

# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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5th OF EACH MONTH

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

February, March, and the first six days of April have been hectic, with no time to get off letters of appreciation for the courtesies and kindnesses which were extended to me on my recent trip to the west coast. As many of you know, I flew the CAA's experimental cross-wind landing gear Bellanca and while I had a very bad break in weather, I certainly did have fun with the plane. I am going to let you in on a little secret-I didn't want to fly it but was overruled by my superiors. Now I don't want to fly anything else, for the cross-wind landing gear adds greatly to the utility of the aircraft and regardless of how proficient a pilot may be in cross-wind landings the caster gear eliminates that one chance that the wind may get under the wing and cause trouble. The strongest cross-wind that I landed in was 48 miles an hour with gusts up to 60. While I had both hands full on the approach there was never a minutes worry after contact with the runway. Maybe I should amend that and say there was no worry to me but the control tower operators weren't quite sure what was happening what with the wheels going one way and the airplane another.

Due to low ceilings and poor visibility I had an interesting trip into Dallas but I made the dinner meeting at the Melrose Hotel. It was a grand meeting and the girls certainly verified Look Magazines article regarding the smartly dressed women in Dallas.

Palm Springs meeting was exciting and different. The "Chuck Wagon" dinner under the moon and the stars with the camp fire burning on the desert and the singing cowboy lent a romantic atmosphere. We held our meeting at Mary Nelson's Palm Springs Airport. She has a wonderful setup there. Wish you could all visit Palm Springs. I had a very fine meeting with the Los Angeles chapter.

While I was in Bakersfield I called several of our members, then down to San Diego for a grand party which was gotten together in one day with 49ers and the 24 3/4ers. They certainly are doing a wonderful job in and around San Diego, especially on air marking.

But enough of my travelogue. Last week I took my Virus X to New York for the 99 Club Kick-Off Luncheon for the 20th Anniversary Celebration. The Stork Club's sides were bulging from the crowd. More than 85 members and guests were present. It was really a beautiful affair. The tables were laden with baby orchids and tropical flowers which were sent by our thoughtful member, Anette Gibson. They were flown up from Miami courtesy of Eastern Airlines. Thanks Eddy. The celebration schedule for next fall sounds more exciting with each new attraction that is added. I am going to let the New York-New Jersey girls tell you about that.

Will every member of the 99 Club who is in her teens (under 20 years old) please send me their name, date and place of birth immediately.

I am going to try to make all the sectional meetings, weather permitting. Don't forget to read the important notices that follow this column.

Blanche Noyes, President

TO ALL SECTION GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRMEN:

!!! NOMINATIONS !!!

The year is rolling by fast and once again it is time to begin work on the election ballot for our 1949-50 officers and certain committee members.

The following is what we need from each chapter and section:

One candidate for President  
One candidate for Vice-President  
One candidate for Secretary  
One candidate for Treasurer

One candidate for the 1950 Nominating Committee  
(a member of your section)

One candidate for the Scholarship Fund Committee.  
(See following paragraph)

Scholarship Fund Committee: Ethel Sheehy's 3-year term expires on this committee this year. PLEASE NOTE that the following members of this committee continue on: Alma Harwood and Margaret Manser as Permanent Trustees and Alice Hammond and Melba Beard as elected trustees on 3-year terms.

Our Constitution provides that "No officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office". In view of this, Helen Wetherill Anderson will not be eligible for re-election as vice-President.

Elsie Peters, who did such a fine job as chairman of the nominating committee last year, found it very helpful when the consent was obtained from the candidate before her name was submitted to the nominating committee and when a brief outline of her qualifications accompanied the name of each candidate.

Please send your list of candidates to me at the address given below, POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN MAY 15th, 1949.

Jeannette L. Sovereign  
Chairman, 1949 Nominating Committee  
2136 Center Ave., Bay City, Michigan

ALL WOMAN AIR SHOW  
Miami, Florida  
June 1-6, 1949

We of the Florida Chapter feel that the project so near to our hearts at this time should hold a great interest for all Ninety-Nines -- the THIRD ANNUAL ALL WOMAN AIR SHOW OF THE WORLD, to be held at the Amelia Earhart Field, Miami, Florida, June 1-6.

The set-up this year for the air show includes a working board of six girls, each with a definite phase of the show in mind but all working together with one goal in view - A GOOD SHOW! Now, we all know that these six girls also have their jobs and homes to keep in mind as well as the air show and cannot be expected to do all the work and worry that is necessary in any tremendous undertaking such as this show has grown to be. Therefore, we must appeal to all the Chapters and each individual Ninety-Nine member to help all they can. Ads from your locality are urgently needed. Each member can do her part by soliciting same and mailing checks in to Miami Headquarters immediately, made out to the All Woman Air Show of the World.

The following items will be of interest to all:

1. Send all inquiries and checks made out to All Woman Air Show of the World, Headquarters, Robert Clay Hotel, S. E. 2nd Ave. at 4th St., Miami, Fla.

