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AMELIA EARHART

After hoping to the last possible moment, we have to accept with heavy hearts the loss of America's and the world's foremost woman flyer. Amelia Earhart's career has been a bright page in aviation history. Receiving national notice for the first time when she flew the Atlantic with Stultz and Gordon in the Friendship, she followed this with a remarkable list of "firsts". She was the first woman to fly the Atlantic solo; the first woman to fly an autogiro; the first woman to receive the Distinguished Service Cross; the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States, non-stop from Mexico City to New York; the first woman to fly from Hawaii to the United States.

Combining in unusual degree facility as a pilot with great charm and ability as a lecturer and writer, Amelia Earhart has presented aviation to the public, particularly women in aviation, in a most persuasive way, so that all women pilots owe her an immeasurable debt. She was among the small group who founded the 99's; was the Club's first president; has always been interested in its welfare and found time in her extremely busy, strenuous life to give much valuable counsel and backing to club projects.

It brings a slight comfort to us that she once said if she had her choice of time and place to leave the world it would be in the middle of one of her long flights.

Whatever may be said against dangerous flights "for the fun of it" it is well to remember that the greatest happiness comes to mankind not from the useful and practical alone; that the spectacular and romantic, high endeavor and courage and joyousness in the "bright face of danger", all of which Amelia Earhart exemplified, bring an enrichment to life which is incalculable.

--Mabel Britton

99 PROGRAM AT NATIONAL AIR RACES

THE ANNUAL MEETING of 99's for 1937 will be held Sunday morning, Sept. 5th at 10 o'clock sharp at the HOTEL CLEVELAND in Cleveland. Every member of the 99's is welcome to attend this meeting, and to take part in the discussion, but only qualified delegates may vote on such matters as may come before the meeting.

GUEST DINNER for 99's and their guests will be at 7:30 Sunday evening at the Hotel Cleveland, at \$1.65 per person, including tax and tip.

THE HOTEL CLEVELAND, which will be 99 headquarters during the National Air Races, offers the following rates to 99's:

Single room with bath -----	\$ 2.75	up
Double " " " -----	\$ 5.00	up
Connecting double rooms -----	\$ 4.50	up
Double rooms with twin beds, bath-----	\$ 6.00	up

TRANSPORTATION will be provided members to and from the Hotel Cleveland and the Air Races each day.

REGISTRATION - All 99's will please register at the 99 booth at the Cleveland Hotel as soon as you arrive. If you cannot come in personally, phone the Cleveland, giving your name and Cleveland address during the races.

RESERVATIONS for rooms and guest dinner should be made through Florence Boswell, chairman of the arrangements. Since the Great Lakes Exposition is in Cleveland at the same time as the National Air Races, it is advisable to get your reservations in as early as possible. Address:

Florence H. Boswell, 1334 Inglewood Drive,
Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Phone: Yellowstone 1313

WALDO WATERMAN is to manage the women's race at the National Air Races.

MARRIAGES - Annette Gipson to Edward Thompson Magoffin, June 30th at The Little Church Around the Corner in New York City. After a honeymoon trip to Europe, they will return via the Normandie to New York, August 16th.

AIR RACE COMMITTEE NEWS - The committee appreciates the many interesting letters it has received regarding current feeling on contest and races. They will prove a great help in establishing future policy. But so far the letters have been mostly from new members, girls who only recently learned to fly. They offer excellent suggestions and criticisms. Now, can we hear from the older girls too, girls who have seen many contests and can offer us valuable material? We need word from everyone, else our decisions will not include the opinions of all, and then it will be too late to express your wishes on the types of events being offered. Send replies to Melba Beard, 1881 Meadowbrook Road, Altadena, California.

RADIO LICENSES - Do you hold a Radiotelephone Third Class license? If you expect to renew it, go look at the expiration date on the license, then start renewal activities from three to five months before expiration. Such is the friendly tip that comes from Melba Beard, who waited too long and lost her phone license when there wasn't enough time to fulfill renewal requirements. If you haven't been operating, it is easier to loose the license and take a new examination. However, Melba has her Amateur Radio Operators License, and her own radio station, W3ezs, so doesn't miss the phone license.

