63.
- Y** is for YOU ALL COME - - and draw yourself glad!

To All Governors and Chapter Chairmen

For Pre-Order of Official Ninety-Nine First Day Covers

1. Have buyer self address a business size envelope with adequate postage affixed, and state number of covers ordered on lower left corner of envelope.
2. Collect \$1.00 for **each cover**. Send monies to Broneta Evans, treasurer Amelia Earhart Fund, P.O. Box 38, Minco, Oklahoma.
3. First Day Covers, cancelled in Atchison, will be flown by Charter members to major points of the country July 24th and 25th. Chapter Chairmen and/or Governors are responsible for the pick-up and delivery of Covers in their areas.

apolis and Cleveland for overnight stop. Cleveland to Washington on the 25th.

LOUISE M. THADEN

1101 N. Main St.

High Point

N. Carolina

Atchison to Little Rock, Arkansas for a noon touchdown, and into Atlanta, her terminal point. Due to her schedule she must stop here, but someone else will fly the covers to Miami for celebration at the International airport.

Their touchdown points will be coordinated with each Section, so the local 99s will be alerted and ready to fly to the state capitals not covered by the charter girls. **These details should be discussed, worked out and coordinated immediately.**

Mr. Jacques Minkus, founder and president of the Minkus Stamp and Publishing Company, handled Amelia Earhart's covers on her round-the-world-flight, through Gimbels in New York City.

Therefore he seemed the logical person to approach about the official 99 First Day Covers for the Amelia Earhart 8c Commemorative Airmail stamp. Through his efforts, the stores listed have agreed to handle the sales of the 99 Covers without charge or profit. All proceeds go to the AE Scholarship fund. Orders may be placed with any of them through their respective stamp departments.

Akron, Ohio — M. O'Neil Co.

Atlanta, Georgia — Rish's.

Beverly Hills, California — J. W. Robinson.

Chevy Chase, Maryland — Woodward and Lothrop.

Cincinnati, Ohio — Shillito's.

Cleveland, Ohio — Halle Brothers.

Columbus, Ohio — Lazarus.

Denver, Colorado — May, D. & F. Company.

Garden City, N.Y. — Gimbels Roosevelt Field.

Hartford, Connecticut — G. Fox.

Houston, Texas — Foley's.

Los Angeles, California — J. W. Robinson.

Louisville, Kentucky — Stewart's

Milwaukee, Wisconsin — Gimbels.

New Orleans, Louisiana — Maison Blanche.

New York, New York — Gimbels.

Omaha, Nebraska — Brandeis.

Panorama City, California — J. W. Robinson.

Paramus, New Jersey — Gimbels.

Pasadena, California — J. W. Robinson.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania — Gimbels.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania — Gim-

Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp Celebration

By the time you read this the design of the Amelia Earhart 8c Commemorative Airmail Stamp will have been unveiled at the National Aviation Club in Washington, D.C. (April 25), an inspiring beginning to the salute to Amelia which will be climaxed on July 24th, her birthday, in Atchison, Kansas, where she was born.

The spotlight that morning will focus on the seven charter 99s who will participate in the Flyaway. At present their routes shape up as follows:

BETTY HUYLER GILLIES

P.O. Box 625

El Camino Del Norte

Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

From Atchison to Oakland on the 24th with no scheduled stops. Stay overnight. From Oakland to Los Angeles on the 25th.

MELBA GORBY BEARD

P. O. Box 723

Scottsdale, Arizona

From Atchison to Topeka to Santa Fe and Phoenix. Her overnight stop has yet to be finalized.

VIOLA GENTRY

c/o Mary B. Horn

Hook Pond Lane

E. Hampton

Long Island, N.Y.

From Atchison to LaFayette, Ind. and the Purdue Campus, her terminal point.

NANCY HOPKINS TIER

224 Dogwood Drive

McLean, Va.

From Atchison to Columbus, Ohio for overnight stop on the 24th. From



Design of the Amelia Earhart stamp reproduced by permission of the Post Office Department.

Columbus to Newark airport on the 25th.

TEDDY KENYON

RFD 2

Old Lyme, Conn.

From Atchison to Boston. Her overnight stop on the 24th has been temporarily designated as Detroit, this may be changed.

BLANCHE NOYES

Federal Aviation Agency

Washington 25, D. C.

From Atchison to Springfield, Indian-

bels, Cheltenham.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania — Gim-bels Great Northeast.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania — Kauf-man's.

Richmond, Virginia — Thalhimer's.

San Antonio, Texas — Joskes of Texas.

San Diego, California — The May Co.

Seattle, Washington — The Bon Marche.

Valley Stream, New York — Gim-bels.

Washington, D. C. — Woodward & Lothrop.

Westchester, N.Y. — Gimbels.

Any questions? Contact Section Governors, Charter Flyaway Pilots or:

Fay Gillis Wells
99 Coordinator
210 West 55th St.
New York 19, N.Y.

O-O-OK-LA-HOMA! Where you want to be July 16-20, 1963.

Air Age Education Spotlight Two New Aviation Education Courses Offered

The aerospace spotlight this month is focused upon the meritorious report compiled for the Air Age Education Committee chairmaned by Dorothy E. White of the Chicago Area Chapter. The report relates how the Ninety-Nines gave their support to a pioneering project: The development of two new courses at the Chicago Teachers College. These courses — The Principles of Teaching and Aviation Psychology — were prepared for flight instructors and fixed base operators interested in improving their professional status in aviation, as well as for pilots and anyone interested in flight and/or ground school instruction. College credit is given for successful completion of either or both courses.

Other groups who cooperated in this project with the Chicago Board of Education were: The Federal Aviation Agency; The National Safety Council, Aviation Safety Committee; and Airco, Chicago, Illinois.

The Ninety Nines of the Chicago Area Chapter evidenced their support of the project by enrolling two of their members: Juanita R. Fineman, Chapter News Reporter, and June C. Basile who authored the Air Age Education Committee Report of the course offering.

The Committee Report speaks eloquently of the value of the two pilot education courses, as shown in

the following excerpts from the Report:

"All of us who attended the class were so enthusiastic about it that we gladly extend a little extra effort to attend each session. The classes were held each Monday night for a total of 30 sessions. In spite of bad weather including 20 below temperatures, freezing drizzle, and icy roads which made driving conditions treacherous, the class attendance was always very high. In fact, the students with the best attendance records traveled all the way from Moline, Illinois, to Chicago — 'weather or not'.

"While attending the class, we were afforded the opportunity to hear many prominent lecturers, both from the field of aviation and education. A real compliment to our instructor, Mr. Harold Holmes (a former U. S. Navy pilot), and to the agencies and groups sponsoring the courses was the interest shown by F.A.A. Mr. George Stathers, Chief, Airman Training and Standards Section, and Dr. Mervin K. Strickler, Jr., Chief, Aviation Education Director, General Aviation Affairs, Federal Aviation Agency, made trips to Chicago to observe the class in session and to speak to us. They both expressed the belief that a class such as this should be a prerequisite for all instructors in the field of aviation."

The two above mentioned aviation/space education courses reflect a developing trend in the field of aviation safety throughout the country as a whole. How about supporting a simi-



Dottie Young, left, and Susie Sewell, right, OKC Air Race Chairman and Convention Chairman, respectively, stand before map of U. S. and wonder how many States will be represented at this year's International Convention. Be sure yours is by sending in your reservation when you receive your convention material in May

lar pilot education course in your local chapter area. This worthy project could be realized through cooperation with a local college, state aeronautics association, local airport operator, and/or other interested government agencies or private groups, such as the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Washington 14, D.C.

We thank you for your enthusiastic letters. The spotlight is revolving; so give it a chance to focus on your chapter next month!

Please mail your aerospace reports to:

Pearl M. Robinson, Chairman; International Air Age Education Committee; The Ninety-Nines, Inc.; 1922 38th Street, NW; Washington 7, D.C.

Even your engine can enjoy the "OKC Fun Flying Spree". This pre-convention Event has been planned for normal throttle operation — Fuel consumption is Not a factor in scoring.

Notice

Photo(s) are not required to enter "OKC Fun Flying Spree". Send entries with or without photographs. If available, they'll be used for publicity.

Dottie Young
OKC Air Race Chairman
Box 2329
Okla. City 8, Okla.

President's Column

The Executive Board met in Oklahoma City on April the 9th and 10th, with full attendance, plus Deedo Heise who attended on invitation, to report on the progress of the up-dating of the S.O.P., "Suggested Operations Procedure". And just in case, before someone asks — the S.O.P. was first conceived and put into operation in 1955 and 1956, under the leadership of Gerry Mickelsen and Edna Whyte, which described in detail suggested procedure for committees and officers. Now, seven years later, it is in desperate need of up-dating and re-writing. Two Barbaros, Kiernan and London, volunteered to continue the work, and plan to have the S.O.P. completed for the new year 1963-64, as a guide for the chapters, officers and committees.

Barbara Evans, as chairman of the committee for Revision of the Constitution, with Arax Simsarian and Broneta Evans assisting, reported on the proposed revision. A great part of the executive meeting was devoted to the consideration and discussion of the constitution. It is planned to have copies of the proposed revised constitution in the hands of all Governors and Chapter Chairmen prior to the convention, to allow time for chapter discussion and instruction to the delegates. At the recommendation of this committee, the proposed revised edition of the constitution will be presented at the 1963 Convention for discussion only, and with the exchange of ideas, it will be tabled until the 1964 convention for final vote.

Other business—the sale of the First Cover Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp and the Fly-Away from Atchison on the 24th—the appointment of trustee nominees for the 1963-64 ballot—the South American Charter Trip—the proposed budget for next year—the redecoration of headquarters and the Amelia Earhart Scrap books. Last, and of most interest, Susy Sewell, chairman, reported on plans for the 1963 Convention to be in Oklahoma City. We discussed the many details connected with the planning for a successful meeting — the proposed program — the appointment of the Teller and Credential Committees, — the agenda for business — transportation, and of course the entertainment. It has been asked — what does the executive board do? Need one ask?

For the Executive Board, I thank the Oklahoma Chapter for their warm welcome, and the hospitality of their city, and we may look forward to that same welcome in July! Keep Flying! Louise M. Smith

Coming Events

May 25

New England Air Race
Keene, New Hampshire
Contact: Barbara Kiernan,
Eastern New England Chapter

May 25-30

International Air Race
Contact: Virginia Britt,
Florida Chapter

June 27

Sky Lady Derby
Contact: Mary Burke, Tulsa
Chapter

July 13-17

Powder Puff Derby
Contact: AWTAR, Inc., Teter-
boro Airport, Teterboro, N. J.

July 17-20

International Convention
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Contact: Elizabeth Sewell,
Oklahoma City Chapter

August 4-17

Ninety Nine Tour of Brazil,
Trinidad and Curaco
Contact: Irene Keith, Greater
New York Chapter

August 16-18

Michigan Small Race
Kalamazoo, Michigan
Contact: Maisie Stears,
Michigan Chapter

Sept. 13, 14, 15

North Central Fall Sectional
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
Iowa Chapter

And there's the happy little engine—happy because it can fly in the "OKC Fun Flying Spree" at a comfortable RPM.



You mean there's another closet full of Convention prizes like these.

Ninety-Nine Tour Of South America

Have you checked with your chapter chairman yet for the itinerary of the TOUR. Watch the mail. We will probably have some of the social events to present to you before you read this issue. It will be mailed to all Chapter Chairmen and people who have requested the information.

August will be the social season of Brazil. The Clothes you need would be the same as you would wear in New York City in August. Beach wear for Rio and Trinidad. Mr. Reve Muntwyler of Rio Tours from Rio de Janeiro was in New York in April and I had a chance to meet him and discuss our arrival there. He is the man who will be sure that our ground services in Brazil will run smoothly and that an escort will be available on the tours. He is also checking an evening at a night club and a boat cruise in the harbor and a stop at one of the Islands for lunch.

Join the Tour — Write to Irene B. Keith 84-20 Austin St., Apt. 4E Kew Gardens 15, New York. A \$50 dollar deposit required by June 18th.

Is Your Name On The List?