2. Make your own hotel reservation. The board and the girls in Miami will have their hands full with other things, and I'm sure you will be glad to help that much. The Robert Clay Hotel has excellent accommodations,

beautiful swimming pool, close in to shopping and transportation.

3. If boxes (10 seats, \$100.00) are sold and purchasers do not desire to use them, they are advised to donate them to some worthy groups such as patients in the Veteran's Hospital in Miami or Orphans at the Orphanage in Miami, etc. Transportation for same will be handled by the Florida Chapter.

4. For the Havana flight please send in type of plane (not less than 100 hp.) name of pilot and passengers. Men may be passengers but women must file as pilot. Each person must bring along own May West jacket and hunting knife - both required for over water hop.

5. All handioapping of transcontinental flight and derbys will be handled at point of origin. The first to arrive in Miami wins, the deadline being Friday noon, June 3rd.

Transocontinental - De Thurman, Chairman

Derbys:

Tulsa	- Cocile Maurer, Chairman
Dallas	- Mary Ann Greer, Chairman
Kansas City, Mo.	- Grace Harris, Chairman
Indianapolis	- Virginia Eberhart
Cleveland, Ohio	- Marjorie Miller
N.Y.-N.J.	- Lois Fairbanks

Send in to Headquarters, pictures and history on every entrant as soon as possible!

6. Pilots' Meeting, Friday, June 3, at 4:30 p.m.  
Robert Clay Hotel.

7. Last, but not least, girls, the clipping service for our Scrapbook last year was such a great expense we feel that we can defray most of that cost by asking each girl to clip from her home town papers any news and pictures concerning the show. These clippings should include name of paper and date. Mail them to Headquarters at Robert Clay Hotel, Miami.

Just received word that a \$2,000 Montreal to Miami Transcontinental Race has been arranged for the Airshow. Planes with engine ratings up to 225 horsepower will be eligible. This race is sponsored by the Ribbonwriter Corporation and will be known officially as "Rib-N-Rite International Woman's Air Race" this will be the first International Air Race in which only women will participate.

REMEMBER JUNE 1-6, MIAMI, FLORIDA

By Ann Ross, Chairman  
Florida Chapter

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The All-Woman Air Race from the west coast to Miami is on again this year! Rules are now being decided upon. For latest information write to: De Thurmond, Air Race Chairman, 11616 Magnolia Ave., North Hollywood, Calif.

We know several things already: 1. The race will have donated prizes in cash; 2. The race will be for women only, in lightplanes of up to 250 H.P.; 3. Take-off date is June 1st. Other factors are still to be determined.

GET IN THE RACE THIS YEAR!

Mardo Crane, Chairman  
Los Angeles Chapter, 99s.



Dear 99'ers:

I am quoting below for the benefit of all of you who read this NEWSLETTER a letter which I received from Lieutenant General I. H. Edwards:

Department of the Air Force  
Headquarters United States Air Force  
Washington

25 March 1949

Dear Miss Cochran:

Your letters of March 10 and March 18 inclosing list of former members of the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots have been received and are appreciated.

An explanatory letter is now being prepared which will be mailed to each one inclosing forms necessary for application for a Reserve commission. A copy will be sent to you.

It is hoped that many of these young women will receive commissions, as we feel, with you, that they will be an asset to the Air Force Reserve.

Sincerely yours,

I. H. Edwards /s/  
Lieutenant General, USAF  
Deputy Chief of Staff  
Personnel

I hope you all realize that if you are interested in having a commission in the United States Air Force Reserve, you will have to produce evidence of honorable and justified separation from the WASP program.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Cochran

C H A P T E R N E W S

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\* NEW ENGLAND SECTION \*  
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BY - ALMA GALLAGHER

The day that Northeast Airlines dedicated its new hangar at Logan International Airport, Boston, to the memory of one of its co-founders and directors, Amelia Earhart, Ann Cutler was devoting her radio program over Boston station WORL to AE.

Ann who is a former governor of our section gave the story of Amelia from her first glimpse of a plane at the Toronto fairgrounds during World War I, through her early flying days to that July 2 in '37 when she took off from Lae, New Guinea, never to be heard from again. In this Feb. 27 broadcast of Ann's special program, "Ladies, It's For you," she spoke in particular of Amelia Earhart's role in activating the first club for licensed women pilots and how came the name Ninety-Nines.

Daisy Kirkpatrick, former national president, President Blanche Noyes, and Governor Judy Short came in for mention on the program which was a fine tribute for the day.

