

# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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August 15, 1949

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5th OF EACH MONTH

NINETY-NINES  
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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

Heat! Heat! HEAT! Reorganization! People on vacation!  
20th Anniversary Celebration! Letters! Experimental markers!  
Hospitals! Illness in the family! Woe is me!

Wish I could be relaxing at the beach, dreaming of the 20th Anniversary Celebration and all the wonderful things that will be going on in New York, including the Ninety-Nines' 20th Anniversary Derby from Cleveland to New York, October 2 and 3. But since I have no magic lamp or genie and no time to dream, I might as well get down to brass tacks.

Saw Jacqueline Cochran in New York this week, and she is planning on holding off her trip back to Europe until after the cocktail party which she is giving for the 99 Club members, during the Celebration.

The Cleveland 99's Twentieth Anniversary Derby gets more interesting with each letter from Arlene Davis and Alice Puller. Just in case any of you are interested in flying in the Derby and haven't already written, you should write immediately to Alice M. Puller, 1004 Hanna Building, Cleveland 15, Ohio, giving name, address, type of airplane to be flown.

Pilots who plan to participate in the Derby must go to Cleveland one day in advance. They plan a "Get-together" for the girls the night before the take off. Cleveland will entertain you.

The Arlene Davis Water Way Trophy will go to the winner of the Derby. In addition to this, Cessna has donated two trophies and the Committee plans to have prizes for each lap of the Derby.

There will be no entry fee.

The Committee is working on plans for breakfast, luncheon and a banquet the first, together with breakfast and luncheon the second day--these at no cost to the girls if possible.

Rules for the Derby.

Pilots must be members of the Ninety-Nines.

Before take-off each pilot will file a flight plan which will give their ETA (estimated time of arrival) for each lap.

Pilots qualifying for the Trophy must make all stops as per the following schedule:

Oct. 2	First Lap:	Cleveland to Jamestown, N. Y. - Brunch - via Bedford, Erie, Pa.
	Second Lap:	Jamestown, N. Y. to Syracuse, N.Y. via Batavia - Box Lunch.
	Third Lap:	Syracuse, N. Y. to Albany, N. Y. via Utica. - Banquet.
Oct. 3	Fourth Lap:	Albany to New York (Teeterboro). Party-Fun

The pilot who receives the Arlene Davis Water Way Trophy will be the one who arrives nearest to the ETA she has established for herself. (continued page 8)

## HERE THEY ARE !!!

Following are the nominations which will appear on your 1949 ballot for International NINETY-NINE OFFICERS:

(DO NOT use this for a ballot. The OFFICIAL ballot will be mailed to you. VOTE VOTE VOTE)

### PRESIDENT

Helen Wetherill Anderson who has been an active 99 member for ten years is now completing her second term as International Vice-President. She has been chairman of the Indiana Chapter and the Michigan Chapter, governor of the North Central Section and chairman of the International Nominating Committee. Flying is her fun, especially the cross country trips, one of which took her with three members as passengers to the Annual Meeting at Troutdale in 1947.

Blanche Noyes who is a charter member of the 99's is now completing her first term as International President. As you all know, Blanche is CHIEF in the Airmarking division of CAA which takes her all over the United States and during the past year she has not only combined CAA meetings and 99 meetings on these trips, but has also attended many 99 meetings and participated in their activities on special trips. Thus our membership has had the opportunity of knowing Blanche's love and loyalty for the 99's.

### VICE PRESIDENT

Mary Ann Greer has been an active 99 member since 1942 and during that time she has been secretary-treasurer and chairman of the Texas Chapter, governor of the South Central Section and is now chairman of the National membership committee. She took over the job of being toastmistress at the banquet during the 1947 Annual Meeting on very short notice and handled it masterfully. She says she is just a "Sunday-flyer", but from reports of the success of the work she did with local groups during the war years, there is a serious side of flying for her, too.

Donna Tracy Myers who has been an active 99 member since 1939 is known by us best through her successful management of the arrangements for the Annual Meeting in Denver in 1940 when she was the only 99 member in Colorado at that time (a big job for one person) and again in 1947 when the Colorado Chapter were hostesses to the Annual Meeting in Troutdale and Donna was General Chairman in charge of arrangements. Donna has also been chairman of the Colorado Chapter. She was the first woman in Colorado to attain a pilot's license. That was back in 1937. Since that time she has done considerable ferrying work and is now Secretary of the Monarch Air Lines, Inc, a scheduled airline serving various Western towns.

### SECRETARY

Kay Menges Brick who has been an active member since 1941 is now completing her first term as International Secretary. She served previously as Secretary and then as Governor for two years of the New York-New Jersey Section. Kay spent 23 months as a WASP and was attached to a Tow Target Squadron. She won the Nolde Derby in 1948 in her BT 13 and flew a Navion in the International Rib-N-Rite Race this year. She holds a commercial, single and multi-engine land and instructors ratings. Does free lance aviation writing.

Esther Haney has been an active member since 1941, having joined while she was living in West Virginia. She has been Chairman of the San Francisco (Bay Cities) Chapter and is now governor of the Southwestern Section. Esther was a Lt. (jg) in the SPAR and now holds a responsible position with American Airlines in San Francisco. Her secretarial training has been a big factor leading to her promotions during the five years she has been with American Airlines.

