

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

## NINETY- NINES



### NEWS LETTER

June 15, 1949

DEADLINE  
5th OF EACH MONTH

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Another month has rolled around and my desk is piled high with letters which should be answered; but I am leaving tomorrow for Elkins, West Virginia; Miami, Florida; Omaha, Nebraska; and Minot, North Dakota. Hope to see many of you in Omaha. (Incidentally, in Minot I am speaking June 13, on "Safety Through Air Marking," at the North Dakota Safety Conference; if any of you are in Minot on that date I would love to see you and have you come to the meeting.) With this schedule I fear that it will be several weeks before those letters are answered. So, please forgive the delay.

One letter is from Betty Skelton. That hundred-pound bit of femininity, and the "Little Stinker Too," are sailing for England on July 6, where she will represent the United States and the 99's in the International Air Pageant on July 23 in London, and in Belfast, Ireland, on July 30. Betty is the only exhibition and precision flyer from the United States who has been invited. It will be the first time a professional feminine aerobatic flyer has appeared in England. She will share billing with Fred Nichole, French aerobatic champion, who happens to be a friend of hers.

The shows are being jointly sponsored by the Royal Aero Club, Royal Air Force Association, Air League of the British Empire, and the London Daily Express. Betty's participation is being sponsored by the London Daily Express; and we can't help but think that they have made a newsworthy choice; as Betty could be as famous for her beauty as she is for flying.

Betty will fly her custom built midget Pitt Special, the only plane of this kind in the country; it is painted bright red and white, weighs 568 pounds, and has a wing span of 16'9", a 90 HP engine with fuel injection for inverted flying, and an Aeromatic propeller. It will be dismantled for the trip and reassembled by the Royal Air Force.

Betty holds many records, among them the Altitude Record for Light Planes, and the International Aerobatic Title for Women. These and many others are big accomplishments for a 22-year-old veteran.

Many of us have watched Betty perform outside loops, outside cuban eights, 360 inverted circles and triple snap rolls which won her the International Aerobatic Title for women. And it is a real thrill to watch Betty fly the Little Stinker at 140 miles per hour, under ribbons held only a few feet off the ground--the wheels so close to the ground that on unpaved airports, they frequently pick up weeds--then the climax--when Betty tips the plane up on one side and picks up the ribbons on the tip of the wing. Did you see this exhibition featured in the nationwide Camel Cigarette ads?

We know that England and Ireland will love Betty so much that they will want to keep her, but we want her back. (We want it strictly understood that she is not part of Lend Lease)

So, Betty will be sailing home August 10, on the Queen Elizabeth. Maybe you girls who will be in New York, can go down to meet the Queen--in fact, why don't you go down and meet two Queens?

Blanche Noyes  
Your President

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL CHAPTERS & SECTIONS  
Regarding 1949 Amelia Earhart Memorial  
Scholarship Contributions

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Applications for the 1949 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award are now being processed by the Trustees. It seems appropriate at this time to remind all Chapters and Sections that funds raised for the Scholarship since August 31, 1948 should be sent to our National Treasurer as soon as possible, and not later than August 1, 1949. Our fiscal year ends August 31, and the treasurer must have time to close her books and have them audited before that date.

Checks or money orders should be made payable to "Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund".

At the close of our fiscal year, 1948, the fund stood at \$6,459.36, which indicated a growth of \$1,273.54 over 1947! According to the Resolution adopted July, 1941, under which the Fund is administered, when the Balance exceeded over \$5,000.00, the Trustees could at their discretion invest all or part of the monies in Securities having not less than an AA rating in Moody's Manual. You will be interested to know that your Trustees have invested \$5,700.00 in three groups of such bonds, but of course it is essential to build up our capital much further if we are to earn the \$200.00 annually for the Award.

With all the interesting projects we've read about in the Newsletter these past several months, and the attractive "merchandise" Matches, Glasses, Napkins, etc., being marketed in the interest of our Scholarship, we hope to see that \$1,200.00 plus topped this year.

Let's all have our contributions in before August 1st and watch that Scholarship Fund grow!

Alice H. Hammond, Chairman  
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trustees

IMPORTANT

To All Governors and Chapter Chairmen:

In reference to the Annual Meeting to be held Oct. 5, 1949, New York City: The DEADLINE for submitting proposed amendments to the Constitution, topics for opinion expression and discussion, and bids for hostessing the 1950 Annual Meeting is July 15th as stated in mimeographed letter sent you dated April 3. Just reminding you!

Kay Brick  
Secretary

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

Request for 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er cards has been so great, I'm all out of cards. Please don't write for more until further notice.

Bettie Townson  
724 N. 63rd St.  
Philadelphia 31, Pa.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The membership contest is still going strong. If I have not as yet received your entry fee of \$2.00 to

join, it is not too late for you to forward it on and be in the money. Remember the winning chapter, based on the proportionate ratio of members gotten this year to the ones on your list on January 1, 1949, will receive 60% of the fund made up of the \$2.00 entry fees and the second best chapter will receive 40%, award to be made at the Convention in New York in October. So small or large chapter, you have an equal chance. Lets hear from you if you have not already forwarded your \$2.00 entry fee.

