

NINETY- NINES



NEWS LETTER

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

Our 21st anniversary meeting at Fort Clark Ranch proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that we have grown up in twenty-one years, for the hallmark of maturity was being able to think straight, make decisions and being able to carry them through to a successful conclusion. Delegates to the convention sat through long meetings, executing the wishes of their sections and chapters, and the entire meeting radiated a spirit of friendly cooperation, coordination, and the result was the correlation of each and every one of your thoughts and desires to make the Ninety-Nines a bigger and better organization.

Since we had four major events in a short period of fourteen June days, I could not possibly do justice to all if I tried to report them. So, I hope that Ama Lee Jameson, Mardo Crane, Ann Ross and Evelyn Martin give you first-hand reports. But I do want to mention a few things that impressed me greatly. I will start in order of my trip. I got out of Washington ahead of the bad weather via the Navion and landed in Greenville, S. C., the afternoon of the 14th. Stayed at the airport to help greet the trans-continental air race contestants as they landed. Each face was lighted with the beautiful glow of happiness and no one seemed to care who had come in first, as each girl had done her best and had a wonderful time. The city of Greenville left no stone unturned to show southern hospitality. Mardo Crane, who can be justifiably proud, will take it from there. I left about noon of the 16th for West Palm Beach, Florida, in time to see all but the first two international racers arrive. They really had a tough break in weather but did a wonderful job. The city of West Palm Beach greeted the lady pilots and many social activities were featured during the two days of the All-Women's Air Maneuvers. Ann Ross, will you take it from there?

From there to Brackettville, Texas, in miserable weather and again my worries began as to whether the planes from Florida and South Carolina had gotten around, over and through the storms. I kept a constant check day and night with CAA Communications, so I knew where many of the girls were. I arrived at Ft. Clark Ranch about midnight of the 21st. Mrs. Dallstrom and Gordon C. Trolley, Manager of the Ranch, were awaiting my arrival. As I walked in to my suite of rooms, I could not suppress an exclamation of awe, for this building, more than 100 years old, housed the most beautifully decorated rooms I have ever seen. An icebox, an electric stove, so that I could have my coffee at the usual 4:00 a.m., thanks to Ama Lee Jameson. Ft. Clark Ranch with its large swimming pool, saddle horses, beautifully appointed guest houses, and food out of this world - I feel sure that much of the success of the meeting was due to the ideal surroundings. The trip to Eagle Pass and Piedras Negras, Mexico, and the banquet on Saturday night exceeded my wildest dreams. I have never in my life seen such costly and beautiful prizes - most of them sterling silver. One thing did make us all sad, and that was because Jimmy Kolp, who had worked so hard to get these fabulous prizes, could not be present to award them. Our sincerest sympathies to you, Jimmy, and your mother, on your great loss.

Martha Ann Reading made a most charming toastmistress, and will report further on the meeting. From there, I flew to Madison, Wisconsin, and on to Cleveland to talk to Arlene Davis regarding the Powder Puff and Beau Derby to Boston. Plans have taken form for another exciting weekend, August 23 to 28, inclusive. Under the guiding hand of Rose Abbott, the 99's Boston Tea Party will be held in connection with the Air Force Association's Annual National Convention in Boston. The new 99 officers will be installed in Boston on the night of August 25. Things

are popping from all sides. The starting point of the Powder Puff and Beau Derby is to be Columbus, Ohio, under the guiding hand of Helen Linn and Mary E. Burk, Executive Secretary of the Ohio Aviation Board. If Columbus, Ohio, doesn't outdo anything that we have had in the past, I miss my guess. An overnight stop at Reading, Pa., has been scheduled and if I know Frances Nolde, you are going to have the time of your lives there. Now, don't forget, members, join the Powder Puff and Beau Derby. Bring your best BEAU, whether it is your husband, father or sweetheart. There are no cash prizes, but there will be expensive trophies and many of them usable.

I'm going to turn you over to Arlene Davis, Chairman of the Powder Puff and Beau Derby. You all remember what an outstanding job she did last fall on the Powder Puff Derby to the New York Celebration. Take it Arlene.

Your President
Blanche Noyes

A POWDER PUFF & BEAU DERBY

To all 99's-- The news has come that the Air Force Association has invited us to be with them on their Anniversary Celebration at Boston, Massachusetts, August 25, 26 and 27. You all realize that this is the first time the 99's have been recognized by the Air Force.

Our National President, Blanche Noyes, asked me to be Chairman of a Powder Puff Derby from Columbus, Ohio to Boston. So, with the help of all you wonderful 99's, I'm going to stick my neck way out and accept. Please don't let me down.

We have decided that since you gals have been flying around the country all by yourselves it is time to make this Derby for everyone. We are calling it The Powder Puff & Beau Derby. You may take your husband, flying instructor, companion, or your best beau. In fact, the whole family. There will be prizes for the ship that has all girls in it and also for the ship that has husband and wife, and also for the 99 and her beau. In fact, we are working on prizes for everyone.

The girls in Columbus with Helen Linn as chairman, have some wonderful things worked out for you. Mrs. Jane Lausche, wife of Ohio's governor, is very much interested in the 99's and will entertain us at the Mansion. In Boston, people like Rose Abbott and Julia Short are arranging some very interesting events.

Reading, Pennsylvania is going to entertain us the night of August 24. Frances Nolde is going all out for us. I will get a bulletin and applications blanks on to you next week.

Girls, this is a quickie, but when we get everything all in the making, it will be loads of fun. Please save August 23-27. It will perhaps be the most fun with the least work you'll have in a long time. See you all soon.

Arlene Davis, Chairman
The Powder Puff & Beau Derby

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE 1950-51 YEAR

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LIST OF TROPHIES AND WINNERS

Presented at 99 Convention 1950, Brackettville, Texas

W. T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon, Texas. Silver Pitcher and four silver goblets to girl with most solo hours for pleasure, period May 30, 1949 to May 30, 1950. Won by: Marjorie Harrison, Washington, D. C.