LINDY FOYES

Chairman Public Relations

Each member has been sent a "Publicity Questionnaire". The purpose was to have the questionnaires completed (writing time: approximately 10 minutes) and **returned immediately** to headquarters.

If your name is on **The List**, then you have been dodging your duty as a 99. You have been holding up progress. Some 50% of our membership have responded to our request. Those of you who have not responded yet are causing the efforts of you sister 99's to be useless . . . unless you come through now-immediately.

We are in the process of compiling statistics from the information each of you provides. With only a 50% response to date it is impossible to do a satisfactory job. Even so, it might interest you to know that you 50% responders have piled up more than a half-million flying hours.

If you have misplaced your "Publicity Questionnaire", and, for those of you who have sent in questionnaires, if you know of changes in the information — new ratings, additional children, joined more of the listed organizations, etc.—it would be appreciated if you would fill out a new "Publicity Questionnaire", so that we may up-date the records. Deadline for compiling data is June 1st.



THE NINETY - NINES, Inc., P.O. Box 99, Oklahoma City

PUBLICITY QUESTIONNAIRE

Date _____

In order to compile complete information on our members, we would appreciate your filling out this questionnaire. No information on any individual member will be used without permission. Only collective statistics will be used unless you have given your approval on anything that concerns you personally. Information which we will obtain will serve as an excellent source for publicity and will help in getting the 99s recognized as one of the outstanding aviation organizations.

(Please type or print)

Name _____ Street _____ Zone _____
City _____ State _____ Chapter _____ Section _____
Birth Date _____ Single _____ Married _____ Number of Children _____

PILOT PROFICIENCY: (check where applicable)

Private _____ Commercial _____ Instructor _____ Instrument _____ Multi-engine _____
Sea Plane _____ Helicopter _____ ATR _____ Glider _____
Jet: (Stick Time Only) _____ (Qualified) _____ Ground School Instructor _____
Date private license obtained _____ Total hours now _____
Parachutist _____ Number of Jumps _____
Aircraft owned by you, your family or business: _____

NINETY - NINE HISTORY:

Date you joined 99s _____ Offices Held: _____ Chapter _____
Section _____ International _____

EMPLOYMENT:

Occupation _____ Employer _____

If you would like to have your name on record in Headquarters as available for a job in aviation, please state type of work desired and experience: _____

MILITARY SERVICE:

Former WASP _____ Rank _____
Member of Active Reserve Unit _____ Rank _____ Service _____
Member of CAP _____ Rank _____
Other _____

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS (check where applicable)

Aero Medical Assn. _____ Air Force Assn. _____ AOPA _____
Flying Physicians Assn. _____ Aviation Writers Assn. _____ Flying Farmers Assn. _____
National Aeronautics Assn. _____ Inst. of Aero.Sciences _____ OX 5 Club _____
National Aviation _____ National Business _____ Nat'l. Aviation
Trades Assn. _____ Aircraft Assn. _____ Education Council _____
National Pilots Assn. _____ Soaring Society of Amer. _____ Nat'l. Real Estate
Flyers Assn. _____
Parachute Club _____ Amer. Helicopter Soc. _____
Women's Nat'l. Aero. Assn. _____ Inst. of Navigation _____
Other national organizations _____
Local and state organizations _____
Offices held in above _____

Do you serve on any aviation commissions, boards, committees, etc.? _____

Awards, Honors, etc., received for aviation and other activities; flying records?

Degrees - College, Honorary?

Names of other social, fraternal, civic, professional societies to which you belong:

List Newspapers, Magazines, business or trade periodicals, other organization bulletins that might be interested in a story of your aviation activities:

Other information with publicity value. Don't be modest — remember, this is for the 99s. Air races? Other contests? Unusual family angle? Etc.

(Use extra sheet of paper if more space needed)

17th ANNUAL A. W. T. A. R.

Entries are now open for the 1963 Powder Puff Derby and will be numbered in the order they are received up to the closing date of June 15. This is a 2460 mile route from Bakersfield, California to Atlantic City, N. J. with no must stops. First pilot must hold a commercial license or a private license with instrument and/or instructor ratings. Co-pilot must hold at least a private license.

DATES: Impound deadline is 1700 PST July 9, Take-off July 13, Water Finish at Atlantic City, N.J. no later than noon July 17, Awards Banquet July 18.

Race program order blanks have been sent to all chapter chairmen. Let her know how many you want so that she can get the orders in by June 5.

If you cannot race this year, you will find it exciting to get out to the start or finish or any enroute stop. The local chairman will be grateful for any extra help and you will have fun.

Any contributions for the 1964 AWTAR will be acknowledged in the 1963 Official Program, but to do so, we must have those contributions by June 5. See that your chapter gets this recognition by sending in your contribution now.

A charter trip is being arranged from Atlantic City to Oklahoma City for the morning of July 19 for those of you who wish to go to the Convention. If you are interested in taking this trip, write at once to: Barbara Evans, 40 Stuart Place, Manhasset, N.Y.

For additional race information and applications for entry write:

AWTAR, Inc.
Teterboro Airport,
Teterboro, N. J. (enclose 30c
to cover mailing costs)

"The hurrier I go, the behinder I get."



Quick! Recheck those figures.
Race Plane No. 23 just went that-a-way!

It's Not Too Late

to contribute to the 1964 AWTAR.

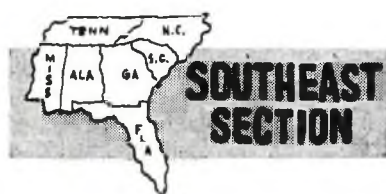
You've plenty of time for that chapter fund drive, be it a penny-a-pound, white elephant sale or great bank robbery.

August 31 is the deadline, so relax.
But don't forget us—

Please.

Anne Roethke, Chairman
AWTAR Ways and Means
3219-A S. 40th St.
Milwaukee 15, Wisconsin

It may be later than you think but There's still time to do some "Fun Flying in the Flatlands"! Get your application for the OKC FUN FLYING SPREE by sending 25c to: Dottie Young, Race Chairman, Bos 2398, Okla. City 8, Oklahoma.



MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER

By Janet Green

Miriam Loe was hostess to our chapter on March 31st in Natchez, Miss. The meeting was timed to coincide with a fly-in held by the Natchez Flyers. Tours of Natchez' antebellum homes were on the agenda Saturday and Sunday with a buffet supper and Confederate Pageant on Saturday night. Our meeting was held in the conference rooms of the Holiday Inn with Shreveport members Helen Hewett, Martha Christy, Corinne Strickland and Dottie Ports joining Janet Green, Bernice Kelly, Barbara McCaffrey, Cora McDonald and Kitty Bishop. A delicious luncheon was served, complete with decorations and flower arrangements with a aviation theme.

The day was sunny and perfect—the Natchez airport looked better than any golf course, azaleas were in bloom and the dogwood made big splashes of white in the woods. Miriam's husband, Dr. Justin Loe, who took us on a tour of the homes, gave us extra tips and insight into Natchez' golden era. Assisting with the fly-in and our luncheon guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Pool, Jack Pool, W. D. Simmons, Bill Stahlman and Leon Weaver.

ALABAMA CHAPTER

By Meredith Ward

The Alabama 99's are coming out of hibernation after one of the worst

winters on record in the "Sunny South" both in regard to temperatures and flying weather. Three meetings in January and February were canceled because of weather, but we finally got together in Birmingham on February 10.

We were blessed with a beautiful spring day for our meeting at Troy on Sunday, March 31. Flying in were Jan Warrick, Betty Ferrell, Grace Bailey, Meredith Ward, Mary Jane Lewis, Bennie Peters, both Minnie Wades, Nancy Beeland, and Betty McNabb and Betty Cones of the Georgia Chapter. Betty McNabb has graciously offered to help us out with our up-coming event—conducting Penny-a-Pound Rides at the airport dedication at Uniontown on April 29.

We won't have to import all our commercial pilots, however, as Beth Marquardt, Little Minnie Wade, and Bennie Peters have earned their commercial tickets during the past year. Beth has topped us all by passing her check ride for her instructor's rating just recently as well as taking on the operation of the airport at Louisville, Mississippi. Jan Warrick and Nancy Beeland are starting work on their instrument ratings.

Keep your fingers crossed for us on April 29 for good weather and a big crowd. Our treasury could stand a boost!

GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Betty W. McNabb

Georgia 99s met in Macon for what set out to be a call meeting for final section arrangements, but ended up as a most delightful afternoon. Middle Georgia Air Show, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, was the attraction; 99s were among the featured guests and a 99 fly-away was part of the show! Of course we were all thrilled by the Thunderbirds and our good friend Bevo Howard, and amused by Bob McComb's antics.

Present at the 99 meeting were Carolyn "Comanche" Kennedy (You know that isn't original—I saw it in the 99 Newsletter but I like it—) and her family came too; Helen "Debonair" Crosby arrived by car from one direction and her husband, Dr. Steve, from the other in their bird; Virginia Kleeb flew in from Augusta with her 49½er; Jean "Cessna 210" Voyles brought Frances "Cherokee" Peacock over. (Chairman Frances says the Cherokee's brakes are being worked on.)

Betsy "Bonanza" McNabb brought Betty Cones, her 49½er Ernie, and Pat Garner, who is an Air Force Nurse and student pilot.

Hostess were Myrtle Cagle and her

student, Helen Bush of Macon. From Macon also came Betty Lary and her student, Rose Campbell, and Jean Minden, formerly of Miami. A visitor from Robins AFB was Joyce Hamer who soon departs for Ohio. Mary Scheiber of Augusta came over with the Kleeb's.

We had an unusual pleasure in an excellent weather briefing by Caroline Whirlow of Macon FAA, and Caroline says she is going to be flying soon.

Virginia Kleeb told about an ill-fated trip to Gainesville, Florida which was almost a weather comedy. Her husband broke one appointment after another and finally they imported a couple of instrument pilots in an Aztec, one to get them home, and the other to take the little airplane back. They both vowed instrument study comes next.

Betty McNabb and Betty Cones reported on their recent visits to the Alabama chapter and plans to participate in Alabama's Uniontown Penny-a-Pound flight 29 April. Ruth Miller is in Canada again, and business prevented our new member, Frances Nichols, from attending the meeting.

The JC's not only hosted the 99's, but gave prizes for the efficiency race. Virginia Kleeb came nearest to her ETA and distance and was awarded a set of minichox. Betty McNabb was second and received a fuel drain, while Carolyn Kennedy won a computer.

We're sorry that we're hitting right on top of the newsletter deadline — this one won't appear until after the sectional, and sectional itself is right in the middle of the May deadline! So bear with us, we'll give you the Georgia news as soon as we can!



LONG BEACH CHAPTER By Claire Walters

March 13th was the date of our spaghetti dinner-meeting at Emma McGuire's lovely home in Santa Monica. Emma and her mother prepared the dinner (salad, spaghetti and all the trimmings) for the large group that arrived. Besides the regularly attending members and their husbands, we had a number of new prospective members present. Miss Helen Roberts, private pilot, and student pilots. Sheila Burke (with pilot husband John), and Mrs. Doris Minter (pilot-attorney, and newly elected Mayor of Santa Monica, husband Rex was in

Washington, D. C.). The new perspectives are all students at the Claire Walters Flight Academy, Santa Monica. Claire and Betty Faux arranged for the showing of a movie of John Glenn's Friendship 7 flight, an exceedingly exciting show, to say the least.

The April 17th meeting was held at Judy Wagner's Palos Verdes home. Present were: Mary Pinkney (Chairman), Ruth Gay, Carole Dunn, Jan Vawter, Judy Wagner, Mary Wanzholz, Emma McGuire, Norma Gunderson, Lee Title, Jackie Sepulveda, Edna Bower, Mildred Krueger, Betty Faux, Claire Walters and Fran Bera. Guest was Barbara Reithmaier. Concern was expressed for prospective member Barbara Ross's husband, Harry. Harry, well known by most members, has been lost for several weeks in Utah. They operate the Sunset Beach Airport just south of Long Beach.

Congratulations to Judy Wagner for her new Instrument rating and to Margaret and Bob Ross for their new son.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER By Darlene Marsh

If we had appropriate trophies, certainly the six Sacramento members who recently returned from the 3,000 mile flight from Sacramento to Mazatlan, Mexico, would each deserve a large one!

