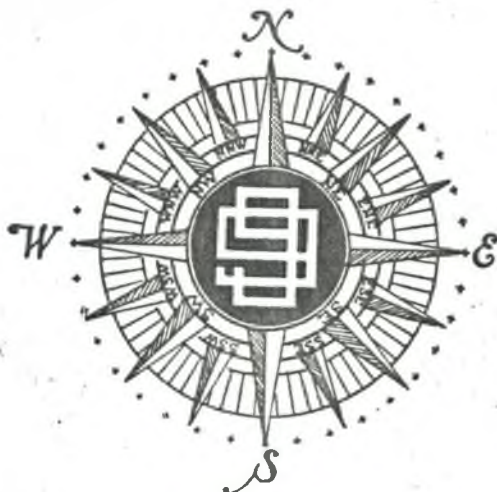


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MORE ON FLYING RATES.

Jeanne E. Rice, a Los Angeles member living in San Diego, Calif., writes as follows:

"Received latest NEWS LETTER today and still haven't noticed any one giving rates from Pacific Coast, so thought I'd include them.

<u>Ship</u>	<u>Per hour</u>
J-3 and J-5	\$ 7.00 solo
Ryan PT 22 and)	
Navy N5N)	13.00 solo.

"Since flying restrictions were almost entirely removed about three weeks ago, life has returned to our airports. Reminds me of a beehive and the Army."

Helen Davis Montgomery, Auburn, Indiana, reports the following rates from that area:

Cub Coupe	\$ 10.00 dual	\$ 8.00 solo
Cub Trainer	9.00 dual	7.00 solo.
Hangar rent	\$15.00 per month.	

Jean Bothwick De King, a New York-New Jersey 99'er since 1942, send the following schedule from Rochester, N. Y.:

	<u>Dual</u>	<u>Solo</u>
Cub J-3 and 5	\$ 10.00	\$ 7.00
Stinson 105	12.00	10.00 radio
Waco OPF	14.00	14.00
Reliant	25.00	25.00 radio
PT 19 A	14.00	12.00

There are a number of fields and operators in her area and there is a variance of a dollar and more for cash. Flight instructors average \$250.00 per month, and more in the summer. A large minority of the students are teen-agers. The operators are busy at the usual "convenient" hours, but are indignant when you mention night flying.

Ed. Note: From the amount of news received for June, the 99's are really getting back to prewar days, and July should prove to be even a bigger and better issue. O.K., gals, let's keep it up!



SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Carolyn J. West, 5237 Alta
Canyada Road, La Canada, Calif.

Our meeting on May 11th was better than ever! Fresh interest is brought in by new members, especially by those ex-Wasps who have been putting in so many flight hours recently. For complete unity, however, we do need both the old and the new members, so this is a special call for attendance of the "Old Guard" at our meetings.

We had a splendid dinner, after which we were shown two aviation movies: "Angels in Overhalls", depicting P-38's and their vital part in the air forces; also "Birth of the B-29", both very inspiring and interesting pictures. Our thanks to Marthe Halbach for operating the sound projector for these films.

Among the ex-Wasps present at the dinner were: Maurine Brunsvold, formerly Army ferry pilot and now with Grand Central Airport; Claire McMillen, also a P-1s ferry pilot; Helen Hooper, just down from Reno, Nevada's Sky-Ranch Airport, where she has been instructing; Betty Williams, a fellow 99 member from Wilkes-Barre, Penna.; Eileen Evans, who now has her license converted and has been having fun flying light equipment for a change! Hally Stires was with us and Marthe Halbach. Marthe is now instructing at the San Fernando airport during her spare time. Other members present were: Dorothy George, Hilda Jarmuth, Wilma Fritsche, Gayle Burns, Irene Slagel and the writer. Irene is now taking Link Trainer time for her instrument rating.

I have been getting some time in our Ercoupe, and 492'er Jack and myself have been asked to manage Las Vegas' Alamo Airport for a few days the latter part of May ... so come out and visit us while we try our hands at running a desert airport! Should be fun, especially since the Hellorado festival will be in progress at that time at Las Vegas.

We had a note recently from Malba Beard who is still at Santa Ana. Hope to see you at a meeting soon, Malba.

Gladys O'Donnell, along with her flying, is now attending University for her degree. That's what I call ambition with a capital A!

