

# NINETY- NINES



## NEWS LETTER

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5th of EACH MONTH

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members:

As I sit on the roof garden of the apartment in which I live, the cool breeze wafts the flowers in their boxes. I look over this beautiful capitol with the realization of what it stands for---peace and freedom. I am humble at being a part of it, just as I am proud and humble for having been your President; for you have brought credit to the world of aviation, yet never losing one bit of your charm.

There are dark clouds on the horizon and we may be in for another world war. Again we may have to take our place in the war effort where our aviation education can be utilized. I know that whatever you are called upon to do you will excell in it as you always have.

The past two years have not been altogether peaceful for me for I have known many anxious hours over your safety and happiness. An anxiety that is only borne through love, but by that same token I have known great pride and joy.

To the officers of the Ninety Nines who have served with me I thank you for your valuable assistance---you have done a wonderful job! To the governors and chapter chairmen it has been your spearheading that has made our organization a success, and to the chairmen of the committees your work has been outstanding.

I also want to thank the aviation writers and members of the press---you have been more than kind to us during my regime. The state aviation officials, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the Weather Bureau, Airport managers, fixed base operators, the oil companies, the ranches and hotels, the individuals who have donated costly trophies and prizes as well as money, the mechanics at the fields, and---oh I could go on and on, for hundreds of people have helped us. I would like to mention each and every one's name, but space will not permit. I do want you to know that I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your unselfish cooperation and I do mean YOU!

Your new President Kay Brick is capable and one of those rare individuals who is willing to work. Her assistance during my administration was invaluable. I am confident that under Kay's leadership the organization will soar to greater heights---so give her your full confidence and cooperation.

I shall miss talking to you each month through the President's column, but I shall look forward to seeing you when you come to Washington, or when I come to your town. I am looking forward to seeing many of you on the Powder Puff and Beau Derby from Columbus, Ohio or at the Boston Tea Party where the new officers will be inaugurated. I believe that this derby and the celebration will be the most exciting activities that we have ever had. Everything is being done to make those five days unforgettable.

I am going to let the chairman tell you about them. So now I will say---Bon Jour, Aloha Nue, a fond A Dieu, au revoir or just, so long and good by now.

Blanche Noyes

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### CORRECTION

In the July Newsletter, Donna T. Myers was inadvertently listed as a member of the Executive Committee. Kindly substitute the name of Ethel Sheehy on your records as being the correct member.



### SECRETARY'S CORNER

TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRMEN:  
As stated in the May News Letter SUPPLEMENTARY reports should be submitted in triplicate to cover activity of importance from June thru August to JEAN HOWARD (2) and KAY BRICK (1), by September 15th.

NEW OFFICERS--Start the year off right by notifying the Washington office, Jean Howard and Kay Brick of your election results. A penny postcard to each would be greatly appreciated.

TO ALL MEMBERS: All renewal memberships are due each year on the first day of September and your renewal statement will be in the mail next week. Remember, girls, that your dues statement must be returned with your \$5.00 remittance. Let's make this year the biggest and best yet!

### POWDER PUFF AND BEAU DERBY

The Powder Puff and Beau Derby will arrive in Columbus, Ohio the morning of August 23; Helen Linn and Mary Burke will have the red plush carpet waiting for you. August 24 we take off for Reading, Pennsylvania, where Francis Nolde has turned the town inside out and upside down just for your pleasure. August 25, very early take-off for Boston, Massachusetts, to arrive at Logan Airport in Boston by noon. From there on it will read like a story book, where Rose Abbott and the Air Force Association will wave their magic wand.

To date I have a Beech Aircraft Corporation Trophy from Olive Beech; a Cessna Trophy from Don Flowers; a Thompson Trophy from Frederick Crawford; a Continental Motors Trophy from Mr. Reece; a Southwest Airmotive Trophy of Dallas, Texas, from Al Harting; a Lucille Wright Trophy from Jamestown, N. Y.; a Blanche Noyes Trophy from Washington, D.C.; Ray Burnett Trophy from Cleveland, Ohio and many more coming through. Mr. Burkhardt of Standard Oil of Ohio is giving all the entrants free gas in Columbus.

This Derby is shaping up to top all Derbies. See you all in Columbus, Ohio.

Arlene Davis, Chairman  
POWDER PUFF & BEAU DERBY

### NOTICE CONCERNING THE 1951 ALL-WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE By Mardo Crane, Chairman

Will ALL Ninety-Nines Chapters please discuss the 1951 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race as soon as possible, so that we may know the following things:

1. As reported at the National Meeting in Brackettville, Texas, the Air Race Committee needs the financial backing of every chapter, so as to provide a fund for pre-race promotion, mimeographing and mailing, publicity, etc. Despite the fact that the San Diego raised some \$1500 for their race expenses, and donated \$100 of this to the Race Committee during the pre-race planning, each member of the Race Committee went in the hole personally. Representatives of chapters with whom I talked at the convention felt that since this event has grown to benefit us all, that it would be in order for individual chapters to make donations to put it on a sound basis at the start. Therefore, we are asking that each chapter donate a minimum of \$10 for Race Committee expenses. We will appreciate your favorable consideration of this -- the sooner the better, since the ball is already rolling (and the expense!) for our next race.

2. We set Sept. 1 as the date by which we hoped to receive your final bids for the race start or finish. Please get these in to us as quickly as possible. Include such things as what courtesies race contestants may expect -- such as those that San Diego and Greenville offered this year; free rooms; banquet; free gas; transportation, etc.

