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PLANS FOR NEXT AIR DERBY

MAKE DERBY SNAPPY AMELIA WRITES DERBYITE FLIES

"Apply Handicaps at Start of Laps," Say Women Pilots

the handicapping is handled more efficiently than it was It is about to go to press and will last year. And it will be, because most of the bugs were soon be on the bookstands. worked out in 1931. The Race Committee knows what In this book Amelia gives short It is pretty definitely settled that we will have another handicap derby in 1932, according to latest advices from the East. The women flyers are in favor of this, provided mendous disappointment to many of the contestants, they known among women flyers, along Aires, making about five stops in not to do next time, and while the last derby was a tre- resumes of the careers of the best realized that the officials were just as upset as they were. with little sketches of the activi- all for fuel. The first stop will and were greatly appreciated by the pilots. And besides that, the consolation prizes were a big help, ties of some of the less prominent

nut behind the stick. Statistics of weakest part of an airplane is the

fatalities are directly traceable to bulletin that 65 per cent of all this up with the statement in their the Department of Commerce back

WHAT'S WRONG WITH

THE WEAKEST PART

Aviation Bull-etin

By "PANCHO" BARNES

There is no doubt that the

Amelia Earhart, as a member of the Contest Committee, is working to bring about the best popssible conditection and should be on the

tions for eastern and western girls alike

derby: women flyers would like to see incorporated in the next First—That each ship be flown over a measured course by THREE different test pilots, and the handi-Following are several rules and conditions which the

a privale plane, bust themselves John Doe or Mary Smith, pushing

That's easy—65 per cent, any-av, according to statistics. If

according to statistics.

of little importance, but when a and their planes the consequence is

cap placed on the average speed attained by all three the test, except for a certain specified amount of gas Second-That each ship be completely empty on

space than a Lusitania sinking.

MASTER PILOTS

different, and gets more newspaper is the star headliner, well, that's football coach in a transport plane

and oil, the same for each ship. start from an eastern city, of course.

Fourth—That the nen and women do not attempt because of the transcontinental angle, so long as the National Air Races are held in the East, Later, if a western city should have the races the derby should Third-That a West-to-East derby is preferable,

minimum of 1,000 hours and a stiff

air line pilots and instructors-

How about a higher license for

struct a student. Even a transport holding a private license may in-

pilot with 200 hours hardly seems to me one to be considered a "pro-

to fly the same course again, because combining the races makes the derby too big and unwieldy for the

of finishing a book on girl flyers. Amelia Earhart is in the throes

lection and should be on the and the Andes. She is using a among the sisterhood. It promeveryone interested in flying. the country, as well as that of bookshelf of every girl pilot in J-5 Lockheed for the trip, and

has a warm spot in her heart for this flight and Bobbie Trout "Herb" Shearer and "Doc" Kin-Every girl pilot in the country

to it that they had plenty of oil the girls from the Coast and saw In 1930 Herb flew through with extra service of all kinds.

The enormity of this task finally judge and official timekeeper. '31 Doc Kincaid acted should.

TO BUENOS AIRES

she will cross the Carribean Saa be made at Miami. From there fly from New York to Buenos to break the record for long distake off next week in an attempt will be accompanied ance flights by women. She win Stanford of Toronto. Ruth Stewart of St. Louis will

lather, is financing the trip.

the Kendall Oil people, especially makes the transpacific hop she is inning, the other girls will have still open. course, the old Atlantic, which ttle left to shoot for, except, of course, the old Atlantic, which is If Ruth successfully completes

By the way, Ruth is an almost perfect "Nikki," if you know your

holding a private license may into me one to be considered a "propilot with 200 hours hardly seems struct a student. Even a transport

STATISTICS TO HECK WITH

factor in this modern world. tion is bound to be the greatest Let's pull together, because aviaco-operation and less selfishness. What this game needs is more

BIG DRINK

continents, and is now even contents itself by rocking airplanes has given up world-ruling and conused to rule the world"-but now "The hand that rocked the cradle

tax collector to see if I'd pay the tax bill in advance. And after all, wouldn't flip a quarter with the what price glory?