Our June meeting will be more on the social side. All 99 members are invited to a barbecue at noon on Sunday, June 10, at the home of the writer. Bring your man-friend and your own steaks! Hope to see you all then.

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BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Rita Hart, 2110 Santa Clara Ave.,
Alameda, California.

We held our May meeting at the home of Ruth Rueckert in San Francisco. Besides our usual group, we had three out-of-town guests: Lauretta Schimmoler and Esther Lawson, Wacs, stationed at Suisun Army Air Base, Suisun, Calif., and Peggy Ann Taylor, ex-Wasp, from Salinas. Most of the girls knew our guests, and it was a gathering of the clan. Long time, no see.

We had the pleasure of inspecting Ruth's priceless collection of souvenirs, sent her from all parts of the globe. There was even a tiny Turkish jacket for Baby Marsha. I'd like to settle for an embroidered goat skin hassock from Arabia.

Ruth had a letter from Dorothy Chamberlin, Memphis, Tenn. Dorothy has been trying to cook up a 99 chapter and ran into a snag on addresses. She took a short way out. A woman after my own heart. Always meet an emergency and worry about the legality afterwards.

Peggy Vining Potter is in San Francisco temporarily. She intended coming home in February, but illness prevented. Now she is packing household goods for shipment to Honduras where 492'er Charles is stationed for an indefinite period.

Lillian Anderson is still in North Hollywood. Please, Lillian, send us a note occasionally.

Jerry Williamson came down from Marysville for our May meeting.

Eleanor Verkuyl, of Lodi, is now a registered nurse, in addition to her other careers. Teacher, musician, reporter, nurse, and housewife. Hey! Hey! One lifetime isn't enough for all that.

Helen Thomure is at home, convalescing from a very serious operation. The way I heard it, her re-action to the anaesthetic was most unusual. Now she tells us she doesn't remember a thing that happened that first week. A most convenient amnesia, Helen.

Marjorie Fauth is taking a U. C. extension course. We've tried to lure her to the airport, with no success. Guess we'll have to give way until she finishes the course in July.

More blessed eventing, but that is a secret till next month.

Margaret Gerhardt bought a new home in San Francisco, anticipating the day when 492'er returns from European service.

The Harts bought one of the Army ships, a Ryan PT, to get the horsepower necessary for a gypsy life. Now comes the task of tying up the loose ends of flying, left dangling ten years ago. Gosh, that's a long time. Wonder if I can still study. (Or fly.).

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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Louise McE. Smith, 421 Edgedale Drive,
High Point, North Carolina.

With great regret I quote a letter from our Reporter, Jessie Woods: "I'm stealing the time to write and must get back to my work--rec'd my first 500 chicks--have sold 700 and have 3500 on hand now. For the next four weeks I will only have 100 to market but after that I'll be selling 500 a week--so I really don't see how I can continue as reporter." So Jessie is running a chicken farm as so many flyers threaten to do. Jessie, we will miss you, and here's hoping we can do half the small job you did as reporter.

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On Sunday, May 27th, the chapter met in Wadesboro, N. C., with Lucile Greenwood. This was a special meeting for the 49'sers. Edna Hartness, a new member from Greenville, S. C., flew to the meeting with her husband Tom. And two more new members, Anne Fishburne and Jewell Bailey, flew from Charleston, S. C. We were proud to welcome all three 99'sers.

We had a special guest, Vera Self, of the Florida Chapter, who is with the Control Tower in Spartanburg, S. C. Other 99'sers present were, Bird Eaton, governor of the Southeastern Section; Betty Hamilton, Lucile Greenwood and Louise Smith. Among our visitors were, Dwight Cross of Huntersville, and Erskine Boyce of Gastonia.

Thanks, Lucile, for a very nice meeting; to say nothing of that extra fine lunch.

On a charter trip to Greenville the last of May, I had lunch with Edna Hartness and met another new member, Carol Hooper, who, by the way, is acquiring a 49'ser in August. Then I was grounded by weather, and was I glad to land in Spartanburg--doubly glad. First, to get out of the rough air that was really pushing me around, and then I had a grand visit with Vera Self. In fact, if it hadn't been for Vera, I think I would have been spending the night on a park bench. But the reason for this chatter, any 99'sers passing through our Carolina towns, look us up. We would love to have you and it is fun to know new folks. And, incidentally, mighty nice when one needs a place to lay one's head!

