

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

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Greetings, all NINETY-NINES. The Kansas City chapter is planning a gals week-end for you during the national meeting August 27, 28, 29; we are hoping to be able to greet several hundred of you. Plan to come early on Friday and remain thru Sunday.

All meetings will be at the headquarters, Hotel Muelebach, where you can be cool and comfortable. We expect to get off to a good start Friday evening with cocktails and a buffet supper. Saturday morning and early afternoon of course will be reserved for the business meeting. Late afternoon we will gather again for cocktails before the banquet at 7 p.m. Sunday morning we will offer you the opportunity to do some sightseeing that is really SIGHT SEEING - we won't tell you how or what - just expect some rip roaring fun.

The personnel of all our Kansas City airports are looking forward to welcoming you. The two major airports, Kansas City Municipal and Fairfax, are both immediately north of the business district. Kansas City airport lies in a loop of the Missouri river just north of the tall buildings downtown, with Fairfax separated from it to the Northwest by the river. Hangar space is plentiful at Fairfax at \$1.40 per night, and plenty of tie-down space which is gratis. Kansas City airport has limited hangar space but can also furnish plenty of tie-down space which is gratis where the aircraft is serviced. We recommend all the operators at both airports - no favorites. Transportation from either airport - bus fare 10¢, taxi from K. C. airport 35¢, from Fairfax \$1.00 per cabful. More details on airports in a later issue of the News Letter.

Planning for the convention overshadows everything else now. We did manage a breakfast flight to St. Joseph on Sunday, May 16th, and were greeted there by Anna Marie Hinkley who instructs for the Kent Flying Service of Rosecrans field. Two of our gals, Neva Rae and Marie Kuhlman, expect to fly to Chicago for the sectional meeting there. Yours truly is off for the west coast (via TWA).

Start planning right now to be with us for the national meeting - we will do our best to make it a memorable week-end. C U L

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I wish to thank all the Chapters and Sections, who were so faithful in sending in their nominations for our National Officers. It has been most gratifying. I know everyone will be pleased to hear that twenty-five responses were received out of a possible thirty-five.

I hope to have a sketch in the July Newsletter about each of the candidates nominated, so that you all will

have plenty of time to make your decisions before you cast your vote.

Thank you all again.

Elsie V. Peters, Chairman
1948 Nominating Committee

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Congratulations to the Chicago girls for the grand time they showed us at the North Central sectional meeting in their city May 29 and 30th. There was a wonderful turnout for the meeting and what fun it was to see and visit with so many--girls from ten states attending.

I'm hoping to see every one of those gals and many many more of you at the national meeting, August 27, 28, 29 in Kansas City, Missouri. The Kansas City Chapter is sending special invitations to past presidents to attend. Wouldn't it be grand to have them all with us--Kirkpatrick from New England; Margaret Cooper Manser, New York; Jacqueline Cochran, New York; Betty Gillies, California; Ethel Sheehy, California; Mabel Britton and Jeannette Sovereign from Michigan? The girls are also sending invitations to the charter members. We are hoping a great many of them will be able to be with us. The Hotel Muehlebach is taking reservations now for our convention, so lets get ours in early. Be sure to state that you are a NINETY NINER when making your reservation, and whether or not you want an airconditioned room. Our meeting and eating rooms are airconditioned, but you'll have to request an airconditioned sleeping room if you wish one.

The chapters have responded splendidly in nominating the girls for the national offices. Now let's go all out in studying the qualifications of the candidates and then voting for them. Don't leave it up to others to do the voting. Take an interest and vote -- you'll find it fun. Last year only 300 votes were cast for me, the preceding year only 375 for reelecting Jeannette. Come on, talk over the candidates, vote and then get in that plane, train, auto or bus, and attend the convention and meet the girls you have selected. You'll have a wonderful time, I know.

Enuf for now. I'll be talking with you again in the July issue. I'm hoping the members of the executive committee other than national officers will have a few words to say to you. I know you'll be glad to hear from them -- Marjorie Pauth, Jimmie Kolp and Margaret Jones.

Belle Hetzel
Your President

49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er CARDS

Thanks to all the 99'ers who have sent in the information for the new 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er card listing. Will those who have not yet done so please fill out a penny post card with the information requested below and those 99'ers who want cards for their husbands please do the same and enclose a stamped return envelope. Also 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er cards that have become worn may be replaced by giving the same information and returning the old card.

1. 99'ers name and chapter.
2. Husbands name, business and position

If you wonder what all the letters stand for on the card, write Vera Self, Fla. for information.

For cards, write: Bettie Thompson Townson, 724 N. 63rd Street, Philadelphia 31, Pa.