NEWS FROM THE SECTIONS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION'S report for the year 1936-37 gives a splendid showing of the group's activities and accomplishments. Twelve regular meetings have been held, one special meeting, two dances and two dinners. The following speakers gave talks: November, Capt. Albert Edson, Manager of the Boston Municipal Airport, who told us of the changes and development of the Boston Airport and flying in early days. Dec: Inspector Robt. Hoyt, Dept. of Commerce Inspector, who spoke on licenses. Jan: Dr. Frederick E. Cruft, Flight Surgeon, who talked on Aviation Medicine. Feb: Tommy Atkins, professional builder of Model Airplanes, who explained the ins and outs of model airplane construction. March: Al Zwink, Radio Expert, who gave us valuable information and instructions on procuring a radio operator's license. April: Harold Draner, Parachutist, who gave us instructions in parachute jumping. May: Dick Merrill and Jack Lambie flew their Lockheed to Boston and were guests of honor at our dinner and dance, May 22nd.At the Oct. meeting the Club voted to send an appropriate wedding gift to each member of the New England Section of 99's who married while in the chapter. We chose a pair of sterling salts and peppers, shaped like a low-wing monoplane and with the "99 Club" engraved on the wings. Bernice Blake Perry was the first one to receive such a gift.....On two occasions we have presented flowers to out-standing 99 members who have been guests in Boston. Once to Louise Thaden and once to Osa Johnson.....One of our members, Margaret Kimball of Lexington, received her Non-Scheduled Instrument Rating. She is one of five women to hold this high award..... Both of our dances were held at Shobe Airlines Hangar. On the first dance we cleared \$68 and on the second, \$300. We had a Ceiling Zero bridge party in Be. and cleared \$70.....We have disbursed \$400 from our children's educational fund and have a good balance left in the treasury. We have taken in 9 new members this year.

--Governor, Daisy M. Kirkpatrick

The New England Section held its annual meeting on board Mrs. Hortense Harris' yacht with 16 girls present. We had a delicious buffet luncheon and after the meeting Mrs. Harris took us for a speed boat ride around Boston Harbor, which was loads of fun as the day was very hot. We elected new officers for the coming year and we all feel inspired by the grand work that our outgoing Governor, Daisy Kirkpatrick, has done. She has been a tireless and energetic worker and we are extremely proud to have her running for the National Presidency..... Jean Adams, who is fast approaching her Transport License, is our new Governor and we feel certain that she can ably carry on the fine work which Daisy started. Congratulations and good luck, Jean! Vice-Gov. is Elizabeth Horton, an extremely faithful member....It was ever so nice of Dorothy Monro of the Carolina group to fly up from Cape Cod to our annual meeting. We all enjoy meeting the girls from other Chapters and if they are all as nice as Dorothy, we wish they'd come oftener.....Nancy Tier, a Charter Member, has rejoined after several years absence and we are ever so glad to have her back. She flew to our Boston meeting from Connecticut and upon leaving saluted us by circling the Yacht several times.....Our August meeting is to be a beach party. Remember you gals from other chapters, the first Sat. in the month is our date for a get-together and you're always welcome.....In closing I pause for a moment in silent tribute to "A. E.", a grand girl, loved and admired by all those who had the privilege of knowing her; fearless, courageous and above all ---- a sincere and loyal friend.

