

# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Another month has slipped by, with much doing and much more in the making. First, I'd like to welcome into Ninety Nine, our new chapter of 25 Stephens College girls at Columbia, Missouri. The Greater Kansas City Chapter sponsored the new chapter with it's chairman, Val Wyatt, and the chairman of the new chapter, Nancy Corrigan, flight instructor at the college, eligible to take a bow for getting the chapter started and running smoothly.

I'd also like to extend a welcome to our new international members - to Anesia P.M.A. Neto, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, South America, sponsored by Peg Pierce of Ohio, and to Flora Stickle of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, sponsored by the Michigan chapter. We'll all be eager to hear, in future News Letters, about your flying and women in aviation in your country. That goes for you gals in other parts of the world - how about it Alaska, Tokyo, Hawaii, Bogata, Colombia, S.A., Cuba, and those of you in European service? Tell us about your flying and that of other women where you are located.

Hats off to another new member - this time from Illinois, Gladys Snyder of Rockford, who has 40 airmarkers to her credit, and the Blanche Noyes trophy for doing more work than anyone else in the United States in promoting airmarkers.

And talking of doing things in a big way - I hope a great many of you will be able to attend the All Woman Air Show in Miami the first week in June. The Miami girls know how to really put things across.

And last but not least - the annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri the last week-end in August (the 27,28,29th). The girls are busy with plans to make your stay there a happy one. Guess I told you before, that the municipal airport is close in, just ten minutes and ten cents by bus to our headquarters hotel. There are a number of good airports nearby, and the K.C. chapter will have a map and details for you in the next issue of the News Letter. Right now, mark the dates on your calendar for part of your vacation, and start planning on attending. Hotel Muelebach will be headquarters and the rates are:

\$4.00 up on singles  
8.00 up on twin beds (\$4.00 each person)  
6.00 up on double bed (\$3.00 each person)  
(add 50¢ per person for air conditioning)

In case you are coming by train, a 10¢ bus takes you right to the hotel. In the June issue there will be more detail on plans and also your map of the airports in and around Kansas City. Right now, dust off that suitcase and start making your plans to be with us. We'll be looking for you. Don't miss the fun and experience of meeting the gals from all over, the girls you've been reading about in the News Letter.

And now for something I'm sorry to say - namely that I'm not accepting renomination for this coming year. The chapters that telegraphed me asking if I'd accept, already know, but I thought it only fair that you all should know and plan accordingly. You might be interested to know from

what sections the presidents have come:

- 3 - New York
- 1 - New England
- 2 - North Central
- 1 - South Central
- 2 - South West
- NONE - Middle East
- NONE - South East
- NONE - North West

I have served two terms in each of the following offices - Vice Governor, Governor, National Secretary, Vice President and now am serving one year as your President. I've enjoyed every minute of the work with such a grand group of girls, but my profession (teaching) is such a full time job these days, I just cannot afford the time and energy necessary for a second term as Ninety Nine President. I'm so proud and honored to be serving you this year as president. See you in August, if not before.

Belle Hetzel  
Your President

#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

##### 1948 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Included in this issue of the News Letter you will each find an application form for the 1948 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award. We have received so many inquiries from the membership for the facts regarding the establishment and history of the Memorial that this seems like an appropriate time to publish a brief resume in the News Letter.

For several years following Amelia Earhart's last flight from Lae, New Guinea, July 3, 1937, the Ninety-Nines were considering just what could be the most suitable form their memorial could take to best perpetuate the ideals of their first national president. Because of Amelia's unselfish enthusiasm and devotion to the advancement of opportunities for accomplishment for all women in the field of aviation, the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund was created by the Ninety-Nines in 1940, and established by Resolution passed by the delegates at the National Meeting in July, 1941.

The entire administration of the Fund is carried out according to the terms of this Resolution by Five Trustees as follows: Alma Harwood of New York and Margaret Cooper Manser of New York are permanent trustees. The other three trustees serve for three years at a time, one new one being elected by the members of the Ninety-Nines each year on their regular national officer ballot, to succeed the one trustee going off. At present these trustees are Nancy Love, whose term expires this year, Ethel Sheehy till 1949, and Alice H. Hammond until 1950.

Money for the Fund is raised by the Chapters, Sections and members of the Ninety-Nines in various ways too numerous to mention here. The Scholarship is paid each year from the income only. Originally \$150.00 was set up as the annual Award, but at the National Meeting in September 1947 the delegates voted to increase the Award to \$200.00. This isn't a fortune, to be sure, but it is hoped that it can give a real lift to some member each year up the ladder of aeronautical accomplishment. Each Chapter, Section or individual member devises its own method of raising its contribution to the Fund each year, so the Memorial is a constantly living, growing tribute to Amelia Earhart. As the principal continues to grow, the income therefrom will increase so that the Award may be increased as time goes on.

These are the qualifications each applicant must meet:

1. She must have been a Ninety-Nine in good standing for at least two years.
2. She must have a minimum of 200 hours and hold a Private rating or better.
3. She must be earning not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500 per year.

4. She must agree to keep up the rating or certification acquired through the Award for at least two years.
5. She must intend to work in the field of aviation.
6. She must mail her application so it will be post marked in accordance with the deadline on the application form.

Every application meeting the above requirements is read and carefully considered by each of the Trustees independently. She then sends in a sealed envelope to the Chairman of the Trustees a list of her selections of the eight she considers best qualified. When these selections are all received by the Chairman, she compiles the results, and sends the applications receiving the most votes to three judges chosen by the Trustees, men of outstanding experience in aviation, and they pick the winner. The Award is made at the Annual National Meeting.

