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THE SECOND NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE AIR MEET was held at Wayne County Airport, Detroit, Michigan, June 19-20. Twenty colleges were represented and three girls participated in the events. They were Suzanne Grant, Amateur, from Lake Erie College, flying a Taylor Cub; Jean Barnhill, L. C., from the University of Minnesota, in a Rearwin; Dorothy Carpenter, Private, from the University of Michigan, flying a Great Lakes. Contests in spot landings from 500 ft. and 1500 ft. with 360 degree turn; bomb dropping; ribbon cutting were held with power ships and there were various maneuvers with gliders. Jean Barnhill took second place in ribbon strafing; Suzanne Grant, who had just received her Amateur the day before the meet, took fourth place in the 180° spot landing event! Mary Kimball attended as a representative of Smith College, though she did not compete. 99's present as spectators and contestants gathered in the welcome shade of a convenient ship for an impromptu picnic lunch Saturday noon. Tom Colby gave a delightful barbecue at his country place in Canada for all entrants Friday night and a banquet at the Michigan Union in Ann Arbor Saturday night closed the meet.

RECORDS: The barograph reading of Helen Richey's record flight from Washington to Endless Caverns Airport, New Market, Virginia, May 9, showed the height reached 18,448 feet in an Aeronca.

License Ratings: New; Leora Stroup, Cleveland, Amateur; Suzanne Grant, Painesville, Ohio, Amateur; Alice Adamic, Chicago, Private; Advanced; Mabel Wilson, Chicago, Private to L. C.; Dorothy Ring, Chicago, Private to L. C.; Reinstated; Mary Von Mach, Detroit.

Radio Telephone Operators, Third Class: Leila Baker, Mabel Britton, Dorothy Carpenter. Dorothy's license is endorsed showing a proficiency of 15 words a minute in sending and receiving code.

COMING EVENTS: 1936 Championship Model Meet, Wayne County Airport, Detroit, Michigan, June 30-July 2.

Mile High Races, Denver, July 3-4-5.

Seventh Annual Glider Meet, Elmira, New York, June 20-July 5.

Sportsman Pilot's Association Summer Cruise, starting from Detroit July 17, to points in Northern Michigan.

Arkansas Centennial Air Meet, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, July 11-12.

National Air Races, Los Angeles, September 5-6-7.

Ruth Chatterton Sportsmen Pilot Air Derby will be flown from Cleveland to the National Air Races in Los Angeles August 30-September 4. This year Miss Chatterton has advanced the prizes from \$1,000 to \$2,000. She will also contribute the Ruth Chatterton trophy to the winner. The \$2,000 in cash prizes will be divided between the winners, the number of which will be decided later by the committee.

This Air Derby is conducted on a point basis. Pilot ability and navigation, rather than the top speed of the airplane, will provide the element of competition. Therefore, both men and women, flying all types of A. T. C. airplanes, will have an equal opportunity to win. The pilots crossing the finish line with the greatest number of points accumulated in a series of laps will be awarded the prizes on a point basis.

Clifford Henderson and Bob Blair are now chartering a new course between Los Angeles and Cleveland. While the control points have not yet been announced, it is safe to predict that the state of Texas will be included in the itinerary this year.

Miss Chatterton will accompany the contestants from Cleveland to Los Angeles, flying her own ship and acting as the official pathfinder for the Derby. She will officially open the National Air Races September 4, and the contestants will join in the ceremony.

Last year's Air Derby was won by Grace Prescott of San Diego.

Annual Meeting, Ninety-Nines, Los Angeles, September 6.

Business meeting, 10:30 A. M., Guest Dinner 7:30 P. M. Definite place and headquarters announced later.

Michigan Air Races, tentative date, September 19-20. The scheduled Race for Women will be sponsored by the Michigan Chapter, Ninety-Nines.

Paris-Saigon-Hanoi Air Race, October 25. If any American women flyers plan to enter this race, please let us know. Margery Brown, 99er in Singapore, writes that she hopes to see any that do so in Indo-China.

FORCED LANDINGS! - Next month we plan to feature a group of stories on the experiences of members in forced landings. Will you please send us the details of any you may have had, of particular interest.

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FLYING - WEST AND MIDDLE WEST

Having flown four years in the middle west and particularly in the vicinity of Michigan, I was eager to have the experience of knowing something about flying on the west coast, and upon moving to San Francisco in January 1935, that opportunity was given to me.

Since there is a vast difference in climate, topography and weather conditions between the west coast and the middle west, of course there is a difference in flying in the two localities. Each has its advantages and drawbacks. Naturally, California's sunshine is famous, and it necessarily follows that there is much more flyable weather on the coast, but while Michigan has its ice and snow, California has fog and wind. Since most of my flying is done in the vicinity of the San Francisco Bay Region, the wind looms before me as the prime disagreeable factor in flying. San Francisco airport (Mills Field) is jokingly referred to as "cyclone gulch" and you've all heard the famous story about using a logging chain for a wind sock. I'm sure this story must have originated here.