PICTURE IN THE PAPER I LOVE TO SEE MY

flights-it hurts all of us when it's a farce. Girls, girls, don't use that's marvelous, and if she hasn't If one has accomplished something it really is accompanied by news. they fail to materialize. the press to help promote your But I don't want it there unless

ROTTEN SPORTSWOMEN

little lady and should be taken care rightly so. She cried on the least green apples or go swimming in the "old hole," she has been laaround after big brother when he that she has grown up and is out Women's Air Reserve and better stay home and play dolls were hosts at a turkey dinner in if she couldn't be a "sport." Now honor of the Ninety-Nines, the of. Big brother retorted that she Professional Pilots' Association daddy and mamma said she was a provocation and insisted that wanted to play baseball, chuck Since little sister first tagged

start from an eastern city, of course.

Fourth—That the nam and women do not attemp western city should have the races the derby should

equipped to handle so many ships at one time, and because the cost of entertaining, feeding and fueling pilots and planes eliminates the possibility of lap great a burden upon the lap towns, who often are not to fly the same course again, because combining the races makes the derby too big and unwieldy for the officials to handle efficiently; because it places too money.

Besides, it is not fair to the men. If there is any personal publicity on the derby the women get it, while if the men flew a separate course they would receive their pro per share.

yen to fly oceans?

YOU GOT ME:

Of two things only are we Surke—death and taxation. But I worked out with much less confusion, and in much less only are we see the plane should determine the order of departure of each ship, which would automatically apply the handicap to the start of each lap, instead of to the HONOLULUTRI hither, thither and yon, across after the handicaps have been set and before the start ness which all these kindnesses time. of the race, each ship could have its requisite time com- have created should knew who had won any lap until hours after it was flown this, and the time had been laboriously calculated. Next time, As for the handicap, a system is hereby suggested which could eliminate the factor which detracted most from the news value of the last derby. Last year no one

With this system it would be easy to tell which pilot completor for a flight to be lots was worth a story. Possibly had won each lap, because the first one in would be the winner, the next arrival would be second and so on. The in February from Honolulu to the no other single group of women newspapers would be satisfied, as would the gallery and Coast in a Lockheed Altair. Gorisideration and generosity of the

For instance, a Gee Bee handicapped at 200 M.P.H., "Fluffy Coat" soap for animals, flying over a 200-mile course, should arrive at the destination in one hour. A Great Lakes, handicapped at 100 bie is helping by carrying cachets, M.P.H., should arrive in two hours. Therefore, the Great which will be sold all over the Lakes should start one hour ahead of the Gee Bee, and world. These cachets will be very they should both arrive at the same time, provided they valuable if the flight is a success.

both made a 100 per cent score.

out the United States, and these suggestions are presented installed. Among the dials that in the spirit of helpfulness and in the hope that the Race Bobbie will have to watch are: Commission will realize that the women pilots are anxious a radio beacon, which will opto assist and co-operate in every way possible to make erate from both terminals of the Races successful and profitable. We realize that the officials of the Races do not con- in this undertaking, as the United year at the Hotel Teris on No- sider that the derby adds to the gate appreciably, but that States Weather Bureau is assist- vember 18, 1931. Margaret Coothe benefit of the pilots and the general public through- for mavigation over water is being they nevertheless continue to hold it year after year for ing, and every known instrument

99 Guests of P. P. A.

other licensed women pilots. On Tuesday, December 1, the presiding chairman of each or-Af- ment of their guests. A. had imported the entire cast

which were the result of sitting judge and official timekeeper. a combination of nerves and flu, landed him in the hospital with First Formal Function The enormity of this task finally 31 Doc Kincaid acted as

each with a beautiful helmet.

