

# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

October 4 sure crept up on me. Tomorrow is the dead line for the News Letter, and unless I can get my column in I can't expect you to get your News Letters in on time. I know how I have always looked forward to reading the News Letter, and when some chapter or column had no news, I was very unhappy for I felt someone might be ill. I know hundreds of other girls are just as eager to know what you are doing, so let's give them the news.

Your President dashed to Los Angeles, representing CAA of course, to the "kick-off" luncheon of the Order of Fifinellas (former WASPS.) They are a great group of girls and have my sincere admiration. Many of the girls are Ninety-Nine Club members and a great number were members before they entered the WASPS. The memorial service at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, in Hollywood, for the 38 WASPS who gave their lives for their country was beautiful.

From Los Angeles to San Diego for a banquet sponsored by the Aviation Committee of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce. And to say that I was happy at seeing the San Diego Ninety-Niners is putting it mildly. You should have heard the nice things that the Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee members told me about the swell job the girls were doing on air marking. My only regret was that I was not able to stay a few days and get to know the girls.

Then San Francisco and the Ninety-Nine Club meeting. It was like old home night, for I knew many of the girls and enjoyed meeting the new ones. Your new Treasurer, Marjorie Fauth; Esther Haney; and one of the outstanding past Presidents, Ethel Sheehy came down and we solved a number of problems and packed months of work into a few hours--but those girls are really workers.

Then on to Vancouver, British Columbia, for the Northwest Planning Conference where I spoke on Air Marking. It was a splendid conference and many international aviation problems were brought out and I am sure much good will come as a result of it. Naturally I got my greatest bang out of the CAF Vampire, a jet job. They told me I was the first woman to get in one--m-m-m-m--sweet!

Back to Washington for the celebration of the turning over of the Piper Cub to the Girl Scouts, and what I mean, the Washington Ninety-Niners did an outstanding job. The Navy put on a beautiful show for us. More about that elsewhere.

The past week I have worked twenty hours out of every twenty-four, for my position with CAA is very demanding, not to mention the fact that we are in the throes of reorganization. I have also been trying to work out a few new ideas for the Ninety-Nine Club, to meet the Club's growing needs. And speaking of growing, have you your new member? I have! Presented

the name of the new member to the District Chapter. Let's double our membership by Christmas.

I have been slow in appointing committees, as I wanted to be sure just what the Ninety-Nine Club members wanted and I wanted to select girls who would be willing to work and work hard. Now I am ready to present names to the Board for action--and what a wonderful Board I have. There would be no excuse if we don't go to town this year.

I leave in the morning for New York and Boston, so must say "good night"---NO. It's "good morning."

Blanche Noyes  
President

#### THE 1948 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

As announced at the Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Jean Hixson of Akron, Ohio was chosen by the judges to receive the 1948 Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award of \$200.00.

The men who selected Jean from among the various applicants were:

Colonel Cass S. Hough, Chairman of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission, President of the Daisy Manufacturing Company of Plymouth, Michigan, pilot and airplane owner for many years, Colonel Hough was commanding officer of the Combat Research Section of the 8th Air Force in England during World War II.

Colonel C. V. Burnett, Manager of Detroit City Airport, second busiest airport in the country, Marine Corps pilot in both World Wars, Operations officer at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, Manager of the Curtiss-Wright School of Aviation at Grosse Ile, Michigan until it closed in 1932.

Mr. Mac J. Brian, Managing Director of the Windsor Flying Club, which is a member organization of the Royal Flying Clubs of Canada. Mr. Brian is a man with years of experience in training both military and civilian pilots for the Canadian Government.

Jean is the first of the Award winners who will not be using the Scholarship money for further flight training. She has all the ratings, single, multi-engine, instructors's, control tower operator, etc. already. With all this wealth of experience, Jean has come to the conclusion that she can do more for the advancement of aviation by fitting herself to participate in the Air Age Education Program. So she is giving up her commercial instructing, and has enrolled as a student at Akron University in order to complete her requirements for a degree in Education preparatory to teaching aeronautics in a high school or college.

Alice H. Hammond, Chairman  
Amelia Earhart Memorial  
Scholarship Trustees

#### C H A P T E R N E W S

##### NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Lois Fairbank  
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On September 13th we had our first fall meeting to plan our new year. In addition to hearing all the news about the annual convention held in Kansas, we have started the ball rolling for the 1949 convention to be held here in New York. We're getting set for the big affair.

The new officers for the New York-New Jersey Section are: Lois Fairbank, Governor; Jeanne Spielberg, Vice Governor; Bella Heineman, Secretary; Sue Sivade, Treasurer.

