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WOMEN LICENSED PILOTS: Bureau of Air Commerce list of May 4, 1936 gives a total of 416 women licensed pilots classified as follows: Transport, 70; Limited Commercial, 27; Private, 271; Amateur, 46; Glider, 2.

RECORDS: Helen Richey won the Endless Caverns cash prize for the first women's international record in the light plane class by making an altitude flight from Washington May 9th coming down at Endless Caverns Airport, New Market, Virginia. The barograph calibration was not completed at this writing but any such flight sets a record as no previous one had been established. Endless Caverns gave a party for Helen and were very pleased to award her the prize.

COMING EVENTS: 1936 Missouri State Air Tour, sponsored by Lambert-St. Louis Airport Association starts from St. Louis, June 12-14.

Second National Intercollegiate Air Meet will be held at Wayne County Airport, Detroit, Michigan, June 19 and 20.

Eighth Annual Indiana Air Tour, under auspices of the Indiana Aircraft Trades Association will start from and end at Indianapolis, June 22-28.

Seventh Annual Glider Meet and Soaring Contest, under auspices Soaring Society of America will be held at Elmira, New York, June 20-July 5.

National Balloon Race and Mile High Races, Denver, Colorado, are scheduled for July 3, 4, 5. Mrs. Carlos Reavis, President of W. N. A. A., is Chairman of Women's Activities and cordially invites all Ninety-Nines to join in the events.

National Air Races will be held September 5-6-7 at Los Angeles; moved from Cleveland because improvements on the airport there will not be done in time. Events the same; the Bendix will probably be run from New York.

Michigan Air Races, tentative date, September 19-20; N. A. A. sanctioned meet; a Race for Women is scheduled.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WOMEN'S COMMITTEE, NAA CONTEST BOARD held in Washington, May 7, 1936 - EXCERPTS:

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Omlie, Chairman. Those present in person were:

Phoebe Omlie, Chairman

Mabel Britton

Elizabeth Inwood

William Enyart, Secretary

Those present by proxy were:

Helen MacCloskey

Margaret Cooper

Florence Lowe Barnes

Arlene Davis

The following action was taken:

Published Rules to Hold: It was decided it would be the policy of the Women's Committee to insist in all cases on adherence to published rules for women's contests and thorough enforcement of these rules; the only exception--if it developed the rules themselves were wrong, in which case changes would be made only by unanimous agreement of contestants and Contest Committee.

On-To-Derbies Favored: The Committee believed that encouragement should be given to the organization of on-to-derbies to major race meets and that these derbies should be run, if possible, with each control-point-to-control-point lap a separate contest.

Limited Speed Range Agreed For Handicap Entries: It was believed desirable, if it could be accomplished practically, to keep the speed range of all planes entered in a handicap race within a 50 m.p.h. bracket.

Applicants Tentatively Accepted for National Race Event will be asked to confirm arrival and compliance with rules by telegraph.

Woman Pilot Recommended for Bendix Race Committee: It was recommended to the Racing Committee that a qualified woman pilot be named to the Bendix Contest Committee to give women pilots representation on this committee.

Urge Aerol Trophy be Placed as Annual Award: The Committee recommended that the Cleveland Pneumatic Tool Co. place the Aerol Trophy with the NAA to be awarded annually to the woman who makes the greatest contribution to aviation during the preceding year.

Tulsa and Kansas City to be Contacted re On-To-Denver Derbies:

Mrs. Britton agreed to contact representatives of the 99's at Tulsa and Kansas City to enlist their aid in investigating the possibility of organizing interest in an on-to-cruising contest to the Denver Mile High Races July 3-4-5.