The Carolinas Chapter plans to hold the next meeting the fourth Sunday in September. Save that date!

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Lorna Simpson Milhon,
P.O. Box 2081, Hollywood, Florida

Pinch-hitting for Irene Haworth, regular chapter reporter, who is off to the North for a while.

Sunday, May 20th, Florida Chapter, as many of us as could manage, got together at a luncheon Evelyn McRae had arranged in the restaurant at Pan American's Terminal on Dinner Key, Miami. Afterward we went to a stork shower feting Jean Cridlebaugh.

Evelyn, our new national treasurer, is in a turmoil acquainting herself with the records and data. Early in May, Jeannette Lempke, national vice president, flew to Miami in her Stinson Voyager, accompanied by Alice Hammond, national treasurer for the past year, to deliver the books. Evelyn rounded up the local Florida Chapter girls for luncheon at Dinner Key, to meet Jeannette and Alice. We all enjoyed seeing them so much--latest reports are that they are back home in Michigan again, coconuts and all.

To all and sundry, a polite whisper: Cupid has been so busy changing names of 99'sers that Evelyn finds many new names coming through which eventually prove to be "old timers", so, if you've been married within the past year, you'd do your National Treasurer a verrah good turn if you were to send her a notation of your maiden name and subsequent moniker. This will save considerable detective work and cross checking, and also save paper.

Florida Chapter is happy to announce a new member, Gladys Rhodes Pennington, 1983 McFarlane Road, Coconut Grove, Miami 33, Florida. She works and flies at Brown's airport, Kendall, just south of Miami.

Nell Ehrh was in Miami the Saturday before the luncheon, for a few hours, and called to say "Hello"

and sorry that she couldn't stay over for the meeting on Sunday.

Present at the luncheon were: Fay McWhorter Mayes, our chairman, and her sister, Mrs. Lillian Maxwell; Evelyn McRae, Marion Bertram now instructing at Brown's, Kendall; Jean Cridlebaugh and "passenger" (without dual controls), "Penny" Pennington, and yours truly.

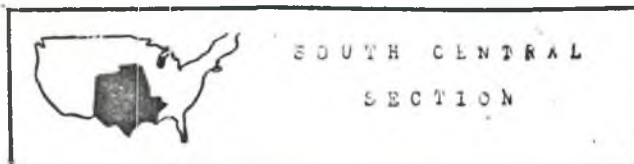
Marian McNeely had written from Orlando to expect her, but failed to show up. Hope no trouble en route, Marian! Regrets came from Ann Hull, Palm Beach, with promises for next time; Doris Stansbury on Miami Beach; and Vera Prevette in West Palm Beach, who is working at Morrison Field and busy on her instructor's rating. She now has her O to 80 Commercial rating but is bragging about her new Driver's license. This modern age!

To 99'sers in that vicinity, Evelyn L. Kealan of Hialeah, Florida, and chapter member here, a Wave, Aerographer's mate, 3/C, is in Ward 157 at the Navy Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland. Washington Chapter, please note. She is lonely and would like to see some 99's. Here are good wishes and "Hello" from Florida Chapter, Evelyn. Get back on your feet again, but quick!

Vera Self has moved to Spartanburg, S. C., to take up her duties at the tower there. We miss her.

Your reporter is happy to be back in Florida after nineteen months as ground and flight instructor at Piper Aircraft Corporation, at Lock Haven, Penna., though many memories rouse a definite nostalgia for Old Bald Eagle and the Cub Fliers.

Florida 99'sers, let's get to the next meeting!



SOUTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Barbara Selby, The ITEM,
New Orleans 4, La.

An outdoor table groaning with delicious food greeted Ninety-Niners who flew or drove to a Sunday morning brunch at Georgia Myers' plantation in Lafayette, June 3.

Before the day was over, the Ninety-Niners were doing the groaning and the table was bare. Some of the members, to put it bluntly, ate all they could hold, and then some.

But why not, when the menu included crisp, golden brown fried chicken--deviled eggs--mountains of potato chips--pickles and olives galore--little pink cakes, delicious candies, and iced tea?

When they weren't eating, the members lolled in comfortable lawn chairs under trees simply drooling with Spanish moss. A few got up energy enough to inspect Georgia's front door landing strip--a bayou which is perfect for seaplanes. She has a strip for landplanes, too.