Jacqueline Cochran was present at our meeting and told us about a new timing device, on which she has spent much time, which will be used in the future for the Cleveland races. The speed and close records of the planes entered seem to warrant a more accurate method than those used previously. Our congratulations to you Jackie for the splendid race you flew.

We welcomed to our group Barbara Southgate Parker who has transferred from Connecticut; Ruth Granger from New England; and Helen McChesney who is a new member.

Bessie Owen, who wrote the book "AERIAL VAGABOND", is in New York for an extended visit and dropped into our meeting. We hope that she will come often so that we may get some first-hand stories of her flights.

On Saturday, October 2nd, the Ninety-Nines were the guests of Novetah Holmes Davenport and Claude Dilworth at the Dobbs Ferry Seaplane base. We had a wonderful time. Al Bennett, of the Westchester County Airport, came over in a pontoon-equipped Aeronca and gave demonstration flights. Among our guests was Louis Vogel, an old time stunt pilot.

After the flights we attended a dinner and were formally greeted by Mr. Dilworth, Mr. Pierce a representative of the Dobbs Ferry press, and Mr. Monahan, a representative of the mayor of Dobbs Ferry. After the dinner Mr. Dilworth extended to us an invitation to return to the base to see aviation movies which he shows every other Saturday night to his club members. A grand idea!

Key Menges Brick and her 49<sup>year</sup> flew in the BT 13 to the AOPA meeting at Rehobeth Beach, Delaware. Helen McChesney has just gotten her commercial rating. Eileen Bristol has gotten her seaplane rating from Lillian Putnam and Betty Condict, Ninety-Niners who run a base at Blaisdell Lake, New Hampshire. She promptly went from Gander Lake with her Mother, also a pilot, and has pictures to prove that she fish grow mighty big up that way.

A new shipment of Ninety-Nine matches has been received and the matches are ready to be shipped at your command. With freight rates likely to rise, order your matches NOW and have more profit left.

And from your new governor, Greetings to all and a warning to the New York-New Jersey gals that there is a big and busy season ahead.

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\* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION \*  
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##### WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Margaret Vaughan  
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The National Youth Day Air Show sponsored by the Naval Air Reserve Unit, Ninety-Nines Organization and Women Flyers of America attracted several thousand persons. The show was held at the Anacostia Naval Air Base.

Featured in the "Salute to Youth" were the Blue Angels, the Navy's sensational air acrobatic team led by Lieutenant Commander R. E. "Dusty" Rhodes and the spectacular jet team under Lieutenant Colonel Marion Carl. Fighting tactics and acrobatic maneuvers were performed at high speeds. The crowd also witnessed a realistic simulated attack on the air field by thirty six planes.

The program was opened by the arrival of the Girl Scout Cub Plane ferried by Pearle Robinson, Washington Ninety-Niner. Mr. W. T. Piper of Piper Aircraft presented the plane to the local Scout Troops. The plane is to be based at the Anacostia Field and local Ninety-Nine instructors will fly the plane to adjoining civilian fields for the scouts to gain air age education, radio indoctrination, familiarization rides and instruction with the consent of the scouts parents. A radio was donated by the Bendix Radio Incorporation and Sanders Aviation Corporation installed this aid for better coordination with the local traffic congestion.

Mrs. Blanche Noyes, National President of the Ninety-Nines Organization introduced speakers including Rear Admiral John H. Cassidy, Assistant Chief to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Air; Captain Roy Simpler, Assistant Director of Public Relations for Air; Mrs. Adolphus Staton, President of the Washington Federation of Girl Scout Councils; Mrs. Beatrice Ecks, Director of the Wing Scouts; Captain Fredericke Funke, Jr., Commanding Officer Naval Air Reserve Training Unit; Paul Garber, curator of National Museum; Mr. and Mrs. William Piper of Piper Aircraft, Loch Haven, Pennsylvania; J. Walton Colvin of Bendix Radio Corporation; Robert Sanders, President of Sander Aviation Corporation; Lieutenant Frances Bisdal, President of Women Flyers of America; Jean Howard, Governor Middle Eastern Section of Ninety-Nines Organization; and Mary Jane Livingston, Chairman of Washington Chapter Ninety-Nines.

Rear Admiral John H. Cassidy told the gathering civil aviation will play an ever increasing part in the aviation picture of the future and stated he expected to see the Wing Scouts of today flying airplanes such as used by the Navy and Marine exhibition teams.