The six members departed Sacramento the rainy morning of April 5 and returned April 13. They were among a group of 16 planes and 46 persons making the trip.

Their first overnight stop was at Calexico (570 miles) where they cleared customs and headed south. Some stopped at Hermosillo (450 miles) to refuel while others at Guaymas. Then on to Mazatlan (another 450 miles). Those who fished caught at least one sail fish or marlin to mount above their Sacramento mantles. The return flight included an overnight stop in Alamos, the highlight of the trip for most. From there the group scattered and some returned directly home while others detoured via Phoenix, Arizona. Congratulations on excellent flight planning and pilotage to: Claire Raley who logged approximately 20 hours piloting her Tri-Pacer with navigator Ruth Lummis . . . Carol Hammond who shared flying the C-182 with husband Al and son Russell as passenger . . . Cleo Merrill with husband Chet and two sons in their C-175 . . . Joyce Evans in the C-210 with husband Hugh at the controls and sons Matt and Jeff . . . and Beryle Eissinger,

Art, and son and daughter in their Navion. We'd need six pages in this Newsletter to tell all the details, but briefly the flight might be described as "Terrific".

Your reporter had to cancel the trip to Mazatlan but managed to fly during the same period in the C-172 to Hayward and also checked out (sort of) in a J-3.

We recently received an invitation for our chapter members to be guests during an hour-long personal interview program over station KSFM Sacramento. And we're proud of those who were able to take time out from their busy schedules to promote aviation and the 99's. The competent representatives were Helen Mace (our experimental plane builder and pilot) June Devine (our enthusiastic 99'er and new Bonanza owner), and Juanita Bigler (ferrier of planes to Alaska and Central America). We tried to get Betty Boyd there also but her flight in a 707 with husband for two weeks' vacation in the Phillipines took priority.

The Chapter helped celebrate the 50th anniversary of the University of California at Davis by attending the annual picnic and airshow as part of its April meeting. There wasn't any business meeting that day — just picnicking, flying, and relaxation.

The Lady Bugs (the informally organized group which flies the second and fourth Wednesday of each month), were grounded on the fourth Wednesday, but enjoyed the hospitality of June Devine in her new home at El Macero. June's guests included members Elaine Lancaster, Trish Marks, Florence Breen, Carol Hammond, and Ruth Wagner and student pilots Dorothy Williford and Anna Marie Bell.

June and Jim Devine left for Wichita recently to pick up their new Bonanza . . . and Ruth Wagner could almost qualify for A & E rating as she has spent considerable time helping husband Al redesign the instrument panel in their newly acquired Comanche. It literally has everything on it, except the kitchen sink, but Ruth states there is an empty spot in which they could even add one . . . Hi Reilich (Day Cities Chapter) dropped in for a visit in her C-182 at Sacramento Municipal with her young son Kenny.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By Doris Purdy

In the spirit of "the 99's must go on" brave Eleanor Wilson carried on to hostess our April 19th meeting, despite the emergency operation of her 40-1/2. Miriam Brugh was our cordial co-hostess. Also present were members Jaunda Bigelow, Deby Byram,

Juno-Ann Clarke, Helen Kelton, Mary Messersmith, Hazel Miles, Ruth Reuckert, Jean Tinsley and the writer. Guests were Janet Adams, who is working on her commercial at Half Moon Bay Airport and Judy Willis who is working on her commercial at Oakland Airport.

Too tired to be present were Gail Lane and Dorothy Garliepp, just returned from a 10-day flight to Guaymas, Mexico, Tucson, Phoenix and Las Vegas in Dorothy's 172, which they took turns flying.

Geri Hill made a perfect landing in the Space Coupe, which she is demonstrating, at Oakland Airport on April 7th and was greeted by Miriam Brugh, her prize-winning doggie and dozens of spectators, who upon hearing "Space Coupe" on the radio were expecting a woman from Mars. Then Geri was honored by two cocktail parties given by her long-time friend, Marian Hilliard, a very charming lady, even if she doesn't fly. The pleasure of meeting Geri has inspired the writer.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

By Doris Johnson

Since we were not heard from last month, will attempt to bring you up on what has been transpiring. Our March Business Meeting was held at Joyce Lyon's beautiful new home in Costa Mesa. This was strictly a business meeting in order to cover the many items which had accumulated. In previous meetings we have allowed our speakers ample time thus taking time away from the business at hand. Those attending were Hilda Reafsnnyder, Emilie Smyth, Norma Ojstedt, Evelyn Sherwood, Betty Farrell, Nadine Patsel and Joyce Lyon. We were very sorry to have to accept Edna Stennett's resignation. There were just too many conflicting things in Edna's business program and she had to give up something. Emilie Smyth very graciously volunteered to finish out Edna's term as our new secretary pro-tem. Ilene Winchell volunteered to be our new Airmarking Chairman. After discussion, it was concluded that members should be on the look-out for a suitable airmarking area near the Santa Ana Canyon entrance to Orange County. Edna Stennett won the door prize which was a pair of gold Cessna earrings donated by hostess Joyce Lyon.

For our April meeting we met at the home of Emilie Smyth in Fullerton. Those present were Betty Sherry and her 49½er, Della Lyford, a prospective member, Joanne Kloefer, Hilda Reafsnnyder, Emilie Smyth, and Ruth Phillips. It was decided a nominating committee should be ap-

pointed before the next meeting to present prospective officers for the next year. The Nickly Jitney was postponed till next month's meeting because so few could be present due to Easter Vacation. We will all be looking forward to this next month.

At the conclusion of the meeting we watched three very enjoyable films. The first was from North American Aviation showing their automatic flare out system in use on an F-102. The 2nd film was a black and white silent film of actual flight test runs of touch and go landings of a 707 using the same automatic flare out system. The third was a free loan from Associated Films Inc. showing the development and testing of some of the most interesting ships in the X-1 through X-15 series. Many thanks to our cordial hostess Emilie Smyth for a very enjoyable evening and also her 49½er who made arrangements for the terrific films.

Ruth Phillips had a very casual meeting at the Fullerton airport with Charlotte Kelly another 99 and former governor from Mass. She had flown in from Scottsdale, Arizona with her two children, Brian and Melonie, to spend the day at Disneyland. They had a very enjoyable visit.

UTAH CHAPTER

By Alberta Nicholson

Our March meeting was held at the home of Margaret Loy with a good attendance. Lucile Christopherson and Maxine Nielson from the Provo area. Big plans were made for the summer months, beginning with airmarking in Cedar City in May and in Nephi this week-end. Well, as usual, we are having winter this month and with several inches of fresh snow on the ground today, our Nephi project is postponed a month. This is the week-end when our Section usually has its Sectional and every year it has been snowing until we can't see the mountains. Back to our Nephi airmarking project, our arrangements up to now have been made with the City office and this week we were asked to talk directly with the Mayor. I talked with him today, and talk about cooperation! He has arranged for the J.C.'s to be at the airport to help us and also a Scout troop to assist. The press will also be there to make a big thing of this in the papers. It doesn't sound like we have much to do but be present. Our friend, Woolly Walton, here in the Salt Lake Mayor's office has drawn up the print for the letters. If all the "city fathers" were this eager for publicity or a "project" we—the 99's—would have no trouble airmarking all the airports. June, our membership chairman, has

invited new female pilots to help us on this, in the hopes that they will join our chapter. We will let you know how it works out next month. With winter upon us we have very little news at present.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Myrtle A. Wright

Because of bad weather, our meeting postponed for one week, and a little bone cutting, this reporter has very little news to write about. The Redwood Empire Chapter had hoped to give the Fresno Chapter Charter at least 90% attendance, but we sure got rained out. Pat Stouffer, Jane O'Donnell and Fran DeHaan were our only representatives. Pat and June flew down on the Airline and Fran braved the surface traffic by driving down. Jerry Hill, we are sorry to have missed seeing you in your Space Coupe. I hope you have it at Pomona.

Bette Smith and 49½er Bob flew their Stinson Reliant into Coddington Airport in Santa Rosa this week. Bob had business in Santa Rosa, so Bette, always on the lookout for flying news went along to find out how the air show had turned out. This show was held at Coddington town two weeks ago. Of course we had very bad weather so not many people from out of town wanted to fly in. In spite of all this there were 80 planes and 5000 people arrived to see the show.

Pat Stouffer is attending ground school at Napa County Airport, getting ready to take her instrument test. Fran DeHaan has passed her written exam for flight instructor, and Myrtle Wright has her Air Taxi Permit. We sure hope the weather lets a lot more of us get together for some honest to goodness fly-ins. Till next time — never lose sight of your horizon.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

We'll forgive Boo Christensen for not writing our column for the Newsletter this month since, in addition to her regular job, she has been assisting 49½ Chris, C.P.A., during the rush of income tax season.

Our March meeting revealed progress of the CAP Girl Cadet, Roberta Johnson, whose solo course was co-sponsored by San Diego and El Cajon Valley Chapters and a lenient bid by El Cajon Flying Service. (Betty Lambert, San Diego Chapter, is her instructor).

Having recently contributed to the AWTAR, AE Scholarship and the CAP Cadet Scholarship, we are in the midst of replenishing our treasury. Anne Bledsoe obliged by bringing some yummy white elephants for an income of \$8.60, and by setting up

store at the El Cajon Swap Meet, netting an additional \$30.09.

The meeting was held at Dorothy Davis' newly redecorated home and its oriental decor was the perfect setting for our surprise program — a most delightful and descriptive talk by Anne Bledsoe who, with her 49½, Capt. J. L. Bledsoe of FLYING TIGER LINES, recently returned from a "postman's holiday" to the Orient. They had originally planned to go to Tahiti, but here are her own words in an abbreviated description of their trip.

"At the very last minute we changed our minds about going to Tahiti and decided to go back to some of our old haunts in the Orient—

"So, up at 8:30 one morning — in to Los Angeles for Japanese visas and tickets, jumped on board a Flying Tiger Line Constellation to Seattle, and by the time darkness fell we were on a Northwest Orient jet to Anchorage. A three hour wait there was the only delay we encountered on the whole trip, and then we boarded another NWO 707, bound for Tokyo. That leg took 8½ hours. I lost track of time changes, but I think it was about 3 a.m. local time when we got to Haneda Airport. While Jim took care of the baggage drill I ran up to the bank which is located in the terminal building to buy some yen. The bank is open all night for the convenience of travelers, but in the odd hours it is necessary to ring a bell and wake up the cashiers who are sleeping on their futons behind the counter. It's a little disconcerting to have a sleepy-eyed Japanese man open the doors while another is putting on his pants and opening the cash register at the same time. All this scurrying accompanied by much bowing and polite gestures of welcome.

"A two hour taxi ride (kamekaze method) later and we were deposited at the door of the Kowakien Hotel in Hakone, a mountain resort SW of Tokyo, still not daylight. This was the longest night. By this time I think we were about 28 hours from the time we got out of bed in Oceanside. A couple of hours sleep, a hot bath and breakfast and we were up and tramping around the mountains for a Fuji-view. We were most fortunate with weather. The entire three days at Hakone were CAVU, and in fact we did not encounter one drop of rain on the whole trip, which took about a month. It was crisp and cold in Japan, and Mt. Fuji stood out in all her glory, covered with snow and only occasionally veiling her head with a wisp of cloud, and looking exactly

like all the pictures you've ever seen of her.

"We spent our entire time there tramping around the country side, during the day, and evenings we would don our Japanese kimonos which are provided by the hotel, and join the vacationing Japanese in their dining room. These people are all pleased to see us trying to fit into their customs—in fact I think only their innate courtesy keeps some of them from laughing out loud! It is a little drafty sitting on the floor, so Jim had decided long underwear was best under his kimono. It was something of a feat for him to get up and down off the floor without the kimono flapping open and revealing his secret!

"Guided tours are our cup of tea—so most of our sight-seeing is done with the local people, using local means of transportation. We took bus rides along the newly opened "Ashinoko Skyline", a road skirting the top of the hills and with breathtaking views of Lake Ashinoko and Fuji-san guarding it all. On one occasion we got on a boat and had a cold, wind-whipped ride across white-capped Lake Ashinoko, and had to transfer to two different busses to get back to the hotel. The people seem to keep a curious eye on us, and to anticipate our needs, and they take good care of us.