Announcement was made of the opening of two airports with which two Ninety-Niners are associated.

Cora McDonald, instructor for Pelican Aviation Corp. in New Iberia, wrote that the Iberia Airport would have its formal dedication Sunday, June 17. Cora has two flying priests among her students.

Helen Ricketts, ex-Wasp who has just received her instructor's rating, was planning tentatively to open her field at Hammond on Sunday, June 24. Chapter members were planning to attend both openings.

Next meeting will be a joint meeting with the North Louisiana Chapter in Shreveport--the weather and the North Louisiana Chapter willing. It is expected to be held the last part of July. Pat May will make hotel reservations for the group from New Orleans, and Fanny Leonpacher for members outside New Orleans.

Former member Yvonne Stafford has returned to Louisiana and is working for her instructor's rating at Baton Rouge Airport. She is an ex-Wasp. She has promised to distribute membership blanks in Baton Rouge for the chapter.

Another prospective member is Margaret "Monte" Hodgins, who is visiting Peggy Peck here this summer. She hopes to obtain a commercial license and an instructor's rating.

Alice Cagle recently got her seaplane rating, and Pat May's husband Thayer is the proud possessor of a twin-engine rating.

Lt. Edna Gardner of the Army Nurse Corps is working the night shift at LaGarde General Hospital, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., seven nights a week. However, she still finds time to fly and already has at least six students.

Members voted a 50 cent penalty for those not attending chapter meetings.

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MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Mary Beecham, 3618 North 67th Ave.,
Omaha 4, Nebraska

This chapter held its May meeting in the NAA Club Rooms at the Fontanelle Hotel on Sunday, May 13th. Breakfast in the Amber Room of the hotel preceded the meeting, and what a grand meeting it was! Enthusiasm about this flying game was evident on all sides.

With Ole Man Winter about to relinquish a reluctant (very reluctant) hold on us, things are looking up and the chapter is blossoming forth with a gratifying number of new members and prospective members. And, as any gardener will verify, some little time and energy must be expended first. We are fortunate in having Belle Hetzel, national secretary, in our chapter, along with Agnes De Haven, chairman, and Ivah Maxfield, secretary-treasurer, to make sure our chapter continues to grow as it should. The trio is really a quartet, however, for Bea Mack has lent many a helping hand.

In addition to the officers and members mentioned above, new members present at the meeting included: Miss Marguerite C. Durbin, North Platte, Nebraska; Miss Norma Heinke, North Platte, Nebraska; Miss Marjorie M. McBride, Omaha, Nebraska; Mrs. Dorothy Anken, Grand Island, Nebraska; Miss Elizabeth B. Wall, Grand Island, Nebraska, an ex-Wasp; and Miss Rosina Lewis, Omaha, Nebraska, also an ex-Wasp.

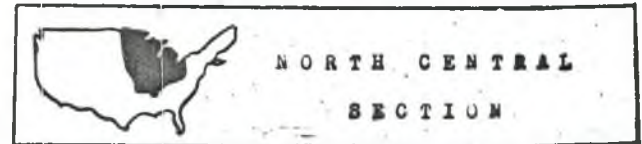
Prospective members who attended were: Miss Doris Jensen, Grand Island, Nebraska; Mrs. Phyllis Cantrell, Sioux City, Iowa; Miss Margaret Rorapaugh, Sioux City,

Iowa; Miss Joyce Hawthorne, Hastings, Nebraska, and Miss Iris Dougherty, Hastings, Nebraska.

Plans and planes were discussed, with every one anxious to compare experiences. Bea Mack had us all drooling as she told of her prospective flight to Seattle this summer. We newcomers had an opportunity to talk with the girls who learned to fly "the hard way", although we were nearly convinced before that there really was no easy way.

With the memory of this wonderful May meeting and breakfast in mind, plans are under way for our June meeting to be held June 12th in Omaha. The Chapter has been endeavoring to contact all girls in this area, but should we have missed you, how about letting us hear from you? Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet the rest of us who share your love of flying.

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ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Helen Budwash, 14306 Normal,
Ivanhoe, Ill.

The Illinois Chapter of 99's held a special meeting at the Washington Park Airport on Sunday morning, May 20th.