Mary Ann Greer  
227 Clifford Court  
San Antonio, Texas

PIPER CUB DRAWING

The Order of Fifinella announces (after more than three years!) that on Friday, May 6, 1949, at the Los Angeles Chapter meeting, the Piper Cub drawing was finally conducted, with Mr. Theodore M. Page, President of the Southern California Chapter of the National Aeronautic Association, officiating.

It was decided that five numbers would be drawn, with a time limit of August 1, 1949 for the holders to make their claims. Accordingly, the following numbers were drawn in the order given:

1. No. 443
2. No. 1149
3. No. 3096
4. No. 4950
5. No. 3382

HOLDERS OF THESE NUMBERS MUST CONTACT THE ORDER OF FIFINELLA, NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 3629 Lavell Drive, Los Angeles 41, California BEFORE AUGUST 1, 1949.

The WINNER will be the holder of No. 443 (the first ticket drawn), if claimed. If not, it goes to the second ticket drawn, No. 1149, and so forth.

C H A P T E R   N E W S

HAWAII CHAPTER

By Marjorie B. Barkley

The first meeting of the Hawaii Chapter of the 99's was called to order on April 19th at John Rogers Airport, Honolulu, T. H. At that time, it was found there were 16 licensed women pilots on the Islands.

With the able assistance of Viola Gentry, officers were selected and duties were outlined. Since that date, the group has met and planned many activities. One of the most interesting and helpful experiences will be the Ninety-Nine participation in the Civil Air Patrol Air Show. We plan to have an all women's pylon race.

By selling 2000 tickets to the air show, we hope to earn \$300 or \$400 towards the purchase of an airplane. We then can immediately start teaching flying and utilize our five instructors and build our membership. If anyone on the mainland would like to buy a few tickets at 50¢ each, we'd greatly appreciate it -- of course, we want you to come to the air show!!

We have had much publicity and already have an active group. We would like for everyone to know who the women pilots are is the islands. They are: Phoebe de Gal, Lois Tonge, Eleanor Karn, Mary Lou Berberick, Betty Romaine, Kitty Holloway, Jean Rogers, Natalie MacDonald, Elaine Jones, June Johnson, Marguerite Woods, Lrona Golbonec, Clair Warner, Marjorie Barkley.

We sincerely have appreciated Viola Gentry's help and for the guest book given to the chapter by Marion Ives of the W.I.A.A.



By Lois Fairbank

With the approaching summer days all our members seem to be scattering to the four winds. Trips here-there-and everywhere seem to be the topic of conversation. Don't forget to send us post cards so we know all about your travels...we love to receive mail.

The results are in from all the races to the Florida All Woman Air Show and New York-New Jersey is mighty proud of its entrant Kay Brick. Let you in on a secret - she expects that 24 3/4er sometime in August.

Our May meeting was turned over to business on hand and there was plenty of it. We're still working on the big Celebration for next October. By the way, have you sold an ad yet for the souvenir program? Hurry! Hurry!

Marjorie Davis was a guest of the Navy at the luncheon prior to the takeoff of the Truculent Turtle on its historic flight to England. Our Vice-governor, Jeanne Spielberg, riding broncos out Arizona way. Clemy Bast off on another trip - this time to Paris and Vienna. Vivian Hoffman motoring to California and planning to fly back.

We've just heard from Corrine Collett, down Texas way, that she has a new daughter, Cosette Louise.

On June 4th the Ninety-Nines were the guests of the WIAA at Floyd Bennett Field for a tea in honor of Captain Wilcox. Unfortunately for us, but luckily for him, he was off on a cruise in the Gulf area. Commander Levy, who has been at Floyd Bennett since its early days carried off the day for Captain Wilcox. Several planes came into the field through the courtesy of the Navy. Two of our members flew in - Marjorie Davis with Frank Brick and Bella Heineman with some folks from Westchester. We were delighted to have so many 99ers attend and are looking forward to next year's tea. Among those who basked in the seashore breezes were Ruby Sadler and a prospective member from South Africa, Marianne Nutt and her 2 year old son, Dorothy Wakefield, Yvette Kovary, Mary Reifschneider and myself.

We hope to have our June meeting on a Saturday at Westchester County Airport where we'll have a chance to get out of the hangar and into the air. Many thanks to Robert Gallaway and all the folks at Westchester for taking such good care of the girls as they headed south in the Montreal-Miami race.

## JAMESTOWN CHAPTER

By Florence H. Andeer

Our regular meeting was held Saturday evening, June 4 at Ma's & Pa's Restaurant where we enjoyed a wonderful spaghetti dinner. It was a large meeting. In addition to the regular members, there were some 49's and guests. The guests included: Miss Jane Breese of Buffalo, who holds a private ticket and who is going to join our chapter; Mrs. Eloise McGinnis, who has just come to Jamestown from Springfield, Mass. to take over her duties as the new director of the local Girls' Club; Miss Ruth Peters who has a few hours of instruction to her credit; Miss Barbara McDonald and Mrs. Shirley Jull who have logged no flying time as yet, but who are definitely interested.

