

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

June 15, 1947

DEADLINE - 5TH OF EACH MONTH

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

June - July - August! Three more months to get ready for the Annual Meeting at Troutdale-in-the-Pines September 5-6-7th. Better plan to take warm clothes because the nights get chilly in the mountains at an elevation of more than a mile.

Following are the rates:

Rooms with two piece bath (without tub or shower)
\$8.00 each - double bed - two persons in a room
10.00 each one person in a room
9.00 each - twin beds - two persons in a room
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10.00 each - double bed - two persons in a room
11.00 each - double bed - two persons in a room
12.50 each - twin beds - two persons in a room
Rooms with private bath (three piece)
11.00 each - double bed - two persons in a room
13.50 each - twin beds - two persons in a room

And remember that these prices include all of your meals. Reasonable, don't you think? The hotel will appreciate receiving your reservations not later than August 15th.

DELEGATE REPRESENTATION: The governor of each section is a delegate. Fully organized chapters are allotted one delegate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof, providing that each chapter shall have at least one delegate. The official number of delegates allotted each chapter will be based on the membership as of July 1st.

SUBMIT BY JULY 15th your questions for assembly discussion and delegate action.

AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP FUND: July is the in-gathering month for your contributions. \$5000 - that is our goal. Make your remittances out in favor of the NINETY-NINES and mail them to

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The Scholarship Committee is planning to present an award at the Annual Meeting at Troutdale.

NEW MEMBERS - July 1st basis: All new members accepted after July 1st pay the full year's dues plus the \$1.00 initiation fee, making a total of \$6.00. They will be considered as new 1947-48 members and their memberships will carry forward to September 1st, 1948.

MARK THE SKYWAYS LIKE THE HIGHWAYS: Blanche Noyes appreciates the help you have given her on the air-marking program. Read her letter of THANKS.

Jeannette Lempke Sovereign
Your President

June 4, 1947

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of the members of the famed 99 Club for their cooperation and sincere backing in the air marking program. You are pilots and you realize more than the non-fliers the necessity for air markers throughout the United States. It has been through the efforts of people like all of you that we have been so successful thus far in getting the idea of air marking across to the public, and I sincerely hope you will continue with the wonderful work you are doing. These few words hardly seem sufficient to express the gratitude I feel for the articles appearing in the Ninety-Nine Newsletters, magazines, newspapers and speeches that have been forthcoming, but I would like for you to know that I deeply appreciate everything. Good luck and best wishes to all of you and yours.

BLANCHE NOYES

WHAT I KNOW ABOUT 49^{ers}
(In answer to President's Column)
By Vera Self

Nothing! They still call me Miss. But here's what I know about 49^{ers} CARDS. The Florida members of said group were desirous of SOMETHING to show that they belonged to such a reputable outfit. So, since we understood the 49^{ers} were not an official auxiliary of the Ninety-Nines, the Chapter decided to make some cards for members of the Florida Chapter only. I was delegated to design them and present same at the next meeting for approval. They were approved, as printed.

We also had the unofficial information that they were, as a rule, given to men who had been very helpful to the Ninety-Nines, as well as husbands. So, we, as some of the other chapters, gave several to men who had been obliging to the chapter as a whole.

Word got around. In the March 15, 1944 issue of the News Letter, (Bettie Thompson was reporter) it was requested that the Executive Committee take action to make 49^{ers} cards legal. To my knowledge, no action has been taken.

When this notice came out, I wrote Ethel Sheehy, then National President, telling her that there should be some change made if they were to be used by all 49^{ers}. This is why the old cards had 2 deg. E. variation and the later ones had 0 to 360 deg. The Florida Chapter agreed they could be used by all if desired. So I had them printed and sent same to Bettie Thompson, as requested. On October 16, 1944, Ethel Sheehy wrote Bettie saying, "I can see no objection to these cards as a side line for members who are interested, but there is no provision in the Ninety-Nines for it." This still stands I believe. I mailed cards to Bettie with compliments. And that, Jeannette, I believe is how they got to headquarters. Soon after Bettie resigned as reporter.

As for how to decipher it: L & 2S means two things that are often considered helpful in making an evenings entertainment successful. The L came from the old sectional map, the 2S the old type rating designator. NC, you have seen that on a few airplanes, designates here a few Night Clubs. Further information will be supplied upon request. As you can see, we were only having fun all the time. We had no idea those cards would be taken so seriously.

Now will someone please tell me who originated the idea of 49^{ers} and whether the original idea was to include anyone other than husbands. And, if anyone or everyone, considers it okay, I'll be glad to have some cards printed.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ! ! ! ! !

Included with this issue of the News Letter you will find an application for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award for 1947. If you wish to apply, and can meet the qualifications as outlined in the May News Letter, complete the enclosed form and mail it before July 10th to Alice H. Hammond, 70 Cambridge Road, Grosse Pointe Farms 30, Mich. Applications postmarked later than July 10th cannot be considered.

NINETY-NINERS MARK ANNIVERSARY OF EARHART FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC.

Monday, May 19, the "Wings Club", Hotel Biltmore, New York City. On a night when New York was honoring the memory of Amelia Earhart and her contribution to Aviation with a float as part of a torchlight parade down Fifth Avenue, the New York-New Jersey Section of the Ninety-Nines, through the efforts of Viola Gentry Cameron, gave a reception and dinner at the "Wings Club" to meet and honor Mrs. Amy Otis Earhart, mother of Amelia. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Amy Morrissey of Boston, Mass. They arrived via Eastern Air Lines.

