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President's Column

Canadian Governor Edith Denny contacted your Board, while she was vacationing in Phoenix, requesting approval of three new Canadian chapters. Upon approval, Secretary Lygie Hagan rushed the charters (signed and sealed) to headquarters where your President signed them on the way through to Wichita Falls. Headquarters secretary, Loretta Gragg, airmailed them to Edith in Phoenix before she returned home.

By letter Edith advises that she presented the Alberta and Western Manitoba charters April 27. On May 16 she presented the Ottawa - Montreal charter. Edith says they hope to have a goodly representation at our convention.

The latter part of April your President flew to Omaha to represent you at a chapter meeting. Actually it was a fund raising dinner toward their hosting the fall South Central section meeting. They had a fine turnout of aviation people—it was a delightful evening. I had the pleasure of sitting next to Max Conrad—the main speaker of the evening. The Menzes then drove me to the airport motel and I left

next morning to join my 49½-year, Johnny, at the Paul Youngs for a few days of sun and swim. Had phone visits with headquarters and with Susie Sewell.

Notam: Headquarters has official announcement that our compass rose has been officially registered by the Patent Office in Washington, under the trade mark.

Personal Notam: Recently, for the second year we are invited to a local high school Aerospace Club awards banquet. These young people have a fine air education program and we were honored to attend. Many awards are given to aviation people in the area—general aviation, military, Civil Air Patrol, Federal Aviation Administration, Air Force Association, and also to members of the club.

I was completely surprised and thrilled when the "Golden Thunderbird Award" was presented to me—a beautiful plaque with the following inscription: "In recognition of her many outstanding contributions to aviation in Colorado." Needless to say I'm very, very honored.

Donna Myers

HISTORY BOOKS

Messages from or about Charter Members:

NETA ROTHOLZ sent her picture and added, "It brings back the best and happiest days of my life."

KATHERINE E. JOHNSON — Last Flight—Nov. 2, 1967—in Hawaii.

CECELIA KENNY is sending originals of "Women in Aviation", issues No. 1, 9, and 22 and photograph of herself and **GERALDINE GREY** who passed away sometime ago along with several other very important documents we do not have.

She writes of **MILDRED KAUFFMAN**, "She was trying to break the 'loop' record here in Buffalo one Sunday morning when the pillows she was either sitting on, or which were supporting her back, slipped out, and **MILDRED** fell out of the plane! She

opened her parachute and floated safely to earth, and the plane just as calmly glided down and landed, right side up, in a nearby field—with not too much damage at that! She was such a tiny person, and such a very fine personality!"

EDWYNA McCONNELL THRO moved and left no address according to the Post Office. Do you know her present one?

JOSEPHINE WOOD WALLINGFORD sent her photograph and expressed her appreciation for the Ninety-Nine News which she has received these past three years and enjoys very much.

ACHSA PEACOCK HOLFELDER is now touring Europe until the end of June according to **ANNETTE SEYDEL**.

MILDRED H. CHASE MacDONALD sent her picture and writes: "It's wonderful to see how the Ninety-Nines

No June NEWS Deadline

But don't forget

July 20th!

(Continued on Page 44)

Indiana Promises F. A. I. R. Weather

The Indiana Chapter not only promises F.A.I.R. weather but, also a most exciting and unique race weekend. To



add color to the operation of events race-day, the Chapter has arranged for a marching band, concession stands, static displays, celebrity guests

and five television channels, including national coverage, to film this rousing affair. In addition, timers, scorers and flaggers from the Indianapolis 500 Motor Speedway will be on hand to officiate the race.

The Hoosiers of Indiana extend a warm invitation to all to join them September 21, 1968 at Porter County Municipal Airport, Valparaiso, Indiana for the FAIRLADIES ANNUAL INDIANA RACE. A very special solicitation goes to those of you who own an aircraft manufactured prior to 1948. The "classic" division will fly a shortened course and will compete for cash and trophies only with planes in their category.

Meet with friends at the F.A.I.R. Write MRS. CARL M. ANDERSON, P.O. Box 464, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 47933, for your free race kit.

SMALL RACE

Will you be one of the sixty lucky pilots to fly in the 1968 SMALL race? Sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., and the Ann Arbor Chamber of Commerce, the round robin race has the sanction of the NAA and the FAI and is officiated by the Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

The race is a cross-country proficiency event for stock model, single or multi-engine aircraft of not more than 420 total horsepower, flown during daylight hours under VFR conditions and conducted on a handicap system.

Race dates—October 4-6. Place—Ann Arbor, Michigan. \$1050.00 in prizes. Co-pilot—your choice. A wonderful weekend!

Rules, entry applications, and in-

OFFICIAL RESULTS

ILLI-NINES AIR DERBY

COLES COUNTY AIRPORT

MAY 10 - 11 - 12, 1968

Official Timer: HELEN SAILER

Spot Landing Judge: TRACY PILURS

Official Scorer: HELEN GREINKE

Race	Crew	Aircraft
Place No. Pilot	Co-Pilot	Make & Model
1 31 Ringenberg, Margaret	Bowyer, Evelyn	Mooney A2-A Cadet
2 24 Del Giorno, Velma	Thomas, Janice	Piper Cherokee 140
3 26 Schoger, Joan	Buck, Do	Cessna 172
4 10 Roethke, Anne E.		Piper Comanche 180
5 35 Freier, Norma Jean	Feltham, Doris	Taylorcraft BC12D
6 4 Stahly, Louise	Houck, Jeanne	Piper Comanche 250
7 7 Shumway, Mary R.	Lichtenberg, Joujou	Cessna U-206
8 17 Jayne, Marion P.	Odegaard, Arlene	Piper Cherokee 140
9 22 McKinnis, Virginia	Foster, Jereline	Piper Cherokee 140
10 6 Payton, Sophia M.		Mooney Mark 20C
11 9 Jenison, Barbara		Piper Cherokee Arrow
12 25 Elders, Mary	Godwin, Alice	Cessna 172
13 12 Rivett, Teresa K.	Rivett, Jane	Beech Musketeer (200)
14 29 Auerbach, Julie	Heym, Kathy	Cessna Commuter
15 8 Pepin, Rosemary	Smith, Caroline T.	Piper Cherokee Arrow
16 36 Read, Jean W.		Stearman 220 Cont.
17 34 Dunseth, Elizabeth	Alexander, Sarah	Piper PA-16 Clipper
18 16 Smith, Dorothy J.	Bond, Norma	Cessna Skylark
19 13 Ruth, Babe Weyant	Wagner, Bobby	Piper Cherokee 18C
20 27 Trofimov, Karen R.	Molnar, Jean D.	Cessna Commuter
21 3 Panczyszyn, Mary	O'Hara, Ellen	Piper Comanche 250
22 18 Brusseau, Barbara J.		Piper Comanche 140
23 33 Heacock, Dorothea J. (Kit)		Stits Playboy
24 28 McMillin, Jane		Cessna 150
25 23 Fineman, Juanita R.	Wahrer, Elsie C.	Piper Tri-Pacer 150
26 19 Mallary, Pauline	Bain, Barbara	Beech Musketeer (150)
27 15 Scheafer, Mary	Haupt, Dorothy	Piper Cherokee 160
28 20 Lennertson, Jean	Covyeau, Grace G.	Cessna Skyhawk
29 30 Andrews, Ruby J.		Cessna 150 Trainer
30 32 Krause, Geraldine H.	Kokesh, Louise R.	Beech Bonanza 35

FOUND one camera at ILLI-NINESAIR DERBY. Owner may retrieve it by contacting HELEN GREINKE and identifying it by "make and model".



JULIE AUERBACH, Chairman of the **SMALL Race Board**, and **DON WEISBAUM**, Manager of Ann Arbor Municipal Airport, discuss race preparations.

formation kits available July 1, 1968 from JO PRUDEN, Box 266, Lambertville, Michigan 48144.

THANKS FOR THE CPTP REPLIES

A note has been received from CATHERINE STRICKLAND stating her appreciation to all the 99s who have replied to her request (April News) for info from those who had been involved in the Civilian Pilot Training Program. Any of you who have yet to drop her a note, her address again is 2500 Que St. N. W., Washington, DC 20007.

ANGEL DERBY

Editors Note: See All-Ohio chapter report for CLARA THARPE'S most interesting account of this year's IAR.

CLIPPINGS, PLEASE !!

Would you please send (or bring) any clippings of the 1968 Powder Puff Derby to the San Fernando Valley Chapter? They will greatly appreciate them for their scrapbook—but do include the name of the paper, date, etc.

AULEEN K. HALL
677 Eanchanted Way
Pacific Palisades,
Calif. 90272

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY . . .

Fully paid registration fees will be eligible for a "FREE REGISTRATION DRAWING" if received by June 15, 1968 and will get priority on available tickets to the event.

THE NINETY-NINES INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

June 30 - July 6, 1968

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ Section _____

Attending 1968 Convention: Yes _____ No _____ 49½'er _____ 24¾'s _____

ETA: June/July _____ Plane _____ Airline _____ Train _____ Bus _____ Car _____

Registration: \$30 Advance _____ On Arrival _____

Delegate: Yes _____ No _____ Check Interests and Number of people:

San Antonio Winneries _____ Boat Tour Los Angeles Harbor _____

Races _____ Hollywood Bowl _____ Music Center _____ Knotts Berry

Farm Dinner _____ Disneyland _____ Universal Studio Tour _____

TV Shows _____ Others You Suggest _____

Beauty Shop Appointment _____

Departure Date _____

Remarks: _____

Return as soon as possible — No later than June 15, 1968.

Ellen Trindle
3777 Deervale Dr.
Sherman Oaks, Calif. 91403

Coming Events

June 30 - July 6

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Statler Hilton, Los Angeles, Calif.

July 6 - 9

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

July 20 - 21

Amarillo, Texas - Fly-In

August 3 - 4

Safety Seminar
Santa Clara Valley, Calif.

August 10

Skylady Derby
Oklahoma City, Okla.

August 16, 17

Northwest Fall Sectional
Lewistown, Montana

September 13, 14 and 15

Southwest Fall Sectional
Monterey Bay Chapter

September 21

Fairladies Annual Indiana Race
Valparaiso, Ind.

September 27, 28 and 29

South Central Fall Sectional
Lincoln, Nebraska

September 28

12th Annual Cruise & Proficiency
Airmeeet

Santa Clara Valley, Calif.

October 4, 5, and 6

13th Annual Michigan SMALL Race
Ann Arbor Municipal Airport

October 12 - 13

Pacific Air Race
(formerly the Fun Race)
Gillespie Field, Santee, Calif.

October 19

Canadian Fall Sectional
Toronto, Ontario

October 26

Dallas Doll Baby



Committee members from the San Fernando Valley Chapter of Ninety-Nines who are preparing for the International Convention June 30 to July 6 and the Powder Puff Derby Start from the Van Nuys Airport Saturday, July 6. Standing left to right: JEANNE DAY, ELLEN TRINDLE, LORELI CANGIANO, CATHY BLACK, VIRGINIA RAINWATER, MARGARET WARD, RUTH MAYLE, AUDREY SCHUTTE, GERRY VICKERS. Seated left to right: AULEEN HALL, LIBBY SVENSON, LOLA RICCI, MARY KEMPER, SHIRLEY THOM. Not present: VESTA MALBY, JAN WOOD, ARDIE TRENHOLM, FLO STANTON. (Photo by Ralph Samuels Valley Photo, Van Nuys, Calif.)

Correction . . .

According to MARYANN JESSUP of the Washington, D. C. Chapter, the caption under the page 6 photo showing KATHERINE STINSON and her THEN airplane is incorrect in that the Washington, D. C. member, KATHARINE STINSON, is an aeronautical engineer currently engaged as Technical Assistant to the Chief of Engineering and Manufacturing of the FAA and a members of the Women's Advisory Committee. The KATHERINE STINSON referred to in the THEN picture is the sister of one of our 99 Charter Members, MARJORIE C. STINSON and was the first woman to fly airmail in the U.S. in 1913 but was not a 99. Thanks for the correct info, MARYANN!

FLASH . . .

Headquarters has just received the official notice from Washington, D. C. that our 99 Compass Rose is now duly registered by the Patent Office under the Trademark Act.

ATTENTION CONVENTION DELEGATES!

Your Chapter Chairman will receive from the International Secretary a blue DELEGATE SLIP which you must present to the CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN when you register.

Must Be Presented To Credentials Committee With Pilot's License, Medical, And Membership Card.

Name

Is The Duly Elected Delegate For

The Chapter

Of The Section

Signed
Chapter Chairman

Proxy (Void If Detached)

Name
Assigned As My Proxy For The

..... Chapter

Signed
Delegate

POWDER PUFF DERBY

Marion Andrews Lopez, Reporter

Thirty opening day entries went into the hat at the time of the drawing for race number positions which took place at the NBC Studios here in New York City. Congenial HUGH DOWNES, host of the "TODAY" show drew the entries. The first five as follows: No. 1 BARBARA WILLIS; 2 PAT McEWEN and co-pilot MARILYN COPELAND; 3 HELEN SHROPSHIRE with JOANN HUSTED; 4 MARY LAIL and NOVIS LAURA PERCIVAL; 5 PAMELA VANDER LINDEN and RUTH M. KNIEFEL.

Kay Hilbrandt deserves a big hand for organizing and setting up a 99 booth at the Teterboro Aircraft Show on May 4th. She had an excellent display which included a prominent poster giving information on the Powder Puff Derby. Lively interest was reported.

As of this date the following companies have contributed to the General Race Fund: Champion Spark Plug Co., Shell Oil Company, Piper Aircraft Corp., Humble Oil & Refining Co., Flying Magazine, Narco Avionics, Astro-Aero Corp., Gulf Oil Corp., Aviation Insurance Managers, Inc., Hawthorne Aviation, Sanderson Films, Inc., Southern Illinois Airport, Aviation Division—Ziff Davis Publishing Company, Rudy's Airport, Gulf Oil Corp., N. S. Smith Trucking Service, Zep-Aero, Cessna Aircraft Co., Airwork Corp., and Amelia Earhart Lugage. We are most grateful to these companies for supporting the race and to the following for supplying special services: Simplex Time Recorder Co., Jeppesen & Co., Flying Tiger Line, TRW Systems, Inc.

Send all inquiries etc. to AWTAR Hdqtrs, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, New Jersey 07608.

Roster Supply Exhausted

The 99 membership has grown by leaps and bounds and Headquarters' supply of the current 1967-68 Membership Directory is depleted. Sadly, new members will have to wait for the Roster issued in the fall for their complete listing of 99 names and addresses.



Drawing for place positions of first day entries. Left to right: BARBARA EVANS, AWTAR Board Vice-Chairman and Treasurer; KAY BRICK, Chairman of the AWTAR Board; HUGH DOWNS host of the NBC "TODAY" show; LOIS FAIRBANK, former Secretary of the AWTAR Board.



CAPTAIN ALBERT L. EWING, CAP, (left) Commander of the NAFEC Composite Squadron, New Jersey Wing Civil Air Patrol receives a Certificate of Merit from KAY BRICK, Chairman AWTAR. Looking on (extreme right) is the New Jersey Wing Commandeer of Civil Air Patrol, COLONEL NANETTE M. SPEARS, CAP, and also a member of Greater New York Chapter. The presentation was made to the CAP unit for their assistance in handling the ground traffic during the recent 21st Annual Powder Puff Derby which had its starting place at Bader Field in Atlantic City, New Jersey. (Photo by Joseph J. Stanley, Captain, CAP N. J. Wing Information Officer).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mary Lou Brown, Chairman

Resolutions proposing changes to the By-Laws of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., to be voted on at the International Convention, 1968.

1. The Ninety-Nines, Inc., By-Laws, as printed in the 1967-68 Roster.

Article V. Representation and Rights Section 1.B. Each member is represented at the Annual International Meeting by the Governor of her Section and by the delegate(s) elected by her Chapter.

Amendment proposed by the Long Island Chapter:

Section 1.B. Each member is represented at the Annual International Meeting by the delegate(s) elected by her Chapter.

Reason: It is felt that the Governor cannot be truly representative of her Section, where the delegate can be.

Committee: We concur with the proposal. Elected delegates are instructed.

Findings: By their Chapters before voting on issues, whereas the Governor exercises her individual opinion in voting.

Executive: The Executive Board feels that no change is warranted.

Board:

2. The Ninety-Nines, Inc., By-Laws, as printed in the 1967-68 Roster.

Article V. Representation and Rights Section 2.A. Each Section shall be represented at the Annual International Meeting by delegates composed of the Governor of each Section and one delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof from each Chapter, provided that each Chapter shall have at least one delegate.

Amendment proposed by the Long Island Chapter:

Section 2.A. Each Section shall be represented at the Annual International Meeting by delegates composed of one delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof from each Chapter, or Section, where no Chapter exists, provided that each Chapter, or Section, shall have at least one delegate.

Reason: To provide equal representation for all members.

Committee: We concur with this proposal. We feel that this proposal

Findings: States the intention of the By-Laws.

Executive: The Executive Board feels that no change is warranted.

Board:

3. The Ninety-Nines, Inc., By-Laws, as printed in the 1967-68 Roster:

Article XV. Dues

Article 1.C. Reinstatement Fee for a former member shall be \$3.00 and does not include the official pin.

Amendment proposed by the Greater New York Chapter:

Section 1.C. Upon rejoining on or after March 1, a former member shall pay \$5.00 dues plus a reinstatement fee of \$3.00. Reinstatement on or before the end of February will require payment of \$10.00 dues plus the reinstatement fee of \$3.00.

Reason: To clarify the intended procedure.

Committee: The Committee feels that the clarification is needed.

Findings:

Executive: The Executive Board concurs in the opinion that the clarification Board: is needed.

4. The Ninety-Nines, Inc., By-Laws, as printed in the 1967-68 Roster:

Article II. Classification

Section 1.C. Classification of Members: Life: Any Active or Inactive Member may become a Life Member, provided that she:

(1) Has been an Active member in good standing for at least five consecutive years.

(2) Has the approval of the Executive Board

(3) Makes payment of \$200 into the International Treasury.

Amendment proposed by the Greater New York Chapter:

Section 1.C.(2) Has the approval of the Executive Board, based upon a letter sent by her Chapter Chairman and/or Section Governor, including the recommendations of three members of her Chapter and/or Section who are of equal membership status.

Reason: To better qualify applicants for Life Membership.

Committee: The Resolutions Committee concurs with this proposal to Findings: require recommendations for applicants for Life Membership.

Executive Board: The Executive Board concurs with this proposal. Life Membership should be attainable only upon recommendation of Chapter or Section Members.

N.I.F.A. Award Committee Resume

MAY, 1968

On May 9, 10 and 11, the National Intercollegiate Flying Association held it's 20th Annual Spring Flying Meet at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Twenty Colleges and Universities were able to get their teams and airplanes into Athens, which is nestled in the foothills of southern Ohio. Approximately 200 well mannered young people were entered in the competitions which included Spot Landings, power-off and power-on, Navigation and Bomb Dropping events. Weather prevented the completion of all events since only one day was flyable for competition. None the less, practice was at a premium on Thursday and the portable FAA tower recorded 1500 operations.

Eighteen girls were among the competitors this year, of these 9 were applicants for the Ninety-Nine Achievement Award. Those 99s acting as review and interview judges were: BERNICE STEADMAN, PAGE SHAMBURGER, CONNIE JONES and JOAN HRUBEC. The selection on basis of achievement was quite difficult, since all are exceptionally young women. CAROL CONAWAY, last year's Achievement Award winner and presently on O. U. aviation faculty member acted as the 99 liaison for the N.I.F.A. Committee.

The Ninety-Nine Achievement Award Winner: ANNELIESE BOETTIGER. ANNELIESE BOETTIGER is a native of Germany who has been in this country on a Fulbright Grant and is a graduate assistant in the Engineering School at Purdue University, ANNELIESE maintains a scholastic index above a 5 point in Purdue's 6 point system while carrying a tremendous teaching load along with her research and studies.

ANNELIESE holds a Commercial and Commercial Flight Instructor ratings. She has passed the writtens for her Instrument and Instrument Instructor ratings and is scheduled for these flight tests in late May or early June. All of ANNELIESE'S flight time has been attained in the Purdue Pilots, Inc. Flying Club airplanes and paid for by money earned through extra hours tutoring. Since acquiring her Instructor's rating she has been instructing other club members.

ANNELIESE will return to Germany

this summer and intends to use her Electrical Engineering either in research or college instruction. She intends to continue as a Flight Instructor, since she enjoys this phase of flying. In the future she would like to fly some high performance aircraft and do some aerobatics.

It is hoped that ANNELIESE BOETTIGER will become an Indiana Chapter 99 before returning to her "Motherland" Germany. The 99s are proud to have her as the recipient of their Achievement Award for 1968.

Top Woman Pilot Award — Arlene Davis Memorial Trophy.

Sponsored by The All-Ohio Chapter of 99s.

This award was won by PATRICIA ANN CLEARY who attends the University of Dayton.

PAT placed second in the Navigation Event and was also selected Queen of the Air Meet.

Pat has a Private SEL and Ground Instructors ratings and has passed her Commercial written. She has served as Secretary and President of the University of Dayton Flying Club. Scholastically, PAT, maintains a Dean's list average as a major in information Science and was recently recognized as one of the top twenty students at the University of Dayton.

PAT'S home is in Pontiac, Michigan. She hopes to become an active member of the 99s, to promote aviation at the Univ. of Dayton where she will be a senior and to increase her own aviation proficiency.

JOAN HRUBEC
Chairman

AIR MEETS

October 12-13

Pacific Air Race (formerly the Fun Race)

Gillespie Field, Santee, Calif

Kits available July 15 for 59¢ from:

BETTY WHARTON

6441 Montezuma Rd.

San Diego, Calif. 92115

WANTED:

Antique Aircraft

to fly the F.A.I.R.

Special Classic Category

September 21st

Valparaiso, Indiana

SECTION MEETINGS

SPRING 1968

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTIONAL

WHERE . . . If Sectional meetings are always this much fun, then a lot of people don't know what they are missing! But 125 were present for all the fun and activities in Houston on May 3, 4, and 5. It all started by being greeted at Hobby Airport with doughnuts and coffee and friendly chatter by folks from all parts of the South Central Section whom we haven't seen for a while. Then two buses whisked off with full loads for a very interesting tour of NASA. A few were taken to the hotel by Houston member cars. At 6:30 everybody convened for the Pinata Party. Just entering the room took your breath away! Covering one wall were Mexican straw hats decorated with brightly colored flowers—and one was to be taken as a souvenir by each 99 present. The ceiling was decorated with hanging Pinatas of everything from a Longhorn Steer to a purple elephant and an aqua donkey. The Marachi band provided excellent entertainment—but OH . . . that "Border Buttermilk"—I'm sure it is a secret recipe guarded by the Houston 99 Chapter. There were door prizes galore. And most important, you saw a lot of old friends—and met a lot more new ones.

Yes, there was business too. That was at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. All officers were present and presiding. PAT JETTON, Governor; NEMA MASONHALL, Vice-Governor; DOROTHY WARREN, Secretary; and MARY BURKE, Treasurer. After the invocation given by MARY BURKE of the Houston Chapter, PAT JETTON introduced RUTH DEERMAN, Past International President; ARLENE WALKUP, International Membership Chairman; MARY JO OLIVER, International Aerospace Education Officer; PEG ONG, International Newsletter Editor; and MARY ABLE, International Air Marking Chairman. DOROTHY WARREN, the Secretary, read the minutes which were approved as read. MARY BURKE then gave the Treasurer's report. The Vice-Governor gave her report on visiting the various chapters and the Historical Study and Scrapbook. The Governor postponed her formal report until fall but she did

give quite a dogmatic lecture on what 99s CAN and SHOULD be doing.

The Ft. Worth Chapter offered a firm bid for the Spring 1969 South Central Sectional meeting and it was accepted unanimously. The Oklahoma Chapter offered a tentative bid for the Fall 1969 Sectional to co-incide with the 40th anniversary of the 99 International Organization.

Then reports were given from all the Chairmen of the standing committees and 19 reports were heard from the 22 chapters.

A well deserved standing ovation was given to the Houston Chapter for a job well done. This was certainly in order but a little premature because immediately after this business meeting, the buses were at the door waiting to transport all to the very beautiful private Astro Club for a delicious luncheon. Then (after more drawings for door prizes) away we went in groups for a guided tour of the Houston Astrodome. This — like NASA—is something so exciting no one should miss it. A very awed group of people came to the end of the tour and when the guides announced that the tour had covered a mile and a quarter walk, you should have seen the people collapsing into the plush seats of the Astrodome! This is more than they did in the upper decks, approximately 10 stories above the playing field, because most everybody is afraid of heights!