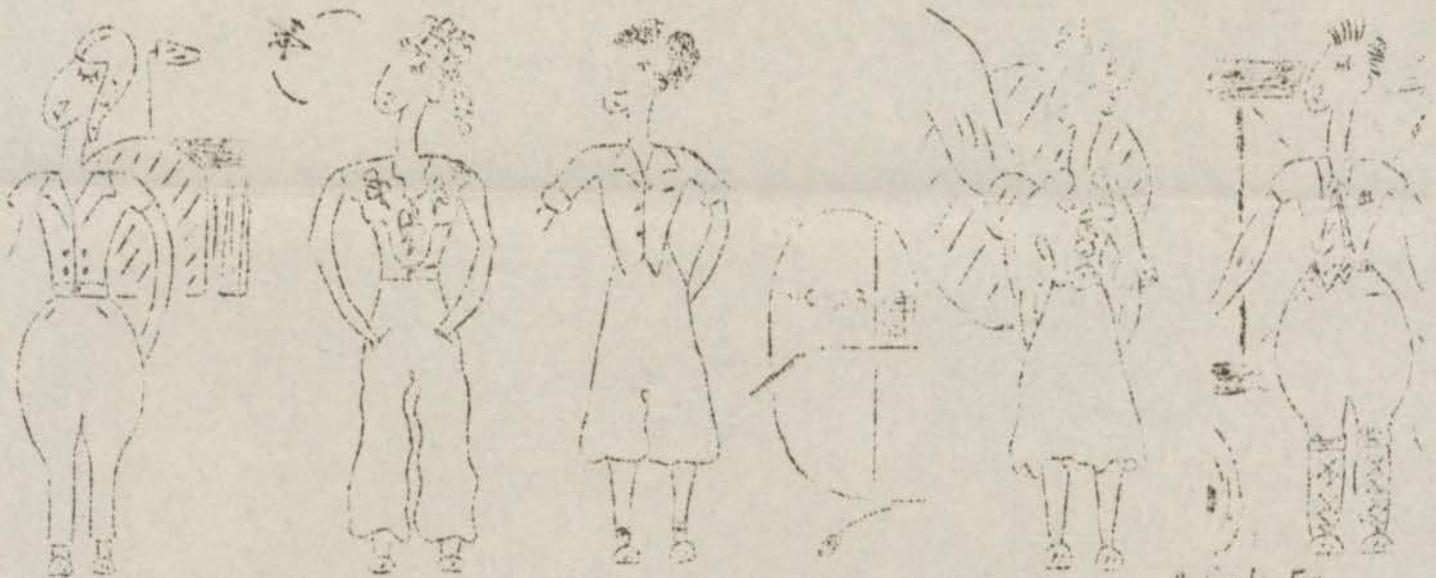
Annual Honor Role Favored: The Committee was heartily in favor of establishing an annual Honor Role of women outstanding in sporting and air record activity, the Contest Board to act as a Committee of Award to determine the individuals who should be named on this Honor Role.

Technical Committee Handicapping System to Apply: On the system of handicapping to be used for the women's race on the National Air Race program, it was decided to ask the Technical Committee of the Contest Board to make recommendations regarding the handicapping procedure and to follow such procedure as covered in such recommendations.

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Suggestions Solicited: It was decided to invite all known organized groups of women pilots and women interested in aviation to make such suggestions and recommendations as they might wish to make regarding women's contests and record activity and that such suggestions and recommendations be given consideration by the Committee.

FASHION NOTES: The fad for bicycling has brought in a profusion of divided skirts, culottes, this year. Ideal for flying, either in open ship or climbing up the high step of cabin plane, they may be had in the synthetic silks or acetate in charming colors, printed designs, 2-piece at \$10.95 and \$12.95; plain cotton, plain or printed linen and printed picque at \$1.95 to \$5.95; Flannel culottes in blue, green, brown, rose, \$3.95 to \$5.00; silk sport blouse to match \$2.95. Some girls still prefer the trim comfort of breeches or jodhpurs, to be had in gabardine at \$6.50 to \$12.50; in linen at \$4.95. Leather jackets are shorter and fit snugly at the waist; with zipper fastenings, linen or unlined, in brown, green, red, rose, white, \$5.95 to \$16.50.



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H. Ligon

NEWS FROM MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

SINGAPORE, S. S. - Margery Brown writes, "If any 99ers get to Singapore, they are invited to put up with me while here, because I have a flat with an extra bedroom, very near the Raffles Hotel. . . . And I can be reached by telephone at the Raffles at any time, because I am there for tiffin and tea daily." Mrs. Bobby Terry, 99er from Australia stopped with Margery on her way to London, on her present round-the-world trip. . . . Mlle. Nicholle, 99er from Indo-China, has just flown her new plane to Indo-China from Paris, where she took delivery on it. Margery plans to go to Indo-China for the Paris-Saigon-Hanoi race, when it takes place. Amy Mollison plans to enter with her husband, Jim.