3. If you have any bright ideas for an over-all sponsor,

such as the type offered us last year by the city of Odessa, Texas, let us know.

4. This year there were 33 planes in the race. For the obvious reason that the race could get too big, we will probably limit entries to 50 planes for the 1951 race.

5. We welcome inquiries about the race, but due to lack of funds, please remember to enclose a stamped envelope when you ask for an answer. Race headquarters is: 8617 Rindge Ave., Playa Del Rey, Calif.

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR CHECKS FOR \$10 FOR THE RACE COMMITTEE FUND.

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### THE TOWNSON FLYING SERVICE INVITES YOU....

Eastern Penn 99'er Bettie Townson and 49½'er George are now operating Buehl Field, Eddington, Pa., three air miles NE of N.E. Philadelphia Airport.

All 99'ers and all fly in pilots may use the portable barbecue at the field. Charge of fifty cents per person includes charcoal for barbecue, all cooking utensils, outdoor tables seating fourteen people, trip to store to make food purchases and check out and solo on the barbecue. Good food for hungry pilots and hammocks for lazy pilots!

The airport has acquired a "new look" inside and out. Daffodil colors of yellow and green decorate the lounge and a popular magazine and aviation book library is maintained. Outside 500 square feet of flower beds add to the attractive appearance of Buehl Field.

Make up a group and fly in for lunch or dinner or just drop in and say hello, when you 99'ers and 49½'ers fly in to Philadelphia. Nearby chapters buzz in and cook your own charcoal steaks and roast corn! Townson Flying Service at Buehl Field is looking forward to seeing you.

Cross country pilots who plan to stay in Philadelphia overnight: The train station is near the field. Rapid service to the center of town. Trains leave Eddington station for Philadelphia (daylight time) until 5:26 p.m. weekdays, 6:37 p.m. Sundays. Auto ride to town until 9:30 p.m. Trains leave Philadelphia for Eddington as early as 7:08 a.m. weekdays. Auto to field Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Keep this schedule if you plan to come to Philadelphia.

### C H A P T E R   N E W S

### N E W   E N G L A N D   S E C T I O N

By: Judy Short

Hope as many of you as can will be in Boston for the festivities at the Air Force Association Reunion. Our governor, Rose Abbot, is busy with plans to make it a gala occasion for the 99's. Plans for the weekend include a real old fashioned New England Clam-bake on Boston's North Shore and a drive through historic Lexington and Concord with lunch at Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury. If the weather is hot, don't forget you'll be near plenty of ocean for cool swims. If you can remain longer than just the weekend, we can arrange a delightful stay at Marthas Vineyard or Nantucket Island. Airports at both places are run by 99'ers and I know you'd have a wonderful time.

It was a shock to all of us in New England to hear of Ruth Granger's death. Her funeral was attended by the girls who knew her and at her request we donated money to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund rather than sending flowers.

An efficiency race was held on Aviation Day during the Boston Jubilee Celebration in May. Several 99'ers participated. Judy Short and her 49½'er won in the Bonanza class. During July there was an NAA flight from Worcester to St. Jovite, Canada. Ann Cutler won the efficiency race on that trip.



Our plans are for monthly fly-in meetings to each New England State. The first was held in New Hampshire with Betty Condict as hostess.

The next meeting was in Connecticut at Trumbull's Airport, Groton. Gloria Powell was hostess. This meeting was held in conjunction with the New England Air Tour, so it was very gay with a cocktail party, dinner and dancing. Next meeting probably will be in Nantucket.

#### NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

NEW YORK NEW JERSEY 99's

By: Lois Fairbank

As you know, there was a race from Montreal to West Palm Beach back in the month of June. Our most sincere thanks to Bella Heineman for the work she did in connection with this race, going to Montreal and flying each of 10 planes on a 28 mile hop to set up handicaps and making all arrangements at Dorval Airport. May I quote from a letter received from Harold A. Ross, President of Ross Aero Ltd., Dorval, Quebec:-

"I must congratulate you on having such a capable person as Miss Heineman in charge. She did take over a large chore in chaos and bring it to hand efficiently.

"It is probably unique for me to say that we are not accustomed to female clientele around our service organization, so consequently you can imagine how my staff hopped about when a Lady Pilot asked for some assistance. I had a terrible time trying to keep track of what man hours went where. I too enjoyed it.

"Our many thanks for the opportunity of being at your service and with sincere best wishes for another successful Montreal to West Palm race in 1951."

Yes, Bella did a grand job and devoted all her time in Montreal to the race. In fact, she was unable to attend the very fine visits with two of our Canadian members, Phyllis Klotz and Neville Robinson, who had an open house cocktail party for the gals and who drove back and forth to the airport whenever needed. Thanks for your help and your hospitality. Bella flew up in a Cessna with Ruby Sattler from our section and two other guests.

The race was most successful and we are proud that of the first five across the finish line, three were from right here. No. 1 gal was Betty Haas in a Navion. Alice Jean May was in Arthur Godfrey's Navion and had as her co-pilot, Betty McCaense of the Canadian 99's. Barbara Poole Shoemaker also one of the early ones to arrive.

Best Wishes are in order to our two new brides: Dorothy Wakefield was married to Dick Whitman and Mary Morrison married "The Boss," Bob Anderson, Chief Pilot and Treasurer of Coastal Cargo of which Mary is also a full pilot.