Plans for the annual meeting are on the schedule for the next sectional meeting on April 11 at the College Club in Boston at 6:30 p.m.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER  
By - DAISY KIRKPATRICK

The March meeting of the Southern Chapter of the New England Ninety-Nines was a luncheon meeting held at the 99 Club Boston, Saturday, March 5th. It was not very well attended as our Southern Chapter is so small and several members were off seeking sunshine elsewhere. Our section's governor, Judy Short and her Q.B. husband were off in a chartered Bonanza which sure did let them down. Judy all but acquired her caterpillar pin. The engine blew a cylinder when they were over the overcast somewhere near Tallahassee. They landed in a small field all right. After a stay in Florida as planned, their spirits undampened they proceeded to New Orleans by airlines, then on to Houston, Texas by airlines where they were picked up by a friend in his Bonanza and flown to the Flying L Ranch for the Sportsman Pilot meeting. After a week at the Flying L they climbed in a Twin-Beech owned by another friend and flew back to Florida. As the Shorts are expecting the stork to fly in sometime in May some of us were a bit concerned, but an engine failure over the overcast did not bother Judy.

On February 27th Northeast Airlines dedicated a hangar to Amelia Earhart and Ann Cutler devoted her radio program, Ladies, It's For You on Station WORL, Boston, to Amelis Earhart and the Ninety-Nines. It's a half hour program and Ann gave the Ninety-Nines a real boost. She first told the story of Amelia and then of how she founded and suggested the name for the Ninety-Nines. Then Ann told all about the Ninety-nines past and present - that we have a New England Section, and that Blanche Noyes is now our national president. Ann gave us some fine publicity. You will probably hear this news from the Northern Chapter of the New England Section too. The stork made a three point landing and it's a boy for the Dingleys. We hope Lucille will fly him down to the sectional meeting to be held at the College Club April 11th. I'd also like to announce that I became a Granny last November. Margaret Kirkpatrick, otherwise known as Peggy, was born November 22nd.

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\* NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION \*  
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BY - LOIS FAIRBANK

We hope that Sherman Billingsley can get the Blessed Event Room at the Stork Club back together again after our luncheon there on March 31st. We burst the seams wide open with an attendance of 76 members, guests and friends of the 99's. This was our first big event to start the publicity for the Celebration next October 3rd - 8th.

Marjorie Davis, Chairman of the Celebration Committee, did a splendid job and really got the girls out for this occasion. Our tables were decorated with wonderful exotic flowers sent via Eastern Air Lines by our own Annette Gibson from her Florida gardens. They were beautiful and we thank her most sincerely. Marjorie had just returned from a trip to the mid-west and told of the number of girls coming from there next October. We are upping our estimate of total registration to near the 500 mark. If this luncheon is an indicator of what's to come, next fall will be a wopper!

Margaret Cooper Manser presided as Chairman of the Day. As you all know, Margaret was our second national president and the first woman in the United States to own and operate an airport. Margaret was kept busy calling on our many guests of the day: Glenna Olson of the Oklahoma Chapter; Anne Baumgartner Carl, jet pilot; Mrs. Jessie Chamberlain, President of the New York, W.I.A.A. and a faithful follower of the 99's; Jean

Adams Cook, who flew down for the day from Nantucket; Ethel Fedders of Buffalo, who is a most wonderful member to get down to so many meetings; Teddy Kenyon, charter member and war-time test pilot for Grumman; Barbara Wells who has her own radio program; Helen Hutson Weber who poured the tea for the very first meeting of the 99's; Alma Harwood, our flying grandmother, back from Arizona in time for the luncheon; Ruth Granger, formerly of the New England Section.

Fay Gillis Wells, a charter member and the first woman to join the Caterpillar Club, spoke of the first meeting of the 99's where she was handed a pencil and promptly made recording secretary. We gather that the tea served that afternoon was rather full of dust but tasted good just the same. Ruth Nichols, also a charter member, greeted the girls and announced that she had recently gotten her multi-engine rating. Who said that the charter members weren't flying!

Blanche Noyes, our national president, was then introduced and greeted the girls with the wonderful news that the membership throughout the country was coming in full force next October and that with them would be many 49'ers. We hope they do come for there will be many things for them to do in New York right along with the gals. We were delighted that Blanche found time in her busy life to be with us in New York. She extended the regrets of Jackie Cochran at not being able to be with us due to illness.

The climax of the day came when the drawing was made for the television set by charming Gladys Parker, creator of the character MOPSIE. This cartoon appears in over 500 papers from New York to Sweden to Thailand. Miss Parker was one of the first strip cartoonists and at one time was the only woman in the game. The television set was won by Helen Murray of Jamaica Plains, Massachusetts.

We had a colossal time!

The souvenir program which is being planned for next October should become a collector's item. There will be everything in it that the gals will want to keep for many years to come. Wouldn't you like your local airport to be represented in such a book? Why not sell them an ad? Contract forms will be sent to your local chapter chairmen but in the meantime, pave the way. The prices are as follows: full page - \$75; half-page - \$40; third-page - \$30; quarter-page - \$25. This program should really be a knockout, so don't let your airport be among the missing.

To the Florida Chapter we wish a tremendously successful affair in June at the 3rd All Woman's Air Show. We, in New York, were there 15 strong last year and we hope that many of the same gals will be there again.