"After three days of this mountain climbing I was ready for some city-life, so we boarded a reserved seat train, the Romance Car, if you please, and rode in comparative luxury back to Tokyo, where we checked in at the old Imperial Hotel. A new section of the Imperial has been built, and for plate glass and chrome it is very nice, but you might as well be in Kansas City for Japanese atmosphere. We like the old section better.

"Then, a short walk to the Civil Air Transport office to pick up our tickets for Taipei, Hong Kong, Bangkok. We went in to see Jim's old friend, Dave Hickler, who is Director of Operations for CAT at Tokyo, and learned about the article he wrote for Flying Magazine, titled "Cracking the Bamboo Barrier". The article had just been reprinted in a local newspaper so Dave gave me a copy autographed for the 99's.

"Changes have taken place in Tokyo since my last trip out here. For one thing, there are more hotels available. A great building program seems to be in progress. This is true all over the Orient. On every hand, old buildings are being torn down and new ones erected, new roads are being built and everywhere there is a great

deal of industry. People seem more prosperous, too, and prices have skyrocketed. But the most notable change, to me, was the fact that there are lots more kimonos about. The ladies seem to be enjoying going back to their colorful and extremely becoming native dress. Question: Is this indicative of a return to a greater nationalism, or greater prosperity? My guess is, both.

"Next day we caught Civil Air Transport's 880 Mandarin Jet to Okinawa and Taipei. CAT is Free China's flag carrier, and this Convair 880 is without doubt the most luxuriously appointed airplane I have ever seen. Having been built in San Diego I feel sure that the 99's from this area would take a personal pride in it.

"At Taipei, we spent one night at the Grand Hotel, and the next two at the home of our old friend, CAT Captain Felix Smith, a bachelor who lives in a little Japanese style house not far from the airport. Felix was on a trip, but his Taiwanese servant girl, Achu, made us most comfortable on the strength of a note I carried from Felix — which I learned two days later, she couldn't read!

"I think the travel agents have been lax in not encouraging more tourists to visit Taiwan. It is a beautiful island, lush and green, with mountains and plenty of water and a delightful climate in the winter. We visited the homes of several of our old friends there, and enjoyed some of the best Chinese chow we have ever encountered.

"Hong Kong was next—the most fascinating city in the world. Here one can enjoy the best of Western style living and the best of Oriental atmosphere in a setting of indescribable beauty. It was close to the Chinese New Year, so everyone was in a holiday mood. I can't emphasize enough the splendid job the British have done in resettling thousands of refugees here from Red China. Memories of my last visit include the squalor of the shacks erected by these poor people on the hillsides of Kowloon. Since then, new apartment buildings have arisen and the terribly crowded, the people for the most part now have a roof over their heads. We stayed in Hong Kong about a week and I would like to stay a year. We did all the usual "tourist" things — rode the "Peak Tram" and tramped around the Peak, enjoying the marvelous view of the bustling Hong Kong harbor. We visited Aberdeen the fishing village and ate sea food, Chinese style. We rode sampans and busses and the ferry between Victoria and Kowloon — incidentally that's the

best travel bargain in the world. Of course we took a bus up to the Red Chinese border. But not too close. We got a rather uneasy feeling as we got near, and didn't linger too long in that area.

"Finally, we left for Bangkok — almost reluctantly.

"There are new and beautiful hotels in Bangkok too, but we elected to stay at our old favorite, Erawan. Tourism has invaded Bangkok since our last visit, and while I think everyone should see it I can't help feeling it has been somewhat spoiled. Some of the old temples now have souvenir stalls inside the courtyards, and the price of a boatride on the "klongs" (canals) has tripled. But that gorgeous handwoven Thai silk is still \$3.00 U. S. per yard. You can be sure I came away with some of that!

"Before we left L. A. we had read about an American pilot and old friend of Jim's from China days being shot down in Laos. We learned he was recuperating in the hospital in Bangkok, so visited him several times. His on the scene reports of the situation in Laos, plus his hair raising account of his own escape from his burning plane sound like a chapter from "Terry and the Pirates".

"The temples, the marketplace, the floating markets, the Royal Palace, the unforgettable Thai boxing matches and the charming Thai people would take more talent than I have to describe, so all I can say is, come on to my house and I'll show you my movies! They are a poor substitute for actually being there, tho, so try to make the trip yourself. Movies can't capture the sounds — and smells.

"When we left Bangkok and headed out across the Mekong River it was a pretty nice feeling to know we were going HOME."

Leah Liersch and Dottie Sanders joined the monthly San Fernando Valley Chapter's fly-in April 16 at Palomar Airport in Dottie's 140-A, hosted by the San Diego Chapter with lots of good food furnished by Betty Gillies in her lovely and restful home overlooking the beautiful countryside of Rancho Santa Fe. San Diego Chapter furnished transportation to Betty's from the airport and, needless to say, we all had a delightful time — 25 of us. It was an ideal ending to a two-week vacation for Leah on which she had planned a camping trip with her sister but had to give up the idea when spring storms kept coming through the Sierras bringing snow and cold. They settled

for a nice visit in their home town of Sacramento and a visit to San Francisco for a show and lunch at the Nut Tree Inn.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Gertrude Lockwood

Guests — prospective members — at the April meeting were Ida Gay and Dottie Daub. The meeting was held at the home of Betty Lambert. A report of the Fly-in, sponsored by the San Fernando Chapter and hosted by some of the San Diego Chapter, disclosed the following facts: Palomar Airport was the reception point; from there Marion Jepsen, Ruby Keaveny, Jessie Ostrander, Stella Hardin and Gertrude Lockwood took the guests (20) over to Rancho Santa Fe where Betty Gillies was waiting to welcome them with sandwich-makings and a warm swimming pool. Trixie Ann Schubert was the only one who braved the cool winds by donning her suit and she enjoyed the entire pool by herself.

Judy Bachman, a new member of the chapter, was one of the gals who enjoyed the fly-in as well as the meeting. Another new member to attend was Jaimie Swanson. Two more "prospectives" — Judy Keisling and Ida Gay reported at the meeting that they and their prospective 49½ers were planning a flight on the 20th of April to Las Vegas. The purpose of same is to give Hubby Del Keisling, a member of the staff of TV Station Channel 8, an opportunity to take movies along the route and at the termini to promote Executive Flying. It will be interesting to see what an influx of new pilots will result from the showing of the film.

Iois Bartling and Harry had a flight to San Francisco to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Terry Vasques and Martha Mullen and 49½ers flew to Phoenix to witness the "500".

Ruby Keaveny and Marion Jepsen intend to drive (horrors!) to Pomona for the Spring Sectional. Meeting them there, though they didn't say just how they expect to get there, were Terry Vasques and Stella Hardin.

Thelma Bishop intends to leave San Diego May 9th with her sister, Edna as observer and companion for Welland, Ontario. They will participate in the IAR. After the race they expect to visit relatives and friends in Pennsylvania, see some shows in New York, then to return by the southern route to home port.

To date, we have just 2 entries for AWTAR — Terry Vasques and Ruth Propsner. Details concerning planes,

co-pilots, etc. were not forthcoming this early.

When you read this, you can imagine Betty Gillies and Bud in Europe. They leave May 20 (commercially this time) on a flight to Berlin. The 'piece de resistance', of course, is a visit with their attractive family in Rome. They will go with them to the tip of Sicily for a ten day vacation and business trip. Two little grand-daughters are real drawing cards here. They expect to be away for one month. Lucky son, Peter! He'll have to keep the batteries in good working order on the Baron while they're away!

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By Ev Hendley

It is said that silence is golden, but the truth is—Procrastination is my middle name!

Our chapter has been quite active. At our January meeting we decided to try a new plan for the celebration of our Charter Anniversary (the 12th), which is a dinner party. Instead, we planned a Kaffee Klatch on a Saturday afternoon to which we invited the women flying in our area, licensed or not. We obtained names from airports, instructors and members. We were delighted with the response. Eleven guests came to our party, all enthusiastic and interested in the 99s. As a result we have welcomed five new members, and think we have inspired others to work for that license. Our new members are: Arlene Holm, Atwater; Jean Skinner, Stockton; Viola Labrucherie, Stockton; Jean Murray, Stockton and Laverne Gudgel, Merced. We hope the Southwest Sectional girls will get to meet them at the Spring convention in Pomona.

We are proud of our Vice-chairman, Marie McDowell, is the 1963 Queen of the California Flying Farmers. Marie and her 49½er Alan flew their Bonanza with the Flying Farmers tour to Alamos and San Carlos, Mexico. Dorothy and Floyd Koebel also made the flight in their Navion. Mexico seems to be a popular spot—Laura May and Gene Crawford and son, Don, spent a holiday flying to various places in Mexico. Louciel Freeman attended the Fresno Chapter Charter April 6-7. Our best to the new Chapter.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Trixie-Ann Schubert

Chapter woman pilot of the year was named at the March awards banquet which featured speaker Frank Kingston Smith, Philadelphia lawyer-pilot-author who flew west at his own expense to bolster the cause of women



San Fernando Valley chapter Ninety Nines welcome Philadelphia pilot-author ("Weekend Pilot", "I'd Rather Be Flying", etc.) Frank Kingston Smith to the SFV Woman Pilot of the Year banquet.

pilots—more flying time for more female type pilots. JEAN ROSE is woman pilot of the year and fancy the look of dismay on the face of last year's winner, Shirley Robinson, when she opened the sealed envelope, announced the winner and discovered that said winner was just about the only 99 not present at the banquet of well over 100 people. At that moment Jean was somewhere in the mountain pass, enroute back from a flight to Las Vegas, and fighting the weather. But there's no doubt of Jean's qualifications for this year's trophy. She's an ex-WASP, flight instructor with instrument, single and multi engine ratings; a member of the Caterpillar club, having parachuted to safety when a glider fell apart in the air; having logged over ten thousand hours of flight hours of flying each month for the last six years AND winner of the 1950 Powder Puff Derby with second, third, fourth, and fifth place winnings in other Powder Puff attempts.

Jean collected her trophy at the end of an interesting day of flying another trophy collector, Olivia De Havilland, on a charter flight booked by the actress.

Betty Malone was pinned at the meet and so eager was Betty to become a 99 that she flew her own papers back to 99 headquarters.

Two gals have just received commercial ratings—Liz Crowley and Carol Lady who also is working on her Masters Degree at Santa Barbara University.

Kay Meade joined a flying club at San Jose, Florence Dittmar flew to

Mammoth near Bishop and made dozens of shorter hops, Mary Kemper flew to Desert Air and in her own inimitable fashion signed up a Powder Puff sponsor for her and Florence, Shirley Robinson flew the twin Aero-nca Champion Lancer and went to the Antique Airplane show.

Audrey Schutte flew to Palmdale to hear FAA head Hallaby at the opening of the new control center, a four million dollar project.

Trixie-Ann Schubert flew to Fresno with Pat Lambert of Phoenix for the installation of the 19th southwest section chapter there at that spectacular new airport which will host the start of the Powder Puff in 1964, was moderator of the 1964 Women's Space Symposium at L. A. State College in Los Angeles, and did a CBS network show with commentator Ruth Ashton and Ninety Nine Betty Miller who plans to fly solo to Australia.

And let's close the May copy with kudos and congratulations to the four chapter members who were runners up for the SFV woman pilot of the year ... Florence Dittmar of Los Angeles; Lola Ricci of Studio City who writes the monthly Aux Tank, a news gazette exclusively for chapter gals; Audrey Schutte of Canoga Park, flight instructress at Kappair, Van Nuys airport; Lois Miles of Reseda chapter chairman and flight instructress at Valley Pilots, competitors of Audrey's flight school.

FRESNO CHAPTER **By Barbara Faller**

Now it's official! The Fresno Chapter was formally installed at a luncheon at the new Fresno Air Terminal

on Sunday, April 8 and ten more women pilots are proudly sporting Ninety-nine pins.