Any member who meets the qualifications may apply as many years as she wishes, provided she has never received the Award. The money is applied toward tuition for any course of study or training in the school or institution of the winner's choice, which will advance her training for some career in aeronautics. It may be for an advanced airman rating, aeronautical engineering, aviation journalism, aerial photography, research, meteorologist, aviation medicine, aircraft or engine mechanic, etc., etc.

There is an application form for each of you in this issue of the News Letter, be sure to give us as much background and information about yourself as possible, and to have it in the mail before the deadline!!!!

Good luck to all of you!!!

Alice H. Hammond, Chairman  
Amelia Earhart Memorial  
Scholarship Trustees

#### A T T E N T I O N

The Illinois Chapter wishes to entertain you at the Spring meeting of the North Central Section.

Place: Chicago, Illinois

Date: May 29 and 30

Airport: Orchard Place, Orchard Place, Illinois  
(near Des Plaines)

MUST avoid Army side-watch for light signals from tower--also weekend Army Reserve planes.

Hotel: Edgewater Beach, 5300 Block - Sheridan Road,  
Chicago 40, Illinois.

Activities: Saturday

1. Registrations--all day-- \$1.00
2. Tour of City--2:30 P.M.
3. Cocktails--East Lounge--5:00P.M.  
(individual checks)
4. Dinner--East Lounge--7:00 P.M.--\$3.50  
plus tax and tip.
5. Dancing--Main Dining Room--10:00 P.M.  
\$1.83 each.

Sunday

1. Breakfast--\$1.50 plus tax and tip.
2. Business meeting--North Room--10:00 A.M.

You will be met at Orchard Place in private cars. If you come by Airlines, limousines will take you to the Loop. Edgewater Beach limousines leave from Marshall Fields, Wabash and Washington every half hour. City transportation is also available.

Some hangars will be available--first come, first served. Tie-down 50 cents.

An entertainment committee will arrange swimming parties, sun bathing, and riding for those interested. Information will be furnished on places to go and things to do for those staying over.



Make your room reservations direct with the Hotel at once! Mail postal card to Regina Devine as soon as possible, 633 Gunderson Ave., Oak Park, Ill., saying when, where and how you are arriving.

Your 49ers are most welcome, so bring them along!

Dorothea E. Hendricks, Secretary  
North Central Section, 99's

## C H A P T E R   N E W S

### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Gladys Pennington  
456 N. E., 29th St., Miami, Fla.

In addition to the Second Annual All Woman Air Show the Florida Chapter is looking forward to being host to the Southeastern Section Meeting called by Governor Louise Smith of High Point, North Carolina. The Meeting will start on the morning of June 4th. Arrangements have been made for a business meeting in the morning, a luncheon and entertainment in the afternoon and evening.

Plans are still in high gear for the Air Show and from all the letters and wires being received at the Show Headquarters it looks as if this is really going to be a huge gathering of women pilots. The Alcazar Hotel in Miami will be headquarters during the Show and everyone should send their reservations in direct and the hotel will confirm them.

No doubt all of you have seen publicity that Frances Langford, glamorous star of screen and radio will be Official Starter of the Transcontinental Race which takes off on June 1st from Clover Field, Santa Monica, California. The Los Angeles Chapter is doing a wonderful job on assisting us with this event.

Jacqueline Cochran is sponsoring Transcontinental race from Santa Monica California to Miami which will be known as the Jacqueline Cochran Transcontinental Trophy Race.

The Show and races at Amelia Earhart Field in Miami will be an occasion that we all will long remember. And we are to be honored by having Mother Earhart with us. Viola Gentry will accompany her down on Eastern Airlines, courtesy of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker.

We will again hold our Aviation Dinner-Dance at which time we will choose our Aviation's "Man of Distinction". This is quite an affair and should not be missed by anyone. Also, we have planned cocktail parties, and boat rides, etc. for entertaining our visiting girls. In other words, if plans work out, and they SHOULD, we are definitely going to have fun every single minute.

The light plane cruise to Havana, Cuba is a MUST. Girls get your letters in on this immediately. Please list your full name, pilot license number, and the NC number of your plane and names of your passengers if possible. MUST HAVE PILOT AND PLANE INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY. We will leave Miami on morning of June 7th and return morning of June 9th. The overwater hop from Key West, Florida to Havana is 90 miles and is now being made quite frequently in small type planes without incident. The fun awaiting you in Havana is worth the trip over which will be lots of fun too.

Get your Race Entry in to Air Show Headquarters, 456 N.E. 29th Street, Miami, Florida right away and don't forget to send in to the Alcazar Hotel for your reservations. All non-participating planes must land at Opa Locka Airport (north of the U. S. Navy Master Airport, Miami) and transportation will be furnished. Only participating planes who have filed entry blanks prior to the show will be permitted to land at Amelia Earhart Field which is still in the U.S. Navy jurisdiction

SEE YOU IN MIAMI - COME ONE - COME ALL!!!!!!!!

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\* METROPOLITAN SECTION \*  
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### NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

By Kay A. Brick  
"Brickaero", Norwood, N.J.

Everyone is asking it - "Are you going to Miami?" And everyone is trying to get there. At a recent party of the Section at Westchester County Airport, N.Y. it was decided to start the NY-Miami Derby from that beautiful airport. Prizes from Amelia Earhart Luggage and Elizabeth Arden have already been obtained.