LONDON, ENGLAND - Bobbie Terry (Mrs. F. M.) 99er of Sydney, Australia, is spending some time in England before sailing for New York on the Queen Mary about August 19th. She plans to spend about a week in New York, before crossing the continent by easy stages, probably using the airlines wherever possible. Naturally she is looking forward to meeting as many of her fellow 99ers as possible while in this country, so we shall keep the membership posted as to her itinerary in these pages. She plans to start a 99 Chapter in Sydney upon her return.

PARIS, FRANCE - Gayle Pond writes that Bessie Owen, of Santa Barbara, California, is making Paris her "headquarters", while touring Europe in her cabin Waco. Bessie has spent some time in Switzerland, Holland, Spain, and has made two trips to Belgium, one being a week-end trip on which Gayle accompanied her. Bessie and Gayle plan to fly to Canterbury, England, in June to attend an Aviation Meet. Gayle plans to do some additional flying in England this summer before returning to the United States in August or September. In March she took a delightful 4,000 mile motor trip, through France, Switzerland, Austria, Hungary, Germany, Belgium, and England, returning to Paris on the British Airways. France is conferring the Legion of Honor on Jean Batten, British girl flyer, for her England to South America flight.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NEW ENGLAND - The New Englanders met at their Club Room in the Shobe Airlines Hangar at Boston Municipal Airport on Saturday afternoon, April 25th, when plans were completed for decorating the room. Those present, Dolly Bernson, Miriam Vanderslice, Elizabeth Horton, Louise Sisson and Barbara Southgate selected the chair coverings from samples submitted by Louise Sisson. Dolly Bernson volunteered to donate a propeller for over the mantle, Elizabeth Horton and Barbara Southgate will give magazines, and ash trays will be purchased from Club funds. Margaret Kimball has just recovered from two months' illness. - Margaret Kimball - Sectional Reporter.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION - Kinston, North Carolina, was the scene of a 99 breakfast party Sunday, May 10th. Mary Nicholson made some attractive and appropriate place cards for the occasion, bearing the 99 emblem in gold, and the names of the guests on the propellers. The members who attended were Lillian Halsey and Ruth Stilson, who flew over with Mary Nicholson from Burlington, N. C., in a Waco F, Clayton Patterson and Zoe Harley, who flew in from Charlotte in Clayton's Fairchild. Invited guests included Marion Bryant, a sister of Bob Bryant, holder of the World's record for non-stop distance for light planes, Clara Harmon, Evelyn Sneed, Stumpie Brook, and Bird Eaton.

It is grand to have Mary Nicholson back in the air again after her long illness. She has two students from Lenoir-Ryan College. . . We welcome Dorothy Monro from Aiken, South Carolina, our newest member. . . Clayton Patterson has started her sixteen-year-old son, Allan, at the controls.

Ruth Stilson, Sectional Reporter.

NORTHWESTERN - Seattle Chapter - These have been busy days in the great northwest! The Seattle girls dedicated their attractive new Club Room at Boeing Field with a morning flight and waffle breakfast recently, inviting all the men who had been such a help to them in establishing their Club Room. The curtains are blue and white crash, matching their flying suits, and on the walls are framed photographs and clippings of some of the outstanding activities of the group. One panel of the wall is devoted to small individual pictures of past and present Seattle women flyers.

The Seattle group planned to fly to Tacoma, Washington, May 17th to stimulate interest among the women there in flying. This was at the invitation of the Tacoma operators, since the girls have been so successful in arousing interest in flying wherever they have cruised. The day after their Olympia flight last month, two women of that city signed up for instruction!

Gladys Crooks, who heads the group was interviewed over the radio recently by Mr. Richard Rummel, Secretary of the National Aeronautical Association, and publicity man for Boeing Manufacturing Co., and United Air Lines. Two more such interviews are scheduled for Seattle members within the next three months.

