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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

FLASH---After years of flying rented planes, your new president has a brand new airplane of her own - a Cessna 140. I take delivery of it September 8th, so-o-o if you want us to visit you, give me a ring and we'll come winging our way to you. Try to make it Saturday night if possible, as I lose pay for every school day missed.

This week-end, I'm flying to St. Louis for the meeting of the North Central Section. I know that we'll have a grand time -- the St. Louis gals have been our hostesses before.

May I urge each one of you to plan on attending your sectional meetings this year, and, if possible to visit other chapters and sections. The more we get together, the more fun we have, and the richer we are in NINETY-NINE friendships.

Perhaps some of you will be interested in attending the Fifth Annual National Aviation Clinic, to be held in Springfield, Illinois, November 19-22. Private flying is allotted seven delegates with like number of alternates. NINETY-NINES has one delegate and alternate. The Clinic will be conducted on the pattern of a unicameral legislature. There's fun, too.

Do not overlook the request I made last month that each Section Governor and each Chapter Chairman send as soon as possible to National Headquarters a listing of their new officers. I am very anxious that all of this information be printed in the November News Letter. Much of this information has been received at Headquarters and is being held for insertion in the November issue.

Enuf for this time.

Belle Hetzel
Your President

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* A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SECRETARY *
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* Your 1947-48 dues of \$5 are now payable *
* and you have until November 30 to renew *
* your membership. Those who allow their *
* memberships to lapse will have to re- *
* apply as a new member and pay the initi- *
* ation fee. You value your membership, *
* and so do we. Fill in the renewal slip *
* sent to you recently and return to the *
* Washington office, with your check. *
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* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION *

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EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart
Clay, Pennsylvania

The September luncheon meeting of our chapter was held on Sunday the 28th at Sussex Airport, Frankford, Delaware with Mrs. O. A. Evans as our hostess. Her brother Mr. Casden operates the field there. It was a beautiful fall flying day and everyone flew in to the meeting. Since the notices were late arriving the turn out was not as good as expected. Members and guests were: Mr. & Mrs. O. A. Evans, Dover, Delaware and their son and daughter. Their son, Phil, is a solo pilot following in his mother's footsteps; Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Evans, Chaswold, Delaware; Miss Hazel Heist and her guest Tom Adams from Reading, Penna; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Biter, Dover, Delaware; Mrs. Mary Hoch and her guest, Elmer Hoch, Bridgeville, Delaware; Jessie and Howard Eckhart, Lancaster, Penna.

Now for some news of our gals: Frannie Nolde and Vi Delp from Reading and Lancaster respectively, flew out to Chicago in Frannie's Navion this month on a business trip. Vi Delp is also a part owner of a brand new Navion. --- Helen Jones, Baltimore and Lancaster and Peggy Betten from Pottstown flew out to Kansas City last month in Peggy's PT-19 to visit some friends. Peg, incidentally, is now operating Paoli-Malvern Airport, Paoli, Pa. She commutes via J-3 from Pottstown everyday. Georgianna Sees is helping her out as spare instructor. --- Dropping into Kutztown Airport, we found Betty Fisher from Reading, Pa. on duty in the office. --- Grey Allison has moved from Harrisburg to Baltimore with her much moving Navy parents. Helen Jones and she can be BALTIMORONS together. They are planning to do some flying in Helen's L-5. --- Bettie Townsend is busy these days tangling with architects and stuff planning to build a new home in Huntington Valley in the Philadelphia area. --- Since we were last heard from, wedding bells have changed the last names of Sally Coneley and Jessie Jones. Jessie Jones Eckhart instructed this summer at the Garden Spot Air Park, Lancaster, Pa.

We want to say thanks to our retiring chairman, Leona McElroy, Hamburg, Pa. for a good job well done.

The Pennsylvania state is having a week-end air tour to the Pocono Mts. so we hope to see a lot of the girls there. Should be good fun on Oct. 17, 18, 19th. Our October meeting will be held either there or in Reading, Penna. on the last Sunday of Oct....so watch for your notices.

I wish all you girls in our chapter would please drop me a penny post card and let me know what you are doing, huh? Send it to Jessie Jones Eckhart, Clay, Pa. Thank you.

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* METROPOLITAN SECTION *

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NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY

By Vivian Hoffmann
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What with an early Autumn tang in the air, the weather pepped us all up for our first meeting of the season at the Midston House, New York City on Monday, September 15. Good to see everyone again, and especially good to see everyone enjoying a delicious roast beef dinner before our regular meeting got under way. The dinner idea always affords plenty of time for catching up on members' activities.