----Lorraine Defren Frankland

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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY - No meeting during the summer months, but by making a couple of telephone calls I managed to gather a few items: Thanks a lot, Novetah Davenport, you certainly are up on all the news that's fit to print. I think you ought to resume writing this column instead of me.....Althea Lister made a roundtrip to California via American Airlines. Althea spent about three weeks there and thought the plane trip grand, but doesn't have the same opinion of California. (Floridians, take note)..... I see by the papers that Annette Gipson now has a co-pilot.....Mary Samson is doing quite a bit of flying at Floyd Bennett Airport....Amy Andrews is doing as much flying as ever in her Wright-powered Stinson, taking trips of a few hundred miles or so, but doesn't consider it worth mentioning.....Magda Tisza is organizing a New Jersey Aviatrix Club, the object of which is to enable women to learn to fly at a minimum rate. Sounds all right to me, here is wishing you success with it.....99's regret learning of the passing of Tiny Gardner's father. We all extend our deepest sympathy.....Elly Beinhorn, 99er from Germany, was here for a short visit--too short, as we had no time to make arrangements even for a luncheon for her. You all know, no doubt, that Elly's husband, Bernd Rosemeyer won the George Vanderbilt Cup at this year's automobile race at Roosevelt Raceways..... I have been wondering where Lucille Boudreau has been all this while and finally learned that she has been spending a great deal of her time on her farm in Maine. Now, Lucille is away for two months, visiting England and France. She expects to do a lot of flying over there, to visit the Paris Exposition, and will attend the International Art Congress to be held in Paris in August.....Alma Harwood's husband has been appointed United States District Judge for the Canal Zone. Alma, however, was in quite a tailspin the day I talked to her, because of a certain newspaper article which stated that they expected to commute monthly by plane. You will have to do so now, Alma, as you couldn't have people not believing what they read in the papers, could you?.....Fay Gillis Wells has parted with her leopard "Snooky", brought back from Ethiopia. Linton Wells has contracted to write another book, so Fay will soon be off for foreign ports once more. Linton is the author of that very interesting and entertaining Blood on the MoonCongratulations to Laura May Brunton for winning a Remington portable awarded the only woman to win her C license, indicating proficiency in soaring flight, during the Elmore meet.....This scribe, incidentally is planning to fly down to Mexico this month in her Monocoupe.....That's all, see you in Cleveland!

---Kay Traulsen

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION - Los Angeles Chapter - Esther Johnson left July 15th for Wisconsin to do some plain and fancy fishing and will proceed from there to Akron, Ohio, to visit relatives. Later she intends to journey down North Carolina way, but will be in Cleveland for the Air Races and 99 convention.....Melba Beard has been spending considerable time overhauling her ship. She was assisted by the Al Lary Flying Service. She must have done a good job for her Bird is re-licensed.....The O'Donnells, accompanied by Esther Johnson, Dorothy George and Elizabeth Hayward de-luxe trailered to the high Sierras for some fishing the first week of July. The trip was more eventful than had been anticipated, due to the disappearance of young Jim for

a day and a night. He demonstrated his ability to take care of himself by building a fire and then spending the night in a tree..... The Oxnard winging party sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of that city on July 11th was carried out on schedule, but not quite as planned. Dorothy George and Elizabeth Hayward in a Waco, Anita Thorley and Esther Johnson in a Fairchild, Melba Beard and Bessie Owen in Melba's Bird arrived without mishap, but an ill wind failed to blow the fog off the Long Beach coast in time for Dorothy Reuther and Gladys O'Donnell to take off. A cabin plane chartered by Bessie Owen which was also to have carried Clema Granger, Peggy Goslin and Myrtle Mims developed motor trouble at take-off time. Betty Mae Furman and Grace Scott Cooper plodded along bravely in a small ship, but they were afraid that they would meet the others coming back, so they turned home. Melba Beard and Jack M. Miller charted the course. Prizes put up by Bud Morris, Joe Plosser of the Grand Central Flying School and C.C. Mosley of Aircraft Industries of Glendale will be awarded at the Bessie Owen party Aug. 1st in Santa Barbara.....Melba Beard, our flight chairman, is planning something new in the line of flying contests soon. The girls who were fogged in last July 11th and missed competing for the lovely prizes put up for the Glendale to Oxnard Flight, will have another opportunity sometime in August when a treasure hunt will be held in the metropolitan area. Flying time will not be over two hours, and ground time will be less than that, so a large turnout of private and rented ships is expected. Details will be sent through the mail. Melba has a discouraging job and deserves our loyal support and appreciation for the time, energy and money which she expends in promoting these flights.....Gladys O'Donnell and Dorothy George were the only private pilots to attend the dinner given at the Biltmore in honor of the Russian flyers.....Sunday, July 18th Dorothy George flew two friends over the Santa Susane valley to show them the apricots drying on the drying sheds. This is a glorious sight from the air and is well worth the trip.

