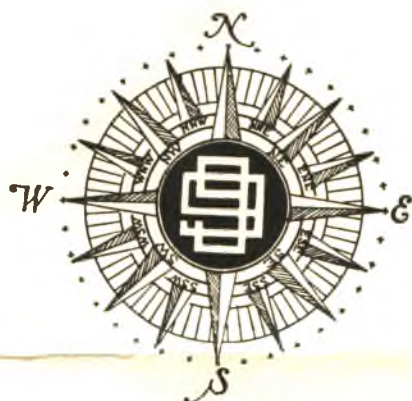


NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

While I was gallivanting around the Hawaiian Islands, petite Ana Louisa Branger set a new altitude record for light planes, second category, both national and international, with a height of 24,504 feet. Congratulations, Ana Louisa; we are very proud of you. As you know, Ana Louisa is our Venezuelan diplomatic member. She is cultural attache at the Venezuelan Embassy here in Washington.

Am all excited over the National Convention at Fort Clark Ranch at Brackettville, Texas; the Transcontinental Air Race from San Diego, California, to Greenville, South Carolina; the International Air Race from Montreal, Canada, to West Palm Beach, Florida; and the Palm Beach and Greenville shows. I am going to make them all, even though they are so close together. I hope everyone who can will enter the races and that everyone will come to Brackettville for the meeting.

I am going to let the girls tell you about the above mentioned events, so look for Texas, California, Florida and South Carolina news items. They will give you the up-to-date news.

The Air Force Association has invited us to join with them in their anniversary celebration at Boston Mass., August 25, 26, and 27. As you know, the new officers do not take their seats until the end of August. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our new officers could take over their offices at that time? And for all 99's to rendezvous at Boston, then fly to the Cleveland Air Races, making it an all 99 powder puff derby or something? We are working on it, so let me know if you have any ideas--but remember the dates, August 25, 26, and 27, Boston, Massachusetts.

See you soon.

Blanche Noyes
Your President

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL CHAPTERS AND SECTIONS

Applications for the 1950 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award are now being processed by the Trustees and final judges so that the winner can be announced at our annual meeting. It seems appropriate at this time to remind all chapters and sections that funds raised for the Scholarship during the past year but not already sent in, should be mailed to our National Treasurer, Marjorie Fauth, very soon -- in any case not later than August 1st. The Treasurer must have time to close her books and get them audited before our fiscal year ends on August 31. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the "Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund." Let us all support this Fund; it is one of our most worthwhile and enduring projects, and one in which we can all take great pride. More contributions are needed before the Fund will be large enough for the interest to cover the Award each year.

Melbe Beard, Chairman
Amelia Earhart Memorial
Scholarship Trustees

NINETY-NINE CONVENTION
June 21-25, 1950
FORT CLARK RANCH
BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

Wednesday - June 21

Fly-In Day

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.....Executive Committee Meeting

Thursday - June 22

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.....Executive Committee Meeting and
Governors' Meeting
3:00 p.m.....Start of Trip to Mexico
4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.....Cocktails courtesy of Eagle Pass
Chamber of Commerce, Mirror Room
Eagle Hotel, Eagle Pass, Texas.
6:00 p.m.....Cross river to Mexico and time
out for shopping.
8:00 p.m.....Dinner Victory Club, Piedras
Negras, courtesy Texas Chapter, 99's.
12:00 p.m.....Busses will leave Mexico for
return trip to Ranch.

Friday - June 23

9:00 a.m.-12:00.....Business Meeting
1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.....Business Meeting
8:00 p.m.....Rodeo with one event for 99'er
participation.

Saturday - June 24

8:30 a.m.-12:00.....Business Meeting
1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.....Business Meeting
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.....Cocktail Party at swimming pool,
courtesy Gulf Oil Corp., Houston,
Texas
7:00 p.m.....Banquet and presentation of
trophies - swimming pool.

Sunday - June 25

1:00 p.m.....Barbecue swimming pool

All meals except, of course, the one in Mexico, and the
banquet and barbecue will be at the Ranch Club.

NO FORMAL CLOTHES - Dress for coolness and comfort. Play
clothes, bathing suits, blue jeans, etc. No hats needed
either.

They are planning a stake race or barrel race or some-
thing of the sort for 99'ers to take part in. So, if
you want to enter, bring your rodeo togs.