Those new Ninety-Nines matches, a book of which was at each place at the table, are really good looking and a clever idea. From what we hear they are selling very well and made quite a hit at Denver.

The turnout for a business meeting was gratifying. The nominating committee presented its slate which has been sent to all members, reports were heard from the treasurer and the various committees, and the secretary's minutes were accepted.

Following the main business of the meeting, since our national treasurer, Marjorie Davis, a member of our group, and Kay Menges, our Governor, both attended the convention, we received a detailed account of proceedings at Denver, which ranged from the beauty of the surrounding country and the wonderful hospitality of the Denver Chapter to the excellent way in which the whole business of the convention was conducted. Viola Gentry also attended the convention but wasn't able to make our meeting.

Passed among us was a little copper cowboy hat, a table favor at the Denver dinner, the program of the convention, and some mighty interesting propaganda for a Florida convention next year.

Saw in a recent issue of our local paper the "Bergen Evening Record" where Kay Menges received an award at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, at the Summer Round-Up of the AOPA, for the pilot present with the greatest number of flying hours.

Of interest to many at the meeting was the fact that Murray Hake of Tarrytown, New York who recently transferred from the Indiana Chapter and is presently working for Colonial Airlines, was graduated last June from Purdue University with a B. S. degree in Air Transportation and to our knowledge is the only woman in the United States holding that degree.

See you all "uptown" for our October meeting on Tuesday the 13th.

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* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION *

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ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Dorothy Hutcheson
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The "fly-in" breakfast at Elmhurst Airport, Sept. 14th was a great success despite the fact that there were more automobiles "flown-in" than airplanes. The weather pulled a fast one. Mae Wilson obligingly offered us the use of her office (unknownst to her at first), and we had a spread of very yummy looking kinds and stuffs of food. The gala occasion was made more gala by the addition of a blue crepe paper banner with white "99" in the center, which graced one wall of the office. Thanks goes to Lorraine Furrweger for this. Lorraine also took flash bulb pictures of the group.

We were glad to have four guests at the meeting - Jesse Anderson, Mary Burke, Joan Clark and Jackie Kohler, all private pilots.

As usual it was fun catching up on all the news. We enjoyed hearing from those who went to the National Air Races. Doris Langer injured her wrist so didn't fly in the Halle Race as planned. Lucy Kalla and Helen Greinke flew right from Cleveland to Denver in a Cessna 140. Doris and Cathy Carlsen also flew to Denver for the convention which was evidently a great success. All the girls who attended were lavish in praise of the grand job the chapter there did in being host.

Members of Ninety-Nines and Women Flyers of America in this region made a breakfast flight to Mt. Hawley Airport in Peoria, September 20th, where they were the guests of Rex Howard. They were treated royally with a lovely lunch at the country club, and free rides in the Navion and Seabee. Ninety-Nines from Chicago who flew down were Bernice Sirovatka, Virginia Jansen, Cathy Carlsen, Helen Bronner, Alice DeWitt, Jesse Anderson - a new member, Erlyne Conel and her guest, Ruth Spietz.

Recently we were quite pleased to have our new President, Belle Hetzel, pay us a brief visit on her way back to Omaha from Washington, D. C.

The next meeting will be a "fly-in" (we hope) breakfast at Sky Harbor Airport and Dora Dougherty will be our unofficial hostess -- surprise! Dora. We've discovered that this is the best way to have the pleasure of the presence of our flight instructor members at these Sunday morning meetings. Works pretty good.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Thelma C. Lindzay
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Another year and another National Convention of the Ninety Nines. Held at Colorado's beautiful Troutdale-in-the-Pines, with the Colorado Chapter members as our most gracious hostesses. Second only to the presentation of the Earhart Scholarship award, the highlight of Saturdays banquet came when Jeannette Sovereign, retiring National President, presented to Belle Hetzel, our new President, the gavel of "the grandest organization in the world" and Jeannette should know for she has worked closely with us for the past two years and has been one of the finest, most able presidents our organization has known. The Michigan chapter is still represented Nationally as this year Helen Wetherill Anderson was elected Vice-President, and Alice H. Hammond a member of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Committee.

