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### Women and Planetime

More people, particularly women, will travel by air this summer than ever before in the history of transportation for at least three reasons.

In the first place, the facilities for air travel are better. There are more airlines, covering a wider territory and having more extensive schedules. In other words, there are more planes going to more places more often. And the interiors of these planes are not only comfortably equipped but attractively decorated.

On the other hand, people are becoming more accustomed to traveling by air, especially those who have already formed the habit of flying from point to point on the Continent and in South America.

A third reason for the increase in the number of women air travelers this summer will undoubtedly be the fact that the rates are lower than they have ever been before. A definite indication of the bearing that the price of a ticket has on the ratio of women to men passengers is a compilation made for the T.A.T.-Maddux Airlines. This shows that the number of women passengers is now twenty per cent of their total passengers, as against sixteen and two-thirds per cent before the rates were lowered to their present level. And that was for the month of February. As the temperature goes up and vacation time begins, a much greater increase in the percentage of women passengers is expected.

According to a survey recently completed by the Woman's Department of the Curtiss Wright Corporation, the percentage of women who travel by air in the southern winter vacation lands has been higher than anywhere else. It will be interesting next Fall to study the ratio of the number of men to the number of women who have traveled by air during the summer, and contrast it with the winter air tourist traffic figures.

The results of this air travel sex percentage survey indicate that where most of the air passengers are traveling on business, the percentage of men is naturally considerably higher, since more men than women are traveling on business in this country. (More)

Present percentages of women passengers on airlines are reported as follows:-

- 43% (Approximately) - Pan American Airways, Inc., the bulk of their traffic being between Miami-Havana-Nassau.
- 40%-New York, Rio and Buenos Aires Line, Inc.,- for traffic between Miami and Havana
- 35%-Boeing Air Transport, Inc., special night plane service from San Francisco to Salt Lake City and Reno
- 30%-Colonial Airways System, operating between New York and Boston, and Canadian Colonial Airways, operating between New York and Montreal
- 28%-Air Ferries, Ltd., short-haul service between San Francisco and points across the bay
- 20%-TAT-Maddux Airlines, operating across the continent from East to West and along the West Coast
- 16%-Pacific Air Transport, Seattle to Los Angeles
- 16%-Boeing Air Transport, Inc., operating between Chicago and San Francisco
- 15%-Stout Air Lines, operating between Detroit, Chicago and Cleveland
- 15%-(Approximately)-Northwest Airways, operating between Chicago, the Twin Cities and Milwaukee
- 13%-Southwest Fast Air Express, operating between Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas points
- 12%-(Approximately)-Thompson Aeronautical Corporation, operating between Michigan points and Chicago, Toledo and Cleveland

#### Ninety-niners Meet in New York

The regular sectional meeting of the "99's" was held at the American Woman's Association Club house on March 15, Amelia Earhart being hostess. A plan of government was tentatively worked out which will comprise only a national secretary, a national treasurer and a board of governors representing various geographical sections. Louise Thaden was appointed to hold temporary office until the permanent officers are elected. She is also chairman of publicity, with Marjorie May Lesser and Blanche Noyes serving with her on the publicity committee.

The following twenty-eight pilots were present at the meeting:-

Mary B. Bacon, Brookline, Mass.; Mildred Helene Chase, Chelsea, Mass.; Marian Clark, Waverly, Md.; Jean Davidson, Greenwich, Conn.; Manila Davis, Brookline, Mass.; Jane Dodge, Germantown, Pa.; Marjorie Doig, Danbury, Conn.; Amelia Earhart, New York City; Fay Gillis, New York City; Lady Mary Heath, New York City; Jean D. Hoyt, Boston, Mass.; Cecil Kenyon, Brookline, Mass.; Opal Logan Kunz, New York City; Dorothea Leh, Allentown, Pa.; Marjorie May Lesser, Albany, New York; Frances Marsalis, N.Y.C.; Olivia Mathews, Dedham, Mass.; Agnes A. Mills, New York City; Sylvia A. Nelson, Ardmore, Pa.; Ruth Nichols, Rye, New York; Blanche Noyes, Lakewood, Ohio; Margaret F. O'Mara, Port Washington, N. Y.; E. Parker, New York City; Meta Rothholz, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Louise Thaden, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Wilma Walsh, Bellville, N. J.; Anna Ward, Newark, N. J.; and E. Ruth Webb, Lancaster, Pa.

#### Glider Carnival to Have Events for Women

The New York Glider Carnival, scheduled for April 25 and 26 at Queensborough Golf and Country Club, Bayside, Long Island, will have three events for women for which special prizes will be offered,

according to Amelia Earhart, who is in charge of woman's events. These events will include two duration contests, one for novices, and the other for experienced glider pilots; and an accuracy of landing contest. All women who are interested in taking part in the glider carnival should write to Miss Earhart, at 353 West 57th Street, New York City, for further information.

### Soloed

Just me and the "Fledgling" up in the air,  
I bank a turn, and give a chance stare,  
To see Instructor "Mel" below, watching upward from  
there.

I imagined a look of deep concern,  
But I'll show him the things I labored to learn.

Now "cut the gun," and into the glide,  
A short bank to the left, now hear the wires sing.  
Level off now, and ease her down,  
Just like "Mel" taught me: three points on the ground.

A happy landing is my mark,  
From whence that motor roars at the start.  
I did it once and it's all the same,  
So I'll give it the gun and do it again!

(Mrs. Betty Radcliffe, Private Pilot, Columbus, Ohio)

### Pilot's License Notes

The total number of licensed women pilots to date is 198, 16 of them transports, 22 L. C.'s and 160 privates.

The three limited commercial pilots not before recorded are Ethel M. Richardson of Santa Ana, Cal.; Maude B. McClaine (Mrs. A. Fielding), of Spokane, Wash.; and Marie C. Graham, of Phoenix, Ariz.

Miss Richardson has had her L.C. license for some time. Mrs. McClaine, who is the first woman in her state to qualify for a pilot's license, passed her L.C. tests on March 10. Miss Graham, first and only woman pilot in Arizona, passed her L.C. examinations on March 13.

The two new private pilots are Manila Davis, of Brookline, Mass., and Kathleen Millar of San Francisco. Miss Davis learned to fly at the Boston Curtiss Wright Flying Service school and has nearly enough hours up her sleeve already for her L.C. license. She is on the sales staff of the Boston Curtiss-Wright base. Kathleen Millar learned to fly at the Alameda Curtiss-Wright Flying Service school.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Whenever a woman receives her pilot's license or increases her license rating, we would appreciate notification of that fact as soon as possible after it happens. We would be glad to have at the same time, information as to where and in what school she learned to fly, whether she learned to fly for the fun of flying or because she plans to earn her living at flying or in some phase of aviation, how long it took her to solo, what her occupation is, if any, her age, and any other vital statistics she or a representative of her flying school may care to send in to the Woman's Department, Curtiss Wright Corporation, 27 West 57th Street, New York City.