

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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5th OF EACH MONTH

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CONVENTION NEWS!!!

Ninety-Nines Annual National Convention, August 27 through 29, 1948, Kansas City, Missouri.

Friday, Aug. 27

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration

Mezzanine Floor, Muehlebach Hotel

Welcome to Kansas City! Music
Room adjacent to registration desk.
Cocktails from four to six. Gather
and gossip!

10 a.m.

Executive Committee meeting,
President's suite

2 p.m.

Meeting of Governors in President's
suite

6:30 p.m.

Assemble in lobby for transportation
to Hillcrest Country Club.

7:00 to 10:30

Swimming, cocktails, buffet supper
outdoors at beautiful Hillcrest
Country Club. Fun in the lounge
or at the pool after supper.

Saturday, Aug. 28

10:00 to 12:00

Business Meeting, Muehlebach Hotel

12:30 to 1:30

Luncheon

2:00 to 4:00

Business Meeting

4:00 to 6:00

Cocktail Hour (Place to be announced
later)

7:30

Banquet, Muehlebach Hotel Ballroom
Open - Free to go

10:00

Dancing at Continental Hotel "Sky-Hi"
Roof or elsewhere

Sunday, Aug. 29

10:00 a.m.

Sight-seeing tour to points of interest
in and about Kansas City. Ride in
open cars with police escort! Trip
sponsored by Jackson County Sheriff's
Air Patrol.

Please get your reservations to the Muehlebach Hotel as soon as possible, use the form sent out with the July Newsletter. Be sure to state that you are attending the Ninety-Nine meeting. Give approximate time of arrival. Then, if you're going to be later than specified, notify hotel so they'll keep your reservation. Make your reservation by Aug. 17, if possible.

Fill up your plane or car - if any space is available your Chapter Chairman or Section Governor will help secure passengers. Upon arrival at Kansas City make it known that you are Ninety-Nines and take advantage

of free tie-downs offered us.

Bring your 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers along!! Courtesy cards for golf and swimming will be available - they will enjoy the parties and get-togethers, too.

AIRPORT INFORMATION

The Kansas City Local Aeronautical chart is available locally or may be ordered from "The Director, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington 25, D. C." Price 25¢. This new type chart is twice the scale of a sectional chart and shows an area of about fifty miles around the city with airports and terrain features clearly indicated.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. Located immediately northwest of the business district in a loop of the Missouri River. Open to all types aircraft, tower will use light signals for non-radio equipped planes. Small aircraft make left traffic pattern at 800', land in sod areas to LEFT of runway-in-use. Aircraft with two-way communications may request runway landings. Operators along the hangar line north of Administration Building offer free tie-down to Ninety Nines. Bus service from Admin. Bldg. Taxi to hotel 35¢. Kansas City Tower transmits on 278kcs and 118.3mcs, 126.18mcs.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, FAIRFAX AIRPORT. Located immediately northwest of KC Municipal, open to all types aircraft. LEFT traffic pattern for some directions of landing. FLASHING AMBER LIGHT on tower indicates RIGHT traffic pattern. Use runways for landings and take-offs. Plenty of hangar space at Pacific Airmotive, free tie-down. Bus service from Admin. Bldg. Taxi to hotel \$1.00. Fairfax Tower transmits on 278kcs and 119.1mcs, 126.18mcs.

HEART OF AMERICA AIRPORT. Located $\frac{1}{2}$ miles southeast of business district at Highway 40 bridge over Blue River. Free tie-down, free station wagon transportation downtown offered Ninety-Nines by "Aircraft Distributors".

ONG AIRPORT. Located 14 miles southeast of business district. Hourly bus from airport, free tie-down for Ninety-Nines. Limited hangar space available. This is home airport of Grace Harris.

FISHER AIRPORT. Located 12 miles southwest on north bank of Kansas River. Hourly bus service from airport, free tie-downs. Home field of Marguerite and Eddie Fisher.

Make yourselves known as Ninety-Nines wherever you land and you will find courteous and helpful people at all the hangars. Municipal and Fairfax Towers are expecting you and will be helpful if you indicate unfamiliarity with the fields.

Betty Siggs

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Well, the Kansas City girls are all set to welcome you to the heart of America. The personnel at all five airports are eager to serve you and help make your visit a real pleasure. Notice that all five airports offer free tie-downs, Municipal has limited hangar space, while Fairfax has plenty of hangar space available at Pacific Airmotive, while Heart of America offers free station wagon transportation into the city at any time.

Names of your delegates should be mailed to our secretary, Melba Beard, 1981 Meadowbrook Road, Altadena, California in time to reach her before she leaves for Kansas City, August 23rd.

Delegates bring with you---

1. Your delegate card with all required signatures
2. Your 99 membership card for 1947-48 or 1948-49
3. Your airman's certificate with current medical
4. Your constitution - September 1947
5. Your copy of proposed amendments and matters for discussion.

PROXIES - the constitution provides (Article II of By-Laws) that "any delegate unable to attend the convention may entrust her vote to any delegate by a written proxy".