Plans were made for a "Breakfast flight", but due to high winds and bad weather all the girls but one drove in.

There was a Spot Landing contest sponsored by Schneck Engine Service of Washington Park Airport. First prize, Computer and case; second, a Protractor, and third, a lovely license case.

Alice DeWitt, one of our first chapter members, flew in and landed right in the circle, so she got the first prize. The other spots were flown from seats of chairs.

Mrs. Peggy Schneck, wife of the sponsor, was one of our guests, and she suggested that we have a drawing for the other prizes, which we did. Leta Toll won second prize, and I the third which I gave to our very newest member, Capt. Opal Anderson who had just returned from England where she served in the A.F.A.

Guests were Miss Marguerite Greene of the CAA, Miss Peterson and Mrs. Margaret Johnson, students of Washington Park Airport, who will be members before too long.

The Airport Instructor, Gerald Lustig, put on a very nice show in a PT-19 for the girls, which was appreciated.

Girls, if you are flying around this way, stop in at Washington Park Airport. You know we have six 99's flying there.

It's 10 A.M., Saturday, June 2, and I'm sitting here writing this while waiting for the weather to clear so I can go to Springfield.

Next business meeting for the Illinois Chapter will be Thursday, July 5th, at 8 P.M., at the Hotel Del Prado.

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June 1945

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Dorothea E. Hendricks,
2020 Pearl St., Anderson, Ind.

20 May, 1945, marked the comeback of our Chapter. We had a wonderful turnout at the Weir Cook Airport, Indianapolis, with our Chairman, Ruth Colwell, as hostess.

Our Section Governor, Helen Wetherill, flew down from Detroit on Saturday, bringing two girls from Michigan — Gloria Lynch, credited with four jumps in a CAP parachute squadron, and Marguerite Huff, a flying grandmother.

It was good to see all the girls from Terre Haute. Violet Bauermeister flew up early with her 49½'er, but the weather closed in and the other girls had to drive at the last minute. They brought a new Petticoat, Iris McClure.

Verona Ruzicka flew down from Kokomo and brought a new member, Virginia Martin, and Petticoat Betty Cook who is ready for her flight test. Fern Rinker and I flew down from Anderson.

Margaret Hillis, a new member, flew up from Bloomington where she is in school. Margaret formerly instructed on the Naval Program at Muncie. We welcome Jane Templeton back into the Chapter.

We were proud to have three ex-Wasps with us — Mary Martin, Elizabeth Phillips and Betty Scantland. Betty is a former member. She has her CAP h.p. and instrument rating and is now working on her instructor's certificate.

A letter from Betty Cull says she is instructing at Greensburg and loving it. Patty Shea wrote from Miami, Florida, where she is vacationing and meeting 99'ers. Patty is now teaching in Aviation High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, and also taking Link time.

Claudia Smith, who was our secretary and treasurer in 1941-42, writes that she would like to attend a meeting some time. After active duty with CAP on the East Coast and the Gulf, she and her husband have settled down on their farm in Kentucky, to enjoy life. They hope to have an airstrip soon.

Our next meeting will be at Auburn, Indiana, on July 15th, with Helen Montgomery as hostess. Let's have another good meeting.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Margaret L. Smith, 1420 East Wood St.,
Decatur, Illinois.

The second meeting of the newly organized Central Illinois Chapter of the 99's was held in Decatur on Sunday, May 6th.

Three new members were added to our little group, making a total of ten to date, with hopes of bigger and better meetings in the future. Janet Sisson flew in from Champaign, and Mary Louise Musselman drove over from Quincy. Hilda Eidman, who used to fly out of Springfield but is now living in Decatur, also attended the meeting. Marian Albright, who is Chairman of the Illinois Chapter and helped us in our organizational meeting, flew in from Chicago to be with us, bringing along her 49½'er husband whom we all enjoyed meeting. The original five from Springfield all drove over together — Helen Peifer, Helen Rohrer, Adelaide O'Brien and Florence O'Conner (chairman and co-chairman of our chapter), and Esther Gillock. Helen Grady, who also is an original member, came in from Bloomington.

Since the new office at the airport wasn't completed on schedule, Hilda offered us the use of the office where she works, for our business meeting. Most of our discussion centered around our plans for the Sectional meeting to be held in Springfield the second and third of June.