Mr. Paul Garber requested the Wing Scouts make a model of their plane and stated it would be placed on display in the Smithsonian Institute.

Presentation of wings earned by the Wing Scouts was made by W. T. Piper with Lieutenant Commander "Dusty" Rhodes and Lieutenant Colonel Marion Carl pinning the awards.

The program closed with the first Wing Scout, Brenda Barradell, receiving a ride in the Scout Plane piloted by Ninety-Niner Miss. Claire Callaghan.

Several types of fighters, transports and aircraft engines were on display.

Miss Katherine Stinson, CAA aeronautical engineer, entertained the Washington Chapter in her home in Chevy Chase.

A business meeting was held and plans for the Wing Scout Plane were arranged. A memorial was discussed in honor of Helen McGilvery who was involved in an airplane accident. Plans were presented for a scholarship for a private license to be given each year to a Wing Scout. Ninety-Nine instructors will donate the instruction. A study for further arrangements is being made. Election of officers was held and the following elected:

Chairman	-	Mary Jane Livingston
Vice Chairman	-	Margaret Vaughan
Secretary-Treasurer	-	Pauline Martin
Membership Chairman	-	Rosemary Lane

#### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart  
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The October meeting of our Chapter was held the 3rd of the month in Lancaster, Pennsylvania with Nell Richards, Jessie J. Eckhart and Violette Delp as hostesses. Our theme on the notices was "THE FALL-

ROUND-UP". The luncheon was served to 21 members and guests at the Old Lancaster Airport Restaurant, The Dutch Kitchen. It was good to see our lost Irene Blasdal from Philadelphia again; but, the other Philadelphia girls disappointed us. We had a very charming visitor from the Washington, D. C. Chapter, Miss Margaret Vaughan, who told us a bit about the National Convention and the state of the Ninety-Nines in general. We rounded up: Millie Zimmerman, Reading, who flew in with baby daughter; Mrs. Evans, Dover, Delaware, her husband and several guests; Fran Nolde, Reading, Leona McElroy, Reading; Jane Morris of York, who just recently returned from a summer touring Europe; Georgianna Sees Herdman, and new 49<sup>er</sup> Tom from Philadelphia. (The Chapter gave them a sterling silver ash tray with the Ninety-Nine insignia engraved in the center). Catherine Slocum, Philadelphia, Dot Leh, Allentown, Pennsylvania, were among those missing but sent telegrams. Try to make a meeting soon gals!

Nell and Red Richards, Lancaster are flying via Luscomb, to Cleveland, Ohio, about the middle of October to attend a camera show. Nell and Red are the owners of Richards Photo Shop in Lancaster.

The new meeting will be held November 7th at Dover, Delaware, with Mrs. Ethel Evans as our hostess-----  
SEE YOU ALL THERE!

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Marjorie Cook  
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We are now entering on a new project; that of selling a set of 8, 12 oz. glasses with blue Ninety-Nine insignia for \$3.50. They are very nice glasses with added weight at the bottom for stability. One half of the funds so solicited will go to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, the other one half to the Meadville Chapter. Anyone interested in this fine glassware please make your check payable to the Meadville Chapter of the Ninety-Nines and send to our Chairman Jean Peden, address Port Meadville Airport, Meadville, Pennsylvania. The girls that saw the glass at Kansas City thought it was a swell idea and Jean has already received many requests from all over the country.

Our regular monthly meeting was held at Port Meadville, September 15, at which time all our officers were re-elected. The re-elected officers include:

Chairman	-	Jean Peden
Vice-chairman	-	Mrs. Betty De Vore
Secretary	-	Miss Florence Sells
Treasurer	-	Miss Harriet Mosbacher
Membership Chairman	-	Mrs. Marian Freund
News Reporter	-	Mrs. Marjorie Cook

Jean Peden and Sylvia Nesbitt our convention delegates told us at great length of the perfectly marvelous time they had at the recent Kansas City meeting, and made us all wish we had been fortunate enough to share their experiences.

Sylvia has a beautiful new diamond. The lucky guy is from Hartford, Connecticut.

We agreed unanimously to support the Florida Chapter for an all woman Air Show next year.

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\* SOUTHEASTERN SECTION \*  
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By Sara Payne  
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The beautiful Hotel Oglethorpe on Wilmington Island,

Savannah, Georgia, was the scene of the Southeastern Section Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 18th.

The section is very happy to have a brand new Georgia Chapter, organized on Saturday morning. Our new Ninety-Nines present were: Elaine Vogelvang, Betsy Collins, Marion Scott, Jean Hobbs, and Carrie Lynch, all from Savannah.