The Sanderson Safety Supply Company of Seattle was so interested in the fact that five of the Seattle women pilots received their Red Cross First Aid certificates recently, that they sent the Chapter a complete First Aid Emergency Kit for their Club Room, which is the most complete one on Boeing Field.

Small wonder three of the Seattle Women Pilots, namely: Mildred Filz, Mary Riddle, and Gladys Crooks, were honored by invitations to Matrix Table, given by the local chapter of Theta Sigma Phi, national journalism honorary fraternity for women, to honor women of achievement in Seattle.

Gladys Crooks, Chapter Chairman

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY - Saturday evening, May 9th, Margaret Cooper entertained the New York Ninety-Nines at a delicious buffet supper at her home at Syosset, Long Island. Mabel Britton, flying in from Washington in her Waco, was a welcome guest. The guest speaker was Mr. Paul Thomas of the Air Defense League, who explained the purpose and activities of this organization. Margaret extended a generous invitation to all to stay the night; those lucky enough to do so were Blanche Noyes, Tiny Goddard, Alma Harwood, Mabel Britton and Miriam Blagden. They stayed over for a cocktail party Margaret gave Sunday afternoon. Among the other guests were Mr. and Mrs. John T. Remey, Mr. and Mrs. "Becky" Havens and two charming young daughters, Capt. and Mrs. George Moody of the Army Air Corps Mitchell Field, and Mr. and Mrs. Guiles D. Davenport.

On May 18th the following members of this Section met at the home of Peggy Remey, governor, to discuss the assets and liabilities of the Section's ownership of the Taylor Cub: Margaret Cooper, Betty Duncan, Betty Gillies, Amy Andrews, Eleanor Babbitt, Laura Ingalls, Althea Lister, Kay Tisza, Jessie Wachenheim, Mary Reifschneider, Alma Harwood, Novetah Holmes Davenport. Since the ship is not used by the members enough to take care of its upkeep, it was decided to accept the offer of the Aviation Country Club brought in by Betty Gillies, sell the ship, and bank the proceeds until they could be put to use for more general good at some future date. It was disappointing to let the Cub go, but the practical thing to do.

News came too late for inclusion in the May issue of the luncheon honoring Ruth Nichols given by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom at the Hotel Biltmore April 23rd. Blanche Noyes, Toastmistress, introduced the following speakers: Miss Mabel Vernon, John Iseman, Linton Wells, Laura Ingalls, Frank Hawkes, Guest Speaker Ruth Nichols, Casey Jones, Hugh Herndon, Major William Shailor.

Fay Gillis Wells and her husband have returned from Ethiopia, and are now on their way to an unnamed island near St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. The Wells and their Ethiopian leopard will visit Fay's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow, for about six months, while Linton is working on a book concerning his personal experiences as a war correspondent. . . . Teddy Kenyon, well-known New England member, has joined the NY-NJ group. Her husband is now connected with the Sperry Company since they bought his invention. The Kenyons are building a home in Huntington, Long Island. Teddy will address the Junior Birdmen on June 6th, representing the Ninety-Nines. . . . This summer this Section plans a treasure hunt on Long Island, with Margaret Cooper Chairman, and Betty Gillies Vice-Chairman. . . . The next NY-NJ meeting will be at Alma Harwood's, in Rye, N. Y., around the middle of June.

Novetah Holmes Davenport, Sectional Reporter

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SOUTHWEST - Bay Cities Chapter - Tuesday evening, May 5th, eleven members attended the regular meeting at the Whitcomb Hotel. Adrian Clark of the Los Angeles Chapter, who is a student at Boeing School of Aeronautics, was a guest. Miss Melba Mortimer, United Airlines Stewardess, gave a most entertaining talk, telling about her duties, and recounting experiences in connection with her work. Mr. Waldo Waterman, designer of the tailless airplane, which was one of the five ships to be contracted for by the Bureau of Aeronautics, exhibited a model and explained the principles of the tailless ship, which has the unique two-fold purpose of fulfilling the role of both airplane and automobile.