We had a nice lunch in the Commodore Room of the Orlando Hotel and those of us who were not as yet Short Snorters were promptly made one of the ranks and the bills were flying around thick and fast for signatures.

Janet and Mary Louise had to leave the party early, but Hilda was kind enough to ask the rest of us out to her apartment for a drink and a gab fest.

The party broke up about 4:50 p.m., amid plans for meeting again in June at Springfield for the Sectional Meeting.

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth Craine, 2445 N. 37th Street,
Milwaukee 10, Wis.

Congratulations go to the new Central Illinois Chapter! They certainly were the most gracious of hostesses at the North Central Sectional meeting held at Springfield, Ill., June 2 and 3 — two long-to-be-remembered days in our 99 history. Miserable weather didn't seem to matter at all there, for the girls drove in, flew in, and came by train—but they got there. Everything was wonderful from the registration, the trip to Sangamo Electric Co., the banquet, the business meeting in Adelaide O'Brien's apartment, the jaunt to New Salem through the Lincoln country, to the let-down of going home.

Detroit held all honors for the number of girls who turned out. We surely are proud of our Governor, Helen Wetherill, who almost missed the meal, but got there by air! Yes, yes! Elsie Peters and yours truly were mighty happy to attend that meeting.

Now, every North Central Sectioner, here's news for future plans for you. Milwaukee will be the next destination; the Southeastern Wisconsin Chapter will be hostesses for the October meeting of our section. Plan now for that first week-end, October 6th and 7th. It's mighty lovely in Wisconsin at that time.

Peg Flebrantz is back in the States. Just had a call from her. She came home from Mexico, but not for long—in three months she'll be back there again. Mexico surely gets them! Here's Caroline Iverson coming home from New York and her aviation job on LIFE magazine, for a vacation. What does she plan? Why, a trip by air to Mexico again. Guess we'll soon have to hold our meetings in Mexico City to be with the rest of our members.

Caroline Feiling has just returned from a week's vacation in New York City, I hear.

Trixie Gehring's articles on the "Petticoat Flyers" of the Milwaukee area, past and present, are appearing in the Green Sheet of the Milwaukee JOURNAL. They're really good, too.

We hear nothing of Jean Reimer lately. You see her husband has arrived from overseas after three years. Well, who can blame her? Pvt. Dora Fritzsche is due to be home on her first furlough very soon.

Margaret Bruns Sliker has just received her commercial with an 80-2625 h.p. rating. Pretty wonderful with only three months of "Mrs." behind her.

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The last meeting was held at Mitchell Field where Elsie Peters had arranged a most interesting tour of the weather bureau and a fascinating period of stay in the tower as the liners came in on instruments. I wonder if she planned the storm, too. She did plan the supper which followed at her home. One needs say no more. We've all shared her hospitality before.

Got that date for October on the calendar now?

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EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER

By Laura Sellinger, 2956 N. Prairie Ave.,
St. Louis 7, Missouri

Believe it or not, the St. Louis 99'ers had not only a meeting, but found someone with a pencil to take notes.

Like all other sections, our members have been hither and yon. Pat Ruddy joined the Army Nurse Corps, landed in Naples via England, North Africa and Sicily (even saw Mr. Vesuvius erupt), married Harold "Mike" Flavin of Minneapolis, who, with Pat, was associated with the 21st General Hospital while it was still in Georgia, returned to the States, and is now the mother of a future 49½'er -- all within a period of 27 months.

Billie Gallagher Tomlinson, recently returned from Washington, D.C., whose husband is now overseas, has likewise qualified for the Stork Club with her dandy baby boy. Mary Kleutgen gave up her flight instructing to be with her husband, a Navy pilot, stationed at Atlanta, Georgia.

Isabelle "Pete" Madison, an ex-Wasp, is flight instructor at Stephens College for girls at Columbia, Missouri. Margaret Needhams, another ex-Wasp who is now employed by a local glider manufacturing company, recently became the first woman in the State of Missouri to get a commercial glider's license and thereby also became the first woman possessor in the State of both commercial glider and commercial airplane licenses. In addition, she has also become one of three pilots in the St. Louis area to qualify as tow-plane pilot, the other two being men. She was scheduled to take a glider to Springfield, Illinois, to participate in their 7th War Bond Rally, but difficulties developed en route and the glider plans had to be cancelled. Instead she substituted an acrobatic show. Even more recently she took part in an air show at Auburn, Indiana. Shortly after the first of June Margaret will go to Columbia, Missouri, to teach the flight instructors at Stephens College how to fly gliders and how to tow them.