Saturday afternoon, April 7, visiting 99's from San Diego, Santa Barbara, Phoenix, Redwood Empire, Bay Cities, Los Angeles and San Joaquin started arriving. A ground crew consisting of 49½ers were on hand to greet the flyers and several Hertz courtesy cars were available for transportation. Saturday evening everyone enjoyed a cocktail hour hosted by the Fresno Sheriff's Air Squadron followed by a banquet at a local Motel. We were delightfully entertained by Jimmy Wellon and Webster Webfoot, local T.V. personality. The climax of the evening was the awarding of the grand prize of an aircraft interior donated by Aircraft Enterprises.

We were especially pleased with the attendance of fellow 99's at our weekend fly-in in spite of the inclement weather. Geri Hill, who arrived in a space coupe, was on hand to present the charter. Some others aboard for the launching were Pat Lambert, Phoenix, Pat Stouffer, Redwood Empire, and Ruth Ruechert, Bay Cities. Space will not permit a list of all visitors present but we were glad to see them all.

The seven charter members of the Fresno Chapter are Dorothy Kent, Chairman, Wanda Bronstetter, Vice-Chairman, Barbara Faller, Secretary, Jeri Watkins, Treasurer, Mary Haules, Estelle Stacy and Helen Smith. We have added three more members and a number of enthusiastic students soon will increase our membership.

SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER **By Doris C. Phillips**

We may have been "unreported", as a chapter, in recent issues of this publication, but flying activities are on the upswing with Santa Barbara area "fly girls".

Joan Steinberger is cramming for her commercial flight test, this falls in the pleasure category, although it sounds like work.

On St. Patrick's Day we had a fly-in at Conejo Airport and held our meeting in Thousand Oaks. Meeting with our chapter, and showing a great deal of interest in the 99's were a number of student pilots who would like to be known as "fledgling pledges" with aspirations toward active memberships.

Sandi and Ken Killion are convinced that, as in the case of airplanes, "horses are here to stay". Their latest acquisition is a quarterhorse with the poetic name of "Driftwood Chant". Watch for this name on the

form sheet at Bay Meadows and Pomona in the near future. Flying to Mojave early in April for the San Fernando Valley Chapter Fly-in were; Joan Steinberger, Shirley Shipman Sandi and Diedre Killion in Sandis' Bonanza. Also making this trip were Della Abernathy and Anna Reitz in Dellas' Cessna 172.

Attending the charter presentation festivities in Fresno in April, were Joan, Della and June Warren who flew with Anna in the Reitz' new Skylane. Anna reports that her 49½er Henry has recently passed his instrument written exam. The arrival of another grandson has also been cause for celebration for this flying team.



GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Irene B. Keith

Do you smell something burning? well we are busy thinking! About what? Well things—like—a meeting April 23 at Ferdi's Restaurant with Mr. Thomas W. Robertson, Manager of Hadley Airport, as guest speaker. He will show the A.O.P.A. 360 degree Instrument Rating Film. Like—June 8th at Bridgeport Airport, Conn. we will have a "penny-a-pound" flights for the public. Rain Date June 9th. This will be our way to raise our share of AWTAR and AE Fund costs. Like—We are all busy on the Terminus at Atlantic City. Be sure you come and join us and the Awards Banquet will be July 18th. Put this date in your book and plan to come days ahead. Complete information next issue.



OREGON CHAPTER

By Judy Fleming

While our regular News Reporter, Petty Johnson, endures an enforced sabatical, I'll try to keep you posted on goings here in Oregon. Hope you will bear with me.

This month's meeting was held at Astoria with Lucy Drucker and Rita Ginn as hostesses. Marginal weather cut attendance to ten and after a Pirep gave a 400-foot over PDX Omni, Chairman Charlotte Dodson and I gave way to our innate coward-

ice and hitched a ride with a couple of IFR types. Both Secretary Bobie Hays, Veronia, and Ann Brown, Hillsboro, drove in. Though few in number, we had a rousing meeting and delightful lunch in nearby Warrenton.

Following the business meeting, we were conducted on a thorough and informative tour of the Astoria Weather Station where operation of their radar and telemetry equipment was demonstrated. After such a tour, we all have a much better understanding of how difficult it is to accurately forecast west coast weather.

Plans for Oregon's Petticoat Derby, June 22, are beginning to fall into place despite the recent change of date. One of the most heartening things we have discovered is the enthusiasm shown by FAA, the State Board of Aeronautics, Weather Bureau, tower personnel and operators. All have generously offered their assistance in conducting the Derby and, believe me, we have accepted.

Through the happiest coincidence, we also signed a new member while in Astoria. Niki Tom of the Dallas arrived in the family Skylane just as the clan gathered and was promptly hijacked. We hope Niki will enjoy a long and happy association with Ninety Nines.

We're all delighted to hear Jane Capizzi, Salem, has added a 9 lb. boy named David Bates to the ranks of future pilots. Our pleasure was slightly dampened, however, when we learned we will be losing Jane through her 49½er Joseph's transfer to Yakima in June. Also leaving us, upon completion of their new home in Phoenix, will be Norma Cassidy and 49½er John. Our best wishes go with both Norma and Jane.

Enthusiasm still runs high among teachers and administrators of the state after the great aerospace presentations at the Oregon Education Association Convention here in March. In addition to the talks by Col. Yeager and Capt. Knight, our human dynamo, Althea Adams, set up a booth containing hundreds of examples of suggested reference materials for us by the teachers in the classroom. Among those taking turns in the booth with Althea were Marcella Othus, Ruth Doland, Charlotte Dodson, Joan Bueermann and Jeanette Chapman. Let us hope our educators' doubts of the future of flight are beginning to crumble and that soon aerospace education will be an accepted part of school curriculae.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for May 9 in Grants Pass, unless we're shut down by weather. If it was

ever questioned, the value of an instrument rating becomes increasingly evident in Oregon!

FAR WEST CHAPTER

By Margaret Layton

Dick and Lynne Mahlberg recently made a trip to Banff, B. C. and Lake Louise for a week of skiing. Two cars made the trip. It took them twelve hours to drive and Lynne was unhappy to think it would have taken just a couple of hours to fly. During their stay the weather was perfect, about 7° with lots of sunshine. Each Sunday they have been taking their youngsters to Mt. Baker for more skiing.

Bill and Elene Duncan took off in their Bonanza for a week and headed south. They stopped at Monterey, Palm Springs, Las Vegas and Aspen, Colorado for some skiing.

Eleen has been taking a course in Zoology at the junior college in Port Angeles. They have been out on several field trips and Elene has thoroughly enjoyed the course.

If the weather will settle, we'll have the markers at Port Angeles painted. Between showers, we managed to complete the letters. Just a big fish to go.

Our chapter is working with Air Flotilla 40 of the C. G. Auxiliary on May 19. It is the annual fly-in breakfast at Port Angeles.

Good weather this Wednesday, and we'll be flying to Renton for our meeting.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Helen R. Crum

Since our April meeting will be in Pendleton, Oregon, too late to meet the deadline for this issue, information concerning the business accomplished and the recent flying activities of our members is a bit scarce.

Gini Richardson tells us she is again entering the International Air Race in May. A friend from western Washington will accompany her. She also plans to fly to Brazil in August.

We are waiting anxiously to hear about Lygie Hagan's instrument rating and Kathleen Hitchcock's commercial. Kathleen spends much of her time on business trips with her 49½er, the latest one being an instrument trip to McCall, Idaho in a snow storm. Ethel Wilkstrom expects to get in less flying now that fishing season is about to open.

There must be several girls planning to enter our air tour scheduled for May but as yet those intending to participate have not been announced.

Millie Shinn sends news of another



Courtesy Lee Wenzlick

Gertrude and John Lockwood, left, of Carlsbad, Cal., flew over to Palm Desert this winter for a reunion with Minnie and Carl Boyd, right, at the Desert Air Hotel. Gertrude, member of San Diego chapter, and Minnie were in the 1960 AWTAR.

prospective member—Helen Dewey of Omak. She got her license last September, manages and lives on a ranch, is the wife of a doctor who flies, and mother of four daughters—three of them teen-agers. They have a Navion and their own airstrip. She urges anyone flying that way to drop down for coffee at "Sky Acres".

Hope we hear more news before the next issue.

ALASKA CHAPTER By Lavelle Betz

Everyone was glad to see Terry Kellogg at our April meeting which was held at Pat Gilda's. She gave us so much helpful information about

the Northwest Sectional. Plans seem to be jelling better, new. We will be sending out informational packets in May so you'll just have to wait until then for exact information. All I can say now is be prepared to have fun! Members present in addition to hostess Pat Gilda were Marlene Hardesty, Gwen Jones, Pat McGee, Ruth O'Buck, Pat Moore, Marion Zaegel and Lavelle Betz. Guests attending were Terry Kellogg, Helda Bading, Ruth Hurst, and Liz Krakow.

Liz Krakow was presented with five hours dual by Lavelle in recognition of her many hours of help she has given the 99's here in Anchorage.

Here's hoping this will help her finish up on her private pilot's license.

We also welcomed back Marion from her four month vacation in California. She and her 49½, Bill, spent two of those months by the Salton Sea—sailing, sunning, swimming, and sightseeing. While on their vacation they won a beautiful sailboat which came in very handy on the Salton Sea. Marion took the boat out one day and sailing was so good, she sailed across the sea and back which was a total of 20 miles. They also bought bikes and indulged in a lot of bike riding. Marion clocked 32 miles in one day's ride.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Beth Sturtevant

Irene Wirtschafter did not break her arm on her ski week-end, she is sunning on Miami's sands. Then your reporter is off for two weeks active duty at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. She will miss our fabulous Spring Sectional at Bridgeport—but more about that later.

Louise Sacchi returned from her Johannesburg trip by jet after a 20 day adventure which began with engine failure over Cross City, Florida. Louise must lead a charmed life, that could have been the Everglades. She spent ten days in this tiny Hamlet waiting for a new injection system. The other Navion, piloted by a Norwegian Air Force Captain, had gone on to Ft. Lauderdale to have the radio repaired. (Newton, Kansas was where their flights started). The idea was for the two Navions to travel together but since half the time their radios were out, this took a bit of doing. No light ships or other aircraft during their flight over the south Atlantic. Louise said, "Yes, I was alone; it took a shoe horn to wedge me in with all that equipment!" Flying time totaled 71½ hrs. There was a 12½ hr. leg from Fla. to Barbados. Cayenne to French Guiana; Natal, Brazil to Ascension Island then another 12½ hr. leg to Luanda, Angola; Windhoek, S. Africa to Johannesburg. —An understatement so typical of Louise—"I was kinda' tired after 12½ hours —Yes, the trip was different!" Congratulations, Louise on another First for women in Aviation!

Wed., March 27th, Narco held an Omni Clinic at Ambler, Pa. Among the 300 present were Alice & John Hammond, Ann Shields, Peggy Borek, Elsie McBride, Irene Wirtschafter

and Ray Wirschafter who said it looked like a 99 meeting.

We had a beautiful week-end March 30th and Peggy Borek, Judy and Bob Hopkin and Al Heller finished Air Marking the hanger at Morrisville, Pa. Thanks for a professional looking job you painting picnickers!

Elsie McBride had a beautiful jet flight to the Oklahoma executive meeting. She and Barbaras., Kiernan and Evans saw Kate Macario's hanger from 28,000' at 520 m.p.h. It was 90 degrees in Oklahoma and since they worked all hours there was no time for sight seeing. Elsie said when they returned the temperature was 41°, brrr.

FLASH—Joyce Harding and her husband have invited that long legged bird to fly over this Sept. We wish you both much happiness. Keep well, Joyce.

The Spring Sectional Meeting at Bridgeport airport Saturday, April 20, was a sparkling success, thanks to Alice Meisenheimer and her committee. About 150 people were present.

Lucy Stephan was charming and her talk extremely interesting. Since the winds were too strong (40 kts.) to make the planned ascent, she showed us how they inflate the balloon with hot air. Anthony Fairbanks, Jr. and Dr. Mary Price helped Lucy with this exciting indoor feat. As the propane gas warmed the air and many hands held the folds of the balloon away from the flame, it gradually took shape and rose to the top of the large hangar. Lucy had also brought with her the gondola, which created a mild sensation strapped to the roof of their station wagon. The trip east was quite an adventure.