A business meeting was conducted by our president, Jeanne Skelton. It was definitely decided to send delegates to the National Convention in October, but the exact number has not yet become definite. However, it will be no less than two and no more than six. Perhaps, at our next meeting we will be able to decide on the exact number to represent the chapter.

The next meeting will be another dinner on June 18th at 5:30 at Bender's Pancake Shop. At this meeting

we shall invite as our guests another group of air-minded women.

## MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

## FLASH

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION MEETING  
READING, PENNSYLVANIA

The Eastern Penn Chapter wishes to entertain you at the Summer Meeting of the Middle Eastern Section, Saturday and Sunday, June 25, 26. Land at the Reading Municipal Airport---stay at Rivers Edge Hotel, a new Country Club Hotel adjacent to the Airport---Registration fee, \$10.00, includes Luncheon, Room, Brunch and Theatre-----Mark this week end as a must----DON'T miss the fun and DO make your reservations with Frances W. Nolde, Box 804, Reading, Pa.

## WASHINGTON D. C. CHAPTER

By Claire G. Callaghan

Our chapter is practically non-existent this month. Most of our members have succumbed to the vacation urge and are off to distant lands. Jean Howard is conducting a tour through Europe and re-acquainting herself with places she visited before and during the war. Mary K. Willis couldn't resist the temptation and sailed off on the same boat. Rosemary Lane and Vera Prevette are in Miami for the All-Woman Air Show. Mary Jane Livingston is in New Orleans on an official trip. Blanche Noyes, as usual, is out of town on official travel and gradually working her way towards Miami. I'm left at home trying to hold down the fort.

We have finally received the "go ahead" signal on our Piper Cruiser and are making plans to incorporate our flying club. Soon as this is done, we shall go up to Williamsport, Pa. and get the ship.

Vera Prevette recently put on her "Flying Farmer Girl" act at a local air show and did us proud. She also took up a parachute jumper for his "solo trip" and the poor guy wound up in a tree. But unhurt. He just "yumped" at the wrong time.

We're sorry to lose our member, Barbara Jenison. She has forsaken our town for Illinois and has transferred to that chapter. Barbara is a grand gal and we surely will miss her.

## EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart

Our sister 99'ers from Florida and their all women air meet deserve hats off from us all, a group of really super aviation pushers. To that air show we were proud to send a few of our own women pilots. Flying in the race from Montreal, Canada to Miami, Florida were Fran Nolde, last years winner of the Trans-continental Powder Puff Derby, from Reading, Penna. and Violette Delp, our present chairman, from Lancaster, Pa., flying together in a Ryan Navion. And from Philadelphia come Ruth Schaeffer and Marjorie Kodrich, former WASP's.

The Pennsylvania Air Tour is scheduled to come to Lancaster June 18th & 19th to help us re-dedicate our Municipal Airport. Fly in Saturday--dinner and dance and air show Sunday. Our local 99ers will be helping on the reception committee. Let me extend an invitation to all you 99ers to fly in and help us have a real wing-ding of a time. We promise fun.

"Fly to breakfast" is the vogue again and many of our Pennsylvania airports have been having them. You can

count on 99ers being there and in on the fun. Decoration Day a few of us packed up a lunch and flew up to Mt. Pocono and had ourselves a picnic on their airport.

Nel Richard and 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er Red are about set to move into their new dream house on Blossom Hill Drive, Lancaster, Pa. Much happiness to you two in your new nest.

99er of the Month: Georgianna Sees Herdman, 502 Wiltshire Road, Upper Darby, Pa. We call her "Georgie". She is a commercial pilot with flight instructors rating; she started flying lessons Nov. 1942 and became a private pilot Jan. 1944 and a 99er soon after. That didn't satisfy this gals zest for learning, so on she went to become a commercial pilot and flight instructor in the fall of 1945. She has instructed at Pottstown, Paoli-Malvern and Perkiomen Valley Airports. Before flying became her career, she was a professional dancer, doing tap and acrobatic solos. In August of 1948, she married 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>er Tom Herdman, a former Army pilot. They are both active members of the C.A.P. "Georgie" is a cute, petite, shapely brunette with very long curly hair. Her first love is Tom, the second AT-craft.

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Marjorie Cook

Last month, May 11 to be exact, we had a cocktail party at Grey's Hotel. The usual number of gals were present. There was no business meeting as this was mainly a social gathering, center of interest being the party we're planning for our 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'ers, June 4, at my home. We've had a lot of fun planning this party and are looking forward to it with great anticipation.

We are happy to welcome Marion Freund back into the fold. She's been convalescing in the hospital following a tonsilectomy.

Interest is running high concerning the National Convention in New York and that gathering will find an impressive number of our girls present if our plans materialize.

#### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

##### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

The Tennessee Chapter held their May meeting the last Sunday of the month at the Municipal Airport in Knoxville, Tenn. We visited about with friends--then went to the airport restaurant for our business meeting and lunch.