Del Scharr, who was in the first group of 25 WAFS, and who has since been back at Lambert Field, instructing and ferrying PT's, will become a member of the same glider manufacturing company as of June 1, and judging from the program outlined for Del and Margaret, this two-femme team is going places! To those of us who are still dyed-in-the-wool "I-want-an-engine-in-front-of-me" pilots, their enthusiasm is hard to share, but there must be something about soaring around in those engineless darlings because you couldn't find two more thrilled and happy girls than these two.

Bert Hare, who is working toward an aircraft mechanic's rating (and isn't far from it), and Mary Ann Garger, who will become a 99'er one of these sunny days, have been busy beavers in Bert's basement, reconstructing a Piper Cub. They expect to have it assembled and flying by the time this news goes to press so, if Lambert Field boasts a snappy looking, fine flying J-3, come a few more Sundays, girls, that's it!

Since Alalamazoo has told us something of its Avia-trix Club, we should like to tell other 99'ers of St.

Louis' well-known NXll (Nixie) Club. This club was organized in June, 1940, in an attempt to assemble the girls who were flying from various schools on the field and in this area. Soloing was, and still is, the only requirement for entry in the club. The name was derived from the fact that the get-together was something of an experiment (NX) and the first group consisted of 11 girls. Since all 99'ers in this vicinity are Nixies, and since most Nixies eventually become 99'ers, we hold our meetings together. We have no club room -- we formerly took turns holding meetings at each others' houses. Now we watch for the packing house truck, and wherever it stops, that's where we meet and eat and do our hangar flying.

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FLYING COSTS (Better late than never).

Brayton Flying School (located on Lambert-St. Louis
Municipal Airport)
\$8.00 per hour, dual or solo.

Kratz Field (located in St. Louis County) 4
\$6.00 per hour solo; \$10.00 per hour dual.

Lakeside Airport (located at Granite City, Ill.)
\$10.00 dual, \$9.00 solo - Sundays (yi-yi)
\$9.00 dual, \$8.00 solo - week days.

All the above rates are for a 65 H.P. plane, Cub or
Taylorcraft.

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June 15, 1945

ALL - OHIO CHAPTER

By Kay Greshauge Samrau,
18405 Melville Road, Cleveland 10, Ohio

Hello, 99'ers!

I have some bad news which I want to tell you first. Both of Dr. and Lady B's boys have been hospitalized. Bob, the younger, is now at Hallaran General Hospital, seriously wounded from fighting in Germany, and his mother is with him. Louis, Jr., is expected in the States soon. Let's make it a Chapter undertaking to keep both boys entertained with cards and remembrances since they have always been so much a part of our Chapter.

Bob's address is: Pfc. John R. Boswell, 35844480
Detachment of Patients, Bldg. 2-B3
Hallaran General Hospital
Staten Island, New York.

Lou's address is: Staff Sgt. Louis K. Boswell, 35064081
Detachment of Patients 4546-USARP
A P O 228, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York.

The Chapter extends its welcome to Charles Rotbart, our new 49½'er. He married Annabelle Kekic, one of our former WASP members, in early May, and we wish them both happiness and luck.

Grace Birge has a new position with the CAA in Denver, Colorado. As soon as I have her address, I'll enclose it in a NEWS LETTER.

Peg Pierce has returned to Cleveland from New York, and I have just returned from a vacation in Florida.

We have had no report in the NEWS LETTER since the March 15th issue. Won't you please drop me a post card and tell me something about yourselves?

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MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Maude S. Rufus, 215 Angell Hall,
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On May 6, thirty-two members attended the meeting held at Dearborn Inn, Detroit. Many flew to the Ford Airport just across the way from this beautiful Inn. After a 9 o'clock breakfast the group adjourned to the lounge where the Chairman, Thelma Lindzay, opened the meeting with a discussion of future trips and plans. Gladys Hartung reported four new members. Helen Wetherill discussed the coming Sectional Meeting to be held June 2 and 3 at Springfield, Illinois. Many of the girls plan to attend.