Toni Fairbanks, President of the Balloon Club of America, Kate Barcus, one of Toni's students and pilot, Dr. Mary Price were introduced by Connie Wolf, the "First Lady" of ballooning.

The meeting was covered on radio and in the press.

Alice Hammond gave a report on the Amelia Earhart commemorative stamp. Velta Benn and Bea Wilder handled the Fly-ins. Ray Meisenheimer served as M.C. Marcia Musson with Zonta member Toni Rafferty, did a beautiful job of table decorations. Marie D'Alterio and Erma Keyes handled the decorations. Thank you Elsie McBride and Cecelia Stetser for collecting the "revenue".

WASHINGTON D. C. CHAPTER **By Jean Ross Howard**

Congratulations to Blanche Noyes—she has been awarded the Federal Woman's Award, one of six women in

our Government so honored for their outstanding contributions.

A bus ride did it! Lauro Zerener is in traction in Room 47D at the National Orthopedic Hospital, 2455 Army-Navy Drive, Arlington, Virginia. Laura is her wonderful, gay self, but those 14 pound weights aren't fun.

Our April meeting at the Mats Aerial was most interesting and well attended. Mr. Leonard Skitzky of the FAA's Flight Service was the guest speaker. Incidentally, Blanche Noyes has suggested that when you've had cooperative in flight help from the FAA you drop a line to Mr. Halaby with a copy to the local office. It would be a change of pace for the FAA to receive well deserved thanks instead of just complaints.

The Middle Eastern Spring Sectional at Bridgeport, New Jersey, hosted by the Eastern Penn. Chapter was a record breaker!

The biggest attendance in years—a most interesting program and the strongest winds! In gusts up to 50 knots and more, the following members of the Washington, D. C. Chapter landed cross wind safely: Hedy Jaffe with Hazel Dwiggins, Ruth Freckleton and Margaret Decker; Virginia and Don Thompson and their 12-Year old son and Dorothy Mitchell; Velta Benn and Bea Wilder; Nellie and Bill Jackson; Mizzi and Gil Moore and Ada Mitchell and Jean Howard; Nancy Hopkins Tier and son David. From Baltimore were Betty Bohn and Jacqueline Geiger with two prospective members.

Following a very sprightly meeting chairmaned by Governor Virginia Thompson, a delicious buffet lunch was served in the hangar.

Nancy Narco as MC, presented prizes to each pilot who had braved the winds to come. A special prize went to Whirley-Girl Pat Arnold and her passenger Louis Hyde who coptered in in Pat's Brantly from Connecticut, en route to Warrenton, Virginia for a weekend visit with Janey Hart.

From the New York-New Jersey Section came Barbara Evans and Selma Cronan.

Our international balloon record holder, Connie Wolf introduced the guest speaker, Lucy Stefan. Lucy had driven from Minnesota to the meeting with the Gondola of her balloon strapped to the top of her station wagon. Along the way, it almost proved a traffic hazard, as passing motorists gaped and wondered.

Lucy gave a most interesting talk of ballooning past and present and then gave an on the scene demonstration of inflating a hot air balloon. The

high winds prevented an actual flight demonstration.

Our thanks to the Eastern Penn. Chapter and the Horizon Aero Service for a truly memorable meeting.

Enjoying the fun at the Women's National Press Club Annual Stunt Party were Blanche Noyes, Fay Gills Wells and Jean Howard.

The design of the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp will be unveiled by Postmaster General J. Edward Day at the National Aviation Club on April 25. Miriam Morrissey Amelia's sister, will be the guest of honor. The 99's, of course, have been invited and will participate in the ceremony.



HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Sue Collins

Hostess Houston Chapter is eagerly looking forward to May 10, 11 and 12th in Galveston where we hope the South Central Spring Convention will be a ball — work accomplished, too. What a thrill to see seventy-five or so airplanes chock full of 99's touch down at Scholes Field Friday afternoon; then the FULL moonlight cruise that evening. Saturday morning after the business meeting the NASA film **Project Gemini: Mission Concept** will be shown. Who knows which one of our daughters might one day rendezvous in Space? The culmination of the convention is the fabulous, authentic Luau Saturday evening — caution the straws in the pineapples and cocoanuts — they're mighty potent!

March 30th our chairman, Louise Bickford, presented her husband, Myrl, with an eight pound five ounce son. Douglas Edward tops his handsomeness with curly cold black hair. He gets his first flying lesson at three weeks.

SHREVEPORT CHAPTER

By Dot Wilson

Sorry I missed the deadline for last month's issue though we didn't have too much to report. Since then however, some nice things have happened to some of our members.

Jere Saur's new house has been completed and she is all moved in. Building a new house is quite an undertaking but is sure worth the effort.

Hazel Nealey's sister who has been stationed with her husband in Hawaii, was here for a visit. Family get to-

gethers and good old long talks was the order of the day for them.

Helen Hewitt, Dottie Ports, and Corinne Strickland took off for Natchez, Mississippi in Helen's Bellanca and Martha Christy and family in her Comanche. Husband Whitey Hewitt, listening at home to Helen's position report to Martha is still wondering what the Mach speed of the Bellanca 260.

Martha and Ray Christy have been doing quite a bit of flitting during Ray's leave — including to Baton Rouge to make a deal with Louisiana Aircraft to represent them and Piper Aircraft in this area. I hear tell they've already had a Cherokee 180 up for demonstration rides.

I piloted my husband Bill and a couple of friends up to Texarkana for lunch with some good friends. Went by way of Plain Dealing to see the Dogwood Trail from the air and back by way of several of the local lakes to see how they looked for some water ski expeditions later on. Sure was a relaxing and fun type flight.

We're hoping that the Mississippi gals will be able to fly-in and join us for a June meeting and lunch.

Several of the girls are making plans for the Galveston Sectional. Sounds like it will be great! I guess that about covers our activities so the book says the word to say is "Roger, Out".

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Linda Swann

To Virginia Cutter goes the deepest sympathy of all her friends. Her well-known 49½'er, William P. Cutter, passed away March 21, 1963. He was president of the Cutter-Carr Flying Service and had been in business in Albuquerque since 1927.

In February the meeting was held at Donna Downey's home. The guest speaker was Mr. Buskie from the F.A.A. Flight Service, who gave us instructions on use of the computer.

During the Clean-Up Campaign, sponsored by the Women's Committee of Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, Randa Sutherland circled the city in her green and yellow Comanche. One of our members, Donna Downey, is chairman of the Committee.

The April meeting was held at Randa Sutherland's. Members attending were Shirley Kay, Marie Grossetete, Donna Downey, Landa Swann and hostess. Plans were made for a Fly-In breakfast at Farmington, New Mexico, May 19, 1963. Also, we were pleased to have several guests present. Jean Peters, commercial, ex-duster pilot, who is reinstating her

membership in the 99s. Georgia Tillery and Juanita Smith who came up from Mortuary. Georgia has her license and Juanita is working on her private. Sava Petty, our other guest, is also working on her private.

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Elinor Johnson

Our March meeting was a joint one with WNAA. Sue Connally showed some of her slides taken in Peru, and told us of her voyage on the S.S. Hope. Her talk was very informative and interesting, and we all enjoyed it very much.

We are proud to announce that Helen Wilke has just earned her commercial rating. Helen says that every time she has earned a new rating she is surprised that she passed, and this time she learned a lot on her check ride besides being surprised.

Helen and Kathy Long are two of the several hostesses for the weather seminar to be held at Carter Field April 20th.

Ruth Stults and her husband Carl are flying someplace all the time it seems in their Skylane. Ruth says their last trip from Lubbock to Dallas was boosted along by a 30 mph tailwind.

Martha Ann Reading has just come back from the Executive Board meeting in Oklahoma City. She reports that they all worked like beavers for three days straight.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Eunice Dickey

The March meeting of our chapter was held on the 23rd at the Ramanda Inn Pancake Cottage. It was decided that the luncheon meeting of this type is the most fun and that's the type of meeting we'll have every month. Those attending were Ruth Deerman with her guests Betty Wilson, a student pilot and Wyn Griffin, who will be joining us soon. Juanita Burdick, Ruby Tatman, Margie Beard, LaVerne McCauley, Eunice Dickey, Dottie Blackham, Lela Carwardine, Lois Hailey, Billie Callaghan, Evelyne Wassor, and Lyddie Weaver were also there.

The Sand and windstorms just haven't been co-operating for much flying in these parts. Right now you can't even see the Organ Mountains, and they aren't far from here at all. Oh, well, guess some other kind of weather is keeping other 99's grounded.

Juanita and Tex Burdick flew recently to Kansas on a business trip.

Lela Carwardine has just returned from a trip over the Easter holidays to visit her family in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Lela came in when the air

was pretty rough, but did beat the daily duststorms.

News to us is Ruby Tatman hasn't been on a trip in three months. Imagine she'll be going somewhere again soon.

TULSA CHAPTER

By Gay McCauley

Our April meeting was held in the newly-decorated (and with lovely sparkly ceilings) home of Jean Engler, who arrived home from a Dallas flight a bare fifteen minutes before we arrived. The Dallas flight, however, was just a short hop compared to her big news. She and 49½'er John had just returned from a week in Madrid, Spain — a complimentary trip they won as a prize as the top Oklahoma Bell and Howell camera representative. Their Pan-Am chartered jet set a new world's record from New York to Madrid in 5:36. Some people have all the luck! Or does that come from hard work?

We had designated this meeting as Guest Night for prospective members and were pleased to have as guests Faye Sullenger, a former 99, Sandy Fogley, Liz Sinor, and June Boerchers, who are working on their private tickets. Our meeting sounded exciting to them as we discussed trips to Galveston Sectional, South America, Sky Lady Derby, Powder Puff Derby, and OC Convention. Too bad we also had to discuss finances!

Our "jumpin'est" member, Judy Hellman, made her first free-fall this month at Stroud, Oklahoma, with the Sooners of OC. Also during April she made her commercial requirement cross-country — a weekend jaunt to Los Angeles no less with a group from the Flight School at Oklahoma State University — one plane a Cessna 180 and the other a 182.

Agnes and Paul Hellman flew down to Dallas for the Mobile Home Show and report encountering 40 knot winds.

Our studious Chairman, Jan Mauritsen, in addition to working on an instrument rating, got in four hours multi-engine time on a trip to Memphis.

Jean Rands qualifies with the most check-outs this month, having checked out on a Piper Super Cruiser and a J-5 Cub.

MIDLAND CHAPTER

By Pat Barbee

I did not attend the March 10 meeting of our Chapter. High Winds and low ceiling grounded Mildred Goodson and me. My very able Vice-Chairman, Hettie Currie, conducted the meeting and sent me this report.

Members attending were Hettie Currie, Velma Lee Copeland of Mid-

land, Esther Wright of Odessa, Mary Erwin of Stanton, and two guests, Pat Keigan and Dorothy Brock.

Plans were made to meet in April and make table decorations for the International Convention that will be held in Oklahoma City in July. We all hope to be able to attend.

Charlotte Hunter of Odessa has invited us to have a meeting at their cabin on lake Brownwood. And we are looking forward to the trip.

Our number is growing! Barbara Speed of Midland has reinstated, Suzy Linthicum of Sonora has taken her check ride and as soon as her license gets back she plans to join our chapter. Our magic number is 20 and we hope to achieve that before the year is out.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Gene Nora Stumbough

This newsletter deadline coincides with our 99 activities next weekend, but I will mention the plans and report more fully next time. The Kansas Chapter and the Missouri Valley Chapter will have a joint fly-in to Concordia, Kansas Sunday the 21st. The day before, Garnett Hastings and myself will have our Wing scouts out to Beech for airplane rides. That should finish up their school year in a big way.

Among the flying tidbits is word that the Earlys are temporarily afoot. Iort broke an oil line in their Tri-Pacer leaving Omaha, and had no choice but to park it in a soft cornfield. The airplane ended up on its back, but Port just muddied his shoes — is it was a good landing. They plan on being airborne again soon.

Mary and Todd Ailens Bonanza'd to Florida and Nassau for two and a half weeks in March. Mary is building up her time but has gone ahead and passed her commercial and instrument writtens. We're proud of Mary and her enthusiasm and perseverance.