It was a great pleasure to meet Mrs. Earhart whose indomitable spirit has never let her stop hoping where Amelia is concerned. The gracious lady received the hundred or so members and their guests who were in attendance, on this anniversary eve of Amelia's solo Atlantic flight which took 13 hrs. and 18 minutes to accomplish.

The dinner tables were graced with flowers air-expressed from Annette Gipson McClure's, Miami, Florida estate, "Happy Landings". The array of over 26 varieties of strange semi-tropical and tropical plants was quite a sight! Included were orchids which Annette personally gave to an Eastern Airlines Pilot to deliver for the occasion.

Among the guests greeting Mrs. Earhart were: Mr. Jack Smithouski, Governor of the New York Hangar of Quiet Birdmen, Frank Tichenor, Early Bird; Margaret Cooper Manser, one of our charter 99's; Alma Harwood, Permanent Chairman of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund; Judge Harwood; Major Marjorie Ludwigson, Ninety-Nine friend of Amelia's, recently returned from service with the Army in Europe where she served under General Mark Clark; Mrs. Gill Robb Wilson; "Ma" Chamberlain, Pres., of Women's International Association of Aeronautics to all pilots since before the inception of the Ninety-Nines; and Miss Jesse Chamberlain, Pres. New York Women's Press Club. The major New York papers were represented by their top aviation editors. A broadcast was arranged over the mutual network by WOR during which Mrs. Earhart was interviewed.

On behalf of the Florida Chapter of Ninety-Nines, Margie B. Davis, National Treasurer, presented Mrs. Earhart with an antique gold watch inscribed and mounted with a Ninety-Nine pin with a moveable prop and diamond hub. This beautiful gift she would have received had she been able to attend the First All-Women Air Show in Tampa, Florida in March. The watch looked lovely on her black dress above a pair of Amelia's wings. The New York Chapter presented her with a leather bound volume containing messages from members of the Ninety-Nines and friends.

On the committee for the evening were Kay Menges, Governor, Alma Harwood, Viola Gentry Cameron, Margaret B. Davis, Jeanne Spielberg, Lois Fairbank, Fleur-de-lys Loesch, Mrs. Clarence Cocheron, Amy Andrews, and Mrs. Clough who certainly helped make it a memorable evening for us all.

AN OPEN LETTER TO FAY GILLIES WELLS

Dear Fay:

In compiling a history of the Bay Cities Chapter, I kept in mind those blank spaces in the National History of the 99 Club. From copies of reports on all annual meetings, and all issues of "The Ninety-Niner", "Airwoman" and "Newsletter", the following data was obtained, which will enable each owner of a National History to complete her copy:

PG.	AUTHORITY	DATE	INFORMATION
23	1st Annual Meet Report Signed by L. Thaden	8/27/30	1st Annual Nat'l. Meet 8/22/30 (Extra Data) Governors Present: NY-NJ: Marjorie Lesser Middle Eastern: Dorothy Leh South Central: Jean La Rene Southwestern: Gladys O'Donnell Northwestern: Edith Folts
24	99'er	4/1934	4th Annual Nat'l. Meet 7/3/33 Northwestern: Mary Riddle
25	AIRWOMAN	4/1935	5th Annual Nat'l. Meet 9/2/34 NY-NJ: Marjorie Ludwigen N. Central: Alice Hirschman S. Central: Dorothy McBirney N. Western: Cora Sterling S. Western: Clema Granger
25	Letter to all 99's signed by M. Britton, Secy.	9/1/35	6th Annual Nat'l. Meeting was held 9/1/35 at the Carter Hotel, Cleveland, O.
26	Minutes of Annual Meet. & Newsletter	9/1937	8th Annual Nat'l. Meet 9/5/37 (Correction) Nat'l. Treas.: Dorothy George
27	-N-O-N-E, - - B-U-T - - - -		Newsletter issue indicate Gov. S. Eastern: Clayton Patterson
27	Newsletter	12/1937	S. Central: Alma Martin N. Western: Alyce Pashburg
27	Newsletter	1/1939 10/1938 1/1939	9th Annual Nat'l. Meet 9/2/38 New England: Jean Adams NY-NJ: Laura Mae Brunton (moved-replaced by) Margo Tanner M. Eastern: Dorothy Carpenter S. Eastern: Clayton Patterson N. Central: Florence Boswell S. Central: Una Goodwin N. Western: Alyce Pashburg S. Western: Ruth Rueckert
28	Newsletter	3/1940	10th Annual Nat'l. Meet 9/3/39 New England: Hortense Harris

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11/1939 NY-NJ: Mary Nicholson
11/1939 M. Eastern: Frances Allen
11/1939 S. Eastern: Jessie Woods
12/1939 S. Central: Harriet Nye
11/1939 N. Central: May Wilson
1/1940 N. Western: Laura Mae Brunton
11/1939 S. Western: Ethel Sheehy

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28 Newsletter 9/1941 Editor, 99 Newsletter: Mary Nicholson
29 Newsletter 10/1941 New England: Ruth Hamilton
NY-NJ: Mary Sanson
M. Eastern: Lu Lu Shank
S. Eastern: Nell Behr
11/1941 N. Central: Belle Hetzel
10/1941 S. Central: Beatrice Mack
N. Western: Irma Wallace
S. Western: Kay Van Dooser

