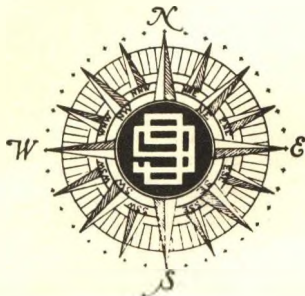


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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Brickaero"

Dear Ninety-Nines:

Members, THE CONTEST is on! How many in your chapter went OVER THE 200 HOUR HUMP last month? Flying Activity Chairman DORA DOUGHERTY is getting further inspiration to you on how to get everyone in the air - but DON'T WAIT - CREATE! If and as your chapter gets every member over the goal set, notify Dora - also state the number in your chapter.

And let's give the MAGNETIC COMPASS a good workout! Review the fundamentals of navigation. Get practice in cross country and hitting those check points on the nose, figuring elapsed time. No flight is too short or too frequently flown to omit this practice. This emphasis is long overdue!

CHAPTER FLYING CLUBS are being formed to create opportunity for our own members. If you can't wait for Dora's release on details, write her.

Plan some AERIAL SCAVENGER or TREASURE HUNTS. Increase your powers of observation and orientation - and you'll have fun too.

GERRY MICKELSEN, Southwest Governor, has just sent out a Southwest Calendar for this quarter. It lists all the meetings planned up to Feb. 4 - from Palm Springs to Utah. PRIOR PLANNING would help attendance in ALL SECTIONS. She also announced in it a quarterly contest for the Chapter with the HIGHEST AVERAGE FLYING TIME PER 99 MEMBER - and passenger time figures too.

UPPER IOWA'S TROPHY CONTEST includes not only cross country, higher ratings, check out time in different ships, but attendance, holding office, hostessing etc. Anyone acquiring 1200 points as HELEN FLAHERTY did deserves a trophy. I'm sure they'll be glad to send you a copy of their rules for your own contest if you write. I think you should all be aware of our dynamic Upper Iowa Chapter, just three years old this Oct. Member RUTH SHIMON was presented the BLANCHE NOYES NATIONAL AIR MARKING TROPHY. BEULAH FROTSCHER, Chairman, is one of the first to take the initiative on our Air Age Education Program. She is working thru the Air Age Education Dept. of the Iowa Aeronautics Commission with Mr. Jorgensen. Together they have planned a joint program for the 99s, school officials and teachers. Beulah issued a "flyer" to her members asking each to contact the heads of the school system in their town and as many teachers as possible and to find out two things - how open minded they are towards Air Age Education and what part of an aviation program is now being utilized. In this way their needs can be determined and perchance their interest aroused. Nice work!

I know you're not forgetting the AMELIA EARHART SCHOLARSHIP FUND. Perhaps you have been wondering how the TOP THREE earned their money last year. SAN DIEGO'S main project was the sale of "Practice Problems for Pilot Certificates" by E. C. Lambert, to assist in passing written exams. (See rear cover of 1950 TAR Program). FLORIDA'S contribution was from the Air Show. NEW ENGLAND showed some profit from a dance; sold 99 matches and COMPASS EARRINGS. ROSE ABBOTT, Governor, tells me they're now dispersing JAMS and JELLIES made from strange wild fruits and berries from the New England woods. Interested?

Are you aware of PROPOSED ACTION on the part of CAB? SUBJECT: RESCISSION OF PART 51 - GROUND INSTRUCTOR RATING. LOIS HAILEY in El Paso has sent me a copy of her individual reply which treats in full the three aspects of the proposal. 1. The biggest single cause of aircraft accidents is poor and insufficient instruction.

2. Are there QUALIFIED personnel for the job as a result of military and other increase in flying? (as CAB claims)
 3. How many personnel would be released? (CAA men from certification to inspection). All communications received by Jan. 2, 1951 will be considered by CAB before taking further action on the proposed rules. Individually, you have an opportunity to express your feelings on the rescission of the Ground Instructor Rating. Write Direct: CAB, Bureau of Safety Regulations, Wash., D. C.

You are wondering no doubt about the tardy November Newsletter. Editor Vera's father became fatally ill just at the deadline and Vera rushed out of state to be with him; then rushed back to edit our publication. Our sincere sympathy, Vera.