Marilyn and John Copeland flew down to Little Rock for the Arkansas State Dental meeting — weather, of course, en route. Marilyn said the high point of the trip was a night flight via Baron over to Hot Springs. Marilyn is pinch-hitting in John's office temporarily, and Margo Callaway is working there also, part time.

Pat and Owen McEwen just returned from a trip to Las Vegas for a horse show. Joyce Case has been demonstrating the Bonanza in Winston-Salem and Norfolk and is frantically finishing up wedding plans. I demonstrated the Musketeer in Albuquerque for a week, then Joyce and Garnett Hastings joined me for the week end, and Garnett Musketeered us

home. Garnett is now checking out in the Musketeer and building up time in one of our company demonstrators.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Comanche Jane Abbott

Fifteen members of our Oklahoma Chapter of 99s met on the morning of April 21 at the Stillwater Airport.

Jan Mauritson, Jean Williams, Agnes Hellman and Judy Hellman of the Tulsa Chapter joined us and together we talked of many things, but mostly of up-coming convention in Oklahoma City. It was a real treat to have the pleasure of Jean's company again. The Oklahoma Chapter lost her to Tulsa when she moved there a few years ago. Jean brought the girls over in her trusty 195.

Some of the girls arrived tired but pleased and still a glow from the Oklahoma Flying Farmers Convention in Stillwater, the 19th and 20th. Some of our 99s and their 49½s are mighty active in that kindred organization. Arlene and Hoyt Walkup were program chairman for that convention and both M. C'd at the dinner meetings.

Included in the past queens of the Oklahoma Flying Farmers are 99s Lronela Evans, Billie Tune, Marie Ketchum and Arlene Walkup. Other 99s attending the Flying Farmers Convention were Nema Masonhall, Carol Waddell, Trish and her 49½ Sol, Jane Abbott and her 49½ Rogers. Marie's 49½, Jack, was elected president of Oklahoma Flying Farmers; Trish Smith and her 49½, Sol, were elected Newsletter editor and director, respectively.

Polly Stoehr, 99 from Pasedena, California and the Dutchess of International Flying Farmers of America, was a visitor of our meeting. Polly is quite a personality and an inspiration to all of us.

Wah-Leeta Steele, Fairview, new pilot, was also a guest.

Susie Sewell attended the two-day N.A.T.A. Aviation Business Management Seminar held in Oklahoma City April 19-20.

Pat Jetton and Dorothy Warren, Dallas Chapter, also attended. The lectures and discussion dealt with responsibilities and problems of fixed base operation at the Management level. They learned that the operators are favorable toward support of the 99s and their activities.

Dottie Young says hers is the same routine — Oklahoma City Air Race, applications and entries and Chopper students.

Marie Hall says that she has survived and will receive her diploma for the Dale Carnegie Course this week.

Sharon Fisher, our high school sen-

ior, will go to Hawaii on May 27.

Cheryl Johnson will attend the National Intercollegiate Flying Air Meet at Southern Illinois University April 26-27 — as well as Jo Petropoly and Judy Hellman, (Tulsa Chapter). Following her graduation in May from OSU and having received a B.S. degree in Industrial Engineering at that time, Cheryl will be working as an Industrial Engineer at McDonnell Aircraft Company in St. Louis.

Cheryl was the 1962 winner of Top Woman Pilot award at the National Intercollegiate Air Meet. Oklahoma Chapter regrets her loss but Cheryl will be another chapter's gain — look out St. Louis Chapter!

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Grace Longbrook

Our monthly Fly-ins are enthusiastically attended. On March 23rd 7 planes, 19 gals, and 1 male converged on Canon City and received a royal welcome from Frankie De Castro and his wife, Roxie, who are the airport operators. The lone male was Denver's KOA Weatherman Bowman who rode with Marian Tankersly in her "Sno-Jet". The local newspaper was on hand with a photographer taking pictures. After lunch at Carl's Cafe we toured the State Penitentiary where we spent a good bit of time in the store where everything sold there is made by the prisoners, and many of the products are of top quality. Hoy Watts, one of Mr. De Castro's students, gave the welcoming address at the luncheon and introduced the other local pilots and student pilots, among whom was Mrs. Lida Province who at 72 years of age is ready to solo after 16 hours; In fact, her picture and story were in the Denver Post recently. Congratulations to Jane Cesch who received her Glider Rating just a month ago. I understand Doris Langher and Francie Warner are getting in a little soaring, too, so we may have some more ratings before long! Congratulations, too, to Lynn Phleager who received the highest grade in the National Cash Register classes sponsored by her bank. Also to Gwen Craven who is a grandmother for the second time. Grace Mayfield received her Senior Life Saving and has accumulated 40 miles now. Our old fashioned Box Social was a real success which put quite a bit in the till as did our Rummage Sales last week. This has been a good source of Revenue. Our distinguished little governor met with the Missouri Valley Chapter last month and was given the red carpet treatment. We're all looking forward to the Fly-in in La Junta in May to help prepare for the Powder Puff Derby stop.



ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Rosamond Joly

The April meeting of the St. Louis Chapter was held at Arrowhead Airport and was a combined meeting and get-together with women student pilots. Program for the evening consisted of a talk with slides by Eugene Utz on "The Use of the Omni".

Tid Bits:

Ed and June Evers recently returned in their 172 from Texas where they had been visiting relatives.

Congratulations are due Jack and Amy Laws on their graduation to a 182 from their 170 with the acquisition of the 1961 Cessna. Betty Smalley also acquired a new Cessna 182. With the appointment of Amy Laws as 99 Airmarker Chairman came action in the form of correspondence flying hot and heavy and the results will probably show many small towns in Missouri identified for general aviation pilots.

Hear tell from the grape-vine Teddy Heger is back in town and has done a bit of cross country flying. However, this reporter has been unable to contact Teddy for a comment.

Lack and Sylvia Bloom made a spur-of-the-moment flight to Hot Springs, Ark. early this month for a one day vacation.

Loretta Slavick is off to Los Angeles on business for a five week stretch which she will interrupt briefly for a weekend in Springfield to attend the Missouri Pilots Association annual meeting — first weekend in May. This meeting promises to draw 99's who are also members of the MPA.

Our chairman, Dorothy Haupt, has drawn up the following 10 Commandments of 49½ers which are used in the St. Louis Chapter quite successfully:

1. Thou shalt at all times respectfully address thy 99 as "Madam" instead of "Hey You".
2. Thou shalt not at any time count the number of bounces spouse makes upon landing the Chariot.
3. The male fledgling must never forget that all damages to the flying chariot shall be his responsibility.
4. Thou shalt keep chariot full of gas, oil, windshield cleaned, floor-mat brushed, polished inside and out.
5. Thou shalt not embarrass thy 99 by inquiring who forgot to turn off master switch.
6. Thou shalt never doubt thy



Chicago Area Chapter Achievement Award Winners for 1962—Left to right: Tracy Pilurs, first place; Alice DeWitt, second place; and Marie Cronin, third place.

spouses navigation even if 500 miles off course.

7. Thou shalt not deny thy 99 the right to occupy the left seat when she so desires.

8. Thou shalt not deny thy 99 that extra suitcase.

9. Thou shalt not criticize thy 99's flying ability but praise her at all times.

10. Thou shalt at all times hold thy 99 in reverence and obey her slightest whim.

To become a member, you (49½er) must take a solemn vow to obey these 10 Commandments.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Nita Fineman

With the arrival of Spring came the annual Achievement Award Banquet which was held this year at the Red Fox Restaurant in Chicago. After a delicious dinner, we were held spell-bound by the slide showing of scenic beauty as photographed by Dr. Harold N. Brown when he toured Europe in his Cessna 310. Following Dr. Brown's presentation, new members Norma Freier, Ruth Livingston, Doris Mullen, Michelle Russman, Marylou Schleifer, Joan Stanford and Tony Teiber were pinned by Chapter Chairman Irene Gabriel and their 49½ers received their official membership cards. Grand event of the evening came when Bill Donahue of DuPage Airport awarded Tracy Pilurs the first place trophy for her outstanding achievements in the field of aviation for 1962. Alice DeWitt received the

trophy for second place and Marie Cronin, third place. Congratulations to all and let's see more of you gals participating in the Achievement Award Contest each year.

Doris Mullen is really setting a pace for 99s in 1963. The Mullens flew down to Mexico in their twin Bonanza in January with Doris flying the whole route to build up hours toward a multi-engine rating. They stopped at 99 headquarters in Oklahoma City on the way home. March 1st found Doris taking the multi-engine flight test and getting her rating. She had already passed her instrument written, and while husband Dr. Wylie Mullen went to Colorado Springs to do wave soaring, Doris passed her instrument flight test by the end of the month. This was sandwiched in between her four active teen-agers' schedules, club work, and making a wool suit! Another adventure: Doris wrote to entertainer Danny Kaye when she heard he had flown his Queen Air to O'Hare Field and asked if he would let them greet him personally after his show. His business manager called her and invited the Mullens to come, and they had fun talking "flying."

Congratulations to Suzette Deutsch on receiving her multi-engine rating. She took her flight test in an Apache out of Palwaukee Airport and did well despite the thermals and gusts on the day of the test. Keep up the good work, Sue.

June Basile and your reporter have

enjoyed the privilege of a wonderful opportunity that was offered by Chicago Teachers College — Crane Campus to all pilots in this area last September who were either rated flight instructors or had any inclination of becoming one in the future. To fully describe the two courses which were offered, namely "Principles of Teaching" and "Educational Psychology for Flight Instructors" would require space way beyond the present limits. Briefly though, these were regular college credit courses which were geared to meet the needs of flight instructors and offered for the very first time. To organize such a program involved a great deal of planning and participation by several groups including the F.A.A. The instructor was Mr. Harold Holmes of the National Safety Council whom we hope to have as guest speaker at our regular meeting in June. The first series of classes was held in the executive lounge at Palwaukee Airport and the second series at the Moody-Wooddale Airport. The school term culminated with a delightful "graduation" dinner after which the director of the college, Dean David Heller, presented each student with a certificate of completion. These courses are scheduled to be offered again in the fall. We rate this learning experience as one of the highlights of our aviation training.

CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER

By Millie Limbaugh

The Cape Girardeau 99'ers met April 10th at our Municipal Airport. We were so happy to welcome Polly Freytag of Kennett. She recently transferred from the Memphis Chapter.

On April 5th, Polly, her husband Art, Alice and John Godwin attended the Missouri Pilots' Seminar on instrument flying at Poplar Bluff. This was in conjunction with the "Swamp Angels".

Dr. George and Phyllis DeTar of Iola, Kansas, were recent weekend guests in Cape. Phyllis is a member of the Ozark Chapter.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth C. Lembke

Toney, treasurer of our chapter, has a new title. She is now **Queen Toney**, for she was elected to that royal status at the Wisconsin Flying Farmer's Meeting at Rock County Airport, April 21st. As Queen for the state of Wisconsin she will reign at all Flying Farmer Meetings and receive her crown in a most colorful ceremony during the South Dakota National Convention the first week of August.

Hartford was the fly-in meeting for April. Five planes carried the ten

people who convened there. Deedo Heise and Dora Fritzke made one pair, Ann Roethke and Marie Mitzenheim the second, Marie Bannister and her husband the third, Ramona and Jewel the fourth, Ehren Fath flew alone and Mary Seymour drove.

Dr. Huebner, Ramona's 49½'er, is about to receive his Glider license. Those Huebners are the busiest air people out! Ehren, we hear, has passed her written exam for her instrument license. Next meeting will be at Fondu Lac.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Sarah Gorelick

An Aviation Seminar on Light Twin Aircraft Operation held on March 26 at Fairfax Airport sponsored by the FAA found Ruth Stafford, Sarah Gorelick, and prospective member Marianne Lacy in attendance. The program was extremely informative and interesting.

March 28 found members Marilyn Dickson and Betty McCann leading a tour via Suburban, Olathe City, Lawrence, and Topeka. Understand there is a group of gals having a fly-out the 4th Thursday of the month touring the countryside to build up hours. Anyone interested in joining them, contact Marilyn or Betty. This is a new twist to the Thursday Ladies' Luncheon Club!