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* METROPOLITAN SECTION *
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By Amy H. Andrews
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June 2 - Wednesday - What a grand day the girls had for the Nolds Air Derby from Westchester County Airport, New York to Amelia Earhart Field, Miami, Florida. Mary Morrison in a DC 3 was the first to take off with Bella Heimeman as co-pilot; then Alma Harwood in her Stinson 150 with Lois Fairbanks as co-pilot; next Kay Menges in her BT 13-A with her mother as a passenger; and last, but not least, Betty Haas took to the skyways in her Bell P-39. Many of the 99er's the WIAA's and friends were there to wish them happy landings. Official starters were Mary Margaret McBride and Ruth Nichols. At 11:30 the WIAA's sponsored a luncheon for the groundlings who were left behind and the Around the World Room at the Westchester County Airport was filled to capacity. At one o'clock a hush fell upon the group and Mary Margaret McBride went on the air with Ruth Nichols, Jackie Cochrane, Anne Carl, Marjorie Grey as her guests. Hope some of you on the outside were listening in -- if not, you missed a good show!

Coming Events - June 12 - Aviation Country Club, Hicksville, Long Island - Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Come rain or shine! No landing fee for those who fly in. Hostesses - Miriam Blagden Crocker, Teddy Kenyon, Margaret Cooper Manser. Tennis court and swimming pool at the Club so come early in the afternoon and bring your racquet and bathing suit, also towel. Trip to Grumman Plant with a close-up of jet Panther for those interested.

June 19 - We have received another lovely invitation from the Women's International Association of Aeronautics to attend a Presidents' Tea at Floyd Bennet Field. Presidents of many clubs around New York to be guests of honor. Permission has been granted to fly in, but please let us know if you plan to fly in so we can notify the Tower. About 4:30 the Navy will put on a Flight Demonstration so we would have to be on the ground at that time.

New Members - Helen McChesney, Larchmont, N. Y., Private, graduate of N. J. college for women. Marianne Nutt, New Hyde Park, N. Y., Commercial - flew pursuits - WASPS.

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* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION *
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WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Margaret Vaughan
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June 4th and your reporter is pushing the deadline

for Ninety Nine news!!! "Deadline Maggi" they'll be calling me -- nevertheless, our chapter has been very active!

May 4th, the Washington Chapter met with the WASP's and Women Flyers at 2900 Connecticut Avenue. Mrs. Beatrice Louise Ecks, Wing Scout adviser of the Girl Scouts was guest speaker. What an interesting person! Her talk dealt in the humorous and worthy achievements accomplished by the Wing Scouts. Many ideas were presented for our plans to assist the girls in bringing their plane to the Washington area. Negotiations are being enacted for the arrival of the plane this fall, which will be based on the Anacostia Naval Air Base. The Ninety Nines holding instructor ratings will give rides and instruction to Wing Scouts so desiring and have their parents consent. Pearle Robinson, who has a group of Wing Scouts, is aiding in the coordination of these arrangements.

The Hangar Flying Jam sessions have closed for the summer and full honors were awarded Mr. B. H. Haymes of the U. S. Weather Bureau for his excellent coordination on the last series covering meteorology. Many door prizes were presented and your reporter is proudly displaying a water colored "Skystreak" in my office! (Only wish I'd held the lucky number for the model F9F!!)

Now for a little take off and landing practice ---- Daisy Vaughan is furnishing her new apartment at 110 Huntington St. S. E. --- Rose Jespersen is one of our most active field membership representative --- Margaret Vaughan has gone in for sail boating --- Jean Howard attended the air regatta in Philadelphia, winning third place in the Cessna race --- Blanche Noyes and Claire Callighan are attending the All Woman Air Show in Florida --- Eleanor Davis is planning a flight with "Junior" through the eastern states and Canada the latter part of June --- Rosemary Lane has started her 10 hours of Link training awarded at the Skyway No. 1 dedication --- Mary Jane Livingston has been logging quite a few cross country hours with the Ace Flying Club --- Betsy Woodward is still busy flying and developing aerial pictures --- The Annapolis Airport, operated by Helen McGilvery, is the answer for a landing place for the girls flying over to the beaches on the Chesapeake.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

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

Our last meeting was held at Mrs. Marjorie Cooks on May 19. Future meetings are as follows:

Betty Johnson, June 5, Fairview, Pa.
Jean Peden, July 21, Port Meadville Airport

The 99's were hostess to approximately 150 pilots and friends on their first "brunch flight" held at Sue's Fly-In-Bar at Port Meadville Airport from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fliers attended from northwestern Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York state.

All incoming aircraft were judged according to traffic pattern technique and landings. The Dilbert prize was presented by Miss Florence Sells to James McKinney of Titusville, with Mr. H. J. Mosbacher, Mr. E. E. Freund and Mrs. Betty DeVore acting as judges.

Little Arvella Sue Holt assisted in awarding the door prize to Miss Cecile Parker of Erie as Miss Jean Peden, chairman for the flight, officiated.

Spot landing contest and other events of the day were curtailed due to weather conditions.