Earlier that morning the 99's and the East Tennessee Flyers Club flew over the mountains to Andrews, N. C. for breakfast at Junaluska. The early morning weather was perfect and the mountains were still asleep with the blueish haze covering them that gives them their name -- the Smokies.

The Tennessee 99's, East Tennessee Flyers Club and the Oak Ridge Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored a local talent air show at the Atomic City Air Park, the second Sunday in May. Your reporter was interviewed over the Oak Ridge radio station WATO on the Saturday evening before the show. We plugged the air show, the 99's and private flying.

The Oak Ridge Junior Chamber of Commerce invited all visiting pilots to brunch from 9 to 11 and afterwards we all took part in spot landing and bomb dropping contests. Your reporter won the spot landings.

One of the feature attractions of the air show had to be cancelled because of a broken tail wheel -- that

feature was our chapter chairman, Evelyn Bryan, doing acrobatics in her Great Lakes, the "Tater Bug".

Our newest member is Miss Eddie Lee Griffin. Eddie Lee is a registered nurse, working for the State Health Department. She received her private the week before our last meeting.

Pearl Brock is chairman of our fund raising committee. She is asking her boss for permission to solicit soap box tops and wrappers from the customers of his chain of grocery stores. She will have signs made publicizing the 99's and place them along with containers in each of the stores.

Jane Hilbert, Johnson City, has invited the Tennessee Chapter to hold its June meeting at the Tri-City Airport. We accepted.

#### NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

##### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Olive Gooch Tuttle

Bonnie Bryant instructs in Chillicothe, Missouri now. She soloed her first student a few days after she arrived there. She also flies Charter and demonstrates airplanes to prospective customers. Bonnie is studying for her A & E License and is getting the necessary experience in the shop there. Congratulations and good luck, Bonnie.

The May 7th Meeting was held at the Glenview Naval Air Station. The Chapter was addressed by Captain Gill, Commanding Officer on the Installation. He told of the program that has been developed at Glenview to keep Navy Pilots in condition, and the work of the Naval Air Reserve. Lt. Kinsley, recently appointed Governor of the Marshall Island, provided a bus for the tour and the chapter viewed the various technical training rooms and equipment, the recreational facilities, the latest movie on characteristics of jet planes in flight and the "line" of ships. Pictures were taken by a Navy photographer and refreshments were available in the lounge of the Bachelor's Officer's Quarters. The tour proved a most informative and enjoyable experience.

Jessie Anderson has taken a summer position in the offices of Kings' Gateway Hotel at Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin. Jessie reports that there is a wonderful airport adjacent to the hotel which she hopes to put to good use. Although we shall miss Jessie this summer we hope she has a most pleasant time. On April 24th she flew in an AT-6 to Janesville, Wisconsin with an Elgin group in which over 300 planes participated. She states that the field was really crowded but handled very efficiently.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Catherine Carlson to John P. Buckley, M. D. of Chicago. The wedding will take place July 27th in Chicago and they will make their home in Merced, California. Best wishes for your happiness, Cathy.

Evelyn Martin has soloed a Luscombe on pontoons. She's flying with George Snyder at Chicago Sea Plane Base. She also flies at Ashburn Airport, and her husband, Glen C. is flying right along with her.

Marion Neidert is appointed Membership Chairman to fill the vacancy created by Catherine Carlson's resignation.

We welcome new members Esther Noffke, Mary Jean Dwyer and Evelyn Martin. It's so nice to have you, girls.

The June 2nd meeting at United Airlines Conference Room was held to instruct and plan the details of the Air Meet June 5th. M-m-m-m this will be fun.



## INDIANA CHAPTER

By Betty Pettitt

The May meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held at Muncie Municipal Airport, Muncie, Indiana with Annajene Dowling as hostess. We were the guest of Clyde Shockley, the airport manager, for a lovely chicken dinner.

Intermittent showers did not deter several of the girls from flying, including Helen House Outcalt from Rochester, Joan F. Johnson of Anderson, Rita Rickard from Purdue University at Lafayette and Betty Pettitt who brought Doris Hasler with her. Several of us were forced to leave early since the weather was rather unpredictable.

After dinner a photograph of the group was taken to appear in the Muncie newspaper. Fifteen members, one associate, one new associate and one visitor attended the meeting, as well as two 49ers, Ralph Eberhard and Mr. Arnold.

Pressure of family matters has forced Mildred Hurt to resign as chairman of the publicity committee. Dorothy Hendricks was appointed to finish the year in the capacity left by this resignation.

The next chapter meeting will be held on June 19th at Rochester, Indiana, where Helen Outcalt will be hostess for a Breakfast Flight. This will be something new for our chapter and everybody is looking forward to it.

The Indiana Chapter wishes to take this occasion to extend our very best wishes to the Florida Chapter for a successful All-Woman Air Show. It is regretted that no member of the Indiana Chapter could take time away to get down for this Air Show, but we are very proud of the fine things you are doing.

## UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Ruth Shimon

This reporter job certainly gets passed around. Bernie Eno, our regular reporter, and her Colonel are on their way to Canada. They were in Chicago over the week end and we missed Bernie at our luncheon. She is a faithful member and gives a great deal of her time to the organization.