On Sunday, Sept. 14th, the monthly meeting was held in Ann Arbor with Carol Scheidler Welch and Lenora McElroy as hostesses. A delicious breakfast was served at the airport, which, from a woman's point of view, is one of the nicest we have visited. We found a good example of airport housekeeping--well ordered work shop--flowers blooming--neatly cut grass and no rag weed. Well, maybe they did know we were coming. If so, their efforts were not unnoticed. Prizes were given to the first and last to arrive. Jeannette Sovereign, first, in her Stinson and Sue Wagner, last in her Seabee. After breakfast Mr. Clarence April took members and guests for flights over Ann Arbor in his new Beech Bonanza.

Helen Anderson, Chapter Chairman, conducted the business meeting. Becky Thatcher read an excellent report of the National Convention. It was voted to skip the October chapter meeting and attend the Sectional meeting in St. Louis, Mo. on Oct. 11 and 12th.

New members for the month are Edna Frisby, Stanton; Adele Binsfield and Frances Cameron, Detroit. WELCOME. The Michigan Chapter has added sixteen new members during the past year. Eileen Atkinson, guest of Lenora Hammerlee, and a prospective member was introduced. Pat Dickerson, Lafayette, Indiana was re-instated. Pat is a former WASP and is now instructing at Ann Arbor. It was nice to have Betty Grohman with us again. Betty is also a former WASP and is on leave from her duties as Asst. Flight Operations Officer with Pan American World Airways at their LaGuardia Field base.

There were seven 49½'ers present and new 49½'er cards were presented to Robert E. Welch, Instructor at Ann Arbor, who is also studying to be a landscape architect at the University and to Clarence McElroy. Some years ago Mr. McElroy's plane crashed in the Mexican Jungle and he later published a book entitled "Seventeen Days in the Mexican Jungle" relating his experience. We had the

pleasure of meeting Clarence and Lenora's one year old grandson, David Lee. We think Lenora could write an interesting book on her experiences in getting 5000 solo hours, single and multi engine, with 3000 hp rating, radio, ground school, instrument and flight instructors licenses. Lenora, who is a grandmother, solced Marguerite Huff, another grandmother, who later became a Ninety-Niner.

The same Sunday afternoon a number of our members attended the Windsor Airshow and report a wonderful time with a breathless half hour while Mr. Mack Bryon, who extended the invitation, did aerobatics in his Aerona. We also had an opportunity to meet again Mae Lord of Windsor, Ontario, who is a prospective member of the Ninety-Nines. Mae is teaching this winter at Pelee Island in Lake Erie.

Mabel Barbour Britton is teaching ground school four nights a week in the Milan and Ypsilanti Highschools in connection with their G. I. programs. Mabel now has her ground school rating in engines which makes her a completely Certificated Ground School Instructor. She and her 49½'er, Dr. Harry, attended the National Convention at Denver, followed by a week of mountain trips with Ninety Niner Dorothy Chapman Saunders who now lives in Golden, Colorado.

Suzanne Wagner has her own business, office in the Book Building, called Proxy Parents. Anybody need a "sitter" while they attend a Ninety Nine meeting. She flew with 49½'er Martin and Sam Ramo to Charlevoix for the Labor Day weekend.

Becky and Harold Thatcher (he has the airport at Stanton) and two guests took a trip thru the West last month in Becky's new rubber tired birthday present -- a baby blue Buick convertible.

IMPORTANT DATES: October 11 & 12th, North Central Sectional Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri. Nov. 8 & 9, Stanton, Michigan, Edna Frisby and Becky Thatcher hostesses. Dec. 13th, Saturday night in Grosse Pointe. Annual Xmas party with Alice Hammond and Santa Claus. Jan. 11th, 1948. Flint, Michigan. Bernice Trimble and Amelia Hendrickson Leslie as hostesses.

BRING YOUR GUESTS AND MEET US IN ST. LOUIS.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Charlotte Darlington
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Jessie Von Leer, who succeeded Helen Daniels as chairman of the Indiana Chapter, presided at our September 21 meeting at Indianapolis Weir Cook Airport. It was a windy day, but we had a good turn out.

Airmarking was discussed and each girl is urged to participate in the effort to airmark as many towns in Indiana as possible. The Terre Haute girls have already started working on marking the towns along Skyway No. 1.

Nellie Evans, who was reelected vice chairman, was our delegate at the National Convention at Denver. She gave an extremely interesting review of the meeting there and everyone was eager to hear about it since very few of the Indiana members were able to attend. Irmayl Retherford, "Little Doc" to most of you, Dorothea Hendricks, and yours truly flew to the meeting at Denver in a Super Cruiser. We were loaded all the way out with clothes and they had all the coats on their laps the whole trip out. So we were going to be smart and mail our clothes back. We left them for the hotel to send, but unfortunately they did not come. That'll teach us. Probably someone is going around with that box in their pocket that they forgot to mail.