The flight is the first of a series to be sponsored by the fliers of Meadville to encourage closer

relationship between pilots of adjoining cities and states and local pilots.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Jesse Eckhart
Clay, Penna.

Our last meeting was held at Reading Municipal Airport with Betty Fisher and Hazel Heist, as our charming hostesses, on May 30th. It was a wonderful picnic only with darkened skies - it was held at the Reading Aero Club lounge on the field. Many girls who planned to fly couldn't make it. Everyone was to bring their own lunch and dessert and beverage were to be served by Betty and Hazel. Instead we found potato chips, olives, pickels, ice cream, coffee and the cutest cup cakes with "99" decorating the frosting. Really yummie.

Mildred Zimmerman and little daughter, Cathy, were on hand. They are now living in Reading, Pa. where the 49¹/₂'er, Reed, is a pilot for Reading Aviation. Other guests were: Vi Delp, Lanc., Jean Landis, Reading and her mother and father; Leona McElroy and her three darling little boys, Hazel Heist, and daughter Roxie, Thomas Adams, Betty Fisher and her sister Peggy Fisher all of Reading.

Our wonderful chairman, Fran Nolde, couldn't be with us as she is off on another trip to the west coast where she is picking up a Navion for Reading Aviation Consultants, and flying it in the trans-continental air races from Palm Springs to Miami.

The Lancaster Aero Club had a fly-to-breakfast a few weeks ago and three Lancaster 99's were up early and in on the fun. Nel Richards, Jessie Eckhart, and Vi Delp. - Reading again showed us its wonderful hospitality.

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* NEW ENGLAND SECTION *
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By Alma Gallagher
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Carolyn Cullen and Rachael Williams promise a party for June 10 when they will be co-hostesses at their Oak Bluffs Airport, Martha's Vineyard, Mass., to a sectional fly-in meeting. Arrive late afternoon and stay-overnight is the invitation.

May weather ganged up on fly-in meetings, but Governor Judy Short, Daisy Kirkpatrick, Mildred Morey arrived by plane for a luncheon session with Lucille Dingley at the Mansion House, Poland Springs, Me., May 15.

Rose Abbott, vice governor, conducted the May 15th meeting at Hillsgrove Airport, Providence, while Judy was in Kentucky. Daisy suggested a reunion of Northern and Southern Chapters of the section. Rose proposed keeping individual scrapbooks and has some early pictures of Amelia Earhart and others. Copies may be secured to start off the books.

Jean Adams Cook asks 99*ers to bring tie-downs when they fly in to Nantucket for the AOPA tour this month.

At Hillsgrove were Louise Sisson, Ann Cutler, Gertrude Meserve Tubbs, Mildred Morey, Daisy Kirkpatrick and 49¹/₂'er Harry, Rose and 49¹/₂'er Bill Abbott.

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* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION *

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By Dorothea E. Hendricks
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As spokesman for our Governor, Thelma Lindsay, and the Section as a whole, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Illinois Chapter for the wonderful meeting they planned for the North Central Section on May 29 and 30. They were lovely hostess. It is a lot of hard work, but isn't it a good feeling, girls, when everyone arrives and you see them having a wonderful time together?

We had seventy-one members register at Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill. Eight of the Section's nine states were represented, and visitors from Tulsa, Okla. and Omaha, Nebr. We were honored to have our National President, Belle Hetzel, with us.

In addition to a tour of Chicago, a cocktail party, and dinner (and getting our picture taken by Enar Ahlstrom, editor of PERSONAL FLYING MAGAZINE), we heard educational and humorous talks from Dr. George Stevenson, Chicago Pilot and Dentist, Capt. Frank Swain, United Air Lines, Mr. Albert Luke, Helicopter Instructor Lewis College of Science and Technology and W. J. Konicek, Education Division of Link Aviation, Inc.

Thelma Olson, Chairman of Iowa Chapter invited us to Des Moines, Iowa on Oct. 9 and 10 for our fall meeting. Greenwood "Cokie" Cocanougher, Kentucky, extended and invitation to come to Louisville the last week in April 1949. This chapter has just recently been re-organized. Marjorie Miller, chairman of All-Ohio Chapter invited us to Cleveland for the fall meeting in 1949.

The Governor appointed the following Nominating Committee for 1948-49: Rae Sullivan, 5633 Julian Ave., St. Louis 12, Mo., Chairman; Lucy Kalla, 2433 Dakin St., Chicago 18, Ill.; Evelyn Rogier, 606 South Matthews, Urbana, Ill.; Violet Bauermeister, R. R. 1 West Terre Haute, Vigo County, Indiana; Lucille Grisier, 9235 Agnes St., Apt. 2, Detroit 12, Mich.; Eugenia Heise, 5019 No. Cumberland Blvd., Milwaukee 11, Wisc.; Blanche Novotny, 222 Galenvue Dr., Des Moines, Iowa; Bernice Eno, Box 326, Ft. Dodge, Iowa; Helen Bass, Malvern, Iowa; Celia Moslow, 1321 Yellowstone Rd., Cleveland Heights 21, Ohio and Greenwood Cocanougher, 3716 Lexington Rd., Louisville, Ky.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris
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Plans, arrangements, deals--the Ohio Chapter is reaching a peak of enthusiasm as we complete the whirl for our Aviation Hangar Dance on June 19 in Columbus. All details were in the May 15 News Letter and each and every one is invited!