But after receiving refreshments and a charm for a souvenir of our tour, we were taken by buses back to the hotel to get dressed for the cocktail party and banquet. Some of us were fortunate enough to get a bus driver who gave us the scenic route home—a tour of the Houston Garden Center rose garden, the Texas Medical Center, and many other interesting sites. So, on Saturday night, more good liquid refreshments and excellent food. But this was topped by entertainment. A skit was presented of incidents that happened when husband and wife fly together . . . need we say more??? MR. MENZO, Director of Aviation for the City of Houston, gave a very interesting talk on the Regional Airport. The banquet then recovered at the hospitality room (which, incidentally, was open the whole weekend) for more "Border Buttermilk".

Now if you went to Houston expecting to just relax and rest, you goofed because coupled with all the exciting planned 99 activities, you were

surrounded with hundreds of teenagers who converged on Houston for the National Convention of Junior Achievement. Do you know where your children are at 10? (or even 2:00 AM—or would you believe 4:00 AM?)

The very efficient and hospitable manner in which the Houston Chapter handled this Sectional was even reflected in the clear blue skies all through the central portion of the country all the way to the Canadian border for the flying back home on Sunday and after being presented with "snack sacks," away we went. So, again we say—THANKS, Houston, for a wonderful time . . .

See you all in Lincoln!



**E.B.'s Have More Fun
FALL SECTIONAL '68**

Sept. 13-15

Monterrey Bay 99s

P.O. Box 534

Pacific Grove, Calif.

93950

E. B. - Early Birds

**ALOHA CHAPTER
Dorothy Read, Reporter**

A new 99 chapter has been organized in Honolulu by former 99s from mainland chapters and other interested women. LINDY BOYES, MARY KING and DOROTHY KELSEY from Bay Cities, JANET HITT from Washington, DC, and RUBY KEAVENY from San Diego are among the Charter Members. MARGUERITE WOOD, who was a member of a Hawaiian Chapter of twenty years ago, and has been in and out of 99s since shortly after its founding, is another Charter Member.

Elected officers are: LINDY BOYES, Chairman; DOROTHY KELSEY, Vice-Chairman; IRENE ROGERS, Secretary; RUTH O'CONNOR, Treasurer; MARY KING, Scrapbook; MARGUERITE WOOD, Flight Activities Director; RUBY KEAVENY, Press Officer; and DOROTHY READ, NEWS Reporter.

Other Charter Members are; TERRY ADAMS, ANN ANDERSON, NAOMI MacMAHON, and LOLA WRIGHT.

The chapter is growing rapidly. We are looking forward to seeing many of you in August.

**BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER
Judi Faulstick, Reporter**

SUCCESSFUL SECTIONAL . . .

As final farewells were said to the last departing Southwest Sectional 99s Sunday afternoon, April 28th, Bakersfield Chapter heaved a collective sigh—glad that the three-day event was over; glad even more because so many wonderful gals had come to visit; and glad most of all because we had taken the "plunge" and bid for the Sectional in the first place! With events fresh in mind, the "after" hashover brought to light nothing but memories of fun times and exciting activities. We were privileged to welcome 85 planes to Meadows Field, and 182 registrant 99s to Bakersfield—and hope we shall be similarly privileged in the not too distant future!

Other SS "vital statistics"; Excellent weather (what's a little wind?); a one-in-three prize winner ratio; over a dozen autos and one (CAP) bus provided transportation (including those chauffeured by 49½ers WARREN THOMPSON, TED TURNER and GLENN MOODY); 20 dozen donuts, boxes and boxes of cookies and other munchibles, uncounted pots of coffee, tea and cold drinks served; capacity crowds at all scheduled events, including an overflow at Saturday night's "Basque Night" extravaganza. (Congrats to those brave souls who won the bota wine-drinking contest — although, they appeared to be having as much, if not more, fun than the audience!)

HEARD IN PASSING . . . One very-much-earned Instrument rating was awarded to determined DAWN MOORE, just the week-end before Sectional. Our heartfelt (if slightly green-eyed) congratulations to both DAWN and husband, DR. BILL! (P.S. Ask her what the FAA tower boys and Chairman JUNE EDWARDS also "awarded" her.)

"And there I was, with three great

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big bulking construction types to fly to Kernville (a canyon-located, slightly "perilous" strip not too far distant from BFL)—and just one Cessna 205. Would they, or would they not exceed . . ." The unspoken words were quite audible as petite MARIANNE LAXAGUE described yet another one of her "routine" trips as Chief Pilot for the Dawn Company. And for this she gets paid!

HAVE YOU SEEN . . . the advance copies of ABOVE AND BEYOND? Published by New Horizons, Ltd., this marvelous 14-volume encyclopedia of aviation is now available. No, we're not in the book-selling business — but, BFL's JUNE EDWARDS was a consultant/contributor to the encyclopedia and, naturally, we are v. p. of yet another of her achievements.

**BAY CITIES CHAPTER
Loretta Gabrielson, Reporter**

We were very pleased that several of our members were able to attend the Southwest Section meeting at BFL. FRAN GRANT went via airline, BARBARA LaPOINT and 49½er BOB, in their Cessna 120. They used this title as a "dry run" for the forthcoming HWD-LAS Air Cruise—incidentally she was 2 seconds off on her ETA and 2/10 away from her Estimated Fuel Consumption. Leaving early from HWD were ELLY JONES, GLADYS COBB, CONNIE SANDERS and JAUNDA BIGELOW in ELLY'S club plane, a Cessna Skyhawk. GLADYS was well armed with her air marking material, which limited the others to fifteen pounds luggage (they flew tail low all the way down and back).

BFL Chapter did a marvelous job of making this a truly great Section meeting. HELEN KELTON arrived with JEAN TINSLEY and NATALIE BASSIO in JEAN'S Comanche (JEAN flew back immediately due to an unexpected commitment at home). BETTY BUZZELL and 49½er TILDEN, arrived in their Piper and really enjoyed the pool. Our Chapter made out quite well in the door-prize department with five of us bringing back lovely gifts (thanks again BFL). It was so good to see our member HIALEAH REILICH, on loan to San Diego Chapter. Her husband, Harry, is building his newest bridge there. FRAN GRANT'S daughter, JUDI, a student at ULCA, flew to BFL from LA to join in the festivities. We wish to extend a big THANK YOU to the CAP;

They did a great job protecting our aircraft at Meadows (BFL).

EDITH COOPER, of Australia, was a guest of FRAN GRANT'S in San Mateo. EDITH was enroute to a wedding in New York, but was taking time to visit some of the 99s she met last year at the convention.

MARY FIELDS earned her CIFI rating on May 3rd in a Sessna 182. She is happily employed at Sierra Academy of Aeronautics on Oakland Airport. MIRIAM BRUGH and MARY have been flying around in the 182, night trips to Phoenix Field in Sacramento. They took a marvelous trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico recently—a kind gesture it would be if the New Mexico 99s would air mark the route between Prescott and ABQ, that's mighty desolate country. It was nice to fly OVER Holbrook, Arizona—MIRIAM'S birthplace.

The entire Chapter welcomes MARGUERITE WOOD — if only for a short time (until the new chapter is formed in Hawaii). MARGUERITE has a Commercial license and is a Flight Instructor, Instrument and Ground. She learned to fly in Hawaii, and was a 99 from 1939 to 1957, renewing her membership in March of this year.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

Judy Lee Bachman, Reporter

Our April 24th meeting was held at the home of JEAN BUSSY. Guests were prospective member SUSAN BERGER who has been working on a Multi-Engine rating, and BETTY WHARTON from San Diego Chapter who came to fill us in on the Pacific Air Race.

JEAN BUSSY made two frustrating trips lately via Cessna 210. One was flying a business acquaintance to the desert for lunch. Her guest had not been in a light airplane for 40 years. The trip was pleasant until getting back to San Diego which was fogged in so they had to return to Imperial Valley to fly back to San Diego commercially in a King Air. By the time they landed it was clear. The second frustration came after a skiing trip to Mammoth. The plane had to be substituted for car because of snow storms. Two weeks later the weather was good enough to fly the airplane out of the mountains.

The Pacific Air Race, formerly called the June Fun Race, will be co-chaired with the San Diego Chapter. DOTTIE SANDERS will be the Chairman. Hopefully the race will begin at Gillespie Field during the an-



Start Committee, Front: DOTTIE SANDERS. Left to right: RUTH EBBY, Chairman San Diego-MARY PEARSON, Palomar Chapter Chairman-GERTRUDE LOCKWOOD, Start Chairman-JUDY BACHMAN, El Cajon Valley Vice-Chairman and Start Chairman-MARIAN BANKS, Start Chairman.

nual Air Cade October 12-13th. Carlton Oaks Country Club has been selected for accomodations. A new system of handicapping will be used and will act as a research project for future AWTARs. This system allows planes to be handicapped in thirty seconds each. This year's race will begin in the first day of the Air Cade and terminate at Sacramento. Kits are available by writing to BETTY WHARTON, San Diego Chapter.

Our Air Marking Chairman LYN COUTHARD has set up a weekend in the near future for marking El Centro Naval Air Station. It will be a hopper of a job and no doubt a hot one in the desert heat. The letters, Navy El Centro, will each be 40 feet by 80 feet!! A mere 160 gallons of paint has been ordered. LYN and VI CHAMBERS flew to Tucson last week and stopped at the naval facility to to finalize plans for painting. We will have permission to fly into the base. May 11 a large roof at Alpine was painted by LYN COULTHARD, VI CHAMBERS, LEAH LIERSCH, ISABELLE McCRAE, FLORENCE FRAZER and DOTTIE CAMPBELL. The Alpine Chamber of Commerce served donuts and coffee and then took the girls to lunch. Gillespie Field air marking will follow hte El Centro project.

LYN COULTHARD and FLORENCE FRAZER are planning a flight to Germany August 23 for a month's vacation.

Attending the Bakersfield Sectional from our Chapter were LYN COULTHARD, FLORENCE FRAZER, VI CHAMBERS and DOTTIE SANDERS.

VI CHAMBERS is getting initiated fast into the Ninety-Nines. She is now our Publicity Chairman; will Co-Chairman/Publicity for the Pacific Air Race with JUDY BACHMAN and MARGARET MOODY, San Diego Chapter, plus publicity for the 1969 AWTAR Start. She also attended the El Cajon Chamber of Commerce meetings for selection of Citizen of the Year. The final meeting is June 6 so we must wait until then to see if DOTTIE SANDERS is selected.

Attending the second meeting for the AWTAR Start from our chapter were DOTTIE CAMPBELL, DOTTIE SANDERS, LEAH LIERSCH, IDA GAY, ISABELLE McCRAE, and JUDY BACHMAN. The meeting was held at the HILTON Inn so the girls could see the accomodations. With San Diego and Palomar members attending, a total of 30 people actively interested in getting things rolling selected all the chairman and committees to begin work.

FALLON CHAPTER

Jane Janssen, Reporter

STORK'S FLYING! For an old bird with no union representation, no retirement, no 85 hour monthly flying limit, no Federal subsidies and no sophisticated electronics; but with faultless navigation and timing, the

world's oldest air transport pilot executed a perfect three point landing with SUSAN JEANETTE HOHN, a six pound, one ounce lovely, on April 24. HAZEL and WERNER doing fine!

LOIS and DAVE WILLIAMS Baja'd for a week going native, if you can call Skylanding from village to village, native. Snorkled along the coast (love that expression) and just generally had a wonderful time. The only way to live says LOIS! LOIS and DAVE very proud of number one son, DAVE JR. who received his Commercial and Instrument tickets on his 18th birthday . . . now working on his Instructor's rating. DAVE JR. plans to work his way through college with his flight instruction. It's guys and gals like this who give us oldsters some hope for the future.

Heard from HELEN HASSEY from the Eastern New England Chapter and another Instrument Instructor is on the way! Wonderful to hear that some of the gals are hard at work. This reporter hasn't cracked the books in so long that it's shameful.

The Salt Lake City and Fallon Chapters are planning a fly-in to Elko, Nevada on June 8th. Some interesting rumors building here . . . keep watch!

DOROTHY and CARROLL STAUFF hosted the group for a great weekend over May 4 and 5 in Gabbs, Nevada. Next time someone tells you there's nothing to do in a small town, DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT! That telephone strike kept yours truly and friend husband in town, since the 49½'er, as an Engineer, had to work. I had to console myself by spending his overtime check.

LOIS and MIKE BROWN traded in the Twin Comanche on a Royal Gull, which MIKE will use at Lake Tahoe this summer. With their planes getting bigger each time, I won't be surprised when LOIS flies in to a meeting in the 707. Haven't gotten LOIS' word on the Gull yet, but MIKE, with a perfectly straight face, says "it handles like an Aeronca."

That's 30!

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

ED. NOTE — It seems that the gremlins have been picking on your reporter the last several months. First there was the "Search and Rescue" efforts needed to even 'find' your January report . . . and it was rather widely scattered! But being good detectives, I hope you did locate the

Los Angeles Chapter happenings! Then along came the April issue . . . and "arrove" (past participle or drive is drove . . . !) became "arrived" with un-explained quotes . . . and manager became manager . . . thus losing the context of the weary travelers for the inn. I do hope that the "little creators" pick on another chapter soon . . . ya'll get persecution complex!

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

Rebecca Heid, Reporter

Lots of work in store for everyone June 8 & 9—our 2c/lb air lift @ SMO Airport. Hard-working LYNNE OPPER and Chairman RACHEL BENZEN laid the groundwork, utilizing experience gained by last year's Chairman ANN LODWIG. New member HALDIS RAUCHFUS has promised us 5 planes and pilots from the club in which she is the instructor, with help and cooperation from other pilots and FBO's on the field it should be quite a success.

Congratulations to MARY DORR, new President of American Women in Radio and Television. For the second time in the last half year there was a big article about her in our largest local paper—her many honors, including the above-mentioned, and being in several Who's Who's—and of course about her family and their travels in their fabulous converted PEY.

Congratulations also to THELMA SMITH, newly appointed State Membership Chairman of CAEA (Calif. Aerospace Education Assn.) for the coming year. Another 99, JUNE EDWARDS, Chairman of Bakersfield Chapter, is new State vice-Pres. This is the first time 99s have held office. THELMA has been quite active in CAEA. She and 49½'er NORM (the only official male 99 in the whole world) attended the Spring Conference of the CAEA in Long Beach May 4 & 5, at which she got her appointment. She met many 99s there and talked a CAP major from San Luis

Obispo into becoming a 99. (I can see who's gonna get my job of Membership Chairman next year).

THELMA and NORM also attended the Natl. Congress on Aerospace Education April 24-26 in Denver. They flew their Bonanza there, of course. From Albuquerque to Denver they encountered severe turbulence. (Is it ever otherwise?) They had 100 mile visibility, saw lots of snow, and enjoyed the view of the glorious Rockies. NORMA says it was the first time he's been snowed on in 40 years! Besides the many activities of the Congress, they made side trips in the area, including their second trip to the Air Force Academy. Their trip was capped by THELMA winning a door prize of a Jeppesen Slide Graphic Computer, which NORM figured out in no time flat.

Still another congrat — CAROL LEWIS' 49½'er BERNIE got his instrument rating. He could have used it not long ago—for underwater flying, that is. See, CAROL and BERNIE do a lot of flying and fishing (not at the same time) in Arizona. Well, one day they and some friends were in a boat on the Colorado River when a military jet on a low-level flight came right for them. They stared, unbelieving, as the jet came down to within 300' of them. They collectively breathed a sigh of relief as he poured the coals on, expecting him to pull up, but nothing happened. That's when they wished they were in a submarine. At the last second, he zoomed up, leaving smoke and flames in his wake. It took several minutes for everyone's hearts to return to their normal position in the chest.

Thanks from SALLY LaFORGE, TILLIE KLEMENTS, VIRGINIA SHOWERS, RACHEL BENZEN, and DOROTHY LIMBACH to the BFL girls for a wonderful Sectional. They really enjoyed themselves! Afterwards DOROTHY and RACHEL in RACHEL'S Skylane, flew the Golden Bird Downwind Race. This originated in BFL, took them to airports @ Avenal, Porterville, and over the Sierra Nevadas to Inyokern. Our own HALDIS RAUCHFUS won the race in a Cherokee 150.

One recent weekend DOROTHY and RACHEL flew DOROTHY'S Cardinal to El Paso. After dinner in Juarez across the border, they turned in early, hoping for a good night's sleep so they could get up at dawn. But it

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wasn't meant to be—a high school group was whooping it up with a loud rock and roll party (is there any other kind?) So DOROTHY hauled her bedding into the bathroom and slept on the hard tile floor—where it was a little quieter and not too much harder than the bed! You can imagine the shape they were in for the trip home with much turbulence and strong headwinds all the way. They were a tired pair indeed.

MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER

Ruth Huston, Reporter

It's Monterey Bay in Sixty Eight. Fall Sectional — September 13th-15th. I do hope that all of you have your calendar marked by now.

Did you know that Early Birds have the most fun? The Early Birds for the Fall Sectional are really going to be in for lots of exciting things. Friday afternoon will start with a wine tasting party by Almaden Vineyards. For all those who have not had the pleasure of sampling their fine wines, and do like fine wines, this will be a dream come true. Friday evening dinner will be at "The Warehouse" on Sannery Row in Monterey. Do watch for their special news release that will be mailed with your invitation for Fall Sectional. Saturday morning will be a choice of several events. The Carmel Mission, Fisherman's Wharf in old Monterey and shopping in downtown Carmel or possibly the new Del Monte Shopping Center have been suggested to keep the 99s busy Saturday morning.

Since we promised all the 49½ers who attend this Fall Sectional special "Tender Loving! Care", we have arranged two special events just for them. The first is a deep sea fishing trip for thirty, with all the expenses paid. We are also making arrangements for sixteen to play golf at one of the many famous golf courses in this area. For this we shall pay the green fees. Now doesn't that sound like "Tender Loving Care?" A drawing will be held to determine who the forty-six lucky 49½ers will be, so make sure that your reservation will be in early. NOTE: All 49½ers attending Fall Sectional must be accompanied by a 99!!!

Powder Puff Derby time is almost here and excitement is running high for our Chapter. Flash: We now have another team ready to fly the AWTAR this year. The latest to enter the



How is this for big game hunting? ZOE DELL NUTTER, a Monterey Bay 99, who makes her home in Xenia, Ohio, shot this tiger on a recent trip to India.

race is WANDA STRASSBURG and student pilot JUNE CUNNINGHAM. JUNE does have to get her Private license by Derby time, but we are sure this will not present any problems. The drawing has been held for starting positions and HELEN SHROPSHIRE and JOANN HUSTED are No. 3; DELL HINN and TRISH MARKS No. 11; and WANDA STRASSBURG and JUNE CUNNINGHAM No. 21. The rest of Monterey Bay Chapter is wishing all three teams the very best of luck in this very important event.

Attending the Spring Sectional in Bakersfield and enjoying the hospitality of Bakersfield Chapter were HELEN and FRANK SHROPSHIRE, RUTH and GEORGE HUSTON, and DEL and GEORGE HINN. These events are always fun and this sectional was no exception. Our hats off to the Bakersfield Chapter for the Spring Sectional and a big job well planned.

On May 5th we held our second annual 2c-a-pound airlift at the Hollister Airport. Airlifting the passengers this time were 99s JOANNE AIELLO, HELEN SHROPSHIRE, DELL HINN, TRISH MARKS and 49½ers AL HOOD, BUD HUSTED, NORM HALFPENNY, IVAN PAINTER and GEORGE HUSTON. Ground crew for the day was MARY PAINTER, ANNA MAY PARK, RUTH HUSTON, JOANN HUSTED, CONNIE HOOD and GERI HALFPENNY. Six of our Senior Wing Scouts from Salinas also were on hand. The Hollister Airmen's Association, under the leadership of 49½er EARL PARK, put on a delicious chicken barbecue.

Our last regular meeting was held at the Hollister Airport with DE-

LORES BOYMAN as our guest. DELORES is a charming person, and had just received her Private license.

Here and There: CONNIE HOOD spent a recent Sunday airport hopping—Calistoga, Pope Valley, Clear Lake, Round Valley, Willits, Fort Bragg and then home to Monterey. This she reports was a fun and very educational trip. She also took a glider flight lesson which was exciting and fun, but much prefers power flights.

DELL HINN and TRISH MARKS flew to Sacramento to get the annual physical on TRISH'S Skymaster. DELL also flew to Stockton to pick up two female juveniles (runaways) for the Sheriff's office and return them home to Salinas.

MARY ELLEN EISEMAN and family recently flew to Alta Sierra and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

MT. DIABLO CHAPTER

"Buckie" Johnston, Reporter

Here we are again with something old, something new, something borrowed and something blue—you ready - - - OK?

Something old now—our 2nd Annual Flyer's Dinner, and incidently our 1st anniversary. Horray for us! Our speaker, as noted in last issue of this illustrious publication, was none other than the Flying Grandfather MAX CONRAD. He was terrific—really—not only was he interesting—he had us laughing at the comedy of errors in the incident he was describing. Come back soon MAX, you were wonderful!

Something NEW—our incoming officials for this year. New Chairman PAT PETERSON, Vice-Chairman JOAN GORE, gal who does all the work writing stuff (hope her typewriter spells better than mine) GRACE ELLIS, and again Miss Money Bags MARGE ROGERS. Still being new, our outgoing Chairman BETTY BOGGESS'S 49½er got re-elected to City Council of Concord, and also is their new Mayor. How's about that? Also in same vein, our 99 LOUISE GIERSCHE got herself elected to the City Council of Antioch. She came to the dinner wearing a cast from foot to patella—look that one up in your old dictionary—(R) side. Said she got it campaigning—fell down some housewife's steps. OK LOUISE—we believe you—really—don't we? Congrats to ALL OF YOU.

Oh yes something borrowed—"FLYING IS FUNNER.

Something BLUE—I'm very sad we didn't get our blurb in sooner so you all would know about our dinner with MAX, it was such fun. I did meet some more wonderful 99s. We had over two hundred aviation enthusiasts joining us, and besides the food was great. Well, that's all for now-gotta get this over to the U. S. Mule—pardon me, Mail so Peg can get it in time to let you know we're still sparking—See ya . . .

NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER

Jean Knott, Reporter

We planned a fly-in luncheon at Francisco Grande, Arizona in February but weather grounded us.

Our March meeting was a potluck and the following were able to attend: RUTH AND BILL SMITH, DOT AND WAYNE WARD, JESSYE AND BOB KNOTT, FERN AND GLEN BEESON, CAROLINE SHOEMAKER all of Flagstaff and LOIS WARD, Prescott. We planned a fly-in cookout at Carefree, Arizona for our April meeting but weather grounded us again.

We held the May meeting at Pulliam Field, Flagstaff those attending were the following: MARY ELLEN LIKEN, Holbrook, RUTH SMITH, DOT WARD, HELEN LAWRENCE of Flagstaff. It was decided at this meeting to send 400 book matches with the "99s" insignia on them to put in the goodie bags for the Powder Puffers. DOT WARD and MARY ELLEN LIKEN talked over an idea of getting an accredited course in Aviation Science in the Holbrook and Winslow High Schools. Northern Arizona Chapter plans to make air marking our pet project. MARY ELLEN LIKEN received permission from the Hopi Tribal Leaders to air mark anywhere on the Hopi Reservation. We are donating twenty-five dollars to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

On Fathers Day we plan a steak fry and meeting with the Glider Club. Hoping for beautiful gliding weather as the glider pilots are going to take the "99s" and husbands for a ride. Tornado or hail storm maybe?

DOT WARD and HELEN LAWRENCE now have their Instrument rating!

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Margo Smith, Reporter

'It's Sock It To Me Time.' Time to air our recent ventures and "trips"

(by aircraft of course). So it's on with the happenings!

Give a man an attentive female audience and he'll surpass himself even with the alarming subject "Survival." Our guest speaker for April, JOE FISHER had us chuckling but also realistically thinking about what we would do if - -, and recognizing that the old adage "To be forewarned is to be forearmed" is true. Again we thank KAY MALICK who was also hostess for our hanger-flying, swap-info March meeting.

We need more than a welcome mat for new members this month—we need a whole rug! Meetings are truly a clan gathering from far and near. From Fullerton come VIRGINIA FLANARY, IRENE GREGG, JOYCE PETTIT; from Corona come VIVIAN PLETT and ZONA THOMSON; from South Laguna, ELIZABETH SHATTUCK; from Santa Ana come VANGIE STILLWELL and JOY KRIEG (ex St. Louis Chapter). We greet you all and welcome your enthusiasm.

Once you taste the delights of flying into Baja and Mexico you yearn to return frequently and, the Baja Bug has bitten many an Orange County member. THELMA and MYRON MICKLESON Comanched down in Feb. with La Liga, the group of doctors and dentists who volunteer their services. JOYCE and BERT NASH and daughter LOUISE flew to Mulege in their Cessna 206 during Easter week but, like others, were hamstrung in their aerial sightseeing by lack of available gasoline. In their 172, ELIZABETH and DENNIS SHATTUCK and their daughter SALLY made their first Baja excursion to Mulege and there too it was love at first sight. ELIZABETH is still wondering about the pilot who rather overrun the runway, scared them off their veranda and scattered the residents of Bahia de los Angeles like so many chickens!