With FRANK WARD, Operations Manager as Host, a lively evening was enjoyed. It included Aeronca flights, gardenias and roses, Chinese migration movies, a talk on the Metropolitan traffic control system by KEN GALBRAITH and a delicious dinner.

Highlight of the week is the presentation of the Lady Hay Drummond-Hay Trophy by the Women's International Association of Aeronautics NY Branch to the Ninety-Nines for the Miami Show. "MA" CHAMBERLAIN made the presentation of the lovely silver antique trophy.

Recently MR. JIM RIANHARD of Esso's Aviation Department showed us the "film of the season", WINGS FOR AN ANGLER, by Lee Wulff. This color film of fishing in Newfoundland should do more to give impetus to sportsman flying than anything we have seen in a long, long, time.

We were delighted to have ARLENE DAVIS visit us from Cleveland. "Why shouldn't ladies fly." It would be a strange world indeed if only the male bird flew. A million Girl Scouts - a million Wing Scouts! And we agree with the simple way in which Arlene says so much.

LOIS FAIRBANK represented us recently as a speaker before the Brooklyn Luncheon Club.

MARGIE M. GRAY is demonstrating in the new 4-placed Aeronca and says "good". Now has an Aeronca dealership. Congratulations!

BETTY CHAMBERLAIN is flying out of TAT to Eire, Athens, Brussels, London, etc., as hostess for Transocean Airways and loves it. But when she's on the ground these days she's still in the clouds - just engaged to Bill Byrne.

No doubt you've wondered about the Bellanca that has its own groove between TAT and Holiday Inn, Groton, Conn. It's RUTH CURTMAN and 49er in "Good Deal", waxed to perfection during the long winter just past.

We quote from the New Jersey Flight Log, official State Aviation Publication: "Unique among nation-wide air-marking programs, New Jersey will have its markers on aeronautical charts at the next printing. Photographing each marker and sending it in to CAA Regional HQ for approval, a system inaugurated by MAJOR NAN SPEARS of the CAP and 99's, a printing lag of approximately two years has been eliminated." Nice work, Nan!

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\* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION \*  
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### WASHINGTON D. C. CHAPTER

By Margaret E. Vaughan  
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The WASP'S and Women Flyers of America combined their meetings with the Ninety-Nines' April meeting in the Department of Commerce Auditorium.

The business meeting covered an assembly of the Middle Eastern Section to meet in the Capitol City later this

summer. Nominations for National Officers were cast and plans arranged for our next meeting.

SWISH!! Was the dedication of Skyway Number One exciting. People from miles around were there!! Jean Howard and Jeanne Hunt represented the Ninety-Nines in the Receiving Committee. Rosemary Lane was awarded a model plane as the youngest girl to fly into National Airport for the celebration. The women pilots of the surrounding area were featured in a television program and the Ninety-Nines were well represented!!! After the program, everyone was invited to visit the latest light planes which were displayed on the airport lawn.

Belle Hetzel, our National President, made a flying trip into Washington. Over a quick lunch, the girls were very unhappy to learn she will be unable to accept the nomination for a second year.

May 4th (tonight!) the Ninety-Nines, WASP'S and Women Flyers are meeting at 2900 Connecticut Avenue. Guest speakers are Beatrice Louise Ecks, Wing Scout Adviser from Headquarters of the Girl Scouts and Mrs. Florence Sartoris, Wing Scout Adviser for the District Girl Scouts. They will speak on the Wing Scouts Flight Training and the Piper Girl Scout plane.

After meeting our Section Governor Helen Jones, plans for the Middle Eastern Section to hold a reunion have been placed into action.

Elizabeth Woodard announces "The Pilots' Cross Country Guide" being published by National Aero Service is now for sale. "Betrle" would welcome any suggestions on new airports not recommended or any airport recommended and the Ninety-Nines do not believe meet the qualifications.

Tit-Bits: Claire Callaghan is wearing a beautiful suntan from her Florida vacation, Mary McFadden on vacation out west - doing the Grand Canyon, Eleanor Davis working weekends at Falls Church Airpark, Claire Callaghan, Rosemary Lane and Jean Howard attended an Eastern Penn Chapter meeting at Patco Field, Norristown, Penn., Nonny Horten in for the dedication of Skyway Number One and she is working for Fairchild Aircraft, Public Relations Department.

#### EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart  
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Our last meeting was held at the Pylon Club, Patco Field, Norristown, Pa., on April 18th.

99'ers from Eastern Penn, Del., Md., New York, New Jersey, flocked in and the Washington, D.C. Chapter had so many at our meeting, they almost decided to hold a Washington Chapter meeting! Jean Ross Howard, Claire Callaghan, Marjorie Harrison, Barbara Jennison, Mary Jane Livingston, Rose Mary Lane. It was wonderful to see so many old friends that we hadn't seen for some time and hangar flying was the popular pastime.

Among the 99'ers from New York was past president Margaret Cooper Manser, Others from N. Y. were: Kay Menges, Brick and Clair Grass, Amy Andrews, Marjorie Davis.

High point of the day was our SIGHT UNSEEN AUCTION which was a great success. All the 99'ers brought gift wrapped packages and the Michigan Chapter and Eastern Missouri Chapter mailed us packages for the auction. Many thanks for sending them to us, it was thoughtful of all you girls for thinking of us.