Hear that Marilyn Link is flying a ferry service up in Quebec in the Widgeon. Marjorie Davis off on a motor trip to Bay of Fundy and points. Alma Harwood on the S.P.A. cruise. Glad to hear that hubby Charles is much improved. Viola Gentry gave a quick call when she arrived in from Florida on her way to New Hampshire...will see us in the fall. Helen McChesney proud possessor of a multi-engine rating. Murray Hake Fisher and new daughter now living in Bronxville. Irene Keith down to the Florida Air Show via the air lines. Welcome to a new member, Mrs. Helena Price.

Our sincere sympathies to our Vice Governor, Jeanne Spielberg on the loss of her mother. The 99's have lost a good member and dear friend in the passing of Ruth Granger. Ruth was long a member of the New England Chapter and for the past few years a member of the New York-New Jersey section. Ruth was stricken with cancer and, at her request, a check has been sent to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund in her memory.

#### MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Vera Foster

The Washington Chapter met Wednesday, July 19th, at the home of Katherine Stinson. There we discussed the annual convention activities and the adventures of the girls attending.

Rosemary Lane and Louise Millican told us that they had no trouble at all in locating Texas. "It's just three fronts and 25 thunderstorms West of Greenville" they said!

Others attending the convention were Mitzi Moore, Jean Howard, Blanche Noyes, and Margie Harrison. Margie made an extra swing northward after the convention to see Yosemite and other spots...her trusty Ercoupe covered well over 4,000 miles.

Jean Howard was warmly congratulated on having been awarded the Washington Association of Flying Clubs' trophy for being the person doing the most to advance private flying in the Washington area. The award was made on the Locke Haven, Pennsylvania breakfast flight by none other than Mr. Piper himself!

Katherine Stinson was lauded for her wonderful radio talk on the Nancy Osgood program the preceding week. Not only did Katherine give much information about CAA, but her very fine radio voice and authentic charm must have won many friends for both the CAA and Katherine.

CORRECTION: An item which appeared several months ago which said that Perry Robinson, this year's winner of the Washington Air Derby Association trophy, was the first woman to be so honored was in error. The first woman to win the trophy was Genevieve Savage. Our apologies for this misinformation and thanks to Jo Busse for the correction.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By: Leona A. McElroy

Ah, me! A wonderful meeting on July 30th at Lancaster and I had to miss it! Millie Zimmerman tried to tell me all that went on, but she mentioned so many things I'm not sure I caught them all.

First in importance, of course, was the vote on incorporation.

Then, Fran Nolde and Ruth Shafer and Marge Kodrich made everyone envious by telling of their wondrous adventures at the Air Show at West Palm Beach and the national convention in Texas.

We are getting action on plans for entertaining the Powder Puff and Beau Derby entrants. Frannie has gone to an awful lot of trouble to make them glad they came to Reading a swimming party at the Bowers' Country Club, followed by "liquid appeasers" before dinner there at the Country Club.

There was discussion about the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund and more discussion on "active" and "inactive" members. No action, just talk.

Now, Eastern Penners, we're going to need lots and lots of cars to ferry these Buckeye pilots around the countryside, so polish up your Fords and Cadillacs and bring them out to Reading Municipal Airport on Thursday afternoon, August 24th.

However, for those in the Derby Frannie has wangled lots of free attractions - free hotel accommodations, free tiedown, free gas and oil, free transportation, to say nothing of the free Nolde nylons and trophies and such. My word, what is this flying game coming to? It sure



wasn't like this back in the old days of pay-your-own-way when I started flying!

There was talk, too, about getting together for a Chapter meeting around Frannie's swimming pool some day before August 24th, but the date will be left up to Frannie because she's so darn busy. Right now, besides this Derby shindig, she's planning for an air show at her home town of Deposit, New York, on August 13th - rain date, August 20th. So you better wait for official word about a meeting from Secretary Marge.

#### MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Harriette Mosbacher

We all feel like one feels when making a down wind landing---approach fast---space short. August 5th, the date of our section meeting is rapidly approaching and we are trying to complete arrangements. I guess you all know what a lot of last minute details pop up. But it is all fun and we are expecting to have a grand time.

Our regular meeting was held in Erie. Vega Ihsen was our able hostess and we girls had a wonderful time. We had a hamburger fry and a swimming party---the water was swell.

We also welcomed to our group a new member. Pauline Harabedian is her name and a cute little trick she is. Pauline is from Erie and is a draftsman---or should I say draftsman? We are very happy to have her with us.

Our business meeting was devoted to voting on nominations and planning for the section meeting and discussing our financial status to determine our contribution to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship.

Our gal Lucille Parker is temporarily on the invalid list. We are all very anxious for a speedy recovery Lucille. We miss you pal.

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

##### CAROLINA'S CHAPTER

By: Carolina E. Hembel

The next meeting of the Carolina's Chapter will be held in September. This will be a joint meeting with the Southeastern Section. Time and place to be announced later. Governor Dot Shackelford will preside. Dot, by the way, is really enjoying her Bonanza. Every time we go to Columbia, to fly the Stinson, Dot is off on a trip. New York was on her itinerary, and New York is a good time town.

Amalie Stone, Chapter Chairman, is now with the S. C. State Aeronautics Commission. She is educational director for the state and will do contact work with the schools. It is a big task and a very important one. She comes well qualified with a pilot license as well as an aeronautical engineering background.

We are very proud that Louise Smith has been elected to membership on the national nominating committee. She has done splendid work in our Chapter and Section and we like to see her recognized nationally.

Last Sunday my 49½'er and I flew to Atlanta for the week end. The two children (6 yrs. and 7 yrs.) really enjoyed the trip. The air was like glass with a minimum of thunderstorms.