It has been noted by many, the charter members listed total 98. Was Clara Studer counted as the 99th? My respect for your excellent work in compiling this history of the 99 Club has soared to great heights, Fay, as research work can be very tedious.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,
Ruth Rueckert

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Rose Wasel Jespersen
5117 No. 25th Place

Our tentative May flight has been changed to June 16. This is the first time that the three groups, the Women Flyers of America, the Wasps and the 99'ers of the Washington area are meeting for a joint breakfast flight. We will rendezvous at Hybla Airport, Alexandria, Virginia at 10:00 A.M. and then fly to Nattaponi Sky Club, Maryland. Several of the Air Attaches of the British Embassy will join us and they will fly their "Percival Proctor" airplanes. We expect a good turnout and hope you have a lot of fun. This flight will conclude our summer get-togethers for our area.

A little side news ---- yours truly presented her 49-1/2er with an 8 lb. 5 oz. baby boy on May 5 and we call him Chris Alan. As you probably know, my husband is a Constellation pilot on TWA's International Division.

Happy landings, girls!

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Alma Gallagher
16 Messer St., Laconia, N. H.

A fried chicken dinner at historic Rumford Coffee house in Concord and more discussion of air marking was the order for the May supper meeting of the Northern New England chapter May 13.

Col. Russell Hilliard, director of state aeronautics for New Hampshire, gave his approval to the chapter's air marking program and told the group of the pre-war system which he used in mapping roof top signs in the state. He also outlined current federal plans and appropriations for visual aids in navigation.

First step in the program will be securing signed roof release permits from the owners of property which may have served as markers before the war or is well situated for the purpose.

Chairman Ruth Hamilton who started the program rolling later in May called a meeting of 99's in the state, representatives of CAA, CAP, state aeronautics, and N. H. Aviation Trades association to coordinate the air marking program.

The Concord meeting turned into a gathering of N.H. 99-ers with Laura Murray of Penacook making the arrangements and Ruth coming up from Orange, Mass., where she and Charles are now operating a flying school and service. Betty Condiot and Lillian Putnam were there from Bradford with an invitation for supper and float flying for the chapter at their Base Point Seaplane Base June 10. Frances Wright and Eileen Hutt came from Keene for the meeting, and Alma Gallagher from Laconia with two guests, Jane Steady and Virginia Brodhead, both of Laconia and both private pilots.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Mildred E. Morey,
22 West Avenue, Oak Bluffs, Mass.

The Southern Chapter voted appreciation and thanks to Eve Sathory and George Van Epps, manager of Wiggins Airways' Westfield Operations, for a grand comedy air show and luncheon held at Westfield Airport May 17th. Sixteen members and their guests had a wonderful time and perfect weather allowed the majority to fly in.

During the business meeting prior to the luncheon Mrs. Myra Houle of Johnston, R. I. was elected Sec.-Treas. of the Chapter. Rose Crowley Abbott of Waban remains as Sec. of the Section, and Ruth Hamilton of Canterbury, N. H. as Section Treasurer.

Miss Rachael Williams, Chairman of the Connecticut Chapter, attended the meeting, and brought good news, indicating that the Connecticut Chapter will rejoin the New England Section by June, - possibly at the time of the Nantucket week-end meeting, June 21st and 22nd, when the 99's, AOPA, and QB's are planning a mass flight of over 100 airmen to the island for the joint meet. Dance Saturday night, Vaughn Monro (we hope), with Jackie Cochran, Jeannette and Marjorie (?). Problems of air-marking in Mass. were discussed and the girls plan to contact civic organizations and officials to get the Commonwealth thoroughly air-marked. Those who got to Westfield were: Rose Abbott; Carolyn Cullen; Catherine Hiller; Myra Houle; Eve Sathory; Julia Short; Abby Ann Cutler; Anne Crathern; Ethel Haywood ("the flying grandmother"); Dot Hillas; Anne Snow of Tucson, Arizona, Pres. of Wellesley College Flying Club; Elsa Polhemus; Rachael Williams; Alice Kimball; Marie Lepore; and Ann Poulin, sister of Eve Sathory. Two new members were announced and welcomed - Mrs. Julia Short of Swampscott, Mass., and Miss Regina Winoza of Paris and Byfield, Mass.

Guest of honor at a 99's May Party held at Toby House, Boston, was Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis Gaines of Boston. We know you all will be interested in Mrs. Gaines' flying record. She holds #12 women's license in Federation Aeronautique Internationale, #4635 license in the Aero Club of America, started flying in 1917 and received her license November 5, 1919, flying an Avro. For aileron control she had a "shoulder yoke." Her grandmother was the first woman doctor in Chicago, just after the Civil War, which accounts for Mrs. Gaines' adventurous spirit. Honoring her at the party were: Regina Winoza, Janet Donaldson, Marion Tibbetts, Vice-Governor, Rose Abbott, Secretary, and Ann Cutler, Gov.

We have a rumor to the effect that Ruth Hamilton has bought a Cub and gone into business for herself on an island in

the middle of the Merrimac River. Efforts to phone her have failed. We hope to hear more about this, Ruthie. How about writing us all the dope on it?