Electra State Bank, Electra, Texas. Silver Tray, Cream and Sugar to the girl attending the most National Conventions. Won by: Alice Hammond, Grosse Point Farms, Mich. Attended 14 conventions.

Robert Moore Service Station, Vernon, Texas. Four Seiberling Tires to the girl travelling the farthermost distance to attend the convention. Won by: Florence Rucker and Florence Robinson, Fairbanks, Alaska. 5,000 miles.

Texas Private Flyers Association. Silver Supper Dish to the girl attending the most consecutive conventions. Won by: Alice Hammond, Grosse Point Farms, Mich.

Ziggy Hunter, Austin, Texas. Weather Guide to the girl with the newest Private License. Won by: Aileen Pickering, San Pedro, Calif. March 22, 1950.

Tony and Holland Page, Austin, Texas. Western Glasses to the smallest girl attending the convention. Won by: Leah Higgins, Detroit, Mich. Ht. 4' 11", Wt. 94 pounds.

Texas Flying Farmers. Handmade Leather Saddle Bag purse with 99 emblem to youngest girl flying in to the convention. Won by: Mary Jane Dwyer, Chicago, Ill., age 23.

Tom Burnett Cattle Co., Ft. Worth, Texas. Silver Punch Bowl to girl having most total hours. Won by: Blanche Noyes, Washington, D. C. 11,000 hours.

Pecos Air Service and Airport Hobby Shop, Pecos, Texas. Model airplane to girl first to cross Pecos River enroute to convention. Won by: Geraldine Nicholson, Sacramento, Calif.

Pecos Air Service and Airport Hobby Shop, Pecos, Texas. Model airplane to last girl to cross the Pecos River enroute to convention. Won by: Marie Wemmer, Sonoma, Calif.

Meiman Marcus Co., Dallas, Texas. Gold St. Christopher Medal to the girl having the most CAA ratings. Won by: Gini Stover, Yakima, Wash.

Circle R Sky Ranch, Medina, Texas. Leather Jewelry Box to 99th girl to register at the convention. Won by: Nellie Palmer, Santa Rosa, Calif.

Fort Clark Ranch, Brackettville, Texas. Silver Tray, 1st place award in the Meigs Field Dedication Derby, Chicago to Brackettville. Won by: Evelyn Martin, Chicago, Ill. Missed lapsed time est. 30 seconds-- missed fuel consumption est. 1.8 gal.

Col. and Mrs. Jack Lapham, Flying L Ranch, Bandera, Tex. Silver and Amethyst Bracelet to 2nd place winner in Meigs Field Dedication Derby. Won by: Rea Morgan, Milwaukee, Wisc.

Col. and Mrs. Jack Lapham, Flying L Ranch, Bandera, Tex. Silver and Amethyst Cuff Links to 3rd place winner Meigs Field Dedication Derby. Won by: Alice Hammond, Grosse Point Farms, Mich.

Betty Morgan of Morgan Inc. Large 99 pin to 4th place winner M.F.D. Derby. Won by: Mary Jane Dwyer, Chicago, Ill.

Copilot Girdles to all the copilots to the Meigs Field Dedication Derby winners.

Mustang Aviation Inc., Dallas, Texas. G.E. Table Model Radio to first out of stater to arrive at Fort Clark Ranch. Won by: Doris Langher, Chicago, Ill. Arrived 2:00 p.m., June 19.

Cessna Factory and Distributor, Ragsdale Flying Service, Austin, Texas. Trophy to 99er who has contributed most to the advancement of aviation in the past year. Won by: Jimmie Kolp, Electra, Texas.

TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE By: Mardo Crane, Chairman

Fifty-one women pilots in thirty-three lightplanes participated in the 1950 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race. We may proudly say that the event this year was without a doubt the most successful yet staged. Odessa, Texas, donated the \$1500 purse.

Credit for this could not possibly be attributed to any one person - it was truly a cooperative effort. First pat-on-the-back goes to my Air Race Committee members; Betty Loufek, Barbara London, Bea Medes, and Evelyn Briggs. The hours of hard work, and sincere thought and effort they donated to assure a safe, enjoyable race for all contestants is now a matter of record - of a satisfying "mission accomplished" achievement.

The San Diego race take-off was the climax of months of planning by the San Diego Ninety-Nines chapter, headed by their driving "boss" Mary Ring. Outstanding among those who made the San Diego end of the race the triumph it was, were; Helen Dick, Mickey Collins, Betty Gillies (and Bud, too!), Donna Davis, Evelyn Briggs, Maxine Smith, Julie Hale (responsible for the unusual Program), and many others (Mary Ring says we'd have to name the whole chapter to give complete credit to all who helped!). Howard Fisher, of Lindberg Field, representing Chevron Gas; CAA's safety inspector Mr. D'Estout and his assistants; Bertrand Rhine, prominent Los Angeles attorney, who served as NAA representative; and General Harold George, through whose efforts the city of Odessa sponsored the race, were important names in the male contingent that gave such valuable aid.

At the Greenville, S.C. terminal point of the race, credit for the remarkable reception given the air race contestants goes without question to Amalie Stone, chairman of the Carolina's Chapter of the Ninety-Nines. Her boundless enthusiasm caught the imagination of the entire city, with the result that literally nothing was too good for the transcontinental entrants. Everybody from Dr. W. S. Judy, chairman of the Aviation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce; "Andy" Andrews, popular Airport Manager; Harry Coggins, publicity head; M. Curran Bridges, who furnished a fleet of Packards to transport the pilots anywhere, anytime, Mr. Meyers, manager of the Greenville Hotel, where the women received free lodging; on through the list of those who contributed in time, money and energy - all blamed their eagerness to make the race contestants happy upon live-wire Amalie Stone.