### TREASURER

Marjorie Hook Fauth who has been an active 99 member for seventeen years is now completing her first term as International Treasurer. She has held all offices in the

Bay Cities Chapter and has held all offices in the Southwestern Section. She has worked on the International Nominating Committee two years and has been on the Executive Committee two years. Auditing and accounting is Marjorie's regular occupation and her Cessna 170 takes her to the various towns and cities where her services are required.

Thelma Olson who has been an active 99 member for three years has really put her shoulder to the wheel and accomplished much in the 99's during that time. She has been vice-chairman and chairman of the Iowa Chapter and treasurer of the North Central Section. She has also worked on the Sectional Nominating Committee and was general chairman for the arrangements for the North Central Section's meeting in Des Moines last fall. She flies for fun, but also ferries from the Piper factory, which she claims is "fun" too. She holds a secretarial position in the office of a fixed-base flight operator.

### AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP TRUSTEE

Marion Bertram who has been an active member since 1939 has served as Florida Chapter chairman, Secretary of the Southeastern Section and as a member of the National Nominating Committee. Holds a commercial license, single engine, flight instructor, land and sea ratings. Donates the Bertram Trophy which was the start of the Florida Chapter Race activities that led to the All Woman Air Show eventually. Served on the Committee of the First All Woman Air Show in Tampa and this year very actively on the Board of Directors in the capacity of auditor, bookkeeper and entry chief; thus aiding the Florida Chapter in contributing substantial sums to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

Adele Scharr who has been an active 99 member since 1940. She served as the first Chairman of the Eastern Missouri Chapter and again holds that office. One year she served as vice-chairman. Has served on the North Central Section Constitutional Committee as Chairman. She began to fly in 1935 and served in the WAFS and the WASPS for 27 months. She holds a commercial license, single and multi engine land, instrument ratings as well as five ground school instructor ratings. Before the war she operated her own flight and ground school at Lambert. Is currently serving as Chairman of the Aviation Council of Greater St. Louis.

### 1950 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Verna Burns (South Central Section) has been an active 99 member for about five years, has been chairman of the Fort Worth unit of the Texas Chapter and is now secretary-treasurer of the South Central Section. Verna owns a Beech Bonanza and holds a commercial and a flight instructor's rating. She was a Captain in the CAP during the recent war years.

Carolyn Cullen (New England Section) has been an active 99 member since 1940 and has served on the membership committee for the New England Section. Since that year Carolyn has "lived aviation." She earned her private and limited commercial in New Orleans working at any job in Edna Gardner Whyte's school, then her commercial and instructor's rating the next year which she used on the Navy V-5 program. WASP for a year, then back to instructing again, this time for boys from South America. Since 1947 she has been co-operator and co-instructor at the Oak Bluffs Airport. Remember when she won the light plane race at the First All Women Air Show in Tampa?

Betty Hamilton (Southeastern Section) has been an active 99 member for nine years and was a charter member of the Carolinas chapter. She has been chairman of that chapter and has served as chairman of various Southeastern Section committees. Betty has been flying for fun since 1939, owned her own plane for years (Ercoupe now) and was very active in CAP as flight leader and Lieutenant.

Bella Heineman (New York-New Jersey Section) has been an active 99 member since 1935 and for the past two years she has been secretary for the NY-NJ Section. Bella holds plenty of ratings, such as flight instructor, instrument and multi-engine and has been earning a living

by them since 1939, building up a log of over 6000 hours. Recently given Instrument Examiner Rating.

Frances Nolde (Middle Eastern Section) has been an active 99 member for seven years. She has been chairman of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter and vice-governor of the Middle Eastern Section. Frances was station Commander of CAP Courier Base for three years, flying cargo and personnel. She owns a Navion and won the Transcontinental race in the Second All Women Air Show in 1948. Now is Director of Public Relations for Aviation Consultants, Inc. and Reading Aviation Service.

Eloise Smith (North Central Section) has been an active 99 member for about ten years. She is now chairman of the Michigan Chapter, following a term of vice-chairman. Eloise holds flight instructor, (land and sea), and instrument ratings and owns a Bellanca Crusair. Next time you see Eloise she may have just returned from a week end in Florida, a ferrying trip to California, or a fishing trip far up into Canada.

Irma Story (Southwestern Section) has been an active 99 member for three years and during that time she has been vice-chairman of the Los Angeles Chapter and vice-governor of the Southwestern Section and served on the committee of arrangements for two Transcontinental Air Races during the All Women Air Shows of 1948 and 1949. Irma was a WASP on special assignment and towed targets in B-26's. Has been flight instructor since 1946, first as chief pilot at Belvedere, N. J. and now at Lancaster, Calif. Not only on single engine, but also on multi-engine.

Evelyn Whitmaker (Northwestern Section) is now chairman of the Oregon Chapter. She managed the First All Girls Air Race in the Northwest and she, herself, holds the light-plane record for distance flight. Evelyn is a flight instructor and has operated her own flight service and in her leisure moments she dashes off newspaper and magazine stories on flying. She now is Informational representative for the Oregon State Board of Aeronautics, a position for which she is well qualified with a log of 6300 hours.

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#### TRANSFER FORMS AVAILABLE

New Transfer Forms in triplicate will be sent on request to members wishing to transfer their membership when they move. The Executive Committee hopes this form will simplify and clarify such procedure. Send to Headquarters or your National Secretary for them.