TROPHIES

Silver Pitcher and 4 Goblets from the W. T. Waggoner
Estate, Vernon, Texas to be given the girl with the
most solo hours for pleasure--NO MAN PILOT IN PLANE--
for period May 30, 1949 to May 30, 1950. If com-
peting for this be sure to have log book.
Silver Tray, Cream and Sugar from the Electra State Bank,
Electra, Texas, to the girl attending the most
National Conventions.
Four Seiberling Tires from the Robert Moore Service
Station, Electra, Texas, to the girl traveling the
farthest distance to attend the Convention.
Silver Supper Dish from Texas Private Fliers to the girl
attending the most consecutive Conventions.
Weather Guide from Ziggy Hunter, Austin, Texas, to the
girl with the newest Private license.
Western Glasses from Tony and Holland Page, Austin,
Texas, to the smallest girl attending the Convention.
Trophy to be given by Neiman-Marcus of Dallas, Texas,
to the girl with the most CAA Ratings.
Leather Jewelry Box from the Circle R Sky Ranch, Medina,
Texas, award to be announced later.
Handmade leather saddle bag type purse with 99 emblem
from the Texas Flying Farmers to youngest girl flying
in to the Convention.
Silver Lazy Susan from the 6666 Ranch, Fort Worth, Texas,
to girl having most hours.
Two prizes are being given by the Pecos Air Service and
Airport Hobby Shop. One to the first girl to cross

the Pecos River enroute to the Convention. One to
the last girl to cross the Pecos River enroute to
the Convention.

The Fort Clark Ranch is also giving a trophy.
Col. and Mrs. Jack Lapham of the Flying L Ranch at
Bandera, Texas, are giving western clothes for a
trophy.

There will be other prizes to be given at the banquet
and by Convention time maybe even more trophies. Jimmie
Kolp is really doing a wonderful job as Chairman of the
Trophy Committee.

HAVE YOU MET THE NEW CO-PILOT CHARACTER?

No, it's not a publication, more personal we might say.
Every gal needs one. Ninth Ninety-Nine writing Secretary
Brick as to its identity, as judged by postmark, will
receive one.

State HOW you made your discovery. Include your address.
Read ads, listen to radio, visit your local store!

NEWS FROM ARLENE DAVIS

On the home stretch of my recent trip to South America
my husband and I stopped at San Juan, Puerto Rico, and
stayed at the Caribe Hilton Hotel. Lovely indeed.

The phone rang and I was delightfully surprised to hear
the voice of Clara Livingston who has been living there
for many years, having a home right on the ocean at
Dorado, about 20 miles west of San Juan. Clara and I
were flying buddies; in fact, she was my boss during the
war, teaching instrument flying to the Army. Clara has
a school of her own now, with an office at the big
International San Juan Airport, but does all the teach-
ing at her own Dorado Airfield.

I know there are many young ladies throughout the
country who have their own airport and flying schools
but the amazing thing about this story is:

For a Commercial Pilot Ticket a student must fly
several cross-country flights, including a 340 mile
inter-island flight, skirting the south shores of
Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic and landing
at the Dominican Capital of Cuidad Trujillo. Then
on to Haiti, landing at Port au Prince.

This follows the same course Columbus chartered in
1492.

I know of no other school which offers so interesting an
itinerary or which trains its pilots in the correct
procedures governing clearance and entry of aircraft on
international flights. As Captain of his plane, the
pilot is responsible for requesting consular permits,
filling in numerous forms, clearing and entering through
Immigration and Customs, filing flight plans, etc.. In
a world where air travel has made all points accessible,
this indoctrination may prove most valuable. One of
Clara Livingston's students was on a cross-inter-island
flight the day she phoned me. He made it O. K.

All this, gals, is what one "99" is contributing to
aviation. What would you think of a Powder Puff Derby
to Clara's Shangri-La?

ENTRIES FOR THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RACE
Submitted by Evelyn Briggs

1. Aileen Pickering, San Pedro, California and Irma
Story, Lancaster, Calif. in a Cessna 140, sponsored
by Star-Kist Tuna Co.
2. Betty Gillies and daughter, Pat, in a Ryan Navion 260
sponsored by Acme Saw and Supply Co., San Diego
3. Marion Hart, New York, in a Cessna 170

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Vera Foster

The Washington Chapter took part May 21st in totin' over 550 persons into the air. For most of them, it was their first flight. Priests who wanted to see what flying was like, since in distant missions Cubs are used, came down filled with enthusiasm, and plans to learn to fly immediately. This enthusiasm seemed to be shared by many of the men, boys, ladies and girls taken up that Sunday.

The private pilots donated their planes, time and gasoline to these free Courtesy Flights. The only requirement for the passengers was that they sign a waiver before entering the planes. There were tall passengers, short ones, fat ones and thin ones. The planes used included Stinsons, Ercoups, Pipers of all kinds, Swifts, Taylorcrafts, and Aeroncas. A most successful day was spent dedicated to the promotion of private flying by introducing it "first hand" to the public.

The Chapter regretfully bids farewell to our President Mary Jane Livingston who is leaving for Nashville, Tenn. We hope she'll stop by to see us often for we're really going to miss her.

Another gal was elected to fill Mary Jane's place, Rosemary Lane or "Dusty" Lane as we call her. Rosemary and new member Louise Millican were selected as delegates to the 99 convention in Texas. They're driving down in Lou's Ercoupe. Be sure to comment on how shiny it is please.

Betty Skelton is coming to town Sunday. We're looking forward to seeing some of that smooth Skelton flying at the airshow.

