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COLORADO CHAPTER

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Hello, All Ninety-Nines. The Colorado Chapter is anxiously awaiting your arrival in September for the Convention and "itchin" to show you our mountains.

Here is the planned program so far:

Friday evening - Sept. 5 - barbacue, a real western one under the stars.

Saturday morning and afternoon - meeting

Saturday evening - radio broadcast over station KFEL, Denver, and Dinner-Dance.

Sunday - day of leisure - sightseeing (a better look at our mountains), horseback riding, swimming, hiking, tennis, ping pong, loafing in the sun or a restful game of bridge in the lounge. Or you name it.

However, any of the above activities will be available at all times during your stay for the Convention.

The airfields in and around Denver, which are listed below, are anxious to have you use their facilities and want us to extend to you their personal invitation. You will find excellent storage, repair and maintenance service at each one of them.

Stapleton Airfield (concrete runways, you must have at least a receiver to land here) 3 miles from center of city, night flying.

Hayden Field - 3 miles from center of Denver

Combs Air Park - 3 miles from center of Denver

Sky Ranch Airport - 3 miles east of Stapleton Airfield.

(The last three listed have well kept dirt runways and a great deal of flying is done from all of them, they are well managed and offer courteous and prompt service.)

All of these Fields are Northeast of Denver and if we know your approximate time of arrival (wire us from your last stopping point), we will have someone on hand to greet you. Wire Donna Myers, Monarch Airlines, Stapleton Field; Dorothy Thompson, Thompson Flying Service, Combs Air Park; or Marilyn Nordstrom, 1650 Pearl St., Apt. 19,

(all Denver addresses). There will be signs directing you at each field. If you desire more information on the airfield facilities in and around Denver, write any of the above three Colorado Chapter members and we will be most happy to answer your inquiry.

Troutdale and our lovely mountains will be at your disposal, so on these hot summer days, think of the cool mountain breeze and other Ninety-Nines awaiting you at Troutdale-In-The Pines this September 5 thru 7. We will be looking forward to seeing you.

METROPOLITAN SECTION

JAMESTOWN CHAPTER

By Lucile M. Wright
25 Liberty St., Jamestown, New York

Our regular reporter is on vacation so I am pinch-hitting on the news for this issue.

The July meeting was held Saturday the twenty-sixth and well attended by members from nearby Warren, Meadville, Fredonia and Buffalo as well as our own Jamestown girls. I had the girls for luncheon at my home so that if the weather was not flyable they could be comfortable and have fun landing by car, bus or train.

Reports on the "Friendly Neighbor Cross-Country Flight Contest" which I am sponsoring this summer shows that the girls are flying and getting acquainted with airports near and far. When the girls at the meeting saw the trophy the winner would receive they were all the more excited. If any of you girls are flying to Troutdale for the convention you certainly can log a lot of airports en route. Hope to see you all there.

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Vivian Hoffman
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What with meetings suspended for the summer, news is pretty sparse from the "Sidewalks of New York" and things are mighty quiet. However, did manage to pick up the following news bits from here and there (with much assistance from Governor Kay Menges):

We extend the welcome mat to Murray Hake, from the Indiana Chapter, now residing in Tarrytown, New York. On the other hand a wave of farewell to Thelma Kennedy heading back to Ohio.

Kay Bourke became Mrs. Raymond Schulte on July 12th at Livingston Manor. Her 49ther is flying for Piedmont Airlines, Smith Reynolds Airport, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Many of the gals who fly at Teterboro were surprised to find the feminine voice calling the tower recently, belonged to none other than Mary Morrison co-piloting a C-47 for "American Air Export and Import Company".

Kay Menges mentioned what an enjoyable visit she had recently with the Oakes --- Jeanne, her husband, an Eastern Airlines pilot, and their three children at their dairy farm -- "Oaksides" -- in Boonton, New Jersey.

Gloria Heath in her AT-6, accompanied by Betty Haas, flew to Langley Field, Virginia where the girls experienced a very interesting tour of inspection. Betty, by the way, flew to Europe and I hear is looking over the flying situation over there. Gloria, too, will be off to the WASP Reunion at Ponca City, Oklahoma in late August.

A letter from Jeanne Spielberg had me literally "drooling". She told of a month's vacation spent touring the beautiful national parks out west and of stopovers throughout for plenty of riding.

Vivian Nemhauser had the thrill of flying practically to her front door when she landed via Northwest Airlines in her hometown of Jamestown, North Dakota for a week's vacation.

Phyllis Crouch not only instructs flying during the day, she also "flies-by-night" via her studies in Aeronautical Engineering in Newark, New Jersey. Such ambition!

That's about it for a quiet July.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Rose Wasil Jespersen
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Our July 20th breakfast flight to Annapolis Airport, Md., was a huge success and everyone had a glorious time. Approximately 14 ships left from Bailey's Cross Roads Airport in Virginia and the rest of the ships flew in from various other points.

This was another joint flight of WASPS, Women Flyers of America and 99's. Mrs. Doris Chisler Phillips (EX-WASP and 99) and I played hostess and met the girls at Bailey's Cross Roads before flight time.

Our members and guests enjoyed breakfast at Annapolis and they spent the day golfing, swimming and sail boating.

Arrangements for our next breakfast flight of August 17 are being made by Jean Howard our chairman and Margaret Vaughn our secretary.