---Gayle Stewart

Bay Cities Chapter - Maude Miller was hostess to the Chapter at the July meeting and entertained us all at dinner at the California Inn in San Francisco, July 5th. After a most delicious dinner we adjourned to Maude's lovely new apartment where the business meeting was conducted. Those present were: Janet Knight, Bea Nadon, Ruth Rueckert, Marjorie Hook, Vilma Johnston, Anna Cort Meyer, Pat Kendall, Nelda Anderson, Afton Lewis, Harriet Isaacson, Olive Bledsoe, Phyllis Burchfield and Ruth Wakeman.....Nelda Anderson, our newest member, has recently received her L.C. license. She left July 18th for a month's trip to Alaska.....Janet Knight and Afton Lewis departed July 18th for a twelve days' vacation trip to Idaho.....On July 19th Harriet Isaacson entertained Bea Nadon, Olive Bledsoe, Gretchen DeLeo of Alaska, Ruth Wakeman and Mrs. Moore, with the guest of honor, Edna Brown, at luncheon at the Women's Athletic Club in Oakland. The occasion was a farewell to Edna Johnson Brown, who sailed on the President Hoover Sat. July 24th for Arabia to join her husband. Ruth Rueckert and Bea Nadon were down at the boat to see her off..... Harriet Isaacson recently flew a Fairchild 24 down to Del Monte where she joined Helen Richey and a friend for luncheon at the Hotel..... The August winging party was scheduled for breakfast at the Club House at Rio Del Mar, near Santa Cruz, but Sunday the 25th dawned gray and cloudy on the coast, so an impromptu get-together was made at the Bay Airdrome and Ruth Rueckert, Bea Nadon, Phyllis Burchfield, Dolores Guinther, Harriet Isaacson and Ruth Wakeman breakfasted at the Women's Athletic Club in Oakland....Olive Bledsoe and Marjoire Hook flew to Redding and return in the latter's Fleet....Olive has just purchased a de-luxe model Fleet for herself.

---Ruth Wakeman

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MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION - Helen Jones of Lancaster, Pennsylvania has recently received her Private License. She is just sixteen years old.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION - Michigan Chapter - Another one of those grand week-ends was enjoyed by the Michigan 99's July 17th and 18th, when Jeanette Lempke of Bay City was hostess. This trip is looked forward to from year to year and this is why----Jeanette dashed out to meet us at the airport, then on we went to a lovely yacht, sailed up to the Club for lunch, had a speed boat at our disposal at which each took turns soloing. Our dinner on the yacht was none less than two 12 lb turkeys and all the trimmings. The evening was spent in swimming, dancing, sailing and refreshing drinks, then a tired crowd rolled into their bunks. We were sorry Mabel and Dr. Britton couldn't be with us on Saturday, but they flew in Sunday morning and spent the day..... The Michigan Air Tour this year is the last week in July. Lelia Baker, her husband and son, Roger Dale, are going, also the Hartungs flying family of four and stewardess (nursemaid). They are flying in their new Cessna.....Harry and Mabel Britton expected to head westward in their Waco the latter part of July to attend the Rodeo in Cheyenne.The August meeting is to be in Flint with Peg Horton as hostess.