Pan Apostle and Esther Latham have bought the Capitol Air Service located on the Municipal Airport at Indianapolis and are running it. Good luck to you both.

Blanche Noyes, head of Air Markings, passed through Terre Haute recently and was greeted at the airport by the Chamber of Commerce and Jesse Von Leer.

Fern Rinker was appointed membership chairman of the chapter. Fern's plane has been recovered and reconditioned so we'll probably see her flying to the meetings again.

Evelyn Buttema was appointed to keep a scrap book for the chapter. If you have any interesting articles or pictures which should be in it, be sure to see that she gets them.

Jesse Von Leer was at the Anderson Airport Sunday Sept. 28 and Little Doc was the only one there to meet her. I am very sorry that I was not there because she could have given me some more news for you.

The next meeting is going to be at Terre Haute (Paul Cox Field) on October 19 at 11:00. All that come Saturday night and stay over will be shown a good time by the Terre Haute members so you won't want to miss being there. The Illinois Chapter has been invited to Terre Haute meeting to help plan air markings along the skyway.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris
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The annual meeting of the Ohio Chapter was held at Grimes Field, Urbana, Ohio with just about everyone flying in. Ann Heisler arrived in her Stearman; Lillian Kokas, Mary Oetzel, and Ruth Carle came in Cessnas; Nancy Dixon flew with Cecilia Moslo in her Navion; and the other girls came in Aeronaacs, Stinsons, Cubs, and Taylorcrafts. It seems that all of us are taking advantage of the last bit of nice weather before winter blows in.

Members attending counted to 21 which made it quite a successful meeting and we had eight guests to boot. One of our guests was Ruth Myers of the Indiana Chapter who came with Blanche O'Brien of Greenville, Ohio and we certainly were glad to have her. We are proud of all our new members attending meetings regularly. New members are Bonnie Butler of Zanesville; Terry McLaughlin, Columbus; Ruth Carle, Bucyrus; and Alice Puller of Cleveland.

Personal items include our best wishes to Virginia Brown Ashelford of Springfield who has recently married "Ash", flight instructor at Springfield, Ohio. Welcome 49er. Winnie Gebhardt Hill, formerly of Springfield, now living in Florida writes that she is mighty homesick for her Stearman and would like to see the girls again. That goes for us too, we'd be tickled pink to see her.

Next All-Ohio meeting will be on October 19 at Ling Field, Barberton, Ohio. See you there!

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Jeannette C. Kapus
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The monthly meeting was held in the Administration Building at Billy Mitchell Field on September 28th.

Three of our girls set out for the Troutdale Convention; two of the girls, Elsie Peters and Mayetta Wiedeman, arrived there but Dottie Christenson had engine trouble and had to go back. Dottie left Milwaukee on Wednesday and visited friends that evening at Winterset, Iowa. Early the next morn she was on her way to Omaha. Just out of Omaha, after having gassed there, her engine revved up terrifically. She started losing altitude so headed back to Omaha's Claridge Airport. With the aid of a strong tailwind she made it and found she had a broken crankshaft, the repair of which delayed her 'til Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell of Omaha very graciously asked Dottie to spend her nights with them and Dottie accepted. Saturday Dottie headed back to Milwaukee and arrived Sunday night.

Mayetta Wiedeman flew her Cessna 120 to Troutdale. She encountered high headwinds and tailwinds, and managed to fly by tornado. On her way home, Mayetta visited Bill, at Manhattan, Kansas.

Mrs. Hankwicz is expecting a 24 3/4'r any day now.

Jean Reimer is flying for Perron Flying Service at Burbank, Calif. She is organizing a women's flight group. Good going, Jean.

* SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION *

By Mary Ann Hobbs, Governor
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Message not from Garcia. As the new Governor of the South Central Section, let me thank you for the election to the office and assure you that I will do my very best for the Section, Chapters, Units and each and every girl. But, in order to do a good job, I'm going to need help from each girl. Don't you have some pet idea or theory you have been harboring and would like to try? I have, some of which are new members, reminding old members to pay their renewal dues promptly and then my present pet--the Sectional Booklet. Have you received your questionnaire and returned it -- if not will you please request one immediately? My address is 416 E. Locust Street, San Antonio, Texas and I'll be sitting by the mail box. I would also like to take this golden opportunity to ask each Chapter Chairman to send me a list of the girls in their chapter just as soon as possible. Our South Central Section is very proud that one of our own, Belle Hetzel, is the new National President. Congratulations and best wishes Belle and we know you will make us a fine leader.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Donna T. Myers & Marilyn K. Nordstrom

To all you gals who attended the convention--Thanks for coming-- wish you could have been here longer so that we might have had the opportunity to visit more with each of you.