WESTERN PENN. CHAPTER

By Juanita Fritchard
634 Miller Ave., Clairton, Pa.

TIME - 8 p.m. - July 25th, PLACE - "Airsquire Club, Bette's Airport.

We had a nice get-together and took care of some long neglected business.

The first thing we did was re-elect Ruth Kunker as Secretary-Treasurer and say goodbye to Betty Warnock, our Chairman, who is a busy gal these days. She was giving her students a test so she couldn't stay with us long.

Helen Porter is our delegate for the Colorado meeting and we dug down into "the old sock" and are giving \$50.00 to help pay expenses - wish we could do more but we think that will help.

We appointed Nellie Ashbaugh of Harrison City, as a committee of one to find all the girls who have a solo up to Private License to join our group as associate member - also those girls who have had licenses but are no longer valid - such as Patsy Gillis, and Nancy Bernside, who for some reason haven't done any flying since they were WASPS.

Waldo Russell, Press Reporter, told us we were all invited to join the Penn. Pilot's Council group on their flight this month - sounds like fun. Hope we can all go!

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

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

Not much news from the girls this month. Many are on vacation. Word comes that Mary West Barnes and her husband Bill, have gone to Switzerland for two years, and that Fonda Hyatt is in England. We are happy to welcome Lyda Dunham Keefe back into the fold.

The Orange-Athol meeting of the chapter had to be called off due to fog and unsettled weather. Hope we have better luck for the Sectional meeting at Augusta, August 19th.

Carolyn Cullen and Rachael Williams (Trade Wind Flying Service) of Oak Bluffs Airport have added a brand new Piper Super Cruiser to their equipment. Ann Cutler, Section Gov., paid them a visit recently in her PT-19. Ann and Col. Crocker Snow, Dir. of Aeronautics for Mass., will be the speakers on aviation at a benefit "Information Please" type program at Magnolia Casino (North Shore) on August 29th.

This is the swan-song, chums, for your reporter. It's been fun. 73 - Over and Out.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Lucy Kalla
2433 Dakin St., Chicago, Ill.

Our July business meeting was held on the 2nd at the Central YMCA in downtown Chicago in conjunction with the Women Flyers of America. We had dinner together and then discussed final plans for our joint picnic flight to Beaver Dam, which we had on July 12.

Favored with beautiful weather and loaded with picnic baskets a total of fourteen 99's, W.F.A.'s, and their guests left various local airports to rendezvous at the new Beaver Dam Airport at Beaver Dam, Wis. that Saturday morning between 11a.m. and 12 noon.

The Beaver Dam Airport-Seaplane Base is situated right on Beaver Lake - handy for swimming and boating. We didn't check into the fishing. Earl Amidon put on a nice little air show all by himself in his Swift. We were landing that day coming in over the water, and he pulled a dead stick landing that had all the girls guessing.

LORRAINE RATZ wrote in saying that she is now MRS. FURNWEGER. Our best wishes, Lorraine, and congratulations to your 49th. DOROTHY EVANS, who we haven't seen for a long while due to illness, dropped us a line saying she is getting better and hopes to attend one of our meetings soon. HAZEL WAKEFIELD is coming in all the way from Crystal Lake these last few meetings. Please note -- all you northsiders and southsiders. LOUISE MAGOON, who is now a stewardess on Chicago & Southern, was able to make our July meeting, and we caught up on a lot of news.

Our Chapter reporter, DOT HUTCHESON, phoned me on her return from her vacation, and you will all be hearing from Dot again next month.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Jeannette C. Kapus
2135 W. McKinley Avenue, Milwaukee 5, Wis.

Trixie Gehrung was hostess to the monthly meeting of 99's.

Dottie Christenson was elected as delegate to the National Convention at Troutdale-in-the-Fines. Beside-

Dottie, Elsie Peters, Mayetta Wiedeman, and myself intend to fly out there to vacation.

The Wisconsin Civil Air Corps Convention is being held the 13th and 14th of September in Milwaukee. The 99's have offered to hostess at Maitland Field and at the hotel. It should be a grand convention.

Germaine Reback recently received her Teacher's Certificate for piano from the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Congratulations, Germaine.

Dido Heise just flew in from Baltimore, Md. On her way east she was weathered in at Pittsburgh. The Airport Manager was nice enough to precede Dido in his Luscombe and direct her to the super highway which she followed to West Chester. At West Chester she visited her father for several days and then went on to Baltimore to have the prop repaired. While on this trip, Dido Sandwiche in five hours of twin-engine time in a Widgeon. Good going, Dido.

Margaret Sliker and her sister were in an automobile accident in Evanston, Illinois, recently. In the upset Margaret broke a tooth and suffered a knee injury while her sister broke a finger.

Jean Reimer, a former member of this Chapter, flew into town this past week and attended our Chapter meeting.

Jean is on an experimental cross-country in a Vollmer. The plane is an experimental model put out by the Vollmer-Carssow Aircraft Co. in Los Angeles. It carries a pilot and one passenger, travels about 100 miles an hour, and has a pusher-type engine mounted on top of the wing. It looks something like a glider and has a glider nose skid to help in forced landings. It is 23 ft. long and has a 38 ft. wing span. Its unique landing gear permits the plane to land and take off in all sorts of terrain.