The May 16 meeting was held at Cleveland Municipal with Mary Jane Sasala our hostess. Attendance numbered 27 and one new member, Betty Gates of Cleveland. Welcome. Also new are Sue Hall and Kathleen Ruff of Cincinnati, Dottie Anderson and Mary Ann Decker. A big thanks to Jeanne Hunt, our Membership Chairman for doing a wonderful job. We were glad to see Thelma Kennedy Miller and her recent 49^{er}, also Kay Semrau and Florence Boswell who hadn't been able to attend for a while. Peg Pierce told us of her exciting experiences in Brazil and of the organizing of a new chapter there. Nice work Peg. Celia Moslo

has just returned from her trip to Europe and she gave a very interesting account of it. Celia flew over and back!

Marge Miller and Lillian Moore flew from Columbus to the Sectional in Chicago in Lil's Cessna and Martha Comisar and Louise Clark of Dayton flew up in Martha's Cessna. From there Martha and Louise will go on to Detroit, join the Derby and fly to the Miami Races. Sounds wonderful. Everyone wants to go to Florida, so far six are definitely going, but we'll bet more than that will be making a path through the blue.

Meet you in Columbus, June 19 and 20. We'd love to see some of you out of state girls, too.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Barbara Cradit
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Your regular reporter Helen Pelto is winging her way to the All-Woman Air Show in Miami, together with Elinor Peterson, Helen Anderson, and Adele Binsfield. They're making the trip in the Peterson's new Stinson.

About a dozen members of our chapter attended the sectional meeting at the beautiful Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago. It was a huge success and we thank the Chicago girls for arranging such a fine time.

Our chapter was also represented at a conference May 27-28, sponsored by the Michigan Department of Aeronautics in Lansing. Margaret Windfuhr attended the dinner May 27, as our representative, and Helen Anderson took part in the discussion on May 28.

Mabel Britton is to be congratulated for acquiring her seaplane rating while in Florida this past winter.

Becky Thatcher was hostess at Saginaw for our May meeting. Addie Binsfield and Leah Higgins made certain they would not miss this meeting. They arrived at the airport at 8:20 a.m. (The truth is that they did not know Saginaw had not changed to daylight time).

Faith McPeak and 49^{er} Bion McPeak announce the arrival of their fourth child, by name Eric Scott, on April 25.

Our well-stocked library should get more use. Bernice Trimble, 1609 Maplewood Ave., Flint, has the books and will be glad to get your choice to you or send you a current list. Suggestions: Women, With Wings - We Were Wasps - Stick and Rudder.

We're glad to hear that Eloise Smith, Chapter Vice Chairman, is getting along fine now after some trouble with her back and a consequent operation at Mayo Brothers which kept her grounded (and then some) for over a month. Hope to see her at the next meeting, June 20, at Belding. This meeting will be during Michigan Aviation Week.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Virginia Vinsand
23¹/₂ South 8th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa

Our May meeting was definitely a drive-in affair as we had another of those windy third Sunday of the month. We can have wonderful flying weather for weeks at a time but on THAT Sunday--terrific wind--we girls have almost given up. A short business meeting was held following cocktails and dinner at the Country Club in Fort Dodge.

Our chapter is really looking forward for a fly-in June meeting at Dodge Field in Des Moines. This is

to be just a carefree Sunday of enjoyment, possibly even a little swimming and we hope the girls of the Iowa Chapter in Des Moines will join us in our fun. Any of the rest of you 99'ers will be properly welcomed. Waterloo, Iowa will be our destination for the July 18 meeting and Sac City for our August 15th gathering. We are really going to make use of these summer months.

Fern McKinnan and her 49'er of Spencer flew in to Lexington, Missouri in their Cessna last month. Very nice trip, they say. Betty Barton, another Spencer girl, flew the Stinson Voyager to Rochester, Minn. with two passengers recently. Several of us are anxiously awaiting Memorial Day and the Sectional meeting at Chicago.

Our traveling trophy was awarded to this writer for the last month. Many of those points were earned through ordering airmarkers for several towns hereabouts. The competition is really growing and the ambition and eagerness is really overwhelming.

I'll leave you now til the next newsletter and praying for a lot of good flying weather. We hope to see some of you at the Dodge Field in Des Moines on June 20th.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth C. Lembke
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The May meeting was a shower for two brides-to-be. Caroline Felling, our chairman, became Mrs. Lyall Mathison on May 29th. Trixie Ann Gehrung will be married June 26th. The membership chairman reports an increase in 49'ers.