Charter member Dot Leh was our auctioneer-Miss F.E. Boone. She was introduced by Bettie Townson who said Mrs. Senator Claghorn was unable to attend because Senator Claghorn objected to her flying up to the meeting when he found out the plane's compass would have to point NORTH on the way up here. (The Senator has since stuck some chewing gum on the compass so that it will only point SOUTH.)

Dot Leh's auctioneer's costume was a riot both in design

and color, red, plaid, orange, green etc. She wore a high silk man's opera hat decorated with two huge pink roses which bobbed back and forth every time Dottie whammed the table with a policeman's nightstick every time she yelled "sold". Surprises in the auction packages were many and included a "new look" girdle with bright red ribbons tied to the garters, a beautiful rare orchid which brought gasps of delight from the lucky winner, and some beautiful earrings won by one of the men present. Dot's auctioneering antics had the assembled group weak from laughter and her ability as an auctioneer enriched our Chapter treasury by almost \$70.00. It was such fun we've almost decided to make the auction an annual affair.

I want to thank Bettie Townson and Vi Delp for giving me the scoop to write this news. Since this instructor has returned to work for Ritnour Air Service, Municipal Airport, Lancaster, Pa.....I'll be missing some good summer meetings. I know---But fly in to see me.

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Marjorie Cook  
530 Meadow St., Meadville, Pa.

The last meeting was held at Mrs. Marian Freund's, Meadville, Pa., as was also the preceeding gathering. Betty Johnson, Erie Dispatch columnist from Erie, Pa., and Betty Popp from Niagara Falls came to our meeting. A high noon brunch flight was planned for May 23rd and all flyers around this section are invited. Methods of raising money were discussed, with suggestions that we have a ticket raffle and give flying time or cash as the reward. Marion Freund is to contact Brakeshoe officials and Toby Sells, Talon, Inc. concerning the possibility of air-marking their buildings. Future meetings are as follows.

May 19 . . . . .	Marjorie Cook Meadville, Pa.
June 5 . . . . .	Betty Johnson Erie, Pa.
July 21. . . . .	Jean Paden Meadville Airport

Marjorie Cook was appointed News Reporter.

We are happy to welcome some new members. Josephine Shannon of Titusville, Pa., who works at Struthers Wells Oil Co., as secretary. Mrs. Mary Will Parker of Erie, who with her husband own the Parker White Metals. They also own a Beechcraft. She is the mother of four lovely children and a fifth on the way. Miss Lucille Parker, sister-in-law of Mary Will, also of Erie, is an elementary school teacher.

Since our group is newly organized some members have been kind enough to donate various articles, thus not necessitating tampering with our treasury money.

Our first social event, a Dinner Party, was a huge success. We met a lot of new girls and had a swell time. For this occasion we met at Wallers on Route 322, Saturday, April 3. The Meadville Tribune Photographer saw fit to come out and take a group picture.

All women attending were introduced to the group and each gave some interesting personal experience during her flying career. Mrs. Dorothy Miller, who incidentally owns a Stinson 105 told us about the Flying Alligators, of which she is a member. You are eligible to join this club after you have flown 50 miles over the Florida swamps. She also told us of her initiation into the group.

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\* NEW ENGLAND SECTION \*  
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#### NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

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

Fly-in meeting May 22 at Hills Grove airport, Providence, Rhode Island, around noon with Louise Sisson as hostess.



From now on through the good flying season there will be two fly-in meetings a month planned for Saturdays for the New England girls, and a flood of invitations has already come. Carolyn Cullen and Rachael Williams have asked us to include Martha's Vineyard. Louise Sisson gives us a bid to Providence, and Sally Driver invites 99'ers to Lawrence, Mass. There are invitations from Daisy Kirkpatrick at Marblehead, Mass., Catherine Hiller at Barre, Mass., and there may be one fly-in to Air Holiday at Groton, Conn.

The girls in the Northern N.E. chapter are planning a fly-in meeting May 25 at Orange, Mass., airport with Chairman Ruth Hamilton playing hostess.

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\* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION \*  
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#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

At the time the membership list was published, in December 1947, North Central Section had 275 paid up members. Our Governor, Thelma Lindzey, thought it would be an excellent idea to check up at the end of our first six months to determine whether we had gained or lost. Consequently, the membership chairmen of the chapters in our section were contacted and requested to furnish information concerning gain or loss of membership. Unfortunately, only half of our 10 chapters have reported. Hence, this report is not complete.

As soon as all the results are in, a better report will be submitted. There have been 31 girls added to our roster for the five chapters reporting, will All-Ohio taking the honors with 10 new members since last December. The average gain over last year's membership is 5 girls per chapter. Ten girls have been lost from our Section but only two of these have been lost to the 99's, the others having transferred to other chapters and sections.

Let's hope that we can increase our membership during the remainder of the year. Also, let's hear from the chapters whose reports are missing--Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, and Western Missouri.

Adelaide O'Brien  
Membership Chairman,  
North Central Section

#### CHICAGO CHAPTER

By Patricia L. Hitchcock, 1415 Lake St., Evanston, Ill.

Chicago 99'ers are making final arrangements for our sectional meeting at the end of this month. Just in case some of you readers may not have seen previous issues of the NEWSLETTER: The meeting will be held May 29th and 30th, that's Memorial Day weekend, at the Edgewater Beach Hotel. Arrangements have been made for planes at the Douglas Airport (Old Orchard) near Des Plaines. All kinds of doings are scheduled from cocktail parties and tours to breakfasts and business. We're anxious to have as many come as possible and we hope everyone enjoys herself.