Kay A. Brick, Secretary

#### CHAPTER NEWS

#### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

##### EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart

Just a word about the grand time all who attended our Middle Eastern Sectional Meeting in Reading, Pa., June 25th and 26th had. Fran Nolde, Leona McElroy and Millie Zimmerman arranged a wonderful schedule of events for us. Lunch at Riveredge (a Inn boarder Reading Airport) swimming, cocktails, a business meeting and dinner at Fran Nolde's lovely estate. After all this, a play in a barn play house. Sunday, a brunch and farewell...it was a pleasure to meet new girls from other chapters. Present were seven Washington girls, one Meadville and sixteen from our own group and Blanche Noyes made it complete.

Our July meeting was held in York, Pa. on the 24th. Mary Hostetter and Jane Morris were our hostesses. We had a delightful lunch at the York Country Club and then off to the C.A.P. sponsored York Air Show. What more could 99's ask for -- good food and a good air show.

Election time in August so please all try to get to the next meeting! Lancaster will probably be the spot with Dr. Helen Myers as our hostess. Watch for your notices!

We have a total of five girls putting in their applications to become one of us in Eastern Penn Chapter. We'll hear more about them later, but we are mighty proud and happy to be growing in size.

Now I believe I have given this pen enough dual after two years so I'm going to solo it! So long---

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By Marjorie Cook

July 23 we had a wonderful time at a Beach Party on the Erie Peninsula. The Erie gals met us at Port Erie Airport and furnished transportation to the Lake. The day was beautiful, the food was delicious and the water was inviting. After eating, we had our business meeting and then enjoyed a refreshing swim.

We had nomination of officers. It was decided that Mrs. Eleu Miller of Franklin would have the next meeting in August. Jean Peden, our chairman, was elected to be our delegate to the national convention in New York.

Enthusiasm is running high concerning the national convention and all the Meadville girls are planning on attending.

#### SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

##### CAROLINA CHAPTER

By Sara E. Payne

"Happy Landing", Dot and Shack's summer place on Lake Murray, was the scene of much activity for the Carolina 99s and 49gers on Sunday, July 17th.

Louise and Herman Smith from High Point, Bird and Paul Eaton, Nancy Mayes and Sara Payne drove down from Charlotte; Anne Briscoe and Freddie Hays Grindell from Charleston; Amalie Stone, boy friend Bob Hammond from Phoenix, Arizona, and her aunt Mrs. J. W. Strudell from Augusta, Georgia (they were on their way to the beach); and Jesse and Jim Woods. We were happy to meet Pinehurst member Estelle Bradshaw and 49ger Carl. Estelle and Carl were the only ones to fly in, since the weather man had a very evident frown on his face early Sunday.

While everyone was cooling off with a cocktail, Carolyn Hembel arrived with the houseboat "Spent Rooster", with Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Chieri from Washington, D. C. navigating and co-piloting. We all promptly got on board and went out in the lake for a swim. The swim got an added touch when the clutch on the boat motor stopped working, with all of us stranded high and wet on the wrong shore. Carl finally found the trouble, and we returned to Happy Landing with a double appetite for the delicious barbecued chicken, Spanish rice, corn on the cob, fresh salad and cake.

A business meeting followed. Louise Smith gave a brief account of the Atlanta Section meeting. The New York celebration in October was discussed and as many as possible were urged to attend and get their reservations made.

On April 20th, Jewell Bailey established an unofficial altitude record of 26,875 ft. flying a 90 H.P. cub. We are all pulling for the official try, Jewell!

Will just have to put me in this, since I have a brand new commission as 2nd Lt. in the U. S. Air Force Reserve. Being an ex-WASP, I am very happy this was approved.

Our next meeting is planned for October at High Point, North Carolina.

#### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Ann Ross

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Foundation, a benefit of the All-Women Air Show, was dissolved last month at a meeting of the trustees of the fund.

There was in the foundation fund \$1,422.33 and of that amount \$610.00 was donated. The percentage that went to the fund from the All-Women Air Show proceeds amounted to \$812.33. The money donated was returned to the donors, with the exception of \$100.00 donated by Viola Gentry. She asked that her donation be sent to Mrs. Amy Otis Earhart, Amelia's mother. In addition to Viola's check the trustees, feeling that the cause was worthy, sent to Mother Earhart the \$812.33 making the total of \$912.33.

#### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Ruth Wolfe Thomas

The Tennessee Chapter of 99's welcomes new member Virginia Carey Lumpkin, 401 Texas Ave., Etowah, Tenn.

Our regular monthly meeting for June was held at Johnson City, Tennessee where we were luncheon guests of vice-chairman Jane Hilbert. Jane fed us fried chicken until we could eat no more - proving that it's true what they say about Dixie.

Early in July the 99's joined in a flight to the Air Show at Andrews, North Carolina.

Eddie Lee Griffin was vacationing in June and did not make the June meeting in Johnson City.

The 99's will join the East Tennessee Flyers Club members for a weekend flight to Crescent Beach, N. C. on the 13th and 14th of August. There will be planes from 15 towns in this section of Tennessee making the trip. Those who do not own planes will fly over in a chartered DC-3.

Evelyn Bryan and Pearl Brock, as officers for the Tennessee Chapter, will be honored guests at a banquet, Saturday night, August 6th, sponsored by the CAP. The CAP is sponsoring a tour of the state and the tourists will stay overnight in Knoxville. There will be approximately 50 planes in the tour.

#### NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION MEMBERS - HAVE YOU VOTED FOR YOUR OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR? IF NOT, DO VOTE TODAY! NOW! LETS HAVE THAT 100% BALLOT RETURN.

ALSO - RESERVATIONS FOR THE NORTH CENTRAL SECTIONAL MEETING IN CLEVELAND, OHIO ON SEPTEMBER 2nd SHOULD BE RETURNED TO MARY JANE SASALA, 4822 W. 13th St., BROOKLYN HEIGHTS, OHIO. RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE IN BY AUGUST 20, 1949.

By: Helen L. Linn  
Nominating Committee Chairman  
North Central Section

#### ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Olive Gooch Tuttle

Esther Noffke, Janice Christensen and Dora Dougherty former WASP's have achieved First Lieutenant's Ratings active duty in the Air Force Reserve. Congratulations, girls. Leota Cook has also made application but at this writing the reporter does not know its status. Good luck, Leota!

Lucy Kalla flew to Montreal, Canada with Helen Greinke who participated in the International Race to Miami. Lucy was in the tower at Dorval Airfield, Montreal to start the contestants on their way. Congratulations, Helen, on that wonderful Second Place.

Vice-chairman Dorothy Hutcheson will leave soon for Yakutat, Alaska to teach elementary work at the Yakutat Airfield. Dorothy has a degree in the Arts and has been doing extra work in Education this winter to qualify her for a teaching position. We shall miss you, Dorothy, but we know you will love your new work and Alaska.

A card from Jessie Anderson at Land O'Lakes, Wisconsin states, "--I painted the Airmarker on our hangar for an exchange of checkout time in the Hotel's Navion. Chartered the ship to fly to Hayward, Wisconsin to get my boys here for a few days. Have been exploring ghost mining towns, Lake of the Clouds, Lake Superior, sleeping out and camping out, etc. Hi to All". Thanks, Jessie, for interesting news from you.

Irene Leverton has made her first water landing in a Grumman Widgeon; Esther Noffke has checked out in the Widgeon; and Glen Martin, Evelyn's 49<sup>er</sup> has his Water Rating. Wonderful flying weather here in the Midwest this summer. Aren't you glad you lucky duckies?

July 24th the Chapter sponsored a Breakfast Flight to Woodstock, Illinois. Mr. Pierson, operator and his helpers George Lisenberg and Chuck and Harold Wright transported sixteen girls into Woodstock for husky breakfasts. Perfect flight weather and the airplanes flown in were: Champion, Clipper, Cessna, Cub J3, Vagabond, Taylorcraft L3 and Family Cruiser. A most pleasant reception and trip--we want to go to Woodstock again!

Dora Dougherty and Kay Ferris are in Colorado--drove, vacation. Dora needs one. She completed her work at Northwestern University this spring to attain a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree. She has been Flight instructor, working and attending classes for many months to complete work started before the war. Although she has flown countless times in the mountains, she had never driven through them. Dora is in quest of a position in Pueblo, Colorado while she is there. Success, Dora!

Hazel Hackwith is also on vacation in the West. Get some flying in out there, Hazel.

Doris Langher, Dorothy Hutcheson and Betty Morgan were fortunate enough to have coffee with Belle Hetzel, Omaha at the Sherman Hotel after the Woodstock Flight. Wish we all could have enjoyed your visit, Belle. Belle made her presence in the city known a little too late for the Flight itself.

Leota Cook and Mae Wilson are credited with providing us with wonderful food at the Air Meet. That was a big job--well done, girls.

If any Ninety-Niners in the Midwest are interested in sharing expenses of the trip to Cleveland on Sept. 2nd, call or write Mary Jane Dwyer, 7019 Wolfram St., Chicago. Phone Merrimac 7-1724; Ditto--the New York National Meeting call or write Irene Leverton, 846 Armitage Ave., Chicago. Phone--Eastgate 7-4916. If interested in races or other transportation call the above girls.

Next meeting FLY-IN to Chicagoland Airport, Chicago, Sunday August 7th at 9:00 a.m.

## INDIANA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Perry

Greetings from down Indiana way. With this terrifically hot weather that has about cooked all of our Hoosier Ninety-Nines, our activity has been somewhat limited this past month. Our July meeting was held in Mt. Vernon on July 17th. Mt. Vernon is that beautiful little city on the bank of the Ohio at the mouth of the Wabash. Scattered thundershowers limited our attendance to nine but the girls enjoyed seeing each other again.

Our August meeting is to be in Terre Haute, Indiana at the lake and summer home of Jessie Von Leer. Since August is our annual election of officers, we are anticipating quite a number in attendance. Along with this being one of the most important meetings of the year, it also is our annual picnic. We bring our 49ers, off-springs, and a large dinner basket and enjoy a lazy day together.

The Indiana Chapter was active recently in the Model Airplane Meet conducted at Benjamin Harrison Air Base, Indianapolis on July 10th. This meet was sponsored by the American Legion, Plymouth Dealers, and Indianapolis Star. Tow air force sargents and Betty Pettitt did some three-way judging with Jane Shope as time recorder and Virginia Brown Hyatt as coordinator of judging in the controlled line stunt division. Our chapter donated an award (gold cup) which was presented to a girl from Cincinnati, Dory Critchfield.