Mayetta Wiedeman and Jeanette Kapus are giving interesting reports on their flight during their recent vacation to California in Mayetta's Cessna. There is no end to the thrills of a vacation flight.

The high-light of this month was the Sectional meeting held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago under the most able and efficient sponsorship of the Chicago Chapter 99 girls. Their expert planning and charming hospitality began with a warm welcome at the Orchard Airport where a delegation met each landing plane, ushered the occupants to the office where warm coffee was graciously given and cookies to boot. From there on, the ride to the hotel, the dinner, registration, breakfast, everything went exactly on scheduled time and in the most pleasing manner. The Chicago Chapter has everything to be proud of. We have the fondest memories of a most delightful sectional meeting.

Deedo Heise and Elsie Peters flew down in Deedo's Cub Cruiser. Dorothy Christenson and I flew in Dorothy's Cub J-3. Both planes took off from Mitchell Field with the best of weather and returned in the same. I wonder how those Chicago girls arranged for that perfect weather too. Just their efficiency, I suppose. Norma Ahlstrom and 49'er Enar, editor of PERSONAL FLYING, were at the dinner Saturday night. They came from Sturgeon Bay, Wiso.

The June meeting will be held June 20 at the home of your present reporter. Kilbourn 2603 will reach her for visitors who wish to stop in.

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* SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION *
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SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

By Mary Ann Greer
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San Antonio, Texas

As we all know, our Sectional Meeting is under discussion now. The girls in Dallas have kindly offered to have the meeting - now the date is the all important item. Will you please write and let me know about when you think it should be held. Also - may I remind you the Directory for the South Central Section is now ready and \$1.50 will bring you a copy, postpaid.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Donna Myers & Marilyn Nordstrom

Well, we thought we'd have something to report on our airmarking program on Skyway #77. Had it planned for Sunday, May 23 to mark a few of the towns between Denver and Cheyenne, but Betty Clark, airmarking chairman for the Colorado Chapter, states that the State Aeronautics Division has asked us to wait a few weeks as the towns are not quite ready for us. We're eager and willing.

Had a "different" meeting in May, at Combs Air Park. Each gal brought a box lunch--lunches were raffled off by Ruth Mugele (a very capable auctioneer). We made a little for the treasury--fun, too! A iced tub of beer added a lot--'twas a hot night.

Robert Taflinger was elected our delegate for the convention in Kansas City. Due to the fact that Bobbie, our entertainment chairman, will be on an extended vacation this summer, Marion Wurster will finish the year in that capacity.

Kati Kelly flew to Pueblo to the breakfast flight, May 23. Jennie Tacheop flew to Wichita recently on business. Dorothy Thompson just returned from a short vacation trip--flew to Snow Mass, Colorado for a few days on a ranch. Lucky!

Darlene Young Gray, our most recent bride, is busy being a housewife.

Sure hate to lose our Colorado Women's College members for the summer--they insist on going home during vacation.

All for this time.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Bass
Malvern, Iowa

May 10 was our meeting date for this month and, of course, the wind didn't cooperate again but some of us flew to Crete, Nebraska for one of the nicest meetings and good times we have had in a long time. Ruth and Al Johnson were our hostess and host for the day and they really outdid themselves, in hospitality plus. Wilda and Bernard Wilson were first arrivals, from North Platte in their new Cessna 140. Next, Helen, Earl and Pamela Bass flew their Cruiser in from Malvern, Iowa, closely followed by Marguerite Durbin and Pennie Schmer from North Platte, in Marguerite's Cessna. Right on their tail was that beautiful little Bonanza from Cozad, Nebr. with Ruth and Milo German and Irene and Edwin Owens aboard. Later Laura and Harold Russell and Jane and Doc. Bay all drove in from Omaha. Also Janet Roush, who attends Doane College in Crete and Erma and David Osterhout of Crete were guests. Erma is a former member and we all hope she will become an active member again soon.

We were driven up to Ruths lovely new home where she served us a delicious baked ham buffet luncheon. We then held our business meeting, discussing the nominations for a new President, etc. (We wish Belle would reconsider and run for the office again) Helen Bass was put on the nomination committee to go to Chicago for the North Central meeting. (At the last minute I didn't get to go). All of us antied into the pot for our contest prize and the rest of the rules were ironed out. One of our new rules in the summer contest is that if a member is late for a meeting she had to subtract some points. You'd be surprised how "on time" most of us are.

Then the Johnsons put on a regular horse show for us with their beautiful Arabian Horses. (Also some of the guests put on a pretty good show "on" and "getting on" the horses). Al even demonstrated how he has taught one of his yearlings to drink water out of a tea cup. Nice trick.