To you who weren't able to be with us, we missed you and hope you can make it next time Colorado plays hostess. On the other hand, why should any of you wait for a convention to pay us a visit.

Thanks, too, for letting us hear from so many of you after you returned home.

A quick resume of the convention: The gals donned their jeans and plaid shirts the first night for a buffalo barbecue beneath the stars. The business meeting took care of the greater part of Saturday, climaxed with our dinner dance that evening, during which Charlotte Darlington was awarded the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund for 1947. Late in the evening we heard a re-broadcast of "The World's Most Honored Flights", honoring Amelia Earhart. Many of the gals took sight-seeing trips on Sunday before taking to the air, bus and train for home.

Our deepest sympathy to our Jane and Swede Nettleblad in the loss of their small son. And to Jan Pinneo Warren, one of our charter members now in Washington, D. C., who recently lost her husband.

Our Dorothy Thompson was off hunting antelope at Convention time. The famous three state (Colorado, Wyoming and Idaho) meet was held at Lander, Wyoming. Only one shot is allowed and our Dotie bagged her antelope right off. She also won a clock as first prize in the women's pistol shooting contest. Betty Clark and Margaret Hughes are the proud new owners of a new BT, lots of happy flying hours gals.

TEXAS CHAPTER

By Mildred Miller
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A meeting of the Texas chapter was held at the Austin Hotel Austin, Texas, September 27th and 28th. Those present were Mary Ann Hobbs and Stella Priest from San Antonio; Sadie McGinty of Houston; Martha Ann Reading of Dallas; Verna Burns and Bobbie Taylor of Fort Worth; Ama Lee Jamison of Spofford; and Mary Catherine Quist, Edna Hammerman, Pearle Ragsdale, Elsie Pfluger, Ziggy Hunter, Frankie Welborn and Mildred Miller of Austin.

The program for Saturday evening included a cocktail party and dinner, with plenty of hangar flying afterwards. After breakfast the next morning, a business meeting was held.

A motion was passed to send a resolution from this chapter to the scholarship committee of the Amelia Earhart Loan Fund, making this fund a loan fund, rather than an outright gift. A number of boxes of matches which we got from Kay Menges at the national meeting were sold to those girls who were present. Discussions on several matters then followed. One: the failure of private flying to expand, and the emphasis placed on GI training, rather than building up the private flyer. Two: the possibility of building up interest in flying among women by helping the Wing Scout program. Three: interesting women in flying through lectures or ground school.

The next state meeting of the Texas chapter will be held in Fort Worth, during the Fat Stock Show, January 30th to February 10th, 1948. An invitation was received from "Air Day in Texas" to hold a 99 meeting in Harlingen, October 24, 25 and 26th. The El Paso invited us to a meeting during their Aviation Day Show, December 4, 5, 6, and 7th.

A Constitution and By-Laws for the Texas Chapter has been drawn up and were read and adopted at this meeting. It was also suggested that our chapter devise ways and means of raising money to pay at least part of the expenses of one delegate to the next national meeting.

OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER

By Yvonne Warfield
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Our first meeting since July, convened at Tulakes Airport, Bethany, Okla., September 13th. We had a large attendance and just lots to talk about since a number of us had just returned from the National Convention in Troutdale. In addition to our own group, we were very happy to have as our special guest, Mrs. Ruth Banfield, Tulsa, who is also our State Chairman. We hope to see you at many more of our meetings, Ruth. Also, Peggy Ford was our guest. She is not a 99er yet, however, she likes us we think and we surely like Peggy and want her to "join up" with us. She told me yesterday that very shortly she is going to California to live which we regret, however, Peggy has promised me she will surely contact some of you 99s out there.

I want to take this opportunity to correct an error in the August 1947 issue of the News Letter. Pat Durham, Tulsa, was elected State Secretary-Treasurer at our State Wide Meeting in June.

Pat was unable to be with us in Troutdale due to a broken toe. What happened, Pat. Did you drag your feet on the take-off?