Oil Company, both last year and received a gift from the Kendall

The warm, personal friendliresult in

HONOLULU TRIP

don Davidson, manufacturer of sideration and generosity of the Plans are being brought to

ter the dinner several interesting a Ritchie aperiodic compass and by an entertainment. The P. P. orable flight around the world. ganization, and this was followed by Post and Gatty in their mem- sent in their dues. short talks were given by the a drift indicator. This last named a radio beacon, which will op- tion of Treasurer. zon, a directional gyro compass, instrument is the same one used flight, a Sperry artificial hori-Everything points to success

of a musical show for the enjoy- world's endurance record women.

to it that they had plenty of oil By the way, Ruth is an almost en' extra service of all kinds.

By the way, Ruth is an almost perfect "Nikki," if you know your should. John Lein

up all night figuring up handicap licensed girl flyers in the history On Christmas each contestant formal supper dance. One han-At Cleveland Herb Shearer of the world was held at Mildred dred people were present, including pictures ever taken of avia ing the club members and their 48 Ninety-Niners held their first sion events were shown. guests. Some of the finest mov-

from time to time. ent, as was also a Syndicate Feagathering of licensed women piseemed to think that such a large rure writer. and Times rotogravure were pres-Press Syndicate, Associated Press,, World-Wide, Daily News Photographers from the United The newspapers

Election of Officers

Clema Granger retained the posiper was elected Governor for the coming year. Mildred Morgan was appointed Secretary, and The Ninety-Nines held them

jumped from 17 to 33, paid up, members who have not as and 44 in all, including new Governor the membership Since the advent of the new

Bobbie Trout now holds the Governor, was presented with a for hand-tooled leather autograph al-Gladys O'Donnell, the retiring

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And the Remnants of the Treasury

but by women themselves, that no organization whose subscriptions for \$1 a year, which year. The same gang rounds up, personnel is exclusively feminine could be a success. The is the regular price to everyone, and many of the old planes put in the same of the old planes put in the old plan for the survival of the organization, so 'tis said. internal dissension and petty jealousies would be too great However, out of each dollar col- their appearances. The statement has often been made, not only by men, ment has consented to let us sell ward eleven months out of the

gether. There are always people who are willing to work, and work hard, for the common good of all. Then again there are others who, ambitious solely for themselves, ing been able to make themselves and the group they represent ridiculous. rangement, and we are very speed Holman. Thompson T their resultant differences of viewpoint, try to get to- Ninety-Nine news from all parts good natured Freddie. And Lowwhere people from different parts of the country, with there are bound to be disturbing elements in any group Each month in the magazine an Freddie Lund will not be there, about Yolanda. The writer does not agree with this view. However, 50 cents for our local treasury, faces mi sing, and next year

the spirit of good-will and friendliness, stand today a this extent. We hope that every think of them as sitting around our local programs. Let us hope a growing and progressive force in the aviation world. group, with common aspirations and common objectives. Every girl in the organization is an individualist, else she come to this happy condition without tribulations, nor subscription to the magazine, as an ethereal hanger talking in the that marriage will not cramp her after two years of concentrated effort toward sponsoring erating with our organization to tive is needed in the organization so that it may become at the beginning of the third year of its existence. Initiabe fostered and encouraged. It is needed now, especially would not be a flyer. In the 99 Club individualism should been wisely chosen, it finds itself today a pretty well-knit ger, Clover Field, Santa Monica, different? I wonder The women who fly have formed the 99 Club, and grateful to The Pilot for co-op- winner of 1930. Therefore it behooves every mother's daughter to pull

with and for her club, to prove to the world that there is one organization composed of women who can work to-gether harmoniously for the best good of the whole, in gether harmoniously for the best good of the whole,

The Ninety-Niners are all outstanding young women, with high ideals, exceptional intellect and the friendliness

coincident with good breeding. Let us make the number 99 stand for a woman's elub

Treasury Troubles

are staging at this time. However, the local treasury must be fed from time to time, by hook local funds could be built up cnything else. Everyone that one have been schemed, and pians in Ohio or California. or crook. So several schemes the membership drive, which we was done in order to facilitate Southwestern Ninety-Niners. This | tion may saggest. The local dues for the fiscal

entire page will be devoted to A veteran of the races-quiet, has been worked out with The lected we will be allowed to keep zine.