At the 4th New England Aviation Conference, convened by the New England Council's Aviation Committee, at the Hotel Statler, Boston, May 23rd, the Ninety-Niners were represented by Betty Condiot, Lucille Dingley, Ann Cutler, Frances Wright and Mildred Morey.

Ann Cutler, N. E. Gov., ex-WAVE, has joined the New Naval Reserve (Civilian). Ruth Hamilton and Charlie have taken charge of the G. I. Flight School at Orange-Athol Airport, Mass. This moves Ruth into the Southern territory, but as she is Chairman of the Northern Chapter, as well as Section Treasurer, and the Northern gals (so they tell yours truly) just won't let Ruthie go, she will continue to head the Northern group. However, we hope the move will allow us all to see her more often in the future.

Grapevine telegraph from the North Country tells us that modest Alma Gallagher, the Northern reporter, has been appointed Secty. of the New Hampshire State Committee Air Tour. Vermont and New Hampshire join in the tour which is to be held June 27-28.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Lavon Martin
8237 Virginia, Kansas City, Mo.

With the grand mix-up that comes with moving, this reporter had a hard time finding a typewriter and paper in order to submit a Newsletter. But here it comes on the deadline.

Our May meeting was a breakfast at the airport with our Chairman Marie Page outlining plans for a worthwhile cause that met with great success the following week. A day long event was sponsored by the Kansas City chapter with members spending Sunday at the airport selling sightseeing trips in planes for the benefit of the Salvation Army drive. Various flying services cooperated in the event and a nice sum of money for the day's work was turned over to the Salvation Army.

One of our charter KC members, Betty Cox, has announced her engagement, the marriage to take place in the near future. Anna Marie Hinkley has gone up for her Flight Instructor's Rating. She is a mighty busy person flying cross country. We miss seeing Thelma Badami, who is ill in the hospital. Our new secretary, Eileen Root, is visiting in the East. Lois Jean Brown, membership chairman, reports we have two new members, Catherine Calaghan and Ellen Knight. We hope to see a lot of them in the future.

There are several important events scheduled soon so keep in close touch with Marie Page or Osa Wyatt, who has devoted so much time in contacting members regarding meetings. Spring rains are almost over now and the weather is much the kind to get outdoors and up in the air. Let's get together and make our plans now for attendance at the National meeting in Colorado. That's only a jump, skip and "hedge" -hop from KC (note the last is in quotes).

See you all at the June meeting for personal interviews.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Mary Louise Oetzel
256 W. Main St., Norwalk, Ohio

The All-Ohio Chapter takes this opportunity to thank the gals of the Michigan chapter for one glorious week-end which

we enjoyed to the utmost on May 24-25th as their guests in Detroit. The banquet was wonderful, the tour in the afternoon very pleasant, Blanche Moyes' talk, well, frankly I could still be sitting there listening to her tell us of her many experiences in aviation. She is a most fascinating person. On Sunday we had a very fine meeting in the morning, after which we were taken by bus to Windsor where we were guests of the Windsor Flying Club, and enjoyed a very detailed and descriptive visit to the airport, the club rooms and the hangars and customs. If I'm not mistaken Ohio had the largest attendance of all the states in the section, seventeen in all being present for the week-end. The weather was beautiful after 6 PM on Sunday, before that, well I'd rather not be quoted on the subject, but a few of us did manage to fly home late Sunday P M, happy, tired, and very much obligated to the gals of Michigan. And we hope to be able to return, at least in part, the cordial hospitality of our most recent hostesses.

For the members of the All-Ohio Chapter who were unable to attend, please remember your June meeting is to be held in Akron on June 21st, with Oberia Buchanan as hostess.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Dorothy Hutcheson
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The May meeting of the Illinois Chapter of 99's was held May 16th in the Loop. We had the use of the C.A.A. offices including their sound movie equipment, thanks to Lucy Kalla our secretary. Lucy is employed by the C.A.A. and at present has the interesting assignment of handling air-marking in this area.

We were pleased to have Kathy Carlson look in on the meeting. Kathy is a member of the Women Flyers of America and came to suggest that her group, the W.A.S.P., and the 99's pool efforts in getting some airmarkers in and around Chicago. Every one liked the idea and Lucy informed us that the C.A.A. already has the paint which is at present just sitting in the warehouse waiting to become airmarkers for wandering pilots. Needless to say we resolved to remedy this poor frustrated paint's plight.

The North Central Section meeting, we agreed, seemed to have lots of fun in store, and some of the girls planned to go. Doris Langher, our chairman, and Lucy had a BT lined up for the trip to Detroit.

Bernice Sirovatka suggested that we have a breakfast flight soon, and excellent idea indeed - in fact plans were made to take such a trip to Beaver Dam, Wisc. Kathy suggested that all three women pilot groups in the city go together and this was agreed upon.

Lemoyne Goddard showed movies - Navy training films (with Robert Taylor, yet). Airplane and cockpit check procedures were shown, also emergency landings. They were very interesting and informative movies and plans were made to have more at future meetings.