Due to vacation trips and numerous other reasons our June meeting won't be until June 27, at the Basses in Malvern, Iowa.

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* SOUTHEASTERN SECTION *
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CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Sara Payne
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Many thanks to Anne Briscoe for the following report of the Carolinas Chapter meeting on May 30th.

Kathleen O'Brien was hostess at the beautiful "Bluffs Plantation" at Moncks Corner, S. C. A lovely luncheon was served in the "Aeronautical Clubhouse", after which we adjourned to the main house for our meeting. Those present were: Kathleen O'Brien, hostess, Dorothy Shackelford and 49½'er, Amalie Stone, Caroline Hembel and 49½'er, Alma Tharp, Freddie Hays, Jewell Bailey, Anne Briscoe. Two guests were present. None of the North Carolina members were able to attend, being weathered out. After a short business meeting we were shown around the plantation.

Amalie Stone is engaged to Bob Nance of Columbia. She is planning a trip to England and Europe this summer, leaving around the end of June. --- Louise Smith, Burnette Spencer, and Anne Briscoe are planning to go to the Southeastern section meeting in Miami, June 4th, through 6th and to tour Havana, Cuba on the 7th.

Our next meeting is to be with Caroline Hembel at Saluda, S. C. --- land at Batesburg Airport. Weather permitting the meeting will be on her houseboat on Lake Murray.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Jan Moffat
562½-27th St., Oakland, California

The Bay Cities Chapter of the 99's met 21st of May at the Bay Meadows Flight Lounge for dinner and the monthly meeting, with Pat Gladney acting as hostess. Marion Barnick and Ardele Hawk flew in from San Jose in a Stinson Station Wagon, making their landing "by the light of the moon". The meeting consisted largely of making final arrangements for the part the 99's would take in the California Flyers Conference.

The California Flyers Conference was held at Coyote Point, San Mateo, May 29, 30 and 31 with a fly-in fiesta at Half Moon Bay on May 31. The conference consisted of panels and discussions, by many well-known persons connected with aviation, luncheons, recreation, and dancing at Bay Meadows Jockey Club on Saturday night. The conference as a whole was a great success. Fran Grant was chairman of the committee for making arrangements for the conference and a well earned and deserved vote of appreciation is to be extended her for her much devoted time, energy and efforts. The 99's were also on the committee and acted as hostesses. The first prize at the Half Moon Bay Fly-In Fiesta, a suckling baby pig, was won by Ruth Movchan, which immediately created a housing problem. The solution was arrived at and Elinor Wagner will keep the pig at Los Gatos until it is nice and fat, and then Ruth will donate it toward a very promising barbecue.

On May 14, the Bay Aviation Committee held luncheon and an opening meeting at the Naval Air Station, Alameda for members and guests. Members and guests were given permission to land on the station, and from the 99's Ruth Movchan arrived in an Erco and Marion Barnick in a Stinson. A tour of the station was conducted after the meeting.

We were very happy to welcome Ruth Wakeman at our meeting at Bay Meadows. Ruth has been unable to attend our previous meetings, but hopes to be present at more in the near future.

Helen Massinter had lunch in San Francisco with Jesse Ostrander, who is from the San Diego Chapter.

Marj Fauth, whose business necessitates her flying to various airports throughout the state and into other states, is planning to cover various fields in Nevada during the first week of June. Marj has recruited two members from Turlock for the Sacramento Chapter.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Coral Bloom
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On Friday late afternoon, May 14th, Wanda Daniel, our newly elected chairman, was hostess to the Sacramento Valley Chapter 99's at her apartment on Branstetter Airport, Sacramento. She served a really "super" buffet supper of cold fried chicken, potatoe salad, etc. and her exceptional specialty of fresh strawberry cream pie!

Those "flying in" to enjoy the hospitality included Leah Johnson and Eleanor Verkuyl in Eleanor's Cessna, "Wistful Angel" from Lodi; Louise Benna from Red

Claremont Hotel, Berkeley were especially nice and were participated in by 99's from several California chapters, movie celebrities and flyers from all of California, as well as neighboring states.

Our next two meetings were planned for Tuesday, June 15th luncheon in Sacramento and breakfast flight around July 4th to Oroville centennial celebration.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Mirriam Edelman
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The "Merry" month of May has been a busy one for the San Diego Chapter, with the completion of our first Air Marker and lots of wonderful social activities.

The roof of the Escondido Lemon Association's Packing Plant at Escondido was the 'rendezvous' Sunday, May 23, when 99's Amelia Changnon, Julie Hale, Stella Laverents Evelyn Briggs, Isabel Ebel and Mirriam Edelman, ably assisted by WNAA member Katherine Lamb, and 49's: Bob Hale, Sid Leverents, Bob Briggs met to complete the huge airmarker which now adorns the roof of that building. In order to get up to the roof, you had to walk up three flights of stairs through refrigerated rooms, then up a ladder, and through an opening that was only that big! Brr! Never have I seen so many lemons! A photographer from the San Diego Journal was on hand to snap pictures of us as we worked with two spray guns (powered by portable electric motors) to paint the 40 foot letters. This airmarker is one of the largest of its kind in the country.