I always like to save the best 'til last. It is all about our flying farmer, Bronita Davis of whom we are very proud. Bronita, Velma Woodward, Irby Keen and Mary Francis attended the Cleveland Air Races and every minute was just full of excitement. they tell us.

The first day in Ohio, Bronita, as Secretary-Treasurer of the Oklahoma Flying Farmers, was the special guest of

Mrs. Lottie Randolph, assistant director of agriculture of Ohio, on the Ohio Flying Farmers Day Program at the State Fair in Columbus. The second day, Bronita and party were guests of the President of the Ohio State Flying Farmers, Myron Baker. The day was devoted to a tour of a 75 acre apple orchard and the largest mushroom plant in the world located at Morrow, Ohio. Velma tells me they loaded the Stinson so full of apples, there was scarcely space for passengers or luggage. The third day in Ohio was the grand climax when Bronita was guest speaker on the Farm and Home Hour over C.B.S. net-work. The program director had previously attempted to arrange for several flying farmers to participate in the radio interview but very soon he announced that Bronita was all he needed to put on a most entertaining interview. She knew all the answers. She told in what way air travel assists her in her own farming problems and how Flying Farmers were started in Oklahoma. Incidentally, Bronita was instrumental in organizing in Oklahoma. Even with all the extra-curricular activities, the girls really did see the races.

Our next chapter meeting will be in the beautiful coffee shop at the Downtown Airpark, Oklahoma City.

TULSA CHAPTER

By Darline Hobcock
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Our regular meeting at Commercial Airport was held September 30th at 8:00 p.m. Quite a number of the members were on hand doing a little hangar flying on the side, including our two new members, Ruth Storms and Keewatin Ross.

With everything popping at once, all 'lil ol' 99'ers around Tulsa are really going to be busy. Two raffles with multitudes of tickets to sell will, no doubt, hold the spotlight this month. The first drawing will be for a wonderful Zenith portable radio and will be held the first week in November. The second drawing, a couple of weeks later, will cover five hours flying time. Who wouldn't want to be the lucky winner in either of these?

On October 11 and 12 an airshow will be held at Brown Airport. Our chapter will be hostesses at a Sunday morning breakfast. We will try to have a little special something or other for a few of the outstanding women pilots who will be coming in on the beam for this meet. Of course, we are all looking forward to this weekend full of events.

Ruth Banfield, our delegate to the Convention in Colorado, gave a very interesting report on the comings and goings on at the Convention. Ruth is just recuperating from a siege of pneumonia and we were all glad she could come and give us the low down.

In order to stimulate more interest, a trophy will be presented each year to the member who has recorded the most hours in actual flying time. This means a lot of work for those of us who have been back-sliding. But who wouldn't want something like this on their mantle to polish with loving care?

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* SOUTHEASTERN SECTION *
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TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Mae Kimbrough
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Our newest member, blonde Irene Wattenbarger of Knoxville, is having a very interesting and unusual wedding Saturday,

October 4, at 8:30 p.m. It is to be a Hangar wedding at the Island Home Airport, Knoxville. Irene's father is owner of the U. S. Flying Service at the Island Airport and Irene is secretary and bookkeeper. She received her private certificate in March, 1946 and now has 235 hours, a number of these hours made in four trips ferrying planes from the factory to the airport for her father. During the airshow in July sponsored by the East Tennessee Flyers Club, of which she is a member, Irene won the first All Women's Air Race in a 65 h.p. Cub. Her engagement was announced at the Air Show party the Saturday night preceding the Air Show Sunday, July 27th. For the wedding the hangar will be decorated and lighted by candles. In one corner of the hangar will be Irene's Super Cruiser and in another will be Fred's Luscombe. (Oh! I had forgotten to give the groom's name - Fred Kaupz - and as you've already guessed, he flies too.) Music will be furnished by Mrs. Mildred Kellar. She will give the following piano selections: Intermezzo, Schubert's Serenade, Evening Star. Fred Meyer will sing I Love You Truly, Because and The Lords Prayer, all music special requests of the bride and groom. Doris Weaver will be maid of honor and J. P. Sanders will be best man. All their friends are invited to be present. Doesn't it sound thrilling?