JAMESTOWN CHAPTER  
BY - FLOROE H. ANDEER

The Jamestown Chapter held the March meeting at the Snack Shop of the Jamestown Airport Sunday March 20th in the form of the brunch.

During the business meeting a discussion was held regarding sending delegates to the 20th Anniversary Celebration.

At this same meeting Lucile M. Wright announced that she will duplicate her trophy at the All-Woman Air Show at Miami. Again this year the trophy will be a silver Smorgasbord platter to be awarded to the woman who pilots an airplane from the farthest distance in Mexico, United States or Canada to attend the air show.

Ruth Olson was all hepped up about her vacation. She is going to fly out to Utah for three weeks this summer and we were all drooling as she told of her plans.

Tentative plans were made for a weiner roast with

Arlene Hanna on Lake Erie when weather permits. This event will include the 49-1/2ers.

Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting to be held April 15th at one of the Buffalo restaurants. More about that next time.

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\* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION \*  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER  
BY - CLAIRE G. CALLAGHAN

Our last meeting was held, March '30, at the Commerce Building. We quite enjoyed the showing of the film, "Operations Vittles", which pictures the functions of the Berlin Airlift. After the movie we took care of the business of the forthcoming National and Sectional elections.

On Saturday, April 2, Rosemary Lane was Jean Howard's guest on her "Wings Over Maryland" radio program. Theme of the program was the flying club which Rosemary organized and whose members she is instructing. Incidentally, she just soloed her first student yesterday. And I understand he really "greased them on" for her. Congratulations to both of you.

Jean is really keeping local 99'ers busy with her radio program. On March 19, she interviewed Katherine Stinson, 99'er, Lt. Frances Diadex, Women Flyers of America, and Joy Willis of AOPA. We're quite proud of Katherine, inasmuch as she is one of the few women aeronautical engineers in the country, and holds a very responsible position with C.A.A. in that capacity.

No more news for now. See you next month.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER  
BY - MARJORIE COOK

Jean Peden was the hostess at the St. Patrick's Day Party and meeting at 253 North St. Discussion centered around the 20th Anniversary of the 99's and the National Convention in New York. Four girls in our group are planning on attending.

Toby Sells our secretary was married to Sam Lord March 19. The ceremony was performed in Bell Vernon, Pa. at her home. They have gone to Daytona, Florida for their honeymoon. Sam is also a flyer having a private license to his credit. Toby is private secretary to the assistant manager at Talon, Inc.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Miller of Franklin, Pa. our "flying grandparents" have just returned from New York.

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\* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION \*  
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ILLINOIS CHAPTER  
BY - OLIVE GOOCH TUTTLE

We held a Christmas Dance at lovely Dania Hall. It was well planned, a lot of fun, a tribute to the Committee, and a financial success as well.

Illinois Chapter has enjoyed some fine entertainment and good education this winter in the way of films: Dora Dougherty's film on Cleveland Air Races and local pictures; United Airlines' film on Hawaii; CAA



film on Fog and Icing conditions; and Jim Goggin's film (Jim is an operator at Pal-Waukee) on Speed Chandler's Air Show taken at Chicagoland Airport.

We are glad to have Jeanne King as a new member. Jeanne has a Commercial.

Betty Morgan, our Chairman, has just returned from a trip through the South visiting friends, the Mardi Gras, the Pilgrimage at Natchez, Azalea time and Bellingrath Gardens at Mobile.

The above correspondent has just received a note from Evelyn Staedeli, Central Illinois Chapter, and Miss Illinois Aviation 1948. Evelyn is preparing for her Commercial and hopes to fly to New York for the National Convention.

Our next meeting will be a dinner meeting April 14th at Eitel's Restaurant, and we've been promised a fine speaker.

Illinois Chapter Sponsored Air Meet Sunday, June 5th, Elmhurst Airport, Chicago Area.

Registration 9:30 - 11:00 A.M. Airplanes marked and positions assigned.

11:00 - 12:00 Spot Landing Contest. Two classes--Commercial, and Student or Private.

12:00 - 2:00 Scavenger Hunt. Several Local airports.

1:00 - 2:00 Efficiency Race, Elmhurst to Sky Harbor, turning point.

2:00 - 3:00 Bomb Dropping Contest.

1st and 2nd Trophies are awarded in each of the above events. A special trophy will be presented to the girl who wins most points in three events.

Picnic refreshments.

Fly any licensed airplane. Friends can participate with contestant. Postponed if weather minimums of 1000 ft. ceiling and 3 miles visibility cannot be observed.

Warning--tower East of Elmhurst Airport.

Those women not 99's are welcomed to participate also. All 99's from any other Chapter are cordially invited to attend and compete. Please send notice of your intention and event, and/or events to either:

Irene Levertson, 846 Armitage, Chicago, Illinois or to

Dora J. Dougherty, 425 Chestnut St., Winnetka, Illinois.