Three 99's flew in the Langley Day All Woman Race. Vera Foster copped a trophy about two feet tall which she immediately took home and polished, Mitzi Moore took second place, and Rosemary in her T-craft came in third. Margy Harrison took second place in the 100 HP free for all race with a beautiful cream colored Ercoupe. Margy was up against some competition being the only gal in the race.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By: Leona A. McElroy

The ideal flying weather on May 21st brought Chairman Ruth Shafer and Secretary Marge Kodrich, Georgie Herdman and Ina Young up from Philadelphia; Augusta Roberts and Ethel Evans flew in from Delaware; Mary Hostetter and Jane Morris from York and Vi Delp, "Junior" Eckhart and Mary Jane Gottshalk from Lancaster. Together with Fran Nolde, Millie Zimmerman, Marie Miller, Kathryn Gaul and Leona McElroy from Reading, and twelve assorted husbands and guests, we found "Riveredge", close by the Reading Municipal Airport, a very pleasant place that Sunday afternoon.

The question on everybody's mind was, "Who would win the Bolsey camera?" This was answered promptly after dessert by Mary Hostetter pulling the name of Tom Miller, of York, out of the hat. Jane Morris, who sold the ticket, identified him as the office boy in the brokerage firm where she is employed. But Jane kept repeating, "He'll never believe it, never."

Millie sends her thanks to everyone who worked on this project. There was roughly \$50 over and above costs, and from this the Chapter will send a contribution to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

4. Ruth Gillett Deerman and Ruby Campbell, El Paso, Texas in a Cessna 140.
5. Anne Grogan, San Diego in a Mooney, sponsored by Southern California Airmotive, Gillespie Field, Calif.
6. Lois Hailley and Lois Ziler, El Paso, Texas, in a Piper Pacer, sponsored by Deal Motor Co., El Paso
7. Jean Parker, Arcadia and Boots Seymour, Duarte, Calif., sponsored by the City of Arcadia and World Transportation Fair.
8. Martha Ann Woodrum, Roanoke, Va., in a Beech Bonanza, sponsored by Johnson Carper, Fashion Trend Furniture, Roanoke.
9. De Thurmond, Hollywood, Calif., in a Piper Clipper
10. Betty Lambert and Claire Hale in a Cessna, sponsored by Gibbs Flying Service, San Diego
11. Mary Packard, Vallejo, Calif., in a Cessna 140, sponsored by the Vallejo Chamber of Commerce and Born, Contractor.
12. Irene Levertton, Chicago, and Mickey Collins, S. D., Calif., in a Piper Clipper, sponsored by San Diego World Exposition of 1953
13. Juanita Pritchard, Clairton, Pa., in a Piper Pacer
14. Jane Page, San Diego, in a Waco, sponsored by Trepte Construction Co., San Diego
15. Lenora L. McElroy, Ann Arbor, Mich., in a Bonanza, sponsored by the Ann Arbor Press.
16. Donna Evans, Downey, Calif., and Lela Hobday, in a Trojan, sponsored by Delpert Flying Service and Paramount Chevrolet.
17. Virginia Stover, Yakima, Wash., and Mildred Mandeville, Seattle, Wash., in an Ercoupe
18. Isabelle McCrae and Joanne Greenman, San Diego, in a Beech Bonanza, sponsored by Mrs. O. A. Beech of Beech Aircraft Corp., Wichita, and Dr. Wm. Greenman, San Diego dentist.
19. Monie Dye, Santa Monica, Calif., and Mary Kitson, Mar Vista, Calif., in a Piper PA 12, sponsored by W. R. Franz Enterprises.
20. Iris Cummings Critchell, Redondo, Calif., and Nancy Krause, El Cajon, Calif., in a Taylorcraft, sponsored by the Merchants of El Cajon, Calif.
21. Lois Bartling, San Diego, in a Swift 125, sponsored by Friedkins School of Aeronautics, Lindbergh Field, San Diego.
22. Mary Disney, Napa, Calif., and Marjorie Burton, in a Luscombe, sponsored by public spirited citizens of Napa.
23. Barbara Ward, Washington, D. C., in an Ercoupe, sponsored by American Aviation Magazine and Sanders Aviation, Inc., Riverdale, Md.
24. Viola Lyons, John Day, Oregon, in a Cessna 120, sponsored by John Day Sr. and Jr. Chamber of Commerce.
25. Mildred Harshman, Dayton, Ohio, in a Bonanza, sponsored by Ripps Coffee Shop, Dayton, Ohio.
26. Geri Masinter, San Francisco, Calif. and Ruth Rueckert, in a Stinson, sponsored by Nassau Kleen Aire and Distributors for A. Molin Products Co.
27. Dottie Sanders, La Mesa, Calif., and Dodie Prario, San Diego, in a Cessna 120, sponsored by Van Camp Sea Food Co., Inc., San Diego.
28. Marjorie Crawl, Phoenix, Ariz., and Donna Davis, San Diego, in a Cessna 120, sponsored by Charlesmagne's Restaurant, San Diego.
29. Yvette Hyatt Kovary, Venice, Calif., in a Mooney, sponsored by Coast Guard Reserve, 11th District.
30. Gladys Davis, Venice, Calif., in a Mooney.
31. Arleen Davis, Cleveland, Ohio, in a Cessna 195.
32. Claire McMillan, Santa Ana, Calif. and Clara Davis, in a Cessna 120.
33. Ruth Gamber, San Diego and Dorothea Schultz, Iowa.
34. Mary Ring and Helen Dick, San Diego, in an Aeronca Chief.