After leaving Toronto we headed towards London Airport via Niagara Falls. We cleared London but, oh---Detroit City!! We really received a headache there. We landed at City without a radio, which was the reason for our headache. Never again!!

We RON'd at Austin Lake, Kalamazoo, Michigan, and received hospitality such as we hadn't seen in our 2300 mile jaunt. From Austin Lake we headed home and that last lap seemed the longest.

The plane has an almost invisible landing gear, she explained. People unfamiliar with the plane often think she is landing with its wheels up. Instead of using the standard three wheels, she lands on two, one near the nose and one in the tail. The plane's speed is sufficient to maintain balance. Once the plane slows down sufficiently it rests on one of the two outrigger wheels under each wing. The wheels and the frames are tiny, but the wing tip is reinforced sufficiently so that it doesn't matter if the wheel frame collapses, she said.

Jean flew her plane from Los Angeles to Washington, D. C., and is now on her way back to the West Coast. She stopped over at Wright Field to demonstrate it to the Army who may be interested in using it as a liaison plane. We're proud of you, Jean.

Ruth Lembke is with us again and looking fine. Her wrist is out of the cast and doing OK.

Mayetta Wiedeman and I recently completed a 2300 mile trip to Quebec, Canada, in our 50 hp Taylorcraft. Mayetta attended an Alpha Chi Omega convention and I went along for the ride. We had beautiful weather both there and back but, oh--- those headwinds!!

Our first day we flew as far as Toronto, landing at Island Airport at dusk. To our dismay the airport attendant couldn't find a hotel room for us so we settled for a tourist room on Jarvis street. Our cab driver warned us of Jarvis street so we spent a restless night.

The next day our first stop was Trenton, an RCAF base. The boys were kind enough to tell us to get lost so they could use their newly acquired searching equipment!!

We contacted our first French Canadian at Montreal and had some difficulty understanding him. From Montreal to Quebec our engine caused us some concern as it started missing. We held our breaths as we crossed the St. Lawrence river, but happily made it to Ancienne Lorette Airport at Quebec with no mishap.

The next few days were spent in touring Quebec, visiting Ste Anne de Beauprey, and buying souvenirs. We had our ship checked, repaired, and test flown.

The following Sunday we took off from Ancienne Lorette Airport with our noses pointed to Wisconsin, U.S.A. From Montreal to Kingston we were biting our nails--- headwinds again. Off our flight plan, we landed at Gananaqua Airport which was presumably inactive. Luck was with us---the airport had opened two weeks before---so we gassed and oiled and were on our way to Toronto. At Toronto we RON'd at De Havilland Field and Royal York Hotel. The next morn the Airport Manager drove us all over town pointing out the various points of interest.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris
66 South Cassingham Road, Columbus 9, Ohio

HEAR, HEAR, FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE AIR RACES.

Our July meeting was held on the 13th at Loraine Municipal Airport, Lorain, Ohio on the Lake with most of the girls flying in from all points South. It was a fine meeting and delegates were elected to attend the National Convention in September.

Breakfast was at 9:30 a.m. along with the Ohio Dawn Patrol which was fun, the meeting at 10:30 at the airport, and we had a very fine dinner afterward at the Springdale Country Club.

We are very proud of one of our twins, Sophia Peters of Columbus, who won second prize in the Ohio Dawn Patrol Closed Course Handicap Race at Newark, Ohio. Nice going Sophia! And congratulations Helen Williams upon receiving your Instructor Rating, and Happy Landings at your new field in Sabinal! Helen extends an invitation to all 99's to stop in at any ole time-

The Ohio Chapter will have a registration desk at the Hotel Carter in Cleveland during the National Air Races, August 30, 31, and September 1, for all Ninety-Nines. Please register there and obtain a schedule of all events of the Air Races. The Ohio Ninety-Nines are sponsoring a cocktail party in honor of all participants in the Halle Trophy Race. The party will be held Saturday, August 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Hotel Carter.

The Ohio girls were very shocked to learn of the sudden death of Marge Hurlburt of Painesville, Ohio. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

Next meeting, August 17, will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Willard, Ohio Airport.

We hope to see lots of you at the Races!

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Ruth Colwell
3221 Kenwood Ave., Indianapolis 8, Ind.

Our July meeting was held in Terre Haute on Monday evening at the Boat Club and the Q B's were our guests. Over 100 attended and we all had lots of fun. A big chicken dinner and a good floor show, with other entertainment, made quite a big evening.

We managed to have enough of a business meeting to appoint the Nominating Committee, "Little Doc" Rutherford, Joan Ferguson and Charlotte Darlington. We will elect our new officers August 17th at Clyde Shookley's Airport, Muncie, Indiana. Do Come girls because they will have a good Air Show from 2:00 till 5:00.

We are glad to hear from and welcome Faye Wolf from the Michigan Chapter who is working in Indianapolis.

I got a letter from Helen House Outcalt asking the girls up to Rochester before the season is over. We always have such a good time there. She says she manages to keep busy. What with her G.I. students and private students and they have from 6 to 40 airplanes in every Sunday morning for breakfast, and if that doesn't keep her busy enough, the two kittens and two dogs always manage to get into some trouble even if it is only bunning airplane rides off of strangers.

She and Wayne took three days off and spent them flying the Stinson Station Wagon over Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. Celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary and seventh year in flying business. Congratulations!