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

If you are a delegate and find at the last minute that you cannot attend, mail your delegate card and proxy card to Melba Beard, Hotel Muehlebach, Kansas City, Missouri and she will turn it over to another delegate of your choice, or at your request she will make the choice. WE WANT FULL REPRESENTATION.

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

Chapter Chairmen - If your chapter has pursued and accomplished some interesting project during the past year, please do bring a report of it to be read to the assembly. Write said report in triplicate.

Belle Hetzel
Your President

An interesting letter from Alaska. Let's hear from more of you who are outside continental United States. Better still, come to the convention and tell us in person. Now for Ruth Hurst's letter from Anchorage, Alaska:

Box 771
Anchorage, Alaska
July 9, 1948

Dear Belle:

It was really a treat to hear from you, learn what you're doing and to know that you're the Ninety-Nines' President. The girls made a fine choice, to say the very least.

I have wanted to start a 99 chapter up here ever since we came, but somehow never got right down to writing a few letters to find out how to do it. Was in Washington last fall with Jim, and while there stopped at headquarters in quest of a little information. However, the girl who could have told me was out of town, and no one in the office at the time knew how to go about it. Since your letter arrived with concrete advice on how to go ahead with it, I am spurred on to renew activities in that direction.

We stayed overnight in Omaha on our way back west, but got in quite late and took off very early so didn't want to make any disturbing, odd hour phone calls. Would love to have seen you then.

I know what you mean when you talk about the bug of owning your own airplane. I don't think I could ever be without one again. I have a 41 T-craft (Franklin) which is my pride and joy. Complete instrument panel (Jim's design) two-way radio, enuf gas for 6 hours and extra special elegant leatherette upholstery in brown and yellow. I flew students on it the first two years that I had it, but there are enuf students around here now who have their own planes to keep me busy so that

I can save the fine T-craft for my own pleasure. It's on floats now, which is really the only thing for summer flying up here. Have been going fishing quite a bit lately, and making trips to our cabin on Big Lake which is about 20 minutes flying time from Anchorage.

Flying is about the only means of transportation up here and there are more privately owned planes per capita here than any other place in the world. We are a little short of roads as you no doubt have heard, and the only main highway ends here in Anchorage. All the little side roads leading out of town are dead-end and not very long.

All the smaller ships go on skis in the winter, and with the exception of school airplanes, most all use floats in the summer. There are so many lakes and rivers that water landings are plentiful. It isn't much different from stateside flying except that we carry more emergency gear with us all the time than a person in the states would have to, and it's necessary to have a knowledge of wind currents around mountains and in the passes. All in all it's very pleasant. Beautiful scenery always. I wish you could see it, Belle. How's for cranking up that fine Cessna and paying us a visit?

I'd give a lot to be able to come to the National Meeting in KC. Doesn't look too likely right at the moment. I do hope you'll write to me again. I was beginning to feel hopelessly out of touch with my Nebraska friends. Give my best regards to Bea Mack, and if you ever see Gwen Hess, tell her I'd like to hear from her.

I'll get on the ball and distribute the applications to the gals around here who are eligible for membership and send them with the dues, etc. to you.

Write again soon, won't you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ruth Hurst

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The following amendments are tentatively proposed by the secretary, based upon correspondence with the three groups concerned.

ARTICLE VIII - Sections

Section 2 (5) Amend to read: New England Section, composed of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, "Connecticut".

Section 2 (6) Amend to read: New York-New Jersey Section, composed of New York and New Jersey.

BUSINESS TO BE PLACED BEFORE THE 1948 ANNUAL MEETING BY THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

1. Setting aside of a travel fund for the use of the president and/or vice-president, to help defray expenses of visiting various chapters.

2. Leading towards a more active part for the vice-president, in our organization, the following suggested duties for this office be discussed.

1. That the vice-president shall, whenever possible, visit chapters, especially in her own area, and in coordination with the president.
2. That the vice-president shall act as a public relations director, including coordinating the activities of each chapter public relations appointee, to the end that the Ninety-Nines as a whole, and the individual member, and all women in aviation, be widely and favorably publicized.

3. That the vice-president shall have charge of a Ninety-Nine news page, which would appear in the NAA National Aeronautics magazine, as long as the Ninety-Nines are affiliated with that organization.

4. That in future the vice-president, possibly sharing some of the official duties of the president, such as directing the work of the nominating committee, and watching the calendar to help the various committees and officers and others with special jobs, get started on time.

5. To make some definite move in regard to clarification of our present status with the NAA and to eliminate by investigative action any undesirable aspects of the affiliation, a full report to be prepared and presented to the 1949 annual convention.

4. Endorsement of the invitation of the N.Y.-N.J. Section to hold the 1949 convention in New York, as a tribute to the founding place of the Ninety Nines.

5. Proposal that a brief mimeographed history of the Ninety-Nines be given to each new member, stating the origin and purpose of the organization.

6. Proposal leading to a motion that a copy of the minutes of every annual meeting be sent to each national officer, members of the Executive Board, each governor, and to every chapter.