Incidentally, Kathy Carlson decided that she liked 99's and made application for membership. Pat Hitchcock, who recently received her license on the G. I. bill also made application for membership. Pat was in the WAVES and was stationed at Pearl Harbor for awhile. We were pleased to meet Erlyne Conel's guest, Ruth Spietz, and hope to see more of her. Hazel Wakefield's smiling countenance was present, along with the rest of her, natch. Mary Beritage arrived in time to see the last 2 1/2 minutes of Robert Taylor, but we were glad she came, and so was she because Lucy had some mighty attractive and delicious refreshments, coffee and cookies, which we ate with relish, (figuratively speaking), after which the meeting adjourned.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Jeannette C. Kapus
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The May monthly meeting was held at the home of Peg Fiebrantz. Ninety-Niners present were: Dora Fritzsche, Elsie Peters, Peg Fiebrantz, Necia Patterson, Dottie Christensen, Trixie Gehrung, Mayetta Wiedemann, Margaret Bruns Sliker, Germaine Reback, Carolyn Feiling, Dido Heise, Ruth Lembke, Betty Glawe, and Jeannette Kapus.

After the meeting Dido Heise screened the film 'Flighty Lady' showing a girl student pilot learning the ropes to gain her private license. Dido was the star of the film.

Elsie Peters showed shots of the Private Flyers' Barbecue at Francis Trecker's Ranch with several shots of Tyrone Power and Cesar "Butch" Romero. Also some very good shots of Saulte Ste. Marie Convention; of Jeannette Lempke Sovereign and her husband; and of Alice Hammond, her husband, and three children.

Everyone was enthusiastic about the trip to the North Central Section Convention at Detroit the 24th and 25th of May. Saturday morning, the 24th dawned and a beautiful bright day it was. Most of the flights took off between 6:30 and 7:30 from various fields around Milwaukee. We had a clear flying till we hit the vicinity of Coldwater, Michigan, and then the visibility and ceiling lowered -- so much so that we thought it better to land and check the weather at our destination. After checking the weather, we took off again and headed for Detroit and landed at City Airport.

We checked in at 2 o'clock and immediately went on a trip around Grosse Point, Belle Island, and visited the Aircraft Show at Detroit City Airport. Time passed so quickly we hardly had time to see everything we wanted before time for dressing for the Banquet. The Banquet was very delicious and the speakers very interesting. After a late nitecap we hit the sack --- very tired pigeons.

The next morning we awoke bright and early to attend the meeting at 9:30. Alack!! Alas!! The weather was foul. After frantically checking with the weather bureau, we settled down to the events of the day. The business meeting was soon dispensed with and we were off to a delicious luncheon at Chelsea Inn in Windsor, Canada. Everyone was keeping a weather eye on the ceiling and there was always someone checking on the latest reports.

Our flight decided to forego the trip to Windsor Airport in lieu of taking off sooner for our home port. We had a few worried moments soon after we left Detroit when the ceiling lowered but blue skies were ahead.

By Tuesday night all the girls were back in Milwaukee very happy and very tired.

We really had a wonderful time, Michigan, and we thank you for an interesting and delightful weekend.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Helen Felto
RFD #2, Pontiac, Michigan

Michigan Aviation Week from May 24 through June 1 has been full of activity for 99's. It started on Saturday at the Hotel Book-Cadillac in Detroit with a big North Central Sectional round-up. Ninety-Nines and guests were transported by chartered bus on a scenic trip through Detroit's beautiful Belle Isle and Grosse Pointe and then taken to Detroit City Airport for the Michigan Aircraft Show. Alice Hammond acted as official scenic spot pointer-outer.

That evening in the English Room, Brook-Cadillac, we were made very contented by an excellent dinner. Helen Anderson introduced Toastmaster William B. Stout who kept things going in a lively pace. Blanche Moyes spoke on "Women in Aviation" relating some extremely thrilling experiences she has had while flying.

After the sectional business meeting on Sunday morning, an international tour was taken into Canada. In Windsor we had lunch in a very charming tea room. This was arranged by Lucile Grisier who had eaten in every restaurant in Windsor in her search to find the best for the Ninety-Nines. Then the Windsor Flying Club as hosts showed us around the Windsor Airport, explained customs procedure, and as a finale flew everyone in Tiger Moths.

Everyday throughout Michigan Aviation Week, programs of the aircraft show were sold by Michigan 99's to increase the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Faye Kirk did a wonderful job in assigning girls to work.

Helen Anderson and the writer attended a demonstration of the new cross-wind landing gear. All you need do is land cross wind and let the wheels do the worrying about strain. Its a queer sight to see.

At a symposium arranged by the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences on "What the Airplane User Demands of the Manufacturer," Helen Anderson, Faye Kirk, Alice Hammond and the writer expressed their views on what is wrong with planes from a woman's angle.

Lolita Boyd took a picture of an airplane just after it crashed and sold it to a newspaper. That's being wide awake. Sue Wagner is wandering again. This time to Virginia, Washington, D. C. and Pittsburgh, Penna. Becky Thatcher enacted the role of judge of the NAA Air Show in Flushing, Michigan. Berniece Bowers placed second in two air races there. Are you getting in training for the Cleveland Air Races Berniece? Mary Clark is home from China with loads of beautiful clothes. Barbara LeJeune is with the Red Cross in Germany.

Virginia Krum has been hopping passengers in Chelsea, Mich. Gloria Lynch was Michigan's Queen of Aviation. She delivered a new Stinson to Ft. Worth as a sideline. Faye Kirk delivered a new Cessna from Wichita.