With 5 out of 7 weekends in such places as Palmilla and Hacienda Cabo San Lucas, the real commuter is MARA CULP. Her co-pilot on the Hotel Cabo San Lucas trip, HANA HENDRICKSON became another Baja aficionado. The latest jaunt, a charter to Rancho Buena Vista gave MARA her biggest thrill when she caught a

120 lb. marlin—and several black and blue marks as testimonials to the fight.

JANA and BERNIE KOERSELMAN pulled a swiftie by maneuvering BERNIE's parents on board for a surprise flight to Hawaii for a week. JAMA's highlight was her chance to fly a 172 out of Kona field with a high time pilot to point out all those sights usually missed by tourists.

Am inclined to think AWTAR Route Director THON GRIFFITH is going to survive! Details fall into line and unexpected problems do disappear with a little thought and help from many co-operative and wonderful people right across the country, she claims. We know the job calls for those lovely cross-country flites, but must you enjoy them quite that much?

It takes dedication to trout fish in a snow storm near Vernal, Utah. Tends to ground pilots, too. That was the story, snow, for two extra days for MARGO SMITH and her passengers, 3 large and 2 small fishermen (including one hubby, HARRY in the large-size, non-pilot category). After so many No-Go's, must say the Salt Lake FSS caught me unprepared at 3:30 a.m. with his "CAVU all the way" report. Helpfully he came up with an ETD while I kept mumbling about Pacific time . . Mountain . . Zulu . . breakfast. By the way, the fisherman caught their limit in one afternoon.

Happy to report that HILDA REAF-SNYDER is out of hospital and feeling great . . . Am told JUDY WILLIS has been posted to London, England and plans to look up some British 99s.

Think I'll give the trophy for the kooky weekend to JOYCE NASH. Seems when she and BERT recently flew to Madera County, near Tuswere visiting from the east, they con, Ariz., to meet some friends who were visiting from the east, unwittingly chose a site favored by bird-watchers. So they spent the weekend shivering and watching the bird-watchers watching birds," Vary interesting!"

Merci, gracias and thanks to Eakersfield Chapter, our gracious and efficient hostesses at the Spring Sectional. Am sure first-timers MITZI KEESEKER, VIVIAN PLETT and ZONA THOMSON became as sold on this meeting of new and old friends as the hard core group like THON and GEORGE GRIFFITH, CHRIS HOFFMAN, NELL BROWN, JOYCE NASH and MARGO CMITH. Rather than miss

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out entirely, VIRGINIA LANE drove up Sat. a.m. from under that stuff called a ceiling. A recitation from me of the marvelous entertainment would be as dull as a child's description of a movie. Enjoyment comes with participation.

Participation is the only way to really appreciate a "flight" to 29,000' in a highaltitude chamber. Considering we, HELEN HEDGES, LYNN NEWTON, JOYCE NASH and MARGO SMITH, could add nothing new to previous descriptions of a day spent at an Air Force Physiological Flite Training Center, we can only say, "Go, take the course yourself! You'll be amazed, informed, and therefore reassured—and, entertained."

On the chance of sounding like a continuous commercial, may I also recommend, soaring? Friend ELIZABETH SHATTUCK decided the talk stage should end, gave me a shove and before I could stammer "But, but" had us at Elsinore. There's no one like a long-time Glider Pilot (our friend and instructor, HARVEY STEVENS) for selling his love of the sport without having to say a word. It's the feel of the ship, the fine tuning to the wind and lift and flights of birds that opens up a whole new world. That's flying!

PHOENIX CHAPTERS

Sue Harper, Reporter

April's news hadn't even reached Plano, Tex., when we opened our door to find JO ANN WINTERLING and 49½cr SKIP blowing in, from Port Tobacco, Md. (D. C. Chapter). Got on the horn and was able to gather a few 99s for coffee and visit with JO ANN, but 'twas really short notice, so many had to regret, but the hanger flyin went on with ALICE ROBERTS and her friend, EVELYN SASSER, MARJY CROWL, MARY LOU BROWN, PAT LAMBERT and her two chillun. JO ANN and her hostess, GRACE HAMMELEF. Hurry Back, JO!

Welcome to LIZ ENGLISH, our newest member! This busy gal keeps things running smoothly at Saguaro Aviation, Inc., Sky Harbor, as secretary/bookkeeper, plus having her Commercial ASEL, with Instrument and Instructor ratings. She teaches instrument ground school at Saguaro at night and sandwiches flight instruction in during the day.

Congratulations to: MARY VIAL, who just had her 1st grandchile, LAUREN ELIZABETH on May 8th, and is



On close inspection you can see Roosevelt Lake in the background. That fire, for picnic at Grapevine Airstrip, felt good, on that windy day. Left to right, standing: MARY LOU BROWN, HELEN VENSUS, HARRY and LELIA REGER, JIM VERSILLINO - Director of State Dept. of Aeronautics, FLOYD BROWN, and BILL BLATT. Seated, GEORGE VIAL and BETH USSHER.



Couldn't resist this pic of BLATT'S new Turbo-system Centurion taken the day of our fun picnic at Grapevine Airstrip. Left to right: LELIA REGER, MARY VIAL, MARY LOU BROWN, ERNA BLATT, SUE HARPER, daughter KENDALL, HELEN VENSUS, JUNE WARE and 3 BROWN chillun.

still in Greeley, Colo. helping her daughter; BETTY JO SMITH, who passed her written Commercial exam; MARY LOU BROWN, who soloed Geological Survey's T-33 Jet and is now flying it as pilot-in-command for high altitude (35,000 ft.) photography. ("A great thrill!"); ALICE ROBERTS, who was elected president of Alpha Sigma Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority. ALICE and CHAS ROBERTS went to Bakersfield for the S. W. Sec-

tional and report having a great time. LELIA and HARRY REGER are still extolling the virtues of Baja, Cal. which they toured in their Cessna Skylane, followed by two couples in another Skylane. They said there were "no problems and would recommend it for everyone." (I'm packed.) JESSIE WIMMERS had an RON charter flight to Pratt, Kansas and had a real nice visit with 99 EDNA CALBECK and husband, JOHN. And my husband

really made me feel important when he asked Me to fly Him to Tucson for a couple of meetings. The flying time is paying off. (He doesn't have any night time yet.) 'Twas real nice to fly into Freeway airport, Tucson and be greeted by JAN ENGELHART, 99. She and her husband run the office down there with Unicom and good service. JUANITA NEWELL'S Bonanza toted TRUDY MURPHY, MELBA BEARD and GWYN DARE to the S. W. Sectional, Eakersfield, with clear skies and strong head winds both ways, and all reported the meet as "nicest ever."

Our "Fly-In" this month, May 5th, was the picnic at Grapevine Air-strip to celebrate completion of the marking. LELIA REGER, air marking Chm., and Her HARRY brought MR. JAMES VERSILLINO, Director, State Dept. of Aeronautics, up to inspect our job and a fun time was had by all. There were 6 other planes bringing: MARY and GEORGE VIAL, BETH USSHER and guests CLARA DALY and ROY McWHIRTER, MARY LOU BROWN, SUE HARPER and 3 chillun, ERNA and BILL BLATT and MARJY CROWL and JIMMY HELEN VENSUS, The WARES, the BROWNS and 5 chillun. MARY LOU and I were trying to leave when her Cessna got a flat tire, so BILL BLATT consented to fly us 5 home in their new Centurion. He says that was a real sneaky way to get a ride in their new plane, but we surely did enjoy it; the flight to Sky Harbor was too short and we were soon watching his return to Roosevelt Lake to pick up his regular passengers.

Our meeting this month was hosted by BETTY JO SMITH and MARGARET HLAVENKA, with VIRGINIA HASH and ANN COLBY of Girls Ranch as speakers. They filled us in on Girls Ranch, Inc., and made us even more aware of the marvelous job they are doing for and with the "girls". And JUANITA NEWELL filled me in on the May 5th flight to Marana Airpark, when she, VIRGINIA HASH, EVELYN SASSER lent a helping hand to the Tucson Chapter 99s 1st Girls Ranch Flight. They said 'twas one of the nicest Girls Ranch flights ever. Phx. and Tucson Chapters look forward to many more flights with these girls, and now they want to help us with some of our ground projects, such as air marking. Great idea!!!

JEAN DECK of Winslow, Northern Ariz. Chapter, took time from her



'Twas good to have her familiar face back on our scene, and we all enjoyed seeing JO ANN WINTERLING again. Left to right: MARY LOU BROWN, JO ANN, PAT LAMBERT and CATHERINE, SUE HARPER, and GRACE HAMMELEF, JO's Hostess for her visit.

work with Public Service to coffee with JUANITA and drive her to some of the beauty spots of the Navajo Reservation. "Things surely do look different from the ground." DOROTHY WARD, also of North. Ariz. Chapter and Flight Instructor is often seen round Sky Harbor, Phx., with a student or taking some hood time in preparation for her Instrument rating.

I also see BEVERLY FLEMING, Yuma Chapter, occasionally at Parker Airport. BEVERLY flies banking receipts and deposits on the Yuma-Parker run for the local Yuma bank. Also enjoyed seeing JOANN MEISER and her husband, at Eakersfield.

ED. NOTE—Congratulations to your Reporter for successfully obtaining her Commercial on the 20th! Since the "deadline" for the NEWS is "copy to be in the hands of the Editor on or before the 20th" this 'scoop' will qualify . . . the wire arrived at 11:10 p.m. the night of the 20th!

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SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER **Dorothy Anderson, Reporter**

"Bleacher Blows, Franks and Poes"—we wondered too, until our Ladybugs flew to the Berberian Walnut and Almond Factory in Modesto. We learned not only about light colored walnuts separated from the dark ones by blowing and some were called Frankettes and from the orchard of farmer POE. Also that the crop was especially selected by HAIG BERBERIAN'S scrutinizing modern methods for which his busy plant has become reknowned and he has enjoyed being the largest independent walnut producing in California. The trip, arranged by our walnut grower, MARILYN JAKS, was exceptional not only for the gracious hospitality of HAIG and his foremen—MR. HENSHAW, CARL DOYLE and JERRY LEMON, but valuable for the knowledge gained about this unique industry. Ladybugs of the day were JUNE DEVINE, AUDREY SNOWVELL, DOROTHY HUNTLEY, ESTHER PHIPPS, MARILYN JAKS, DOROTHY ANDERSON; guests were CLARA HENDERSON, ALAMEDA SWANSON, JERRY STEMM, and BARBARA ENLOE.

Aerospace Education Chairman, JUNE DEVINE showed an educational film on the Be35. With JUNE, who has a talent for good narrative, we flew a safe Bonanza western sightseeing trip. Members attending the meeting at JUNE'S El Macero home, voted to

have our Chapter sponsor the Sacramento Wing Scout Troop.

VIJA BERRY, our action-now Chapter Chairman, arranged a luncheon fly-in at Napa Airport with KAY WARD, the Wing Scout Leader, to make plans for the first event. Other flyers who landed about the same time for the luncheon chat were FLORENCE BREEN, ESTHER PHIPPS, JUNE DEVINE, DOROTHY HUNTLEY, VIRGINIA TOWNSEND, AUDREY SNOVEL, LaRUE BROWN, and LORRAIN HERY. AUDREY volunteered to be our representative on the Scout Executive Board for this year.

On May 16, the thrill of the first plane ride was enjoyed by nine of the fourteen Wing Scouts, each having a front seat view in the nine planes waiting at Gates 1-5. Guests were Sacramento Union feature writer, ANDREA BOGGS, and Leader KAY WARD. The Scouts were delighted with the trip and thought the thermal turbulence was part of the ride. After landing they were shown thru the Tower by the operators and then thru Union Oil's Executive Jetstar which happened to be in Sacramento at Gate Six. Offering their pleasant pilotage were FLORENCE BREEN, VIJA BERRY, LILLIAN GREY, RUTH WAGNER, JUNE DEVINE, ESTHER PHIPPS, MARILYN JAKS, MARCELL BINK, DOROTHY HUNTLEY, AUDREY SNOVEL, SHIRLEY LEHR, and the 99 Reporter.

The busy month was topped with an interesting Bakersfield Sectional, where the fun, door prizes and delicious food abounded between hangar-flying, striking a few FAR's, and in general rearranging the skies to suit the flyers. Seen between the prop wash were VIRGINIA and FRED TOWNSEND, THELMA and NEIL CULL, DARLENE and GIL GILMORE, Past President JERRY MICKELSEN, BETH and WIM SCHOOF, RUTH WAGNER, JUNE and Flyin' Jim DEVINE, CORAL BLOOM, LaRUE BROWN and NORM, FLORENCE and JACK BREEN, and VIJA and HASKELL BERRY, JR.

Over one hundred pilots attended a Revalidation Clinic for Flight Instructors which our Chapter was asked to hostess by registering the pilots, stuffing folders, attending the dinners, and several members audited the classes. We were highly commended at the banquet with VIJA receiving the accolade for us. She took the op-



The Sacramento Valley Chapter "Ladybugs" seen during their fly-in to the Berberian Walnut and Almond Factory. Left to right: Host JIM BERBERIAN, BARBARA ENLOE, CLARA HENDERSON, ESTHER PHIPPS, DOROTHY HUNTLEY, Chairman VIJA BERRY, ALAMEDA SWANSON, Reporter DOROTHY ANDERSON, JUNE DEVINE, MARILYN JAKS, MR. HENSHAW, and AUDREY SNOVEL.



Surrounded by 'nuts' are MARILYN JAKS and DOROTHY ANDERSON.

portunity moment to explain our organization structure and asked the instructors to refer their lady pilots to our Chapter. Those who generously gave their help to the Clinic success were SHIRLEY LEHR, DOROTHY HUNTLEY, DARLENE GILMORE, VIJA BERRY, LILLIAN GREY, LORRAIN HERY, JUNE DEVINE, LaRUE

BROWN, RUTH LOOMIS, VIRGINIA TOWNSEND and DOROTHY ANDERSON.

Welcome, new member, MRS. SUE FISHER! SUE is married to DR. JACK FISHER, a local ophthalmologist. Her Private license was earned in a C150 in Nov. 1967.

Stretching struts thru the spring "fracto-cu," several members were seen in the distance: DICK and LORRAIN HERY headed for Mexico where they enjoyed sightseeing in lower Baja; FLORENCE and JACK BREEN in company with ESTHER and LEWIS PHIPPS, all eastbound to the scenic America route of the Grand Canyon and Monument Valley area; JUNE and JIM DEVINE, who did a 180 from overcast Watsonville to land at Buchanan Field in time to join LaRUE and NORM BROWN and JUANITA BOWLER and friends who helped celebrate the First Anniversary of the Mt. Diablo Chapter. LaRUE and JUNE, who helped form the Chapter foundation, were seated at the head table with the dignitaries and the speaker MAX CONRAD.

SAN DIEGO, CHAPTER

Margaret Moody, Reporter

I would like to introduce you to our new member, BONNIE ADAMS. BONNIE has her Private license with an Instrument rating and is working on her Commercial license. She and her 49½er, STEVE, belong to the San Diego Flying club Bonanzas. They are also active in several other aviation organizations including the only Coast Guard Air auxiliary. BONNIE teaches high school P. E. and camping and flying are her hobbies. She has already volunteered her services for the upcoming Powder Puff Start. Welcome to the San Diego 99s, BONNIE.

And guess what! MARGARET MOODY finally got her Instrument rating.

Six members of the Chapter went to Bakersfield last month for the Spring Sectional meeting and had a real fun time. The Basque dinner was a real highlight of the show. Those going from the San Diego Chapter were ELEANOR RICHARDSON, THELMA BISHOP, STELLA HARDIN, LYN BRIGGS, HIALEAH REILEAH and MARGARET MOODY. After the dinner Saturday evening we all got together in DOTTIE SANDERS room, El Cajon Valley Chapter, and celebrated STELLA'S and DOTTIE'S birthdays.

The San Diego Chapter is busy, these days. We are definitely planning on the Pacific Air Race (formerly the Fun Race) again this year. The Start will be from Gillespie Field in Santee, Calif. with the Terminus in Sacramento, Calif. at Municipal Field. The date will be Oct. 12-13 to co-inside with the annual Aircade activities at Gillespie Field. This year we are going to try something different and have individual handicaps for all of the planes that enter. Once again all stock model planes will be eligible no matter how old they are and all pilots need only a private license and co-pilots need only a student license. BETTY WHARTON is serving as Chairman this year and kits may be obtained from her starting July 15 for 50 cents. BETTY'S address is 6441 Montezuma Rd., San Diego, Ca 92115. Hope to see you all again and perhaps some new faces.

The real hectic part of the busy, busy time is taken up with initial plans for the 1969 Powder Puff Start from San Diego. MARIAN BANKS has agreed to act as Chairman which she always does so very well. If

anybody has any brilliant ideas on how to raise a couple thousand dollars, we would be awfully grateful for a clue.

The Chapter is planning a fly-in to Cedar City, Utah for the up-coming weekend. I'll have to let you know more about it later.

ED. NOTE—Watch for BARBARA THISTED'S arrival. See Eastern Washington Chapter report for info.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

Virginia Rainwater, Reporter

I wish I were a Dolphin, it looked like so much fun to be jumping in and out of the water, and swimming about while everyone would be watching me from the bleachers at Sea World. The San Diego Chapter came out in force to share a memorable day with the SFVC, April 17th. They drove us from Montgomery Airfield to the fun-filled Sea World. We extend our gratitude to: CHILMA MALINSKI, MARGARET LANG, ELSIE WATSON, MARIAN BANKS, RUTH EBEL, CAMELIA HUTSON and LOIS EARTLING. Luncheon at the Atlantic Restaurant added to the charm. The members of the SFVC who arrived either over or under clouds via the coast, avoiding hail storms a couple of miles inland were: LIBBY SVENSON, ELLEN TRINDLE, SHIRLEY THOM, LOLA RICCI and her 49½er ED. SHIRLEE KAY, VIRGINIA RAINWATER and her 49½er CLYDE, LORELI CANGIANO, BALLETA FREIDMAN, and MARY LOU NEOLE.

SHIRLEE KAY did some exciting low flying at Mammoth, and enjoyed a trip to Santa Maria with VIRGINIA to make plans for next month's Fly-in. HARRIET BAIR entered her 1st race, the Flight of the Golden Birds (FCE's), in her little 150 Cessna. The weather was so bad however she turned around in the first leg and was the first to arrive back at the finish, in Bakersfield. Some way to win a race! MARY LOU NEOLE who was LOLA RICCI's former C. O. in the WASP's had a turn-about of command with LOLA checking MARY LOU out in a 172. LIZ CROWLEY is working with the Aerobatic Club of America to raise funds to send a team to East

Germany. NITA LOVELESS took her Commercial flight test. ESTHER FLECK reports flights out of BFD, Ramona and SBA, all with her poor weather. She introduced to the SFVC, SONJA SPRING, who is a little bride and a transferee from Seattle. SONJA has been flying about one year and already has her Instrument rating and is excitedly going for her Instructor's rating.

ETHEL COLLINS spent a week end in Phoenix and had a flight to Carlsbad Caverns during which heavy weather, thermals and all kinds of wind jogged the plane so badly that the cigarets jumped out of the ash trays onto the floor. BALLETA FRIEDMAN had flights to San Diego and is planning a trip next month to La Paz, Mexico. ARDIE TRENHOLM has been working hard and reports only scheduling other's flights. PATRICIA PITCOCK has been grounded due to an operation but announces that her son CARL, has passed his Private and took off with a girl friend to Catalina for his 1st passenger flight. PAULINE FLEMING checked out in a 182, did take-offs and landings at Ventura and attended the Sectional at BFD. DORTHY PLATNER had an exciting month with flights to Oregon, Springfield, Eureka and the Nut Tree in Sacramento, and to BFD. The return trip became quite eventful as she ran into heavy weather, including hail and carb icing, which must have seemed to the local farmers as if she was just another crazy crop duster.

JEANNIE DAY flew to Death Valley with the Skylarks. Their departure took on some excitement as they left during a gale and a local ranger helped them to wind-walk the plane to the runway and they took off like a bronco. She and her 49½er attended the BFD Sectional. AUDREY SCHUTTE participated in the FGB's and went to the BFD Sectional. Also she enjoyed the Santa Maria fly-in and of course in always instructing. Our Women Pilot of the Year, good show. GLORIA PENTON flew to New Orleans and took in the Mardi Gras. MARGARET WARD entered the FGB's in BFD flying her 172. She placed second. MARGARET experienced the Death Valley Wing-walking-ranger and wild departure there, also.

SHIRLEY THOM flew with ELLEN TRINDLE and LIBBY SVENSON to the Sectional in Bakersfield. AULEEN HALL had a commercial flight to New

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York. Finds her Multi-engine training slow going. VESTA MALBY commuted to Dallas and Austin. Has been commuting to Utah lately and experiencing turbulent weather. VIRGINIA RAINWATER enjoyed Sea World with husband who says, "this is more like it." VIRGINIA checked out in a brand new Waco, first made since 1945, pulls up its feet too. She flew the Waco, donated by Waco-Pacific at Whitman Airport, in the FGB's which round-robbined to BFD, with ROSALIE BURCHETTE. ROSALIE reports her husband just received the dealership at the Lunkin Airport in Cincinnati and will be transferring this month. ELLEN TRINDLE flew to Las Vegas and did some work on the Exposition of Flight, also to San Diego and the BFD Sectional. She proudly announces her son earned his Commercial license. EDDIE WHITE flew to the Grand Canyon in a Cherokee 6, in connection with the Mobil Economy Air Race with DAN FLAAG and cameraman. LIBBY reports that 17 SFVC members and six 49½ers attended the BFD Sectional.

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

In lieu of our regular meeting for May, our chapter held it's fourth annual Good Bird Party. So named for the outstanding group of people who help each year to make possible our 2c a lb. flights from Brackett Field, Pomona. Tower operators, CAP Squadron 64 officials, representatives from Pomona Valley Pilots, plus many other individuals who gave of their time, talent and airplanes were in attendance. Also on hand were a large contingent of Ninety-Nines who turned out to welcome the Good Birds and at the same time enjoy an interesting program planned by Program Chairman LIBBY KIRK. MR. GEMO YAKUBOVSKY, Flight Service Quality Control Officer from the Weather Bureau Forecast Center in Los Angeles, showed a film on Density Altitude" plus some truly remarkable satellite shots of weird and fascinating cloud formations over the earth. The slides depicting a "tornado book" were especially impressive. A film showing the 1953 running of the Jim Long Memorial Trophy Race from Erackett was shown. (This was back in the days when the field was a dirt strip.) Great show and fun to watch as one of our chapter members, POLLY STOEHR, had a minor starring role. Awards were presented and for the second straight year

MAJOR ANDERSON carried off the trophy for flying the most poundage (over 8000 lbs) and BOYD PHELPS accepted, for Pomona Valleys Pilots, the Best Woman Pilot trophy to be used in the forthcoming Jim Long Race. A check was presented to JOHN VERNON for Squadron 64 in appreciation of their help.

Capsule Comments: VIRGINIA WEGENER and DORIS BAILEY with husbands JACK and LOU are entered in the Hayward-Las Vegas Race—DOROTHY GEDDES, ROSE ANN FORD, GINNY HALL, VIRGINIA WEGENER, DORIS BAILEY (and husband LOU), MARGARET GAMBLE all report that they had a marvelous time together at the Bakersfield Sectional . . . With the exception of LOU, all entered the Golden Bird Flight the same weekend and VIRGINIA and GINNY placed 3rd, a great way to finish a weekend! . . . DOROTHY GEDDES and ROSE ANN FORD met their Powder Puff sponsors at Tahoe for picture-taking and airplane christening, watch for the "Grind and Grin" as it sails through the skies for Savannah. (Word has it their sponsor is a disposal company). . .

On a trip to Yuma to pick up a Cessna 150 from GINNY'S Flying School, MARILYN and VIRGINIA discovered (with a completely soaked in Banning Pass) that Western Airlines was really "the only way to fly" . . . late bulletin: MARGARET GAMBLE will also be among the entrants in the Hayward-Las Vegas Race.

From DORIS BAILEY comes the news that after the Hayward-Las Vegas Race she and LOU are heading for No. California and Seattle, Washington for a vacation trip that will include visiting two sons and daughters-in-law and now two grandchildren. The latest arrival came on Mother's Day! To fill out an already crowded month, DORIS took the flight examination and is now the proud possessor of an Instructor's rating. Next on the list is the Instrument rating for DORIS, who certainly has the determination that inspires us all.

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

Our May meeting found eight of us wielding chalk lines and paint rollers at the Stockton Metropolitan Airport. The result was a tidy STOCKTON in twenty foot high letters on the pavement between the two runaways.