We have good news from Marj Smith who just recently was released from the hospital in Indianapolis. Marj has been seriously ill but is at home now and doing fine. We sure have missed seeing her at our meetings. The Indiana Chapter owes quite a bit to Marj for the fine job she does of keeping us in the public eye. That girl has more ideas for publicity than Quaker has oats.

Our chairman Virginia Eberhart had herself quite a thrill recently when Major Demy, Deputy Wing Commander of Civil Air Patrol took her for an hour's acrobatics in a PT-17. From all reports, Ginny enjoyed it thoroughly and no ill effects have been noticed.

Girls from Anderson decided on one of these hot July days that the wild blue yonder might be just a bit cooler than terrafirma. Included in the group was "Little Doc" Retherford, Charlotte Foland, Dorothea Hendricks and a friend. They hopped down to Terre Haute to visit Jessie Von Leer and Marie Thompson. On their return they were hungry and off to Kokomo they went for eats. It seems that a storm decided to center over Kokomo at the time the girls decided to land and consequently it was the girls who gave in. They headed their little plane toward Muncie and landed to satisfy their empty stomachs. They took to the air again but it must have been rather rough on the way home because they all lost their sandwiches and cokes and had to eat again when they returned to Anderson. A good time was had by all.

## UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Bernie Eno

Members of the Chapter and nearby chapters were invited to attend a Flight Breakfast in Fort Dodge, Sunday, July 17. Local chapter members present were: Beulah Frotzcher, Virginia Vinsand (who registered all visiting pilots and their guests), Betty Barton, Verna Mae Prochaska, Ruth Shimon and your writer. Visiting Ninety-Nines were Esther Olson from Dubuque, Helen Bass from Malvern, Janey Bay, Bea Mack and Laura Russell all from Omaha. Eight 49ers were also present, but only four joined us for breakfast. Due to the exceptionally large attendance for the Flight Breakfast, serving was behind schedule, so our quick thinking Chairman, Ruth Shimon dashed us to a nearby hotel for breakfast. Thanks to the Flight Breakfast Committee, we were reimbursed. Upon returning to the

airport, the time was spent taking pictures for the scrap book and hangar flying.

Competition for our traveling trophy is getting keen. This month, three girls were running neck and neck for points, but your reporter was able to retrieve the tray by a slight lead.

I am sorry I cannot at this time report the number of Air Markers ordered this past month, due to the fact all members had not reported to our chairman. We are, however, stressing Air Marking for the remainder of the summer.

Birthday handkerchiefs were presented to Beulah and Verna Mae who celebrated their birthdays during the month of July.

Next month, August 21, we meet at Lake Okoboji for a noon luncheon and an afternoon of swimming, boating and other lake activities. Betty Barton will be our hostess. Any guest visiting, please land at Fuller Airport, Milford, Iowa.

## MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Velta C. Skutt

Your reporter apologizes for missing the deadline last month and will try to bring you up-to-date on the news this time.

On Saturday evening, June 11th, as a prelude to next day's Women's Elimination Contest, approximately 30 members and guests enjoyed dinner at the famous Sohler's Restaurant, Marshall. (Mmm--that marinated herring!) Mayor Storr extended greetings and Leora Stroup related many of her exciting experiences as Chief Evacuation Nurse in the CBI theatre. It's no wonder she enjoys good solid terrafirma, although before the weekend was over she was beginning to "get the bug" again. Following the regular business meeting on Sunday, June 12th, at Marshall's Brooks Field, fifteen 99's entered the various events in the Elimination Contest for Michigan State Flying Championships. The day was hot, rough and gusty but all had a good time trying their wings. The winners were as follows: Cross-wind landing, Helen Anderson, Detroit; Bomb Dropping, Alice Hammond, Grosse Pointe Farms; Free Glide Spot-landing, Mary West, Clio; Controlled Approach Spot-landing, Alice Hammond; Spins, Mary West. All first-place winners will be expected to enter the final CAP-AAU Contest on August 14th at Joy Airport, Fraser, Mich. We wish to extend our thanks to Frances and Gordon Bera for an enjoyable weekend.

Sunday, July 10th, the Kalamazoo 99's were hostesses at their annual picnic at Austin Lake Airport. Forty-five members and guests attended and took advantage of the good food, sunshine and cool breezes. Main topic of conversation was the forthcoming Annual Meeting. Helen Anderson reported that if we could secure 50 passengers, it will be possible for us to charter an airliner to NY and return for coach rates. It has been suggested we leave Detroit, Tuesday, Oct. 4th, and return on Saturday. Anyone interested in this means of transportation please contact our Secretary, Fay D. Kirk, 14940 Westwood Ave., Detroit; this applies to any of our Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana or Ohio members who might like to join the Michigan members. We would like to have your tentative reservations by the middle of September.

Miscellaneous news notes: 7 seaplanes and 2 landplanes flew from Austin Lake to Beaver Island over the 4th of July; fished, swam, explored and had a very good time in general. Ann Sperry, Kalamazoo, and her fiancée, Marshall G. Schau, are flying to Salt Lake City to be married on Aug. 1st--our Best Wishes fly with you, Ann; also to Rita Bondy who, we understand, was recently married. Marjorie Johnson, formerly of Belding, is now living in Memphis, Tenn. Virginia Barden and her 49er supplied the landing field for the flying stork a short time ago--Congratulations!

## MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Margaret Manuel

At the invitation of the Exchange Club of Faribault we held our July meeting the same day the Faribault's new Municipal field was dedicated. In spite of vacations, honeymoons, illnesses, etc. five enthusiastic pilots were on hand for the meeting and to give a helping hand with the dedication ceremonies. Two arrived later. We are most proud of Virginia Shaw for having taken the prize for having flown in with the heaviest ship. Evelyn Knowlton didn't win any prizes but she certainly was the envy of all other pilots when she arrived in her brand new Beech Bonanza.

Evelyn and her new ship will enter the Air Regatta at Carleton Airport at Stanton, Minn. on August 7th. The regatta is a series of navigation and efficiency races. Airplanes of the same make and horsepower race with each other. The course is announced two hours before the first take-off. President Rita Bondy Orr has also entered the Regatta in the 140 Cessna Class. Good luck both 99'ers.

Rita Bondy has a new name Orr. She married her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'er Dr. Burton Orr who is a flying enthusiast. Of course, they took their honeymoon trip in their Cessna. They flew all the way to California and back and had many experiences. It was their first venture in mountain flying but the weatherman doing his best all the time, saw them safely on their course as planned and they were back to Minnesota per schedule.

August first Belle Hetzel paid Minnesota 99'ers a surprise visit. An impromptu dinner at Charlie's Cafe Exceptionale in Minneapolis was arranged and those attending agreed that the hanger flying was at its best. Belle was a most charming person. We wish to thank her for taking time out from her vacation to stop and see us and hope she will come back again soon.

One of our new members whose home interests are divided between California and Minnesota but who really belongs to our Minnesota Chapter has been writing letters of the wonderful chapter in California. In the meantime, we are missing Lorraine Johnson's attendance in Minnesota. New member Marilyn Kvalheim has been visiting in Calif. this month also. Last year she flew out there but this year she went out by train and returned by auto. I guess flying is by far the best way to travel.

## WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Elsie V. Peters

The Wisconsin Chapter held its July meeting at the country home of Dot Faust at Lake Beulah and a wonderful time was had by all. It was a real gathering with 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers and 24 3/4ers present. Besides swimming, cook-tails, television, we had a most scrumptious dinner with 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er Faust acting as cook. He certainly looked great at the outside grill with his "fancy apron." Dr. and Mrs. Hankwitz added another thrill for all of us, as they circled the lake, landed in the water and then taxied to the pier in their seaplane, where we all were swimming. Now that is the way to travel in Wisconsin. Thanks for a most enjoyable day.

On Sunday, July 31, five of us flew to Manitowoc for breakfast. It was a wonderful day and all of us would have liked to keep right on going with the blue of the sky above us and the blue of the lake below us to the right.

This month we are having our meeting in Madison and we hope to see a number of new faces. A number of the Wisconsin girls are pinching their pennies, nickels and dimes for the New York Anniversary meeting.

The Wisconsin Chapter wants to thank and congratulate the Kentucky Chapter for the wonderful Sectional meeting at Louisville. Deedo and Dr. Heise, Dora Fritzke, Ruth Lembke, Dorothy Christenson, Jeannette Kapus, Sally Lathrop, Elaine Francke and myself were the lucky ones to have attended. It is always such a pleasure to meet old friends again and make new ones. Thank you Kentucky for your wonderful hospitality.

Another highlight was the South Central Sectional meeting at Omaha. The stories told by the Wisconsin girls who attended made the rest of us envious. Omaha certainly did everything to make their guests happy. Congratulations!

## SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Eves M. Tune

Our members are scattered over the country this summer with Delrose Sieber and Hazel Raines visiting in San Antonio; Lynden Magee with her family in Michigan before she comes home in late summer for a "big event", and Edah N. Chinn, one of our brand new members, moving from Ardmore and cruising around in New Mexico now looking for a new location.

Despite this we turned our July meeting into a picnic at the beautiful country home of Mary Francis in honor of the 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers. Members came from Ardmore, Winfield, Kansas and Norman, and as usual everyone ate more than they should.

The husbands were quarantined finally and a business session was held with the following results: Chairman, Elizabeth V. Sewell; Vice-chairman, Beth Smith; Secretary, Velma Woodward; Treasurer, Ruth Harris; Reporter, Eves M. Tune; Airmarking Chairman, Beth Smith; Membership Chairman, Mary Francis.

### TEXAS CHAPTER

By Martha Ann Reading

To all Texas Chapter Members and South Central Section Members:

Make plans now to attend the big joint meeting at the Circle R Ranch at Medina, Texas, Sept. 9, 10 & 11. There are great things in store for you there. Make your reservations direct to the Ranch. Send a \$4.00 deposit with your reservation. Rooms \$2.00 per person per day meals extra. You Texas girls will receive a bulletin giving the details very soon.

#### DALLAS UNIT:

The Dallas unit met July 13 at Marie Nix's home where we had a wonderful buffet supper. Mildred Carney and Barbara Williams flew in from Shreveport and Longview for the event. The meeting included a lot of hangar flying and making plans to attend both the State meeting and the National Celebration.

Marie Rushing and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er Dr. E. O. Rushing are entertaining the Dallas unit with a swimming party at their home August 3rd. You will hear more about this next newsletter since we can't make the deadline if we wait to write it up this time.