Our regular meeting was changed from Cedar Falls to Storm Lake. Verna Mae Prochaska, who was to be our hostess, was expecting a visit from her Mother who lives in California. Millie Burt, who is just about the busiest girl in the chapter (she operates her own Night Club, belongs to a bowling team and is an active Ninety-Nine) very graciously offered to entertain us. The luncheon was held at Millie's cozy bungalow. Betty Barton flew in from Spencer and planned to go on to Clear Lake for the balance of the afternoon. Virginia Vinsand and Helen Flaherty flew in from Fort Dodge.

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres preceded the delicious luncheon served by Millie's Mother. The menu consisted of fried spring chicken and all the trimmings. The dessert was SURPRISE! a big chocolate angel food birthday cake for Ruth. This was served with fresh strawberries and cream. The girls also gave me a hankie shower.

After the luncheon, a letter was read from Mrs. McAllister at Decorah, announcing the approaching marriage of her daughter, Inez. She also invited the chapter to meet at Decorah in the fall.

Virginia Vinsand and Helen Flaherty gave an interesting report of their trip to Louisville, Ky. in the Flying Club plane. Virginia received the travelling tray for this month, having had the most flying points. She will have her name engraved with Bernie Eno who won it last month.

Plans were made for the Sectional in Omaha. The Chapter

will be well represented. Millie was especially interested, since Missouri Valley is her former chapter.

Millie donated the money from the luncheon to the chapter, half of it to go to the Amelia Earhart Fund.

Our next meeting, June 19th, Cedar Falls, Verna Mae Prochaska, hostess. July 17th at Spencer with Betty Barton hostess.

## MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Velta C. Skutt

Through the excellent cooperation of the weatherman and the Saginaw-Bay City area 99's, 51 members and guests of the Michigan Chapter met at Clements Airport, Bay City on Sunday, May 15th and enjoyed a delicious breakfast at nearby LeChateau Restaurant. Reports indicate busy days for many of our members: Helen W. Anderson and Alice Hammond and many others are very busy with various details connected with the forthcoming Michigan Aviation Week, June 5-12 and the Women's Elimination Contest for Michigan Flying Championships. Carol Schleider Welch and her 49er of Alpena have been organizing a Civil Air Patrol Squadron; likewise Omaha Hawk and her husband at Eaton Rapids. Bernice Trimble of Flint has recently secured Ground School Rating.

Twenty-two Michigan members flew to the Sectional Meeting at Louisville in April and reported a wonderful weekend. Margaret Windfuhr, Lansing, took her mother-in-law for her first plane trip flying from Lansing to Harrison. At a Dawn Patrol on May 8th at Lansing, Marion Jane (Babe) Weyant Ruth had the pleasure of meeting Bill Odum and Gov. G. Mennen Williams, securing their autographs for her scrapbook; Jeannette L. Sovereign received a prize as the oldest woman pilot flying to the same Dawn Patrol. Marguerite Huff, Detroit, spent two weeks at Charlotte, North Carolina reporting perfect weather. Leona Stroup, former 99er, is now teaching nursing in Grand Rapids.

Congratulations to: Mary and William Creason who are the proud parents of Kennard William, born March 20th; Lucille Grisier, Detroit, who will become Mrs. Jack Biscoomb on June 17th; Jean Prins, Jackson, on her engagement to Ed. Reynolds, Chief CAA Communicator at the Jackson Airport.

Dates to remember:

July 10th - Meeting at Austin Lake Airport, Kalamazoo  
Aug. 13-14 - Weekend meeting at Alpena  
Aug. 6-7 - Army Air Show, Willow Run Airport, Ypsilanti  
Sept. 2-3-4-5- North Central Sectional Meeting and Air Races, Cleveland  
Oct. - National Meeting, New York

## KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Caroline Keenan

Hello again from Kansas City. Since we have had a bit of trouble getting our news through for the News Letter, may I go back and pick up the highlights of our goings-on the past two months.

Our March dinner really proved a big success, and we have added several new names to our list of members: Anita Cook, who has since been moved to Texas with Mid-Continent Airlines; Mrs. Arthur Eno, who is a 99 transferring to this chapter; and Mrs. Vaughn Rukin. We are glad to have these girls with us, and here's hoping our group continues to grow in Kansas City.

Marie Kuhlman, Neva Rae, and Val Wyatt participated in a Sunday breakfast flight to St. Joseph, and they came back reporting a grand trip, in spite of the March weather.

On April 6th, we met again at Fairfax Airport for dinner, and were entertained with the official film of

the Kendall Trophy Race at Cleveland last summer. Our Grace Harris, winner of that race, was with us for the meeting. Eileen Root, president of the Kansas City Chapter, missed seeing those of you who attended the Sectional at Louisville because of illness.

We were beautifully entertained at Dorothy Jardon's ranch May 20th. A buffet supper was served, and we wandered in and out-of-doors, although the weather didn't permit a swim in the lake. We were joined by two girls from Joplin, Mrs. Hortense Hackbarth and Ruby Banks, who are interested in organizing a chapter of 99's. Plans were discussed for a Sunday flight in June and a picnic in July.