Apple Valley, California, (a fabulous resort near Victorville) cooperated with the Race Committee in making it possible to again "Trail Blaze" the race. Betty Loufek, race committee member, accompanied me on this flight. We went into every "designated" airport between San Diego and Greenville, to set up the mechanics of the race and promote as many honors and courtesies for the race contestants as possible. Such things as; Leg prizes (Tucson gave a trophy, plus \$25 in cash; Dallas and Shreveport each gave \$50; airport manager Mr. Thigpen, Jr., of Montgomery gave a trophy); free accommodations (Tucson, Dallas, Tyler, Jackson, Charleston); free gas (San Diego, El Paso, Charleston, Greenville), were promoted.

Contestants said that the race start in San Diego, which only took twenty minutes (!) was exciting, with an enthusiastic crowd cheering as each plane took off. The buzzing of the finish line at Greenville was equally as thrilling. After the planes were all in, the following winners were declared:

- ODESSA, Texas, awards: (presented by Major E. H. Watson)
- 1st place; \$750 - Jean Parker and Boots Seymour, of Arcadia, Calif., in a Taylorcraft. (sponsored by Arcadia & Transportation Fair)
 - 2nd place; \$500 - Betty Lambert and Claire Hale of San Diego, Calif., in a Cessna 120. (sponsored by Gibbs Aircraft Co.)
 - 3rd place; \$250 - Aileen Pickering of San Pedro, Calif., and Irma Story, of Lancaster, Calif. in a Cessna Patroller. (sponsored by Star-Kist Tuna).

OLIVE ANN BEECH AWARDS:

- 4th place; \$200 - Claire McMillen of Santa Ana, Calif., and Clara Davis of Los Angeles, Calif. in a Cessna 140. (sponsored by Santa Ana).

5th place; \$100 - Darline Sanders and Dodie Prario of San Diego, in a Cessna 120. (Sponsored by Van Camp Sea Food).

1st Beechcraft Bonanza - Martha Anne Woodrum and Mary Ann Weatherby, of Roanoke, Va. (sponsored by Johnson Carper Furniture).

First place winner also received; A Kelbert Commander Chronograph Watch; a Cessna Trophy; a Perpetual Trophy from San Diego 99s; a Rotating Trophy from Carolinas 99s; and many, many other valuable prizes.

Leg prizes went to: Claire McMillen (Tucson); Dorna Evans and Lela Hobday of Norwalk, Calif., in a Trojan (Dallas); Marion Hart of NYC in a Cessna 170 (Shreveport); and Betty Gillies and daughter Pat of San Diego in a Navion (Montgomery).

1950 SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Announcement of Miss Amalie W. Stone as the winner of the 1950 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD was made by Trustees at the annual business meeting at Fort Clark Ranch. Miss Stone, of Greenville, S. C., is a Private pilot and will apply the award towards getting her Commercial and Instructor's ratings. She studied aeronautical engineering at the University of Alabama, is Chairman of the Carolinas Chapter and has done much to boost aviation in her area.

Final judges who selected Miss Stone from the applicants first screened by the five Trustees were: J. J. Marriott, Regional Administrator, CAA, Los Angeles; Warren E. Carey, Director, California Aeronautics Commission; and Ernest G. Stout, National Vice President of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences and assistant to the Chief Engineer, Consolidated-Vultee Corp., San Diego, Calif. Presentation of the sixth award was made by Mr. Frank Trumbauer, Assistant Regional Administrator, CAA, Kansas City, Mo., at the annual dinner of the 99's at Fort Clark Ranch, Texas.

Melba M. Beard
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship
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ATTENTION

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION MEETING
MEADVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Meadville Chapter wishes to entertain you at the summer meeting of the Middle Eastern Section, Saturday and Sunday, August 5th & 6th. Bring along that 49½'er and land at Port Meadville Airport--Hangar space free. Stay at Oakland Beach Hotel on beautiful Conneaut Lake. Registration fee \$10.00 per person, includes luncheon, dinner, lodging, breakfast and ferry-boat ride to Conneaut Lake Park. Make it a MUST girls and don't miss the fun. Make reservations with Jean Peden, 253 North Street, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

-----EVERYONE WELCOME-----

"CO-PILOT TO YOU"

August 1 is the postmark deadline. Identify the "new co-pilot" telling where you first learned its identity. Penny postcard to Secretary Brick - see June Newsletter, page 2.

IN MEMORIAM

Loretta Foellinger Teeple, Ninety-Nine member and her 49½'er husband, Richard Teeple, of Ft. Wayne, Indiana, were killed in a plane crash July 4th, 1950. Loretta having been a member for several years will be greatly missed by the many who knew her.

CHAPTER NEWS

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By: Leona A. McElroy

We may not have had a business meeting during the past month, but I've heard enough gossip to fill that whole empty page in last month's Newsletter.

Let's start with the convention, since that's in everybody's mind just now. Our delegates RAVE about that famous Texas hospitality. And, they were very much impressed by the convention schedule with its balance between the serious work of the convention and free time for recreation.

Congratulations and best wishes for a successful administration to Kay Brick, the incoming President. To Blanche Noyes, the sincere thanks of the entire Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter. Blanche has given unstintingly of her time, energy, and cold hard cash, too, for the past two years. We have enjoyed meeting Blanche and getting an inkling of the tremendous job she has done as President. Come to think of it, you know we're pretty goshdarn lucky to have such fine officers!

Have any of you seen our Fran Nolde during the past month? We may live only a few minutes' drive apart, but I finally had to call her home on the telephone to find out where she was. Frannie's been busy--extremely busy. On June 9 at a banquet marking Pennsylvania Aviation Week, held at the Reading Municipal Airport, a framed resolution of commendation from city council was presented to her, and also to Millie Zimmerman, by Mayor Davis. The next day Fran was off on the Pennsylvania Air Tour to Hershey. Then right on to the NAA convention at St. Louis.