From Miami, June Scharrer and Phyllis Witty flew up, traveling the greatest distance to attend the meeting. Ruth Hubert and husband drove from Tampa. The Carolinas Chapter was well represented with 12 bird-women.

At the Section business meeting in the afternoon the following officers were elected:

Louise Smith, High Point, N.C.	Governor
Jane Hilbert, Johnson City, Tenn.	V-Governor
Ruth Hubert, Tampa, Florida.	Sec.-Treas.

Ruth gave the highlights of making the All Woman Air Show in Tampa an annual success, and urged the Chapters to assist in putting on this show.

Following the business meeting, Louise Smith was hostess at a Cocktail Party in the Yacht Club.

To make the day complete, everyone was invited to the Sunflower Room of the Club Royale for a dinner-dance sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol in connection with Air Force Day. Capt. W. G. Hobbs of the CAP - Jean's father - was in charge of the program. Speakers included Colonel T. C. Vance, Colonel George D. Hastings, and General H. S. Hansell.

Between meetings and parties an inviting swimming pool in front of the Hotel caught several, and cameras did their share of catching snapshots for souvenirs. 49ers enjoyed the fun and parties.

#### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Sara E. Payne

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The Carolinas Chapter met in the Whitmarsh Room of the Hotel Oglethorpe in Savannah on Sunday morning, September 19th. The following members attended the Section and Chapter meetings: Caroline Hemble, Louise Smith, Alma Tharp, Betty Hamilton, Kathleen O'Brien, Amalie Stone, Anne Briscoe, Dorothy Shackelford, Jewell Bailey, Sara Payne, Burnette Spencer, Bird Eaton, and Ruth Hubert from the Florida Chapter.

After the minutes were read and the Treasurer's report made, there was a discussion on the Amelia Earhart fund. The Chapter voted to help the Florida Chapter all possible on the All Woman Air Show for next year.

Nominations for officers were heard from the floor, and ballots will be mailed.

The next meeting will be a luncheon business meeting on October 17th in the Sky Room of the Airport 77 Restaurant, Municipal Airport, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Anne Briscoe is going to San Antonio, Texas, to join her 49er, Dick, who is back in the Army. Anne has done a fine job as Chapter Chairman this past year, and has our sincere appreciation. Freddie Hays Grindall, who added the 49er several months ago, expects to be living in Portland, Maine very soon.

The Shackelford's have just purchased a Bellanca Crusair which they like flying around in.

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#### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Elizabeth Watson  
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Mar Monte Hotel in Santa Barbara, California, was the location for the Southwestern Section's annual business meeting, held the week-end of September 25-26, 1948. Much business duly accomplished and much fun duly had was reported by the following members of Los Angeles Chapter who attended: Melba Beard, Margaret Cook, Mardo Crane, Clara Davis, Eileen Evans, Helen Hooper, Irma Story, Helen Thomure, and Carolyn West. Carolyn and her 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Jack "flew" their boat, the 104-foot Monsoon to Santa Barbara for the event. Engine trouble and rough seas made them miss their ETA by a few hours, but do or die, they made it!

The Los Angeles Chapter is off to a bang-up start for the new club year following an organizational meeting held Monday, September 27th, at Mardo Crane's lovely home overlooking the Pacific in Playa del Rey, California. Newly elected officers are: President, Helen Hooper; Vice-President, Irma Story; Secretary, Dorothy West; and Treasurer, Monie Dye. The following appointments were made: Assistant Secretary, Clara Davis; Membership, Gladys Hill, assisted by Dorothy Avery; Program, Dee Thurmond; Publicity & Public Relations, Mardo Crane; and Ways & Means, Carolyn West. Following the business part of the meeting, Mrs. Crane served refreshments and showed us some of her paintings and her very interesting collection of rocks and minerals, including some prize specimens. Highlight of the evening was the breath-taking display of highly colored fluorescent minerals.

A stimulating program is being planned by Dee Thurmond, and from here on out, any of you Los Angeles gals who miss a meeting are going to be awful sorry, so we'll be seeing you.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Mirriam Edelman  
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Electing new officers to guide the San Diego Chapter through the coming year was the business of the evening, when San Diego Ninety-Nines met at the home of Amelia Changnon September 27th.

Amelia turned the Chairman's gavel over to new Chairman Julie Hale. The other new officers are:

Vice Chairman	-	Lois Bartling
Secretary	-	Helen Dick
Treasurer	-	Jean Osborne

We'd like to give a vote of thanks to the retiring officers Amelia Changnon (Chairman) and Julie Hale (Secretary-Treasurer) for the wonderful job they have done in the past year and wish our new officers all the good luck for the coming year.