SHIRLEY MILLER Chairmanned the

event and, due to her pre-planning, all proceeded without a hitch. Members ELAINE SMITH, JEAN MURRAY, EVELYN JOHNSON, CHARLOTTE RYAN, BILLIE WYATT, LAVERNE GUDGEL and HELEN McGEE participated along with LAVERNE'S friend, CHARLENE KIRK, a student pilot; CARL ESTEP, Tower Chief; CARL STEARNS, Tower Operator; and JOHN GARDEN, maintenance. We really appreciated their help.

Helpful, too, was the National Guard which dried up the puddles from the previous day's rainfall with a helicopter. We only collected one dollar in our suggestion box, when a newspaper photographer inadvertently offered some advice.

"More fun than work," was the consensus, and to emphasize the point, JEAN added a daisy underneath the lettering.

Much excitement for four members. Two planes will be entered in the Powder Puff this year from our Chapter, our first entries. BILLIE WYATT flew in 1951, but she was a member of the Fresno Chapter then. This year Shirley will pilot her Cessna Skylane with ELAINE as co-pilot. They're both from Stockton. HELEN McGEE of Sonora, proud possessor of a brand new Instrument rating, with LAVERNE GUDGEL of Chowchilla as co-pilot, will fly in the McGEE'S Cherokee 235.

We all missed EV HENDLEY at Stockton, air-marking being one of her favorite endeavors along with rummage sales, EV'S recuperating at Doctor's Hospital from an operation and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

LAURA MAY CRAWFORD and 49½er, GENE, will be returning from Lake Havasu June 1, after a winter in the sun.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER **Phyllis Pierce, Chairman/Reporter**

MARY LAIL and NOVIS PERCIVAL attended 2 day Physiological Training session at Castle AFB in Merced.

A wonderful welcome to new members: ANNE EHRLICH, SINA SHIELDS, SUSAN WASTLUND and HELEN MURPHY who has transferred in from the Washington, D. C. Chapter.

Those Bakersfield gals really had a bang-up Sectional. Perfectly arranged from the WX right on down. Faces from home included: JAN HALAJIAN, NATALIE BOSSIO, JEANINE CECIO (and PETE), PATRICIA GLADNEY, guest VIVIAN ESSLER, MARG

STANDISH, PAT SHERWOOD, EVELYN LUNDSTROM (and OSCAR), ALICE TAYLOR, PHYL PIERCE (and FRED), BAREARA KNAPP, JEANNIE McELHATTON, and JACKIE PETTY (and LLOYD).

Attending Mt. Diablo's 1st Anniversary Dinner in Concord were: EVELYN/OSCAR LUNDSTROM, PHYLLIS PIERCE, GINNY DAVIS, her guest BEN LAWSON, and two prospective members, JANE BAKER, MARILYN WILMS and their nice husband. It was a wonderful evening, highlighted by guest speaker MAX CONRAD.

MARION BARNICK recently engineered a trip through the Reid-Hillview Tower for 66 Third Graders from Fred Marten School in the Mt. Pleasant School District. You should see the wonderful folder of drawings and thank yous the children sent her. Even a poem!

Big congratulations to an "upgraded" bird JEANNIE CECCIO with her new Commercial ticket.

TUCSON CHAPTER **Ginny Cook, Reporter**

Sunday May 5th was a beautiful warm soft morning, when we met twelve girls from Girl's Ranch at Freeway Airport and flew them, with the help of JUANITA NEWELL and two other pilots and planes from the Phoenix Chapter, to Marana Air Park for a day's outing. BAREARA WELSH flew two girls in her Comanche, JAN ENGLEHART also brought two girls in a Comanche, VINA SOUTHAM brought a guest in a 150 Cessna, and SHIRLEY MARSHALL flew her newly recovered Tri-Pacer over. It's a beautiful cub yellow now and when one of the girls said that it looked just like a yellow bird—SHIRLEY replied, "It's a yellow chicken!" After swimming, sunning, and a barbeque, the young girls, all under 18, challenged the 99s to a softball game. The 99s gracefully conceded the game when the score was 16 to 6. Several new aviation enthusiasts evidenced themselves after this aerial picnic, so the event was pronounced a success. Next year the Phoenix Girl's Ranch is planning to participate and hopefully, this may become an annual event.

New Ratings Department — Just can't keep up with these gals. PATSY BROOKS has her Glider Instructor's Certificate and Permit to Tow, and is busy doing both at Ryan Field. JAN ENGELHART passed her Instrument written and by now is probably

taking the flight test. SHERRY BOICE picked up two ratings recently, both Instrument and Instrument Instructor, so now holds the distinction of holding the most ratings in the Chapter. Perhaps the award for best organization should go to MIRZA CLARK for her achievements. However, as she bought a new house, flew daily in the early bright, then back home to paint and putty. Sandwiched in here somewhere were visits to the Doctor for tests, as a balky gallbladder decided to get in the act at this busy time. As a result, MIRZA took her Oral and Check Ride on Saturday, took her flight test and got her Commercial on Sunday, went back to the Doctor's office on Monday, and on Tuesday night went to the Hospital for the operation. Whew!

CAROL EWING and MARY MARTIN addressed a group of University of Arizona students, talking to them on the subjects of flying and the Bob Schmidt Scholarship award. Tucson 99s give this scholarship in memory of BOB every year, with part of the proceeds of Penny-A-Pound. We ask that the girl contestant write a letter to the Tucson Chapter, setting forth the reasons why she deserves the award, which consists of ground school and/or flying time.

Says, MAGGIE SCHOCK, of her pet chicken who is learning to fly, "It's take-offs are great, but it's landings are a little rough." Mother hen DOROTHY JENKINS, took CHUCK JENKINS up for a Cherokee D. ride before letting him leave the nest for Vietnam, during his recent terminal leave at home.

Receiving a lot of praise for the ease with which she flew the recent International Air Race was PAT NOLEN. Her co-pilot SHIRLEY MARSHALL was very enthusiastic about PAT'S performance, the race, the people, and the other participants.

To give our new officers time to properly prepare for our annual Penny-A-Pound in October, our election date has been changed to May. The results: Chairman, SHIRLEY MARSHALL; Vice-Chairman, VIRGINIA EDWARDS; Secretary, BARBARA WELSH; Treasurer, MIRZA CLARK; and Member-At-Large BYRD GRANGER.

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UTAH CHAPTER

Gini Streeter, Reporter

After months of dreary, cold weather, Spring is here and flying activities are gaining momentum.

Off to Bakersfield for the Southwest Sectional were JANE ANDREASON, ALBERTA NICHOLSON, NANCY RAULING and TERRY WOJCIK. The girls report that the whole weekend was so well organized and ran so smoothly. The tour through Pioneer Village and the Basque dinner and dances were excellent. Our hats off to the Bakersfield Chapter for a job well done!

The trek to Lake Powell has started and those flying down for weekends to enjoy the sun and water are LOUISE ANDERSON and 49½'er, MARGE MACKAY and family, and NANCY REULING and family.

The May 9th Chapter meeting was a trip to Hill Field Air Force Base. MAUREEN RICHARDS and WAYNE SIMPSON of Ogden made all the arrangements for the trip through the tower, radar and weather facilities. Ogden was well represented by MAUREEN RICHARDS, JOAN WILLIAMS, DONNA ODEKIRK, BARBARA DUNKLEY, plus the following guests: WAYNE SIMPSON, CHARLES KREBER, HARRIET BRIN, LINDA FARR, JOAN MAHAS and JANE PATTERSON. ELOISE WILCOX came from Clearfield and driving from Salt Lake were JANE ANDREASON, BARBARA BARLOW, LYLE BECKSTRAND, LILA FIELDEN, CARYL KNOWLTON, NANCY REULING, ANN VAUGHN and TERRY WOJCIK.

A last minute telephone call has JOAN WILLIAMS and 49½'er from Ogden flying to Las Vegas for a long weekend. Their plane has been laid up for major repairs and they are glad to have it flyable again.

BAREARA BARLOW, who has accomplished so much in so short a time, has been hired by JELCO, a local construction firm, and is flying co-pilot on their 421, 411 and 402. Keep up the good work, BARBARA.

KAY BEER has also been hired by Jelco as a dispatcher and is getting flying time as co-pilot. KAY has just returned from several weeks in Europe with her parents and we are looking forward to hearing about her trip at our next meeting.

Until next month, happy flying.

Australian Section

Olga Tarling, Reporter

May I be forgiven for beginning this letter with some very exciting news partly about myself. BERYL YOUNG and I are still floating on "Cloud Nine" after winning an Australia-wide women's air race, the prize being the honor to represent Australia and the Australian Women Pilots' Association in the 1968 Powder Puff Derby in the U.S.A. If we can solve a few small problems with reference to obtaining financial assistance for fuel and accommodation while in the States, we will be heading east for Los Angeles on June 18th. BERYL and I were the Queensland representatives who flew to Melbourne, Victoria with four other State teams on April 28th to compete in this air race, which was run under similar rules as the Powder Puff Derby. As the day of the race dawned with heavy rain and low clouds over most of the State, all competitors sat mournfully in the Aero Club for most of the day bemoaning the unfaithfulness of the weather. Fortunately it cleared sufficiently the next day to allow a shorter race to be conducted. ROSEMARY ARNOLD and JUDY LORDING, the New South Wales team came second in the event, being defeated by only one minute! Now BERYL and I are busily making arrangements for our departure in approximately six weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Victorian girls for their wonderful hospitality to all competitors in this exciting event.

PEG KELMAN has just returned from a flying visit to New Zealand for her son's wedding. She spent three weeks over there and had some glorious trips in a C185 around the snow covered Southren Alps and even landed on the Tasman Glacier—a very exciting but frightening experience. Another flight was made over the active volcanic White Island in the Bay of Plenty, North Island. She was sorry she was unable to make contact with any of our New Zealand members — RHONA FRASHER where were you—on holidays, maybe!

Another exciting event for 1968 was a race around Australia last week be-



Members at the Adelaide Annual General Meeting in March were left to right, front row: ROSEMARY ARNOLD, N.S.W.; JUDY LORING, Qld.; ESTHER MATHER, Vic.; ELAINE MILLWARD, S. A.; and NANCY LEEBOLD, N.S.W. Back row: ROSEMARY DE PIERRES, W. A.; MARIE RICHARDSON, N.S.W.; OLGA TARLING (Governor), Qld.; FREDa THOMPSON, Vic.; and TIM-MIE TIVER, S. A.

tween two of our women pilots, ANNE CARTER and MARGARET KENTLEY, in a C182 (the aircraft ANNE flew in the 1967 P.P.D.) and top car drivers, JACK MURRAY and EVAN GREEN in a Morris 1100. The girls were confined to flying VFR in daylight hours while the car was allowed to drive non-stop. I greeted the girls when they flew through Brisbane enroute to Melbourne, the finish line, and they were enjoying the race immensely. We are very happy to announce, that even though there were a few weather problems, the girls were victorious in this most unusual event. There seems to be quite a stir amongst the Australian women pilots this year.

Another highlight for 1968 will be a flight from England to Australia in October by our famous woman pilot of past years, FREDa THOMPSON with RUTH HODGES as co-pilot. FREDa often teams with ESTHER MATHER and they are known widely in aviation circles as the "Veteran Pair". FREDa and RUTH are planning to ferry a Beagle on this flight and both are in solid training with Instrument and Twin-engine Ratings to obtain. RUTH tells me in her spare time she just sleeps!

MARIE RICHARDSON and MARGARET KENTLEY of N.S.W. made a flying tour to Narribri, Lightning Ridge (another of our opal fields) and Walgett, during the Easter holidays. MARIE also arranged for another Fly-In to Narribri last weekend to see the

Wee Waa Cotton Industry—believe about fourteen women pilots were to attend. Next Fly-In will be to Coffs Harbour over the June holiday weekend.

Another N.S.W.'s member at present "On Walkabout" is ANNETTE MURPHY who is visiting Queensland with her husband and daughter Lisa. They hope to make a flying tour of the North while here.

Recently received another letter from CHRISTINE HENDERSON of South Australia who is STILL in the States since the 1967 Powder Puff Derby. She is very keen for us to have a Derby here in Australia in a few years time. Well CHRISTINE, you will be pleased to hear that we are considering this idea—a flight from Brisbane, Queensland to Perth, Western Australia for example would just about cover the same distance as the American Race—we are only sorry we will not be able to provide all those Omnsi that are so bountiful in the States girls! Still it could be lots of fun, so out with your charts everyone and brush up on your Dead Reckoning navigation.

As a closing note, I wish to advise any members who attended the Adelaide Annual General Meeting, that the group photograph which will be printed with this issue, is available from me at forty cents per color copy.

Happy Flying to all from the 99's Down Under.



Janet Ferguson, Reporter

We're glad to see, or at least hear from, Ninety-Nines from the U.S. when they're in London and two busy girls have phoned us recently. LOUISE SACCHI was here briefly once again, this time delivering a Beech twin to the British distributor, and she spoke to ELIZABETH OVERBURY and me on the phone before emplaning for New York. JAN DIETRICH has been flying a Jetstar in and out of London Airport to the Continent and has phoned ELIZABETH and my home although I have missed speaking to her myself so far. We look forward to seeing something of PAT Wilson when she visits London later this month.

ELIZABETH OVERBURY has been stacking in the hours with Autair International on the EAC One Eleven—81 hours last month, with 11 different airports visited in 7 different countries. Quite a bit of variety for an airline job and made possible by Autair's inclusive-tour flights in addition to its normal scheduled traffic.

SHEILA SCOTT was guest of honor at the Isle of Man International Air Rally recently. She flew over and raced in "Myth Too", her world-famous Piper Comanche, and presented the prizes at the awards banquet. (I received one from her as I was lucky enough to take second place in the Manx Air Derby much to my surprise!) Apart from this, SHEILA has been as busy as ever, opening air displays, giving lectures, radio and TV interviews etc. etc.

SUE PHILLIPS' 49½er PETER has left the London School of Flying and is back at Goodwood, the ex-motor racing circuit turned airfield, where he is running a new flying school.

Our other airline girls, YVONNE POPE and Gillian Cazalet, are well in the throes of their busy season now — YVONNE flying DC3s, de Havilland Doves and Herons, and GILLIAN on Hawker Siddeley 784s with an occasional DC3 trip thrown in for good measure.

June, 1968



Executive of the new Alberta Chapter. Back row left to right: LUCILLE HALEY, Vice-Chairman; JEAN BLENKINSOP, Scrapbook; GINA JORDAN, Publicity; ROSELLA BJORNSON, Flying Activities; MARGARET ROSS, Treasurer; MORAG MacKINNON, Secretary. Front row, left to right: ELEANOR BAILEY, Chairman; DOREEN WRIGHT, Membership; MARILYN ZAHAR, Newsletter Reporter. (Photo by Kee, Calgary, Alberta).



ALBERTA CHAPTER

Eleanor Bailey, Reporter

The April meeting of the Alberta Chapter of Ninety-Nines was held in conjunction with the Western Canadian Sectional Meeting was well attended. The Sectional Meeting and the banquet were a great opportunity to meet 99's from other parts of Canada, as well as from the United States. With three of our Sectional Officers in attendance, we had an opportunity to find out more of the organization and workings of the 99's.

For the Alberta Chapter meeting we had 12 members, 4 other 99's and 6 guests; 26 attended the Sectional Meet-

ing; 35 attended the luncheon and at the wind up banquet 75 were present.

At the Chapter meeting we discussed looking into fund-raising air races or fun events such as the Poker Run held by the 1st Canadian Chapter; the possibilities of an air marking fly-in to Ponoka in June; site for the Fall Sectional Meeting; Canadian Hospitality and Travel Fund; clarification of membership requirements, and ways to get new members.

We are grateful to our Canadian Gov., EDITH DENNY; Vice-Governor, RUBY McDONALD; and Secretary, JEAN MACDONALD for attending our meetings. Also in attendance were: 7 members of the Western Manitoba Chapter, 3 members of the Montana Chapter, and 1 member of the Far West (Washington) Chapter.

Our greatest thanks to the Alberta Provincial Government who sponsored our banquet. Other contributions to a successful meeting were made by; Alberta Tourist and Convention Bureau—name tags, Ascot Agencies—coffee break, Stampede Board—films, projector and operator, Trans Aircraft—films, Chinook Flying Service—courtesy bus, CHARLIE KEE—photographs, and Governor EDITH DENNY for the Cocktails before the banquet.

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Chapters received their charters from EDITH DENNY after the banquet to wind up a lovely event.

Ten members and two guests attended our May meeting. The June meeting will be an air marking fly-in to Ponoka to mark the new hard surface runway. This will be our first undertaking of this sort, so we will have a lot to learn.

Brief news of members: LINDA KOHLRUSS has been flying, and is checked out again; MARILYN ZAHAR is gliding; JEAN BLENKINSOP has just received her Instructor's rating; ROSELLA BJORNSON is finished at the University for this term and is busy with Air Rangers; GINA JORDAN and JEAN ELENKINSOP are entered in the Powder Puff Derby.

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER **Shirley Macdougall, Reporter**

Our April meeting was a tour of De Havilland Aircraft of Canada plant at Downsview. Before the tour, we were briefed on background information with slides and excellent films outlining the growth and development of the aircraft and finally showing the characteristics of the aircraft. Following a plant tour, we all enjoyed a flight in a Twin Otter when Test Pilot WILLIAM WHILHEMAR demonstrated the STOL characteristics.

Although IRMA SELIG of Montreal didn't make it to Downsview for the Twin Otter flight, she did have a thirty-minute orientation flight on the T39 Jet Transport in Boston recently. IRMA comments "It was quite an experience climbing and descending at four thousand feet a minute. It certainly made traveling in CF-NYD seem a trifle slow." IRMA was attending the New England Section Spring Meeting and met some of the Ninety-Nines who had been in Montreal for the IAR.

At a recent banquet JEAN ROSS HOWARD, Washington, D. C. presented our Chairman SYBL DUNN with an autographed copy of the TRW "Women with Wings" calendar painted by CHARLES H. HUBBELL for our First Canadian Chapter. This is a fascinating picture-story of some of the most famous women pilots and we are honored to own this copy.

Governor EDITH DENNY reports an extremely successful Western Section Meeting in Calgary, Alberta. Members and prospective members attended



Canadian Governor, EDITH DENNY, (left) presenting the charter to the Chairman of the new Western Manitoba Chapter, KATHLEEN SYKES, at the recent Western Canadian Sectional meeting in Calgary, Alberta. Other Western Manitoba Chapter members look on. (Photo by Kee, Calgary, Alberta).



The 1st Canadian Chapter seen during their air marking session at Guelph Air Park, Guelph, Ontario. Left to right: SYBL DUNN, BARBARA BROTHERTON, ESME WILLIAMS, SHIRLEY MacDOUGAL, KIM MARTIN, HILDA DEVEREAUX, HELEN BARTER, and PAT CLARK.

from Alberta, Western Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario.

In the evening, MR. LUDWIG, representing the Alberta Government welcomed 75 members and friends to a banquet given by the Government. The Governor presented charters to Chairman ELEANOR BAILEY for the Alberta Chapter and to Chairman KAY SYKES for the Western Manitoba Chapter.

ELEANOR BAILEY presented Edith and Wally Denny with a pair of engraved liquor cups.

During the evening WALLY DENNY spoke on behalf of the 49½ers and observed that "if we unite and work hard we may one day get to be 50s."

We are looking forward to meeting a number of our Western members at the Annual Section Meeting in Toronto on October 19th.

The following was overheard at Guelph Airport on May 6th.

Pilot to ground: "What are those kids doing on the runway?"

Ground: "They aren't kids, they are ladies painting."

Pilot: "Oh! Who is supervising them?" It seems that is how our first air marking appeared from the air. On the ground it was very successful and "Guelph Air Park" is there in big yellow letters for everyone to see. Eleven members showed up, paint brush in hand, and eagerly went to work. Chairman of Air Marking, SHIRLEY ALLEN flew in early even though she and her daughters had just returned from Nassau late the night before. BARBARA BROTHERTON, ESME WILLIAMS and HELEN BARTER managed the templates and had the letters outlined quickly. By 2 p.m. the lettering was finished and then we went on to repaint the runway numbers. If any group is interested in borrowing the templates, please contact SHIRLEY ALLEN in writing.

We are sorry to hear that ALICE GOOCH is in hospital in St. Catharines. Hope you are up and around soon ALICE.

Governor EDITH DENNY and WALLY have just completed an aerobatic course at Phoenix. EDITH feels it is an excellent course for precision flying and safe handling of any aeroplane under unusual circumstances. "One hour a day is plenty, plus another of discussion. It's very strenuous, but we intend to take a refresher course every year," says EDITH. Congratulations, it sounds terrific!



Governor YVONNE VAN DEN DOOL receiving the Trophy for the S. A. Women's Altitude Record from MR. ALBERT KELLER.

SOUTH AFRICAN SECTION

Yvonne van den Dool, Reporter

Sorry, but this isn't news, it's history. Don't know what happened to our communication system the last few months. We will start with ancient history. Firstly, a LONG time ago I set up an altitude record for women in South Africa—23,200 feet in Cherokee 180. Since then I have been waiting for another 99 to break this record. How long must one wait? Anyway, MR. ALBERT KELLER, who has been active in aviation for many years, very kindly donated a trophy for the record holder. As much as I appreciate this trophy, I do wish someone would take it away from me—legally. It should not be very hard, and competition can be such fun!

AURIEL MILLER, a pharmacist, is working on the Natal South Coast. AURIEL holds most of the trophies for private pilots, and is our only female



AURIEL MILLER of Durban, with some of the trophies she has won in Private Pilot's Competitions.

member of the Goldfish Club.

BARRY GORDON and INGRID ADOLPHS both won prizes at a competition at Grand Central Flying Club recently for best precautionary landings.

In the Transvaal Private Pilots Championships held at Grand Central, finalists included three 99s, among many men—RAY JANKS took 5th place flying her own Cherokee Six, MYRTLE BROOKS came 6th, and MURIEL GARROW who could not at-

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tend on the day of the final judging. MYRTLE BROOKS has now obtained her night rating and safety pilot rating.

RAY JANKS spent an afternoon addressing the Women's Aviation Association, the subject being the Powder Puff Derby, RAY having flown this race as co-pilot last year.

Congratulations to ANN WHITE who is now a qualified Commercial pilot and Instructor. In spite of running a pharmaceutical firm which takes up a lot of her time, ANN managed to obtain her Commercial and Instructor's rating in record time. She instructs over weekends at Virginia Airport, Durban, where husband PETER is full-time instructor. We now have three Commercial pilots in the South African 99s and rumour has it that a fourth is due any day now. A wonderful improvement only two years ago, when there was only one!

Yours truly spent a night with ANN WHITE in Durban. ANN received her silver Grand Central Wings. AURIEL MILLER spent the evening with us talking flying, of course.

Another Durban pilot, MARIE GODWIN, is welcomed to the ranks of the 99s. MARIE works in the offices of Commercial Air Services at Virginia Airport. Her daughter, MARYNA GODWIN is the well-known tennis player who has just spent some time on American tennis courts. MARIE came third in the W.A.A. competitions when AURIEL came first and ANN WHITE second.



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER Mary W. Neil, Reporter

The Connecticut Reporter was gone again during this month, so she's catching up on the news from everyone. Our trip to Japan was marvelous. We tried to contact our two 99's over there, but without an interpreter it was impossible to explain what we wanted to the operator. Next time for sure.

The Eastern Chapter hostessed the New England Sectional with a delightful and interesting tour of Hanscom Field. Our Chairman, CYNTHIA KEMPER, and Secretary, RUTH BUCKLEY were there. So were PEG DAVIDSON, JERRY GARDINER and NINA HET-

MAN. The meeting voted to accept the invitation to have the 1970 National Convention somewhere in the New England Section. We are already busy planning.

The Fall Sectional is to be in Hartford, and we hope we can be as gracious hostesses as the Eastern girls.

Haven't been able to reach our two winners—TRINA JARISH and LORRAINE JENCIK—who came in Third in the IAR Angel Derby. We have a thousand questions to ask.

Our regular monthly meeting was held in Lakeville, Conn., at NANCY TIER's home. NANCY gave a session in map-making which a lot of us can use just to draw a map to help others find our own houses. NANCY showed some old movies of Graf Zeppelin, the Lindbergh flight, etc., and when she got out the scrapbook, she and TEDDY KENYON began talking old times, and well, it was thoroughly enjoyed by those present—CYNTHIA KEMPER, PEG DAVIDSON, KAY LITTIN, MARY HORTON, BOBBI HERBERT, and new members, LYNN WILEY and BETTY MICEWICZ. Several comments of the magnificent view from NANCY TIER'S living room were heard while she served dessert. I'm sure, guest BETTY YOUNG, who flies out of Bridgeport was favorably impressed. Many thanks to NANCY for opening her lovely home to our meeting, and for serving such a delicious dessert. She and TEDDY KENYON, two of our Charter 99's are pretty special members.

Our next meeting will be June 4 at Danbury, and will be strictly a business meeting for the purpose of electing officers, and listening to a presentation of the Rules and By-laws that have been in the process of developing for almost a year—nothing restrictive we hope, but only guidelines for clearer and better organization.