Some of the sponsors, or the planes, are not listed because at the time of mailing the newsletter, the information was not available in San Diego.

We are very happy and proud of such a fine large group representing so many parts of the United States' women flyers. The Transcontinental Race has grown from one entry the first year, 16 last year to twice that number in 1950.

Ethel Evans formally presented a beautiful scrapbook to the Chapter, and it was turned over to Jane Morris for the remainder of the year. Jane asks that you all please send clippings of chapter publicity to her at 36 N. Rockburn St., York, Pa.

Ruth Shafer read an invitation from the Meadville Chapter for a sectional meeting out there the first weekend in August. Now, this is sufficient advance notice for you to plan nothing else for that weekend!

And then we went on to talk of the national convention. Fran Nolde and Ruth Shafer will take care of our interests as delegates, and Marge Kodrich and Dr. Helen Meyers as alternates, with Millie Zimmerman hoping to get there, too, because she knows from attending last year's convention that she'll have a thoroughly enjoyable week.

The agenda to be placed before the convention was discussed, and then the talk turned to Grey Allison's wedding to Lt. Hugh R. Dunlap, Jr., of the Air Force -- Lois Cutler's newest fledgling -- Mary Reineberg's marriage and children and home in Colorado -- and Marjorie Deacon's child or children. It certainly is nice to hear about these members we haven't seen for a long, long time.

The next time we'll be getting together will be June 18 for a picnic on the beach at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware. Will we see you there?

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Harriette Mosbacher

It seems like ages since I last wrote a news letter. It feels good to be back in the familiar swing of 99 activity again. Mexico was fun but it is always good to come home to your friends.

The Meadville Chapter met at my home for the May meeting. We had our usual business meeting of somewhat routine nature and then began to really get our teeth into the activities in which we are all so interested.

We are once more preparing to don our jeans and give our city's air marker another coat of paint. Last year we not only painted the air marker but ourselves as well. Now that we are old hands at painting, we expect to get more on the marker and less on ourselves.

We are much excited about the convention and hope to have our chapter well represented deep in the heart of Texas. The girls are planning like mad. Sure hope vacations can be arranged and all will go well.

We are still hoping Jean Peden will be able to enter the race. Jean is just dying to fly in the race but complications beyond her control have proven a stumbling block to date.

Attention girls!!!

We have some very beautiful glasses with the 99's emblem on them. We will be glad to send you as many sets (eight to a set) as you like for the small sum of \$3.00 per set, plus postage.

These beautiful tall glasses with weighted bottoms are just perfect for those long cool drinks that are so enjoyable on a hot summer evening. And what could be nicer than these glasses for prizes or gifts. Not only are they beautiful and useful, but that emblem makes them pretty special you know.

Just tuck your check in an envelope together with your name and address and send it to Mrs. Marian Freund, 437½ Arch Street, Meadville, Pa., and you will receive your glasses pronto.

Rush your orders girls.

We sincerely hope none of our Erie members got lost,

strayed or stolen last meeting night. It was such a stormy night nary an Erie gal was present but we sure hope the weather will be better June 21st, when we will be looking for you to join us at the Airport for our regular meeting and a weenie roast.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Amalie W. Stone

By the time this Newsletter is released, the Annual Transcontinental Air Race for women pilots will have been completed and entertainment for nation-wide Ninety-Nines will be underway here at the terminus, Greenville, S. C.

The Carolinas Chapter considers it quite an honor that we were given the privilege of being host to our sister 99's from throughout the entire country. We sincerely hope that each of you will be able to visit us again in our respective cities, and that our contacts may remain close in years to come.

We believe that this Transcontinental Air Race event will become the outstanding aviation program of the entire nation, and are grateful that we could take part in such a worthwhile venture.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Dorothea M. B. Vermorel

The Air Show has been uppermost in the lives of all the Chapter members. Following is the program outlined so far:

International Race: Mont Royal Hotel, Montreal Headquarters. A dinner has been arranged for the girls, Customs will be cleared at Montreal, and as we understand the Mayor of Montreal will be on hand (he is a good friend of one of our directors).

West Palm Beach has arranged the following: Calvert Party: Friday night at the George Washington Hotel. Dance and fashion show Saturday night at the Biltmore. Supper dance Sunday night at the Elks Club. Free lodging in the barracks usually used for spring training for the baseball players, adjacent to the field. Breakfast will be served each day, so that will be convenient for all. Transportation...lots at our disposal. Free gas and oil to all participants for the events of the show. They vow they have invited the Army, Navy and Marines for those of us who do not have our own escorts! \$3800.00 total prize money is resting in the bank awaiting the winners of all events.