Thats all for now. Will see you all in Muncie.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Adelaide O'Brien
1611 S. 7th St., Springfield, Ill.

Our chapter held its monthly meeting August 2 at Springfield with only five members present. Vacations seem to be interfering with the attendance.

We have added Lois McClintock of Pekin to our membership list and hope to talk Hortense Harris into transferring to our Chapter now that she is definitely settled in Champaign.

The next meeting of our Chapter will be held in Decatur, Illinois September 13th. The gals will meet in the Hotel Orlando at 7 p.m. daylight saving time, and we'd like to have company. Why don't some of our neighbors fly over and join us at this meeting? Helen Greinke, our delegate to National, will give us all the dope about the convention at this meeting.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Thelma C. Lindsay
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The July meeting of the Michigan Chapter was held on Sunday the 13th at Austin Lake Airport. Kalamazoo members Toni Boerman, Mary Creason, Eloise Smith, Dorothy Woodams and Mary Gardinier were hostesses. Their helpers, who are prospective members, were Dorma Gingery, Zita Snyder and Anne Sperry. A delicious picnic lunch was served on the banks of the lake 'neath the weeping willow trees. Forty-nine members and guests were present and all decided that if the girls are as good in the air as they are in the kitchen, we'll take off for the moon anytime with them.

Other prospective members present were Adelaide Binsfield, Frances Cameron and Shirley Marshall of Detroit and Jeanne McLaughlin of Jackson. Lucille Quamby, a teacher of Physical Ed. at Denby High School, Detroit, and Margaret Windfuhr, a teacher of piano in Lansing were welcomed as new members. It is grand to have Lenore H. McElroy of Ypsilanti back in the fold - welcome home. Lenore is instructing at Ann Arbor-has 5000 solo hours, single and multi-engine with 3000 hp rating as well as instrument, radio, ground school and flight instructors licenses.

The business session was conducted by our Chairman, Helen Wetherill Anderson. Plans for the National Convention at Troutdale-in-the-Pines on Sept. 5-6-7th were discussed. Jeannette Lempke Sovereign, National President. outlined the

activities planned for the week end. Delegates elected from the Michigan Chapter were; Eloise Butts Smith, Kalamazoo, Alle Seba Thatcher, Saginaw, Helen Wetherill Anderson, Detroit and Thelma C. Lindzay, Grosse Pointe. About fifteen members and guests plan to represent Michigan.

The balance of the day was spent sea planeing, sail boating, swimming and fishing. Next meeting will be August 10th at Muskegon, with Mary Creason as Hostess. Breakfast at Springlake Country Club. May we see you there?

Faye Davies Kirk, Chairman of the Earhart Scholarship Fund for Michigan Chapter, sent a check to National Headquarters for \$200.00.

Election of Officers at Annual meeting - Alpena, Michigan in September - make your plans to be there.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Elsie Peters, Governor
2735 No. Murray Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

TO ALL CHAPTER CHAIRMEN:

Be sure to send your nominations for Governor, Vice-Governor and Secretary-Treasurer to

Miss Laura Sellinger
2956 No. Prairie Avenue
St. Louis 7, Missouri

who has been appointed Chairman of the 1947 Nominating Committee for the North Central Section.

Remember the dead-line is AUGUST 20.

Be seeing you at Troutdale-in-the-Pines.

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Bass
Malvern, Iowa

July 13th found our chapter all winging its way out of the torrid temperatures down our way to the nice cool breezes of Storm Lake, Iowa, where we were the guests of Millie Burt of Storm Lake. Millie's Mother had all of us over to her home for a delicious dinner after which we drove out to Millie's Lakeside cottage for our meeting.

We were very happy to have two members of the Des Moines Chapter as our guests for the day. Bernice Eno of Fort Dodge and Ruth Shimon of Pocahontas, Iowa flew in from Fort Dodge in an Aeronca Champion.

We elected a representative to go to the meeting at Denver. Several of us have hopes of being able to attend.

After all points were handed in, Helen Bass was again winner for the month of June so gets to keep the Silver Tray for another month.

Also voted to have our August Meeting one week early so that we could attend the Air Show at Fremont, Nebraska where we are to be guests of the Chamber of Commerce for the day.

OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER

By Yvonne Warfield
624 N. E. 17th, Oklahoma City, Okla.

On July 29th we held a State-Wide meeting at the Club House of Cecil Davis, Bethany, Okla. We enjoyed a delicious breakfast after which the meeting was called to order by Broneta Davis, chairman. Election of state officers was our first business of the day with the election of Ruth Banfield.

Tulsa, Chairman, Velma Woodward, Oklahoma City, Vice-Chairman, Yvonne Warfield, Oklahoma City, Secretary-treasurer.

The Sectional Meeting was discussed and it was decided to meet in Tulsa on August 1, 2, 3, 1947, with headquarters at the Mayo Hotel.

I had occasion to fly over to Tulsa yesterday and I called Ruth Banfield from the airport. She tells me that Mildred Miller and Mary Ann Hobbs of Austin, Texas and San Antonio, Texas respectively, are to arrive in Tulsa, Municipal Airport early August 1st in order to appear on a radio program of the Interview Type. Also our own Dot Lemon of Oklahoma City will be on the Air to tell us more about the Cleveland Races in which she is going to figure. More power to you, Dot. We'll be there to see you finish first. Just prior to the broadcast, Ruth is planning a luncheon at the Tulsa Club for those attending.