Will I see you at the AERO CLUB DINNER in Washington December 16th? Or will it be the MIAMI AIR SHOW Jan. 6th?

Seen at Teterboro is a beautiful Beechcraft Bonanza wearing these letters - "MAMASMINK". Can't think of a better wish to go with "MERRY XMAS" than "A MAMASMINK TO YOU ALL".

Kay Menges Brick
 Your President

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

It is always a pleasure to transmit good news. On behalf of the Trustees of our Memorial Scholarship Fund, I want to thank the chapters, sections, and individuals whose efforts and contributions have brought the Fund closer to its goal of earning \$200 for the annual Scholarship Award. (Income on cash and bonds amounted to \$156.94 this year.) Those contributing additions to the principal were:

1949 All-Woman Air Show, Inc., \$66.31; "Practice Problems for Pilot Certificates" by Betty Lambert, a project of the San Diego Chapter, \$50.00; New England Section, \$36.25.

Those contributing approximately \$25 each: San Diego; Iowa; Colorado; Greater Kansas City; Michigan; and Indiana Chapters; New York-New Jersey Section; and South Central Section. Those contributing \$5 to \$13 were: Minnesota; Upper Iowa; Texas; Los Angeles; Bay Cities; N.Y.-N.J. Section, in memory of Charles Harwood; and "Hangar Flying, Inc." by Helen Grienke, (Ill.)

It would be both interesting and helpful to other chapters to know how some of these groups raised their money. Next year we will include this with our list.

At the annual meeting it was the opinion of the Trustees that a concentrated money raising program was no longer necessary, but that more chapters should be encouraged to send small sums, thus broadening the support for our Memorial Scholarship, and reducing the burden now resting on a faithful few. This year 18 contributions were received, as compared to 12 last year!

Watch future Newsletters for further information on the Scholarship, including the qualifications for applicants for the Award, and a change in the method of application.

Melba M. Beard
 Chairman of the Trustees
 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

DUTIES OF CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN (To be read by all members).

1. Appoint several committee members to assist the chairman.
2. Immediately notify National Headquarters of CHANGE OF ADDRESS of members; change of NAME (when a member is married), etc.

3. Maintain an UP-TO-DATE ROSTER of members in the chapter, which, if it is possible, should be circulated to each member in the chapter, headquarters, and national officers.
4. Stimulate activity within the chapter to obtain NEW MEMBERS.
5. CONTACT MEMBERS WHO DO NOT OFTEN ATTEND MEETINGS. Remember - "Gain a member, retain a member."
6. Read the CONSTITUTION, especially those portions governing membership status.
7. See that any new members coming to meetings are introduced to all and generally act as a HOSTESS (unless the particular chapter has a hospitality chairman).
8. Screen all application blanks and sign after necessary requirements have been complied with. (Some chapters require that a prospective member attend at least two meetings before she is voted upon.) Each PROSPECTIVE MEMBER must be SPONSORED by an active member who knows her or will accept the responsibility.
9. Prospective members may be ADMITTED only THROUGH the CHAPTERS in their OWN AREA where they reside. (If another chapter is geographically nearer, a transfer may be arranged later by mutual agreement by both chapters.)

FEBRUARY ISSUE WILL BE

ROSTER

NO CHAPTER NEWS NECESSARY
 FOR FEBRUARY.

FLYING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

You say we've got 'em flying like mad, good! Let's keep it up! It's a little expensive? Don't let that stop you. Why not ask Santa for a couple of hours. We're sure the old bearded one would be glad to oblige. Lots of airports make up gift certificates for flight time. Remember, even if it is only for a 15 minute flight, every 15 minutes counts toward the bright and star-like 200 hour mark.

You might give a passenger ride for a Christmas present yourself. Just write a little note on the inside of a card telling of your plans to take them flying. The kids would love it best of all. Terrific.

Let's get down to more concrete things. We have sent each chapter a mimeographed letter telling of our plans and dreams for the F.A.C. and hope by this time you all have a Flying Activities Committee that is red hot. If your chapter didn't get a notice, please let me know and I'll be glad to bring you up to date.

Let's really put Jean Howard's phrase into practice and "air-condition" the 99s.