Naturally, the mass flight to the Convention will be a wonderful finale for the entire event.

Everyone is working hard and as the day draws near, there is more activity; in fact, so many last minute details, we are all in the clouds. Arthur Godfrey has sponsored Alice Jean May, New Jersey. She is flying his Navion and he has started to boost the show via radio.

One other item: The Chapter decided to help finance our delegates to the Convention, so Irma Price came up with a wonderful idea, worked hard, and it was successful. We sold tickets for a three day trip to Butlin's in the Bahamas as a prize. The drawing was held last Friday night on the "River Rats" and altho it was a huge success financially as well as socially a 99 did not win....

We want to take this opportunity to thank all the girls from the other chapters who have helped us and spread publicity, and who will come to our show.

To all the entrants in the International Race, the very best of luck and safe flying!!!

Bella Heineman is our official handicapper and starter. Frances Nolde: our NAA representative
Blanche Noyes: National President will be our honored guest for the entire show.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Irene Leverton

Dora Dougherty acted as faculty adviser to a group of University of Illinois flight students during an inter-collegiate Air Meet at Stephens College.

Seems like the annual Illinois Chapter air meet will be held in late August or early September this year. Sky Harbor, Elmhurst, Rubinkam and Chicagoland Airports all want us. Chances for Pylon Racing as one of the events are good as several gals have said they will enter.

Esther Holt our Airmarking Chairman and her assistant, Helen Budwash, did a fine job organizing the gals on their first airmarker. The Whiting Corporation in Harvey now has a new airmarker on its roof. Helen also flew the photographers over the plant in a 140 for aerial shots.

The California 1953 World Progress Exposition is sponsoring Irene Leverton and Mickey Collins, a San Diego 99 with a Commercial and a former Chicagoan, in the 99 Transcontinental. They are flying number 12 in the race which will be a Clipper or a Bellanca Cruisemaster.

News Notes: Bennie and Bob Bosler own a new Trojan. Hope Bennie will give us a pilots report on it at the next meeting--Lee Cook has a Cessna 120 now and is really putting time on it. Kay Ferris has been flying it too, another Cessna fan--Hazel Hackwith isn't forsaking the Luscombe but she has been out to Dale Smith's Sea Plane Base flying one of his Aeronca Sedan floatplanes--Marion Niedert is instructing in the Link at Snyders Sea Plane Base plus getting some water time herself in a J3--Millie Carlson is working part time for Priester Aviation at Elmhurst and is hard at work on the Commercial with Esther Noffke instructing--Bernice Sirovatka hasn't missed a breakfast flight in the area with her new Ercoupe.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Dorothea E. Hendricks

The Wing Scouts of Logansport, Indiana, and their leader, Mrs. Mary Ross, were the guests of the 99's at our May meeting at the Barnes Hotel in that city. Wing Scout Betty Wagner told us of their background and activities. Betty Pettit gave some interesting experiences she has had in skywriting. We learned that you cannot erase in the sky! Your reporter gave a brief history and purpose of the 99's.

The National Meeting in Texas was discussed, and we hope to be represented there. Chairman Charlotte Foland's face was really red when she drew her own name for the Pot of Gold. We know she didn't peek. The girls who winged their way to the meeting were Rosemary Aretz, Lafayette; Helen Outcalt and Rachel Sawyer, Rochester; Verona and Bertie Ruzicka, Kokomo; Irmyl Retherford, Charlotte Foland, Joan Ferguson, Fern Rinker and Dorothea Hendricks, Anderson. This very nice meeting was arranged by our secretary, Jane Shope.

We were glad to see Ruth Congram at the meeting. Ruth joined last year, but we haven't had a chance to get acquainted. Also, we welcomed two new Associate members. Lynn McGraw brought Barbara Belts from Indianapolis, and Helen Outcalt brought Rachel Sawyer from Rochester. Helen had just soloed Rachel on Friday before the meeting.

A happy hello to Lois Whitney, an Associate Member, who just became a full fledged 99'er after obtaining her Private license.

'Little Doc' Retherford was the early bird of the day. She flew with the AOPA on a breakfast flight to Monterey, and then on to our meeting.

Bertie Ruzicka, who is graduating from Kokomo High School, has won a scholarship to the John Herron Art Institute

in Indianapolis. Verona Ruzicka taught daughter Bertie to fly. Now she can combine the two and paint from a different angle than most artists.

Charlotte Foland and yours truly flew with the Madison County Chapter of AOPA to Chicago to attend Don McNeill's Breakfast Club on May 29. We landed on the lake strip--what fun!

Mildred and Doris Hurt will entertain the Chapter at "The Puddle", their private lake near Indianapolis, on June 21. This should be fun--come and bring your bathing suit.