After two or three o'clock each summer afternoon, Mills Field resembles the deserted village so far as activity is concerned. Of course, airliners come and go, but private flying, to put it mildly, isn't particularly enjoyable.

There are two kinds of fog in California. The type with which I am most familiar is the kind that rolls in off the ocean in the late afternoon and then rolls back to sea in the middle of the morning. With this fog, there is usually a ceiling underneath, but at times it settles to the ground and can become treacherous. The other type of fog, known as tuly fog, hangs on the ground in low places in the valleys.

Navigating in the west seems much easier to me than in the middle west for the simple reason that the mountains and valleys make it difficult to stray far from one's course. The middle west is so flat and every farm field looks like every other, consequently landmarks aren't so pronounced. While California scenery is gorgeous to look at from the air, there aren't quite so many nice spots to sit down in, just in case the occasion arises, but with plenty of altitude, one can usually reach some sort of clearing even in the mountains.

But whether flying in Michigan or California, flying still remains the grandest sport in the world to me.

- - Ruth Wakeman

NEWS FROM MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

PUERTO RICO - Clara Livingston, the only woman flier in Puerto Rico, is on her way to Detroit to take delivery on a new Stinson. While she is away, Linton and Fay Gillis Wells are staying at her plantation, where Linton is taking advantage of the quiet life to work on his book. Clara has her own airport on her 1600-acre plantation.

SAIGON, INDO-CHINA - In a letter to Margery Brown, Mlle. Nicholle says of her 8,000 mile trip from France to Indo-China in her new ship, "We made the trip with a Caudron-Renault 'Frigate' which had been purchased in France. We flew by way of Spain, Algeria, Tunis, Tripoli, Egypt, Syria, Persia, and India. It was a beautiful journey, which was completed without incidents.

"Last August in New York, we stopped at the Gotham, and had the pleasure of meeting members and the president of the 99 Club."

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION - Miss Pugh, United Airlines stewardess, talked to the group at the June meeting, touching on the highlights of her duties, and the qualifications required of applicants for that position. Those present were Dolly Bernson, Barbara Southgate, Ruth Granger, Jean Adams, Louise Sisson, and Lorraine Frankland. Our two new members were also at this meeting--Ann Conant and Dorothy Shaw.

The Club Room is now all repainted in green, and the slipcovers and incidental items all in place. Ruth Granger has designed some striking silhouettes of aircraft, which she will stencil on the walls.

Louise Sisson has invited the 99's to have their next meeting, June 27th, at her beach at Edgewood, Rhode Island. The girls plan to fly down in a group from Boston Municipal Airport, bring their bathing suits and box lunches. Louise is furnishing the coffee and dessert.

Barbara Southgate, governor, gave an interesting aviation talk to the Boston Y. W. C. A. recently. . . Jean Adams has just sailed for Europe, where she intends to do some flying in Germany this summer . . . Mary Kimball's engagement to Kenneth Holland was announced recently. Best wishes to you, Mary, from us all!

- - Margaret Kimball, Sectional
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SOUTHWEST SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - Margaret Blair, the busy young lady who manages husband Bob's business at Mimes Field when he is away, had a nice vacation trip to Indianapolis where she saw the Annual Classic Automobile Races.

At the Jubilee Luncheon, where the National Air Races were definitely announced to take place in Los Angeles this year, the following "99'ers" were present: Gladys O'Donnell, Esther Johnson, Elliotte Roberts, Mabyll Bull, Yolande Spirito, Nancy Chaffee, Lauretta Schimmoler, Mary Charles and Hilda Jarmuth.

Gladys O'Donnell has just returned from a trip east (and believe it or not she did it on the train), having visited the Republican Convention doings. Somehow can't picture Gladys not flying her own plane. It's not natural.

Dorothy Ruether showed us some very interesting moving pictures she took, both aerial and from the ground, while flying over Mexico City enroute from Los Angeles recently. As an aerial photographer she did very well, indeed.

Betty Furman's Hi-Jinx party held in China Town was a huge success, and the finances are looking brighter. Ardette Mottern's group this week plans a Monte-Carlo and Cocktail party at the home of Mabyll Bull. Home baked ham, roast beef, meat loaf (all done by our little lily white hands) has the promise of a big success, to refill the treasury.

- - Hilda Jarmuth - Sectional Reporter

Bay Cities' Chapter - The usual monthly meeting of the Bay Cities' Chapter was held Tuesday evening, June 2nd, at the Whitcomb Hotel in San Francisco, with eleven members present. Lt. Harry Brown gave a most interesting talk on a new type automatic pilot, which he is testing at the present time. The members have been invited to fly down to the Trevis Ranch, south of Salinas, for their June winging party, the 28th.