#### AUSTIN-SAN ANTONIO UNIT:

No direct report from the unit but we hear that Secretary Ama Lee Jameson is having a glorious vacation in California, Washington, Oregon and points Northwest.

## OREGON CHAPTER

By Joyce Hoberg Martin

The July 30th meeting was held at Kelso, Washington. The Kelso and Longview girls, Bettie Bray, Velma Richards and Mary Ann Stewart acted as our hosts and our thanks to them for everything. We had very clever place cards in the shape of log books, with "99's log" on front and pertinent data pertaining to each member enclosed.

Evelyn Whitmaker appointed a nominating committee, consisting of Marge Fenley, Portland, Ruth Wikander, Hillsboro and Velma Richards of Kelso. We had previously discussed the possibilities of having a Girls Air Tour. Because of several other events, we have decided to plan on it for next spring.

Our latest member to be added is Verna Dober of Cornelius, who has a Private license. When her daughter is in college, she flies down to see her. Verna is a teacher by profession.

Two new prospective members, who flew in from Seaside, in a T-craft were Florence Inman and Millie Smith.

Incidentally, gals, you recall we turned in to the State Board a list of about 13 towns for airmarking. We are advised that each and every one of the towns now has an air-marker. If you have any more suggestions, send them to me and I will forward them to the proper office.

Palston Air Shows and the 99's sponsored a Girl's Air Race, July 24th in connection with the Air Show at Hillsboro. Ruth Wikander took first place in a Cessna, Donna Seip second place and Genevieve Smith third place in an Erco. Half the entry fee from the race was turned over to the 99's. The show featured Swede Ralston, Dick Martin, my 49½'er and Sammy Mason from Los Angeles.

## WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Mildred Mandeville

Most of the evening of our July 11th meeting at the Aero Marine Club was spent in discussing, in detail, an overnight flight to Victoria. This will take place in September, although we had hoped to have it sooner. The showing of life-like color slides of our last two flights made the members more enthusiastic than ever about our coming flight.

Gini Stover Lindgren, our chairman, is having a wonderful time flying co-pilot in C-47s on unscheduled runs between Seattle and Chicago. "That's all I want to do from now on", she stated, with her eyes shining. Gini has gained 6 pounds since starting this work and is the picture of health.

Jean Romercin, our newest and youngest member, who has been the sole support of "the best BT-13 in Western Washington" for over a year, finally sold it. Of late, she has been getting some dual in a twin-engine Cessna. Jean, by the way, was the only 99er from our chapter to fly to the Ellensburg Fly-In. With Lola Nelson as passenger she flew the pattern over and over again in her BT-13 with about 50 light planes and had quite an exciting time before finally landing. Over 250 planes arrived at the field that day.

## BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Eleanor Wagner

Most recent happenings and developments to come propelling out of this area is much talk and planning about the New York convention plus the race, plus a lot of just local goings on.

Our July meeting was held in Oakland. It was a dinner meeting followed by an informal business discussion and two short travel films furnished by American Air Lines, operator included. The following week, several of the Ninety-Nines with 49½'ers and friends participated in a fly-in to Hoberg's, a nearby summer resort in Lake County. Although the turn-out wasn't up to the usual caliber of the group, those who did attend had a swell time.

Over July 4, Mayetta Wiedeman with friend Mary Tritask flew back to Milwaukee, Wisconsin which is Mayetta's hometown. Before leaving on the trip, Mayetta beavered away at getting her Cessna 120 in perfect condition for the long haul. She worked right along with the mechanic doing the jobs that she could do under his guidance.

Mayetta and passenger spent their first night in Reno and after spending some little time in Kangaroo Court and being fined a small amount for not being in Western garb, they started out at dawn the next morning for Milwaukee. In Cheyenne, where they stopped to refuel the gals ran into Florence Emig and her travelling companion who were returning from a long cross country and headed back to San Jose, California. All in all, the round trip totaled 41 hrs. and 30 mins., with a bit of a rugged time on the return what with skirting around some bad weather.

Pat Gladney has been having some rare experiences of late, too. In addition to those nice fishing trips that she and husband, Jack, have been taking in their Cessna 170, she has been flying up near the Oregon border to the ranch of some friends. It so happened that there was a fire at the ranch a few weeks ago with considerable loss and injury to the owner. Pat was called on to rush up to the ranch and transport the owner back to the San Francisco Airport on a stretcher in the 170 so that he could receive the immediate treatment that he needed. Just another proof that flying is good for something besides just flying.

## SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Lois Bartling

Our chapter is certainly up in the air these days. What with all the members who own planes either away on a trip or planning on leaving.

Betty Lambert and her 49½'er took off in their B.T. for upper Michigan to see her folks. They'll be gone a month. An other one off into the "wild blue" is a brand new member, Dodie Prario. She and her husband, Bob, and daughter Ann will leave Aug. 19 for Massachusetts. They are going in their Stinson and are planning on stopping in New Orleans and a number of other southern cities on their way to the East. They will leave for home in time to stop off and see the Cleveland Air Races. They too expect to be gone a month.

Our chapter is getting bigger, better and more active. At the last business meeting, Dodie Prario, Shirley Lenois, Edie Vogt and Ruth Gamber were welcomed in as new members. The last social was a patio party and members and their 49ers turned out to total 50 persons ready and willing to eat.