7. Clarification of membership and renewal eligibility under changed C.A.A. pilot regulations.

8. Naming of a committee to compile and maintain a history of the Ninety-Nines.

9. Whereas, for two years the Florida chapter of the Ninety-Nines has conducted a successful All-Woman Air Show, and, with the help of the Los Angeles Chapter and the Southwestern Section, the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, it is recommended that since the Ninety-Nines as a whole get tremendous publicity through these activities, that they share in the costs of publicizing the two events, either thru direct donation of a few dollars from each chapter, or from the national Ninety-Nine treasury.

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NOTICE FROM THE SECRETARY

The annual convention of the Ninety-Nines will be held, as most of you now know, at Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 27, 28, 29, 1948, with the business session to be held at the Hotel Wuehlebach, Kansas City on Saturday, Aug 28, beginning in the morning and lasting all day. The meeting is open to all members in good standing, who may take part in the discussions, but only delegates have the right to vote.

It is now time to renew your membership, Sept. 1 being the beginning of our fiscal year; and while you have three months in which to pay your dues before becoming delinquent and losing your membership, lets make it easier on our new officers this year by renewing as soon as you receive your official renewal blank from Washington.

Melba M. Beard

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BUSINESS TO BE PLACED ON 1948 AGENDA FROM NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

1. Invitation from NY-NJ Section for the 1949 Annual Meeting to be held in NYC in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary of the founding of the Ninety-Nines at Valley Stream, N. Y. (See letter to President Hetzel)

2. Request motion be made and voted on that decision

for annual meeting place and month be set before adjournment of the current annual meeting each year so that the section and individual members may make advance plans.

3. Request discussion leading to a motion in relation to the appropriation of a moderate amount of money for stenographic, travel, and similar expenses reasonable to expect may occur in the discharge of presidential duties.

4. Suggest review and discussion of present procedures in the selection of National Officers.

5. Vote to transfer Connecticut Chapter to the New England Section. (See Conn. Chapter request letter)

6. Read report by Selma Cronan on her European trip as a representative of the Ninety-Nines. Also letter from Maryse Bastie, foremost French woman pilot, as interpreted by Mrs. Cronan.

7. Request that there be presented a review of the action taken on votes passed at the 1947 annual meeting in Denver.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION AT THE 1948 MEETING

The Michigan Chapter proposes the following amendment.

To amend ARTICLE V, Section 4 by adding the sentences: "Even tho her chapter is already represented on the Executive Committee, the out-going President of the Ninety-Nines may be a candidate for election to this Committee"

The Michigan Chapter requests that the following matter of policy be discussed by the delegates at the 1948 annual meeting, in the interests of keeping the Ninety Nines the type of organization it has been for nearly twenty years. To be discussed - ARTICLE II, Section 2 (a), ACTIVE MEMBERS. It is apparent that under the present C.A.A. requirements, which makes it necessary only to keep one's physical examination up to date, one need not be an actively flying pilot to keep one's certificate current. The Michigan Chapter believes that all are in accord that ACTIVE membership and its privileges should be reserved for the really flying members. How this can be accomplished with fairness to all is the question for discussion.

C H A P T E R N E W S

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* METROPOLITAN SECTION *
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By Vivian Hoffman
39 Glenwood Ave., Leonia, New Jersey

Our section made a good showing at the All Woman Air Show this year. Augmenting the eight who flew down in the Nolde Derby were Margie Davis who returned to New York from her business in Chicago and proceeded via constellation to Miami; Jerry Smith entrained after the derby publicity got her all the baby sitters she could use; Jeanne Spielberg started her vacation right by attending; Jackie Cochran flew down taking Marge Gray and Margaret Manser with her.

We're proud of Bella Heineman who spent all her time after arrival trying to get an AT-6 in condition, and without trial run, she took to the course with the rest of the contenders for the Blanche Noyes Trophy.

On Saturday, July 24, the weatherman cooperated beautifully in providing a clear, cool, and sunny day for our section to play hostess to some thirty-five Wing Scouts of greater New York and Northern New Jersey,

their leaders, and National Wing Scout Advisor, Beatrice Ecks for a tour of Teterboro Air Terminal. The group was divided into three flights under the guidance of Kay Menges, Margie Davis and Selma Cronan, ably assisted by prospective 99er Marion Nye of Patterson, working diligently on her commercial these days, Amy Ahrens, and Vivian Hoffmann.

The day started off with a tour of the Atlas Sky Merchant, a DC-4 owned and operated as a "Flying Showroom" by Atlas, which had just returned from a globe-circling trip evidenced by the many foreign flags painted on the fuselage. Hangared in "dry dock" in the Willis Hangar where Willis Air Service is checking the engines prior to another jaunt, the group had a chance to study the exhibit and the cockpit under the supervision of Mr. Frank Ferrara, Flight Engineer and Mr. Spear, Willis Engineer.

Marge Gray played hostess to the group at her flight school about noon and demonstrated on one of her Aeronca Champions how to preflight a ship before taking off.