Our regular meeting was held April 4 at Bill and Elaine Morris' Chilli House. Those in attendance included Stella Lehmann, Marilyn Dickson, Sarah Gorelick, Clara Aldrich and 49½'er (visitors from San Diego), Joan Cayot, Kathleen and Joe Bonnell, Elaine and Bill Morris, Betty Simpson, Marie and Orville Kuhlman and guest, Mary Ann Noah, Ruth Stafford, and Millie Moran. We are happy to welcome to our ranks new members Carol Pool and Aleah Combs. Aleah's 49½'er was also in attendance. Chairman Mary Ann Noah who just returned from a trip to California related tales of the Phoenix 100 Air Race. With slight red face, she told us of her novel way of meeting Tony LeVier. Mary Ann visited with Phoenix and California 99's during her trip. At the conclusion of the meeting we played a very clever fun game invented by Mary Ann which might be called "Guess which airport this is along the Powder Puff Route". Needless to say, it certainly stimulated interest in the Race.

Our Fly-out April 7 was held in sections. Ruth Stafford and Mary Ann Noah in Apache and Elaine Morris with Sarah Gorelick in Comanche

bounced down to Manhattan for lunch with Clara Aldrich and her 49½'er. There were many seasoned travelers in the crowd but we met our match in a certain waitress.

In the afternoon Marjory Farrell and Sarah Gorelick in Comanche and Laverne Devine and Millie Moran in Bonanza met in St. Joseph for hamburgers. We didn't know the field was undergoing repairs and played jump over or bounce to miss the flags. Saw Grace taxing out in a 310 as we returned to K. C.

Marjory Farrell is busy attending Conventions associated with her work. Ruth Stafford left April 15 in her Apache for Bakersfield and Fullerton. She was hoping to get some IFR practice on the way out. She promised to take her Instrument Written when she returns. Good Luck, Ruth!

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Lillian Lee Snyder

After a long hard winter, Spring arrived in Michigan and supplied us with a beautiful day for our April meeting at Jackson. Our hostess, Mary Clark, arranged a delicious breakfast of ham, bacon, pancakes, and eggs at Jeannette's Dining Room. Six planes flew in to the meeting and were met at the Jackson Airport by Mr. Howard Clark, Mary's nephew.

Our speaker was Mr. Rex Wedel, chairman of Michigan State Curriculum Committee. His topic was Air Space Education in Michigan. The information was enlightening as to how education in Michigan is being influenced by the air age and also as to how the individual members of the 99s can be of assistance in air education. The Michigan Chapter has been sponsoring a scholarship each year for a qualified Michigan teacher for the Aviation Workshop at Miami University of Ohio. This year the Michigan Chapter 99s and the Women's Aeronautical Association of Detroit are cooperating in this effort. The teacher is Mr. Charles J. Harmon of Parma, Michigan. It is always interesting to have these teachers come back and report on what they have learned and how they plan to apply it in their classroom.

Still on the subject of air education, Bernice T. Steadham will be speaking to the State Convention of School Secretaries in Bay City on April 27th. Jean Reynolds has been boosting aviation education by talking to two kindergarten classes of Farmington School, Garden City regarding aviation.

Judy Laitsch, who attends University of Illinois is working on her com-

mercial and instrument rating. We hear Judy is engaged but were unable to get the details.

We are happy to welcome Ruby Fielding, who transferred from Washington, D. C. Glad to have you in Michigan, Ruby.

Mary Creason was unable to make it to the meeting — but we did learn that she had passed her instrument written last week and was elected secretary of the Grand Haven Aviation Club. Good work, Mary.

Nina Meringa's guest was Betty Zelent of Grand Rapids. Betty is working on her private license.

Wedding news: Marian Elbinger became Mrs. Charles F. Harden on February 14th. How about that for insurance against ever forgetting the date of the wedding anniversary? The Hardens will make their home in Elkhart, Indiana, but we still claim Marian as a Michigan girl. Winnie Cauhey (Ohio member) is the bride of Will H. Conley, a Michigan pilot. Winnie will now be in our Michigan Chapter.

Rosemary Ransbottom, who doesn't get to the meetings too often, flew in with Velma Del Giorno and Mary Von Mach to the meeting. Hope to see you more often, Rosemary.

We are looking forward to the North Central Spring Sectional meeting in Muncie. A caravan is being scheduled with Jackson as the meeting point. All planes to converge there and take off en masse for Muncie. It is hoped that every able-bodied member will participate.

The Michigan Small Race is scheduled to begin and terminate at Kalamazoo. The dates are August 16th and 17th. This is earlier than last year's small Race — so it's not too soon to start planning your entry.

Alberta Damer was Babe Ruth's guest at Jackson. Alberta owns a Bonanza and is a prospective member. Babe is learning to figure skate and has joined the Lansing Ladies Skating Club. Another prospective member, Donna Blake of Detroit flew in with Lillian Snyder. Donna is a private pilot and she has a multi-engine rating. Among the guests at the meeting were Wilma Baum, Lois Williams, Muff English, Phyllis DeMarquette, and Dorothy Birely.

The May meeting will be held on the third Sunday (May 19th) at Lansing. In June, we will meet at Grosse Ile on the third Sunday (June 16th).

Th, I almost forgot an item. One of our spies spotted Sammy McKay at Detroit City Airport passing through on her way to Vacationland in the South.



Getting all set to "cop" some trophies for themselves in the 1963 Michigan SMALL Race are Michigan 99s Dorothy Woodhams, Eloise Smith and Toni Kent, all of Kalamazoo. The race to be held Aug. 17th and 18th covers a 200 mile round robin course, and is a cross country proficiency event for stock model single or multi-engine aircraft of not more than 400 total horsepower.

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IOWA CHAPTER By Helen Flaherty

Nine planes headed for Harlan in a wild April wind, for a Sunday noon

99 meeting, April 21, and were greeted at the airport by Erma Jaco and 49½'er who hosted this month's meeting. After a fine dinner at Mickel's cafe, a business meeting got in full gear and more big plans for the Fall Sectional in CID were formed to make this a really memorable occasion. If you like fun, come.

Planes bouncing in, it was windy, I said, were piloted by Len and Ward Hunt with daughter Mick and friend from Fairfield, Lois Grange came solo in their Bonanza as Ray stayed home to supervise the building of their new home in Des Moines. Edith Foley and Dawn Miller arrived in Edith's new Cessna 170. Dinny Phipps came in her Cessna and brought along three guests from Cherokee, Fern Westphal, Ruby Olsen and Alice Testroet. (Note to Lois: "Sign'em up, gal.") Bea Jobe Mooneyed in from Ottumwa and Phyllis and Harold Barber blew in from Marion in their new Tri-Pacer. Irene and Rich Griffith flew in from Des Moines and Mary Lou and John Ballensky came in their Luscombe from Sigourney. Kitty Hach, sometimes referred to as "The Angel from Ames", flew her air-taxi to FOD to pick up Ginny Koestner, Duncombe, and Edith Jensen, Webster City, and thence to Harlan and after the meeting she flew them back to FOD via angel-wing and she then flew back to her home cloud in Ames. Kitty and Clifford Hach just returned from a nice trip to Portland, Maine.

Edith and Dean Foley took delivery of their new Cessna 170 at Wichita in March, and this included a tour of the factory and lunch as guests of the Cessna people. Irene and Rich Griffith recently enjoyed a flying four day week-end in Guthrie, Okla. Helen Jane Webster has a new instructor's rating—and in 18 months. We are sorry to lose Joann and Guy Fortier, who will be moving soon to Salt Lake City to open a new Holiday Inn Motel, so Good Luck and God Bless. The reason Edith Jensen didn't fly her Cessna was because it got hurt, one of the other owners injured it, but since she is on Jury duty for a while, it will probably be well by the time she is relieved from serving. However, she did get to the meeting, thru the courtesy and goodness of the Angel, and sent me all this wonderful scoop on the meeting for the Newsletter. Your reporter had the "duty" at the Polio Clinic and was busy helping save 18,000 lives.

INDIANA CHAPTER By Muriel Dykeman

Twenty six determined 99's flew in to Muncie for the April meeting at the

Roberts Hotel . . . determined to make the May North Central Sectional Conference a pleasurable, educational and busy affair. This was the main order of business and we all left with renewed firm and vigah, more jobs and much more anticipation for the big weekend.

Our rummage sale was a big success with the Chapter clearing \$263.75. This is credited to wonderful cooperation from all members and the marvelous organization abilities of Soph Payton and Dorothy Smith.

We all missed our favorite blonde artist Gloria Richards. She's had major surgery and is recuperating at home now. Please hurry back, Gloria. Esther Berner has had a hard bout with pneumonia and we all send fond wishes for a rapid recovery. And just to prove that 99's are hardy, Alma Hartman flew in with a sprained ankle. However, one happy note. We were all delighted to see Katie Sage without her leg cast. Her ankles are just too pretty to hide.

I was so overwhelmed with our large meeting last month that I forgot to mention we took in two new members. Verda Brittingham comes from Bridgeport, Ind., is a drafts-woman and flies a 172 out of Terry Field. She's already been a big help to Gloria in her time of need. She has just returned from a birthday visit to her mother in St. Louis and hopes to join the Glider Club shortly. DeLories Schreiber comes from Gary and is now working at Griffith Airport full time. She left her office job to be near her new Cessna Skylane. Welcome to you both!

Seems we have a few horse race fans among us. Dorothy and Bud Smith and friend flew to Lexington for a day at Keeneland. Happy to hear all they lost was daylight on the way home. Delia and Harry Sanders flew there on opening day, April 18th and just missed winning. Ethel and Rusty Knuth chairmanned the Indpls. Aero Club flight on the same day and came out even. Ethel also flew to Knox to visit a shut-in friend.

Helen Hine spent Easter Vacation in Los Angeles and San Diego—jetted out—quite different from chugging along in the 170. Joan Williams spent the Easter Holidays in Cedar Rapids, Iowa — flew in low with a Chevie. Rae Cawdell is busy flying a Cherokee out of Metropolitan in Indpls. working on her Commercial. Good luck, Rae! Nellie and Evan Alger flew to Minneapolis to pick up friends and then on to Las Vegas recently. Margaret Petty, President of Ball Stores, Muncie, Ind., and on the Board of Directors of ALTRUSA, now has

a new title to add to her collection. Margaret has been asked to be a "Goody Girl" at the last concert by the Muncie Civic Symphony May 15th. So just call Margaret Madame President "Goody-Girl" Petty!

Purdue University will hold an AOPA 360 Degree Rating Clinic May 16-18. Jill McCormick, Instructor of the Professional Pilots Program at Purdue will be among the instructors selected to teach this program. She hopes that there will be enough 99's registered in the course for her to instruct this group. There will be 4 students selected for each instructor.

Tannie, Paul and Wayne Schlundt just returned from a week's vacation in Colorado where they visited Tannie's brother and family in Cortez. They also went by Denver University where Wayne has been accepted for the fall term. The Don Cassidys "Beeched" to Belleair Beach, Fla., for Easter — water rough — ough! — guests suffered, but put away the fish the Cassidys boated. Young Don is first class navigator and co-pilot. Jean an excellent stewardess. Mid just rode this time. Martha Ozbun will be attending Bailey's Beautician Beauty Show held in Indpls. the end of April. Some of the world's top hair stylists will be there in platform demonstrations. This same week the Decatur Hi-Way Airport operated by Josephine Richardson will have the pilots fly the Civics class of St. Joseph's School to Baer Field, Ft. Wayne. Jo will have two Catholic Nuns as her passengers. Orientation flight will be given with radio contact to Baer Field. Sue Hively will tour the group through the facilities there. This will be an annual event with the Decatur Airport. Virginia Maggart and husband are attending the Flying Farmer Dinner at Valparaiso. Aren't we the busy ones? And the summer doesn't seem to slow the pace. Alma Hartman wants us all to start thinking about the race in Kokomo on the 16th of June. After that we will join all other 99's in celebrating Amelia Earhart's birthday and Commemorative Stamp occasion. More about that next month in Gary. Happy Landings!

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