That national convention in Denver, per Jeannette Lempke Sovereign's reports, is certainly going to be wonderful. Start making your plans now, Michigan Ninety-Nines.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth Colwell
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We had a lovely meeting at Anderson with a nice dinner, then back to the airport for our business meeting.

We had sixteen girls at the meeting and four guests, took in one new member, Martha Hunter of Anderson and two petticoats, Mary Frances Blauer and Mrs. Hu Ween Hort.

Minutes were read and financial statement and Airmarking was discussed at great length, quite a lot has been accomplished this month and one of our members from Marion reported that it has been airmarked, so if we all keep plugging maybe we will get Indiana airmarked yet.

Virginia Eberhart sent letters to 26 airport managers asking them to post notices of our meetings on bulletin board and for a list of names of girls with private or solo tickets at their airports. We hope in this way to reach the girls we can't seem to meet any other way.

Mention was made of article in Indianapolis Sunday Star, "Indiana Plane Janes." It was a good article and the 99's got quite a build-up.

We are having a get-together with the QB's again Monday July 14th at the Boat Club in Terre Haute. Dinner \$2.00 - 9:00 PM Central Standard Time or 8:00 P M Daylight Saving Time. We are to meet at Terre Haute house 7:00 to 7:30 PM Daylight Time. Sounds like we'll all have a good time and will see a good Floor show, so come girls, let's turn out full force this time.

Our next meeting is at Hoosier Parks airport, Indianapolis June 15th - Norma Schnarr is our hostess.

Received a card from Fern Rinker saying she took a weeks trip through Massachusetts and on up into Canada and had a wonderful time. Send me more cards, girls.

METROPOLITAN SECTION

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

By Edith Cragin Daley
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Our May meeting was held Sunday, the 25th, 12 noon, at Nancy Tier's lovely home in Cheshire. "Fly in" turned out to be "drive in" because the weather man was in no smiling mood, so many of the girls did not show up.

Those who did brave the elements were Caroline Cullen, Joan Fenderson, Nancy's guest, Elizabeth Stone from Cleveland, Ohio, whose vivid personality and interesting stories entertained everyone; Betty Coffin, a new member whom we are most delighted to welcome into the chapter. She recently won her private license in Daytona, Florida at the seaplane base there. She is a grand person and her graciousness and enthusiasm will be real assets to the chapter; Rachael Williams, our chairman, completed the ones there.

The picnic lunch was eaten in the house in combination with too often unknown stories of the flying experiences of the early 99's told by Nancy, and interesting side lines by Elizabeth Stone and Betty Coffin.

Our next meeting will be in connection with the A.O.P.A.; the New England Section of the 99's; and the Q. B.'s; in Nantucket. It will be for the whole week-end with such entertainments as airshow, dance, clam bake, etc. for 99's husbands, and friends--! Sounds wonderful. Detailed information later. But the time is week-end of June 21st and 22nd. Try and make it.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Mildred Miller,
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The Ninety-Nines in El Paso sponsored a weekend flight to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to see the Indian country. The first stop on the flight was at Socorro, New Mexico, for early lunch. Another stop was made at Albuquerque and then Santa Fe. The return trip was made the next day by way of Las Cruces, New Mexico for lunch and then on to El Paso.

Those in the party were Mrs. Ruby Hays, student pilot in her own Cessna 140, and Lois Brooks, Ninety-Niner; Lois Ziler accompanied Anne Duthie in her Ercoupe; both of whom are Ninety-Niners; Mrs. Charlie Deerman, 99er who owns her own Cessna 140 and Gay Casad, private pilot; Miss Jan Warrick, private pilot, and Florence McDermott, student pilot, rented an Ercoupe to go on the trip.

The El Paso girls have two new members. One is Mrs. Wilma Ditmore, and the other is Tommy Taylor, who is working on her commercial license. Tommy has recently been ferrying in new Luscombes for the Southwest Air Rangers, an approved school.

The girls in District VI, in Houston, Texas, held a combined meeting and farewell party at the home of Alice Seaborn on May 21st. Florence Rucker and Florence Robinson are leaving Houston soon. The girls plan to resume studies at the University of Chicago next fall. During the summer they will be doing geological research and traveling in the Western United States. Mae Sharp is planning a flight to Arizona in her Porterfield and upon return will go north to spend the summer with her parents in Nebraska.

After a short business meeting the rest of the evening was spent enjoying the colored slide projections of pictures taken by the Florences, on their trip to Florida and Key West in a Cessna 140, in January, and also a recent trip they and Alice made to Big Bend Park, Texas, and to Chiricahua National Monument in Arizona, where they met Mae's brother who is a Ranger at the monument.

Members attending this meeting included Ruth Newsom, Florence Robinson, Florence Rucker, Alice Seaborn and Mae Sharp, with several guests.

Your reporter has just returned from Fort Worth where the NAA Silver Jubilee was celebrated. Besides enjoying the good times with Verna Burns, Helen Johnson Wheeler, Abbie Haddaway (all Ninety-Winers) the program was especially interesting. All the talks made by outstanding men in aviation were good. The two outstanding talks by way of historical significance were made by Captain Tate, of North Carolina, at whose home the Wilbur and Orville Wright stayed when they built and finally flew their first box kite at Kittyhawk. The other talk was made by Group Capt. E. W. Donaldson, holder of the world's speed record of 616 miles per hour, made recently in England. In thinking back over the progress of aviation in the last 45 years, one wonders what will be accomplished in the next 45 years.