Dora Dougherty
 University of Illinois Airport
 Savoy, Illinois

The Colorado Chapter Chairman, Marilyn Nordstrom, needs badly, from all 99's, "ideas and suggestions for 99 display." The display will be a part of the International Aviation and Vacation Exposition to be held August, 1951 Stapleton Field, Denver, Colorado, and to be financed by Airlines serving Denver.

Marilyn has been invited to become a member of the Exposition's Board of Advisors. Her chapter likes a "Women in Aviation" theme built around the accomplishments of the 99's. ALL 99's girls. So please, come to the fore with ideas, etc., to aid the Colorado Chapter, which will by the way bear all local expenses for the display.

THE CHICAGO CHAPTER

The picture below is one of a portion of the Chicago Chapter of the 99's, that was taken at one of the "fly-in" meetings this summer.

We believe that we have a cross section of some of the best "Characters" in the flying industry. Some of the jobs that our members engage in are: air-show performer, crop duster, air line link operator, air line dispatcher, flight instructor, instrument flight instructor, research in aviation psychology, control tower operator, CAA air-marking controller. There are some of the gals who were members of the old Chicago Girls Flying Club, plus a number of ex-Wasps.

Since the war, we have been trying to increase the scope of our flying activities. Along this line we have originated an annual Air Meet. The purpose: to increase flying skill, to work together and to have fun together. We have recently held the second of these air meets in which local operators sponsored the events. With the complete cooperation of the airfields in the Chicago area, the air meets have not only been successful but fun for all concerned.

All in all, we feel the Chicago Chapter is the best chapter in the Chicago area. Not only that, we feel we are the best Chicago Chapter in the whole country.

Letter from Margaret Hughes:

"As you know, I'm teaching just now at the Forfar Academy, which is about 15 miles out of Dundee. Everyone here has been swell to me and the students are sorta awe-stricken with having an American teacher. Aside from speaking with a thick brogue and wearing kilts and short trousers to School, they're just like the kids at home. I have to laugh everytime I meet one of them in town - they salute - makes you feel like a second lieutenant. You should see me parading around in my black robe and being very dignified. My only problem so far has been becoming well acquainted with the money system - after all, I'm supposed to teach business math along with algebra and geometry. But I've got it down now so I can even figure people's income tax for them.

"There is very little private flying here but one of the few civil aerodromes is only about 15 miles from here so I have been out there to join their organization and am now a bona fide member. Had to pass an exam on British CAR before I could get my British license - but am all set now. There are only 4 types of aircraft used for private flying at present - the Tiger-Moth which is the RAF primary trainer, like a Stearman; the Auster, a plush Taylorcraft; the Chipmunk, a new RAF primary trainer, which looks like a small BT with a retractable gear; and the four place job that looks like a Bellanca. Flying weather is very tricky and most commercial pilots have instrument ratings. It is bright sunshine one minute and half an hour later the mountains are completely fogged in.

"Recently went to the RAF base to see the "Battle of Britain" air show. Apparently there were no minimum altitude restrictions because the fellows came right down on the deck with the acrobatics. It was the first time I saw a Spitfire or similar plane do inverted flight at 50 feet. They used their new jet, the Meteor (like our Sabre) and the Vampires for acrobatics.

"Women seem to have much greater opportunity here than at home - at least they are more readily accepted in all professions. The country is full of women doctors, dentists, lawyers, architects and chemists, etc.

"So far I've managed to keep from gaining much weight, but believe me it is a problem. This business of eating four
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Front row, left to right, Marilyn Hough, Erlyne Conel, Mary Jane Dwyer, Marilyn Stell, Loretta Sincora, Dora Dougherty, Marjorie Raglin and Eleanor Deeming. In the rear are Hostesses Helen Budwash and Esther Holt, Hazel Hackwith, Virginia Jansen, Evelyn Martin, Bernice Schrader, Doris Langher, Bonnie Bosler, Alice Kudra, Beatrice Siemon and Betty Morgan.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Mildred E. Morey

The New England Chapter of 99's installed its 1950-51 officers at the November 27 meeting, held at the 99 club, 99 State Street, Boston. They are: Governor, Rose Abbott; Vice-Governor, Sally Driver (who was Chairman of the Southern New England Chapter when we joined with the Northern New England Chapter); Secretary, Constance Sheridan; Treasurer, Ann Crathern; Membership Chairmen, Gloria Powell, Alma Gallagher, Ann Cutler.