Scarcely pausing for breath, Frannie sped on to Greenville, S. C. to witness the end of the Transcontinental Air Race. Then up and away to West Palm Beach as the official NAA representative at the All-Women's Air Show and the finish line of the International Air Race.

Picking up Ruth Shafer and Marge Kodrich in West Palm Beach, Frannie flew on to the convention in Texas, with a memorable overnight stop in New Orleans with a group of 99's from California. Right now, she's at home recuperating from a fast jaunt through a good many of these forty-eight states. And, incidentally, entertaining Caro Bayley who came north to participate in the Westchester, N. Y., Air Show and to have a new prop put on her newest love, a Pit Special, at the Sensenich plant in Lancaster.

Helen Jones has been getting about lately - flew through Eastern Pennsylvania saying "hello" to all her friends on her vacation.

Dr. Helen Meyers will be getting around a bit faster from now on in a pretty little Globe Swift.

Junior Eckhart asks you all to stop in to say "hello" to her at Lancaster, where she's back in the grind of instructing.

Ellen Gerry's been flying high lately. She reached the final round of the central Pennsylvania women's golf tournament, besides taking medalist honors and winning a driving contest on the side.

Millie Zimmerman's wearing a groove between the Reading Airport and the seashore with her Culver. Millie and Kathy are rapidly acquiring good healthy coats of tan. Phew! Who wants a coat these days!

Poor Nell Richards has had her wings clipped temporarily. Nell has had an unpleasant siege in the hospital. Nell, you better get out and get yourself a good healthy coat of tan, too.

I'll save the rest of the gossip for next month.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Harriette Mosbacher

Greetings gals; Sure hope no greetings are received by anyone from our Uncle Sam.

We held our June 7th meeting at Port Meadville Airport and had a weinnie roast with all the trimmings. Also lots of excitement when a weird sound took form in the shape of an animal which we allowed to leave at its leisure and unidentified too. Now don't anyone have any foolish ideas that we are not brave---we're just cautious.

We were glad to have two out-of-town members with us, Vega Ihsen and Josephine Weaver. Josephine has been a 99 for several years but due to distance and an active routine, Josephine finds it a bit difficult to attend meetings as often as she would like to.

We had expected to have our airmarker all newly painted and shining by now but were unavoidably delayed. The painting equipment was not available on the date we had set to do the job. However, we expect to have arrangements completed and another date set in the near future.

We are making plans for the section meeting which is to be held at Conneaut Lake, Pa., August 5 and 6. We hope to be able to show the girls a grand time, hope the weather will be good and sure hope there will be a good turnout.

Our next meeting is scheduled to be a Fly-in to Fairview for a picnic and bathing on July 22nd. Vega Ihsen is taking charge of arrangements. We are looking forward to fun galore. It is difficult for all the Erie girls and all the Meadville girls to get together in the summer but we are expecting a big turnout for this meeting.

One of our live-wire members, Betty Johnson, is especially busy in the summer. Betty and her 49½'er, own and operate a luxurious summer camp for 24-3/4ers (children). Result - Betty is a busy girl. And by the way - sure wish you all could meet her. She is quite a person. The 99's are proud as punch to have her as our membership chairman. Betty is one of those rare people who can put life and spirit in any meeting, party, etc. Aviation in general has been greatly enlivened in and around Erie, thanks to Betty. She wrote the "Wings Over Erie" column for several years. It was the one and only column that I never missed. My scrap book is just full of clippings from "Wings Over Erie" about aviation and people connected with it. Sure hope we can manage to lure Betty away from her duties at camp so you can meet her at the section meeting. That goes for all those grand gals at Erie.

Marjorie Cook just returned from a vacation to Iowa City. Marge and her two young sons added some additional tan while swimming and having fun. Now that Marge is back she is deep in blue prints, carpenters, etc. The Cook residence will soon be sporting a new wing.

And speaking of wing, Dottie Miller has added theatre wings to her divertissements. She has been doing some fine work with our local Little Theatre Group. Versatile, that gal.

CORRECTION

Those beautiful 99 glasses we told you about in the last Newsletter, are \$3.50, for a set of eight, plus postage, instead of \$3.00. You will probably want more than one set after you see them. We have had a number of repeat orders. Just mail your check to Mrs. Marian Freund, 437½ Arch Street, Meadville, Pa.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Caroline E. Hembel

The City of Greenville, South Carolina, under the capable direction of Dr. W. S. Judy, Aviation Committee Chairman

of the Chamber of Commerce, and our own Amalie Stone, Carolina's Chapter Chairman of the 99's made the termination of the Transcontinental Race from San Diego to Greenville an outstanding event in the history of the 99's.

The girls zoomed over the finish line and were checked in by Mardo Crane, her copilot Betty Loufek and Amalie Stone. Then they were greeted by Louise Smith, secretary and treasurer of the Southeastern Section. Transportation to town and to all the following events was furnished by Bridges Motor Company in a fleet of Packards. At the Hotel Greenville the girls were registered by Fay Ford, Kathleen O'Brien and Burnette Spencer, our hard working Secretary-Treasurer of the chapter.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday were filled with banquets, receptions, luncheons, that were sponsored by the firms of Greenville, S. C.

Before the awards banquet on Saturday night, Herman and Louise Smith gave a delightful Mint Julep party. At this time we had the honor of meeting Louise's father, Mr. McEwen. Mr. McEwen donated a beautiful sterling silver tray that will be used as a perpetuating trophy for the Transcontinental Race. This award will be known as "The Amelia Earhart Memorial Award" and will be properly engraved at the termination of each race.

The festivities in Greenville closed on Sunday with annual Aviation Day and Airshow at the Municipal Airport. Mr. Andrews with his dual role of Chairman of the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission and Manager of the Greenville Airport did a splendid piece of work. Thank you, Andy!