Ruth Wolfe Thomas, chapter chairman, husband Ferris and small son, Andy, flew to Cleveland for the Air Races, then to Walled Lake, Michigan, north of Detroit, to visit friends, arriving in time to enjoy a clambake. On the return trip to Knoxville they stopped by the Cincinnati C.A.A. offices to greet friends. Ruth reports that son Andy enjoyed the Air Races even more than they, was so excited to see the planes and was the least tired of the three when they arrived home. Ruth and Ferris have a Cessna. As further introduction to Ruth, she is a petite native East Tennessean, a substitute teacher in the Knoxville School System. She received her private certificate in August 1940. An interesting item concerning her instructor. He was such an excellent teacher he not only taught her to fly, he convinced her that Wolfe would be better spelled T-H-O-M-A-S. Yes, instructor Ferris is now husband Ferris. Romantic, n'est-ce pas? Her hobbies other than flying are model airplanes, photography and remodeling old hats. She flies for pleasure, to please her husband, and to please Andy who loves it so very much. Ruth is a Tennessee Chapter charter member of the 99's.

Evelyn Bryan, chapter secretary, is another member of our Chapter who is small in stature but a very energetic person. Mornings she works at her Dry Cleaning Business in Jefferson City and afternoons and Sundays find her instructing G. I. Flight Students at the Morristown Airport. She received her Commercial License and Instructor Rating in October 1946. Her personal plane is an Aeronca Champion. She has made two X-C's to Florida, one time being forced to land at the Navy Airport, Daytona Beach, and was verbally murdered by the Lt. Commander. Her most unusual flying experience was a dead-stick landing one day when she was practicing stalls and spins after about 50 hours flying time. The forced landing was perfect for both her and the plane. Why she flies -- for recreation and because she loves it.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Anne Fishburne Briscoe
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Naval Base, S. C.

The September meeting was held in the beautiful Sky Club at The Smith Reynolds Airport at Winston-Salem with Louise Smith, High Point, as hostess. Nine members were present and four 49'ers. Four Charleston, S. C. girls drove 550 miles (round trip) to get there -- so, how about you others who were even nearer? A beautiful airport and no one was able to fly in.

Those present were Louise and Herman Smith, High Point, N.C.; Lucile and Ralph Greenwood, Wadesboro, N. C.; Bird and Paul Eaton, Charlotte, N. C.; Burnette Spencer, High Point, - a new member; Jewell Bailey, Charleston, S.C.;

Alma Tharp, Charleston; Winifred Hays, Charleston; Anne Briscoe, Charleston; and Catherine Shulte and 49'er Ray who are with Piedmont Airways in Winston-Salem. Catherine is a New York 99'er. We're glad to have her down this way.

Louise Smith took charge of the meeting as our Chapter Chairman, Betty Hamilton, was not able to attend because of the recent death of her father. The chapter joins me in sending deepest sympathy to Betty.

The next meeting is to be held on the fourth Sunday in October in Charleston, S. C. See you all then!

* SOUTHWESTERN SECTION *

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ruth Rueckert
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Whew! September is gone, but not forgotten. Attention Colorado Chapter: "A vote of thanks to you for your hospitality. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves". Signed Marjorie Fauth, Margaret Gerhardt, Patricia Gladney, Afton Lewis, Geraldine Mickelsen and Ruth Rueckert.

In connection with the San Mateo fiesta, the grand work of Frances Grant, our vice-chairman, as race chairman, was commended by all participants. Our 99's were jubilant when the results of the race from Chico to San Mateo were posted. Members Marion and Jan Dietrich, twins, took four trophies and \$200 as first place winners, and member Ruth Movchan took two trophies and \$100 as second place winner. Twenty-six entries were in the race and women pilots had a field day! First, second, third, fifth, sixth, seventh and tent place went to the gals, the men taking what was left. We all regretted Marj Fauth being forced down soon after her take-off in this race, when an overheated engine in her Cessna quit. As usual Marj set her down "on a dime". As for the booth on the fair grounds, Ena Ayers and Esther Haney decorated it beautifully and together with Ruth Wakeman, "manned" it during the entire run of the fiesta.

Paso Robles was the locale of the Southwestern Sectional meeting over the weekend of the 19th and 20th. Bay Cities Chapter members who flew in were Marj Fauth and Ena Ayers in a Cessna, Ethel Sheehy in her Luscombe, Marion Barnick and Barbara Standing in a Luscombe, and Geraldine Mickelson in her Bellanca with Esther Haney, Rita Hart and Helen Kelton. Those who drove in were Frances Grant and the Dietrich twins, Jan and Marion, Dorothy Chamberlin, Miriam Brugh and Ruth Rueckert.