Calif. If you are already getting different? I wonder . . . the magazine please make your

Roman Holiday

Pilot, well-known eviation maga- ing to be more and more of an Their circulation depart- event, to which we all look forhit home.ick. The races are com- day? Grand Central was there, and no

But each year there are some

without putting any strain on the zees around United, Mines or with our straining eyes-those have been planned, whereby these more like "old home week" than winged their way into a wider year have been suspended by the in any way that any other sec- owe at least a moment of rever-The first and best plan so far one nad a chance to get the least make for others a Roman holirenewal through us, as every lit- with the best that they left be-tle bit helps. Our section will hind them the rest of us will be glad, of coarse, to reciprocate build and profit, and to them we was hard to tell whether one was and think of the ones who live At Cleveland, in September, it each year at the races to pluse was gone on - those who have who have given their lives to sky where we cannot follow them idea to have a moment set aside is a goodly growd of them "over there." Wouldn't it be a good they are our brothers, and there ent reflection-yes, and love, for them the rest of

Rumor Department

flyer who is decidedly "that way" shortly with a prominent young liable to ankle up the aisle very Yolanda Spirito, Pasadena aviatrix, with the big, dusky eyes, is

I wonder if it is sacriligous to the feature attraction on most of style. flyer of note in these parts, being the near future. Edith is a stunt

Anyway, they have gone, and again t "taking a flyer." boys who had not been warned With Wall Street what it is to-

Don't Be a Wallflower!

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composed entirely of friends. Let us make the number 99 stand for a woman's club

Thoughts for the New Year

corner (which corner?). Prosperity is just around the

gets going! (Oh, yeah?) deb it will be. Just wait till 1932 known to clean journalism of see what a beautiful young sul- lication have tried every method soon grown into them and then The official sleuths of this rubdo with its hands and feet (pilots and there, and a great air of and over-production), but it will mystery pervades the atmosphere. stage. It doesn't know what to and lying around the hangar here

(They haven't the carfare to get in skylights; they have bored up scen any pilots in the breadline. scaling the hangar walls to peer Well, anyway,

smile and see how much better hausted, baffled and foiled the mouth to the ears. hesive tape from the corners of genuity, and some strips of admanufacture one with a little inbring forth a B. S. can easily you feel. any. Go around with a bright Anyone who cannot

kick and scream—smile! When you find your ship

new ship—smile. Wringing of that's us! the hands won't rebuild it. When you wash out your brand

Whatever happens, just smile.

in, returned from a summer at North Pole, and thereby grab off points East. pare for a trip to Chicago and flight around the world by a La Jolla just long enough to pre- the record for the first nonstop Travel Air cabin job to flit about dena girl who has a nice big Mystery Ship will disembark Katherine Burnham, the Pasa-

WORLD FLIGHT PLANNED

Grousing doesn't help matters phones in the tool boxes, but so Aviation is no longer in its in- Mystery Ship for something or It is at the awkward other. All the gadgets are off you haven't to take place. They have tried far they have always returned exthrough the floors and set dicagetting a line on what is about Pancho Barnes is grooming her

Mystery is right!

grounded for hangar rent don't soon as she was revived she gasped glad tidings. editorial floor in a swoon. As porter burst in the door with fore going to press our star reout the story of the solution. a lather that she dropped on the N. B.: At the last minute be-She was in such

(Always first with the latest

anyway, else you wouldn't be a camouflaged so carefully to hide Everybedy knows you are a sap 90 degrees. This base has been bt of good to frown all the way will pick up the Mystery Ship and the air-smile! It won't do a the Akron to Glendale, where it When you lose your motor in Kunz the Navy is going to send point somewhat north of latitude its pilot and transport them to a porters there, we learned. it from spies that it would be useless to send any of our re-By special permission of Opal

woman! make a vertical bank around the At this point Pancho and the

SHORT HOURS—BIG PAY!

clustered about me as I came in to land. "But their faces fell when my plane didn't, and they "My friends all laughed when I said I could fly!