We can proudly announce that our rummage sale was a great success. Our local chapter is becoming increasingly active and every other month we hold joint meetings with the Women Flyers of America and the Wasps.

We have found that speakers on aeronautical subjects are extremely good drawing cards and we have obtained the good services of Mr. Luke, helicopter expert from Lewis-Lockport Airport, Dr. Robinson, holder of the title "most private hours flown in the country"; and Captain Frank Swaim of United Airlines for our sectional.

Mr. Rex Howard of Mt. Holly Airport at Peoria has invited the Women Flyers and Ninety-Niners to fly in and breakfast at his beautiful and well-organized airport on the 12th of June. We, are, of course, delighted, and expect to have a large turn-out for the event. See you on the 29th!!!!

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Charlotte Darlington, R.R.#4, Box 99, Anderson, Ind.

The April meeting was held at Bunker Hill on the 11th. Everyone drove as the weather was bad. We had lunch at the Cafeteria and had our meeting in the gymnasium by the swimming pool. Violet Bausmeister had the radio-phonograph with her which was to be raffled at the QB-99 meeting May 3.

Nellie Evans is a flying grandmother now. Phyllis has a girl 24-3/4 yr.

I got a letter from Evelyn Bottema. Her address is Hollywood Airport, Hollywood, Florida in case any of you have time to drop her a line. She says that the flying weather is wonderful.

Dorothy Hendricks is on her California trip now. We'll all be anxious to hear about it when she gets back. (By car, she went)

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Virginia Vinsand  
232 1/2 So. 8th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa

On Sunday, April 12th, the girls of our chapter were entertained by the Standard Oil Company of Mason City, Iowa. All credit goes to them for giving us a very enjoyable day. Several of the girls flew in and were met at the airport by those driving in. With us as guest were Mrs. Sylvan Hugelen and Mrs. Roger Schoneman, both with the airport at Mason City.

An excellent home-styled dinner was served following cocktails. Such wonderful food and so much of it too! A movie, "The Theory of Flight", proved of great interest to all of us. King Cole, comedian, followed this and furnished us with numerous laughs.

Betty Barton succeeded in running away with our silver tray trophy with 36 1/2 points earned during the first period. We took a snapshot of her with the tray and she will soon have her name engraved on it. That's quite a goal for the rest of us to compete with. It looks like we'll have to go to work on our roof top markers and membership points to keep that trophy moving.

#### KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By Dorothy Lynn Shelton  
1538 State St., Bowling Green, Ky.

The Kentucky Chapter has reorganized and the first meeting was held April 11.

The officers elected and the members present were as follows:

Jane (Tommy) Ralston-Chairman  
Georgia Heitkemper-Vice Chairman  
and Membership Chairman  
Dorothy L. Shelton-Secretary-Treasurer  
Helen MacPherson  
Mrs. Meng  
Mrs. Wagner (a visiting member from the Ohio Chapter who helped us organize)

We met at Bowman Field and had a very good lunch in town. Most of the afternoon was spent hearing each others flying experience.

We are putting on a membership drive, so if any of you come through here you may find yourself belonging to the Kentucky Chapter. If any of you can make our meetings we will be glad to have you and all ideas you have to help us.

We voted to have our meetings the first week in every month, but as yet the day has not been decided.

We wish to thank Belle Hetzel, President; Dorothy E. Hendricks, Secy., North Central Section; Burnette McNamee, Chairman of the Eastern Missouri Section; and the others who have inspired us in starting a Chapter.

## IOWA CHAPTER

By L. B. Lippincott Green  
2336 E. 13th St., Des Moines, Iowa

The April meeting came breezing along with snows of work for all of us to do, keeping us out of mischief this summer. Betty Frey Bengé and Lavina Beth Green were our hostesses at a delicious fried chicken dinner at the Orchard Inn, across from the airport. After satisfying our hunger, we settled back and enjoyed our guest speaker, Mr. Hansen of the Iowa Aeronautical Bureau, discuss what is being done to air mark the state of Iowa. Blanche Novanty deserves a vote of thanks for the time she has been spending on this project in behalf of our Chapter.

Our Chairman, Thelma Olson, then assigned two towns to each member as their own private project to be air marked. A general discussion then took place with Mr. Hansen advising us as to ways and means to accomplish all this air marking, and kindly answering other questions that popped into our heads.

By this time next year, well I guess you will just have to fly over Iowa and see for yourselves if it isn't pretty well marked. Shucks though, that will take away all the fun of buzzin' trying to find out what town that one is! No excuses left for such tricks.

## GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Betty Siggs, 5223 Nall Ave., Mission, Kansas

Spring is here and the flying bug biting again. The 17th of April was a red-letter day. Fifteen planes from Steven's College School of Aviation at Columbia, Missouri, were flown in bringing thirty girls and two of their male instructors here for a day with our KC bunch. The planes ranged from Aerocars and Cessna 120's and 140's to a twin-engined Cessna. Dell Scharr and Mary Jeffords arrived from St. Louis at the same time, were flattered when Tower inquired if they were Stevens students! Helen Bass flew down from Malvern, Iowa also to join us. We started with breakfast at Municipal Airport, a brief meeting at the Jacobson hanger to give the Stevens girls some information about forming a chapter, then an exciting and noisy tour through town in top-down convertibles with police and Jackson county sheriff escorts south to the Ong Airport. There the girls were given demonstrations of the Bell helicopter and some of the lucky visitors had rides in it. Grace Harris had her racing At-6 wheeled out and trotted the girls to a bit of airport buzzing. Then the procession set off again, this time to wind through Swope Park, horns and sirens blowing, to a roadside inn where we had lunch. On through town again to the airport where we said farewell and "come again soon" to our visitors. What a day! We feel sure none of the participants will forget it for a long time. Our only disappointment was that Bell Helzel did not make it as she had planned. We are happy to report that the girls from Stevens have now organized a new chapter of the "99's", the Columbia, Missouri Chapter. Congratulations, girls, and good friendship and good flying with "99'ers" wherever you go.

Next event was our May-Day party held Saturday night May 1st at Parks Aircraft showroom at Municipal Airport. In spite of rain and high winds we had a big crowd and a grand time. Belle Helzel arrived via Constellation from New York, Bea Mack flew down from Omaha and the Basses flew in from Malvern, Iowa. Virginia Garst happened to be here on a trip from New Orleans, so it was a good opportunity to visit with old friends and hear about plans for the annual national meeting to be held here late in August. Many thanks to our hard working members who made it the success it was.

Sunday morning, May 8th, will see us meeting at the airport at St. Joseph, Mo., for breakfast. Our June meeting will probably be a round-robin flight to all the airports about KC with the intent of stirring up an awareness of "99's" activity here and interest in our forthcoming national meeting. We are a small group and we don't know how much we can do, but we will surely try to have a bang-up time arranged for you.

## MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Helen Pelto  
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For the next 30 days there is going to be plenty of activity for every Michigan 99. Starting Saturday and Sunday, May 29 and 30, plan to be in Chicago at the Edgewater Beach Hotel for the Sectional Meeting.

You may rest on Monday, May 31st. BUT on Tuesday, June 1, you are to be at Wayne County Airport at almost dawn ready to fly with many other 99's in the air derby to Miami, Florida, for the 99's All Woman Air Show of the World. Arrangements are being made whereby we may be able to have an organization donate gasoline and oil to all participants flying to this air show from Michigan. If you are in the least undecided as to whether or not you should attend, but all means be sure you do attend. Your reporter was able to be at the First All Woman Air Show last year and highly recommends the air show and activities sponsored by the Florida 99's. Write to Helen Anderson, Henning & Cheadle, 510 Book Building, Detroit 26, Michigan, immediately for further information.

Babe Weyant Ruth was hostess at our Lansing meeting where we had some interesting guests. There was Mr. Charles Davis, Flora M. Stickle and Lily Overend whose home is in Egypt.

## ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris  
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For the past two years, the All-Ohio Chapter of the Ninety Nines has been working diligently on membership and has attempted to build the organization commensurate to those principals and aims for which it was originally established. Our membership has increased by leaps and bounds and our activities have promoted feminine interest in aviation to such an extent that at this point the All-Ohio Chapter is becoming an integral part of the various aviation activities in the state of Ohio.

APRIL!!! The All-Ohio Chapter really turned out in all their spring enthusiasm for the week-end meeting beginning in Vandalia, April 24, for the dedication ceremony of the Wright Skyway. Anticipating a mass flight with Army and CAP planes during the dedication, many girls flew into Vandalia Airport Saturday morning, but strong winds by afternoon cancelled the flight.

The All-Ohio Chapter would like to at this time extend an invitation to all 99'ers to attend a State-Wide Aviation Hanger dance sponsored by the All-Ohio Chapter to be given on June 19 at Columbus, Ohio. The dance will be given at Mac Park - tickets are only \$1.00 per person. Tickets can be obtained from the writer, or from any airport in Columbus.

Don't forget the next meeting - May 16th - North Hanger, Cleveland Municipal Airport. Let's break our attendance record. Everybody get an airplane and come.

## ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By June Walsh  
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The May meeting was held at the Forest Park Hotel. Our speaker, Mr. McMahon, a pipeline pilot, was unable to be with us and will speak at our June meeting instead. Lucy Fletcher, our secretary, was ill so Laura Sellinger acted as secretary. The St. Louis Ninety-Nines Dance was a huge success and plans are already under way for next year.

Del Scharr has been elected a director of the Aviation Council of St. Louis. Two former Ninety-Nines have re-joined. They are Maxine Randolph and Mrs. Marion Buffa, formerly Marion Hunt. Several of the St. Louis girls flew to Kansas City last month for their regular meeting. Mary Jeffords and Del Scharr in the Luscombe and Florence Wildren, Joan Seliga, Audrey Rogers and Burnette McNamee in the Stinson.

Meeting: June 14; 6538 Marmaduke Ave. (June Appel's home); Speaker, C. R. McMahon.



## WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Elsie V. Peters  
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Our last meeting was held at the home of our Chairman, Caroline Peiling, on April 18th. We were so happy to see Dorothy Berendson, who is going to Marquette University here in Milwaukee. Dorothy was a Flight nurse in England during the war.

We were also happy to greet Sally Lathrop and hope that she will be at our next meeting again. Sally has 350 hours in the air, owns a Cessna and in addition has two sons, 17 and 19 years old. You and I can hardly believe that, looking at her.