At our September 26th meeting, we welcomed back into the fold Mrs. Helen Walker Menefee, a former San Diego 99er, who for the last eight years has been residing in Costa Rica.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Claire Hale
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The San Diego Ninety-Nines held the first of what promises to be a long series of meetings at Gillespie Airport. Why? Because from the plans that the County has dreamed up for this super airport, both the 99ers and the 49'ers will have an ideal meeting spot. With the swimming pool, restaurant and proposed cocktail lounge, golf course and sports auditorium, this field with its two 6,000 foot concrete runways should soon be a "mecca" for all 99ers.

Our air-marking project for San Diego County is going in full swing, with our chairman, Julie Hale, cooperating with the W.N.A.A. Chairman, Evelyn Briggs, in scouting for prospective sites. A Halloween dance on October 25, under the guidance of Jean Osborne, is planned to raise funds for this cause and for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

Personal Notes: Julie and Bob Hale flew their new Ercoupe back to Cleveland for the Air Races, just beating the thunderstorm into that city by fifteen minutes. According to them, it was an event not to be missed, and they plan a return trip next year. Betty and Bud Gillies are flying their new Navion out of their private airstrip, and are finding it much smoother than "BT-ing". Jean Osborne, new 99, who flew to the Women Flyer's Day at the Sacramento State Fair on September 7 with a prospective member Evie Rice, had the distinction of winning a bronze for flying from the farthest point. Welcome to an outstanding new member! Claire Hale is now working for Gibbs Airport, which is destined to be the new city municipal airport for private airplanes. Bouncing future 99ers, (or maybe 49ers), to Betty Agan, Cookie Fossan and Lillian Hester.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Melba Beard
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Off on a wonderful trip to the Colorado mountains near Denver for the annual convention of the 99's went L. A. chapter members Carolyn and Jack West, Helen Hooper, Melba Beard, Dianna Cyrus, Mardo Crane and Jane Lawler. Our hostesses, the Colorado chapter, were full of pep, friendly, and thoroughly efficient. They arranged an excellent program of excursions, barbecues, steak fries, evening entertainment, dancing, and general fun, amidst the beautiful scenery of their mountains, of which they are justly proud.

At the September 15 L. A. Chapter meeting, were Carolyn West, Beatrice Medes, Helen Hooper, Helen Thomure, Irene Slagel, Melba Beard, Elizabeth Watson, Eileen Evans, Claire McMillen, Gladys Hill. The chief business was the election of officers. Further business included a

decision to make an annual check-up of members' licenses, and physicals at the time of paying the \$2 chapter dues. Also discussed were the new 99 match folders, introduced at the annual convention by Kay Menges of the N.Y.-N.J. Chapter. The folders are attractive, done in deep blue, with the "99" emblem. Profits go to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

While we are on the subject of business, please note that annual dues are now payable. If you intend to renew your membership it would be wise to fill in the renewal slip sent from the Washington office and return it with your check at once. Our year began Sept. 1 and by Nov. 30 all renewals must be in. We value and want to keep every member.

The annual N.A.A. Halloween Dance will be held again at Whiteman Air Park, on Saturday Nov. 1st. Carolyn West, named general chairman of the dance, points out that since the local "99" chapter will share in the profits of the dance, this is a grand opportunity to solve our money-making worries for the whole year, by pushing the event. Carolyn needs our 100% support in selling tickets and in helping where we can in preparations. Those who can help decorate the hangar will be welcome on Saturday, Nov. 1st from noon until 4:30 p.m. Carolyn is assisted by a "99" committee of Eileen Evans, Claire McMillen and Irene Slagel. The dance last year was a great success and all those who went are looking forward to this one. Those who wish may wear costumes and compete for the prizes.

Mildred Constantine and her husband are the proud parents of a baby boy, "Teddy". Lillian Anderson has been visiting her parents in Minnesota. Dianna Cyrus is said to be planning some new flights, and we wish her all the luck in the world.

The new News Letter Reporter will be Dodie Aspell, 1548 Kelton Ave., Los Angeles 24, one of our newest members, but one who brings to the "99's" a charming personality and a deep interest in women in aviation, being a former national officer of the Order of Fifinella. She will need news of your flights, higher ratings, and other accomplishments.

NOTICE FROM HEADQUARTERS

Less than one-half of the total memberships in the Ninety-Nines have been renewed. Please read the request from the National Secretary, Melba Beard, and mail your renewal checks promptly.

TO ALL SECTION GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRMEN:

In response to your President's request, we are printing this form to assist you in listing your newly elected officers for the year 1947-48.

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