With the Korean situation headlining every paper every day, we Ninety-Nines want to keep our proficiency at a peak so we can help in any spot needed. Let's keep up all our ratings girls, and get a few new ones.

#### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Ann Ross

Air Maneuvers, races and conventions are all over and everyone is safe and happy. We feel that all events were fully enjoyed and will be long remembered.

This chapter is taking a deep breath and relaxing for just a few days before again planning our next year's moves. We hope that everyone will go along with our big dream for 1951...we want all Ninety-Nine events to terminate in Florida for 1951, thus eliminating any division of our groups.

Our great thanks go to all those who attended and aided in our Montreal race and the All Women Air Maneuvers in West Palm Beach. We especially want to thank Fran Nolde for her part in the air maneuvers; also, our hearty good will to our international president, Blanche Noyes and her executive members.

We who attended the convention in Texas realize what a tremendous amount of work went into the preparation for the meeting. They did a wonderful job.

We notice in the Newsletter occasionally that some one has visited Florida, but they seem to forget, or do not have time, to call some of the members of this chapter. We will always be happy to have you call us and attend as many of our meetings as possible while you are in our state.

LET'S HAVE THE CONVENTION IN FLORIDA NEXT YEAR!

#### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By: Evelyn Bryan

The members of the Tennessee Chapter who attended the Chattanooga Air Show were Ruth Thomas, Eddie Lee Griffin, Bonnie McDonald, Patricia Burnett and Evelyn Bryan. The show was interrupted every few minutes by rain, but was an excellent one in spite of the handicap. We were especially interested in seeing Caro Bayley with her new Pitts Special. That girl really does a nice job of flying.

Patricia Burnett has just returned from a vacation in Florida. She must have stayed under a shade tree all the time for she didn't get a bit of tan.

The next meeting is set for August 20 at Knoxville Airport. That is the day of the Air Show, so we will get together before show time for a business meeting.

Several of our members plan to join the Tennessee State Tour, August 17, 18, 19 and 20. The tour is to cover a thousand miles, beginning in Nashville, going to west Tennessee, back through the southern part on to east Tennessee, then back to Nashville. There will be twenty-four scheduled stops. The overnight stops are to be Memphis, Chattanooga, Johnson City. It is sponsored by the State Bureau of Aeronautics and the Civil Air Patrol. On this tour we hope to locate some new ninety-nine members. I am sure there must be some girls in Middle and Western Tennessee who would like to join.

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

##### ILLINOIS CHAPTER:

By: Doris Langher

Rumor has it that our reporter, Irene Leverton is down South crop dusting, so will pinch hit for this News Letter.

Vacations and weather kept some of our girls away from our fly-in meeting July 16th at the Greater Rockford Airport, Rockford, Ill. Lucy Kalla and Mary Jane Dwyer were the only two who were able to get through in a Stearman. The same Stearman and crew that flew to the Texas meeting and on to Laredo. The other girls enroute to Rockford, turned back and landed at Elmhurst airport (Chicago) and held an informal meeting there. It was good to see Esther Noffke at Elmhurst and also Kay



Ferris, who was able to get a day off from her nursing duties at the Presbyterian Hospital.

We are very proud of our co-chairman Dora Dougherty who has been given a new assignment. Dora is now in charge of the Instrument Flight Training Program at the University of Illinois.

Lee Cook, 1st Lt. in the Air Force Reserve was on active duty at O'Hare airport for several weeks last month.

Jane Robbins, our member who has done such a remarkable job of flying in Alaska, has a new job with the Helio Aircraft Co., and has offered to show us movies of this airplane and give us data as to how and why it flies, etc. We are looking forward to this with great interest.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Dorothea E. Hendricks

Lake Manitou, Rochester, Indiana, was the scene of our July meeting. Dee Nicholas flew in from Indianapolis, Lois Whitney from Muncie, Myrtle Cox from Winchester, Joan Ferguson, Fern Rinker, Charlotte Foland, and "Little Doc" Retherford from Anderson. After the luncheon and business meeting, hostess Helen Outcalt took the girls for a boat ride around the lake.

On a recent trip to Parkersburg, W. Va., "Little Doc" Retherford met Connie Armstrong who is employed at the airport. She is a 99'er, but all her efforts to start a chapter there have failed. We extend an invitation for her to meet with us any month she can make it.

We hear that--Virginia Eberhart is working on her commercial and instructor's rating--Betty Pettitt did some sky writing at the Newcastle airshow--Marie Thompson is in Mississippi.

Would anyone like to touch a hand that Vic Mature held??? Well--I have it!! After winning a contest on Radio Station W L W, I spent two glorious days at the Brown Hotel, Louisville, Ky., as guest of Vic Mature and 20th Century Fox Studios, and one day in Cincinnati as guest of W L W. I took "Little Doc" Retherford as my guest. We attended the premiere of Vic's latest picture, "Stella", and met he and the other stars. Vic and I are twins--born on the same day, month and year in the same state. By-the-way, I won because my "gripe" was some people's attitude toward a woman pilot!!

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By: Bernice Easter

The July meeting was held at Fenton, Michigan with a breakfast at the Country Club House. There were about forty members, 49½'ers and guests present. After breakfast, the members went to the home of Marguerite Crane for the business meeting. Mary Jeffords, a 99 member of St. Louis, Missouri, was a guest. The girls that attended the convention in Texas were; Alice Hammond, Helen Anderson, Fay Kirk, Leah Higgins, Frances Bera, Marguerite Crane and Adele Binsfield. They all gave reports on the meeting there, which was very interesting to the members unable to attend. They also reported a grand time on their flight down and back. They did some sight seeing in Mexico before returning.