We have a new member, Anna Cort Meyers, who holds a Private, and owns two ships, a Kinner, and a Stearman. . . Ruth Wakeman has had a device installed in her Fairchild by which the door can be dropped instantly in case the occupants should be obliged to bail out. . . Mrs. Margaret Dorst has placed her order for a new custom Waco cabin, and is expecting delivery on it soon.

- - Ruth Wakeman - Chapter Chairman

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Illinois Chapter - On Sunday, June 24th, the Illinois girls had a breakfast meeting at the Chicago Aviation Country Club at Pal-Waukee Airport. Dorothy Ring flew over in a Rearwin from Chicago Municipal, Mabel Wilson hopped down from her airport in a Waco F, and June Kraft landed from Sky Harbor in a Fledgling. The topic of the day was the proposed ROD-AIR-O, an all-women air show that the Illinois girls hope to put on August 26th. Novel stunts and acts that would be fun for the participants, and interesting for the audience are being considered, and many original ideas have been suggested.

Jane Ray, Chapter Chairman, addressed a group of Junior Birdmen recently. . . Jane Meyer, in addition to being aviation editor of the Lloyd Hollister papers, will contribute a monthly aviation article to Inland Topics Magazine, thus inaugurating a new section in that publication. . . June Kraft is going to California for the summer. . . Helen Colton flew to California for a two weeks' vacation via United. . . Trudie Chester is moving to California shortly with her famous husband, Art., who has been offered a position with Menasco. . . Jane Ray will talk over the N B C July 3, at 5:00 P. M. Eastern time.

- - Jane Meyer - Chapter Reporter

Northern Ohio - The May meeting was held at the home of Mary Winstanley at Bedford, Ohio. An outdoor dinner had been planned, but the chilly breezes chased the girls indoors.

Abbie Dill is busy organizing new chapters of the N. A. A. in the smaller towns in Ohio, starting at Mansfield. . . Florence Boswell, the newest member, landed her Stinson like a veteran in the fog in the small Lake County Airport, not long after her first solo. A week after she received her Private License, she hit a stump taking off from Johnstown, Pa., breaking her landing gear. Darkness set in before she reached Cleveland, so Florence landed at Perry field, with which she was familiar, successfully executing her first night, dead-stick one wheel landing on an unlighted field! . . . June 28th, Mrs. Boswell has invited all licensed women pilots in and around Cleveland to a dinner at her home.

- - Abbie Putnam Dill - Reporter

Michigan Chapter - Thirteen Michigan 99's and escorts gathered on June thirteenth at the Oasis in Detroit for a gay evening of dinner dancing and floor show entertainment. The following morning the regular monthly meeting was held at the Engineering College of the University of Detroit, where Professor Higgins demonstrated the actions and reactions of an airplane model in the wind tunnel. This was followed by the last of the series of lectures on Air Navigation, after which the group adjourned to Faye Davies Kirk's for a box lunch and the business meeting.

Mary Von Mach is back with the Chapter again, having regained her license, which she was forced to let lapse during a long illness following injuries suffered in an elevator accident. . . Peg Horton is recuperating from a major operation in the University Hospital in Ann Arbor. . . Mabel and Harry Britton flew to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, recently to spend a week end with friends. . . The July meeting will be at Bay City, where the chapter will be the guests of Jeannette Lempke, for a week end of swimming and boating.

--Dorothy Carpenter - Chapter Reporter

Southern Ohio Group - Edith Lackner entertained the flying girls of southern Ohio at a buffet supper at her home in Cincinnati Saturday evening, June 20th. From Dayton came Ernestine Breisch and Ione Coppedge, with Manila Davis Talley in Ione's Aeronca; Ida Gaver and Mary Belden, two student pilots from Ohio State University, came from Columbus; Jane Ray from Chicago; Jeannette Lempke flew down from Bay City, Michigan, and on Sunday they were joined by Mabel Britton, who flew down from Ypsilanti, Michigan. Erin Darden was the other Cincinnati member present.

The evening was spent pleasantly chatting in the garden under the stars. Sunday morning the girls all enjoyed a breakfast at the Alms Hotel, Cincinnati's official N. A. A. Hotel. During the afternoon, the girls took off one by one for their home ports, except Jane Ray who stayed over, and went through the Aeronca Factory Monday morning.

- - Edith Lackner - Reporter

NINETY-NINE PINS, BRACELETS, AIRPLANE INSIGNIA, may be obtained from the Secretary, Alice H. Hammond, 15011 Glenfield Avenue, Detroit, Michigan at the following prices:

<u>Pins</u> , gold, with movable propeller,	\$1.50
<u>Identification Bracelets</u> with movable propeller	2.00
without propeller	1.50

Emblem on bracelet, silver; bracelet, chromium.

Airplane Insignia, without cost, to be painted on members' planes.