Social activities were many and interesting in May. The weekend of May 15 and 16, San Diego 99's Julie Hale, Amelia Changnon, Betty Lambert, and Isabel Ebel; and 49's Bob Hale, Al Lambert and Bob Changnon drove to Wilmington Harbor to join members of several other Southern California Chapters aboard the Monsoon, the beautiful 104 foot yacht owned by Carolyn and Jack West, for a cruise to Catalina.

Hardy San Diego 99's left their comfortable cabins and spent Saturday night on deck under the stars. There are so many things to do and see on Catalina, the Island is like a "small edition" of Hawaii, and is really beautiful. They visited the Bird Park, took the Skyline Drive, swam in Avalon Bay, sun bathed on deck, and in general just had a wonderful weekend. All 'hands' came back with beautiful suntans.

The social meeting at Julie Hale's, Wednesday, May 19, was a huge success, as Julie's parties always are. This one was a Circus Party, with "concessions". Most fun was the balloon busting game--with darts made of match sticks, pins and strips of paper. Sound movies were shown by a flight instructor from Gibbs Field. They were about flying, of course, and were very good.

Well that's about all for this time, but we're looking forward to seeing you at the Country Fair at Gillespie Field, El Cajon, June 4, 5 and 6.

AGAIN WOMEN FLIERS COVER THEMSELVES WITH A CLOAK OF GLORY By Blanche Noyes

The 99's Second Annual All-Woman Air Show, held June 5-6, 1948, at Amelia Earhart Field, Miami, Florida, was a success artistically as well as financially. The first interesting feature of the Air Show was the running of three air derbies, in which competition was keen. The transcontinental air derby from Palm Springs, California, to Miami, was sponsored by our esteemed member, Jacqueline Cochran. The winner of this derby was Frances Nolde, of Reading, Pennsylvania, flying a new Ryan Navion. Runners-up were Dorothy Krovoska, of Stockton, California, flying a Bellanca, Helen Greinke, of

Bloomington, Illinois, flying a Cessna 140, Jean D'Ambly, of Palm Springs, California, flying a Stinson, and Darline Thurmond, of North Hollywood, California, and Betty and Claire McMillan, of Santa Ana, California, flying Cessna 140's. The Nolde Derby, from Westchester, N. Y., to Miami, was sponsored by the Nolde Hosiery Company of Reading, Pennsylvania. The winner of this race, which was adjudged on a formula basis, was Kay Menges, of Norwood, New Jersey, flying a BT-13. Mary Morrison, of New York City, flying a DC-3; Betty Haas, of New York City, flying a P-39; and Alma Harwood also from New York City, flying a Stinson 150, placed second, third and fourth respectively. Only two ships were entered in the Dallas-Miami Derby, which was won by Irby Keen, Velma Woodward, Broneta Davis, and Inez Ross, all of Oklahoma City, flying a Stinson Stationwagon. Runner-up was Gladys Kefauver, of Dallas, flying a Cessna 140. Unfortunately, there was no sponsor for this race, so the winners were not presented with a cup, but they certainly have the congratulations of everyone.

The official ceremonies of the Air Show in Miami were opened with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner, followed by a "Parade of Airplanes" with many types of ships flying over the field. This was followed by a 65-horse power race, sponsored by Harvey Bell's Club Bali, in Miami, and Ginney Wulff, of St. Augustine, Florida, flying a Taylorcraft, was proclaimed winner, with Beverly Whitfield of Orlando, taking second honors with her Aerocraft; Phyllis Witty, of Miami, placing third with her Cub; and Helen McBride, of Apopka, Florida, placing fourth, with a Luscombe.

Betty Skelton's precision and low exhibition flying was beautiful and could not be criticized by even the best man aerobatics pilot. Kaddy Landry, too, gave a fine exhibition of her aerobatics skill. Cary Bayley performed her maneuvers both in a clipped-wing Cub and in her tiny midget racer which, even as petite as Caro is, she literally "put on" as one would a glove. We hear so much of how tricky these tiny ships are, and I have always held my breath while they were taking off and landing at the National Air Races and last year at the Miami Air Races, but Caro never faltered for one minute on the take-off, and her aerobatics were the type that made me wish I wasn't sitting on the sidelines. When she came in to land, she greased the ship down as pretty as any landing I have ever seen made. The aerobatics contest, which was judged over the two-day period by a system of points given for each type of maneuver flown, was won by Caro. The Betty Carstairs Trophy for this event was presented to Caro by Miss Carstairs, herself. Truly, I don't know how the judges were able to select a winner for the aerobatics contest, for each of the girls put on a beautiful show. Beverly Whitfield, though not in the competition, also demonstrated a fine knack for aerobatics, which we all enjoyed. We're expecting big things from you, Beverly.