Adele Binsfield drove to West Palm Beach, Florida for the All Woman's Air Maneuvers. From Florida she flew with Mrs. Greenwood Cocanougher to Texas for the convention and then to Lexington, Kentucky.

Pilot Alice Hammond of Grosse Point, Michigan, with co-pilots and navigator, Helen Anderson, Faye Kirk and Leah Higgins, in a Cessna 170, took third place from the new seaplane base in Chicago, to Fort Clark Ranch in Texas, where the 99's were to dedicate Fort Clark Field. Before the girls left Chicago, they appeared on a television show and were interviewed.

After returning home, Alice Hammond and husband took-off on a trip to Boston, North Vineyard and Marblehead, Mass.,

where they attended a Sportsman's Pilots Meeting. They also took a trip up into Maine.

FLASH!! FLASH!!

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#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Margaret Manuel

Our July meeting at the lovely home of Virginia Shaw on the shore of Lake Minnetonka was a thing to remember. The Buffet breakfast which Virginia spread out for the gals would have been adequate for a starving army. In spite of the slightly damp weather nine members, four guests and 2 49½'ers were on hand. Since the weather wouldn't permit any outside activities, the girls spent several hours reporting on their flying activities for the month.

Evelyn Knowlton and Marietta Sonnenberg reported on the National Meeting at Brackettsville, Texas. Since Evelyn was our delegate to the meeting she gave us all the details of the business meetings and Marietta reported on the many entertainments the Texas gals had cooked up. The rest of us were mighty sorry we didn't get there.

The month of June really had our gals up in the air. Yours truly with Marilyn Kvalheim as navigator participated in the International Air Race. In spite of the perfectly foul weather we had a wonderful time, met many wonderful girls and are looking forward to next year and possibly the Transcontinental Race.

Martha Randolph and family spent some time in St. Louis visiting friends and relatives. Rita Orr, her 49½'er and 6 weeks old daughter took a flying trip to Atlanta and proved that a light plane can take a cornfield in its stride when the weather closes in.

Two months old Kay Manuel keeps me pretty busy these days but hope to see all of you at our August meeting at Wold-Chamberlain Airport.

#### GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By: June Walsh

The St. Louis Chapter was invited to a fly-in breakfast at Farmington, Missouri, on July 30. We took them at their word and eight of us flew down. Loretta Slavick, her 49½'er and your reporter went in Loretta's Super Cruiser; Rae Logsdon and Laura Sellinger in the Cessna 195; Rita Van Coutren and Mary Leach in Mary's 140; and Nadja and Ed Wilson in their Stearman. We also ran in to Pat Shay, a future Ninety-Nine.

The Farmington hospitality was wonderful. We were fed, then escorted through a nylon hosiery mill (no, we didn't get any samples), and finally swimming. During the afternoon there were spot landing contests, ribbon cutting, etc.

The August meeting will be a dinner meeting at Schneithorst's Restaurant, Lambert Field.

Our sympathy goes to Florence Wildgen in the loss of her father.

#### ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By: Ann Christine Ash

Columbus, Ohio is really going all out to make the start of the Powder Puff and Beau Derby to Boston, Massachusetts a terrific send-off. Our chairman, Helen Linn has spent countless hours working with Mary Burk, our devoted friend, and executive secretary of the Ohio Aviation Board formulating all of the events which will take place



in Columbus. Chairman, Arlene Davis, will have full details on the Derby elsewhere in the newsletter so I will just give a preview of Columbus activities, which I hope will spur all of you into joining the Derby. Certainly sounds terrific all along the way.

Upon arrival at Port Columbus Wednesday, August 23rd, each girl will be presented flowers from TWA, a free luncheon at the Dobbs House at the Airport, courtesy Columbus Air Force Chapter, free transportation to town, free hangar rental, courtesy Columbus Airport Manager, special rates at the hotel.

Mrs. Lausche is having a tea and reception Wednesday afternoon at the Governor's Mansion and plans are in the air for a cocktail party and buffet dinner that evening at a special spot in Columbus. Arlene is hoping for an early retirement that evening so we're up bright and early the next morning for take-off. Standard Oil Company is providing free gas for the first leg of the flight to Reading, Pa.

Just heard that the Silver Tea Service which will be presented to a winner in Boston is simply out of this world. Mr. Grimes of Urbana is donating this award which will be named "Jane Lausche Air Safety Award". Come on Gals, you won't want to miss this gala affair.

Another wonderful memory to be added to the year's grand meetings is the one at Pepper Ambus in July. Over 50 were in attendance and Pepper again showed us such a colossal time. Swimming, boating and that delicious food! It was nice to see Julia Ann Dearth again. She was home on leave and is returning to Wyoming for continued service in the WACS. Anne Blair who was recently married had her new husband along. Sorry, don't have her full married name as yet. Irma Line, who is a new member now, attended for the third meeting, also had hubby along.

Jean Bonar and hubby are spending 3 weeks vacation touring South America and visiting Rio where Dr. is attending a medical convention.