Air Associates kindly supplied the grounds around their plant for a picnic luncheon which included sandwiches, cokes, ice cream and watermelon. We were sorry time didn't permit a tour of the Air Associates plant.

A demonstration of a Link Trainer, with one of the Wing Scouts at the controls, at the Teterboro Instrument Flight Academy was followed by a visit to a Coastal Cargo DC-3, as guests of 99er Mary Morrison who is the ship's co-pilot and has just finished a flight from the West Coast with three very valuable race horses as cargo. They were still trying to get the ship to smell less like a stable when we arrived.

Amy Andrews has been laid up for repairs but it now recuperating we're glad to report.

The New York-New Jersey Section Nominating Committee has been selected as follows: Selma Cronan, Chairman, Alma Harwood, Margaret Manser, Jeanne Oakes and Margie Davis.

On an "airman's holiday" West Virginia 99er Mary Ann Wetherby, who instructs for Pence Airways down there, flew in to visit your reporter and with my Dad we attended the opening of the New York International Airport on Saturday, July 31. The air review and show that followed was something to behold--especially all the newest of jet ships and those terrific Navy "Blue Angels". Toward the end of the airshow preceding the arrival of several light ships, we were delighted to hear the discourse given over the public address system concerning the WASP organization during the war, the Order of Fifinella and its current activities, and noteworthy comments on many of the ex-Wasps actively engaged in many phases of aviation today; among those mentioned were Governor Kay Menges, Marge Gray, Betty Haas and Belle Heinemann. Flying the light ships representing the Order of Fifinella were Betty Haas, Noni Horton, Alice Jean May and Kay Menges Brick.

Encouraging to see that the gals were given their say too.

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* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION *
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MEADVILLE CHAPTER

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

Our last meeting was held at Port Meadville, July 21. Chicken-in-the-Rough was enjoyed by all at Sue's Fly-In-Bar. Ninety-Niners came from Franklin, Titusville,

Greenville and Meadville. For our next meeting we plan to fly to Erie for a beach party, August 14. 49^{ers} will be included. A committee composed of Josephine Shannon and Dorothy Miller were appointed to make arrangements for the gathering.

We are happy to welcome a new member, Sylvia Nesbitt from Greenville. At present she is a student at the School of Air Transportation at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. She has already completed two years of study and is majoring in Flight Option.

Jean Peden is our delegate to the National Convention at Kansas City and Sylvia Nesbitt, our substitute.

Harriette Mosbacher and Marian Freund helped at the gate at the Aerogatta at Erie, Pa.

Dorothy Miller and 49^{er} enjoyed a 10 day vacation when they flew their Stinson Voyager to Denver, Colo. On their way home they stopped to see Mr. Barclay at Des Moines, Iowa who is now a C.A.A. Inspector.

Josephine Shannon has returned from an exciting trip to Alaska. She took several interesting boat trips, one from Seattle to Ketchikan, then to Juneau, capital of Alaska. Points of interest were the Mendenhall Glacier, Skagway, Lake Bennett, trial of 1898, and Sitka, the old Russian capital.

EASTERN PENNA. CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart
819 Ocean Ave., Lancaster, Pa.

July 25, 1948, Sunday, we met at the Valley Airways in York, Penna. with our new members, charming Faye Autland as hostess. We honored our chairman Frances Nolde of Reading, Pa. winner of the Cross-country Womens Race from California to Florida...We presented Frannie with a sterling silver ash tray with the interlocked 99 insignia engraved on it, as our tribute to her as a fine pilot, a grand chairman and a wonderful girl.

The luncheon was held in the pilots lounge and was delicious...Thank you for a wonderful time, Faye. After lunch Frannie told us about the race and we all enjoyed every minute of it. We were glad to see Mrs. Evans from Delaware and her many guests present.

The girls from our chapter that attended the Middle Eastern Sectional meeting in Washington, D. C., July 24th asked me to convey their thanks for the wonderful time they had visiting you girls of the Washington Chapter.

We wound up our year's membership drive and the winners were: First, Jessie Jones Eckhart, Lancaster, Penna. who received as a prize for the most new members added - 1 year dues to 99's paid free; Second, Betty Fisher, Reading, Pa. who won a box of 99 matches. Speaking of Betty Fisher, her new address is: 407 Newport News Avenue, Hampton, Va. Another girl formerly of Reading, Pa. ex-wasp Emily Hiester Harden now residing in Hilo, Hawaii has sent us news that the stork left another baby girl. That makes two future 99ers doesn't it Emily?

Our marriage news this month reports wedding bells for Elizabeth Conley of Lima, Pa. to W. A. Kerr, Jr. Her new address 118 East 23rd St., Chester, Pa. Best wishes to you both. We finally got in touch with Dr. Helen Myers, Lancaster, Pa. and have found that her new 49^{er} is Frank Trout from Elkton, Maryland.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Margaret Vaughan
1026 15th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

The Washington Chapter of the Ninety Nines was hostess to the Middle Eastern Section at Mattaponi Sky Club,

Croom, Maryland July 24th.