KENTUCKY CHAPTER

By: Austa Shepherd

Old Man Weather turned the Kentucky girls back on their way to North Central Convention at St. Louis in May. Greenwood Cocanougher was the only member present, flying her trusty Stinson as far as Scott Field.

"Cokie" gets around in that red Stinson. She flew to the Indianapolis 500 Mile Speedway Race where she was the guest of Virginia Eberhart, North Central Section Publicity Chairman.

Marilyn Haley, our little blonde member from Elkton, received her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Kentucky on June 2.

Our chapter's "hopeful" for the International Air Race is, of course, none other than our own Greenwood Cocanougher flying the colors of Reynolds Metal Company.

Chairman Georgia Heitkemper has called a meeting of our chapter for June 4 at Bardstown, Kentucky.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Bernice M. Easter

The regular May meeting was held at Coldwater, Michigan with a one o'clock lunch at the Shanahans Restaurant. Leah Higgins gave a report on the spring meeting of the North Central Section which was held at the DeSoto Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, April 29th and 30th.

The annual flying championship contest, for women only, was held at the Branch County Memorial Airport at Coldwater. The original all women flying squadron of Civil Air Patrol, organized by Alice Hammond of Detroit, was held under the auspices of the Michigan Chapter of the 99's and sanctioned by the A.A.U. Onah Hawk of Eaton Rapids, Michigan made the arrangements for the flying contest to be held at the Coldwater Airport.

The winner of each event will compete for the State Championship in the finals, July 30th at Joy Airport, Fraser, Michigan. Each winner was presented with a beautiful medal.

Mary West of Clio, Michigan was the winner in the Spot Landing Free Glide and Jeannette Sovereign of Bay City, Michigan was the winner in three events--Control Spot Landing, Bomb Dropping and Cross-wind Landing.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: M. Manuel

Flying has really taken a spurt in Minnesota this month, but bad weather dampened the turnout at our May meeting in Faribault. All around the state, cross-country pilots were waiting either to get back home or to go somewhere. In spite of the weather, we had a fair group; some who flew in and others who chose the highways and, fortunately, during the worst part of the weather, we breakfasted, talked on the radio, toured the city of Faribault and did a little hangar flying before hurrying back to our homes. The 15 minute radio interview over KDHL was not only fun for us but many people have commented that they heard the program. It was broadcast just at noon time on a rainy Sunday - a fine time for listeners. Our hostess, Betty

Roberts, arranged for all - even to a door prize thru the courtesy of Faribo Woolen Mills. Pete Fry was the lucky girl and won an auto robe with a carrying case.

Everyone was busy discussing flight breakfasts they hoped to go on, vacations by personal plane, convention in Texas and two of our members even thought they might enter the International Air Race from Montreal to West Palm Beach. It looks pretty certain that our own Evelyn Knowlton and Marietta Sonnenberg from Rochester will be in Texas for the big doings. Rita Orr and her 49½'er have just learned of some vacation time they may have and are planning to take off with their Cessna 140 and may get as far as West Palm Beach to the Florida Air Maneuvers. They have a passenger to consider as she is only a month old, but so far she seems to enjoy flying. Margaret Manuel and Marily Kvalheim are the fledglins who would like to try their wings without the help of their instructors. They hope to be able to locate Montreal and enter the International Woman's Race.

Our July meeting will be a fly-in breakfast on the shores of Lake Minnetonka. Virginia Shaw, our hostess keeps her Seabee tied to her own personal dock and a short way from there maintains a field for "land-lubbers". Certainly by then we can expect some sunshine in Minnesota.

ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By: Ann Christine Ash

Our May meeting was held at the Norwalk Country Club, Norwalk, Ohio, with Mary Oetzel, Thelma Miller and Kay Dubbs doing a grand job as hostesses. We had a beautiful summer day with a very large attendance and a lot of 49½'ers coming along for the golf game at the Club. We were pleased to see Pepper Ambus and Jerry Larkin Harding out for our meeting. Two new members were voted on and welcomed into our Chapter, Helen Skjersaa of Cleveland and Edith Harman of Cincinnati. A very novel airplane made entirely of flowers, which graced the banquet table, was presented to our Chairman, Helen Linn, by Mary Oetzel. The chicken dinner was superb! At the business meeting, Martha Walter, Airmarking Chairman, presented our guest Dick Burwell of the Ohio Aviation Board. He stated 32 towns had been signed up for Airmarkers this summer with cards coming in every day. By the way gals, the contest date for the free ride to Texas has been extended to June 15th. Results will be announced at the Hangar Dance in Columbus. At this writing, Virginia Ashelford and Jeanne Hunt are running neck and neck. Ohio Chapter is bidding for the National Convention next year and we hope to offer a very appealing spot to compete with Michigan Chapter.

Our next meeting will be held at Columbus with all the gals down that way busy on plans for the Second Annual Hangar Dance which will be held at Mac Park on Saturday night, June 17th with the business meeting the following morning. Reservations for Saturday night should be made directly to the Deshler Hotel, Columbus. Last year attendance topped the 500 mark and we hope to do that well this year.