The monthly "winging party" of the Bay Cities Chapter was held Sunday, May 3rd, when four ships and seven girls flew to the Charles Hillman Ranch near Pasa Robles. Afton Lewis, Rita Gerry, and Marjorie Hook flew down on Saturday to participate in the dinner and dance given by the Hillmans. On Sunday, Harriet Isaacson, Olive Bledsoe, Ruth Rueckert and Ruth Wakeman flew in in time for the free barbecue lunch and rodeo in the afternoon.

On Sunday, May 17th, Ruth Wakeman took two of the girls in her Fairchild to Sonora for the Annual Frog Jumping Jubilee! The idea is that they give the big bull frogs a poke with a pin, and the one who goes the farthest in three jumps wins!

Ruth Wakeman, Chapter Chairman

Los Angeles Chapter - The first of a series of Sunday morning breakfasts was held April 27th at Los Angeles Municipal Airport, with several N. A. A. Directors and Flying School Operators present as guests.

At the May meeting, Mr. Richard Flemming of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company explained how any Ninety-Nine member can buy a Life-accident policy for the nominal fee of \$15.00 per \$1000 for ordinary flying. If any members are interested, they should get in touch with their local agent. To Edna Crumrine, who was just married to Forrest Layne, the Chapter gave a gift for her new home. Ardetta Cadwallader has returned for the first time since her marriage last November to Jerry Mottern. Interesting talks were given by Cecile Hamilton, Esther Johnson and Hilda Jarmuth, and plans were discussed for an Air Show at Oxnard on July 4th.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Kathryne Harkness Parks, one of our earliest members, who went to Las Vegas to live after her marriage. She had been seriously ill for over a year.

Dorothy George took Mrs. Eleanor Potter Jones, aged 85, for her first ride recently, and now this enthusiastic passenger wants to ride every day! . . . Jean Stuart's marriage to Mr. Witty of Long Beach took place May 16.

Hilda Jarmuth - Sectional Reporter

NORTH CENTRAL - Ohio - Cleveland - The Cleveland Ninety-Nines gave a tea at the Woman's Club on Saturday, May 16th, for all women interested in aviation. Members of the Cleveland Women's National Air Race Committee, and four members from the Akron Chapter of the N. A. A. were present, as well as the Lake Erie College girls taking the aviation course. Mabel Britton, president, and Jeannette Lempke, governor of the section, flew in from Michigan for the tea and meeting. A representative of United Airlines showed a motion picture, "Vacations by Air." The table and club rooms were attractively decorated with model airplanes by the committee, Abbie Dill, Mary Winstanley, Anne Barille, and Leora Stroup. The next meeting is to be a picnic and swimming party at the home of Mary Winstanley, Gilbert Drive, Bedford, Ohio, on Thursday evening, May 28th, at 5 P. M.

Leora Stroup, Reporter

Southern Ohio - The meeting of the Southern Ohio group has been postponed from May 23rd to June 20-21st, Alms Hotel, Cincinnati.

Edith Lackner, Cincinnati

Michigan Chapter - At the May meeting on Sunday, the third, at Detroit City Airport, a trip through the airport weather bureau was made, conducted by the official in charge, who explained the operation of the instruments, weather map drawing, and methods of ascertaining the ceiling. Following this, Professor Higgins of the University of Detroit gave the first of two lectures on Navigation, covering projection courses, and bearings on maps and charts, and types and corrections of compasses.

Jeannette Lempke, governor of the North Central Section, has turned in her Great Lakes for a 125 Warner powered Davis. On May 10th she flew it to the Blossom Festival Air Show at Benton Harbor, Michigan. Helen House of Rochester, Indiana, flew in in a Buhl Pup, and Dorothy Carpenter of Ann Arbor, Michigan, flew up in a Great Lakes. . . Mabel Britton flew in her Waco to Washington, D. C., for the Women Pilots' Committee meeting May 7th; then on to Long Island, New York, where she was the guest of Margaret Cooper, and attended the New York-New Jersey Sectional meeting May 9th. . . Laura May Brunton is stopping for a few weeks' visit in Michigan before driving down to rejoin her husband at Trenton, N. J., where he is connected with Luscombe Airplane Development. . . Faye Davies, Michigan Chapter Chairman is back again after her long illness following an operation.

Dorothy Carpenter, Chapter Reporter

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