After a dip in the pool and a delicious garden lunch, a meeting was held and the sectional officers voted. The new officers are:

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| Governor | Jean Ross Howard |
| V. Governor | Leona McElroy |
| Secretary | Norma Jean Peden |
| Treasurer | Kathryn Moore |
| Membership Chairman | Margaret Vaughan |

Resolutions and plans for attending the National Convention were discussed.

Among the out of town guests were Frances Nolde, Chairman of Eastern Penn Chapter and winner of this year's Women's Transcontinental Air Race; Leona McElroy, Vice Governor, Middle Eastern Section; Elizabeth Warnock, Chairman of Western Penn Chapter; Helen Jones, former Governor of the Middle Eastern Section; Dorothy Faulkner of Wilmington, Delaware who came especially to join the Ninety Nines; Helen McGilvery of Annapolis, Maryland landed as the first lap on a cross country flight and Suzanne Melk noted French sailplane pilot.

The high light of the evening was the dinner at which Miss Blanche Noyes, Chief of the Air Marking Section of Civil Aeronautics Authority, presided as toast-mistress. Guest speaker was Captain Joy Hancock, Wave director. Her message was on "The Opportunities of Girls in Naval Aviation".

Later, over champagne and coffee, the girls gathered in the music room, singing old and new songs accompanied by Mr. Elwood Sager, our host.

Congratulations to the latest commercial pilot in the Washington Chapter--Rosemary Lane! Her next aim will be an instructor's rating.

The National Soaring Society of America Meet held in Elmira, N. Y. will long be remembered by Elizabeth Woodward. Her proudest log book entry reads, "Glider - solo - 15 minutes".

The tentative plans for our next meeting will be held at O'Connor's Seaplane Base in Alexandria, Virginia with a buffet supper to follow at the home of Mrs. Helen Jacobs.

The Naval Air Reserve Training Base Unit has requested the Ninety-Nines to meet in October at the Annapostia Air Base for supper and dancing.

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* NEW ENGLAND SECTION *
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By Mildred E. Morey
22 West Ave., Oak Bluffs, Mass.

On the New England schedule come August first were a fly-in meeting at Plum Island Airport with Regina Wincoza as hostess at a beach party on August 7 and a lawn party and swim, all day, on August 21 at Dolliber's Cove, Marblehead, Daisy Kirkpatrick's home.

Judy Short, our governor, has secured a DC3, so that New England 99'ers can travel in style to Kansas City.

Oak Bluffs Airport operators, Carolyn Cullen and Rachael Williams, entertained a week-end flight group of Ninety Nines, introducing many to the beauty of Martha's Vineyard, Mass. After a lazy Saturday afternoon of swimming and sunning on the beach at Oak Bluffs, 99'ers, 49^{ers}, and a few friends and prospective members drove to South Beach where Rachael and Carolyn had a roaring driftwood fire burning. Pails of steaming littlenecks, dipped in melted butter, were dispatched in record time, while lobsters boiled in a huge copper tub of sea water.

Seventeen hungry pilots dug their heels into the sand around the fire, grabbed rocks and cracked lobsters in the best back to nature fashion.

Helen Mary (Mrs. Gerald Clark, Jr.), owner of the Oak Bluffs Airport, was one of the eight original officers of the WASPs during the war, and flies anything with wings, from Stinsons to P-47 Thunderbolts and B-26's. Regina Wincoza, New England 99-er of Toulon and Paris, was the first woman to fly aerobatically in France, participating in low altitude aerobatics in forty-six air shows and winning a decoration by the Minister of Sport Education in 1937. Miss Wincoza was the first French aviatrix to receive the P.S.V., (Flying without visibility), comparable to our Instructors Rating. She also holds France's glider pilot rating, and served as Lieutenant in the Ferry Service. When the Nazis began their occupation of France, Miss Wincoza remained, and for her excellent work with the French Resistance, won the Cross of War and a citation from Charles de Gaulle in 1945.

Carolyn Cullen, 99-er, veteran of the WASPs, and flight instructor on Navy and Pan American Airways training programs during the war, and Rachael Williams, 99-er and charter pilot, are well known to Vineyard residents and New England pilots for their efficient operation of the Trade Wind Flying Service.

Louise Howard (Mrs. Harry Howard) of Norwood, Mass. was one of the first women in New England to fly and was one of the early 99'ers to answer the call of Amelia Earhart for organization of all women pilots, at East Boston Airport (now Logan) in 1929.

Ruth Anderberg, 99'er, of Boston, is a flight instructor and dispatcher at Revere Airport.

Dorothy Hayes of Boston, flies from Revere Airport, and is a member of the Hub Club of Revere.

A breakfast meeting was held Sunday morning at the Airport Snack Bar, followed by a swim at Edgartown, and take-off, - "a time to date from, - Vineyard Week-end".

Mildred Morey of East Chop, Oak Bluffs, is secretary of the New England Section of 99's, a member of the Martha's Vineyard Flying Club and the Aeronautic Association of Boston.