The SECOND ANNUAL AIR DAY IN TEXAS will be held in Harlingen, Texas, in October, and the Ninety-Winers have been invited by the Director to hold a meeting of our organization at that time. More news will be forthcoming regarding this. Texas is pretty nice in October, and many of you out of state 99ers might like to fly down and see what's cooking.

The Texas girls will be advised soon regarding the plans and preparations being made here to celebrate National Air Tour Week June 22-28. The whole thing sounds like fun, so start revving up your motors and let's all go.

OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER

By Elizabeth Sewell,
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Our May meeting was postponed one week due to the fact so many of our members were out of town. We met on May 18th at Municipal Airport, Oklahoma City, and made tentative plans for June Activities. Members present were Broneta Davis, Gale East, Elizabeth Sewell, Dorothy Morgan, Ruth Jones and Ida Carter. Broneta invited the Oklahoma City Unit of 99's to her home in Minco, Oklahoma, for breakfast on June 22nd.

A statewide gathering of all women pilots will be held on June 29th in Cushing, Oklahoma. The airport there has hard surfaced runways and should make an ideal spot for the event. Election of State Chapter officers and Oklahoma City Unit officers for the coming fiscal year will take

place at that time. We hope to see a lot of new faces as well as familiar ones we haven't seen for sometime.

The only 99's participating in the Breakfast Flight on June 1st to Tulsa and Shawnee were Gale East and myself. Sorry there weren't more along. Mr. and Mrs. Brown served us a very fine breakfast at Brown Airport in Tulsa. There were twenty-three persons in seven airplanes on the flight. Mrs. Brown told us the Tulsa 99's were very happy over their air marking sign they completed at Coweta, Oklahoma.

Jery Kelso is back from school in Tucson and getting acquainted with the Bonanza. Welcome home, Jery!

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Byrdie McBride
Cedar Rapids, Nebraska

The May meeting was held at the private airport of Helen Bass and her 49^{er} Earl, near Malvern, Iowa. Helen drove us in her new Buick Estate wagon to nearby town, Tahar, Ia. for our flight breakfast. Then we returned to her charming home and held our business meeting while Earl held a trap shoot for the other 49^{ers} and guests. Plans were completed for our June meeting to be held in North Platte, Nebraska, with Colorado and Missouri Chapter as our guests.

Bea Mack flew in from Omaha in her Taylorcraft all alone as her usual companion, Belle Hetsel was ill. Hope she has recuperated by now. Marjorie McBride and Alice Riss flew Marjorie's new Luscombe from Omaha and, also from Omaha flew Dorothy Reed and 49^{er} Claude in their Luscomb. Marguerite Durbin drove from North Platte, Nebraska, bringing with her Ruth Johnson and 24 3/4 Kathy Johnson from Crete, Nebraska. Kathy was Pamela Bass' guest, both six years old, they thought they had the best time of anyone.

Barney Burnham from Omaha flew his new Cub Super Cruiser with the Aeromatic prop and gave all the girls a very good demonstration of what it will do. Barney brought Alice Riss' 49^{er} Ed with him also. Cliff Sefton who instructs at the Bass field was on hand with a few aerobatics in his J3 Cub. Also Mr. and Mrs. Everett Gipe and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Hillyer, all students at the Bass field were guests. We hope Alice and Helen can soon become Ninety-Winers.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Melba Beard
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On May 10th there was the flight to Santa Paula for the barbeque at Lingdooley Ranch, home of Dianna Cyrus and her parents. The day was lovely excepting for a wandering cloudburst; about 35 members and guests flew or drove in. After the barbecue under oaks on the shady canyon side, we had an opportunity to see some of the fine Lingdooley Ranch American Saddle Bred Palominos, many colts, and Dianna's five ponies. Other guests preferred the lovely pool and had come prepared with swim suits. Photographer Phil Livingston was on hand with his camera.

Our membership is growing so rapidly that it is increasingly difficult to know who are new members, old members, or guests. But among those present were: Sectional Governor Marjorie Fauth who flew down from San Francisco in her Cessna with a guest or member; San Diego Chapter Chairman

Betty Lambert and 49^{er} Art, in the family Ryan; Helen and Marshall Hope who flew their Cessna from Long Beach; the honeymooners Geraldine Williamson Mickelsen and "Mick", who flew over from Santa Barbara and will shortly return to Marysville in the Balanca; our hostess Dianna Cyrus; Mardo Crane, Elizabeth Watson, Helen Hooper, Hilda Jarmuth, Eileen Evans and her mother, Helen Thomure and 49^{er} Dudley, Mildred Constantine and 49^{er} Nick, Jane Lawler from Inyokern, with a friend, Melba Beard and 49^{er} Bill and children Wayne and Arlene, Gladys Hill and 49^{er} Roy, his brother Eddie Hill, and Sylvia Burson, Dorothy Avery and Marjorie Clark from Azusa, Emmie Drummond, Dee Thurmond of the Seattle Chapter and guest Daphne Nelson, and any I may have missed.

Due to the cold foggy weather the flight to Santa Barbara was postponed for a better date.