Just had a report from O.A.B. that Ohio 99's obtained over 60 airmarkers for the State during our recent contest. Don't forget girls we are to continue this project until September. We hope to have 100 in by that time. Let's keep up the good work. Hope to see all of the out of state 99's on the Powder Puff and Beau Derby to Boston.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ruth C. Lembke

Frances Strong and Mrs. Powell of Antigo were two most gracious hostesses to the 99's over the weekend of July 15-16. Rosemary Krebs and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ -er and Jeannette Kapus and Readelle Morgan went up on Saturday and had one wonderful time with the Stronges. On Sunday the Cessna Caravan joined the 99 meeting and all were happy. Gladys Dean from Madison was there. Helen Kuntz came too. Helen Greinke of the Illinois Chapter flew up with her original games. Our chapter bought twelve of them for our members to purchase. They are a good idea for Christmas gifts.

Jeannette won an attractive beach bag for being the first to land in Antigo. She and Readelle both won six bottles of Squirt. They are the winningest girls this summer. Last month they won two prizes and this month again.

Deedo and Herm Heise were missed. They flew to Cleveland. Dora Fritzke was on her vacation, a motor trip into Canada. Mexico and Canada in one month is doing right well, isn't it? Elsie Peters just returned from a month's stay in New York. Mary Lou Thompson has moved to a new place in Shorewood.

Nellie Bilstead attended the Antigo weekend. It was nice to see her too, but we all missed seeing more of the Madison girls, Pearl Nelson and all the rest.

Pearl, we shall all be seeing you this month, for the picnic is scheduled to be at your home.

The 99 traveling trophy plate was presented to Jack Spaulding for this month for the many ways in which he has helped the 99's.

Dorothy Christenson writes from Okinawa regularly so that we keep us with her activities. She is enjoying the land and its people very much. This is her second year there.

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

##### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Lois V. Boien

Between flash floods, tornadoes, and various displays of a meteorological nature, our chapter finally met for the July meeting as guests of Lee Huff, Omaha Airport manager. The gals west of Omaha couldn't make it - Ruth Johnson was probably evacuating horses and hoping the water stayed away from her door.

We had a marvelous report of the national convention. Dorothy Reed had an extensive report, and the sidelight stories as related by Dorothy and Belle made us properly envious. Those Texas gals really outdid themselves!

After hearing of the convention, the awards for our first two months contest were given to Laura Russell and Janey Bay. We also voted to order 'Air-o' and try to learn it. It sounds like a sure fire game.

##### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Ann Martin

A special meeting was held July 23, 1950 at Municipal Airport, Oklahoma City, to discuss and act on the "Referendum" submitted to the National Convention at Brackettville.

DID YOU KNOW----Elizabeth got her commercial license May 30, and her instructor rating June 16? Congratulations from all of us, Sue, and best always. Glenna Olson, Clinton, flew to Pontiac, Mich., in her Cessna 140. Cecilla Jane Frew, Oklahoma City, has returned recently from her vacation in New Mexico; and also Ruth Jones and Ida Carter, Oklahoma City, have returned from their vacations there, full of enthusiasm for that wonderful state. Emily Frost, Norman, is now in Buffalo, New York (her home) for summer vacation from school at Oklahoma University. Bille Tune, Winfield, Kansas, flew about 50 hours in New Mexico for the Forest Rangers the first part of June. Hazel Raines is now stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, and visited in June with Billie Lum, Yukon.

##### TEXAS CHAPTER

By: Martha Ann Reading

Summer vacations have taken their toll of 99 activities this past month--I guess-- at least I haven't heard from any of the Units outside of Dallas. If you girls are doing anything wish you would let us know. Every one is anxious to read about you.

Dallas unit has had two meetings since the last report to the newsletter. We had a swimming party and Hamburger Fry at White Rock Lake on July 12. We had a big time relaxing and rehashing the convention at Fort Clark.

August 2, we had a special guest, Bea Mack from Omaha, Nebraska was vacationing in Texas and when Bea landed at Garland Airport where we have our Clubroom, Marie Nix persuaded her to stay over for our meeting. We were certainly pleased to have her with us. Wish more 99ers from out of town would visit with us more often. As of August 2 we voted to change our Dallas Unit meeting date to the last Wednesday of the month.

Marie Nix did us another favor this month. She brought us a new member. Her name is Marian Peterson--she has a brand new private license and she is a Delta Airline Hostess. Welcome to the Texas Chapter Marian.



## SOUTHWESTERN SECTION

### BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Monahan

The July Fly-in was held Sunday the 23rd, destination Hoberg's, a resort, approximately 100 air miles north of San Francisco. Maxine Christensen was in charge of Flite. Due to uncertain weather the attendance was not large.

A special business meeting was called by chairman Jan Dietrich Friday, July 28th, at Marge Fauth in San Francisco. Discussion of the Incorporating of the NINETY-NINES, Marge gave a report on the National Meeting in Texas and Geri Masinter gave the highlights of the XC Race. Twenty members were present and two infants, babies Barnick and Hector. Refreshments of coffee and cake were served by the hostess with Ruth Rueckart assisting.

### News Items:

Our sympathy to Patty Sherwood on the loss of her mother.

Our congratulations to Pat & Jack Gladney on their new fledgling, Gale Audrey, arrived July 29th.

Helen Menefee is returning to Bay Area to work at Mills Hospital.

### COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Eleanor Wagner

Yes, something new has been added to the Ninety-Nine News Letter, and that's us! The Coachella Valley Chapter which, thus far, is comprised of eight members, was formed in the late Fall of 1949 with the blessings of all concerned. Thanks to the allied cooperation of Mardo Crane, Kay A. Brick, Melba Beard, Esther Haney, Frances Grant, and many others, Win Wood was able to organize the chapter with five charter members. Those charter members were: Jacqueline Cochran, Julien Eccels (Peggie Parker), Claire McMillen, Mary Nelson and Winifred Wood.