TEDDY KENYON has offered her boat for a picnic in July or Aug. Sounds most exciting and I'm ready!

With the return of nice weather, we hope to have more ratings to report next time.

We can stand to send out a lot more tiles before 1970. If you do not have a gift you traditionally give for new members, how about a ceramic tile, 99 Compass Rose emblem, blue on white background, 6"X6". May be hung as decoration or used under hot plate \$2.50 ppd. Contact EVELYN MURCH, 144 Little Meadow Road, Guilford, Conn. 06437.

EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

Virginia Bonesteel, Reporter

Congratulations to CORA CLARK who has just received her Instrument Rating.

Two of our members recently took interesting flying trips. ISABEL BLODGETT flew her Bonanza and grandchildren to Gallup, New Mexico to visit Navaho country. BILLIE DOWNING with her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er and father-in-law, traveled southward and westward in a Cessna 172 on a month long flying trip. Highlights included watching the launch of Apollo 6, a Sunday excursion to the Bahamas topped off by a night flight over Miami Beach planned especially so that they could enjoy the panorama of the city's lights, and a side trip to the 99 Headquarters in Oklahoma City. BILLIE reports, incidentally, that they are already outgrowing their new office! The DOWNINGS spent eight days in San Antonio with BILLIE'S family while they took in the HemisFair. They also got together with the BUGGS (PAM is now a member of the Oklahoma Chapter) and attended a fascinating FFA seminar on flying safety and drugs. Both Billie and Isabel reported that the flying weather couldn't have been nicer.

May 11th found many of our members at North Adams Airport for a thoroughly pleasant Chapter meeting. The flying weather was nice (although a little choppy at the lower altitudes) and about seven planes flew in. CHRIS SEAVER was planning to take her first flight in ISABEL BLODGETT'S Bonanza, but she was blessed with another grandchild and couldn't be with us. BETTY CRAMER, who worked hard to set up our day, met us in a little motorized cart that whisked us to the terminal and a luxurious meeting room overlooking the runway. After the business meeting and luncheon at a nearby restaurant, we returned to the airport where we met MR. JOHN EARTOLI, Squadron Commander of the CAP based at North Adams. He showed us their new facility which was due to be dedicated in eight days at a ceremony with GOVERNOR VOLPE present. The dream of a building just for their activities began 14 years ago. Very hard work and generous donations of everything from floor tiles to concrete blocks to ceiling lights have made it a reality. MR. BARTOLI then filled us in on how the Civil Air Patrol works, what some of their prob-

lems are and some of the missions they have flown. As private pilots we were vitally interested in the search and rescue work that they do and we were most impressed with their dedication. MR. BARTOLI also explained how private pilots can lend their services in a search and what different techniques are used over various terrain.

Our chapter is very busy planning fund raising projects and we are especially looking forward to our first "2 pennies a polund." NORMA WILCOX, of the San Gabriel Chapter, has been especially helpful and is sharing her previous experience as well as her time and energies. We are also planning a bake sale to coincide with the Hanscom Field Open House on June 15th.

Our next meeting will be in conjunction with an Experimental Aircraft Association Air Fair at Johnnycake Airport, Connecticut on June 8th. Those pilots who flew last year's AWNEAR should remember that airport well!



GARDEN STATE CHAPTER Mary Rose Myers, Reporter

Hi . . . glad to get together with all of you for some more Ninety-Nine chatter patter. But gosh . . . I'm afraid there won't be too much news from our Garden State Chapter. Haven't been in contact with too many of the members. Girls, meeting time is news gathering time and if you don't show up for the meetings, I can't write about you and your flying activities.

Was sorry to hear that JUDY MELTSNER was involved in an auto accident. Someone ran a stop sign and rammed into JUDY. JUDY did suffer a concussion but is fine right now.

MARGE BRYANT and 49½er are now the operators of Penn Ridge (Penna.) Airport. MARGE has been quite busy ferrying airplanes for their new operation. Lots of luck to the BRYANTS on their new venture.

FLO WALSH'S son, RICK solo-ed on his sixteenth birthday. Must say . . . the Garden State Chapter's "Flying Families" are growing in numbers.

JUDY MELTSNER and GAY MAHER were the Garden State Chapter entrants in the Angel Derby. Sorry, I did not have their standing at this



JULIE VOM SAAL, Greater N. Y. Chapter, greets guests visiting the 99 booth at the Teterboro Air Show held May 3-4. JULIE was one of several NY-NJ Section members who registered thousands of visitors to Air Show. The 99s were asked to handle registration in exchange for exhibit space. They did such an efficient job that they have been invited back for next year's show.

penning . . . NIKKI, CANDY and MYKL MAHER and SUSAN MELTSNER were on hand to wish their Moms a speedy and safe race. And you know GIL MELTSNER was present to wave a fond farewell to JUDY and GAY . . . FLO WALSH, MARY ROSE MYERS and BAREARA CUBBISON were the fly-ins to attend the take-off party and the drive-ins were JERRY ROBERTS, VIRGINIA HAMMOND and her 49½er.

BEE HAYDU is working very diligently preparing for the Garden State Chapter's first Penny-a-Pound that is slated for May 18th and will be held at the Morristown Airport. BEE is the Chairman for this project.

Our April meeting was held in the Terrace Room of the Colony Motel. A very interesting and informative talk on "Wake Turbulence" was presented by CLIFF SCHUTZ, an Aero-space Engineer at NAFEC. FLO WALSH flew in with member passengers PAT DARCY

and JANE MARTIN. BEE HAYDU was also a flyin. JERRY ROBERTS again drove in to attend the meeting . . . her 49½er's turn for the family plane that Sunday. Barbara Cubbison and MARY ROSE MYERS were on hand at Bader to meet the fly-ins and drive them to the meeting place.

JERRY ROBERTS, our Air Marking Chairman, is arranging the date to air-mark Smithville Inn. Incidentally . . . the Florida girls did a very nice job of air marking Ormond Beach Airport. Looked very good from my five-five perch as I passed by in a Cherokee last March.

Well that's about all for now so I shall hop along home and wish one and all lot's of happy "Sky-hours" this summer.

GREATER NEW YORK CHAPTER Dee Mosteller, Reporter

"Collision Hysteria" was the topic and DICK COLLINS was the speaker at the May 4th meeting in Princeton, N. J. About 30 girls flew or drove in in to hear the Managing Editor of AIR FACTS magazine discuss public opinion of the "little airplanes" and what we can do to avoid both mid-air collision and bad publicity for General Aviation. Meeting was a success—lunch at the Nassau Inn was fun; and DICK is a terrific speaker, with lots of aviation know-how. A really professional pilot

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with ATR; he even taught HUGH DOWNS to fly.

Another special guest was JACK ELLIOTT, Aviation Editor for the Newark STAR-LEDGER . . . one of those rare newspaper writers who knows something about airplanes, and is sympathetic to "our cause." JACK flew in, sporting brand new Instrument ticket and Arrow, and took some of us less fortunates for a ride later.

DOROTHY TELLER, recent transfer from San Diego, came down from Long Island and brought her Mom with her. DOROTHY has SMEL, Commercial and instrument ratings, and is a high school teacher in Port Washington. Another new member, ANGELA KOVACS from NYC, is also an instructor at Teterboro.

BETTYLOU reported a very successful meeting with NY Wing Scouts. Several members attended and showed "The Stamp of Friendship," along with a film on modern aviation from Champion Spark Plugs. "The Sky Is Yours" is available for loan from Champion, and is a good addition to a program.

Chairmen for the 1969 Convention in NY were named: Hospitality & Registration, Judy MELTSNER; Banquet, KAY HILBRANDT; Treasurer, SELMA CRONAN; Program and Entertainment, BETTYLOU SCANDLING; Publicity, DEE MOSTELLER; Favors, RUTH DOBRESKU; Decorating and Art, MARION LOPEZ; A. E. Scholarship, Luncheon, HONEY KATE TRATTLER; Ways and Means, ELLIE MCCULLOUGH. General Chairman is DORIS RENNINGER, and JULIE VOM SAAL is Co-Chairman.

The same weekend NY 99s, assisted by Long Island gals, hosted a booth at the Teterboro Air Show; KAY KILBRANDT reported a good turnout of both workers and sightseers.

The following Saturday, our members met with the Long Island Chapter at McArthur Airport to plan a Fall Penny-a-Pound; and another joint Penny-A-Pound was to be held just after this report was to be mailed. (Garden State and Greater NY pooled resources May 18th at Morristown.)

GOOD TRIPS: DORIS STOLL said the Bahamas are great this time of the year . . . 14-year-old MARGOT STOLL did an admirable job of left seat flying in their Cherokee SIX through unexpected thunder showers over the Caribbean. JULIE and her doctor 49½er, FRED (who was at the meeting), also reported a great time in St. Croix.



Air Facts Editor, DICK COLLINS was guest speaker at the Greater NY fly-in meeting in Princeton. Chairman BETTYLOU SCANDLING, left, and member SALLY BUEGELEISEN, from Flying Magazine, joined DICK at the speakers' table. (Photo by JACK ELLIOTT, Newark Star-Ledger.)

PAT WILSON was busy planning a May vacation with hubby FRED—in England.

CHARLOTTE MCCOLLUM belatedly described a three-weeker via Comanche to the Virgin Islands and the Bahamas a few months back. She and JIM ran into BARBARA BROTHERTON and hubby, also in a single engine Comanche 260, and the two families had some spectacular formation flight around the islands.

MADELYN EYLES was also planning . . . her first long cross-country. MADELYN was to leave May 15th in a Cherokee 180 to take husband IRVING, to Louisville, New Orleans, and on to Phoenix and Las Vegas for a little business . . . and a lot of pleasure! MADELYN had just witnessed an auto accident while flying over a New York Parkway; called in and reported it, and circled the scene until a State Trooper appeared.

No new ratings in the chapter, but CHARLOTTE reported that her 17-year-old son, BRUCE, passed his Private check ride on his 17th birthday, and JIM got his Multi rating about the same time. We're sure CHARLOTTE deserves much credit for helping her men along.

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Helen Moxim, Reporter

We need no further certification of THELMA BAKER'S love of flying—she had her home built adjacent to the East West Runway at Zahn's Airfield where her Cessna 140A is tied down within shouting distance.

THELMA'S flying instructions started in 1954 at Zahn's in a Piper J-3, continued in a Cessna 140 plus a checkout in a PA-18, and her flying hours now number close to 600. Our 99 meetings find her busy fulfilling her duties as secretary to the L. I. Chapter.

THELMA has been an active member of the Civil Air Patrol since 1954 (when she bought her first Cessna 140), and now holds the rank of Major. She is also Fiscal Officer of the L.I. Group. She has participated in several searches for lost aircraft, and in the much publicized Nov. 1966 Metro Air Support exercise held in N.Y.C. Flying her plane in to Naval Air Station New York, THELMA and other C.A.P. members boarded Helio-Courier STOL's that landed on 1,000 ft. long Piers in Manhattan to show that it could successfully be done in an emergency.

A few years back, THELMA was part of the group who pioneered the

procedures for detection of radio-active fallout for N. Y. State Civil Defence. While THELMA piloted her plane at low levels in the area over Brookhaven National Laboratories, an observer took 30 second readings from a geiger counter, thus establishing aerial monitoring techniques to be followed.

In 1963, she purchased a newer Cessna 140A Model, beautifully equipped. THELMA belongs to the Potter Rifle and Revolver Club and is, I hear tell, a good marksman when it come to Target Practice with a hand gun.

Besides studying for a degree at night, she completed a course at Farmingdale Inst. in Advanced Ground School with a Comm. Rating in mind. The fact that she works full time as an accountant for Potter Inst. does not lessen her desire to enter into a race, and she's timing this year's vacation to coincide with the AWNEAR.

THELMA, may your dreams to race materialize—after all—there's a married son and daughter and 6 grandchildren waiting to cheer you on!

Terrific News Dept.: DONNA FLAUM is kicking her heels over a new Commercial Rating! On Instrument Ground Inst. Rating joins HONEY KATE TRATTLER's long list of achievement. NINA CLAREMONT is struttingly proud of 49½'er, HUGH, who soloed at Bader Field, N.J. (IT IS that new Arrow!)

Our meeting for the month of May was held at L.I. McArthur Airport, and luncheon was enjoyed in their Dining Room with its' commanding view of the field. Members from the Greater N. Y. Chapter were in attendance—there are plans afoot to join forces for the coming Penny-A-Pound.

Several L. I. Chapter members, (RUTH DOBRESCH, HONEY KATE TRATTLER, DONNA FLAUM, NINA CLAREMONT, VIVIAN KAHAN, and HELEN MOXIM), participated in the Teterboro Air Show at Teterboro, N. J. on May 4th, manning the 99 booth and registering visitors who attended the various exhibits. This was our first invitation to help with registration, and in turn we were given a booth for the 99s. We have been invited to participate again in next year's Air Show.

GUS ANDERSEN is taking a sabbatical leave in order to get some more IFR time in, and IRENE BRUNKS is reaching for a Comm. Rating.

IRENE HENRY and 49½'er RICHARD, after 3 trips to San Juan are making tentative plans to make a permanent home there after Xmas of



THELMA BAKER, Secretary of the L. I. Chapter, with her Cessna 140.

1968. Will we all have visiting rights?

THELMA BAKER and HELEN MOXIM flew to Flying W, N. J. in THELMA's 140 for the Mid-East Sectional, and enjoyed seeing some old faces, plus meeting new 99s from the Middle East Section. Not surprisedly, no matter what State 99s converge in, talk invariably turns to flying!

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

WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER **Agnes Denler, Reporter**

The March meeting of our chapter was held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Buffalo. We and our faithful 49½'ers were guests at a cocktail party given by MR. WALTERS of the Aeronautical Training Studio. After inspecting the modern and impressive ground school teaching facilities, we adjourned to a very pleasant dinner at the hotel.

NARLETTA KAULL had just returned from a trip to Spain, Portugal, Morocco, and Mallorca. She found the 99s quite well known in Spain. Make you want to plan a little "cross country"?

The April meeting was a combined dinner and business meeting at the Clinton-Aire Hotel. We were delighted for the opportunity to see the AMELIA EARHART film "Stamp of Friendship". We are most grateful for the efforts of Governor KAY HILBRANDT, and the Central Pennsylvania Chapter for making it possible for us to have the film. Also, our thanks to ED PIRRUNG for showing it for us.

TERRI PIRRUNG, by the way, added to her impressive flying accomplishments by obtaining her Flight In-

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structors rating. We are so proud of her!

Congratulations to ARLENE BRAY on her Commercial rating!

NAOMI Meeker spent Easter vacation with her family in Oklahoma City. Brother-in-law TOM and son JIM flew with NAOMI to College City Station, Texas, to show JIM the campus of Texas A & M. JIM, a student pilot, handled the controls of the Mooney Mark 21 on the way down, NAOMI got her turn on the way back. That's true mother love, when you sit in the back seat and share the flying. How we pilots hate to sit in the back seat—right?

The May meeting was a working meeting at AGNES DENLER'S home, to make preparations for the Section Meeting to be held in Hammondsport, N. Y. on June 8. We are looking forward to seeing all of the New York-New Jersey girls there. Until then—fly like angels.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Kate Macario, Reporter

April 20th was our Middle East Spring Sectional held at the Flying "W" Ranch Airport and fairly well represented by members from the five chapters. The meeting was held in the morning (Quite a few had arrived the night before and stayed on the field at the very attractive Ponderosa Lodge.) and followed by lunch in the Airport Restaurant. We had the unexpected pleasure of MAX CONRAD dining with us and telling an enthralled audience of his forthcoming trip over the North and South Poles in an aztec. MAX came through the kind invitation of HAZEL DWIGGINS of the WASHINGTON, D. C. Chapter. We were also delighted to have our Int. Treasurer, DORIS RENNINGER, and the N.Y.-N.J. Governor, KAY HILBRANDT join us for this Sectional. After lunch most of us boarded the chartered bus which took us on the short ride to the USAF Aerospace Defense Center in Moorestown, N.J. A tour of this "Golf Ball", as it is commonly called, was fascinating, as agreed by many of the husbands who accompanied us on the tour. This 15 story-high spherical dome houses a sensitive radar antenna which can

track any object in space while computers record them. There have been more than 3000 objects located since this facility tracked its first satellite in Feb. 1961. BARBARA FARQUHARSON was responsible for the whole day ('cept the VFR weather we were so fortunate to have) and deserves much credit for setting it all up; also JIM FARQUHARSON who is always there pitchin' in when needed. BARBARA was ably assisted with the registration by: HELEN PRICE, ELAINE MCGARRY MERLE CHALOW, and ELYSE CHAPMAN. Others present were, GOV. KATE MACARIO (Arriving the night before, just to be sure, this time!). MARIE D'Alterio (and TONY), ANNA SPIVEY (and Jim), SALLY HULL (and DICK), and BEVERLY HOWETT from Wilmington, Del., our newest addition to the Chapter.

Six members from the Philadelphia area flew in the International Air Race. CONNIE WOLF accompanied MRS. ANDREW BLACK of Denver in her Debonair again this year. ELSIE MCBRIDE flew with MARGARET CALLAWAY (formerly of our Chapter) in the Mooney and immediately following the Race, MARGARET flew home to California and ELSIE joined NANCY DIAMOND and LIBBY DUVAL in their return flight to Phila., in NANCY's Bonanza. ANNE SHIELDS and HELEN ZUBROW flew HELEN'S Cessna 172 in the IAR when the Cherokee they had been promised wasn't available; 'twas probably just as well for when ANNE became terrible sick with an intestinal virus and the two dropped out of the Race at Tampico, they had no sponsor responsibility to worry them. ANNE and HELEN later rejoined the girls at Panama City. All the contestants I've talked to agreed their experiences in Central America were both interesting and exciting, despite the few difficulties they encountered.

If anyone has a copy of The New York Times, Sunday Edition, April 21, 1968, read the excellent article (page 82) written about LOUISE SACCHI, entitled "Private Flying: She Hops Oceans" by RICHARD HAITCH. At the time of her interview, LOUISE was preparing for her 87th solo flight across the Atlantic (She has flown the Pacific 7 times) delivering a Debonair to a dealer in Bremen, Germany. About 70 percent of her hops are in single-engine craft and on instruments! She was asked if it is

fatiguing to fly oceans with as little as 285 HP to pull her across. LOUISE answered "I am, of course tired after 12 or 14 hours, but I am in the business because I want to be in it; I enjoy the flying." Sorry there isn't room for the complete article here. . . .

Tomorrow is our Fly-In to Elmira N.Y., if the weather cooperates, for a tour of the Glider factory, lunch, and Glider rides. Here's hoping!

MARYLAND CHAPTER

Lenora Eaton, Reporter

Hallelujah! We finished our first air marking date. Nothing to it—when it isn't raining. Anyhow, most of us (eight in all) enjoyed it and learned a lot. The Chairman wishes to thank all. The owners of Aqua-Land Skypark treated us royally and also invited us to a lunch on the day of their annual air show, June 16. It's nice to have our efforts appreciated.

Those who went to the Sectional at Flying W were LOIS BATY and son DAVID, BETTY BOHN, COTHERINE and TOM GROVER and son JOHN, and ELEANOR STARKEY. From all reports, they had a nice day, the youngsters especially enjoyed the tour of the USAF Space Tracking Station.

DORIS JACOBSON is pleased with the door prize she won at the Weide Flying Club's annual banquet—the book "The Last Hero: Charles A. Lindberg." GERRY STORM spent a week in Florida. CATHERINE GROVER seems to be trying out all the nearby airports—both ends, including downwind landings.

Leah Stinchcomb is flying all over her bedroom, via books, recuperating from a recent operation. We are really glad she is doing so well and expect to see her airborne within a couple of weeks. It's rough being tied down, especially when the Navioneers are celebrating nearby. Right, LEAH?

There's lots of flying on the May calendar and we'll report on that next time.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Ruth Freckleton, Reporter

The first good news we heard is that BEA WILDER, intrepid Private pilot, and MARY ANN JESSUP, spent three days with the Virginia Aviation Commission's sponsored upgrading pilots' course. Every minute was absorbed and they both feel marvelous about the

cooperation of the State and FFA, as well as meeting several prospective 99s.

Also, MARY ANN and ELIZABETH ALBRECHT went through the high altitude chamber, thru the courtesy of Andrews Air Force Base and the Soaring Society. They passed with flying colors.

As if that were not enough, MARY ANN, together with LINDA DINSMORE participated in a weather briefing course with environmental science service of the Department of Commerce.

More good news—JEAN ROSS HOWARD and FRANCES NOLDE are co-chairing plans for the AWTAR Terminus next year (i. e. 1969) at Dulles Airport. All our chapters in this Section are cooperating, and we will surely have a fine ending to the race!

We have a new member: CLEO SHERBOW, and a transfer from Albuquerque, PHYLLIS DEITRICH. Welcome!

Lately, we have had the privilege of meeting at the Smithsonian Institution—but due to the poverty march, we quickly changed this one to the JESSUP homestead.

Many of our own celebrities attended, including: NONA QUARLES, FRANCES NOLDE, GLADYS WISE, JOANNE EARRIAGE (FAA VTOL expert), KATHERINE STINSON (Engr.), JACQUE SMITH SCOTT (our bride), MAYETTA BEHRINGER, ADELE COTTON, MITZI KELLER (aerial photographer), JEAN COFFMAN, DOROTHY CRAIG (Senator's office of Montana), HAZEL DWIGGINS, and so many others, among them VIRGINIA THOMPSON.

VELTA BENN and NANCY LYMAN just returned from the AOPA Clinic in Alaska—and what tales of hospitality in the far North:

SPECIAL NOTICE

MARY ANN JESSUP is Chairman of the 50th Anniversary Dinner Aug 12 honoring College Park Airpark, to try to get enough money pledged and subscribed to buy the ground for historical use, as well as present use. The 2500 feet runway is now open and would present an asset for VSTOL purposes. The kick-off started with old air mail pilot J. W. (BILL) HACKBARTH flying in with his plane, donating it to the museum. Make a note now—August 10-11-12 at College Park Airport, Maryland. Costumes of the period are desirable—lend or bring them. We need volunteers to help. Washington and

Maryland are hostessing rides, and ice cream socials during the show. WADA (Washington Air Derby Assn.) is in favor of it. If you have an antique airplane for display, contact us. Come one, come all . . .

RUTH FRECKLETON, Major in the Civil Air Patrol, was Project Manager at the Andrews Air Force Base 25th Anniversary Celebration. Though the weather was bad, 35,000 people saw our exhibit. She also has been named Membership and Publicity Chairman for the FAA Flying Club. For further information about joining, contact her.

Next report will be from Cape Canaveral Missile Center at Cocoa Beach, Florida—from the Aviation-Space Writers' Association Convention—and oh, boy, will that sun ever feel good after a week's rain in Washington.



ALABAMA CHAPTER

Kathleen Vaughn, Reporter

There was no May meeting of the Alabama Chapter 99s because of the Sectional Meeting in Memphis May 17, 18, 19. Indications are that MARTHA TOBEY and the Memphis Chapter are really planning an outstanding weekend.

DICEY MILLER and DOTTIE EPPS flew to Panama City from Huntsville for the Terminus of the Angel Derby and they had a marvelous time. They were especially impressed with the way the Panama City Women's Club had organized the activities. The merchants of Panama City had provided seventeen brand-new cars for the convenience of the Angel Derby participants. Members of the Women's Club were chauffeurs for the participants and spent a lot of time driving the girls from one activity to another. There was a coffee-brunch held Friday morning and of course the Banquet Friday night was the highlight of the day. BOB HOOVER of North American Rockwell Corporation was there in the afternoon to demonstrate his North American P-51. MR. HOOVER flew the P-51



99s are rallying to help "Save College Park Airport", the oldest continuously operating airport in the world. The three pictured not far from the newly graded and oiled runway are: left to right: ELEANOR STARKEY of the Maryland Chapter with her Air Force husband on her right; aeronautical engineer and Program Manager of VTOL and STOL with the FAA, JEAN BARRIAGE of the Washington, D. C. Chapter; KEN LEWIS, President of the National Aerospace Educational Memorial Center; MARYANN JESSUP, Washington, D. C. Chapter; and RON FREEMAN, the airport operator. Not pictured was HAZEL DWIGGINS, a Washington Air Derby Association Board Member, member of the AOPA Staff, and Washington 99.

during the Second World War and now flies at air events as a representative of North American Rockwell Corporation. We haven't heard from the girls who were manning the Mobile stop, but we are sure NANCY BEELAND, JUDY HUCK, JUANITA HALSTEAD and NANCY HALL had things under control.

JEAN LANE, who is an instructor at the Decatur Airport, attended an Instructor's Recertification Clinic held at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, April 22 through April 25. The

Clinic was sponsored by the Oklahoma City FFA, AOPA, and NAFI, and covered all aspects of instruction such as airplane instruments, instrument flying, various maneuvers, weather, and medical aspects of flying. JEAN reports that she thoroughly enjoyed the Clinic and feels that they are very worthwhile.