---Gladys Hartung

Northern Ohio Chapter - Florence Boswell has recently returned from a flying trip through Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. She took delivery of her new Cessna C 37 in Wichita and from there flew to Ft. Worth to visit her husband's family. She was accompanied by her daughter, Louise, 14 years old. In Oklahoma City she met Dorothy Pressler Morgan, Governor of the South Central Section. Since returning to Cleveland Mrs. Boswell and the Cleveland girls have been very busy making arrangements for entertaining 99's at the National Air Races in Sept.....Air Defense Day at the Great Lakes Exposition will be sponsored by Cleveland's Women's Chapter of the N.A.A. All 99's who are in Cleveland or can come to Cleveland are invited to attend. If you have your own ship you may join the Air Parade that will fly over the Exposition. Notify Florence Boswell if you can attend, stating whether or not you will fly.....Manila Davis Talley of Dayton, Ohio, writes that she is moving to Portland, Oregon and hopes to remain there long enough to attend 99 meetings. She has been in Boston part of the winter and spring and has been so busy she hasn't had time to get to the airport.

Illinois Chapter - Jane Meyer was hostess to the Illinois Chapter at a lunch at her home, Sunday July 18. Four guests were present; Marguerite Greene, Bureau of Air Commerce, Chicago; Dorothy Nash, Women's Editor of Oak Leaves; Belle Hetzel, 99er from Omaha, who has done such swell work in organizing a chapter there, and a new Illinois member, Norah Lee Madison of Danville.....We missed our president, Jane Ray, who is having such a grand time in Germany. Ruth Haupt did a fine job pinch hitting for her.....In the absence of Emma Sprague, who is in Florida - how our gals do travel - Mae Wilson told us about the plans of the Chicago Girls Flying Club, a local organization of which we're all members, to have an all femme air show in September. The 99ers would fly in it.....Maxine Bennett, Mabel Sherman and Dorothy Ring suggested that the next meeting be held at Curtiss Airport, August 16th at 11:30 A.M. The meeting was adjourned.

---Jane Meyer

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION --Due to Ruth Stilson's absence for the summer, Clayton Patterson has asked me to act as reporter. In a way I'm sort of glad, as it gives me a chance to tell our 99's who don't know Clayton, what a swell and regular person she is....always the aweest, untiring worker for ours, or any good cause.....Ruth Stilson, who is a student at Guilford College is spending her vacation in New York and taking advantage of learning blind flying while working as a secretary for William Ripley Strong, instructor of blind flying at Roosevelt Field.....Mary Nicholson has accepted a position as secretary to Jacqueline Cochran and is also learning the art of blind flying at Roosevelt Field.....The three Behrs, mamma, pappa and baby Behr went on that grand four-day Georgia Tour. There were over 35 ships in the convoy and every one had a grand time, but oh, was it hot! Everyone of us was pretty well wilted except baby Billy Behr, who was still going strong and furnishing amusement for the gang. He didn't even turn sissy and cry when the plane was forced down on the edge of the Savannah swamps for four and one half hours, due to fouled gas line and a couple of misfiring plugs. Nell was flying at the time and Billy was asleep in his daddy's lap in front. Mamma got a few gray hairs finding a safe landing place and pappa more gray hairs when baby ran off with parts while he was repairing the motor.There were some grand girls on the tour. Charlotte Frye, who can handle her Beechcraft like a veteran, even after it suffered a cracked piston, limped into Augusta with that sweet, but dignified smile she has for everyone. Her husband, "Doc", was along too in his Monocoupe Isn't that a swell idea for husband and wife to have their own separate planes? It does away with "backseat flying"! Jimmie Kolp (a Texan beauty) was on the Tour in her Spartan and Mrs. Lockwood accompanied her nice husband, Ralph, in the Gulf Stinson. A big vote of thanks goes to him and the Gulf Products, as they made this tour possible by their generosity of furnishing free fuel and plenty of it.....How many 99's are going to show up at our new airport dedication this fall? We are getting up plenty of prizes, money and stunts to make it worthwhile to you. We'll put it over in a big way if we have to sell shoe strings to do it.

----Nell Behr

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