July 13th we held our Chapter Breakfast Meeting at Municipal Airport, Chickasha. We agreed hereafter to call it Brunch inasmuch as we never get around to eating until eleven o'clock or later.

We elected chapter officers. Irby Keen, Shawnee, Chairman, Elizabeth Sewell, Oklahoma City, Vice-Chairman, and Yvonne Warfield, Oklahoma City, Secretary-Treasurer.

We are happy to announce that Marcia Kelso and Ruth Harris are our newest members.

Son King, manager of Municipal Airport at Chickasha gave us a flight in the Link Trainer. Some of these gals are surely destined to be ace instrument pilots. One male pilot remarked that he thought it was time for him to give up instrument flying since observing our 99's in action.

Another attraction was Jerry and Marcia Kelso's Bananza. We all had a brief flight over town in it. Some airplane. Beats my Cessna 140. Does anyone want to buy a good Cessna cheap?

We extend our deepest sympathies to Elizabeth Sewell whose brother, James G. Sewell passed away July 16th.

Our next chapter meeting is scheduled for September due to the South Central Sectional in Tulsa August 1, 2, 3.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Mildred Miller
1800 Vista Lane, Austin, Texas

Many of the Texas girls are scattered this summer. Mae Sharp, of Houston, Texas, is now in Venus, Nebraska. She made a 950 mile trip in a Porterfield to Dos Cabezas, Arizona before going to Nebraska. She did quite a bit of mountain flying, and visited such places as Bisbee, Tombstone, Douglas, and Chiricahua National Monument, where her brother is stationed as a Ranger.

Our two geologists, Florence Robinson and Florence Rucker, are spending the summer surveying caves for the Missouri Geological Survey, and working on master theises. They report it is quite a "come down" from flying, but they hope to continue their flying this fall while in school.

The Abbie Haddaway Travel Service, Blackstone Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas, can arrange charter service from that point to the National Air Races for \$150.00, which includes hotel accommodations and season box seats. There is also a rate of \$59.50 for round trip to Troutdale for the National meeting.

We have just returned from Tulsa, Oklahoma, where we attended a meeting of the South Central Section. We will leave it to Oklahoma to tell all you girls about the wonderful time we had there. We do not wish to steal their thunder. Election of sectional officers was held and the new officers are: Governor, Mary Ann Hobbs, San Antonio,

Texas; Vice-Governor, Broneta Davis, Minco, Oklahoma; Secretary-Treasurer, Cora McDonald, Hattiesburg, Miss.; Chairman of Nominating Committee, Marilyn K. Nordstrom.

On our way to Tulsa, we attended a wonderful luncheon given by Al Rose Lines, a 99 in Dallas. This was given in honor of Jacqueline Cochran, who was in Dallas for Army Air Forces Day. We enjoyed our visit with the Dallas and Fort Worth Ninety-Nines. Verna Burns entertained us at lunch and also at dinner, and we had a good "hangar talk" session.

We understand that Helen Johnson Wheeler of Fort Worth will enter the Bendix. Edna Gardner Whyte of Fort Worth is also busy getting ready for the Halley Trophy Race. We are expecting our Texas girls to really put Texas on the map at the National Air Races this year.

A BIT OF NEWS

By Ruby Hays

1232 Galloway St., El Paso, Texas

The women pilots in and around El Paso have recently organized, and are naming our chapter the Rio Grande Chapter. So far we have twelve members.

We have decided to have a combination luncheon and business meeting once a month. Our next meeting is to be held in Deming, New Mexico, about one hundred miles from El Paso, where we will swim before lunch, then fly back to El Paso in the afternoon. We are planning interesting things for our members, and feel sure that we will have one of the most active chapters in the organization. We hope to have about eight members attending the convention in Colorado.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

By Evelyn C. McRae, Governor

149 S. Drive, Miami Springs, Fla.

Well, you girls who missed the meet in St. Augustine must surely regret it by now, for you, no doubt, have heard about the wonderful time we had there this past week end, Aug. 1, 2, 3. The Section meeting went off according to schedule and all the activities planned exceeded our expectations. The only one which we had to cancel was the flight to the beach for breakfast and a swim on Sunday. The tides were high in the morning and it was more practical to have the air show at St. Augustine airport than on the sand strip on the beach in the afternoon. The girls were not interested in driving over for a swim, especially after the reports of the hungry barracuda which have been placing neighboring beaches in the newspapers the past few weeks--one fatality, and several injured--rather reduces your capacity for enjoyment of swimming. It's probably just as well that we didn't try to arise early Sunday for the swim as that extra hours sleep was welcome to most, I'm sure, after the party Saturday night. Calvert Distiller's again "came through", as at the All-Woman Air Show in Tampa, together with a new donor, Ronrico--and sponsored the cocktail party, providing the liquid refreshment. The S. E. Section provided the hor's d'oeuvres and the sparkling company. Dinner followed in the cool air-conditioned dining room of the Alhambra Hotel. The table was very beautiful, the flowers being the 99's colors, blue and white asters and gladioli--fern. Guests of the 99's included Wayman Parker, the Airport Director, who assisted us so much during the air show on Sunday; Johnny Mayo, Aero Club of St. Augustine, who arranged for the tour of the city in the "surreys with the fringe on top", (compliments of the business men of St. Augustine) Paul Calisi, of Aeromarine, Inc. who acted as toastmaster and "Pete" Peterson of Flight Services, Inc. They both provided aircraft used in the races on Sunday, and Paul had iced watermelon on hand for us during the air show when we most needed it. Mary Bunton, with the CAA in Miami was a guest of the Section, and will soon be a 99. She is going up for her private in the near future. Mary hitch-hiked to St. Augustine in a CAA twin-motored Beech. There were many other members of St. Augustine Aero Club present. After dinner we adjourned to Suite 32 to resume the cocktail party.