Secretary Bea Medes has been ill at her Newport Beach home and was unable to have the beach party of June 14th. Chairman Carolyn West is recovering from a major overhaul at the hospital. We hope that our two officers will soon be feeling better, and have missed them at recent gatherings. Then Vice-Chairman Helen Hooper is off on a vacation to the Caribbean. So with three of our four officers inactive at the moment, it is up to the rest of us to pitch in and help where we can.

Carolyn will be able to preside at our June 16 dinner and business meeting at Hotel Mayfair, at which time the nominating committee for fall chapter elections will be named, and delegates and alternates to the national convention lined up.

For the national meeting Sept. 5-6-7 at Troutdale-in-the-Pines near Denver, Colo., a grand program is being arranged by the management and Denver Chapter, and it is hoped that many of you can attend. Please take your membership card with you, as members attending may enter into discussions at the meeting, but only registered delegates may vote.

News Notes: Out of state member Paulette d'Avril Frontenac of Washington, D. C. chapter dropped in one day to see your reporter, and plans to be in the area awhile. Verda-Mae Jennings of Arizona reinstated her membership, which had lapsed during the critical illness of her young son. She invites those flying by to drop in; address Box III, Williams Field, Chandler, Ariz. A recent meeting brought out Maurine Brunswold Wilson, member from years back, who is now in Glendale. Mary Abbie Quilan and 49^{er} have been busy establishing a new chapter of A. O. P. A. in Burbank. There are now 6 Ninety-Nines in the Glendale-Burbank area!

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Betty Agan

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San Diego Ninety-Niners convened at the lovely, huge ranch home of Betty Gillies for what proved to be a wonderful party. Betty is looking very well even though she is just learning to walk again after her automobile accident last fall.

Betty's 49^{er}, Bud Gillies served cocktails in the magnificent living room, where we viewed their private landing strip just back of the house. A delicious buffet dinner was served after which the meeting was reluctantly called to order by Chairman Betty Lambert. 49^{ers} were allowed to remain for discussion of the County Fair exhibit as their aid will soon be solicited. The Committee headed by Evy

Briggs will meet several times this month to complete work on the landscape model depicting air markings.

Betty Lambert and 49^{er}, Art, left Friday, May 23d for a "hop" to New York in their BT. They'll be back in three weeks with a lot of "hangar flying" to do at the next meeting.

Our treasury is about \$20.00 richer today, thanks to Betty and Bud Gillies. They wouldn't accept any financial aid for the dinner and cocktails but allowed us to charge \$1.00 per plate and apply the proceeds to the treasury. Such grand people are welcome in any organization.

We've missed Isabel Ebel since she moved away but happy to hear she likes her new home and job. She now lives at 457 Myrtle St., Glendale, is employed as an Aerodynamist with Radio Plane Corp., Metropolitan Airport in Van Neys. Also dabbling in supersonic work. Good Luck, Isabel.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Rueckert

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The May 16th meeting was held in an United Air Line Committee meeting room, San Francisco Municipal Airport, following a delicious dinner in the dining room off the cafeteria, with Ula's Mr. W. A. Kusochman, as host, assisted by Mrs. Carol Bigelow, woman's representative. An extended tour of all the shops and a DC6 was afforded our group, which included Chairman Marion Barnick, and guest Barbara Standring, Margaret Gerhardt, and 49^{er} John, Esther Haney and guest Virginia Hewitt, Ruth Mochan (the last named three drove down in Esther's new car, which she purchased in the east, while on vacation), Secretary Helen Kelton, and Ruth Rueckert. It was regrettable so few could take advantage of the courtesies shown us and view the extensive background necessary to operate a large airline - but Ena Ayres was attending her Aunt at the latter's wedding; Dorothy Chamberlin was moving to a new home, 2286 46th Ave., S.F.; Adele Chase was suffering from a dental extraction; Evelyn Esser was grounded by the stork, which delivered nine-pound, ten ounce Phillip James on May 13th; Marjorie Fauth was piloting her Cessna over Nevada, landing hither and yon on company business; Frances Grant was awaiting the stork - long overdue; Mildred Harris lacking transportation from Orinda was stranded at the last moment; Rita Hart was moving to 1740 Main St., c/o Gen. Del., Walnut Creek; Leah Johnson was hospitalized in National City in Southern California - and her new home at 1843 Bristol Ave., Stockton ready for occupancy!; and Betty Joiner was in the midst of finals at University of California. The balance of our members were unheard from and also missed. During the business meeting nominations for National Officers were made; a winging party to Clear Lake around June 15th was planned; a report on Diana Cyrus' barbecue on May 10th, at Santa Paula, disclosed Gerry and Mick Mickelson in their Bellanca, Marj Fauth and guest in her Cessna, and Ena Ayers and guest in a Cessna attended; an invitation was read from Mary Bowles Nelson to wing to Palm Springs, where she operates Cubs, Ercoupes and Navions, (we hope to accept soon); a report on Marj Fauth's test flight in her Cessna for a G.C.A. landing on Moffett Field on April 30th, proved interesting, but most private fliers find the radio receiver should be more powerful. After reminding the members of the June 20th meeting at San Jose Airport, dinner and movies, the July meeting was tentatively set for San Francisco when we hope to have as speaker, the former Dorothy Lewise Coleman. Dorothy married a former naval pilot, Douglas Cameron Adie in Sao Paulo, Brazil on March 11th, and is now in the United States visiting her in-laws, and is expected at her former Oakland home, before returning to South America, where Mr. Adie is instructing for the Brazilian government.