DICEY MILLER obtained her Multi-Engine Rating on April 13. When asked what she had planned for her next achievement, she said she was going to take it easy for a while. This is understandable since she obtained a Commercial Rating, Instructor Rating, Instrument Rating and Multi-Engine rating within the past two years.

JEAN LANE received a Commercial Glider Rating on May 2. One of her first flights after receiving the rating developed into an emergency. When she was 75 feet off the ground, the tow plane lost power and had to cut her loose. Luckily there was a field in front of her and she was able to make a landing.

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CAROLINAS CHAPTER
Page Shamburger, Reporter

Our April meeting was held in Asheville, North Carolina with Vice-Chairman NANCY WRENN as hostess. This is a flying chapter, and we had 12 members, 2 husbands, and 3 guests on hand. Business, as usual for the last 10 months, centered on our work as a co-hostess with the Georgia Chapter for the Terminus of this year's Powder Puff Derby in Savannah.

On the Terminus, things are looking up with the Desoto-Hilton planning their grand opening in conjunction with the Terminus. The hotel will be finished, except for the top two floors, and the race pilots will be the first official guests!

The program down in Savannah includes a sailing cocktail party for race contestants aboard the ship "Flying Lady", of all coincidences! And, in case you haven't heard, Savannah was chosen as the only city for a national award in the Discover America program. If you're flying in the race, we welcome you in advance, and we repeat, if you're not flying the race, come on down anyway.

Besides Terminus work, the Carolinas voted on nominations for Southeast Section officers, sold some First Day covers, and generally admired LOUISE SMITH'S brand new V Bonanza.

No meeting was scheduled for May with plans, instead, of attending the Southeast Section meeting in Memphis. Last minute report on that, is that the three trying-hard members heading that way got turned back by a mean line of weather including imbedded thunderstorms and possible tornados. Besides BARBARA SCHIEBEL, in her Travel Air, were PAGE SHAMBURGER and NANCY WRENN, the Chapter's Vice-Chairman. We got as far as Asheville before, of necessity, having to chicken out. We're sorry Memphis. Your planned program really sounded great. And we tried, honest.

The reporter enjoyed being with JOAN HRUBEC, CONNIE JONES, and B. STEADMAN May 9-11th in Athens, Ohio. We were judges for the Ninety-Nine sponsored Achievement Award to a lady pilot of the National Intercollegiate Flying Association. You'll read another report of our choice, but take it from all of us, those college gals are doing a great job with flying and



Carolinas Chapter Meeting, Asheville, North Carolina, April 21, 1968. Kneeling front row, left to right: LIZ SIMMONS and SYLVIA ROTH, Columbia. Standing left to right: NANCY WRENN, Swannanoa; BETTY HAMILTON, Charlotte; MARGARET RAGAS, Chairman, Marion; BARBARA RHODES, Andrews; CAROLINE HEMBEL, Saluda; LOUISE SMITH, High Point; SUE OVERTON, Andrews; CAMILLE MARTIN, Winston-Salem; FRANCES MILLER, Columbia; and EMILY KELLEY, Winston-Salem.

with the reasons why they want to fly. We were impressed, and we spread the word of the Ninety-Nines to them, too. Next May, you Ninety-Nines in the St. Louis area really should attend the meet. It's to be at Parks College starting May 8th. You'll be more than welcome, and you'll really get a kick out of it.

FLORIDA SPACE PORT CHAPTER
Dot MacNamara, Reporter

What is it? The Florida Space Port Chapter's Big Week-end! Where is it? Ponte Vedra Club at Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida where ya gotta know someone to get in since it is a private club. It is our own CHARLOTTE CORBIN of Jacksonville who belongs and has invited us. When is it? August 31, September 1 and 2. That is over Labor day week-end so you can have one last fling before the grind of school, business, cold weather, etc. What can be done at Ponte Vedra? Golf, tennis, surf swimming, pool swimming, ping pong, fishing or just about everything you can think of. MARY DIXON will be sending out brochures, explaining the charges, arrival time, etc. If you don't hear the information, ask your Chapter Chairman as she will be the one to get this information. If she doesn't get it, write to MARY DIXON, 3375 Bougainvillea Dr, Winter Park, Florida

32789, or our Chapter Chairman, MARY BLACKWELL. Don't forget, be sure to come!

Our may meeting was held at JUANITA DIESBOURG'S "Oleo Acres." If you haven't figured that one out yet, she has a small ranch, or spread, so it stands for the cheaper "spread." It may be the cheaper spread, but it surely is a lovely place. We got to meet her horses (three), dogs (two) and got to see, but not meet her cats, who were sleeping on the solarium roof.

JO CHRISTMAN and JERI SNYDER flew down from Jacksonville Craig and thought that CHARLOTTE CORBIN and K. RILEY were close behind. Since it was very windy, apparently CHARLOTTE and K thought about the situation and decided not to come. NANCY "TIGER" HECKSEL flew over from Titusville. CY BEERS flew over from Ormond. JANET DAVIS drove over from Leesburg. It was nice to see JANET back after having been absent for several meetings. The rest of us, JUANITA, BOBBI STEEN, MARGARET STANNAH, MARY BLACKWELL, MARY DIXON, MANDA SALISBURY and DOT (your reporter) were local.

Once again we held a discussion on how to get out some of the absentee members. Certainly the reason that you don't come isn't because we don't

have interesting meetings because those of us who do attend enjoy them very much. How about it, you people that don't come? What is the reason? Let us know so that we may correct it! Are you just not interested in being able to say "I am a 99"? and risk the little bit of work that goes with attending meetings? Did I make you mad enough to come to the meetings? I hope so!

Our April meeting was held in Ormond Beach. Have you heard the old expression "if you have time to spare, go by air?" Ask JUANITA about it! BOBBI and I were going to the meeting in JUANITA'S plane because I had brake problems. When we got to the runway, JUANITA was getting a 200 drop on the right mag, so back to the shop we went. Seems it would take between 45 min to 1½ hours to fix, so we sent to 82A got some fluid in the brake and away we went, arriving only ½ hour late. For me that is the usual procedure (I haven't discovered time yet).

On taxiing out from Ormond, what should we see near the windsock but a beautiful horse. JUANITA wanted to take it home with her, but I wouldn't let her since she already has three! As we came close, he acted as if he wanted to follow the plane. Maybe he wanted to go home with JUANITA! We called unicom to ask if they would believe there was a horse on the field? That very quick thinking CY BEERS comes back with "don't panic girls, that is our courtesy car". As we were taking off into the wild blue yonder, someone in a station wagon was trying to entice the "courtesy car" off the runway. We never did find out if they succeeded.

Don't forget the weekend. August 31, September 1 and 2. Or come for just one day if you can't make it for two or three.

GEORGIA CHAPTER

Betty W. McNabb, Reporter

Have you ever mailed anything in a desk drawer and wondered why you never heard from it? This is what happened to my last column. So . . .

Lunch at Callaway Gardens, a tour of the gorgeous spring-decked acres afterwards—that was for April. A good turnout: BETTY JO ALISON and ELLEN CASWELL, Griffin; HOLLY SMITH (and 49½er COLONEL CRAIG

SMITH), BETTY McNABB and CAROL LOWERY of Albany; JOYCE SOX and student guest CAROLYN DUNN and JANICE MASSEE of Atlanta; our newest member ESTHER WRIGHT of Thomasville, and CAROLYN KENNEDY, with 49½er HOWARD, of Parrott, Ga.

We presented CAROLYN K with a silver roll tray as a small appreciation of her fine work as chairman for the past two years. We are proud that she is Flying Activities Chairman of International, too.

BETTY McNABB airlined to Oklahoma City, had a fine time at the Board Meeting, encountered PAT BUGG, now of Oklahoma, who asked after CAROLYN KENNEDY—they had corresponded but never met!

ALICE CAGLE is in and out of Panama City these days, she is flying a Skymaster for a New Orleans doctor, BETTY ran into her.

Ninety-Nines from all over the nation flew in the IAR, BETTY was Chief Judge for that fascinating air race, CAROLYN KENNEDY and BIFF came down to take part in the festivities.

June 1, Valdosta, Ga., FAA, with the assistance of Georgia Ninety-Nines and other flying folk, will hold a briefing on the high density areas around Moody Air Force Base in South Georgia from which over half a million operations emanate yearly, plus Liberty AAF nearby mounting 1300 a day and many a civilian pilot sliding down the smooth straight beam of I-75 for sunny Florida.

This was supposed to have been in the last issue in time for some of you who are nearby to get over here and help us enjoy this briefing and the fun associated with it—but that desk drawer whipped us!

Georgia Ninety-Nines met in Thomasville as the guests of ESTHER WRIGHT (the WRIGHTS manage Thomasville's Holiday Inn)—we had a lovely lunch and went back to the field primed to do spot landings, but with a cross-wind gusting to about 20 knots, we postponed this sort of business and dashed over to the Tif-

ton Air Show to see BEVO HOWARD do his stuff. He doesn't mind crosswinds.

We had "THREE" prospectives (with prospective 49½ers) and a student at this meeting, and as two of the licensed pilots live in Savannah, we really plan to get them working on the AWTAR Terminus!

Yours for fewer desk drawer mail-slots!

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

Mary Stanley, Reporter

Time for us to host the Southeast Sectional and sure enough the weather is plaguing us. With full appreciation of the inconveniences imposed by having to postpone the Fair Lady Follies in Little Rock in April, the Memphis Chapter wishes to thank the Arkansas Chapter for a most enjoyable visit—and we are thoroughly enjoying the trophies we brought home.

CHRIS BROWN and EVELYN PARKER flew to Panama City for the finish of the IAR. CHRIS asked me to be sure to convey their appreciation for the warm reception accorded both contestants and visitors there. EVELYN has just returned from Monrovia, Liberia by the way and was complaining about the round about trip home, via Geneva, Switzerland and other points in Europe. That was a hardship ? ? ?

Great news—ROSEMARY and BOB WILLIAMS have both passed their instrument check rides and celebrated with an IFR flight to New York and Philadelphia. Congratulations to both of you!

MARTHA and FRANK TOBEY have been deep-sea fishing out of Destin, Florida and Gulfport, Miss., on two separate flights.

The Memphis Chapter now has thirty members. IRENE SILVERTHORN is our newest. She and husband LEE received Private tickets in Kansas City in 1965, shortly before going to Thailand on a Fulbright Scholarship for ten months. IRENE is a licensed pharmacist, and LEE is a psychologist at Kennedy Veteran's Hospital. They have two children, a daughter 13, and a son, 15, who is currently taking flying lessons at HiAir.

POLLY DUNCAN and INA WALKER are currently planning to fly the AWTAR, each solo I believe. Good luck girls—The Memphis Chapter is with you all the way.

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MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER
Margaret Shipley, Reporter

News from Mississippi will again be on the lean side. This reporter sorry to miss the joint meeting with Alabama Chapter . . . I hear it was a lovely day. I haven't been doing anything lately except studying and flying for the Flight Instructor check which I passed May 6th. A big thrill believe me!

PEGGY McCORMICK burning up the road and the airways between here and Greenville preparing for the PPD Race Stop. PEGGY has really put in her time and effort on this . . . and doing it all from 50 miles removed.

As I said, news is on the scarce side this month.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
Marcia Singer, Reporter

A few quickie newsworthy notes: MURIEL MOTTS earned her Commercial rating April 10th and is now working on her Instructors rating . . . MURIEL with RUTH LOVE as Co-Pilot recently flew from Baer Field, Ind., to Cleveland's Hopkins in a Cherokee 180. Their time due to a terrific tailwind picked up at 7500 MSL, was 178 miles in 1:10. MARGE COMPTON'S Aerospace Education Seminar held in Columbus, Ohio was outstanding according to MR. PETERS of Englewood, Ohio . . . FLORENCE "FLO" BOND was elected President of the Berea Fine Arts Club and President of the Southwest General Hospital Guild. FLO and 49½'er "DOC" recently returned from a flying Caribbean trip. MARGUERITE JEREB, head of Computer Systems and Operations Section NASA was one of the ten federal employees from Cleveland honored by the Cleveland Civic Committee and the Greater Cleveland Growth Assn. . . . MARILYN COLLETTE attended the AOPA Flight Clinic in Cleveland and then headed down for the finish of the IAR. LEE ROCK and her 49½'er also were on hand for the end of the race. CONNIE and her co-pilot CLARA THARPE

won the Sohio pilot and co-pilot trophies for the best Ohio team . . . On that happy note I'll turn this report over to CLARA THARPE.

"Again, another grand Angel Derby has come and gone. Last year pilot CONNIE JONES and I, CLARA THARPE, as co-pilot, were No. 1 and placed 16th. This year CONNIE and I were No. 16 and hope to place first. However, a lovely lady, JUDY WAGNER had different ideas about who should be No. 1 . . . and win she did! Win or lose, it was a race I'll always remember . . . as will JOANN STYPE, DOROTHY ANDERSON, MARION BETZLER, MARY ELLEN KEIL and CONNIE JONES, the other All-Ohio entrants. The hospitality of our friends South of the Border was something to remember. Their Service? Well . . . Many of the girls had raced there before. Those who hadn't soon realized that a leisure pace wasn't so bad . . . even in a race.

Highlights and delights that I'll always remember: The congestion of planes at Reynosa on the way down. This was caused by an immigration official who had forgotten some important forms. While we tapped our toes and cooled our heels, he headed back to town to hunt the pesky papers. This delayed our take off for a couple of hours. One bad little Angel refused to buy ANOTHER tourist card. She already had one! Off she flew into the wild blue leaving a screaming Airport Commandante excitedly yelling "\$200.00 fine!" However, the little Angel's guardian-angel must have been working overtime as the bad little Angel, at last report, hasn't heard from the official.

Our first overnight stop South of the border was Vera Cruz, a beautiful Gulf port city. There, our hotel room overlooked the harbor where many magnificent foreign ships were anchored. How impressed I was with the lack of so called "rush hour" traffic or any other traffic. Quiet prevailed. Except for the all night clanging of a cranky street car which seemed to reach the end of the line in our room every hour on the hour, all was serene.

We received a magna reception when we reached Managua, Nicaragua. Although the flight from Tapachula to Managua consisted of really icky weather, CONNIE managed to

spot a twin aircraft on the beach miles from anybody or any place. Later we learned that it was a stolen plane that had been landed on the beach and then left there to rot in the salt and sand.

A magnificent champagne and caviar cocktail party at 11 a.m. hosted by the Mayor of Nicaragua started the festivities . . . An outdoor luncheon by the Nicaragua Aero Club held by a beautiful lake was exciting. We were entertained by festive folk dancers. As our stomachs slowly sunk into our backbones we sipped the native drinks. Lunch was served at 4 p.m. Then, an evening cocktail party at the Presidential Palace. There, we were warmly welcomed by the President on an elaborate balcony. Picture taking, hand shaking and royal treatment was bestowed upon the Angels. I was fascinated by the President's body guards as they shifted their positions every time the President made a move. The gala dinner held at the Najapa Country Club was thrilling as the contestants arrived truly looking like heavenly Angels in their beautiful gowns and cocktail dresses.

PRESIDENT SOMOZA arrived in his chauffeured limousine to flag off the first contestant . . . and the race was on. And, again icky weather! Monitoring 122.9, we heard "Are there any angels on this frequency?" To our amazement a masculine voice replied, "Ho, ho, ho this is the devil." We quickly quipped "And, are you, sir, the one who ordered this nasty weather?" The voice answered "Come up to 8,500 . . . it's beautiful." Up we went. It was beautiful!

At Vera Cruz, we were entertained by the American Consulate. A plane load of Mexico City's top newspaper, T.V. and radio reporters had been flown in to interview the Angels that happened to stop there. Only six stopped. At the Mexico Naval Air Force Officers Club at the airport in Vera Cruz we were served a typical Mexican breakfast.

Weathered in, in Tampico we celebrated JOANN STYPE'S birthday with champagne toasts, cake and candles. Then, the last leg before recrossing the border—It seemed that the moment we crossed the Rio Grande the visibility became unlimited. Learning via the Angel frequency that MARION

BETZLER and MARY ELLEN KEIL were having trouble with fouled sparks and had to put down, we felt sorry for them. That's until we learned that they landed on a strip on the famous King Ranch. There they were fed an outdoor breakfast . . . served and cooked by the gauchos while new spark plugs were flown in.

Climbing to catch tail winds which never seemed to materialize . . . the final leg seemed to last forever. At Panama City (the Terminus) friends rushing to meet us, laughing, talking, remembering and welcoming us was exciting. And finally . . . the time to completely relax as the exhaustion slowly seeped out of our exhausted bodies."

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

Judith Suite, Reporter

The Chicago Area Chapter of 99s held their Annual Achievement Awards Banquet at the Lincoln Inn, Batavia Illinois featuring dinner, entertainment and awards to the seven contestants. Shown in picture are left to right are MARY PANCZSZAN 4th, CAROLINE SMITH 6th; MARY SHUMWAY 1st; GERRY KRAUSE 2nd; SUE ROSCOE 3rd; LOUISE KOKESH 7th. Not shown was VIRGINIA COFFEN 5th place.

JOAN SEBOGEE pictured with F.A.A. Examiner THEO MOORE on April 16th when she received her Commercial Helicopter Rating. JOAN is the only member of the Chicago Chapter to hold this rating.

BOBBIE and JOE JOHANSON flew their Aztec to Omaha, Wichita for a tour of the Cessna factory, and Little Rock where they toured Little Rock Airmotive, the largest Aero-Commander dealer in the country. The next stop was New Orleans and some beautiful sunny weather for a week.

LOUISE and RAY KOKESH flew to Mattoon-Cole County Airport for a steak dinner.

The Zonta Club of Oak Park seemed to enjoy the speech given by BOBBIE JOHANSON for their AMELIA EARTHART meeting in January.

DOROTHY WHITE had a visit from an Air Force Major who flies cargo planes into Viet Nam. He is returning from extra training in the use of computer controlled flying. The plane he flies carries a 46,500 lbs load and needs over 4,000 feet of runway for minimum take off and over 3,500 for minimum landing.



Chicago Area Achievement Award winners, Left to right: MARY PANCZSZYN, CAROLINE SMITH, MARY SHUMWAY, GERRY KRAUSE, SUE ROSCOE, and LOUISE KOKESH. Not pictured was VIRGINIA COFFEN.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

Marilyn Dickson—Nona Martin
Reporters

The May 2 meeting of the Greater Kansas City Chapter was held at the Holiday Inn Motel at the Airport in a private meeting room. The percentage of attendance was just simply great this past month. We certainly hope that this trend continues.

We had, as our guest speaker, Commander AL SHINER, who was promoting the interest in the 37th annual national Model Airplane Meet to be held at the Olathe NAS in August.

On April 16th several of our members planned to journey via air to Windsor, Missouri, for air marking purposes, but—the weather was against us (as per usual). It was hurriedly rescheduled for April 23rd and, you guessed it, the weather was not in the least favorable, and it had to be cancelled again. But, if nothing else, we are persistent and on April 30th, four planes carrying 10 members and two guests finally were airborne for the



New Commercial Helicopter pilot JOAN SEBOGEE and the FAA Examiner, THEO MOORE. (Photo by John Shumway).

long waited airmarking day. Such cooperation from the city you wouldn't believe! Some sixty members from the local Lion's Club along with MR. BOE HADLEY, President of the local Chamber of Commerce were hosts for the luncheon. BONNIE FERGUSON, the only lady pilot in Windsor made all the arrangements for this delightful day, and the girls who were able to attend had a marvelous time.

Several of our members have been doing some flying this past month. DONA RIDGEWAY flew the Travel Air home from Ft. Leonardwood and was able to log 1½ hours of night fly-

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ing time. She's also been making some trips to St. Joseph, Missouri. JAN PRIDDY "zapped around" for an hour and a half the other day. PEGGY WRIGHT flew her Comanche 180 to Stand, Oklahoma, for it's annual inspection. JOANN REINDLE, who is still working on her Instructor's Rating had the pleasure of flying SENATOR ED RIELLY, JR., along with a couple of his friends, on a sight-seeing tour over Leavenworth and the surrounding territory recently. BONNIE FERGUSON logged her usual 10 hours this past month. She ferried a CESSNA 172 from Fairfax to Lake Sexton. She is working on her Commercial rating and is being checked out for night flight. RUTH HERMAN logged three hours this past month. KAY CAIN reports that she has flown to Wulff Harbor twice during April and also went to Windsor for the air marking project. BETTY BROWN told us that she flew a Cessna for an hour this past month. She also stated that while doing this flying she practiced TOs & L and in her own words, classified them as controlled crashes. Now BETTY, you really don't expect us to believe that do you? NANCY GEORGE of the Greater Kansas City Chapter and NELDA PALMER of the Iowa Chapter, along with their husbands, flew down to Tan-Tar-A for a weekend of relaxation. EDYTHE WILCOX reports that she has bought a Cessna 150 the latter part of April, so she'll be reporting lots of time soon, we'll betcha! MARY ANN NOAH logged an impressive 35:15 hours during the month of April. She flew in the Angel Derby and reports that she had a marvelous time. She gave us a full report at the meeting of the great time, her problems with the mechanics due to the language barrier, all of the social events and the beautiful scenery and heartily recommends that everyone make this trip whenever they are able. You ready for a shock? Even the reporters of this column did some flying. We took good old 55 Alpha out of the hanger and flew around for about an hour and a half early one Saturday morning. It was smooth as silk this particular Saturday morning so MARYLYN decided to let me fly. Now you must understand that I'm pretty pleased about this time, so I just pedaled all around the air for about an hour and just about the time we were thinking of landing—I encountered one small bump—and she is still trying to figure out how I managed to find

it. Anyway it was great fun.

Since the space allotment is used up, will wind it up for this time. Hope we see many of our Section members the end of this month, at the Plaza Inn. Fly low and slow!

INDIANA CHAPTER Delia Sanders, Reporter

Just under a hundred members and guests were in attendance at our April meeting at Terre Haute in the Ramada Inn on the 21st. The out of state members attending represented the Kentucky Blue-grass, Cape Girardeau Area, Greater St. Louis, and All-Ohio Chapters. Our guest speaker, Dr. FRANCIS SOMMER, gave a most interesting commentary with his pictures showing his flight to Paris and then on around the world.

VIRGINIA MCKINNIS and 49½er DALE flew to Philadelphia the last



of March using Westchester Airport as their terminus. Most of their time there was spent in sightseeing and visiting historic places. VIRGINIA is currently working toward her Commercial license.

A Sunday dinner flight was made on May 5th by BILLIE and SAVAGE SMITH, ETHEL and RUSTY KNUTH, DELIA and HARRY SANDERS to Rough River Dam State Park in Kentucky. With a paved airstrip within walking distance of the Lodge makes it most convenient, and you may call for the Station Wagon if you prefer.

Several Indiana members participated in the first annual All-Girls Illi-Nines Air Derby at the Cole County Airport near Mattoon, Illinois on May 11th and 12th. Three of these members received honorable mention, VIRGINIA MCKINNIS placed first in the spot landing contest portion of the derby, SOPHIA PAYTON placed first in the speed portion, and MARGARET RINGENBERG was rated first place in the over-all, with spot landing score weighted by 20 percent and speed

score by 80 percent to determine the winner. More than 30 planes were entered in this derby, the spot landing was held as scheduled on Saturday, however weather caused the speed portion to be delayed and was run at noon on Sunday.

SOPHIA PAYTON flew to Cleveland to see her new niece, Janet Lynn, daughter of SOPH'S twin sister, IRENE.

RAE CAWDELL and MINERVA MAHONEY attended the second annual Wright-Grisson Hall of Fame Dinner given by the Indiana Aerospace Association on May 11th at Bunker Hill, Indiana and now known as the Grissom Air Force Base. RAE received a special Citation at this dinner for her contribution of her time and work in helping the Aerospace Association since its organization.

A description of a recent safari made by our Membership Chairman, KATIE SAGE, and her 49½er RUSSELL is best told in her own words as follows: "In this age of faster and bigger airplanes, jets and superjets, it was a big thrill to my husband and me to see for ourselves in March what an important part the small airplane plays in another area of the world—Africa. We went on a game viewing safari of East and South Africa partly by Volkswagon bus, partly by Land Rover and a beautiful part by Piper Aztec, Cherokee Six and Cessna 285. A sunrise view from the air of Victoria Falls in Rhodesia was spectacular. Wow! What rainbows, then on over an area of about 200 miles to view the animals. We saw herds of sable antelope, zebra, giraffe, cape buffalo, water buck, and one big beautiful elephant standing alone eating tree branches. Also many other animals, which didn't object to the noise of the engine as they thought it was one of the other big birds. One leg of our safari from Nairobi to Keekorok Lodge was with MRS. SOUTHERLAND in her Cherokee Six, she being one of the few women pilots there; a petite and most efficient pilot who had won honors for her skill and bravery when she helped fly people out of the Congo during the uprising there. We learned that much has been done by people interested in saving the Wild Life there by use of the small airplane. It was possible to observe the herds and study their habits and migration patterns by flying low and slow over the thousands of miles where they live. The knowledge gained would be impossible by any other method. The first

attempt to count the animals and study these patterns in an orderly way is recorded in a fascinating book by Dr. GRZINEK and his son MICHAEL, entitled—Serenjiti Shall Not Die. They learned to fly at the same time, then together made a study flying over the vast area of game country. As a result thousands of square miles are reserved for the animals in National Parks and we hope will be there for years to come. If you go to Africa on a Safari, go armed only with cameras and shoot those beautiful living animals with color film.

