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Entry Limit Date for Derbies Extended

Entries will be accepted as late as twenty-four hours before the start of the cross-country races by women pilots from the two coasts to Chicago, according to an announcement from the Contest Committee of the National Air Races.

Preparations for the derbies are in full swing. Women pilots all over the country are piling up hours to make up the 150 required for entrants, and are getting in the 50 hours of cross-country time which are essential.

From Raleigh, N.C., comes a report that two women fliers, who landed there recently, said they were "giving the course of the derby a preliminary looking-over".

The course for the Eastern Woman's Derby, as tentatively outlined, is as follows: Leaving Washington, D.C., August 22, at 11 A.M.; Richmond, Va., for lunch; Raleigh, N.C. for the night; Columbia, S.C. for lunch; Atlanta, Ga., for the night; Birmingham, Ala., for lunch; Memphis, Tenn., for the night; St. Louis, Mo., for lunch; Springfield, Ill. for the night; Elgin, Ill. for lunch; and finish August 26th at Chicago in the afternoon.

National Conclave of Ninety-Nines

A meeting of the 99's, national organization of women pilots, will be held on the morning of August 27th at the National Air Races in Chicago. The meeting will be followed by luncheon at the Hotel Drake.

Louise Thaden, secretary of the 99's, who is busy with her brand-new son at the moment, has appointed a committee of three to take charge of the meeting. This committee consists of Amelia Earhart, of New York, chairman; Jean La Rene, of Kansas City, Kan; governor of the south-central Section of the club; and Gladys O'Donnell, of Long Beach, Cal., governor of the south-western Section.

Power Speed Race for Women Pilots

An unlimited power speed race for women pilots has been definitely announced as a major event on the program of the National Air

Races. Major R. W. Schroeder, contest director, announces prizes of \$2,500 and a trophy offered by Mrs. Robert R. McCormick. Amelia Earhart, first to hold an official woman's speed record in her Wasp-motored Lockheed, and Florence Lowe Barnes, present holder with her 225 h.p. Wright Travel Air Mystery Ship, are expected to compete.

Women's Pilot License Notes

New licenses this week: 8 private, 1 transport, 1 industrial and 4 limited commercial pilots. Total women pilots licensed to date: 235, of which 222 are private, 2 industrial, 36 limited commercial and 25 transport pilots.

Those just licensed are: Mary Domin, Boston, Ohio; Betty Lund, California; Dorothy A. Lyon, Kansas City, Mo.; Edith D. McKanna, Wichita Falls, Texas; Elva Powell, Darby, Pa.; Harriet E. Sackett, Washington, D. C.; Catherine Turner, Winnsboro, S. C. and Evelyn Wenstrom, Boise, Id., private pilots; Ruth W. Stewart, St. Louis, transport pilot; Meta Rothholz Brooklyn, industrial pilot; and Marian Clark and Thelma H. Elliott, Baltimore, Frances Gale, Dallas, Texas, and Margaret White, Columbus, O., limited commercial pilots.

Mrs. Lund is the wife of Freddie Lund, well-known pilot. Miss Lyon is office manager of a large bakery. Miss Sackett, employee of the State Department, is first woman member of the D. C. Air Legion to qualify as pilot. Miss Wenstrom is Idaho's first flying woman. Miss Turner is South Carolina's first. Only eight states have no women pilots now. Miss Turner soloed after three hours and fifteen minutes of instruction and was up for thirty minutes on her solo flight. She is a student of Curtiss-Wright Flying Service at Columbia, S. C. Miss Stewart, new transport, flies her own Robin. Miss Gale will be ready for a transport rating shortly. She is an employee of the Woodall Flying School in Dallas. Miss Rothholz, who qualified at Curtiss Airport, Valley Stream, teaches mathematics at Erasmus Hall High School, Brooklyn, New York.

This bulletin would be pleased to receive information about these not listed here.

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