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* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION *
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ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris
66 S. Cassingham Road, Columbus 9, Ohio

First, we wish to announce the All-Ohio Chapter will have a Registration Desk in the lobby of the Carter Hotel during the National Air Races at Cleveland. Dates are September 4, 5 and 6. Our Registration Desk will be for WASPS and Women Flyers of America as well as Ninety Nines, there will be a fee of \$1.00 for registration. Remember the Ninety Nines Cocktail Party will be on Saturday, September 5 from 7 until 9 p.m., immediately preceding the banquet, in the Spanish Room of the Carter Hotel, Cleveland. Celia Moslo is Chairman of the Air Races for the All-Ohio Chapter.

The best time in a long time was had by all when play and relaxation were the order of the day for July 18. We met at Pepper Ambus' home at Cedar Point. It is a beautiful place, Pepper is a marvelous hostess, and her son Joe, and daughter Maxine did wonders to make us feel completely at home and enjoy everything. Thirty girls had arrived by 10:30 a.m. and we started out with a beverage of every choice, then Joe took us for an hour speed boat ride around the Point. Back to a wonderful turkey dinner, then magician Carlos entertained us with many amazing slight-of-hand tricks. Maxine Ambus is mighty clever with the magic too which she certainly

proved. After that everyone went swimming, sunning, and surf-boat riding. I hear that Anne Blair and Mary Jane Sasala really did all right on the surf-board. Thelma Miller's 49-er Paul brought his Seabee up to the beach and took ten of the girls for rides in three hops. What a day! We started home at 7 that evening after a perfect day, thanks a million to Pepper and her family from everyone of us.

The Columbus Jay-Cees sponsored an airshow at Fort Columbus on July 4 and 5, and an efficiency race for all pilots at 10 a.m. July 5. Seven classes of airplanes were entered and a quite a few 99's piloted them. Ann Heisler in her Bonanza was the feminine winner and to her went the attractive trophy offered by Marjorie Miller, Chapter Chairman. Other 99 pilots were Irene Peters who won in the Cub class, Julie Dearth, Lillian Moore, Sophia Peters, and your reporter DM, all of whom came in second in their class. It was a 106 mile triangular course and it was a lot of fun, the we were all rubber-necks in the pattern with 24 ships at once. The 99's flying had 99's as passengers too.

Ah yes, there has been quite a bit of flying this month as the All-Ohio Air Tour was from July 23 thru 25. It started from Cleveland, to Toronto for the first night, then to Detroit and Toledo the second night, and terminated at Sandusky the third afternoon. The weather at the start might easily be termed lousy, but 63 airplanes made Toronto in spite of it. Mary Oetzel, Ann Heisler, Alice Fuller, Lillian Kokas, and Martha Comisar with Louise Clark navigating flew right on thru. Lillian Moore with Dearth navigating got to Willoughby and had to turn back because of engine trouble. Marge Miller in her new Cessna 140 with Dot Morris navigating met the tour at Toledo the second night, old man weather was against us from Columbus so we stopped at Akron the first night.

August 15 is the date of our next meeting, at Put-in-Bay. Jerry Larkin will be hostess. Rooms for overnight may be reserved thru Jerry.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Charlotte Darlington
R. R. 4, Box 99, Anderson, Indiana

The July meeting was held at Winchester, with Mrs. Myrtle Cox as our hostess.

We had a lovely meal of fried chicken and everything imaginable to go with it. It was really wonderful and Mrs. Cox certainly went to a lot of trouble for us. We had our meeting with fourteen girls (well women then) present.

A nominating committee was appointed with Dortha Hendricks, Virginia Eberhart, and Fern Rinker to determine names for the coming ballot election in August at Rochester. The meeting in Rochester is to be at 11:30 CST and each one is to bring a picnic lunch and Helen House said she would furnish the drinks, soft that is. Rochester Airport is right across the road from Lake Manitou so there will be plenty of entertainment. Each one may take a guest also.

Doris Hert asked us to their place in September. Everyone will eat at Turners Cafeteria and then we will go to their cottage which is 1/4 mile east of Stout Field.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Elizabeth B. Siggs
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June and July have passed quickly here in Kansas City with everyone sandwiching work on convention plans between vacation trips, entertaining, etc.

Our June meeting was held at Chairman Val (Osa) Wyatt's home. Guests were Dorothy Lyon and Elizabeth Inwood (ex-99er). We had a scrumptious spread, thanks to Val and our other good cooks. We all were sorry Grace

Harris could not be present to accept our personal congratulations for bringing home more prize money - this time from the Miami races. We are very proud of that girl and her flying ability.

The July meeting was held at Eileen Root's home. We had our first glimpse there of her new 24 1/2'er, Lawrence Gordon Root. At that meeting we established Associate memberships for the Kansas City Chapter and voted to ask Mrs. Elizabeth Inwood and Miss Dorothy Lyon to honor us by accepting such membership. Both have had long association with the Ninety-Nines and flying and we are happy indeed to have their interest and aid in Ninety Nine activities here. We are also happy to welcome into the Ninety-Nines our new member, Rena Ryan. She is active in local flying groups and we are glad to add her to our small chapter.