After the excitement in Greenville, the girls from the Carolina Chapter went on to the National Convention in Brackettville, Texas. Kathleen O'Brien in her new four place Piper Family Cruiser took off with Jewel Bailey for parts west. Louise and Herman Smith made it a part of their vacation. Amalie went West with Mardo Crane and planned to come home with Louise. Dot Shackelford flew out on airlines but returned home the proud possessor of a Beechcraft. Caroline and Les Hembel have sold their Cub coupe and have bought a four place Stinson Voyager.

We are so thrilled over Amalie winning the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Award. She is a wonderful person and deserves more than we can say. She has been a wonderful Chapter Chairman and shouldered the responsibility for the Greenville show with wisdom beyond her tender years!

Thank you again to All the Ninety-Nines who participated in the race and to the members of the Chapter who helped make it a success.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER
By: Evelyn Bryan

With our news reporter, Ruth Thomas, away in summer school at Johnson City, we will try to keep up the news and let you know that the Tennessee Chapter is still very much alive.

Those of us who had the good fortune to go to Greenville, S. C. for the festivities following the Transcontinental Race, will never forget the wonderful hospitality of those Carolina girls. We have never received such a warm welcome anywhere. It was a great thrill for us to be able to meet so many Ninety-Nines from other chapters, as we had not been privileged to do so before. Those of us who were able to get away to go to Greenville were, Eddie Lee Griffin, Bonnie McDonald and Evelyn Bryan. Those who did not go certainly missed a grand time. By the way, this trip afforded this writer the first opportunity to try out her new Piper Pacer on cross country.

We welcome a new member Bonnie McDonald, technician at the University of Tennessee. Bonnie was waiting with application blank in hand when she received her Private License. Wish we could find more girls with that much enthusiasm about becoming 99's.

Our member from Etowah has gone to Japan to be with her

husband there. I know she will be rather lonely so far from home and would appreciate any letters she might receive from other members, so will include her address;

Mrs. Virginia Carey Lumpkin
c/o Sgt. Arllie Lumpkin, 14217314
Hq. Co. 2nd Bn. 5th Cav. Regt.
APO 201, Unit I, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Calif.

Cora McDonald, who has been away in Louisiana for quite a long time instructing, is back among us again. She plans to stay and will be transferring back to the Tennessee Chapter real soon. She will bring our membership up to eleven. We are gradually growing. A little over a year ago we barely had the five it takes to be called a chapter.

Our next meeting is planned for Sunday morning, July 16 in Chattanooga during the All-Dixie Air Show. That is always quite an event in aviation circles around this section so maybe we can get all of our members together for that meeting.

In closing, I would like to repeat, "Thanks girls of the Carolinas Chapter, for a wonderful time."

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

ILLINOIS CHAPTER
By: Irene Leverton

Welcome to new members Marjorie Ragland and Gloria Yeager, both have Private Licenses and will soon get a chance to use them in the 2nd Annual Illinois Chapter Air Meet.

Entrants in the Meigs Dedication Derby were Alice Hammond, Faye Kirk, Leah Higgins and Helen Anderson, all of Detroit in a Cessna 170; Readelle Morgan and Jeannette Kepus of Milwaukee flying a Cessna 140; Mary Jane Dwyer and Lucy Kalla in a Boeing PT17 and Evelyn Martin in a 140, all from Chicago. Evelyn Knowlton of Rochester, Minnesota, due to the same bad weather that delayed the start one day, was unable to get here. Our apologies to Betty Sewell, Mary Francis and the swell Oklahoma Chapter for the barbecue they had waiting, which the Derby had to pass up because of weather. The Derby was 1,200 miles long, consisting of four laps, the pilots estimating their fuel consumption and elapsed time for each lap.

Esther Holt, who went via airline, and Bennie Bosler, who flew her Trojan down with Doris Langher, all reported a wonderful time at the convention (Ohio and Michigan want to have the convention next year.) Needless to say the prizes were beautiful and we want to thank the Texans for all the help they gave on the Derby. Also Mr. Kelly of Atlas Airways for the free gas at the Field and the St. Louis Chapter for taking the gals to lunch at Lambert Field.

Flying in the Dedication of Meigs Field were Irene Leverton in an Aeronca "Sprayer", spraying the crowd with Jacqueline Cochran's Pursuit Perfume; Marion Niedert, Hazel Hackwith and Evelyn Martin flying J3s and a Luscombe in a sharp all Seaplane formation; Doris Langher leading the Fly By in a Pacer; Kay Ferris and Regina Devine in Super Cubs; Olive Tuttle and Alice Kudra in Ercoupees; Virginia Jansen flying a Trojan; Gloria Yeager an Aeronca Champ; Helen Budwash in a Cessna 140 and Millie Carlson co-piloting a Twin Beech. Hazel Wakefield, Marion Niedert, Hazel Hackwith, Betty Morgan, Evelyn Martin and Irene Kalla modeled the latest in women pilots wear from a Grumman Widgeon, while the Fly By dropped "Flying Saucers", some of which had free rides on them from local airport operators. Jessie Anderson handled the loud-speaker as only she can and participated, along with Ama Lee Jameson, chairman of the Texas Chapter, on the Chuck Acre "Man on the Farm" radio program from the Fair after the dedication. The Dedication Derby and Dedication Day Committee members were: Evelyn Martin, Marion Niedert, Mary Jane Dwyer and Irene Leverton. We want to thank those old faithfuls who participated and Betty Morgan who lent a much needed hand on the "Flying Saucers".

Evelyn received the American Legion Trophy for winning the Derby during the Dedication.

Mary Ring, Mardo Crane and all the gals who worked to make the 4th Annual Transcontinental the success it was deserve the support of every 99 next year. I didn't get any farther than Tucson in the race, but I wouldn't have missed meeting all the swell gals in it for anything.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Virginia Koestner

Due to an error on the part of your reporter, this will be a combination report on our May meeting and also the June meeting.