Be sure and keep July 9th open as that is the Sunday we go to Lake Erie as the guests of Pepper Ambus who does such a grand job of entertaining members and their 49½'ers, that it has become an annual event. Swimming, boating, lots of delicious food mixed with Pepper's hospitality. Don't forget we contribute to her Crippled Children's Fund that day. Bring your sales tax stamps and some cash.

News about the State: Chairman Helen Linn played her first golf tournament yesterday in Columbus. Hear she is doing right well with the Clubs. Just hope she doesn't forsake flying for golfing though! Mary Oetzel recovering from a broken wrist which was incurred while housecleaning. Marion Betzler named their new baby Michael Douglas, born March 17th. Marge and Jim Gorman making plans to fly to California for a month's vacation in their Swift. Helen Venskus returned last month from a month's driving trip thru the West and California. Jean and "Doc" Bonar busy over house plans which they hope to get started this

summer. Beautiful Ranch type to be built in Woodland.

The following Ohio girls are making plans to attend the National Convention--Jeanne Hunt, Lore Kugler, Mary Jane Sasala, Louise Clark, Martha Walter, Peg and Hubby McGraw, Marge and Jim Gorman, Arlene Davis. Sorry I have to miss this Convention, but hubby and I are planning to attend homecoming festivities at W & J in Pennsylvania at that time. Have fun!

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

The May meeting was held May 21 at Burns Flat Airport, 15 miles southwest of Clinton, Oklahoma, where we were guests of the Oklahoma Flying Farmers. We had beautiful weather for all the fly-ins, and were served a delicious lunch.

We elected chapter officers as follows: Chairman, Billie Tune; Vice Chairman, Beth Smith; Secretary, Ann Martin; Treasurer, Ruth Harris (incumbent).

Best wishes to Bertha Hare, Wichita, Kansas, who has been in the hospital with a virus infection and Glenna Olson, Clinton, who has been in the hospital for an appendectomy. Speedy recovery to both you girls.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ruth C. Lembke

Montello is the place to go for a wonderful flight, perfect flying weather, and ideal conditions for a perfect week-end! Just ask the folks who went and they'll tell you how gracious everyone was. Meals were a dream and the price was right too. Movies were shown in the evening. All returned very happy.

Sunday, June 18th, will be the next Wisconsin flight to Morey's Airport at Middletown. And then the big event--the flight to Texas for the National Convention! That's about all we think and speak of these days, for it is approaching very quickly. Wisconsin should be well represented if all go who plan to. We'll see you there!

S O U T H C E N T R A L S E C T I O N

COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Jane Nettleblad

The results of the annual Ranch Dance held at Cresthaven Country Club were very good. The Chapter cleared well over one hundred dollars and everyone reported a gala time. Naomi Anderson won the 99 pin for selling the most tickets.

A breakfast flight on Sunday morning, May 21, was well attended with the 99'ers and their 49½'ers from Denver and five outside guests. Rheda Short, a 99'er at large and her guest, Mrs. John Phiefer, wife of the Senator of Wyoming, flew in from Wheatland, Wyoming in Rheda's plane. Verna Christopher flew in from Pueblo in her Swift. Verna, by the way, now has the distributorship for this airplane. Jo Mallen and Merridee Snively drove in from Walden, Colorado for the brunch. Each of the 99'ers received a beautiful gardenia at her place at the table. The entertainment committee deserves a lot of credit for an enjoyable meeting.

The Denver Post had a very interesting article about Verna Christopher of Pueblo. Verna is radio operator for Continental Airlines besides flying her own plane with a Commercial license. She also is an accomplished pianist and has played professionally.

Betty Clark is crop dusting this summer off of the Federal Heights Airport. Margaret Hughes is getting ready to leave for Columbia University to work on a Ph D. Ruth and Ed Mugele are the proud parents of a new baby girl named Sharon Ruth.

The June meeting was held June 2 at the new home of Donna Myers. Three girls were appointed to the nominating committee, Jane Nettleblad, Frances Tepper and Mary Collette. After discussions of the pros and cons for the proposed amendments to be voted on at the National Convention, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held in the backyard of the Anderson home where free fried chicken will be on the menu with the girls bringing the trimmings.

SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

ARIZONA CHAPTER

By: Marjy Crowl

Ever since our "bang-up" send-off by the 99s who flew over from San Diego to organize our chapter, I have failed to keep you fellow members informed. In January we had a progressive luncheon by air, landing at most of the small airports in the Valley of the Sun. In February we held an aerial scavenger hunt, landing at even more of the small fields. Special guests for this event were members of Wing Scout Troop 2, whom we voted to sponsor. Alma Harwood arrived in time to join us for the lunch at Airhaven Airport which followed the hunt. (I don't really feel that it is necessary to explain just who Alma is--as everywhere one goes either everyone knows her or knows of her--for those who may be in the minority will say that she is one of the Permanent Trustees of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund Committee and belongs to New York-New Jersey Chapter.)