INDIANA CHAPTER  
BY - Betty Pettitt

The March Chapter Meeting was held at Smith Field, Fort Wayne on Sunday, the 20th, representation being mostly from the Central and Northern portions of the state. Dinner was served at the airport restaurant just before the meeting. That's a nice place to stop on a cross-country trip. Airport personnel gave us a very fine welcome and we got that nice, warm feeling seeing special signs here and there with "Welcome 99's" on them.

The meeting was held in a comfortable basement room but was interrupted at the beginning by the photographer of the local paper who snapped a picture of the group outside - goosebumps and all!

The local chapter has been getting itself into the news quite frequently lately, as witness the following:

Arrangements were made by Marjorie Smith for a number of us to appear on a local radio program ("S'prize Party" - Station WIRE) Friday, March 18th at noon. This is a fast-moving quiz program which has a guest or group of guests every week-day. Virginia Eberhart was interviewed as chairman of our local chapter and your reporter was interviewed on her skywriting activities. Several of the girls received very nice prizes including a dozen red roses to Marjorie Smith and a singing teakettle to Jane Shope. It gave our chapter a nice amount of publicity - at which job Marj is doing herself proud.

We have also been mentioned a number of times in "Indiana Aero-Notes" a publication of the Aeronautics Commission of Indiana, and our activities are being mentioned in the Indianapolis Sunday Times in connection with flying, also the Indianapolis Star.

\$62.50 was added to the local treasury through our sale of tickets for the Aviation Ball in February for which we were one of three sponsors.

We had a distinguished visitor on March 24th in the person of Marjorie Davis, former national treasurer, of New York City. Marj was met at the airport by several of the girls and enjoyed a luncheon with them. Before she left that evening she was entertained by Virginia Eberhart and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ -er, Ralph, and your reporter was along to renew an old acquaintance as she and Marj had known each other when I was a member of the New York chapter.

A number of the girls are planning on attending the Sectional Meeting at Louisville on April 23-24. Some are driving and the lucky ones are flying, the latter including Helen House Outcalt who will be taking three or four passengers with her. We hope to meet a lot of the girls there.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER  
BY - BERNIE ENO

Sunday, March 20, we met at the home of Elsie Williams at Spencer, with Ruth Shimon assisting as co-hostess. Eleven members and one prospective member were present. Two members--Inez McAllister and Verna Mae Prochaska were unable to attend. Rachel Pieper, accompanied by her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ -er and 24 3/4-er, braved the strong winds and arrived in their Taylorcraft.

Following a delightful hour of informal entertainment, we drove to the Tangney Hotel where a delicious luncheon was served. A beautiful centerpiece of out spring flowers, and individual airplane place cards made the long table most attractive.

Following the leisure luncheon, we returned to the Williams residence for a long business meeting, in which many items of importance were discussed--mainly the coming Sectional meeting at Louisville, Ky. From present enthusiasm, it appears the Chapter will be well represented. Our six months summer contest started with this meeting. Ruth brought the silver tray for all of us to see. It is beautiful and may be used for ever so many purposes. Lucky will be the girl who finally owns it. Betty Barton and your reporter comprise the Contest Committee. A committee was also formed to investigate the possibility of sponsoring a hangar dance at a later date.

A guest prize was awarded our prospective member, Josephine Smith, and a draw prize awarded Elsie Williams. Both gifts-cologne-were by courtesy of Shimon Drugs, Pocahontas. During the month, members presented your writer with many beautiful handkerchiefs--the occasion, my birthday. Thanks heaps, girls. Wonder why Fern McKinnon did not get a prize for driving the "Geep" to the meeting!

Fern McKinnon gave us an interesting account of the recent trip to Florida, which was made in the family Cessna. Fern was accompanied by 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ -er Gordon, and family

dog. Incidentally, Florida girls, Fern is sorry she did not call on you. She noticed your very nice club rooms just as she was leaving.

We say "Hats Off" to the Indiana Chapter. Your napkins are beautiful and you will be hearing from us yet this summer.

Next month, April 10, we meet at Fort Dodge, with Win Eno and your writer as hostesses. Please note! Due to our regular meeting date falling on Easter Sunday, the date has been changed. This will be a social meeting.

Hope to see all you North Central Section members, as well as many others, in Louisville.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER  
BY - VELTA C. SKUTT

41 members and guests enjoyed our regular breakfast meeting at Battle Creek on Sunday, March 13th. Sally Foy of Detroit, a prospective member, will have the distinction of becoming Michigan Chapter's youngest member; Sally was 17 on March 4th and received her Pilot's License on March 12th. Plans for 99 participation in Michigan Aviation Week - June 3-12 - were discussed. It was announced that if the weather prohibits carrying out the Women's State Elimination Contest at Marshall June 21, alternate date will be July 10th at Austin Lake Airport, Kalamazoo. Mary Gardanier has been vacationing in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. - Mary Ellen Keil has also been enjoying the Southern sunshine.

