



LOVE'S LABOR being lavished by Dorothy Ledbetter on plane at local airfield is not love. Flying is her hobby.

Photo by Bill Geraghty

LOVE OF AERONAUTICS IS LEDBETTER'S AVOCATION

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Mrs. Dorothy Ledbetter, an English teacher here on Campus has an extraordinary hobby. the mild mannered woman is also a pilot: she first became interested in flying through Grossmont Aeronautics Department in October 1971. Soon after, she attended ground school in the preceding summer, she soloed in just 12 hours, and received her private pilot license in March 1972. Her latest plans include working on her instrument rating. Her husband, also a teacher and pilot, was so proud of her that they both went on a 2,500 mile trip to visit relatives in Texas and they are planning a trip this summer to the Grand Canyon and Death Valley.

"I like the excitement of just flying from one area to another."

She has joined Coastal Fliers. "We have 4 airplanes there, a Cessna 150, 172, 182, and a Yankee. The 150, the one they took to Texas, has a complete Navigation board, Nav/Com, DME/transponder.

"It was a lot of fun going across country, the military bases were very co-operative, good in giving passage across their fields."

Mr. Ken Carter, one of Grossmont's Aeronautics instructors, helped her get her private pilot license, right here on campus. The Aeronautics Department is now preparing for the influx of students who will be signing up for the course in the coming semesters.

"We want to have room for all Aeronautics students," says Mr. Carter.