The Cleveland air races must have been wonderful, judging from the enthusiastic conversation of Julie Hale and Mary Ring. These two lucky gals and their 49ers Bob Hale and Roger Ring flew to Cleveland for the Annual Air Event. This is a "return engagement" for Bob and Julie, last year they flew back east in their Ercoupe - this time they made the trip in a Navion! Speaking of Julie, she was terribly disappointed when last minute mechanical trouble grounded the Navion, and prevented her from attending the Sectional meeting at Santa Barbara September 25 and 26. It seems the trouble was a broken fuel pump which could not be replaced that afternoon.

We were introduced to the charming new Ninety-Nines National President, Blanch Noyes, during her recent, too-brief stay in San Diego. She was Honored Guest of the Chamber of Commerce at a dinner held in the Gold Room of the U. S. Grant Hotel.

Present were representatives of both military and civilian aviation groups. Representative Carl Hinshaw (R. Calif.) was speaker, and he gave a most interesting talk on aviation, incorporating some of his experiences as a member of the War Production Board during the war, and in his present affiliation with the Atomic Energy Commission. We were very sorry that Blanch Noyes had to leave early to catch a plane, we hope you'll come back again-soon Blanch.

Well, that's about 30 for now. Next month you'll have a new Reporter, Lois Bartling. We know she will do a grand job of reporting the San Diego news. Say-you San Diego gals, if you have been doing anything interesting give Lois a buzz, and let her know really, a little cooperation helps a lot!

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#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Jane Templeton Gaines  
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Greetings to all from a whole bunch of new officers and yours truly as the new reporter for the News Letter. The new officers are as follows: Virginia Eberhart, Chairman; Fern Rinker, Vice-Chairman; and Dorothy Perry, Secretary-Treasurer. We all wish these girls the best year ever, and I'm sure each one of us will do our very best to help.

We were right proud of our showing at the National meeting. Helen House Outcalt flew and took with her our new Chairman, Virginia Eberhart and her 49er. Marie Thompson also flew out, attended the meeting, and submitted a very fine report to the chapter.

Our September meeting was held at Doris and Mildred Hurt's cottage overlooking their very own gravel pit near Stout Field, Indianapolis. The first to brave the cold, cold water was, of course, Hunter Von Leer. After our meeting cider and cokes were served and swimming was enjoyed by others besides Hunter. It was a fine day, and quite a number of the girls got in some necessary cross-country hours.

Arrangements were made for our October meeting which is to be a combined get-together with the QB's Indiana Hangar, and will be in the form of a masquerade, and Halloween party.

May we add our best wishes to the new national officers and a great big vote of thanks to Belle and her staff which served so competently during the past year.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Beulah L. Frotscher  
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The second year for the Upper Iowa Chapter is underway after a successful, busy, "first" year.

At our September meeting, the election of officers was held, those elected for the ensuing year are: Ruth Shimon, chairman; Verna Mae Prochaska, vice chairman; Virginia Vinsand, secretary and treasurer. Beulah Frotscher was named news reporter. A hearty thanks to those who served faithfully and well this past year, they were: Bernie Eno, chairman; Ruth Shimon, vice chairman; Millie Burt, secretary and

treasurer; Virginia Vinsand, news reporter; Betty Barton, trophy chairman; Beulah Frotscher, membership chairman.

Virginia is again monopolizing the traveling tray, and -- for the third time. Virginia's latest feat was a record of visiting thirteen central and north-west Iowa airports in a recent Sunday's flying, gaining some of her valuable points. Our contest ended with the fiscal year. With the ending of our first year we have twenty-seven completed airmarkers to our credit and others in process.

We are formulating plans for a special dinner dance to be held probably late in October at which the tray will be awarded.

Our matches arrived and we each purchased boxes. Virginia immediately fell to work as a good treasurer and began campaigning. A price was established so that one-half is allowed for the Amelia Earhart Fund, the other half going to our chapter funds.

Noon dinner was at Treloar's Inn with the barbecued ribs or chicken specialty. We had a one-half attendance with Millie and Betty flying in, also present were Ruth, Virginia, Bernie and yours truly.

Ruth will be hostess to our October 17th meeting in Pocahontas at a steak fry, the 49ers are invited. Fly in and join us, this superb flying weather won't last.