"'Look out, Alphonse!' I shouted merrily, as he rushed

toward me through the prop.

"'(Careful, Clarence,' I chided gently, as his spiked golf shoes perforated my right wing. Clarence is the handsomest chap in our crowd, and I had long been beneath his notice. "'(Oh, Minnie,' he glowed, 'will you take me up with you?' "I knew then that my dream had come true, and that

Clarence was practically made!"

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vice versa.

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our System the student's mind should be left free of all scholastic and technical theories of flight while she is incommand of the plane. The less she has to think about the better she viill be able to do the job We do not clutter up your mind with silly talk about up-wind, down-wind, or cross-wind. We simply ignore the wind. According to at hand.

instructors who have become set in their ways. which we explode all the hide bound, antiquated customs of older In fact, this is only one of the features of our new method with

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Compare it with the long, slow, tedious process employed by other

off is all there is to it, really. Anyone can come down. All you have to do is come out to our airport some morning with your airplane, any make, and we will tell you how to fly it. The take-

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DO IT NOW!

PHOOEY PHLYING SCHOOL

"IN THE HEART OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS"

were too numerous and complicated ple set of some 10 rules and regulations be adopted instead. workable, be abandoned and a sim-8 ticles and Amendments, which readily understandable or ciety:

functions until it could soundly afforms, printed matter, or formal ford same. in for showy and expensive uni-That the Corps should not go

asked of the Army or Navy, the organization to stand on its own That no favors should be

slightly unwieldy. have a mixture of Army and Navy titles as the proceeding seemed 6. That they did not wish to

considered serious by the western quests of the western group. Bethe Cleveland meeting with the regroup. ficially a crisis arose which was fore these could be presented of-The western delegates attended

ganization into a corporation, with every member of the Corps. holders' liability open to each and left the serious question of stockedge of the Corps members and This was done without the knowlherself as president of the same. Opal Kunz, had formed the or-

attendance at Cleveland resigned group, they were turned down from the Corps, in accordance with girls of the Ninth Corps Area in matters suggested, whereupon the consider the applicability of the completely, with no attempt to the suggestions from the western return, the western group resigned report of the delegates, upon their ern meeting. their plans at the previous west-When the time came to present After hearing the

the Ninth Area felt that the der the Betsy Ross Corps rules could not function properly uninvolved, but realizing that they them. However, having a splen-There was no personal feeling local organization in (Continued to Page 3) form, might be better without they wished g0not

tion of the pilot's license. tell-tale wad sticking to the instrument Department of Commerce at Washington. We will so arrange with them that any board will result in immediate cancella-First of all we must enlist the aid of the

us to the extent that placards will be and number of any pilot whose jaws seem sult in immediate dismissal. to be moving rythmically. This will reto report to the management placed in all ships requesting passengers The major air lines will co-operate with the name

Chewing!" in derbies saying: "Down With Gum ters on their keel surfaces at air races and Preserve Posterity's Pulchritude! Check All Ninety-Niners will wear large let-

mander of the Betsy Ross Corps, onable, for it could hardly be expected of It was learned that the com full membership again. This is only reasa girl to write "Have you a little Chiclet in your home?" on one side of her fuselage and "Stop Salacious Salivation" on the duration of her contract, at the expiration vertising contract with any firm such as other. of which time she would be reinstated to bership would be allowed to lapse for the Fearmint, Peachnut or Jucatan, her mem-Of course, if a girl should obtain an ad-