Three of our group attended the National Convention of W.N.A.A. held in St. Louis. Marie Kuhlman and I went as K. C. delegates, and Neva Rae spent Saturday and Sunday there. At least half of those attending were pilots or student pilots. Seems there might be possibilities for new 99's, if we get busy.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Margaret Manuel

The new Minnesota Chapter had their second meeting on May 18 at the home of Mrs. Wm. Beadie in St. Paul. There was a fine delegation from Rochester, Minnesota and efforts are being made to encourage membership from all parts of the state. The next meeting, June 18, will be on a Saturday at 11:00 a.m. This is to give pilots, from all parts of the state, ample time to fly to Carleton College Airport at Stanton where the meeting will be held. Following the meeting there will be a picnic lunch and then a glider show. Malcolm Manuel, operator at Carleton Airport, presents glider shows throughout the Northwest. He has offered to present his show as an attraction for the Ninety-Nines meeting in June.

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Anne Blair

Just about the entire membership of the All-Ohio Chapter met at Mansfield, Ohio last May 14th. The Junior Chamber of Commerce sponsored a dinner dance Saturday night to salute the coming Ohio Air Tour. Highlight of the affair was the crowning of the pilot queen for the tour. The JC's chose two queens, The Peters sisters, both 99's. Both will go on the tour with all their expenses paid by the JC's.

At the meeting, Sunday morning, plans for our Air Race activities, the North Central Sectional Meeting and the National Convention at New York City were discussed and Marge Miller announced the committees and chairmen for the special activities. We also got more details on the Air Derby - Cleveland to New York City, to be sponsored by Max Davis, Arlene Davis' husband. Be sure to contact Arlene if you plan to fly in the derby. More details will be available next month.

We had a swell time getting the particulars of the Louisville meeting where everyone from the All-Ohio had a terrific time. What a week-end! Fun, it seems, was the order of the day.

Future meetings: June 17, Bowling Green during the State Air Clinic; July 3, Greenville with Blanche O'Brien; August 3, Cedar Point with Pepper Ambus.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Elsie V. Peters

Wisconsin Ninety-Nines have been in the news again. Jeanette Kapus completed 64 turns in a spin at an air show at the Manitowoc Airport on May 28, 1949. Jeanette

climbed to 9,500 feet to start her spin and came out of her spin at 2,000 feet. Jeanette now claims the national record. Congratulations.

Dorothy Christenson has left Milwaukee and is working on the island of Okinawa for the Army engineers. Good luck, Dorothy. Come back to us.

Trixie Gehrung Schubert wrote a wonderful article about all the memories of the Wisconsin Chapter. Trixie sure knows how to write. Trixie and her husband are leaving for California where 49<sup>er</sup> Dell is going to teach. It seems to us that California is taking a lot of our members. Best of luck to both of you.

#### SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

##### COLORADO CHAPTER

By Donna Myers

The Colorado Chapter had a fine meeting at Mary Cook's in Denver on Friday the 13th, month of May. Mary has appointed herself as our chapter photographer and took our pictures that night, which will be sent to convention headquarters.

Frances Carpenter, Caroline Rose and Artie Phelps were appointed as a display committee to work up a scrap-book or display to be sent to the convention in October. Hildred Toogood was appointed Acting Secretary for the remainder of the year as Betty Stackhouse will be out of town most of the summer.

Our big project now is working up an air meet for our August meeting, staged especially for our out of town gals. We plan to have a dinner at the Aviation Country Club on a Friday night; our meeting and chapter election on Saturday, with perhaps some entertainment that night, and possibly Sunday morning breakfast at the Club. Our membership chairman, Claudia Perry came up with this splendid idea, and consequently she's been put in full charge of the meet.

Our next meeting is a dinner at the Club at which time our chapter nominating committee will be appointed. So, we'll brush our locks, and don our best bib and tuckers and make an evening of it.

Dorothy Chapman Saunders and her husband are on their way to Europe. They will return to Denver in the fall and then back to Mexico where they have been living for some time.

Betty Terrell flew in from Craig recently to purchase her fall stock of clothes for her dress shop.

Jo Trinder, Durango writes that she and Harry have been redecorating their motel and getting ready for the summer season. The Trinders and Naomi and Andy Anderson spent an exciting 25½ hour trip to Grand Canyon in May in their Cessna "Hi-Time". They left Durango at noon one day, flew over Mesa Verde, Cortez, Mexican Hat, Monument Valley to Marble Canyon on the Colorado River in Arizona where they landed for dinner and the night. They tied "Hi-Time" down right in front of their cabin. Next day they made a spectacular flight over Grand Canyon and the Painted Desert, landed at Winslow for gas and food and were back in Durango at 1:30 p.m.

Elouise Skinner, our Yakima, Washington gal, will attend summer school in Denver. It will be nice to have her with us for the summer meetings.