A recent change in management of Eno Flying Service, by Colonel Ellis Eno, has relieved Bernie of responsibilities in his absence, and she now has time to enjoy her Chief and take some skyway jaunts. She made an unusual cross-country flight during the past month. A Yankton, South Dakota, contractor called a Fort Dodge friend saying he was running out of acoustical plaster on a job and heard he could get some here. The friend located some and took it to the airport. Bernie flew to Yankton in a Stinson with seven sacks of the special plaster and arrived just as the workman used the last of the supply on hand.

Win Eno is back in town for a few days with her 49er on business; then back to the woods they'll go, to their cottage on Crane Lake, Minnesota, for deer season. Win is the proud, new, grandmother of Kim Diane Driscoll.

A new picture is going up on a wall in Mr. Barrett's office, President of Fort Dodge Laboratories, Inc., it is that of the beautiful, twenty-foot airmarker on the Laboratories' roof, a project of your writer and her place of employment. After the completion of the marker, trips over the city and building were given to those, who, felt reliant on this secretary and pilot. (I didn't even hold out for a raise when I had the "boss" up either). Eno Flying Service graciously contributed the use of their Cruiser.

We are looking forward to renewing and making new acquaintances at the sectional meeting in Des Moines, October 9 and 10.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Pearl Allen  
Allen Airport, Pontiac, Michigan

Adrian, Michigan, was the September 12 meeting place for the Michigan Chapter of the 99's where our host, Mr. Kenneth Prentess, took all 99'ers and their guests to breakfast.

The weather was grand and the attendance grew to thirty-nine. We all missed Jeannette Sovereign and are sorry that hay-fever keeps her at home this time of year.

Helen Anderson writes about the "Michigan Women in Aviation" for the "Michigan Aviation Digest". If any

99'ers are interested in subscribing for this monthly magazine, and also help a 99'er raise money for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, see Velta Skutt of Jackson.

Our Chapter congratulations go to Jean Hixon on winning the 1948 Amelia Earhart Scholarship.

Velta Skutt and her 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'er went with a group of 17 planes from Jackson to Owen Sound for a week end.

Alice Hammond's guests were Dr. Nowicki and his daughter, Irene. Other guests were Pilot Rita Burns and Instructor Emily Gottschalk of Adrian, Pilots Mickey Pistor and Lois Whitmore of Battle Creek, and Instructor Frances Bera of Marshall.

Sue Wagner has been doing a bit of traveling this past month. She went on two flying trips to Chicago, drove to Niagara Falls and back to Detroit, and also drove to Roanoke, Virginia.

Pat Hallan took in the Air Races at Cleveland, as did Leah Higgins, Barbara Cradit, Lucile Grisier. These pilots were not limited to air travel, Leah Higgins took a cruise in July up the St. Lawrence and Saguenay Rivers, stopped at Quebec and Montreal. Betty Grohman is in Los Angeles to see her relatives leave for Hawaii. Becky Thatcher visited Lake Louise, Alberta, and the Canadian Rockies.

The Sixth Annual National Aviation Clinic will be held in Detroit, October 17 thru Thursday. Monday the 99'ers plan to entertain the ladies attending the Convention and attend a dance in the evening; Tuesday a luncheon and trip to Greenfield Village is scheduled for the afternoon with a cocktail party at night. Luncheon in Canada on Wednesday noon with a banquet at night.

October 17 thru Thursday, Detroit  
November, 2nd week, Muskegon, to elect officers  
December, Alice Hammond's

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#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Anne Blair  
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With almost thirty members present, the All-Ohio monthly meeting at New Holland, Ohio proved to be highly successful. Business under discussion included, the Amelia Earhart Fund, our own election, and the National Air Races. At the National Air Races next year the registration desk sponsored by the All-Ohio Chapter will include registration, information on the Ninety-Nines in Cleveland for the races, and any other service which we can give to the out-of-town Ninety-Nines. All this at no charge so be sure you check in next year.

We were very pleasantly entertained after our home-cooked chicken dinner by Mr. George Truman, one of the two 'round the world Cub flyers. He flew in in the plane he took his jaunt in and we really looked it over. (One of us might try the same trip so we got George to give us the dope on just how he went about it.)

New Holland is in a rural community so the management arranged a show for the local people as well as the Ninety-Nines. Part of it included introducing each Ninety-Nine to the crowd and comments flew thick and fast as each SHY gal had her turn at the mike.

This month we all expect to fly to Lorain, Ohio for a clam bake, country style, which will be arranged by Lillian Kokas.