IOWA CHAPTER

Linda L. Alberty, Reporter

First of all, the fact that this, the April meeting report, is appearing in the June rather than the May issue must be clarified. The Iowa 99s regular meeting day is the second Sunday of the month but Easter decided to be on that day this year, and so we decided to postpone our meeting day (which is easier than postponing Easter) by one week thereby making it impossible to meet the April 20 deadline for the May magazine. The same will also be true of the May report, except it was Mother's Day we decided not to postpone, and the May deadline we missed, meaning that we made the June deadline for the July issue. Now that everything is all clear to everyone, we shall proceed with the business at hand.

The sun managed to clear a long enough path of time in the springtime overcast for twenty-eight 99s, their husbands and guests, to attend the meeting April 21 of the Iowa Chapter. Fly-in was at the Clarinda Airport, and a delicious dinner was served amid beautiful table decorations provided by the hostess, ALICE HOPKINS.

While the men made a tour of a local manufacturing company, the 99s voted in one new member, JANICE ELLA MCCOY of Rockwell City, and discussed many points of business under the Chairmanship of LOIS GRANGE. In the process, it was suggested that as many Iowa members as possible should attend the Sectional meeting in Kansas City, as we are making plans to have a Sectional meeting in Iowa in 1969, and it would be wise for us to learn how by attending at least one or two.

As mentioned previously, the May meeting will not be held on the regular day, but thus far there are no plans for changes in the June or July days. Except back to the regular one.

KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER DOT ARNETT, Reporter

Spring has sprung in the Bluegrass State and props were spinning over the Easter Holiday. PAT and DON PAULSEN relaxed on the East Coast near Daytona Beach. DOT and Ted ARNETT spent Easter week-end with relatives in East Tennessee. WILLIE and ALICE WINBURN also visited relatives in Tennessee.

Out of town guests visiting our Ninety-Nines were FLORA MURPHY and 49½er from the Canadian Chapter. They were guests of FREIDA and GEORGE VEACH. VIRGINIA CHAMBERLAIN'S daughter from New York recently spent several days at home.

PAT PAULSEN took some of her CAP Cadets for a ride over the Red River Gorge which is a part of Daniel Boone National Forest.

BOEBIE and HARRY KLETTER have once again been scuba diving and spear fishing. This year they choose the Curacao Island located off the coast of Venezuela.

DOT ARNETT has made the first step toward her Instrument and Commercial tickets, received her passing results on the written exams.

The April 21 Fly-In at Terra Haute was well attended by our Chapter members and it was an enjoyable day.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Mary Carpenter, Assistant Reporter

There are some pretty interesting flying activities to report this month. Our members are on the go!

ELIZABETH SCHUCKER and husband flew their Comanche 180 to Mexico and as far south as Alcapulco. They took another couple along and the four of them had a nice two weeks vacation.

LEAH HIGGINS flew via airlines to New Orleans for Easter. States the weather was terrific and regrets that time didn't permit flying in a small plane down and back. PEG SULF-RIDGE has been keeping current with her flying but the new ratings have been in the nursing department after a twenty year absence. She is now head nurse of an intensive coronary care unit and part-time supervisor. Coronary care is a new field in nursing.

Seems that Florida is the place this year. Along with her husband, MARY CARPENTER and two other couples flew the new Piper Navajo to Pompano Beach for a short vacation. After

a flight up and down the Gold Coast, they lay on the beach and watched some flying nut make Lazy Eight's in the sky.

MARIAN HOFFMAN flew to Riveria Beach, Florida for a much needed vacation via Eastern. Weather was cool but it sure beat what Detroit was getting. SANDERS and JERRY LAN-KENAU spent two beautiful weeks flying Mexico in their Bonanza. Says the talk that comes out of those towers in somewhat of a problem as it is in Spanish but Mexican flying is much improved over what we've heard regarding flight plans and fuel. This is probably due to the government trying harder. All were very cordial. Flight plans were teletyped and they were inspected at every airport no matter how small.

CHRISTINE HENDERSON, Australian Section, styled with LORAIN Mc-CARTY for two weeks. Enroute home, she went to the high altitude chamber at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton. There to Sea Survival School and Cape Kennedy in Florida and on to the International Race in Nicaragua. NORMA and RUSS ETTER took off for Texas. While hubby schooled for the Air Force at Sherman, NORMA, not being able to stand being on the ground in such beautiful weather, took off for Oklahoma to visit kin folks. Took a girl up for her first flight—says you could see Dallas 60 miles away. BEV PRICES' hubby bought her a Cherokee 180 for Easter. At reporting time she had one hour and ten minutes flight time in it. To show how wonderful 49½ers are—her husband has six hours polishing time on it.

Though hazy, it was a pretty good day for our trip to Tri-City Airport at Saginaw for the April meeting. Our newest member LIISA DIXON was penned and MARY CARPENTER reports adding Basic Ground Instructor rating and passing the Instrument written.

Brunch in the Sky Room followed by "The Flight of the Bluebird II." I had heard nice things about this film and welcomed the chance to see it. The original Bluebird flight was in a Tri-Pacer. Recently, the 23,000 miles over South America was retraced by two turbo-charged Twin Comanches. After taking off from the highest airport in the world, flying over the Amazons, through Inca country, and viewing colorful people half a century away, our flight back to Pontiac seemed pretty tame.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Jane Ochlers, Reporter

Wausau is the gateway to Wisconsin's North Woods. Thousands of pilots each year fly to this vast recreation area of lakes and forests. The problems confronting the FSS at Wausau, in assisting lost VFR pilots, sometimes under rapidly deteriorating weather conditions, was the subject of the fascinating talk given to seventeen members and guests by DAVID STRACHAN, Chief of Wausau FSS.

MARIE GRIMM, who with her husband LYLE are the FBOs at Wausau, was the hostess for this April 21 meeting. The GRIMMS share the concern of the local FSS with their limited NavAid facilities in this busy area. They agree with MR. STRACHAN that the installation of DF equipment on the airport could aid in saving lives and aircraft. How the 99s can assist in stressing this need for DF equipment was the subject for discussion.

BORGHY OLSON reported on her Aerospace Education program in La Crosse schools. We believe that this is another region in Wisconsin where children will grow up with aerospace consciousness.

Despite the serious topics discussed, this was a real fun meeting and how we did enjoy that hot fried chicken lunch!

The Wisconsin 99s have had a request from a Milwaukee TV station to do a feature story on our organization. Plans are being formed for a get-together at Mitchell Field, Saturday, June 15th, parking at Midwest Airways. The TV shots will be taken at 3:00 PM and then will be followed at 4:15 with a program by the General Aviation District Office of the FFA; social hour and dinner to follow. 99s from other chapters are invited to join the festivities.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Toney, Reporter

Home again after a wonderful two months in California, which included a perfect spring day flying with the Santa Clara Valley 99s to Usibelli, an airstrip in a pretty valley nestled among the mountains. How nice to be a 99 for this beautiful flight would not have been possible otherwise. Many thanks to VERNA WEST for the ride and to PHYLLIS PIERCE for getting us together. Ninety-Nines are the most!

Received a note from PEGGY MAYO saying she now has her Commercial



Left, MARIE GRIMM, hostess at the Wausau meeting, FSS Speaker, DAVID STRACHAN and Chairman RAMONA HUEBNER.

license, that she and EOB are owners of a Cessna 150, and expect to be in MKC for the Sectional. We'll be looking for that new plane at our flyings when they return to Wisconsin.

Congratulations to PEG for that new license—and to RAMONA HUEBNER who has added Ground Instructor to her list of ratings!

RAMONA was chosen as one of 14 to attend the Flight Instructors' Seminar for the ground school part in MKE. She is very popular with her students and has had excellent results with most of them completing the courses.

Our three gals who participated in the Illi-Nines Air Derby came home with trophies—ANNE ROETHKE and ETHEL WESTERLUND for 4th place and JANICE THOMAS was co-pilot in the second place plane. They had a most enjoyable time at this well planned affair.

MARIE GRIMM and RAMONA HUEBNER represented the 99s at the Wis., Aeronautics Conference in May.

The very informative program included talks by the new Administrator, MR. WOLF, and the Secretary of the Dept., of Transportation pertaining to the recent reorganization.



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ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

Peg Noltensmeyer, Reporter

The AOPA Clinic held here last month proved to be as worthwhile as we had hoped it would be. The enrollees were much impressed with their courses, our weather did its best to stay sunny with winds under 10 knots and those we talked to at the finish left with some feeling of accomplishment.

The Pinch Hitter Course so encouraged some girls that we may see some future 99s among them. We had a 99 visitor from the Sacramento Valley Chapter, HELEN MORGAN. HELEN'S husband travels as a ground school instructor with the clinics and she enjoys going along. We enjoy HELEN and hope her next visit can be longer.

The end of May finds another clinic in our area. This one is an Instructor's Refresher Course in El Paso and our Instructor-rated ELIZABETH HAWES is taking advantage of it.

Our newest members are doing a good job of racking up points for us. This month, BERNIECE SWARTZ completed her APT (Annual Proficiency Test) and this, you may remember, was on her Commercial ticket. We had a new strip opened up between Los Lunas and Belen recently and BERNIECE tried it out by taking a family of six for rides over the two towns. Naturally, the children were thoroughly excited and the parents were quite impressed with their lady pilot.

In a communique from our member all the way off in Puerto Rico, we learned how exciting it must be to fly from island to island. COILA MOELLER writes of attending an air show in the British Virgin Isles where out of 45 planes, all of them were U.S. registered! After the air show, they flew to yet another island where they were guests at a cocktail party given by the British Administrator. Only 30 minutes away from their home, they visited their "private" little island where the population count is three. They landed on a road on the cliffs then down below they "have several miles of white, sandy beach all to ourselves where we picked up shells, snorkle, hike and just loaf". Ever so often they fly to Miami. COILA says flying over the Bahamas is beautiful. It's only one stop from home to Ft. Lauderdale. They go to St. Croix and St. Thomas and have flown as far south as St. Martin. With the winter season over, we expect to hear about their visit to Trinidad soon. It's all enough to be just a little bit envious, don't you agree?

Getting to talk to JOY FEAK these days is not easy. Besides checking out in her Bonanza, she is working on her Instrument and planning a trip to Hawaii for the Shrine Air Patrol Convention. The way I hear it, JOY and BUD are going to fly their Bonanza out to the coast and go on from there commercially.

ARKANSAS CHAPTER

Marguerite Nielsen, Reporter

Annual Fair Lady Follies Trophy winners were 1st Place-INA WALKER, 2nd Place-MARY STANLEY, and 3rd Place-VIRGINIA PROCTOR all of Memphis Chapter. Other Memphis 99s flying in to Adams Field for the spot landings were TRISLER BUCHANAN, FOLLY DUNCAN, LOYCE O NEAL, VIRGINIA PROCTOR, HILDA SAVAGE, MARJORIE SCHULTZ, ROSEMARY WILLIAMS. Arkansas members attending were BETTY BOLLEN, chairman and Hostess, NANCY FRITH, JANE BERRY, CARRIE HUNT, DONNA HALE, MARY DU KETT, PAM STOWELL, ALINE (KAY) NEWTH, BEVERLY HARP, Prospective member, RAMONIA SLOAT, DELORES MITCHELL, and JOAN MORGAN. A big welcome to JOAN, who is our new member. General Aviation Operations Inspector TOMMY HANCOCK was Guest Speaker, and did a very nice job. Luncheon was at the Country Club. Several girls went home with door prizes. RAMONIA and DELORES flew 240 miles to attend the meeting. Arkansas girls always fly a long way to 99 meetings, due to the fact that our Chapter covers the entire state. RAMONIA flew her 172 and DELORES flew Commercial.

The Aero Club of Arkansas will hold their first annual air race June 22nd in Stuttgart, Ark. This will be a 300 mile round robbin mystery course with lots of trophies to be presented. Impound is 6:00 P.M. June 21. ALINE NEWTH is Race Chairman. Information may be obtained by writing 3225 John F. Kennedy Blvd., North Little Rock, Ark. 72116.

SHIRLEY BOGGESS has had surgery and is recovering nicely. She will be flying again soon.

DALLAS CHAPTER

Hazel B. McKendrick, Reporter

All of the 13 registered members and their 49½ers who attended the Sectional meeting in Houston are singing the praises of the Houston Chapter for an absolute "Fan-TAB" weekend. See the sectional report for details. For all of the party-poopers (including your reporter) we just don't know what we missed. Knowing the gals in that chapter, I can well imagine that it was the absolute living end and I hate myself for not going.

Again this month we are happy to welcome four more members to our chapter: PHYLLIS DUKE, DIANE

EARTELS, MARY ALICE KIRKPATRICK, and PAULINE WINTHROP. WELCOME! WELCOME! We are very glad to have you with us.

In the May issue I announced that PAT WARD had a big surprise for us and I would discuss it this month. Well it wasn't PAT WARD, it was PAT CLARK and if you will check the May issue of the Ninety-Nine News that is the surprise. A wonderful weekend fly-in to Amarillo. All of the adjacent chapters and others are more than welcome to join us in Amarillo that weekend. It sounds like a interesting, informative, and fun weekend. The more the merrier, plus the cost goes down. So check your News Letter and mark your calendar and plan now to attend. For more information, write PAT CLARK, 7843 Villa Cliff Dr., Apt. 246 Dallas, Texas 75228.

KATHY LONG and HELEN WILKE are back from the IAR and have some fabulous tales to tell. It was quite an experience and they both agreed that they learned a lot. They also state frankly that "next time" they will have learned a little Spanish before departure. They brought back the program and the results which are not a bit tear stained as we read and wept over the results. They apparently had social events at the start that were right out of the Old World as far as pomp and ceremony were concerned. I understand that tentatively the route next year is from Tucson to Managua down the west coast of Mexico and I want to get my name in the hat right now.

ELINOR and ROWLAND JOHNSON are enroute to the Bahamas in a Mooney. It looked like a front that was in Texas for a week and couldn't decide whether it wanted to be hot, cold, or stationary, was going to delay their start, but they launched on schedule and are having fun and games.

KATHY LONG and MARGE MITCHELL flew the Mobil Economy run in their Bellanca as a warm up for the Powder Puff Derby.

Here and there—

RUBY ROGERS got checked out in the Piper Arrow. SALLY OLDHAM passed her Advanced Ground Instructor written and DELORES SAINSOIT has passed her Commercial written. There are a couple of new members who are really going after it.

PAT CLARK, BEVERLY TAYLOR, POLLY GIBSON, DOROTHY WARREN, LIL TAFEL, MARTHA ANN READING, JO ALLISON, ELINOR

JOHNSON, EDNA WRIGHT, MARY KITCHENS, and BETTY HUNDLEY flew out for lunch with the Abilene Chapter. The Abilene Chapter greeted them and the whole day was a wonderful experience. This was so successful that more chapter visits are planned. What a great way to really get to know the gals living around you.

Miracles do happen and one has happened in Dallas. LEE CONNELL, LUCILLE'S 49½er has been whispering since age 5. While at the Sectional in Houston, they learned of a very simple operation and upon returning to Dallas, had it performed, and now LEE has his voice back. He talked so much the first day, that he lost it temporarily again, but only from over-use. Needless to say we are all almost as thrilled about this as they are.

The last meeting was held at SUSAN GROSSMAN'S house and we had a large turnout due to the fact that it was announced that libation and food would be served. A movie by Champion Spark Plug, "The Sky is Yours" was shown and it was a wonderful evening. Nobody mentioned whether any business was conducted or not.

Dear ole editor, is it true that we don't have a deadline now until July? If so, I shall leap with joy. (Ed-Note—Me too! :) I am looking forward to being a NAA timer in Greenville, Mississippi and will dutifully report when we get back. See you then!

EL PASO CHAPTER Emma S. Udovich, Reporter

BILL THOMPSON, Assistant Manager of the El Paso Airport, was the main speaker at our April meeting. He gave us a very interesting talk about how the airport is managed and what they are doing for general aviation. We all learned something about "our airport."

MR. CHARLES MURPHY a member of the Texas Aeronautical Commission from Austin, Texas had just arrived while our meeting was in session so we heard about what the Commission is doing for general aviation in the State of Texas.

MARJORIE ANN BLUE has transferred to the El Paso Chapter from the Colorado Chapter. Her address is 910 Hess Terrace, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88001. Welcome to our Chapter, MARGE.

Two more pilots have been invited to join us. They are MARY NAGY, a

graduate of the El Paso 66's and HESTER R. OAKES who joins us from Alamogordo, New Mexico.

One of our newer members is MISS WANDA E. CREAMER whose address is 3908 Memphis, El Paso, Texas. WANDA is the Assistant District Attorney who started her flying when she was a Captain with the Civil Air Patrol. She had always wanted to fly and in 1966 was finally able to afford it. WANDA learned to fly in a Cessna 150, earning her license in October 1967. She too is a graduate of the El Paso 66's.

ELLEN JANE ANDERSON and family flew to their Colorado ranch and to Colorado Springs for the Easter Holidays. JEAN BYARS, her 2 sons and EVALYNN COFFEE (a member of 66's) went to the HemisFair, but they had to stay in Austin as there were no reservations available in San Antonio. They went to Austin on Special VFR with 200' ceiling and since they couldn't get out to go on to San Antonio, they rode the bus! (How awful) Coming home wasn't much better since they had it "rough" all the way.

LELA CARWARDINE went the other way for the Easter Holidays. She went to Las Vegas, New Mexico to be with her great-grand-daughter. I don't recall what she mentioned about the weather. (ha ha) The latter part of April found WANDA GARSON and 49½er JOHN at the Lake of the Pines near Longview, Texas. Their intentions were to go fishing, but it rained for 2 days straight so no fishing! The weather did clear up real nice for their return trip home, but they didn't stay long because having purchased a new Bonanza S35, they've just been going. Incidentally, before they went fishing, both of them had to be checked-out individually since they have all kinds of "goodies" in their new plane. On their flight to the Houston Sectional, they said it performed beautifully. From there they were flying to Florida and then to Georgia.

Besides WANDA and her 49½er, there were 4 others from El Paso who went to the Houston Sectional. They are RUTH DEERMAN, MARY FRANCES SEIDL, NORMA KUDIESY and EMMA UDOVICH with her 49½er, JOHN. All I can say for all of us who were there is that it was "GREAT". Everything seemed to go just as planned and all who attended were having a good time. From the El Paso gals to

our Houston hostesses we say "THANKX".

NORMA MCREYNOLDS was recently elected 2nd. Vice-President of the El Paso Aviation Assn. Good Luck NORMA, we know you will do a good job!

HAPPY AND SAFE FLYING TO ALL now that good weather surrounds us all?

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

WE'VE BEEN OVERCOME . . . with rain, clouds, mist, more rain, hail and miserable flying weather. We are sad.

JIMMY KOLP . . . back from Russia, reports the sound of bells and breathing free air, being in a free country again, is heavenly. She is glad to be an American.

HELEN MORRIS and EDNA G. WHYTE, may have a secret flight in their future—one they may share with other adventurous pilots. They are secretive.

SORRY ABOUT A FEW ERRORS in last month's report. MALENA RICHARDSON'S name is spelled correctly RICHARDSON. The name of the plant which heals (Indian medicine RX is Aloe VERA, the nurseryman said "verde" in Spanish means green- which everybody knows. Spelling is a bore.

ERENDA STRICKLER, our Chapter Chairman, flew to Houston for the Sectional Meeting, with BETTY ALLISON, and YVONNE TURNER — think in different plans. It was reported over a quickie hand shake, out of this world. "They did everything anyone could think of—it was outstanding!" Sectional meetings of Ninety-Nine pilots are sensational!

DODY MCLAURIN, Chapter Treasurer, official Ninety-Nine hostess for the Oak Grove Experimental Aircraft Ass'n, Chapter 38 Fly-In, May 11, 12—a slightly damp air exhibition, due to skuddy weather. About 50 planes, 30 in the show—but can you imagine, a Stagger-Wing Beech, Jungemeister, and a flight of three T-34s making a fly-by? Did! And the T-34 pilots won the cup presented for weather-wise. Air Shows are a must!

HOUSTON CHAPTER Charlotte Smith, Reporter

A note of sadness clouds our usually bright picture. CHUCK STONEBERG died suddenly on April 27th. As MARYLYN'S 49½er, he attended and aided many 99 "doings", and we'll miss him.

Houston has begun to quiet down a bit now that our Sectional is over. It climaxed many weeks of eager anticipation for us. LOUISE BICKFORD anticipated in more ways than one—she delivered baby JEFFREY (eight pounds, four ounces) just days before the Sectional. CAROL MOORE also makes the motherhood news; she's just had a seven-pound, fifteen-ounce boy.

Our participants from other cities seemed to enjoy their visit with us—they rubbernecked at the Astrodome and NASA, gobbled dip-laden tortilla chips, drank booze, and laughed their tomfool heads off with the rest of us tomfools at the skit presented by local talent. Skit players DELLE and GENE HIGHTOWER, PAT and JIM DAVIES, and MABLE EDITH OLIVER were backed by script-writer ALINE EUSH and the ubiquitous MYRL BICKFORD. All are hereby nominated for Hammy awards, with apologies to BUNNY FOLEY of the All-Ohio Chapter, from whom I swiped the idea. (Always give credit for an idea; that way, it's tough for the originator to make a plagiarism charge stick.)

MARY JANE NORRIS reports that the Petticoat Pilots, of which group she is President, have started a newsletter. By golly, they've even got sponsors for it. What brand of pep pills are you feeding those gals. MARY JANE?

The last party ice from the Sectional was hardly melted before I was on a plane for Miami Beach to attend the annual Aerospace Medical Association meeting. Between papers, people, and parties, this meeting becomes quite a week. The scientific papers number almost 200, and this year about 2400 people attended the meeting. The papers covered everything from astronaut feeding to aviation psychology. BUNNY FOLEY and I, perennial roommates at these meetings, got somewhat caught up on our gossip as we greeted friends. Don't know which I liked better, the meeting itself or the ride to and fro on NASA's Gulfstream executive plane. It seats twelve between those jet-assisted propellers. Did you ever get on an airplane and feel that here was your standard for judging other aircraft, that you'd come home? Now all I hafta do is figure out how to scrounge enough dough to buy and maintain a Gulfstream Let's see, I could rob a few banks—no, they put you in jail for that—hummm

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Arlene Walkup, Aepporter

As always when we have a 99 meeting in Minco, the attendance is above average. At our April meeting held in the home of LUCILLE PREGLER, we had 17 members, 11 prospective members, 2 husbands and three children. Guests attending were MRS. C. ROBISON and STEPHANIE JONES, Oklahoma City; SHERRY ROSS, Yukon; PATRICIA KIRKLAND, Midwest City; DELORES PASIERB, Norman; MARY SUE NEIMO, MARILYN PETERS, CAROL PAUST, MARGARET BROWN all from Ada; and JUDY SHARP and JEANNIE FILOS from Pauls Valley. MARY SUE NEIMO was invited to join our Chapter and JEANNIE, JUDY, and MARILYN were attending their second meeting.

The business was conducted by MARTHA THOMASON, Vice-Chairman in the absence of CAROL WADDELL, who was in Denver attending the field trials with 49½'er, FRED. (You should see the trophies their dogs have won.) The girls who had gotten APT since Oct. 1, 1967, were presented their APT pins by ESSIE TALLIAFERO, who is Oklahoma Chairman of that committee.

After a delicious lunch prepared by LUCILLE, the business meeting and a look at CLARENCE PREGLER'S orchids, we adjourned to downtown Minco, got out the paint and brushes and painted. The job was done in jig time. We are about ready to tackle a long name like, maybe Jet or Eva. Might even try Loco.

Six of our Chapter attended the Section Meeting in Houston. NEMA MASONHALL, PAT MORGAN, and BEBE BARRETT went in the BARRET CHEROKEE, ARLENE and CAROL went in CAROL'S Skylane, and DOROTHY MORGAN "flew" the highway. And we are so very glad she came. At the Banquet Saturday night, it was announced that DOROTHY has been a member of the South Central Section longer than anyone else in it. Did you know that NEMA was attending her 25th consecutive Section Meeting? We

all enjoyed the convention tremendously. Thanks a heap, Houston!

PAT and BEBE were off almost before breakfast to join their husbands in San Antonio for a few days at the HemisFair. After CAROL and I had let NEMA out at Chickasha, we flew over Minco to see how the Air mark looked. We could see it without any problem.