Most of our chapter activities in the future will emanate from Palm Springs Airport which seems to be a "natural" for the beginnings of anything connected with aviation and flying. Here Mary Nelson holds the position as Manager-Operator, Win Wood as Public Relations Director and me as Secretary. Palm Springs, located in the Coachella Valley, is widely known as a resort town, and for that and many other reasons, should make an excellent chapter headquarters for this area. This will also afford many of the other chapters the opportunity of conducting "Fly-Ins" to this area, at which time we would be happy to play host. The surrounding desert communities such as Indio, rich in beautiful date groves, the Salton Sea with its below sea level altitude and its unique rock formations, Palm Canyon, Tahquitz Fall, and Idyllwild, a green, shaded mountain resort only 40 miles from Palm Springs and high in the mountains, all offer the visitor an interesting and educational trip. Palm Springs itself is a community rich in healthful climate, lovely homes, hundreds of swimming pools and a wealth of recreational and entertainment facilities.

Now that we have our geographic background taken care of somewhat, we can take up matters affecting the business at hand. First of all, we have had a shuffling of chapter members and new ones have been added. The membership roster now stands as follows: Jacqueline Cochran of Indio and New York; Mary B. Nelson, acting chairman; Winifred Wood, acting membership chairman, both of Palm Springs; Kay King of Indio, winner of our 1950 annual Salton Sea Aircruise; Ethelyn Bushey of Desert Center; Coral Bloom of Riverside; Frances Loge of Redlands, and my own membership which is to be transferred from the Bay Cities Chapter. Incidentally, the Salton Sea Aircruise is becoming quite an interesting event and attracting much attention in Southern California. Jacqueline Cochran has donated the perpetual trophy for the race.

On July 27, we held an informal get-acquainted dinner meeting at the Shadow Mountain Club which is near Palm Springs. At that time, we discussed plans for really getting down to brass tacks and making our chapter known. During the busy winter season last year, the charter members were handicapped to a great extent by the rush and bustle of the Winter Season as only it can happen in Palm Springs. Anyone who is working here or has a business to manage has very little time for any outside activity. However, we feel that if we go ahead now and elect our officers for the coming year and plan a program that will allow us to work along with the other near-by chapters, we will have less difficulty in keeping up with any coming Ninety-Nine events. Kay King and Ethelyn Bushey have already volunteered to attend the Southwestern Sectional meeting in September at the Bakersfield Inn as representatives of our chapter. With such cooperation, as the needs arise, we should have little trouble in becoming an active Ninety-Nine chapter. We hope to go "all out" to do our part as a new and thankful chapter.

At our August meeting, we will elect officers and make plans for our part at the Sectional in September. So long until then.

### LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: Aileen Pickering

Somebody said "Pickering will write the newsletter"! So I answered with a blank look and a nod of the head. I didn't realize it would be written so completely "on the fly." Started out on a trip to Washington State to visit relatives. While there, met some friends with a twin-Beech who like to fly too--and here I sit in Jacksonville, Fla., playing "cub reporter." Can't think of a nicer way to spend a vacation--visiting Ninety-Niner's all along the way...even got my seaplane rating the other day at Key-stone Park, Fla. Don't know where I'll go next, but I'm sure logging the time!!

Despite the fact that we're in the middle of vacation time, we had quite a nice turn-out at our first meeting. It was a dinner meeting and was held July 17, at the Officers Club on Wilshire Blvd., L.A.----The dinner preceded a short business meeting and discussion of the race (with colorful descriptions by air race contestants) with Chairman Mardo Crane presiding. Much of the regular business was dispensed with until our next meeting; however, the following business was discussed:

OKing of Incorporation of 99's. This proposition proposed at the National Convention was unanimously approved by all Los Angeles members and the following action will be complied with:

1. "That all reference to the Transcontinental Air Race Committee be deleted from the Constitution."
2. "That the Ninety-Nines incorporate immediately as THE NINETY-NINES INC., and the Constitution be revised to comply with the legalities of incorporation."

The Ordering of Air Race Programs. These are FREE to all Chapters and will certainly make a wonderful souvenir to any woman interested in the race and how it was run. Place your orders with Mary Ring, President, San Diego Chapter -- NOW!

Ruth Downie, program chairman, introduced our guest speaker for the evening--DIANA BIXBY. Diana gave us a thorough and very interesting "run-down" on her recent round-the-world flight which she made with her husband in their Mosquito Bomber! She brought along the log she kept on her entire trip for all to view. Needless to say, she had us completely enthralled! Diana now has the honor of being one of the few women pilots in the U. S. to obtain her Airline Transport Rating. Having just received this rating July 19, at Long Beach, Calif., we would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to her! Other guests in attendance included our Air Race Mascot, MR. Bertrand Rhine, Attorney at Law, Los Angeles; Carolyn West, Past Chairman of our Chapter; and Aileen Miller from Phoenix, Arizona, who, incidentally, flew all the way



in a Luscombe, from her home there, just to attend our dinner meeting! That, my friends, is real 99 enthusiasm! Aileen, if you will recall, was the "passenger" picked up in Needles, Ariz., unexpectedly, by Mary Packard, race contestant, who stopped there for gas during said race. They then merrily proceeded "Onward to Greenville" and a great time.-----Next on the agenda was the introduction of Betty Loufek, a member of the T.A.R. committee, who, with the help of Mardo and a few "cagey quips," gave us the "gory" details of their "trail-blazing" of the race. This "briefing" turned out to be rather comical to hear. It seems as though Betty, being a glider pilot, (and a good one at that!) and Mardo, who is strictly an "engine jockey," had ideas on "Winds, clouds and HOW to fly 'em," that differed. I believe Mardo is writing an article on this "escapade" (with pics too!). This should appear soon in a well-known Aviation "pamphlet."---

I could call this the "UPS 'N DOWNS DIVISION."