August plans include participation in an all day flight sponsored by the Heart of America Flying Club on Sunday, August 22. Nearby chapters note and join us if possible. The plans call for flying to Springfield, Missouri, by ten o'clock for breakfast, then on to Warsaw, Missouri for lunch.

We have had several conferences here with Belle Hetzel on convention plans. Things are shaping up nicely and we think you gals will really enjoy your stay in Kansas City. We'll do our best. So bring your 49 1/2'er and fill up your plane or car and be here Friday, August 27. See you all then ----.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Virginia R. Vinsand
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The members of the Upper Iowa Chapter of 99's were guests of Verna Mae Prohaska in Waterloo for our July meeting. This turned into quite an affair when the D-X Products Company of Waterloo joined in to entertain us. A very clever D-X eversharp and small leather bound data books-gifts of Terry Flying Service of Waterloo-were found at each place at our very pleasant luncheon table. Later a unique film on Rudy and Ruby of the D-X oil products was shown. This covered the complete refining process of oil through story form.

Several interesting flights were made during the past month. Our chairman, Bernie Eno and your reporter made a trip into Chicago in the Eno's Aeronca Chief. Just for fun and it really was just that. We dropped into Dubuque's new airport enroute and due to chance, two newspapermen were around to snap our picture and put it on the front page of the home paper. Betty Barben of Spencer flew to Fort Dodge recently to finish two more of her commercial test exams. With only a short ways to go we're all wishing her well. Inez McAllister made a jaunt into Fort Dodge from Decorah and spent a short while talking with Winifred Eno of our chapter.

Ruth Shimons of Pocahontas has been keeping quite a scrapbook of our chapter happenings and we're looking forward to getting a glimpse of it soon. Winifred Eno and her 49 1/2'er are returning to Fort Dodge from their home up north and she'll be back with us before too long. We hope to see Millie Burt, our secretary, with us again when we have our get-together in Sac City in August as guests of Buelah Frotscher.

Our airmarking projects are going full speed ahead. That girl Bernie was really in there plugging this month when she was guest speaker for the Fort Dodge Exchange Club. She devoted her talk to airmarking and we may receive some cooperation through it. By the way, Bernie walked off with our trophy last month. Next month, I wonder--competition is really getting rugged now. Next meeting in Sac City on third Sunday of the month.

* SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION *

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Marilyn Nordstrom and Donna Morris

Our last meeting was held at Kati Kelly's and Marion Wurster's new apartment--business and beer. We welcomed back into the fold Mae Boettcher, who with her husband has been in Honolulu for the past several months. They returned on the S. S. Lurline, which was a troop ship during the war. Mae informs us that they were advised that \$20,000,000 was spent in converting this ship to peacetime travel, and she and Charlie spent all five days trying to find where the \$20,000,000 was! Mae returned with one of those beautiful tans you drool about.

Our sincere good wishes go to Grace Mayfield and her 49 1/2'er George, who have just moved to Sterling, Colorado where they will both instruct at the Western Aviation, Inc. flying school, which is owned by our Naomi Jackson. The Denver gals are mighty sorry to lose our vice-president--but we know it is a fine opportunity for them.

Our big piece of news is that Jane Nettleblad, our treasurer, presented us with a new 24 3/4'er on July 12, William Lowell. Husband Swede is already giving him some ground school courses!

Dorothy "Calf-Ropin" Thompson recently flew a 150 pound Hereford calf into Denver in her Stinson, from a ranch near Snowmass, Colorado. Dot says the look on the line boy's face at Denver airport, when the calf was unloaded, was something worth looking at. Incidentally, Dot just returned from an extended fishing trip in the Canadian Rockies. Their mode of transportation was many and varied--first by plane, then station wagon, canoe and finally pack train.

Glamour Gal Jo Trinder, Durango, Colorado, had quite a thrill the other day. Twentieth Century Pictures are filming "Sand" near Durango, and Jo flew the male star, Mark Stevens, over our mountains on a sight-seeing trip the other day. Bet he got as much kick out of it as did Jo.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Bass
Malvern, Iowa

Our July 11 meeting turned out to be a dillie. The Radio Range said our weather would be perfect so we all flew along having to do a bit of hedge hopping while listening to the radio tell us that the ceiling was 1500 ft., but who are we to call them liars?

After we all gathered at the Airport we were driven 8 miles out to the Lake where a fried chicken buffet luncheon was waiting for us. Later in the afternoon a kind friend was waiting to take us all rides in his speedboat all around the little islands and sightseeing in general.

Our May trophy was awarded to Wilda Wilson for the most flying points. She just bought a new Cessna and went to work. Keep it up gal! At our business meeting we appointed our delegates for the National meeting, ordered our books from the Southwestern Section, worried about our finances and discussed several amendments and suggestions for the Kansas City meeting.

Hate to mention it for fear it will spoil something but the last two meetings everyone has FLOWN in. That's more like a flying organization. Right?