Ject. For no matter how broadminded an advertiser might be he probably would ob-

so strong, so overwhelming, that practicwithstand annihilation! ally nothing of which we disapprove can We will organize ourselves into a force

fly. No man is going to tell her how to do it. It is an uphill struggle, but she will prove it if she has to fly upside down to tion man has placed upon her . She is an individual! She is proving this every day. do it. Witness the unique way that most women Woman has ceased to accept the valua-

bearer of the race. From now on Man must do his share! No longer is Woman merely the child-

this, fellow Ninety-Niners, is our chance! It is time that a new crusade was launched—the world is ready for it—and

mouth, thereby distorting his facial mus-cles and making speech impossible, while significantly and slip a chicle into his some woman is talking earnestly and ex-No longer will man be allowed to leer

> that started out with such brilliant prost their extreme good taste and pects a couple of years ago finds itself in sense of chic assert themselves a SLUMP! Why? Because instead of look-more than at any other time. our ranks and made aviation what it is today! The infant industry of the country ing for jobs pilots stand around the hangars and CHEW GUM, that's why. With their vitality sapped, what energy have they left to get out and battle the world? None. Any chief pilot can say "Scram" to them and they scram. Just tulink now this evil has beneficated them may be caught in the act

self was observed standing right in front all laughingly call it. Her hair of the announcer's stand (a little to one was done in small, tight braids all dozen, did more than three pilots win any money. Look it up in the N. A. A. records, sense of delicacy) chewing a P. K. side, however, because he has an innate you believe? Even Cliff Henderson himand if you can't believe statistics what can tries, and in some there were almost a program, regardless of the number of enparent on all sides. In not any race on the the influence of this deadly drug was ap-Why, even at the National Air Races

wretched victim of this soul-destroying sterling character though he is-was the Eddie Rickenbacker, referee and court of was his rugged resistance to vice and sin. may have prevented it, but the real reason crowd, an embodiment of manly virtue. Nobody saw HIM chewing. His big cigar left, north and south, up and down, and all trembled before him, he continually his lofty bench dispensing justice right and habit. It is alleged that while he sat on last apppeal for dissatisfied contestants— "Pop" Cleveland alone stood out in the

lowed to go on? Ninety-Niners, is this going to be al-

A thousand times no!

ing gum stores. We will affiliate ourselves with the Betsy Ross Corps and BOMB these roofs of all buildings suspected of harbor-We will organize ground crews who will co-operate with those of us in the air. The hearts. graphers and air line pilots' the ranks of student pilots, hangar stenopersonnel of this group will be drawn from nouses! They will smear red paint on the jilted sweet-

as white as snow. With airplanes the earth is ours. We will wipe out all evil and make the world

of embarking in, or disembarking cause I am going to follow the river to Long Beach." a parachute," she explained, "bea neat little pair of water wings. saddle skirt and an Empress Eu mount a Sparton. She wore a sidecently observed (by those who genie hat. On her shoulders was stand around observing) about to young from, an airplane. Then is when For "I am wearing these instead of Yolanda Spirito wore a cunning example, Pasadena flyer, Nancy Drake, was re-

over her head, creating a very little plaid bungalow apron last time she "went up," as the unusual and novel effect. girls

of feminine good taste in the en-tire galaxy of fashon among the peeped out at the bystanders, full thing in flying togs from Alaska. of Culver City Airport Fame and Margaret Cooper, erstwhile Perry, feminine flyers was shown by July day, everyone marveled at of fun and frolic. As the therflyer, but her small, roguish face the diminutive bride of the Texaco A bearskin completely enveloped her honeymoon wearing the latest Fortune, when she returned from her poise and pulchritude. mometer was registering 120 that But the most striking display

inside," and sure enough, what had ment busily engaged in defrosting to be a small ice box, at that mobetween her shoulder blades proved appeared to be a peculiar growth itself and Margaret. has installed a small Frigidaire "See," she pointed out, "Larry

AVIATION BULL-ETIN

For, "I believe," said that great poet and philosopher, Homer Zilch, "that Wom- way—as I have seen a big woman anhood has come to stav"" M M milot do licity and labeled as "fearless," she this "being a good sport" and not had better think some more about flying, basking in the light of pub-(Continued from Page 1)