It was announced--very happily, that Betty Loufek has now added three new National records to her soaring credit, making a grand total of six, one of these being a new distance record of 123 miles!! These records were made over the 4th of July weekend. Nice going, Betty!!---It was also announced unhappily, that Jean Parker, recent winner of the T.A.R. joined the Caterpillar Club! Seems as though Jean, who is quite a glider enthusiast was about a thousand feet up--soaring over El Mirage way (a "spot" in the Mojave Desert), when a wing came off and Jean was immediately (if not sooner) "air-borne"! This revolting development occurred the day before this meeting, consequently, she didn't attend. Last report had it that she's quite a 'chutist and made it down with but a few cuts and bruises as results. Knowing Jean, she's probably been "up and at it" and logged a few more gliding hours since then.

As far as the race was concerned, L.A. Chapter was well-represented by having 12 members entered as contestants and 4 additional members on the race committee. They were Mardo Crane, Barbara London, Bea Medes and Betty "the Navigator" Loufek. A list of our entrants, their plane and plane number are as follows:

#1 plane. Aileen Pickering; Irma Story. Cessna "Patroller" 140.  
 #7 " Jean Parker; "Boots" Seymour. T-Craft.  
 #9 " De Thurmond. Piper Clipper.  
 #16 " Donna Evans; Lela Hobday. Trojan.  
 #19 " Monie Dye; Mary Kitson. Piper.  
 #29 " Yvette Kovary. Mooney.  
 #32 " Claire McMillen; Clara Davis. Cessna 140.

Many of these girls were at the meeting and each related one of their "most interesting experiences" that occurred during their trip. Without a doubt, future races are going to have to go some to surpass the success of this year's Transcontinental Air Race.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER  
 By: Marie Wemmer

I just received word that our next meeting is to be at the Sonoma County Airport so we may welcome our guests.. those who fly in.

Nellie Palmer, our representative to the 99 convention at Fort Clark Ranch, and I arrived home from our trip, convention and vacation combined, to find ourselves very much in the news. Seems we were both lucky enough to win a trophy. It was quite a surprise to us and immediately we began to moan and groan because we had not been able to attend the convention dinner. This was my first convention and if they are always such a success I would like to wing my way to each every year.

Special recognition should be awarded to the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce who really went all out to show us a good time. The trip and dinner in Mexico was especially enjoyed by all.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER  
 By: Evelyn Briggs

Thanks to Julie for writing the last newsletter while I was away on a 5000 mile vacation trip. Just returned from Canada and the beautiful Pacific Northwest and have some catching up to do on our members who are away or have just returned.

Helen Dick and Julie Hale were co-hostesses at the July social event--a beach party held at Julie's beach cottage. Between fifty and sixty attended. Among the out-of-towners were Barbara Thisted, who, with her husband operates the Del Mar Airport and Airtel and Mardo Crane, our Transcontinental Race chairman. Everyone had a wonderful time, and hated to leave.

The most important item on the agenda for our next meeting at the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences is the election of officers. Mary Ring, our present chairman, will be happy to get the load off her shoulders, especially since she hasn't been quite up to par physically lately. This may be our last meeting at the Institute, because Consolidated or the Army may take it over. It's a grand place for meetings, dinners, dances, etc., so we hope to get it back before too long.

Lois and Harry Bartling have just returned from an enjoyable trip in their new Swift. On Lois' way home from Greenville, Harry met her at Rochester. They visited friends in New York and Baltimore and returned home via Memphis and El Paso.

It wasn't enough flying for Betty Lambert to cross the continent twice--once racing to beat the Transcontinental handicap, and the return race to get back to go on another flying trip. She and Art packed up their baggage and their infant into the B.T. and took off for two weeks travel again across the continent to New York via Michigan, their old home.

Claire Hale who teamed with Betty to win second in the race, is at "Y" camp, helping out as a counselor. Jane Page is now working with the San Diego Social Welfare Department.

Betty Gillies and son, Pete, returned from N. Y. via Quebec, Montreal, Edmonton, Jasper, Banff, etc., while Bud and daughter, Pat, flew the Navion back to S. D. They made it from Evansville, Ind., to San Diego in one day!!!

When Dottie Sanders and Dodie Prario arrived in S. D. the Van Camp Sea Food Co., their sponsors, presented each of them with an engraved Girard-Perregaux chronograph watch in appreciation of the advertising given their tuna product--CHICKEN OF THE SEA! Here's to more sponsors like them.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA CHAPTER  
 By: Helen "Casey" Cannon

Our July meeting was not written up as most of our members were on vacation. Florence Murphy had hers in Hawaii -- flying both ways.

Our August meeting was held at Helen Cannon's home. The Wing Scouts Troop of the Girl Scouts received their wings and were very thrilled about them.

Martha Lundy told of her experiences at the convention which were cut rather short due to her not being able to be a delegate because her name was presented too late.

We decided we should wait a while about air marking Las Vegas to see how the war situation was progressing. We don't mind the painting but would hate to have to delete it a few months later.

We have hopes of all of us being able to go to Bakersfield for the Sectional meeting in September. It will be our first mass flight.