Dedo Heise flew to Kansas City, Mo. by way of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Fort Worth, Texas. She felt the winds of a hurricane as she landed at Tulsa. Winds were 50 M.P.H. Mercedes Mason flew to Charlotte, Illinois. Mercedes and Sally Lathrop are planning to fly to Miami for the Women's Air Show. Good luck to both of you.

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"AT LAST-and after a few incidents such as a husband, Christmas rushes, delays with the printer (me) and broken legs in the family, the South Central Directory is about to be completed. Total cost has not yet been determined but if you will be kind enough to forward me \$1.50 the Directory will be sent to you post paid and post haste. If by some good fortune the \$1.50 is an over charge to all of you, I will gladly refund any amount over the actual costs of the operation. Costs consist of stencils, paper, postage, mimeographing, shipping folders. I personally cut all the stencils and did everything but the actual mimeographing. I will be very glad indeed to give an accurate accounting when "OPERATION DIRECTORY" is completed and the last one in the mails. Therefore, I hope to have the Directory to each of you by the 15th of June. Hope you think \$1.50 is a fair cost."

Mary Ann Greer, Governor  
South Central Section  
227 Clifford  
San Antonio, Texas

## COLORADO CHAPTER

By Marilyn K. Nordstrom & Donna Myers

Glad to report the Ranch Dance with WNAA was a huge success. Everyone had fun and it gave a little boost to our Treasury. 49½'er Johnny Myers was M.C. at intermission time when by drawing we gave away a few prizes. Jeppson and Company here in Denver donated two Hubmats (a navigational aid) and Mr. Coye publisher and editor of the new Rocky Mountain Aviation magazine donated a lifetime subscription to his mag. The remainder of the prizes, cosmetic kits, candy, cigarettes and ash trays were donated by WNAA'ers and NINETY-NINES.

A dip of our wings to our Courtesy Chairman, Georgia White for the swell job she has done these past months in sending flowers, cards, etc., to chapter members. Naomi asked to be relieved of her duties for the remainder of the year, inasmuch as she is now part owner of an Airport at Sterling. Dorothy Young was in Denver last week - well recovered from her recent operation - Margaret Jones and her husband Ed are back in Craig - Dorothy Schaeffer and her husband have gone back to Lock Haven to pick up a new ship.

## OKLAHOMA CITY CHAPTER

The State meeting convened on April 4th in the home of Yvonne Warfield with Hazel Raines and Delrose Sieber as co-hostesses. The meeting was devoted to a discussion of the feasibility of splitting the Oklahoma Chapter into two separate chapters in place of the Tulsa Unit and the Oklahoma City Unit. It was voted upon and passed unanimously.

The chapter entertained with two other local flying organization, the Oklahoma City Aviation Club and the Woman Aviation Association, at a cocktail party in the Biltmore Hotel on Friday evening, April 23rd. This was the first of a series of parties given in honor of visiting pilots who were here for the Air Show and Dedication of the Air-Center and Skyways. We were very happy to see and chat with Blanch Noyes who held an important spot on the dedication program. She addressed the Air Show on behalf of CAA. Also we had as our special guests, Jimmie Kolp, Kaddy Landry and Caro Bayley.

Sunday morning, April 25th, a Ninety-Nine breakfast was given honoring our visiting Ninety-Nines. Mary Francis was in charge of the arrangements and program for the breakfast.

The group adjourned immediately after breakfast to the Airport where we heard the dedication by Blanche Noyes and Will Rogers Jr., and enjoyed the air show for the remainder of the afternoon.

## MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Bass  
Malvern, Iowa

Our April meeting was another hit and miss proposition, what with the beautiful WINDY days we have been having. Lois Boien was our hostess for the day and arose early, called the Weather Bureau and was told to go back to bed, no one would brave the winds but they got fooled as several of us made it into the Sioux City Air Base and with only two sick tummies as casualties.

Also joining us for the day were seventeen members of the Southwest Aero Club from Malvern, Iowa who were just in the mood for a cross country jaunt.

We were served lunch in the Administration Bldg. and held our business meeting after. Then on to one of the Army Bldgs. for some movies. Our own Lois being in the movie, "Women in the War". Then off for another rough ride home-ward.

April proved to be a busy flying month. April 17, the Kansas City Chapter were hostess at a Breakfast for the flyin' gal of Stevens College. Husband Earl, daughter Pam and I decided to attend at the last minute and turned out to be the only Mo. Valley member there but nevertheless really enjoyed seeing and meeting several of the girls and am so glad they decided to form their own Chapter.

Our May meeting is to be postponed till May 16th and we will be the guest of Ruth Johnson in Crete, Neb. So will have to get out the boots and saddles as the Johnsons have some beautiful Arabian horses just waiting for us to arrive.

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## CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Sara E. Payne  
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The next meeting of the Southeastern Section will be held in Miami during the Air Show June 5th and 6th, at the invitation of the Florida Chapter. Let's all try to attend this meeting and make it a big one.

Burnette Spencer and Louise Smith of High Point flew to Raleigh April 21st to meet and talk to Marjorie Davis, the National Treasurer. They were very happy to meet one of our National officers.

Alma Tharp was winner of a beauty contest to be "Miss Folly Beach" on the Azalea Festival Float - the float won first prize in the parade, too! The Azalea Festival is held in Charleston every year. Congratulations, Alma!

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#### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Jan Moffat  
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Dorothy Chamberlin was the very charming hostess when the 99's met at her home 23 April. Elinor Wagner and Gladys Blake attended as prospective members; Dorothy Monohan, a member of the Missouri Valley Chapter, was a guest, and Peggy Potter, whose home is Bogota, Columbia.