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\* SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION \*  
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#### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Caroline Rose  
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The crowd is gathering again here in Denver after summer vacations. Betty Clark just returned from the Kendall Trophy Race in Cleveland where she placed fourth for some very welcome prize money. Betty flew an AT-6 type plane owned by Captain T.W. Philpott of Denver. She stayed in Cleveland for two weeks, then flew back to Denver via Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she performed in the air show at the New Mexico state fair.

Bobbie Taflinger reports that she is having a wonderful time in Kansas City at the district convention. Too bad more of us couldn't have gone along for the fun.

The last meeting was held at Claudia Perry's. The committees were instructed for the coming year, and all in all a great deal of both old and new business was cleared up. And after the meeting we made good--if amateurish--use of Claudia's billiard table.

The announced meeting for October (to be held in Dot Schaeffer's den) is shrouded in mystery. We are asked to join the "Yellow Dog Club" with no further explanation except that we are supposed to wear slacks or jeans. Sounds dangerous to me.

We received a letter from Maxine Rediess, who has left us to go to Texas Christian University in Fort Worth. She wants to remain a member of the Colorado Ninety-Nines though she can't come to our meetings. We wish Maxine good luck, but we also wish she could have stayed around Denver a while longer.

#### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Bass  
Malvern, Iowa

Flash! Alice Riss finally shot that stork out of the sky and got herself a little girl at 5:08 a.m. October 2.

Had quite a flying attendance at our September meeting at Grand Island, Nebraska with Janet Roush as our hostess. Only one member drove, Jo Farmer & Tommy Richards from Mt. Ayr, Iowa. Penny Schmer, Wilda and Bernard Wilson and Marguerite Durbin all of North Platte, Marge McBride, Bea Mack, Dorothy Reed, Jane Bay, Lois Boien and Laura Russell all from Omaha. Ruth and Millo German, Irene and Curly Owens from Cozad, Nebraska. Belle Hetzel flew from Avoca, Iowa, Ruth, Al and Kathie Johnson from Crete, Nebraska and Helen, Earl and Pamela Bass from Malvern, Iowa.

We had our election and the following officers were elected: Helen Bass, Chairman; Dorothy Reed, Vice Chairman; Laura Russell, Secretary; Wilda Wilson, Treasurer and our new correspondent will be Jo Farmer.

We had a grand chicken dinner at the Airport cafe and then thanks to Janet and the Army we had some movies which were most enjoyable. Also had our pictures taken for the newspaper.

To start off our new year we are going to join the North Central Section meeting to be held in Des Moines, Iowa October 9 and 10. See you there.

## OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

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Despite the fact that our members have been taking late vacations we held our regular September meeting at Will Rogers Airport and heard reports of the various meetings that our girls have attended.

Ida Carter and Ruth Jones have just returned from a trip to New Mexico after a hard summer of finishing the requirements for their Masters degree at Oklahoma University. Hazel Raines and Delrose Sieber have just returned from Los Angeles where they attended the meeting of the WASPS. Hazel was speaker at the banquet, received a wristwatch for the largest number of hours in a log book and was elected Vice President of the Order of Fifinella.

One of our new members is Linda Magee, who is completing her commercial on the G. I. program at Wiley Post Airport. Our latest member is Mrs. Eves M. Tune, of Winfield, Kansas, who flies through Oklahoma City frequently in her Ercoupe and said she could make all of our meetings.

## TULSA CHAPTER

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The Tulsa Chapter held their monthly meeting September 26, 1948 and a report of the National Convention was given by Cocile Maurer, delegate. All members who were unable to attend were very sorry.

The Chairman, Jewell Pearce made the announcement of the new officers for the 1948-1949 term as follows:

Cocile Maurer	-	Chairman
Jewell Pearce	-	Vice Chairman
Virginia Spear	-	Secretary-Treasurer
Jo Anne Roberts	-	Reporter
Marthelle Best	-	Parliamentarian
Euna Faye Sullenger	-	Membership Chairman

## TEXAS CHAPTER

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Your gadding secretary is home at last but a bit late to report on the Kansas City Convention. Was still on the go when that should have been sent in but we did have a grand time and thanks from the Texas gals - Mary Ann Greer, Martha Ann Reading, Olean Seller, Jimmy Kolp and yours truly - to the Kansas City girls for their hospitality. Sorry some of us couldn't stay for the Sunday morning tour but the weather man changed our minds.