Kaddy Landry, with her "Jato" take-off (where that Stearman goes up like a homesick angel) thrilled the crowd as she has been doing all over the country. Likewise as thrilling was her dash in an AT-6 through a wall of fire. Kaddy went through the fire so fast on the first day of the show that she even put out the flame.

Equally as thrilling, and showing beautiful flying technique and judgement, was Betty Skelton's act of cutting a ribbon with the wings of her ship from an altitude of 20 feet. The ribbon was fastened between poles held by two of the girls.

Everyone was amused at the Flying Farmer Girl act put on by Vera Prevette in her Cub, which was done very well, and we finally got poor Vera down on the ground after only eight bounces.

Last, but not least, was the delayed parachute jumps by Kitty Hayes, one of which, on Saturday, was made in an extremely gusty wind, but which she executed beautifully and skillfully.

A cocktail party was given Saturday evening by Lord Calvert followed by a banquet at which awards for the cross-country races and first day's close course race were presented. Miss Cochran made the presentation of her trophy for the transcontinental derby to Mrs. Nolde. The Lucille Wright trophy for piloting from the farthest distance went to Mary Nelson of Palm Springs, California, who was not entered in any race or derby but flew to the show in her Bonanza. The

Woman's International Association of Aeronautics Award, The Lady Drummond-Hay Trophy, was awarded to the New York-New Jersey Section of 99's for having the greatest number of planes entered in any derby and arriving at Miami. Aline Rhonie won the outstanding pilot trophy. Jesse Bristow, on the basis of his achievements in aviation, was selected as Aviation's "Man of Distinction" for 1948, and was presented with the Lord Calvert Award for this coveted title. Also at the banquet, and in attendance during both days of the air show, was dear, sweet, Mrs. Earhart, who was a real trouper and is loved by us all.

The second day of the races was opened with a handicap race for planes from 86-125 horse power, with threatening skies and low-hanging black clouds all around the field, which we all sat and prayed would hold off. Boy, do we live a good life -- for the weather did not interfere with the flying. This second day was a repetition of the first day's schedule, with the exception of the handicap race and the AT-6 race. The handicap race was won by Mary Tracy, of Miami, flying a Cessna 140, with Darline Thurmond, of North Hollywood, California, Jean Landis, of Stephens College, Columbus, Missouri, both flying Cessna 140's, Caro Bayley, flying an Ercoupe, and Helen McBride, flying a Swift 85, placing second, third, fourth, and fifth, respectively. The AT-6 race was won by Kaddy Landry, with Betty Skelton running her a close "second" with only three seconds difference in time, and Grace Harris, of Kansas City, Missouri, taking third place honors, followed by Peggy Lennox, of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Bella Heinaman, of New York City. I was particularly interested in this race because this humble writer had sponsored it. A beautiful trophy was given for the race by the Florida Air Pilots Association, and it was my privilege and pleasure to give this to Kaddy Landry.

The AT-6 race brought down the curtain on the Second Annual All-Woman Air Show, with a perfect score--no accidents and no violations. And everyone had a fine time at the "Thank God It's Over" party that night.

Up to this point, I have been talking about the pilots, but I believe that a lot of credit should certainly go to the timers and judges of the races who never left their posts for one minute. No judge on the Supreme Court could have taken the job more seriously than did these very fine girls, who, at no time, allowed personal feelings to enter into the judging. Hats Off, too, to Ellen Gilmour, for the grand job of announcing she did during the two days of the show. Ellen was on her toes the whole time, describing the various maneuvers which were being performed, and introducing the guest speakers, and her efforts were certainly appreciated by everyone. Last, but by no means least, I should like to mention the untiring work of Gladys Pennington, Chapter Chairman of the Florida 99's, and Vivian Ropes, General Chairman of the Florida Chapter, both of whom worked very hard on the show for the past year. And, naturally, they could not have done the job they did without the fine cooperation of their various committees.

At a national aviation meeting a year or so ago, I heard a woman make a speech about women fliers looking like bums at airports. I wish that woman could have been present to see these charming, well-groomed girls and women who were at the air show. Any one of them could have taken a prize for the best dressed woman in America, and I am sure that wherever A.E. is that she was looking down June 5-6 with pride, and I know she would say, "Congratulations, girls, a great job well done."

Editor's Note: Am sure few of you know, but all will be interested in learning that we have Blanche Noyes, charter member of the 99's, to thank for the AT-6 race. There was no sponsor for this race even as late as Saturday morning, June 5, and Blanche, very generously and unfalteringly came to the rescue and donated \$1,000 of expense money necessary to guarantee the successful conduct of the race. Thanks a lot, Blanche. It is because of people like you that we are proud to be 99's.