Alma and I attended the sectional meeting held at Muroc in March, flying up in her Stinson. Later in the month, we flew back to her home in New York.

Betty Knier has been accepted as the first new member of our chapter. She holds a Private license, but that may not be for long. Her father is well known here as Carl "Pappy" Knier, formerly flight school owner and operator. Betty likes to fly his Cessna 190.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Monahan

To date, Jerry Masinter is the only Bay Cities Chapter entry in the Cross Country Race to Greenville, S. C., flying a Stinson 150 and sponsored by Nassau-Kleen-Aire Company. Ruth Rueckert is a possible co-pilot if she can solve baby sitter problems.

The May meeting was a Fly-in to Stockton, Sunday the 21st. At the home of our hostess, Leah Johnson, a delicious luncheon was served. Among those present were Marjorie Fauth, Miriam Brugh, in the Wishful Angel; Jerry Masinter and Ruth Rueckert in a Cessna 120; Gladys Davis in Mooney Mite; Ruth Jacquot and 49½'er; Adele Chase and 49½'er and Zona King in a Navion.

Bits of News: Eleanor Wagner has traded Belmont Airport for Palm Springs---Helen Kelton has been doing some spring soloing in the Barnick's Cessna 170---Margaret Standish of Los Angeles will be a weekend guest of Pat Gladney with a Fly-in beach picnic at Santa Cruz on the agenda.

Fledgeling News: Barbara Hector--baby boy; Marion Barnick--baby girl.

Our latest member is Lindy Boyes. Welcome, Lindy.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: De Thurmond

Initiation of new members highlighted the May meeting at the Officer's Club on Wilshire Boulevard. The members who sponsored the girls pinned the tiny gold prop and double nine insignia on new 99'ers Donna Evans, Aileen Pickering, Virginia Pentecost, Mary Ilgen, Mary Kelton and Lee Morrow. Sponsors were Gladys Hill, Babe Storey, Elizabeth Watson and Monie Dye. New transfers at the

meeting were Yvette Kovary from New York and Trixie . Schubert, Wisconsin.

Betty Loufek, holder of many women's glider pilot records, offered the local 99's a ride in her glider over the Mojave desert.

Christie Carleton's new endeavor is a bakery and coffee shop in Los Angeles. She says it is going very well.

Many Los Angeles members are entered in the Transcontinental Air Race. They include Monie Dye, Jean Parker, Lela Hobday, Mary Kittson, Boots Seymour, Elsie Ringer, Claire McMillan, Claire Davis, Babe Storey, Aileen Pickering and De Thurmond.

Delegates to the National Convention in Brackettville are Mardo Crane, Babe Storey, Melba Beard. Alternates are Betty Glaser, Christie Carlton, Aileen Pickering.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By: Marie Wemmer

The members of the Redwood Empire Chapter of the 99's met together for their regular monthly meeting at ten o'clock Sunday morning, May 21st, at the Sonoma County Airport near Santa Rosa, California. Miss Nellie Palmer was selected to be the delegate for this Chapter at the 99 convention. As another 99 member, I will accompany her. After the convention, we expect to continue on a vacation via air in a Cessna 120, flying to New York and back to Santa Rosa, California, stopping at various cities to visit friends and members of our immediate families.

The Chapter members visited the airport at Calistoga, which is unique in being in the heart of the town, to interview two women pilots who are expected to join our Chapter in the near future.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

By: Helen "Casey" Cannon

The Las Vegas, Nevada Chapter of 99's has been official since Sunday, May 28th, 1950, when Gerry Mickelsen, Governor for the Southwestern Section presented the Charter to our local Chairman, Martha Lundy at a breakfast held at the fabulous new Desert Inn here in Las Vegas. Ethel Sheehy was our other honored guest having flown in from Sacramento with Gerry in a Bellanca.

Previous to the Charter presentation two meetings were held. The first was an election of officers with Martha Lundy as Chairman; Helen McIntosh as Vice-Chairman (and yearbook chairman); and Margaret Crockett as Secretary-Treasurer. The other charter members include: Florence Murphy; Barbara Taylor, membership; Margaret Moore, publicity; Solange D'Hooze, courtesy; Clarisse Bessent, program; Mary Ellen Davis, ways and means; and Helen Cannon, Newsletter reporter. Four members are former WASPS. Our meetings will temporarily be held in private homes on the third Wednesday of each month. Our first two meetings were held at the homes of Martha Lundy and Margaret Moore respectively. Both times we were served delicious "de-frozen" frozen cake.

At a recent CAA meeting for the Las Vegas area, the 99's served food and got a treasury started.

We are sponsoring a group of Wing Girl Scouts and they have had an extensive tour of the Municipal Airport so far, with ground and air instruction booked for the future.

One thing we want to do in the near future is get Las Vegas airmarked.

Martha Lundy is going to the convention in her Navion. We all wish we could go along.

All the members are very enthusiastic about our new organization and the many hopes and plans we have for the future.

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