On my way to Kansas City stopped over in Oklahoma City with Mary Francis. She had a picnic that night so I could meet or renew acquaintances with the Oklahoma Ninety-Niners. Got to see Yvonne Warfield, Hazel Raines, Delrose Sieber, Elizabeth Sewell, Velma Woodward, and Vada Lum. Of course eating the grand picnic supper was just a side line. Broneta Davis got rained out but saw her the next day. She picked Mary Francis and I up in her lovely new Stinson and we three flew to K. C. together.

Spent several days with Broneta after the Ninety-Nine Convention then flew with her to Columbus to the National Flying Farmer meeting and on to Cleveland to the Air Races. Being my first trip to the Air Races I still don't have the crick out of my neck from trying to see all of it. We are all proud of Grace Harris for coming in first in the Woman's race. And Betty Skelton's exhibition in her midget plane

was worth making the trip to see if nothing else had happened. But there was so much that was impressive. And with all the aerobatics, races, jet jobs, etc. even the private planes had their part. The last afternoon after the races were over the light planes started swarming off the field, six abreast and as fast as they could take off until the sky was alive with planes of all sizes, makes and colors, each winging their way home and proof that hundreds of them can get in the air at once without all bumping into each other.

Mary Ann and John Greer with a number of their San Antonio friends spent Labor Day weekend at the Fort Clark Ranch, Brackettville, Texas, rodeoing, swimming, dancing and eating barbecue. Hear it was a large weekend. To bad we can't be everywhere at the same time.

Now girls if you are tired of hearing about me the best way to stop it is to send the news of your own activities. We want to hear from all of you.

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## OREGON CHAPTER

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The Oregon Chapter of Ninety-Nines hasn't been represented in the News Letter of recent months, mainly due to the lack of a reporter, so Yours Truly has taken it upon herself to keep you informed of the activities of the girls from the Webfoot State.

Our most successful venture this summer was the All-Girl Air Race from Eugene to Hillsboro, Oregon, which was a feature of the Air Show held by the Oregon Wing of the Civil Air Patrol at the Hillsboro Airport, August 15th.

Fifteen fly-girls entered the race; ten from Oregon and five from Washington. They were: Verna Dober, Cornelius, Oregon, Kay Hoffmiller, Portland, Oregon, Ruth V. Johnson, North Bend, Oregon, Velma Ford Richards, Kelso, Washington, Genevieve Waples, Portland, Oregon, Mary E. Brown, Redmond, Oregon, Donna Seip, Centralia, Washington, Dorothy Huyler, Portland, Oregon, Joyce Hoberg, Hillsboro, Oregon, Virginia "Gini" Stover Lindgren, Bremerton, Washington, Ruth E. Wikander, Portland, Oregon, Bettie Lou Gray, Longview, Washington, Betty Kasner, Portland, Oregon, Lorraine Baker, Sherwood, Oregon and Mary Anna Stewart, Kelso, Washington.

First place was taken by Donna Seip, in a Cessna 140. Genevieve Waples was close behind her in an Ercoupe and Joyce Hoberg was third, with a Luscombe 85. Donna won \$225.00 first prize, the Morris Rogoway Trophy, the Northwest All-Girl Air Race Cup and an armload of roses. Genevieve was awarded \$150.00 second prize and Joyce received \$75.00 third prize money. The remaining twelve girls each were presented with a beautiful compact. Your Scribe was promoter and co-ordinator of the race.

The September meeting of the Oregon Chapter was held at the Multnomah Hotel in Portland, September 25th, and it was decided to hold a Ninety-Nines All-Girl Air Show next summer. We'll begin work on it shortly

after the first of the year, to plan all the details. It will be a big undertaking but with such enthusiasm and such talent as we have in this chapter, it can't help but be a success.

New members are coming in steadily. Latest "joiners" are Betty Lou Bray of Longview, Washington, Mary Anna Stewart of Kelso, Washington, Ferne B. Groves of Longview, Washington and Velma Richards of Kelso, Washington, who find it more convenient to attend the

Oregon meetings than those in Washington, since they are much closer to Portland than Seattle; Jeanne Bloom, Albany, Oregon, Evelyn Hammann, Portland, Oregon, Ruth E. Wikander, Portland, Betty Kasner, Portland and Mary E. Brown, Redmond, Oregon.

The October meeting will be held jointly with the Toastmistress Club in Baker, Oregon. This will give us all a chance to get better acquainted with the Eastern Oregon girls.

#### A REMINDER FROM YOUR SECRETARY

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR DUES? \$5.00 IS DUE! All renewal memberships are due each year on THE FIRST DAY OF SEPTEMBER and according to the Constitution must be paid within three months from that date.

Let's make this 20th Anniversary year the biggest and best yet!