Our May meeting was held in the form of a flight breakfast at Eagle Grove, Iowa on May 28th. It was an ideal day, a little on the cool side, and we had a very good turnout. Following breakfast, a short meeting was held. May, the kick-off month for our regular summer competition, was off to a rush with Buelah Frotscher capturing our traveling trophy for the first time. This beautiful trophy with a small gold airplane perched on the top was donated to us by the Kirkberg Jewelers of Fort Dodge.

During the afternoon program at the Eagle Grove airport, Bernis Eno, in behalf of the Upper Iowa Chapter, was awarded a cash prize for having the most women pilots present from any one organization. We are all very happy about this.

Ruth Shimons informs me she recently received a very wonderful letter from Mother Earhart in answer to her Mothers Day card. She was indeed thrilled and shall keep the letter as one of her prize possessions. Ruth was also very recently appointed a member of the Advisory Committee to the Iowa Aeronautics Commission. This commission will meet about four times during the year.

Our June meeting, which was also to have been a flight breakfast at Spencer, Iowa, was rained out to the disappointment of all the girls. This month the traveling trophy was awarded to Helen Flaherty who claims she is really going to work on keeping it permanently. From this point in the contest, it looks as if it will be a very close fight.

Win Eno has again left Iowa for her summer home up north and reports have it that the Elsie Williams are building a new cottage on Lake Okoboji. Our chairman, Betty Barton, has just finished attending an aquatic school.

We are all looking forward to seeing Ruth Shimon at our July meeting, so she might enlighten us on the happenings at the National Convention in Texas.

Our next meeting will be held in Waterloo, Iowa with Verna Mae Prohaska as hostess. We will indeed welcome any guests.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Dorothea E. Hendricks

Vacations and the weather kept our Hoosier girls away from the Chapter's June meeting. Charlotte Poland was the only one brave enough to fly, taking Fern Rinker along to brush the clouds away. We surely hope more members can enjoy Mildred and Doris Hurt's hospitality next time.

What's this we hear about Dotte Perry coming to Indianapolis the day before and then not getting to the meeting on time????

Helen Daniels has moved from Terre Haute to R. 3, Noblesville, Indiana. Get well wishes to Joan Ferguson who we hear has been in the hospital at Anderson.

Our Secretary-Treasurer, Jane Shope, her 49ther, and daughter are vacationing in Alaska the month of June. Yours truly just returned from a trip to the hills of 'Ol Kentuck', and wished for a plane to avoid that

holiday traffic jam.

How about some news from you girls! Virginia Brown we would love to hear some news of your stay in Germany.

See you all at Lake Manitau, Rochester, Indiana on July 16.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Bernice Easter

The regular June meeting of the Michigan Chapter was held at the beautiful home of Mrs. Mary West located at the Clio Michigan Airport. The airport is owned and operated by Mrs. West and her husband.

After the meeting, Mrs. Faye Kirk showed moving pictures of numerous flights of the past, which were very interesting to many of the new and old members. This was Faye's first meeting since her auto accident last winter. We were glad to see her back with us again. Later we were taken to Frankenmuth where a delicious chicken dinner was waiting for us. There were about thirty members, 49thers and guests present. A grand time was had by all.

Mrs. Clara Dickinson, a 99 member, and her husband are the proud parents of Michael Wynn Dickinson, born June 9.

A joint meeting of the Ohio and Michigan Chapters will be held in Detroit, August 12th and 13th.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By: June Walsh

A barbecue at Loretta Slavick's home will be the setting of the July meeting. All 49thers have been invited. It should be an especially interesting meeting with National Convention reports from our delegate, Del Scharr and from Maxine Randolph and Emma Ware.

Several of the local members spent two anxious days at St. Louis Municipal waiting for the Chicago girls to float in! (It really rained that hard.) The weather finally cleared and we were glad to welcome Mrs. Glenn Martin, Mrs. Faye Kirk, Miss Leah Higgins, Mrs. Alice Hammond, Mrs. Helen Anderson, Miss Readelle Morgan, Miss Jeanette Kapus, Miss Mary Jane Dyer and Miss Lucy Kala.

Loretta Slavick has just received her seaplane rating and Mary Leach is working toward hers. Laura Sellinger, our chapter chairman, flew her company's twin Beech from Monroe, Louisiana to St. Louis. Burnette MacNamee has moved her Stinson to Marimac Airport.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By: Ann Christine Ash

Not much news this month as we approach vacation time! Our Hangar Dance in June at Mac Park, Columbus, proved to be very successful and lots of fun. Columbus gals you are to be complimented and praised for your untiring efforts to make this Dance a hit. Chairman, Lillian Knight, should receive many thanks if our Chapter Treasury shows a profit on the Dance. Sunday, the following left immediately after the meeting for the Texas Convention and were envied by all who had to remain in Ohio: Jean and Dean Hunt, Mary Jane Sasala, Arlene Davis, who flew in the Transcontinental Race, Martha Walter, Virginia Ashelford and Marge and Jim Gorman.

Congratulations are due Arlene Davis for receiving the Vice-Presidency of National 99's, as results were announced at the National Convention. We are very honored to have a National Officer in the Ohio Chapter and will lend our every support.

AIR MARKING WINNERS proved to be Virginia Ashelford and Jeanne Hunt, both girls tying with 27 air markers each to their credit. Hope to have official count of all girls' record from Ohio Aviation Board in next month's Newsletter. Ginny and Jeanne are to be commended for their excellent efforts toward making the State of Ohio the best air marked one in the Union.

Helen Linn writes that one of the loveliest weddings she has ever attended was that of our own Rudy (Margaret Irene Johnston) to John Wendel Dustin on June 24th in Westerville. Rudy was a beautiful bride and a lovely garden reception was held following the ceremony with gardenias given to all lady guests and a gift package containing the traditional fruit cake. Rumors say that Helen Linn is still sleeping on hers. Good Luck!