We are losing Dot and Paul Young, tho--Paul is going back in the C.A.A. and they are now in Oklahoma City.

Doris Jean McPherson Ritohey is our newest transferee from the Missouri Valley Chapter. Scotty lives in Pueblo where she had been instructing at the Pueblo airport.



## OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Mary Francis

The Oklahoma Aviation Commission has again requested the assistance of the 99s in airmarking. This time it is the Dallas-Oklahoma City route. The Commission will furnish the paint and templates and the 99s will have the fun of crawling up on roof tops.

Two of our new members, Emily Frost and Freda Cox were in Norman during the recent cyclone when the university hanger was demolished and the control tower operators made a mad dash for a lower level. Fortunately, they were unscathed. Emily is leaving soon to spend the summer with her family in Buffalo, N. Y.

Broneta Davis, with her 49<sup>th</sup> year, has just returned from a flight to Roswell, N. M. Delrose Sieber is back from a long trip, but we don't know yet whether it was California or San Antonio, since she commutes to both places. Mary Francis attended the meeting of the CAP in Washington, D. C. recently and Velma Woodward is now in Columbus, Ohio, for the American Medical meeting. She will return home through Omaha. Several other of our members are planning on flying to Omaha for the joint meeting of the South and North Central Sections.

## TULSA CHAPTER

By Cocile Maurer

Oklahoma weather, after a week of tornadoes everyday somewhere in the state, and violent thunderstorms in Tulsa every night, finally gave us a beautiful "what every pilot wishes for" Sunday for our regular business meeting, May 22.

The Oklahoma Chapter was invited to attend our breakfast at the Brown Airport Restaurant. We are sorry that the girls couldn't make it this time. Billy Tune, Oklahoma Chapter member from Winfield, Kansas was passing through enroute to Texarkana, Texas. While refueling at nearby Municipal Airport, she telephoned us while we were having our breakfast meeting. Wish you could have had time to join our breakfast, Billy.

It was nice to talk to Velma Woodward, Oklahoma Chapter, while she was in Tulsa attending the Medical Association Convention.

Ruth Banfield reports that she recently had a long talk with Johnny Burke of the Oklahoma Aviation Commission. Mr. Burke is very desirous in obtaining womens' viewpoint on how to get more women interested in aviation, feeling that if more women fly, the men will just naturally be more inclined to take to the air also.

Heading our Scholarship Committee is Francis Blair with Oma Stamps and Jewell Pearce assisting in determining the method by which we shall award our private pilot scholarship. This year, it will be given to a girl.

Recently, we had as a dinner guest Mr. A. I. McCuiston, head of the School of Meteorology at Spartan School of Aeronautics. Mr. McCuiston gave us a very informative explanation of the upper air charts and their importance in forecasting our weather.

Our Wing Scouts will attend the next CAP meeting with the possible intentions of joining up with the CAP. They have also been invited by John Irish, local CO of the Naval Air Reserve and CAA Inspector, to inspect a jet fighter and assist in an open house to be held in Tulsa shortly.

Skippy Chronister, regional director of National Flight System, is attempting to arrange with his national organization headquarters to make our present members honorary members of the NFS whereby we can fly at a 15% reduction. If this generous offer is approved by the national office, it will become a wonderful

opportunity for our present members to swell their flying hours!

Just received a letter from Anne Waddell, Garden City, Kansas 99'er. She reports that she has a troop of 23 Wing Scouts and the troop's name is "Fifinella". Congratulations, Anne, for Wing Scouting.

## TEXAS CHAPTER

By Gladys Kefauver

The Dallas Unit held the May meeting at the home of Josephine Allison in the patio amid the towering trees by the outdoor fireplace. Delicious steaks were prepared over the coals and served with accompanying goodies to make a most enjoyable feast. We were also shown her interesting array of salt and pepper shakers which she has collected from all parts of the world and are in many sizes and shapes, including even miniature planes. It was quite an occasion also as we received a new member, Lillian Milam and welcomed her to the 99 fellowship.

Ama Lee Jamison issued an invitation to the Austin-San Anton Unit and all other 99ers who did not consider the distance too great to come to the Jamison Ranch for a breakfast on Sunday, June 12th at 10:00 a.m.

## NORTH WESTERN SECTION

## OREGON CHAPTER

By Joyce Hoberg Martin

In spite of marginal weather conditions, four girls flew to Seattle, May 21st for the joint meeting. We flew up in a new Piper Clipper and were amazed at its performance. Evelyn Whitmaker, Kay Hoffmiller, Verna Dober and I made the flight. We were met by their Chairman, Gini Lindgren. Gini and Mildred Mandeville did most of the work for the meeting. We had dinner at the Sky Room on Boeing Field and then held our meeting in one of the flight operator offices. Hospitality certainly was not lacking. We remained in Seattle overnite and returned next day as soon as weather would permit. We discussed ways of bringing some finances into group. A girls Air Race for Washington was planned, with prize money won by 99'ers donated to group. Evelyn, Oregon chairman, invited the group to attend the race to be held June 12th from Hillsboro to Redmond.