The business meeting was called to order at eleven sharp on Saturday Aug. 2nd by Governor Evelyn McRae. The cocktail lounge in the Alhambra was chosen as meeting place, due to the fact that it was air-conditioned. (By this time you may have gathered that it was quite warm in St. Augustine.) The temperature stood at an even 100 each day, and the only air-conditioned spots in town were in our hotel headquarters, so we stayed pretty close to them. The management turned the lounge over to us exclusively and the meeting was most satisfactory. Do not misunderstand--we had nothing but ice water.

Florida members predominated as usual--in fact they comprised the meeting, with the exception of little Pat Brookway who is a member of Eastern Missouri Chapter--but Pat is transferring to Florida. We were sorry we couldn't lure some of the Carolina girls down--the main reason for having the party in St. Augustine was that very reason. However we were not sorry we went there. It was a pleasure to announce the formation of a new Chapter in Tennessee, re-organized July 20th, Ruth Wolfe Thomas, Knoxville, as Chairman, Evelyn Bryan, Jefferson City, Tenn., Secretary-Treasurer.

A long distance phone call from Anne Fishburne, now Anne Briscoe, (our newest bride) came during breakfast Saturday. Anne was Chairman of the Nominating Committee and unable to attend, submitted the following slate of nominations for section officers for 1947-48 for approval at the meeting. For Governor, Louise Smith, High Point, N. C. (Anne asked that we nominate a second choice from the floor.) During the meeting it was moved, seconded and carried that nominations be closed, so Louise being the only candidate for Governor is surely elected. For Vice-Governor the following names were submitted: Marion Bertram, Islamorada, Florida; and Kathleen O'Brien, Monks Corner, N. C.; for Secretary-Treasurer, Vera Self, Spartanburg, S. C. and Jewell Bailey of Charleston. These ballots will be mailed in September after the National election.

Plans to attend the convention at Denver next month were discussed and correspondence and telegrams were read. Ann Ross of Miami stated she hoped to fly out in a Navion and a similar flight is planned by Evelyn McRae, Gladys Pennington, Marion Bertram and Irma Price in Embry-Riddle's Navion. Maybe we can fly formation--.

The air show on Sunday was a most exciting and enjoyable affair. It was, of course, very informal--and the objective was safety first, and our own pleasure and amusement. The public was invited but not encouraged. It was purely a pilots' party. Nevertheless, the number of cars were growing around the field as the day progressed. The Bertram trophy race was flown in three heats, (not including the ever-present and constant temperature of the sun). The weather was perfect though, for flying. Not a cloud in the sky. Peggy Lennox, A. T. A. pilot during the war in England, and now of St. Petersburg, was the winner of the race and was presented the beautiful trophy by Gladys Pennington, the holder of it for the past year. The presentation was made during a broadcast over WFOY when the 99's were interviewed in a sort of round-table discussion. Beverly Whitfield of Orlando took second place and received the silver identification bracelet and wings, a gift of Virginia Wulff of St. Augustine. Gladys Pennington, Ann Ross and Dorris Holman also competed in this race. It was a closed course race, three laps around pylons and really quite exciting. The S. E. Section open event was a balloon bursting contest and Ann Ross won the lovely trophy presented by the Section. Peggy Lennox in second place, was presented with a large silver compact as a gift of the Governor of the Section. Penny and Doris received consolation prizes of purple sized bottles of perfume. Thanks to Ruth Hubert and 49th'er who did a fine job as chairman of races and starter.

Beverly Whitfield followed with a beautiful exhibition of aerobatics in a PT-19 and Peggy gave the crowd a thrill by buzzing the field in an AT-6 which made plenty of racket. Irma went along for the ride and said this was worth the whole trip to St. Augustine. I might mention that the field

was closed and we had full permission for all these maneuvers, and our special CAA man was there from Jacksonville to supervise. Peggy used Glen Woods' AT-6--who brought Irene Haworth up to the meeting. What a flight she must have had from Ft. Lauderdale! Glen was one of our guests of honor at the banquet.

A vote of thanks to Virginia Wulff for her tireless efforts in making the arrangements for the section meeting.