Our next meeting will be held in Adrian, April 10th; May 8th meeting to be at Midland Airport or Bay City Area. We are looking forward to our annual Spring Section Meeting April 23-24 at Louisville, Ky.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER  
BY - DOROTHY MORRIS

Bonnie Butler was our hostess at Commerce Field, Zanesville on March 20th and she really made a party of it. We had a chicken dinner, very pretty table decorations, and each received a pint size mug decorated with wings in blue and "Ninety Nines" in gold. These will be available to all, cost and details will be in the news letter next month. They really are attractive.

This was a total fly in meeting with twenty-two active members and new member Rosemary Krebs of Springfield. Marge Newcomer just came back from Key West brown as a berry.

The North Central Sectional to be held in Cleveland on September 2, the day before the National Air Races, was the main topic of discussion. Things are shaping up and as a note to North Central Section members, please, please get your reservations in as soon as you receive your notices, even if you're just half sure of attending so that you won't be disappointed on reservations.

The Wing Scouts of Columbus were awarded their wings on March 6 by Chairman Marjorie Miller and Vice-Chairman Helen Linn.

Thanks from all of us to Bonnie and Gimmy, who helped arrange everything, and also to Russ Hissam, energetic operator of Commerce Field. NOTE: Our April meeting will be held in conjunction with the Sectional at Louisville on April 23 and 24th. Let's all go! May 15, Lunken Field, Cincinnati, Ohio  
June 19, Cleveland Municipal.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER  
BY - ELSIE V. PETERS

It has been such a long time since the Wisconsin

Chapter has been in the news. I am certain one of my news broadcasts must have been lost, so I am coming up with some old items.

Grace Harris from Kansas City was in Milwaukee and though all the girls were not contacted, we were so happy to have had her. Please come again Grace.

The girls who went to Des Moines enjoyed their trip and the grand time, the Iowa girls gave them. I was indeed sorry that I had to miss this sectional meeting. Think it has been my first omission since I joined the 99's.

The Wisconsin girls flew to Shawano, Wisconsin and enjoyed a week-end up there.

Deedo Heise has been everywhere. Flew east to Philadelphia, south to Texas and I suppose the next thing we will hear that she has flown west.

Mayetta Wiedemann flew to California and we all are so sorry that she has gone. We miss you Mayetta. Come back to see us.

Dora Fritzke has her commercial license. Congratulations Dora, everyone of us is proud of you.

And our Florence Fintok is back in the service. Heard from her that she has been flying a D.C. 3 dual. Good luck to you.

Be seeing you in Kentucky.

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\* SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION \*  
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BY MARY ANN GREER  
GOVERNOR, SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

After a survey of most of the Membership Chairmen over the country, we have decided that we will have a Membership Drive. This drive will cover the year 1949, based upon the membership of each Chapter in accordance with their membership listings in the NEWSLETTER. Each chapter will deposit with me, the National Membership Chairman, (those wishing to take part in the drive only of course, if you don't want to play you will naturally not be expected to contribute) \$2.00. The drive will end before the National Convention in October in New York and the winning chapter with the most members obtained during the year will be presented at the convention with 60% of the fund on deposit and the second best Chapter with the remaining 40%. The increase will of course have to be based on the pro-rate ratio of the members obtained to those in the chapter. This will, I think, make it fair for the New York Chapter to compete with the chapter in the Missouri Valley.

I have tried to contact all the membership chairmen, but some of them were not listed with the officers in the NEWSLETTER. If this idea appeals to you, please do notify me, by forwarding the \$2.00, and then lets see how we all come out. Best luck to you all. Mary Ann Greer, 227 Clifford Court, San Antonio, Texas.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER  
BY - MARJORIE McBRIDE

The Missouri Valley chapter met at the Grand Island, Nebr. Municipal Airport, Sunday, March 20th. After a chicken dinner, a business meeting was held in the Administration building.



Braving strong winds to fly in from Omaha were Dorothy and Claude Reed, with daughter Claudia, and Helen Bass in the Reeds' Stinson. Belle Hetzel and Bea Mack blew in (and I do mean blew!) in the Cessna. The wind was too much for Janie Bay, Laura Russell, and Marge McBride, so they did it the easy way and took the train. Marguerite Durbin, Penny Schmer, and Wilda Wilson and husband flew in from North Platte, and Ruth Johnson, with daughter Kathy, drove from Crete, Nebr.

Plans were discussed for the Sectional meeting to be held in Omaha June 10-12. We're full of plans and surprises, so don't miss this one.

Our sympathy and best wishes go to Irene Owens of Cozad who is in an Omaha hospital following a serious operation. We hope to see her back with us soon.

Here's a brighter flash--Byrdie McBride is now Mrs. Ralph Beckwith of Albion, Nebr. They were married September 12th.

#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER BY - MARY FRANCIS

We will have a guest day breakfast April 10 at the Oklahoma Club where we will entertain prospective members and also student pilots who will some day be prospects. A similar party last year was very successful and we plan one each spring.