South Central Section APT Chairman, CAROL WADDELL presented all of those who had gotten APT with their pretty white and blue pins, which the Oklahoma Chapter is giving. It might be well to clarify a fact here and now. Those of you who have gotten a new rating since October 1, 1967 are considered APT. Please have your instructor sign your APT form and send it in so that you can be counted. Please don't send the whole form, keep that for your future reference, send only the bottom of the second page.

We still have tags left if any of you are interested. (The "I'd rather be Flying" tags that is.)

The "in" thing with 99s is to be APT. Are you?

SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

Pat Ward, Reporter

May 6. Our two big activities are now over: the IAR Stop in Lake Charles and our Chapter's 2nd Pilots Poker Run. As far as we are all concerned,



MARGARET RUTH (Left), and DEE COMEAUX, South Louisiana Chapter Chairman, and who also served as Stop Chairman for Lake Charles.

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the summer has finally begun. We are glad.

Chief timers for the IAR Stop in Lake Charles were DEE CAMEAUX and MOLLY STOCKWELL of Baton Rouge. They traveled the 160 miles to Lake Charles on Monday evening and didn't return to home, husbands, children and housework until late on Thursday. MARGARET RUTH of Lafayette was with them from Tuesday morning until Thursday evening. PATSY JONES and I flew over on Wednesday from BTR for the day, and YVONNE RYDER of Lafayette flew over for a while the same day. We all enjoyed meeting the racers, renewing old acquaintances, making new ones and trying not to show how envious we all were of the girls in the race—especially DEE, PATSY and I who have raced before. The controllers were wonderful and the courtesy extended by Petroleum Flyers, the FBO on the Lake Charles Airport, was unexcelled. DEE and MOLLY reported having a wonderful time listening to two old friends renew acquaintance—EDNA WHYTE and PEARL WARD. PEARL was "Pauline" in the old movies "Perils of Pauline" and filmed under the name of PEARL WHITE. PEARL invited everyone to her restaurant in Lake Charles on Tuesday night and they were received royally. Our Chapter hopes to see more of PEARL and hopes that she might be a prospective member. As I said before, PATSY and I flew home Wednesday night, but we were happy to hear that PAULINE GLASSON was able to find some crawfish to eat that night. Everyone in the race said how happy they were to be back in the USA, but PAULINE was very definite in saying that she was happy to be in Louisiana so she could eat some crawfish. We were interested in finally finding out the difference in "crawfish" and crayfish". We always thought that the difference was strictly in the pronunciation. Not so! Now all we have to know is if there is any difference in pecans (long "e") and pecans (short "e")!

After a long week of turbulent, unpredictable weather, the day of our Poker Run arrived shining and beautiful—CAVU! This reporter had to cancel the trip that she and MARGARET RUTH had planned to the Section meeting in Houston, because as late as noon Friday the "weather prophets" couldn't give us any guarantee that we would be able to get back to Louisiana over the weekend. Saturday was equally



This publicity picture for the Tulsa Flying Poker Party includes: MARY STURGIS, AGNES HELLMAN, JAN MAURITSON, SHIRLEY GREENBERG and Chapter Chairman, LOIS MARTIN. The serious expressions were evoked by the bright sunshine and not by the occasion.

as ragged and our nerves were frayed. There were 82 souls participating in the Poker Run, much to our delight and the delight of the Houma Jaycees who prepared 400 plates of the most delicious barbeque for the occasion. Our member, PAT CHRIST and husband are the CHRISTS' of Houma Aviation Services, who also staged a Cessna Dealer Show for that weekend. All of the town dignitaries were on hand with opening ceremonies on Saturday and closing ceremonies on Sunday. JAN and BOB CARR, celebrities of an hour-long television show on WDSU-TV New Orleans were on hand to add color to the grand finale, giving out door prizes from the Jaycees and the Poker Run (some 50 in all), and hundreds of town people were there. Winner of the Poker Run, with a diamond flush, was GIL GRAF, and young man from BTR new member of the line crew at Hair Flying Service. Best ETA-Private Pilot trophy was won by CAROLINE WILLIAMS, mentioned before as a prospective 99. Winner of the Youngest Pilot Trophy was THOMAS LAFLEUR, son of our member JIM LAFLEUR. This was especially nice for him, because he had just received his Private License two days before, on his 17th birthday (during a rare lull in the poor flying weather) following the precedent set by his older brothers who also were licensed on their birthdays. We had to give duplicate trophies for Oldest Airplane when two 1944 vintage AT-6's showed up, flown by CORKY FOURNOFF (son of aromatic celebrity PAUL FOURNOFF and BARRY HARPER, both of Houma.



Shown in their official timing capacity are several members of the So. Louisiana Chapter during the Angel Derby. Left to right are: PATSY JONES, MARGARET RUTH, and MOLLY STOCKWELL.

BARRY also won Low-Time Pvt. Pilot Trophy with 95.5 hours flying time, and another duplicate trophy was awarded to A. J. LEE of BTR with 51 hours. We could go on and on about the activities of the day, but suffice it to say that our Poker Run was, again, a success, with many thanks going to many people for their special efforts.

Time for vacations and relaxation and best wishes to all for a leisurely, lazy summer.

TULSA CHAPTER

Agnes Hellman, Reporter

It was an uphill climb but we finally got our Flying Poker Party off the ground on April 28. Everyone agrees it was a success, financially and socially.

Thanks to everyone who helped and all those who participated.

All our members must be flying secret missions—no one will admit to having done anything of interest, aviationwise. I do hear from my special agents that MARY and BOB STURGIS and SHIRLEY GREENBERG find it next to impossible to eat breakfast on Sunday mornings unless they fly someplace to get it; the flight aids digestion. PAUL and I made a very pleasant run out to Ruidosa, New Mexico in April. We had to sweep 2½ inches of snow off 43P to get her in the mood to bring us back to Tulsa.

LOIS and VIRGIL MARTIN and PAUL and I managed to get to the South Central Section Meeting in Houston. As all who were there will attest, it was really great. The best part always is the pleasure of seeing old friends and making new ones.

WICHITA FALLS CHAPTER JEAN MEDLINGER, Reporter

The Wichita Falls Chapter charter presentation was made April 20th by International President DONNA MYERS. Other out-of-town guests at the ceremonies were South Central Governor, PAT JETTON and South Central Secretary, DOROTHY WARREN both of Dallas; Vice-Governor NEMA MASONHALL of Minco, Oklahoma; Ft. Worth Chapter Chairman, BRENDA STRICKLER and Ft. Worth Secretary,



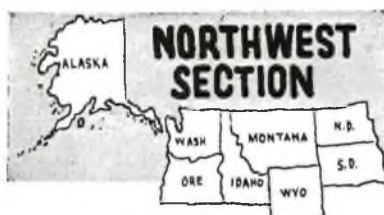
The April 20th Wichita Falls Chapter Charter Presentation ceremony. Left to right: Vice-Chairman LOU ELLEN FOSTER, President DONNA MYERS, Chairman RUTH RENTON, Governor PAT JETTON, and Ft. Worth Chairman BRENDA STRICKLER.

VIVIAN WHITE. DOTTIE YOUNG, Oklahoma Chapter member was PRESIDENT MYERS 'charter' pilot for the flight from OKC.

Wichita Falls members who attended the South Central Sectional in Houston were our Chairman, RUTH RENTON and her 49½er PAUL; Vice-Chairman LOU ELLEN FOSTER and 49½er LEWIS, MARILYN O'NEIL and husband Pat, Dr. ELEANOR IRVINE, and JEAN MEDLINGER. A marvelous time was had by all!



The Tulsa Flying Poker Party terminated at Airman's Acres, where the hosts, LOIS (Tulsa Chapter Chairman) and 49½er VIRGIL demonstrated the ultimate in hospitality by "staking out" their beloved Maule so we could use the hangar to get in out of the cold.

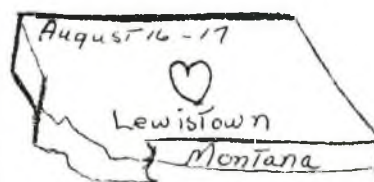


COLUMBIA-CASCADE CHAPTER Sally Studdard, Reporter

The May meeting was held at the Troutdale Airport restaurant. Members attending were BETTY PRACKEN, MARCELLA OTHUS, ETHELYN OPHEIM, VIRGINIA GILLILAND, DOROTHY MERCER, KATHY ELMORE, JUANITA ELLINGSON, JO CLARRIDGE and MARION BUSBY.

The Air Breakfast was rescheduled for May 26. On June 9th we will be attending the McMinnville Air Break-

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fast and then on to mark the Aurora Airport.

JO NEAL HARRIS reports that she is feeling much better after her short hospital stay.

MARCELLA OTHUS, our flying teacher, has a well deserved vacation coming up. She and her family will be traveling through Europe this summer.

We have two entries in the sixth annual Petticoat Derby on May 18th. They are LILLIAN LEWIS with her co-pilot MARION BUSBY, and SALLY STUDDARD with DOROTHY MERCER.

EASTERN IDAHO SECTION

Mary Kilbourne, Reporter

March 19. Members met at the home of LOIS BAUER (MRS. RICHARD) in American Falls, Idaho. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess while members enjoyed 'hangar flying'. Business meeting followed, conducted by Chairman, MARY KILBOURNE. ELAINE PARTRIDGE (MRS. C. L.) of Pocatello was appointed Chairman of the Chapter Air Education Program and will make contacts with the schools in the area. She is a former school teacher and has a lot of contacts. The Chapter has three new members who will be officially inducted at the next meeting by VIRGINIA FINKELNBURG. New members are: LOIS BAUER, American Falls; LAURENE CASPER, Idaho Falls; and SHIRLEE JOHNSON, Rexburg. Plans were made for members to attend the Fall Section meeting to be held in Lewiston, Montana August 15, 16, and 17. Next planned meeting is to be a "Gypsy" Fly Day. All members to meet at the Idaho Falls Airport at 11 a.m. April 20th.

May 14th. Weatherman has been most un-cooperative and today we met at the home of Chairman, MARY KILBOURNE, Pocatello, for lunch and business that must be attended to. Only flying we can do today is on 4 wheels and 'flying low'—very low ceilings, rain and icing condition being the 'menu' for weather. Chairman MARY KILBOURNE appointed a Nominating Committee for chapter nominations: DIANE JEX, LOIS BAUER and VIRGINIA FINKELNBURG. The "Gypsy" fly day was postponed until "anyday" soon that the weatherman will co-operate. Early morning phone calls on a beautiful day will get it organized.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER **Mary Jane Becker, Reporter**

Thunderstorms over the Spokane River Falls did not dim the lively May meeting held at the Black Angus Restaurant, whose picture window allowed a good view of them along with the weather produced by the low pressure front. It did prevent MINNIE BOYD from flying up in her beautiful new yellow and white Cherokee Arrow so she and TERRIE drove up to join ALBERTA ANDERSON, RENIE ANRODE, LYGIE HAGAN, MILLIE

SHINN, BARBARA THISTED and guests EDNA ABRAMS, CHARLOTTE DETWEILLER and LEONA HEBERLING. BOBBIE PRICE was weathered in at Waco, Texas with the PRICE Piper group flying new planes home from the factory in Florida. FERN LAKE was up in the air flying around the thunderstorms working on her Flight Instructor's Rating staying just ahead of the front homeward-bound to Couer d'Alene.

BARBARA THISTED will be moving to the San Diego area on June 10th. Her new address will be: 2790 Palamino Circle, La Jolla, California. DALE is a partner in Jimsair at Lindberg Field, San Diego. Our loss will be California's gain. We did manage to have one beautiful day on which BARBARA, MILLIE and RENIE flew RENIE'S Commanche to Pendleton for dinner. ALBERTA ANDERSON and RODERIC flew the Bonanza down to Mexico City, Mazatlan and returned via Tucson where she managed to get a beautiful tan. They are looking forward to the Shrine Flying Patrol trip which will be between Spokane and Walla Walla.

Congratulations to RENIE ANRODE on getting both her Flight Instructor's rating and her Instrument Flight Instructor's rating. Then she flew to Boston and purchased a 1963 Commanche 250, flew it home solo over the weekend, soloed her M.D. husband on Monday and flew a charter group of geology students from Eastern Washington College to Odessa on a field trip the next day. MINNIE BOYD greased her new Arrow on her son-in-law's short strip in a strong crosswind the first time she took up a passenger. She really sold the passenger on the merits of women in aviation! She and CARL had flown to the Flying Farmer Convention in Walla Walla the first of May.

LYGIE HAGAN flew via Jet to the Executive Board Meeting in Oklahoma City and then she and CORNIE flew their Commanche to Hollywood, Florida via Colorado Springs, and Texarkana. While CORNIE attended the Broncho-Esophageal Medical Convention meeting, she rested and relaxed and renewed friendships made last year while in Japan. They returned via Tallahassee, Dallas and Las Vegas stopping near the Grand Canyon in order to fly down into it to take pictures. It was rough due to hot air

turbulence but the pictures were worth it. MYRA HETTINGER helps the Yakima Blood Bank get blood to area cities in emergency cases by flying it there in a club plane. She also flew business men to Pasco and Spokane recently. She flew a twin Cessna 320 for a few hours enroute home from Denver and is checking out in the club's Aztec. She invited all the girls to the Pilot's Seminar in Yakima on June 1st. ROCHELLE JENSEN enjoyed meeting and visiting JACQUELINE COUSINS in Brussels. ROCHELLE will be going to Italy next and then to England on her round the world trip.

KATHLEEN HITCHOCK and MAURICE and their son flew into Gegier for the two day Aerospace Physiological Training Course given by the 310th Medical Group at Fairchild Air Force Base along with our section's Governor ILLOVENE POTTER and half dozen pilots from the Seattle area. Eastern Washington Chapter girls took the course three years ago so this time we invited families along with girls who did not take it last time. The HITCHCOCKS were especially interested since they are waiting for their newly ordered Duke to be delivered.

The procedure for taking this course is as follows: Obtain application blanks from the FAA in Oklahoma City, have a physical exam (pilot) within the last 12 months, this is a requirement . . . contact your local air base, find out the number of pilots they can handle, then send in the application form and \$5.00. There were twenty-five girls and men who took it this time. They felt it was worth the time and effort. The first day was spent listening to lectures on what happens inside the body when you fly a modern airplane and how to survive and function at high altitude. The second day was spent in reviewing the use of the oxygen equipment and the anticipated handling of it in preparation for entry into the altitude pressure chamber as well as the decompression chamber.

Before entry into the altitude pressure chamber, each pilot is fitted with a helmet, ear phones, oxygen mask and the knowledge gained the day before. Loose-fitting casual clothes are necessary to be worn. Within the chamber, Air Force personnel check each pilot's gear and the operation of the oxygen equipment. Outside the

chamber, Air Force personnel man the plane and carry on instructions as well as keeping personal alert vigil upon each pilot's movement and breath. They ascend to 43,000 feet and on the descent to 25,000 feet, a hypoxia exercise is conducted. The symptoms are nausea, dizziness, tingling sensation of skin or being hot or cold. Over confidence is often a symptom and the vision usually narrows. Immediate use of 100 per cent oxygen is the cure.

In the decompression chamber, same conditions were simulated should a window be blown out at 22,000 feet. All the 99s demonstrated their speed at hooking up and donning the oxygen masks while the air becomes very cold and foggy. LT. JERRY WILLIAMS and the other sergeants who lectured did a fine job for everyone felt it was worthwhile.

FAR WEST CHAPTER

Elene Duncan, Reporter

LYNN MAHLBERG and JO BURKHART waited patiently for the Peninsula members to arrive for the April meeting scheduled at Bellingham, but strong winds and generally poor weather cancelled out this meeting.

On May 11th the Far West Chapter joined the Puget Sound Chapter for a tour of Ault Field on Whidby Island. MARGARET LAYTON, MARY KOCHANNEK and JEAN RUTZ drove to Port Townsend and took the ferry to Whidby Island where MARY ANN NORFLEET, who arranged the tour, hosted a picnic on the beach at her home. Present from the Puget Sound Chapter were: MARCHINE DEXTER and her two children, NITA MATHESON, MILDRED PEARSON, MARGARET AMES and BETTY CURRAN. They were given a most welcome reception and tour of the Ault Field Base and inspected the A-3 refueling tanker, the P-2 Neptune anti-submarine type aircraft, the A-6 Intruder two engine jet used on carriers and a Gruman Gulfstream set up as a flying classroom. They also visited the radar room and observed a plane making an instrument approach and landing. They had an escort to the ferry with only minutes to spare and consequently did not have time to tour the weather station and tower, but felt that the trip was educational and very worthwhile and that the per-

sonnel at Ault Field were exceptionally cooperative.

EVAN and BARBARA LaRUE attended the Olympic Logging Conference at Victoria, B. C. this same week end. BARBARA left Victoria for Port Townsend to join the tour, but encountered fog at Port Townsend and Bellingham and returned to Victoria. MR. and MRS. CRAMER who operate the Cramer Instrument Flight School at Boeing Field were our guests for the day and we enjoyed hearing about their experiences including the training of many pilots from various foreign countries as well as local pilots.

Congratulations to BARBARA LaRUE on successfully passing the Commercial written test and to BING HISEROTE for passing the Private written test. At long last I finally managed to pass the Instrument written so we must all pursue the flying requirements now before our time limit expires.

We lucked out May 16th and had a perfect day for our picnic at the Quilayute Airport, a former military airport, and presently an emergency field with a weather station. It was a scenic trip over Lake Crescent with the Olympic Mountains below and a view of the ocean to the west and San Juan Islands to the north. LYNN MAHLBERG hitched a ride to Port Angeles with husband, RICHARD, and continued the flight with BARBARA LaRUE. MARGARET LAYTON and JEAN RUTZ arrived in the LAYTON'S 172 with the attractive new coat of paint in aqua blue and white. MARGARET also flew LYNN back to Bellingham since all the planes were reserved at Bellairco and in this business, as in other fields, business before pleasure. MARY KOCHANNEK brought one of her delicious cakes again. BARBARA'S mother and aunt stopped in for a brief hello since they were visiting in the area. New officers were elected for the next two

year term and plans were made for the next meeting to be held at Roche Harbor in the San Juans for lunch and swimming. This is one of our favorite meeting places and we usually have a good attendance of members as well as several guests.

MARY KOCHANNEK exhibited some of her paintings at the art show during the Sequim Irrigation Festival and was pleased to sell her dandelion picture the first day and has a request for another from a client as well as her youngest son. She is also planning to participate in the artists-in-action show in Port Angeles in June.

MONTANA CHAPTER

Joan Orley, Reporter

Clear skies and no wind made it possible for 12 members to attend the luncheon at the Montana Pilots Association annual meeting held in Cut Bank the 4th of May. KARIN RIBI spoke to the MPA ladies of the history of 99s and their activities. Everyone had such fun riding in the 1912 touring buses and who wouldn't with MAX CONRAD acting as doorman?!!

Some of our members were unable to make it to the meeting, but then you could understand why SUE WARD didn't even know there was a meeting. She has had her head in the clouds, literally, since the first of the year putting 97 hours on their new Navajo. SUE says she is still learning how to use all the marvelous equipment on the panel SUE, do try to remember the Northwest Sectional Meeting dates which are August 16, and 17 in Lewistown.

FLO MAJERUS, KARIN RIBI, and LAULETTE HANSEN attended the All Alberta Sectional meeting in Edmonton in April where some of our former chapter members were in charge of all arrangements. The girls reported a fine time and FLO, a ham radio operator, said LAULETTE really knows how to work all the radio frequencies needed in Edmonton.

We are so proud to have one of our members as a participant in the IAR and also the AWTAR. MARTHA GAUNCE took part in both races last year and placed well. Good Luck MARTHA! We'll be looking forward to a glowing report from you during the Northwest Sectional Meeting.

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JOHNSON whose mother passed away recently.

The next meeting will be held in MSO during the 4 day Memorial Day Weekend Air Show. The 99s will be dishing out ice cream along with their interest in flying.

VIVIENNE SCHRANK has been giving rides to the children of the Brusset country grade school.

Congratulations are in order for MARY STEVENSON who now has her Advanced Ground Instructors rating, and we are most happy to welcome LINDA CHERNISKY of Helena as a new member, who will take the place of the member we lost when JOAN NOYDECKER moved to Minneapolis. Should any of you go to the Twin Cities commercial you will get to see JOAN at Northwest Airlines.

Yours truly spent a week attending a concentrated Instrument Ground School course as a Mother's Day present; with the instructors, long time pilots and college kids that were in attendance I felt just like I did when taking College Algebra with engineering students. But I made it!

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER **Luella Burrows, Reporter**

HELEN DURHAM and 49½er flew to Mexico in February, making stops at Tucson, Nogales, Guaymas, Mazatlan, Guadalajara, Puerto Vallerto, San Blas, and Los Alamos. They returned thru New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

HELEN APPEL, 49½er EUGENE, their daughter, and HELEN'S mother, flew their club Comanche to Reno. (They belong to Falconers). Our cold front went right along with them, tho, so they didn't get warm that trip!

We were all saddened to hear that MARY LYMAN'S husband, BERNARD, passed away suddenly.

VAN ANDERSON and ILOVENE POTTER were invited to attend the Washington Aeronautics Commission meeting in Olympia. ILOVENE spoke about the 99s and the air marking program. They were treated to free transportation to the meeting in the W.A.C. Apache.

Many 99s were at the first meeting of 'Operation Ladybird'. This is a three evening seminar sponsored by the FAA to stimulate interest in flying among women. Those attending as students were encouraged to continue and achieve their Private ticket, and Pri-

vate pilots were similarly encouraged to go on to further ratings. In explaining the purpose of the 'Operation', DON FROS of the FAA said that this first meeting was in the form of an experiment, and if the ladies felt they benefitted, it would be initiated on a more widespread basis. JOYCE HARDING, our Vice-Chairman, told us the role of the 99s in aviation and explained to the non-members the internal workings of our organization.

Our first air marking venture will occur Sunday, May 19, at Olympia. We are bringing husbands and a pol-luck lunch. (And keeping our fingers crossed for reasonable weather).

WYOMING CHAPTER

Pauline Powers, Reporter

The April meeting was held in Worland with eight members present and seven visitors. Lillian Tollman had her Wing Patrol girls at the airport waiting to have their rides; for some,

their first time in the air.

BETTY ADAMS is selling their grocery store so now we'll see more of her. Congratulations to VIRGILEA SCHWARTZ and the new baby boy. RANDY HILTON has been checking out in a Luscombe and MARIE ENGELMAN and her Dr. husband just got back from a vacation in Rome and Paris.

It has been so good to have another girl in Greybull interested in flying. JULIA CHEETAM has been learning in a J-3 and it is so enjoyable to get together with her.

Not much activity going on now but for awhile we were really busy planning for our Wyoming Air Race and Family Fly-In at Cody. Seems we had to cancel our air race to fit in the fly-in and now we don't have either. We are learning and next year we'll be better on our timing. We still have the Montana Sectional to look forward to, so we'll see some of you there.

HISTORY BOOKS (Cont. from Page 2)

have grown! I'm remembering when we flew to the meetings in New York—going down in the old Ford Trimotor of Colonial Airways—TEDDY KENYON, KEET MATHEWS, MARY BACON, JOAN SHANKLE, BERNICE BLAKE and I, sitting on the arms of the seats discussing the Constitution and By-Laws of this new women's flying Club. That was before we had decided on a name for this new organization.

The "Ninety-Nines" has grown into the type of flying organization it deserved to be, and I'm sure that every Charter Members is proud to see this happen.

RETHA McCULLAH (JOHNSON) CRITTENDEN sent her picture and remarked that she has and can still wear the flying pants worn in the picture taken in 1928. Wouldn't it be nice if we were all so fortunate?

MELBA GORBY BEARD writes that she has quite a few of the charter members pictures and copies of most of the "99" News since the beginning of our organization. We hope in the near future to get them reproduced.

Many of you will be interested in knowing that MELBA is currently compiling a history of the Bird airplane manufactured on Long Island in the early 1930's. She has been searching for ten years for numbers

of all Birds and current owners. If you have any information, please forward it to her.

MARJORIE STINSON called and asked that the record be corrected to clarify any confusion. Her famous sister, KATHERINE (non-member of the Washington, D. C. Chapter), is not the same person as our present KATHARINE STINSON, an engineer with F.A.A. It is our misfortune that we cannot claim both such outstanding people as members of our chapter. Besides the above Charter Members, others like MARJORIE DAVIS is sending historical material regarding women in aviation. About a year ago, she sent one of AMELIA's flight suits that she had left with her to the Smithsonian Institution and some other material to the Congressional Library.

Thanks so much to all of you who have been so wonderful in sending in data. Your response has been most heartwarming. These are your history books, your legacy to future generations. You can all help by sending in pictures of our charter members as requested in the April issue of the "99" News or pictures and data of present international interest.

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