Irma and Gladys Pennington accompanied Evelyn McRae in the LaSalle to St. Augustine. We all wanted to fly but had to get the trophies there somehow, and too, the liquid refreshments and other items needed for the successful party we had. However it was a most enjoyable trip, for we stopped off at airports all the way up and back, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. At Fort Pierce we inquired for Palmer Putnam whom we wished to invite to the Navy Day ceremonies in Miami when Navy Municipal Field becomes officially AMELIA EARHART FIELD, at the request of Florida Ninety-Nines. Mr. Putnam is in California and very ill, so probably will be unable to attend. This ceremony which the Navy is putting on for us, will salute the women in aviation, Amelia Earhart and the Ninety-Nines. The Hell Cats will fly over in the formation of two huge 9's, and the Blue Angels will participate. Admiral Bogan is coming down from Washington and the Florida Chapter is asking President Truman. After all, Key West is practically a "second White House", and it just might co-incide with other plans. Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker has already been asked to speak. The ceremony at the airport will be on Sunday Oct. 26. Luncheon at the Columbus and parades will be in Miami Monday. All 99's are urged to attend. The Navy is saluting YOU. Don't fail us.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Mae Kimbrough
Madisonville, Tennessee

Sunday morning, July 20, there met on the lawn beside the Administration Building of the Knoxville Municipal Airport a group of licensed women pilots for the purpose of reorganizing the Tennessee Chapter of the 99's which became inactive during the war due to wartime restrictions. After a get-acquainted session, a discussion of 99 club qualifications ensued followed by the election of officers. Those elected are: Chairman, Mrs. Ruth Thomas, Knoxville; Vice-Chairman, Margaret Gallaher, Knoxville; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Bryan, Jefferson City; News-reporter, Mae Kimbrough, Madisonville; Membership, Jeanne Bouman, Alcoa, and Mary Hondalus, Knoxville. Two other members are Mrs. Pearl Brack, Knoxville, and Mrs. Jane Hilbert, Johnson City.

Sunday morning was the time chosen for the meetings but no special date was set for August, the date to be selected later to avoid conflict with The East Tennessee Flyer's Club Sunday breakfast.

An interesting feature of the meeting was seeing the "flying" scrapbook of Mrs. Pearl Brack, a Tennessee charter member.

The newly organized 99's were asked to serve as official hostesses for the Knoxville Air Show, July 27, sponsored by the East Tennessee Flyer's Club. Some of the 99's participated in a woman's race as part of the show. Approximately 20,000 people attended.

More news from Tennessee next month.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Anne Fishburne Briscoe
73 East Battery, Charleston, S. C.

Those of you who missed our July meeting with Dot and Harry Shackelford on Lake Murray really missed a wonderful time. They have a beautiful home on a hill overlooking the lake---and full of interesting antiques.

Caroline and Les Hembel brought their houseboat down from Saluda, and took us all out on the lake where we enjoyed swimming, sun-bathing, and motor boating. Then afterwards we had a buffet luncheon on the lawn. Dot certainly gave us a feast and words just can't describe it all. Dot, beware, for we all might pop up someday and ask for cooking lessons.

In the afternoon Mr. Odell Garrison, CAA inspector for this area, and Mrs. Garrison came over with Jesse and Jim Woods in their canoe (with motor).

Sorry I couldn't make the sectional meeting in St. Augustine Aug. 2 and 3. I talked with Evelyn McRae Saturday morning and judging from the number of members arriving, I know all had a wonderful time.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the third Sunday in September at the Winston-Salem airport with Louise Smith as hostess. This will be our annual business meeting. I'll see all you good people then!

We've been transferred to Charleston so I won't be living in Columbia as I stated in my last newsletter----so look me up if any of you get down this way.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Rueckert
2037 Rivera St., San Francisco 16, Calif.

Helen Kelton missed our July 18th meeting, going to the hospital instead, and presented 49 1/2'ers with their third son. Eight and one-half pound Roger Douglas put in his appearance just fifteen minutes after Helen arrived at the hospital!!

Following the delicious buffet dinner served by our hostess, Vice-Chairman Fran Grant presided at the business meeting. Gerry Mickelson and Afton Lewis were elected delegates to the National Meeting, with Esther Haney and Margaret Gerhardt as alternates. Rita Hart reported collecting \$85 for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund and thanked the members for their cooperation. Marjorie Fauth reported on, and was asked to follow up, the Debs Bill, which has been signed by Governor Warren; this bill creates a California Aeronautical Commission of five members. After a report from Fran Grant, it was voted to sponsor aviation day of the San Mateo County Fiesta, and appoint Fran as Chairman. Esther Haney and Eleanor Verkuyl submitted information on stationery for our chapter, and it was approved and ordered. A letter from the San Francisco Downtown Shopping News requesting data for publication in the 25th Anniversary Issue was handed to Ruth Rueckert for reply. A winging party to Sacramento was discussed and Eleanor Verkuyl was requested to make contacts and set the date, with the idea of gathering in more members and establishing a chapter in Sacramento. The August meeting was set for dinner and meeting on the 22nd at the Granada Hotel, San Francisco; then on to Denver, then the Southwestern Sectional Meeting at Paso Robles the weekend of September 20-21st; and our September meeting, and election of officers, is set for September 26th.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Melba Beard
1981 Meadowbrook Rd., Altadena, Calif.

There is very little news this month, due to the absence of summer meetings and the fact that many members are away on vacations.

Gayle Burns and her husband Herbert have moved to Palm Springs, where they have built along the modern line an apartment of their own and several rental units, at 370 W. Arenas Rd.