This month has really been active in the flying world. A week ago I attended a show at Shenandoah, Iowa to hear on the P. A. that our Byrdie McBride had won a prize

for flying the farthest distance. (Cedar Rapids, Nebr.) Then on Aug. 1, attended the NO. Omaha Airshow and got to see Laura Russell and Marge McBride. Hope to see a lot of the gals that I met in Denver and Miami, in Kansas City, I'm sure we will have a grand time.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Mary Francis
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The Oklahoma Chapter held its regular July meeting at Downtown Airpark, Oklahoma City and elected the following new officers:

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| Chairman | Elizabeth Sewell |
| Vice Chairman | Ida Carter |
| Secretary | Mary Francis |
| Treasurer | Bety Smith |

On August 1 a breakfast was held at the home of Velma Woodward in honor of the women that are taking flying instruction, so that they would know who and what the 99s are before they become eligible for membership. It was a very satisfactory meeting for all concerned and several prospects, with licenses, were even flushed out in the statewide search for the women students. We plan to make it a yearly event. At this meeting Irby Keen, Broneta Davis and Velma Woodward told us all about the Miami-All Women Air Show which they attended, enroute from Oklahoma to Washington, D. C. by Stinson.

One of our old stand-by members, Dorothy Pressler Morgan (Mrs. Merrill Morgan) has moved to Florida for the next few months, where her husband is with the CAA. Her address is 7327 Harding Ave., Apt. 5, Miami Beach. We shall be glad to welcome her back to Oklahoma this fall.

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* SOUTHEASTERN SECTION *
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SOUTHEASTERN SECTION ANNUAL MEETING
September 18 and 19
The General Oglethorpe Hotel
Savannah, Georgia

A delightful vacation spot for entertainment and recreation. Facilities include, an 18-hole golf course, a fresh water swimming pool, tennis, boating and fishing. The Bilhobbs Airport of Wilmington Island, about 1/2 mile from the hotel, is a grass field in good condition, the short runway is 2300 feet, and the long one 3300 feet.

Make your own reservation at the General Oglethorpe Hotel. The Section will hold a business session, Saturday afternoon, September 18. The regular meeting of the Carolinas Chapter will be held Sunday morning, September 19. The rest of the time will be devoted to getting acquainted, relaxing and just having fun.

The Section extends a cordial invitation to all 99's to join us at our meeting--and vacation.

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SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Coral Bloom
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The Sacramento Valley Ninety Nines gathered in Oroville for a luncheon meeting in July with the writer as hostess. Dorothy Grieve flew in from Hawthorne, Nevada in a Cessna. Wanda Daniel, Chairman, arrived in a

Luscombe from Sacramento. Helen Gatewood and Doris Henry flew up from Turlock. Gerry Michelsen piloted her Belanca from Marysville with Doris Perkins and Delores Morton as passengers. Louise Sue of Live Oak, wife of local airport operator assisted the hostess.

The highlight of the afternoon was the interview of the group by Arden Booth, manager of local radio station, KGAN. He chatted with each girl on the air bringing out her interesting personal flying experiences.

The business of having a display at California State Fair in Sacramento in September representing all California 99s was discussed. The next meeting was planned for August 24 in Lodi with Eleanor Verkuyll as hostess.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Eleanor Wagner

While many of you Ninety-Nines around the country may be "burning up" the atmosphere with your respective activities, we here in the Bay area have been losing no time either.

To start off the current flare for going places and doing things, the Bay Cities Chapter and guests participated in a most interesting and informative tour of the United Airlines maintenance base at the San Francisco Airport on July 23. Our hostess for the evening dinner and tour was Ninety-Nine member Dorothy Monohan, who is employed at the base. United supplied guides who explained to us the seemingly complicated workings of this huge plant, the largest of its kind in the world. After the tour, we all rested our weary feet and completely forgot the aches and pains as we enjoyed one of the airline's own movies (in color) of the Hawaiian Islands. A very short business meeting followed presided over by our chapter president, Esther Haney. We are formulating plans that we hope will lead to an impressive representation of West Coast Ninety Nines at the coming convention in Kansas City.

On August 1, we performed what could be termed a real service to our community. Twenty-Eight of us banded together in another of our air marking jaunts. This time Mendocino, California was our destination. Transportation in a C-47 was furnished us through the courtesy of Southwest Airways---pilot, co-pilot and public relations officer included. You can imagine what a popular trio they were!

Jerry Masinter did a bang-up job of carrying out the details and publicity from here, while Ethel Sheehy took over as hostess at the receiving end. Incidentally, the co-pilot took a back seat with the rest of us while Jerry flew the C-47 to Mendocino. On the way home, any of us who so desired had a turn at the wheel. It was a beautiful day, a great trip, and---such hospitality!

The whole county must have turned out to lend a hand toward making us feel at home. The AOPA and the Chamber of Commerce were happy to see us and prepared a lunch that proved to be one of the most delightful remembrances of the day. It certainly gave us the added zip that we needed to carry out the job.

Dr. John R. Upton, who is chairman of the air marking committee in this area, was also present and worked right along with the rest of us. In addition were camera men and reporters from the newspapers here. All in all, this was a well-planned event of which we can all be proud; and one that we hope to be able to repeat over and over and over again in the future.