Just received a bulletin regarding our July meeting at Pepper Ambus' Cottage at Cedar Point which will include lots to eat, swimming, boating on Lake Erie and a day of fun as only Pepper knows how to do so well.

We at Mansfield are busy planning an Aviation Hangar Dance in the new Air National Guard's \$1,000,000 Hangar with music being furnished by Claude Thornhill's famous band. We expect an attendance of over 1,000 so I should underscore the word busy. Our annual Aviation Day is July 16th - Sunday with Air Show, Model Airplane Race, Efficiency Light Plane Race of 200 miles and National Guard participating in Open House at Mansfield Municipal Airport. You are all invited to attend both the dance which is on the eve of Open House and the Aviation Day activities on Sunday.

August meeting will be in Michigan with a joint meeting with that Chapter which promises to be a gala weekend. Thelma Lindsey is in charge of activities so we know it will be fun.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Ruth C. Lembke

The meeting at Morey's Airport held June 18 was attended by a round dozen of the Wisconsin 99's. Weather was not the best but the day there was. The talk was mainly about the forthcoming flight to Texas.

Pearl Nelson of Stoughton, carried out the plans she made. She took off at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday heading for Texas in her red Stagger-winged Beech. Along with her went Dora Fritzke, our chairman, and your reporter. Weather, which kept everyone who attended the convention on the ground for varying lengths of time, kept us down at Kirksville, Mo., for three hours. Again at Tulsa we were down for an hour. Pearl kept her schedule of making Texas in one day. We stayed for the night in Austin. In time for lunch Pearl brought the Beech down at Ft. Clark Ranch—a perfect landing. We knew Pearl was a good pilot, but this trip proved she was the best ever!

Readelle Morgan and Jeannette Kapus flew down in a Cessna. They had entered the derby from Chicago and won second place. Rea received a beautiful bracelet as her award and Jeannette won a pretty blue girdle. We are more than a little proud of our derby winners.

Texas hospitality has long been known to all but until one experiences it as we did at the National Convention she has no real idea what it means. The Texas girls and their co-workers made our stay one that will never be forgotten. We are sorry for all the girls in the country who found it impossible to be there.

Deedo and Herm Heise have flown to California to attend a radical convention. Too bad two conventions had to conflict.

The July meeting of the chapter will meet at Antigo for the week end of the 15th and 16th of the month. There we shall visit with Frances and Bill Strong and enjoy the well-laid plans already made.

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 biggest event this last month for Donna Myers and Jane Nettleblad was the anticipation, preparation, and finally the send-off to Ft. Clark Ranch in Texas. We looked forward to a wonderful time but had even a more

glorious experience than expected. Those Texas gals and the Texas people really went all out for the 99's. Our hats are off to Ama Lee Jameson, the people of Brackettville and Eagle Pass, and all the other wonderful Texans who made the 1950 99 convention such a splendid success.

Since the report of the June meeting was in the last Newsletter, there are only a few items new this month. Kati Kelly has acquired a new 49½'er by the name of Eddie Mehlin. The Colorado Chapter welcomes Rheda Short, who last month was a member at large from Wheatland, Wyoming, and Marilyn McMillen, a news reporter at Greeley, Colorado.

The July meeting will be held at the Anderson home where nominations for officers for the new year will be presented and business brought up by the convention will be completed.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
By: Ann Martin

June certainly was a month of flying activity! Oklahoma City was scheduled as an over-night stop of June 19 for the Chicago-to-Brackettville Derby, but due to bad weather in Chicago, only one plane came through that night. It was a slick Beech Bonanza with pilot Evelyn Knowlton and C. E. Knowlton, her father, Marietta Sonnenberg and Marietta's sister, Mrs. Wayne Dornack, all of Rochester, Minnesota. Mary Francis and Ingram Jones entertained the flyers and the local 99's with a picnic supper of wonderful barbecued ham and baked beans, with all the trimmings.

June 20, the next day, a Cessna 170 arrived with pilot Alice Hammond and Faye Kirk, Leah Higgins, and Helen Anderson, all of Detroit, Michigan. They were entertained that evening by Delrose Sieber, Oklahoma City. The next morning, Velma Woodward took the group back to the airport, where she met two girls from Wisconsin (I'm very sorry that I don't have their names), and later Evelyn Martin from Chicago, who landed and refueled at Downtown Airpark, all of them in a hurry to be on their way to Brackettville.

Three Oklahoma 99's attended the Convention at Brackettville. Elizabeth Sewell left June 20 in the 99 Cessna 140 with her guest, Mary Stiefel of Oklahoma City. Mary Francis and Broneta Davis left June 21 in Broneta's Stinson. The girls really appreciated the hospitality of the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce, and the opportunity to do some shopping in Mexico. They also took full advantage of all the recreational facilities offered by the ranch and came home sunburned and tired, but happy, and each one proclaiming that she had a wonderful time. Elizabeth saw Cocile Maurer, formerly of Tulsa, at the Convention, but didn't get a chance to get her present address.

Blanche Noyes stopped at Municipal Airport for a short time on June 26 on her way back to Washington. Marjorie Harrison, Washington, D. C., and Eloise Ruddie also stopped at Municipal Airport on June 27 on their way to Grand Canyon.

Ama Lee Jameson, chairman of the Texas Chapter, flew back to Oklahoma City with Broneta and Mary. Velma entertained the local 99's with a luncheon at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club in honor of Ama Lee on June 28. The next morning Ama Lee left with Broneta and Tod Davis for the Meigs Field Dedication in Chicago and the National Flying Farmers Convention.

No regular meeting was held in June due to the Convention and the date of the July meeting has not yet been announced.