The following is a schedule of the meetings to be held in the future:

21 May - 6:30 at Bay Meadows Flight Lounge  
25 June - Dinner and meeting at Treasure Island  
Officer's Club  
July (tentative) - San Francisco Municipal  
Airport

Helen and Don Kelton have extended an invitation to be hosts for a fly-in at Santa Cruze Airpark on 19 and 20 June. Guests will spend the night at Helen and Don's cabin located off Los Gatos Highway at Camp Evers and Felton Highway. Overnight accommodations will be somewhat limited, so bring your sleeping bags if you have them.

The California Flyers' Conference to be held at Coyote Point 29, 30 and 31 May will be an event well worth attending.

#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Dodie Aspell  
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The first of the Annual California Air Policy Conferences were held on the 13th, 14th and 15th of April. This is really a National Event and all phases of aviation were discussed. On the 13th all the women's organizations met to discuss their problems and plans. We combined our monthly meeting with this meeting. Helen Hooper, our chairman, spoke for our chapter on Air marking. We had, the previous week, put up an air-marker at L.A. municipal airport, which is the western terminus for Skyway No. 1. The other groups gave a report on their activities. The L.A. chapter of the WNAA has put up the most for all of southern California. We hope to beat their record soon. Sponsoring of the Wing Scouts was also discussed. Helen, again reported on a meeting that was held with the Scout leaders and representatives of the various women's groups. Mardo Crane also spoke on this subject. Your reporter spoke on improvements of airports and what could be done about helping along this line. I would like to say here and now, that more good was accomplished that night than at any previous meeting that I have ever attended. This cooperation that we have between the women's aviation groups in L.A. has been most beneficial to all. We have been trying to get together 3 or 4 times a year. We find in this way we aren't running around all trying to do the same thing, and getting no where. We have been pulling together and much has been accomplished. We had a nice turn out for the Conference, including two new members which we are very proud to welcome: Joyce Carl works for the CAA, at Silver Lake. She has been flying for 3 years and holds a private license. Betty Munn has been flying 2 years and also has her private license. She works for "Western Pilot", an aviation newspaper published at Altadena. Estelle Laverents, Betty Gillies, and Julie Hale were all up from San Diego. Besides Helen Hooper, our Sectional Governor, Carolyn West, our

National Secretary Melba Beard, De Thurmond, Mae Sharpe, Mardo Crane, Dodie Aspell, and Liz Watson attended. Mardo Crane spoke on the Educational Panel the next day, and did a beautiful job. It is mighty gratifying to feel that finally men are accepting the fact that women are really part of the Aviation picture. On the 17th and 18th Bakersfield Chapter held their Sectional meeting. And as they promised, the red carpet was out. The American Legion had a get together at Bakersfield that week-end too, so the two events were more-or-less combined.

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Coral Bloom  
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On Sunday, April 11th, Louise Benna was hostess to the Sacramento Valley Chapter of 99's at her apartment on Bidwell Field, Red Bluff.

Leah Johnson, our Vice-Chairman and acting Chairman, wired her regrets due to a nasal operation. Vivian and Bob Dalton and Leila and Dick Pittman flew up from Williams. Wanda Daniel from Sacramento. We were especially pleased to have new member Evelyn Burch and her husband present from Bryce Canyon, Utah.

Coral Bloom flew up from Oroville with two prospective members Marian DeKellis and Louise Sue.

Our next meeting was planned for Friday May 14th - a buffet supper at Wanda Daniel's apartment on Branstetter Airport, Sacramento

The remainder of the day was spent making big plans to attend the Bakersfield Sectional Social meeting on the week-end of the 17th and 18th.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Miriam Edelman  
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At last we are going to start our Airmarking Project! On May 23, San Diego 99's and 492-ers will don workin' clothes, and meet at 0900 in Escondido, to paint an Airmarker on the roof of the Escondido Lemon Packing Plant. It will take a lot of painting to cover the 40 foot letters that spell out "ESCONDIDO", as well as latitude and longitude, (and direction and distance to the nearest airport), in 15 foot letters.

Airmarking was but one of the many events planned at the meeting held April 23 in the attractive home of Claire Hale - yes indeed, May and June will be busy months.

There have been some changes in the plans for the County Fair and Air Show to be held June 4, 5, and 6 at Gillespie Field. Instead of a Breakfast Flight as announced in this column last month, a week-end flight is now being planned. Arrangements are being made for overnight accommodations, and transportation to and from the field. The El Cajon Junior Chamber of Commerce, Sponsors of the Show has asked the 99's to serve as Hostesses to all women pilots. We are hoping to get our Headquarters at the Field completed in time. Betty Gillies and Stella Laverents were appointed co-chairmen of a committee to plan entertainment for Saturday evening 5 June; tentative plans are for a Barbecue. Luncheon will be served at the field Sunday 6 June at the Field. We think you'll really enjoy the many events and exhibits planned for this County Fair and Air Show - so why don't you plan to fly down and get acquainted. The two 6,000' runways can accommodate anything up to a B-29 (I think) and the tower will be in operation for radio and light-gun signals. Remember, June 4, 5, and 6 at Gillespie Field.

Dates were set for the next three meetings, they are as follows:

Wednesday, May 19, at Julie Hale's. Social meeting  
Friday June 11, at Betty Gillies'  
Saturday July 10, Beach Party