Air marking and the 20th Anniversary celebration in N. Y. took up most of the time at the last business meeting. The air marker is just waiting for some generous person to donate a roof up Fallbrook way. As for the N.Y. deal, I wouldn't be the least bit surprised if around the first week in October, New York played host to a large group of San Diego girls.

(President's Column continued)

The Derby is primarily for small planes and eager pilots.

Considerable publicity will be given the pilots who participate and we feel that many of you will join this Derby to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of our organization.

I held up the News Letter until after I could get up to New York to talk to Marjorie Davis and the girls who are working on the 20th Anniversary Celebration. It really is going to be wonderful, and you certainly are going to get your money's worth, for I have never seen so many things planned. You better all bring your watches, for everything is going to have to run on schedule in order for you to participate in all the activities. Don't forget your passports--your paid-up membership cards and 99 Club pins. However, for the benefit of any of the girls who may have lost their pins, they will be on sale at the registration desk.

Here is the formula for the Trans-Continental Efficiency Race from the West Coast to Westchester County Airport, N. Y., this coming October.

On the basis of your replies, we have decided to limit the Race as follows:

1. NINETY-NINE MEMBERS ONLY - WOMEN PASSENGERS ONLY.
2. CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT ONLY --- INCLUDING THE ERCOUCPE.
3. One compulsory stop in TULSA, Okla., with the route being optional to and from Tulsa. However all contestants will be handicapped with a prescribed route mileage as detailed in Problem.
4. DAY ONLY -- VFR has been almost unanimously chosen by you. Sunrise and sunset pertaining to locality. We have decided on this to comply with the majority.
5. Again, from the majority of replies -- RECEIVER ONLY will be required. The committee strongly recommends TWO - WAY radio.
6. CAA FLIGHT PLANS ARE REQUIRED. Arrange to have copies forwarded to the Committee as elapsed times will be computed from these flight plans. Ground times will not count. Towers and Communications en route will be alerted to assist with the execution of flight plans.
  - a. Two way radio will prove a decided advantage in this phase of the race alone.
  - b. Radio failure en route will not be disqualifying provided that flight plans are terminated properly.
  - c. We also recommend consulting CAA Flight Information Manual and current Airmen's Guide (available at all controlled airports) for information as to fields and their facilities.
7. In order to make an accurate check on your fuel consumption all gas slips will have to be turned in to the committee in order to determine the winner.
8. HANDICAPPING HAS BEEN BASED ACCORDING TO GROSS LOAD. The following is the list of speeds and fuel consumption based on Gross Load.

Plane	Average Speed	Aver. fuel Cons. (G.P.H.)
Bonanza	153.2	7.4
Ryan Navion	138.5	9.9
Cessna 120-140	107.3	5.0
Cessna 170	119.2	6.4
Ercoupe	105.6	5.1
Piper Clipper	112.3	6.8
Stinson Voyager (165)	115.5	9.1
Bellanca Cruisair	125.8	8.6

We suggest pilots familiarize themselves thoroughly with performance data issued for your type engine and aircraft.

9. As advised by legal counsel - this does not have to be an NAA-FAI Race. THEREFORE ----NO ENTRY FEE REQUIRED.

THE ASSUMED PROBLEM OF THE TRANSCONTINENTAL EFFICIENCY RACE

A shipper has consigned cargo to you to be flown from Palm Springs, Cal. to Westchester County Airport, White Plains, N. Y. on a per mile basis. The CONTRACT MILEAGE is from the following route.

AIRWAY

PALM SPRINGS -----Abilene-----Green 5  
 Abilene-----Oklahoma City---Blue 6  
 Oklahoma City-----TULSA-----Amber 4      COMPULSORY STOP  
 Tulsa-----St. Louis-----Red 11  
 St. Louis-----Harrisburg-----Green 4  
 To New York-----Green 4 or Red 33

You have only one compulsory stop --- TULSA --- to pick up additional cargo. The actual route flown may be at your discretion depending on WEATHER, WINDS and your desire to SAVE FUEL in order to INSURE A BETTER PROFIT.

Obviously the less fuel consumed and the fewer hours put on your ship, the more profitable your contract. THE WINNER WILL BE THE PILOT WHO COULD MAKE THE MOST PROFIT.

Winners will be determined by the AOPA formula in revised Bulletin #12 on Efficiency Racing. Based upon FLIGHT TIME vs. ECONOMIC FUEL CONS. vs. the CONTRACT MILEAGE.

The winner will be awarded the highest rate. For example: Assuming the shipper paid \$500.00 for delivery of his cargo. The Contract mileage is assumed to be 3500 miles. Dividing the contract mileage into the price for delivery, the WINNER would receive a rate slightly over 14 cents per contract mile.

Naturally runner-ups would receive a slightly lower rate but will not be out of the running. So there is hope for each and everyone.

For Entry forms for the Trans-Continental Race, write to Bella Heineman, 160 Central Park South, New York, N. Y. Good luck. See you all in New York.

Blanche Noyes  
Your President

CORRECTION

To All Governors and Chapter Chairmen:

In a recent summary of the "high lights" of the 99's, mailed to you by Novotah Holmes Davenport, will you please correct Page 8, paragraph 2 to read "eight Sections and thirty-eight chapters."