Lucile Grisier is on the job for expansion of the library. Several new books will be added before our next meeting.

On May 20, Marguerite Huff and Helen Wetherill flew two planes to Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend their 99 meeting.

Aleta Johnson has joined her husband in Texas, and Sue Wagner has returned from Texas, after spending some time with her husband.

Mary Clark, of Jackson, has departed for Washington, D.C., where she joined the Red Cross for overseas service.

Barbara Le Jeune, of Jackson, started a cross-country hop in a 40 h.p. Cub. On the way her engine balked, so she was forced down in a farmer's field. He was very kind to the lady pilot and said he had so many flyers landing on his farm he was contemplating making it into an airport. If all forced landings were as successful as Barbara's, flyers would be lucky.

May 1, Helen Wetherill was chairman of the Program Committee for the Aeronautical Birthday Party held in the Penobscot Building, Detroit. Maude Rufus gave a short resume of the trip she and Helen Wetherill made to Denver and Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Houston, Texas.

Jeannette Lempke and Alice Hammond have a new method of having tail winds on long trips. On May 20 they just put in an order to the weather man and, presto!, they had a tail wind all the way down to Miami, Florida, and back. The trip was made to deliver the books to the new officers, Evelyn McRae and Mrs. B. J. McElroy. On the return trip they visited Nell Behr, West Palm Beach, and Betty Wickman, Clearwater, a former Michigan 99'er. A grand time was had by all.

On June 10, Michigan 99'ers will wend their way to Austin Lake where Eloise Smith and the Kalamazoo girls will be hostesses to the group.

Helen Montgomery, Auburn, Ind., reports the following flying rates from that area:

Cub Coupe	\$10.00 dual	\$3.00 solo
Cub Trainer	2.00 dual	7.00 solo
Hangar rent	\$15.00 per month.	

Summer has finally arrived in Michigan. It is actually warm enough to be without a coat. Your Editor had the pleasure of flying a C-78 under instructions from a very nice First Lieutenant, also an L-6. It was a big thrill to fly something so much faster after pushing light airplanes around for the last nine years. And she has it all logged.



NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

JAMESTOWN (N. Y.) CHAPTER

Florie Henderson Andeer entertained the Jamestown 99'ers with a spaghetti supper at her home on May 23rd. Chairman Ruth Olson presided and welcomed three new members: Helen M. Torge, Margaret J. Case and Betty Shea.

Guest speaker 1st Lt. Joseph Barber, Jamestown pilot home on leave from the Eighth Air Force Group stationed in England, told of his experiences on some of his flights over enemy territory. Before enlisting in the Air Corps, Lt. Barber was employed at the local airport and his interest is still civilian flying. "After all this is over", he says he hopes to have his own Stinson Voyager.

Betty Shea recounted some of her experiences in the Ferrying Division of the WASP. We are all proud of her record in that organization and envious of her right to wear the little gold caterpillar in her coat lapel.

This meeting was a reunion for Lt. Barber, Betty Shea and Lucile Wright. Much of their early flying was done from the same airport and each has served the U.S.A. in some flying capacity for the duration. Lucile remained on the home front and was the only woman Courier Pilot in Western New York's CAP.

The June meeting will be Wednesday, the 20th. With dinner at Gretchen's Snack Shack at the Jamestown Airport, we hope the weather will be CAVU so that visiting 99'ers, 49'ers and B.F.'s will be able to fly in and join us in our wing-ding.



MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., CHAPTER

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Never a dull meeting - that's our motto. This month it was a hangar meeting at Hyde Field, Clinton, Maryland, where, on June 6, we were the guests of Arthur Hyde. Some of us went out early in the evening to do a bit of flying; the rest to catch up on our hangar flying and generally enjoy the activity at the field.

After Kay Booth, chapter secretary, finished her busy day of instructing at Congressional Airport and flew over to Hyde Field, we held a short business meeting. The main item of business was the nominating of national and sectional officers for the coming 99's elections. There was some talk of a breakfast flight, in lieu of one of our summer meetings.

Mr. Hyde very cleverly converted his display case into a bar, after our business was concluded, and from somewhere brought out an amazing array of stock. From then on it was "What will you have?" A toast to our host was in order, also one to our member Cy Laucke who had just attained her commercial, but who says she isn't stopping there. An instructor's rating is her next goal.

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