At our last meeting we entertained Emily Frost, a Ninety Nine from Buffalo, N.Y. and Helen Turner, a former Ninety Nine from Nebraska. They are attending the University of Oklahoma.

Our newest member is Ruth Harris of Ardmore, Oklahoma. She received her private license a couple of years ago but we had missed her completely because we already had a member from Clinton, Okla. by the same name. We shall have to distinguish by their towns thusly: Ruth Armore Harris and Ruth Clinton Harris. At any rate the new Ruth Harris is Adjutant of the Ardmore Squadron of Civil Air Patrol and when the weather is too poor to fly is Secretary to the Supt. of Schools.

Broneta Davis, Velma Woodward and Irby Keen have just returned from a trip with the Texas Flying Farmers to the Rio Grande Valley.

#### TEXAS CHAPTER BY - GLADYS KEFAUVER

Program for Spring State Meeting  
Fort Clark Ranch  
Brackettville, Texas

Apr. 29: A.M. Fly in (Private airport mile long  
all weather landing strip)  
P.M. Cocktail Party  
Night: Trip to Old Mexico

Apr. 30: A.M. As you please  
P.M. Business meeting  
Night: Chuck Wagon Dinner

May 1: A.M. Ama Lee Jameson's Ranch Visit  
P.M. Fly Out

All 99's and their 49½ers invited. Come and have a grand time.

Rio Grande Unit  
Tony Page, who is both charming and interesting was the special guest at the luncheon meeting held at the Sky Chef. On Mar. 12 there was a breakfast flight to Deming, N.M. with 49½ers attending, and a feast at the Deming Country Club. Ruby Hays has a new Cessna

170 and has the rest "simply drooling". Ann Duthie flew her Scottie, making his bid for his championship to the dog show at Tuscon, Ariz., Odessa, Texas and Roswell, N.M. Ann also has what she calls her "Operation Hayfever" repeated here for its value to others. Her grandson has hayfever quite bad and it has been discovered an airplane ride gives him instant relief which wears off after a few days when a flight at about 8000 feet will immediately improve his condition again.

#### Austin and San Antonio Unit

Ama Lee Jameson who is Secretary, Treasurer of the Texas Chapter, 99s, also holds the same office with the Texas Flying Farmers. At the recent State meeting there was a good representation of 99s--three from Texas--Ziggy Hunter, Madge James and Ama Lee Jameson, and 3 from Oklahoma--Broneta Davis, Velma Woodward and Irby Keene.

#### Ft. Worth Unit

A St. Patrick's Dinner meeting was held at "Charles of Louisiana" Ft. Worth in honor of Viola Gentry who stopped over enroute to Hawaii. She aroused enthusiasm for attendance at the 20th Anniversary Meeting to be held in New York in October. Other distinguished women flyers present were Martie Bowman of racing fame, Edna Gardner Whyte outstanding pilot with over 10,000 hours, and Martha Ann Reading, Chairman of the Texas Chapter, Verna Burns made the arrangements for the enjoyment of all.

#### Dallas Unit

The March meeting was held at the 99 Club Room, Garland Airport and plans were made for several members to attend the Spring State meeting. Gladys Kefauver made a week-end flight to Harlingen and Brownsville in her Luscombe Silvaire. Kay Poole made a parachute jump from 3500 feet altitude, her first, on the air show program at McKinney, Texas. She risked life and limb to arouse interest in aviation in that locality.

#### COLORADO CHAPTER BY - DONNA MYERS

We are patiently awaiting news from Grace Mayfield--in last month's newsletter we mentioned that we were relieving her of the duty of the newsletter due to the fact that she thought she was going to the hospital any moment. Our Grace is still waiting and we have no late bulletin to give--next month for sure.

Our last meeting, April 1, was held at Kati Kelly's and Marian Wurster's apartment, where big plans were made for our coming dance--April 22. As we mentioned before this dance is being held for the benefit of the Florida chapter--for the All Women Air Show. We will report on the "take" next month.

We are also busy collecting photos and news items on our Colorado members as requested by Marge Davis for convention publicity. We have a photographer engaged for next meeting to "snap" the gals who haven't an available picture of themselves.

The speech project is progressing nicely--Laura Sisco is speaking at the Catholic Press this week, and has another date to speak at the Women's Press Club. Margaret 'Scrib' Jones spoke to the Civic Club at Craig, Colorado, recently, and your chairman talked to the Colorado Women's College Stick and Rudder Club at their recent initiation. We are striving to cover all women's organizations by the end of this year.

The new Aviation Country Club is the most exciting bit of news to date. We are leasing the former Broadmoor Country Club in Denver, and renaming it as stated above. Memberships will be sold to all persons interested, who are in aviation, and it will be a club exclusively for "fly-people". We hope in time to put in a swimming pool. Organizations will not go in as a group, but speaking for the Colorado Ninety-Nines, we believe that most of our members will join, and I be-

lieve that is also true of all other organizations here. I have the honor of being named on the Board of Directors. Marilyn Nordstrom and I have attended all meetings, and Marilyn has been a wonderful help in conveying the information to our own gals, and working closely on this new Club.