Incidentally, we have a rather famous and a very active member in our chairman, Evelyn Burleson Whitmaker. She holds the light plane distance flight record for women, in her flight from Vancouver, B. C. to Tiawana, Mexico. She has operated a flight operation, acted as demonstrator for distributors of light planes, and was in charge of the first all girls air race in the Northwest. She is now with State Board of Aeronautics, and is promoting flying thru education. Her job takes her over the entire state, and most of her trips are made by air. She has built up over 6300 hours. Nice going, gal.

We have a new member this month--Judy Hoffman. Judy holds a Private license. Together with her husband, Lee, they keep the two airplanes they have busy, namely a Seabee and BT-13. Don't think she leaves the 3 young ones behind!

Our next meeting will be June 25th at Suttle Lake, outside Redmond. Mary Brown, who recently received Commercial ticket, will be our hostess, and it sounds like real fun, complete with camping out, swimming, fishing and a rodeo. We have asked Seattle to join us and hope alot of the girls will be able to attend.

## By Mildred Mandeville

On May 5th five planes dropped gracefully from the sky to land at Kitsap Airport, Bremerton, for our first flight of the year. Sixteen girls turned out on this beautiful, warm weekday in May. Velma Richards and Mary Anna Stewart, from Kelso, arrived in their cub a full hour early because of the difference in daylight saving time. Virginia Johnston flew up from Kent; Monte Johnson, Lillian Mitchel, Lyn Grover and yours truly flew in from Boeing Field; Geneva Allread and Irene Chadney flew down from Arlington in a four place Cessna, picking up two girls from Boeing Field en route and were the last to arrive. We were scooted to Bremerton by cars for a pleasant luncheon and then back to Gini Lindgren's office where we chatted and held our business meeting. By 4:00 p.m. we were headed homeward, all hoping to participate in our flight to Yakima on June 18th.

Members of the Oregon Chapter paid us a visit for a joint chapter meeting on Saturday, May 21st. Unfortunately the weather was not very flyable so only one plane, containing four girls, arrived. It was 7:00 p.m. -- so after having dinner in the Sky Room at Boeing Field we held our meeting in the office of Galvin Flying Service. Altho there were only twelve at the meeting we had a lively time. Those active Oregon gals were just bursting with ideas and plans. We'll have to get together with them again, very soon.

Our campaign for new members is beginning to show results. One of the latest to sign on the dotted line is Lyn Grover, a gal with about all the ratings possible to have, including an egg-beater rating. She flies co-pilot on a C-46 between Seattle and Alaska.

In addition to our June flight to Yakima, our future plans include a trip to Vancouver, Canada.

## BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Ena E. Ayers

Our anniversary party was held at the home of Rita and Al Hart, in Walnut Creek, on March 26th. The afternoon was spent in greeting fly-ins at Sherman Field, and also in flying by several of our members. Marjorie Fauth very proudly demonstrated her new Cessna 170 to a number of those present, giving everyone a chance to take a turn at the controls. In the evening, members and their 49½'ers partook of a very delicious buffet dinner served by our hostess, and the rest of the evening was spent in singing, dancing and hanger flying. Needless to say, the party was greatly enjoyed by all.

April proved to be a busy month for the Bay Area girls, for we undertook the airmarking of Buchanan Field, and also sponsored a glider show. Adele Chase certainly did a splendid job in laying out the marker and Miriam Brughin dishing up the paint and several of us diligently swung the paint brushes for two weekends. Needless to say, there were a number who suffered with sore muscles and sunburn, and there is still further work to be done before it is completed, but we have hopes of finishing it in the near future.

The glider show was held at San Jose Airport, which is run by Herm and Miriam Barnick. Betty Loufek arranged for the gliders, among which were the powered Hummingbird and Dragonfly which gave some interesting demonstrations. Several passengers were taken for rides in one of the gliders, and seemed to be well pleased with their trips. We also ran a bingo game and sold coffee, soft drinks and sandwiches during the show. The affair proved to be very successful, and proceeds from the event are to go to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

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The following results of The Third Annual All Woman's Air Show have been reported to the NAA Contest Board by Blanche Noyes.

## Jacqueline Cochran All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race

First Place - Lauretta Foy  
Second Place - Betty Gillies  
Third Place - De Thurmond  
Fourth Place - Betty Lambert  
Fifth Place - Ruth Gamber

## International Rib-N-Rite Race from Montreal to Miami

First Place - Peggy Lennox  
Second Place - Helen Greinke  
Third Place - Frances Nolde  
Fourth Place - Kay Brick  
Fifth Place - Greenwood Cocanougher

## 65 HP Race

First Place - Helen McBride  
Second Place - Anne Shields  
Third Place - Anne Wilder  
Fourth Place - Kaddy Landry  
Fifth Place - Theresa K. Ricou

## 75 - 125 HP Race

First Place - Peggy Lennox  
Second Place - Anne Shields  
Third Place - Helen McBride

## American Airmotive AT6 Race

First Place - Kaddy Landry  
Second Place - Caro Bayley  
Third Place - Helen McBride  
Fourth Place - Mary Tracy