Helen Hooper spent some of the recent hot weather in the hospital with a tonsillectomy, and is now busy at her

new job, from which she hopes to get enough time off to attend the national meeting:

Chapter members preparing to attend our national meeting are: Melba Beard as 99 Secretary, Carolyn West as L. A. Chapter Chairman, Mardo Crane and Dianna Cyrus as delegates; Helen Hooper, Chapter Vice-Chairman, and Elizabeth Watson, as alternates; and possibly 2 or 3 others. We are all looking forward to the meeting at Troutdale-in-the-Pines, Evergreen, Colorado, where the management, the Colorado Chapter of 99's, and our president Jeannette Lempke Sovereign have planned what should be one of our best meetings. Remember, all members present may enter into the discussions, though only registered delegates may vote. Be Sure to take this year's or next year's membership card.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Betty Agan
4219 St. James Pl., San Diego 3, Calif.

Summertime brings out the Gypsy in us as is proven by the San Diego 99's this month when we convened in the Patio at the home of Betty Agan for a Barbecue and meeting. Liquid refreshments entertained guests and 49ers as the 99's had plenty of business to discuss after a month's vacation. Last month's meeting was nothing more than a relaxing dinner dance at the Hotel Del Mar near the County Fair grounds where we had spent all day setting up our Air-Marking Exhibit for the Fiesta Opening June 26th. The exhibit brought forth many helpful suggestions, comments and offers of buildings to be marked. Also the interest of Commander Black, Director of Aviation who is anxious for us to carry out our campaign to the far corners of San Diego County.

Julie Hale, a new 99, was appointed Committee Chairman to fly her Erocupe around the countryside and spot available structures for air-marking and will choose her committee as the need comes. It will require lots of time and work, but we're with you Julie!

Betty Agan, Evy Briggs and Betty Lambert were appointed the Nominating Committee and will announce Nominees for the coming election at the August meeting, election to be held in September.

Plans were made for a weekend hop to Hamilton Ranch deep into Mexico, August 16th and 17th. Claire Hale, also a new 99, is making arrangements for a Hangar Dance at the "just opened" Gillespie Airport to raise funds for our Air-Marking project. We have plenty of official interest backing us so let's get in and pitch -- let's show them we can do something other than fly.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The program for the Annual Meeting at Troutdale-in-the-Pines is shaping up rapidly. Read Colorado's report in this issue carefully. And DON'T FORGET to make your reservation. A reservation form was inclosed with your News Letter last month. The hotel must know who is coming so they will have food enough in the house and a room saved for you. Colorado chapter hostesses must know so they will know how, when and where you are coming.

NAMES of your DELEGATES should be mailed to our secretary, Melba Beard, whose address is 1981 Meadow Brook Road, Altadena, California in time to reach her before she leaves for Colorado.

DELEGATES; Bring with you -

1. Your delegate card with all required signatures.
2. Your NINETY-NINE membership card.
3. Your Airman's Certificate with current medical.
4. Your Constitution (September 1946).

5. Your copy of proposed amendments and matters for discussion dated July 31st, 1947.

PROXIES; The Constitution provides (Article II of By-Laws) that;

"Any delegate unable to attend the convention may entrust her vote to any delegate by a written proxy."

Proxy cards for each delegate card were sent to your chapter chairmen and to all governors. If you turn your rights and privileges as a delegate over to a proxy, REMEMBER that proxy must be some other delegate, and your delegate card MUST ACCOMPANY the proxy card, all bearing the required signatures called for on said cards.

If you are a delegate and find at the last minute that you cannot attend, mail your delegate card and proxy card to Melba Beard, % Troutdale-in-the-Pines, Evergreen, Colorado and she will turn it over to another delegate of your choice, or at your request she will make the choice. WE WANT FULL REPRESENTATION.

GOVERNORS; Please bring with you a report of the activities of your section for the past year. Such reports must be written in triplicate so they can be read and filed with the minutes.

CHAPTER CHAIRMAN; If your chapter has pursued and accomplished some interesting project during the past year, please DO BRING a report of it to be read to the assembly. Such a report should be written in triplicate.

Now bowing out!
Your President,
Jeannette Lempke Sovereign

LIBRARY OF AUTOGRAPHED FIRST ISSUES

Margaret G. Potts, a member of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter, and now living in Norwich, Conn. has written a manual entitled - "Fundamentals of Ground Instructing" and has sent an autographed copy of the manual to our Headquarters office of the NINETY-NINES as a contribution to start a library of autographed books, manuals or publications written by our members.

This is a wonderful idea and I hope that any of you who have something of this type to contribute to the library will do so.

By the way, "Fundamentals of Ground Instructing" is most helpful in preparation for the instructional section of CAA Ground Instructor exams, containing typical exam questions, terminology and explanations.

Margaret is a certified CAA Ground (all ratings) and Flight Instructor, so you see she writes from experience. The manual is available at \$1.50 from Groton Flying Service, Trumbull Airport, Groton, Conn.

Jeannette L. Sovereign

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INFORMATION ABOUT SOCIAL EVENTS THAT WILL BE HELD DURING THE NATIONAL AIR RACES IN CLEVELAND!!!

The Ninety-Nines' cocktail party will be held at the Carter Hotel, Saturday, August 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; the price is \$2.50. There will be a banquet and dance, beginning at 7:30 p.m., for which the charge will be \$7.50. On Monday morning, September 1, the Ninety-Nines and other National Aeronautic Association associates will hold the Amelia Earhart breakfast. The price for this breakfast is \$3.00, the time 9:00 a.m.