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CAROLINAS CHAPTER  
BY - MYRTLE GREY THOMPSON

Louise Smith and two other High Point 99ers flew to Charlotte last Friday in Louise's Bonanza. There they joined the four Charlotte 99ers for a luncheon meeting and discussed the meeting in Atlanta. They also discussed the possibility of each 99er selling at least one ad for the All Woman Air Show Program.

Your reporter has resigned her position with the Charlotte Observer and returned to her hometown to live with her parents. Last week her Cub Cruiser was dismantled, stripped of it's fabric, and placed in the shop for recovering. A cordial invitation is extended to all 99ers to fly or drive in for a visit. Program for our next chapter meeting, that of the Georgia Chapter and the Southeastern Section meeting, of which Louise Smith is governor, is as follows:

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION MEETING OF NINETY-NINES

Place: Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia  
Date: Saturday and Sunday, April 30th and May 1st.

Airport: Atlanta Municipal  
Ask the tower to direct you to FLIGHTWAYS, INC., for service and transportation.  
Hostess: Evelyn Greenblatt

PROGRAM

Saturday, April 30.  
9:00 til 1:00 - Registration  
  
1:00 - Luncheon  
2:00 - Southeastern Section Business Meeting  
5:00 - Cocktails  
7:00 - Dinner and Entertainment

Sunday, May 1.  
9:00 - Breakfast  
10:00 - Carolinas and Georgia Chapter Meetings.

Rates: Double Room: \$6.00 to \$10.00  
Make your own reservations at least one week in advance.

Bring your 49'er--and do some shopping in Atlanta!

GEORGIA CHAPTER  
BY - JEAN HOBBS

Due to the fact that our members, which are scattered all over the state, having flown from town to town on the week-ends stimulating interest among women pilots, we did not have a meeting last month. Just the same, though, we are working still! As a result of sending out those posters advertising the Ninety-Nines, we received several responses. We are all excited about these and hope they will soon be new additions to our membership.

Having gotten all the news concerning the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration to be held in New York in the early fall, we are all thrilled even if we don't get to go. We certainly wish all the luck

and success to the New York-New Jersey Chapter in all the wonderful plans they are making for this grand occasion.

The Georgia Chapter will have its next meeting in Savannah on April 24. We cordially invite anyone who might be interested. For a thought into the future, we are contemplating an idea of having an early summer meeting at Harris Neck, an abandoned army field just off St. Catherine's Island. Sounds like fun doesn't it?

TENNESSEE CHAPTER  
BY - RUTH WOLFE THOMAS

Tennessee 99's took part in spotting a plane crash in the Smoky Mountains the middle of March and contacted the Red Cross for supplies to be dropped. A 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Ferris Thomas, dropped the supplies. The story was aired over ABC and you probably heard it. One of the passengers in the crash undertook to walk out for help and was 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  days making it. The 4 left in the plane were without medical aid for 3 days and nights before the rescue party could reach them and were without food until Red Cross supplies were dropped. The plane was spotted within an hour after the Knoxville Airport was called and supplies were dropped soon after.

Our Chairman, Evelyn Bryan, Jefferson City, Tennessee swapped her Aeronca for a Great Lakes last month. Evelyn started flying in 1944 and has kept at it, - getting as many ratings as she can. Now that she has a stunting plane, you'll be seeing her at the races, - winning as many titles as she can.

The Women Flyers of America are organizing a Knoxville Chapter and have invited the 99's to meet with them. They have no licensed women pilots in their organization. Most of them are wives of pilots. The 99's are to discuss and either accept or decline their invitation at their next meeting.

The Tennessee 99's will be the welcoming Committee for the Knoxville Air Carnival in August this year. I should say, - again this year. The East Tennessee Flyers club sponsor this yearly event and have always called for and received 99 aid. A 99er has always won the women's race but that is not unusual since all licensed women pilots in Knoxville are or have been 99ers.

NORTHWESTERN SECTION

OREGON CHAPTER  
BY - JOYCE HOBERG MARTIN

Evelyn Whitmaker, Chairman of the Oregon Chapter, has been appointed to the State Board of Aeronautics as "Informational Representative". Her job, to promote private aviation thru education in the schools, and assist operators with their problems.

The March 26 meeting was held at Arch Cape, on the coast, at the home of Genevieve Waples Smith, and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er George. After a delicious dinner of clam chowder, and the trimmings, a brief meeting was held.

Friends of Genevieve's loaned cabins for the occasion, so all were taken care of in style. We have decided to postpone the All Girls Airshow until 1950 in order to assist in the Women's day program throughout the State. The purpose of the program, to make more people air-minded. Rides will be offered from operators over the entire state. All pilots "gals". Ninety-nines are expected to handle the greater share of the flying.

I was appointed secretary to complete this term of office.

FOR SOUTHWESTERN NEWS SEE THE ENCLOSED.