TEXAS CHAPTER
By: Martha Ann Reading

The National Convention has come and gone. Those who attended agreed that it was a real success. We had excellent attendance and we all owe a debt of gratitude to our convention committee, Ama Lee Jameson, Mary Ann Greer,

and Jimmie Kolp for their fine work in making it a success.

Chairman Ama Lee Jameson flew to Chicago to represent the Texas Chapters of the 99's and Flying Farmers in the dedication ceremonies of Meigs Field. Broneta Davis, Governor of the South Central Section represented the Oklahoma Chapters of the same organizations.

Garland Airport at Dallas was buzzing with 99'ers during the Transcontinental Air Race. The Dallas Unit presented each girl who landed there with Flying Caps - helped gas 'em up and speed them on their way. Lois Hailey and Lois Ziler of El Paso were overnight guests of Bonita Izard on their way up to Greenville, S.C., The Loises were dinner guests of the Dallas Unit the evening they landed. Wish we could have had more of the contestants for their overnight stops. Odessa, Texas, really went all out for those gals though and we certainly can't blame them for wanting to stop there and enjoy their hospitality.

Speaking of hospitality - Eagle Pass, Texas, and Brackettville, Texas, have a very superior brand of it. Those little cities can't be beaten for showing people a good time. We extend to them a vote of thanks for their fine contribution to the success of our National Convention.

N O R T H W E S T E R N S E C T I O N

OREGON CHAPTER

By: Kay Hoffmiller

The Kelso Wn. airport was the scene of the Oregon 99's June meeting. The main topic was, of course, the tour to Canada August 12, 13, 14th. Any of you gals planning on going, contact us right away, not later than July 30. We'll need a big crowd to make it worthwhile to go as a group. So remember, JULY 30, is the deadline.

Two of our Northwest members entered the Powder Puff Derby, namely, Gini Stover of Seattle and Cookie Lyons of John Day, Oregon. We hope that next year there will be more entrants from the Northwest.

This is 30 for now gals. Here's hoping that we'll see each other in Canada.

S O U T H W E S T E R N S E C T I O N

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Monahan

June meeting was held in the Carriage Room of the Chucker Club in San Mateo. Dinner preceded a business meeting with Chairman Jan Dietrich presiding. Rosemary Gehling replaced Eleanor Wagner as Treasurer for the remainder of the year. Marion Barnick and Maxine Christensen were appointed to the Membership Board. We also had a preview of Baby Barnick.

Geri Masinter was the Bay Cities representative in the Cross Country Race. Geri was flying a Cessna 140 solo and after a series of bad luck, Geri was forced to land in a cottonfield in Georgia only three hours from Greenville, S. C. In spite of all, Geri highly recommends the XC race and had a grand time. Helen Menefee kept the Bay Cities Chapter posted on the news from San Diego.

Marge Fauth, delegate and only Bay Cities Chapter member to attend the convention in Texas this year was elected to the Executive Committee. Marge has the record of attending all the national meetings to date. She says the Texas gals went all out and everyone had a wonderful time.

News Bits: Maxine Thompson Christensen has a brand new name and 49½'er who is a flight instructor at San Mateo

Airport—Patty Sherwood is back in Bay Cities Area for the present—Marion Brugh is now working with the Golden Gate Food Company in Berkeley.

Vacation News: Ruth and Fred Rueckert are travelling in the Pacific Northwest—Margaret Gerhart and 49½'er are vacationing at their cabin at Lake Tahoe—Fran Grant and family to Yosemite.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Julie Hale

The meeting of the San Diego Chapter, held at the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, now our regular meeting place, was mostly a re-hash of the Air Race and reports of contestants' experiences, as well as the details of the convention.

Several of the San Diego gals aren't even home yet, notably Dottie Sanders and Dodie Prario, who are touring the nation, courtesy of Van Camp Sea Food Co., as those who heard the "Welcome Travelers" program from Chicago can testify.... Betty Gillies is en route home via northern United States, having met husband Bud and son Pete in New York. There they rearranged the family, with daughter Pat flying home in their new Navion with Bud and Betty and Pete returning in the new car Pete and Bud picked up on the way to New York.....No word yet from Lois Bartling, who flew on from Greenville to Chicago in her Swift 125.

Mary Ring and Helen Dick finally showed up after involved maneuvering. Helen flew airline from Ft. Worth after visiting relatives, while Mary airlined to Eagle Pass, joining the convention 99's at Piedras Negras for the Mexican entertainment. Seems that headwinds of 44 knots are too much for an Aerona that was averaging 50 miles an hour. Roger Ring joined Mary at Brackettville, having flown over in a Stinson with Evelyn Briggs, Julie Hale and Larry Culbert.

Everyone had a super time at convention, even with too much food and too little time to relax. Julie had the fun of rooming with Tony Page and meeting her husband Holland. And, could they possibly be proud of their Bonanza?

On the way back to the Coast, everyone seemed to RON at El Paso, among them being Mardo Crane, Betty Loufek and Amalie Stone; Gerry Mickelson and Marj Fauth; Aileen Pickering and Irma Story; Marjorie Crowl and her passenger, Donna Davis having airlined home from Shreveport to get to work on time.

Evelyn Briggs left almost upon arrival home, this time for Asilomar, there to be joined by her husband for a trip by car and air to Alaska.

Very welcome guest at our meeting was Barbara Thisted, Los Angeles 99, who with 49½'er Dale runs Del Mar Airport. Drop in for the horse racing and say hello.

Jane Page was disappointed at not getting to Greenville, especially as she had permission to take the Waco down to Florida for a re-union there.

San Diego is naturally disappointed at having the Air Race deleted from the Constitution, but we wish the best of luck and offer our assistance to Mardo and her committee in the 1951 Transcontinental. We also extend a cordial invitation to the new national officers to visit us any time. Our next meeting will combine business with a beach party at Julie Hale's temporary beach house: July 21 at 728 Toulon Court, Mission Beach.