Unsettled weather, following the big Thanksgiving Day "blow", caused many members to miss the meeting. We pinned a very special "medal" on Jean Adams Cook, however, who flew up from Nantucket in a light plane, 27 miles over open ocean in the midst of the hurricane, in order to be on hand for the meeting. "Routine", sez Jean. She brought a very welcome guest, prospective member Mrs. Kenneth Elser of Welfleet, Mass. Others present were Kay Farnell, Marian Tibbetts, Charlotte Sullivan, Ann Crathern, Judy Short, Rose Abbott, Sally Driver, and Mildred Morey.

After set-ups in the lounge, the dinner meeting, and installation, plans were earnestly discussed for a year of vital preparation looking toward united effort in the fields of civil defense and/or military service for our members.

Next meeting, December 16th, a Christmas party at Treeholm Manor, Bradford, Mass. Turkey dinner, including set-ups, tax, tips, and dancing, \$3.15. Invite your 49ers and friends. From the Manor we'll drive over to Sally Driver's home in North Andover for late fun.

For January 20th, Charlotte Sullivan, staff member of Aviation Training School, (673 Boylston St., near Copley Square, Boston), has set aside a classroom at the school for our meeting. Charlotte will show colored movies of commercial aviation, featuring a beautiful film of Hawaii.

For February 17th, a "Ski weekend" is planned for North Conway, N. H., and for March, a real wingdinger at Coconamesett Inn, adjoining Coconamesett Airport and, just incidentally, Otis AF Base, Cape Cod. And for that Nantucket date - July 14.

MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Vera Foster

The 99's will have a table at the Annual Wright Day Dinner, December 16th, we have just heard; and, we are happy to learn, that International 99 President Kay Brick will be present.

At our last meeting, held at the home of Ada Mitchell, the chapter discussed Fran Nolde's Rules for the Air Races and the plans for getting the whole chapter over the 200 hour mark. We can say that we had a man at the meeting, Betty Williams was present with her five-month old son.

The girls discussed local flying events, such as Eleanor Davis and Ada Mitchell's check out flight in a Mooney. Though they were not concerned with this interesting fact, they did note in passing that, should the pilot of a Mooney exceed 150 pounds "he" must dump gas. Gad, I could never fly that thing after a heavy lunch.

We asked anxiously. "Claire Callaghan, have you gotten over the 200-hour goal?" "Weeeeeeeell" said this gal with several thousand hours. "I needed 45 min. more---just made it last month."

Mary Kay Willis reports a flight with the chapter scribe in her flying club's Fairchild 24, tenderly reclaimed from the CAB surplus sale. The girls up front with the engine in their laps sweated prettily while the lassies in the back complained of frosted noses.

Jean Howard tells us that the December 7 CAP Search and Rescue maneuvers were carried out with great success. 99's represented by Jean, Marion Nesbitt and Ada Mitchell.

Merry Christmas!

EASTERN PENN CHAPTER

By: Mildred Zimmerman

Jane Morris was hostess for the November meeting held at Oscar Hostetter's Airport in York, Pa. Bad weather prevented many of the girls from attending, but those who managed it, including the Evans' from Dover, Georgianna and Tom Herdman from Philadelphia and Lillian Marks from Easton were introduced to Mrs. Gretchen Goughnour and Mrs. Peckham Imhoff, who are writing a feature story for National Magazine based on the flying activities and accomplishments of Mrs. Frances Nolde and some of the other 99ers of this section. Cards will soon be sent out for the next meeting to be held in Philadelphia.

Seen and heard: Our hard-working Chairman, Ruth Shafer, is receiving some well-deserved compliments on the very fine television and newspaper advertising she has been doing for Camel cigarettes...Betty Warnock, who has been doing an outstanding job as specialist in aviation for the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction, recently promoting an interesting trip via DC-3 to the United Nations' Headquarters at Lake Success...Marge Kodrich now the holder of a Commercial ticket...and it's a baby boy for the proud parents, Oscar and Mary Hostetter. Papa was proudly passing the cigars at the York meeting...Fran Nolde flying her Navion back and forth between Reading and points in Florida attending the Orlando Air Show...Pettie and George Townsend, among many other operators, suffering the loss of a couple airplanes in last week's big blow.

Nice to learn that Clarence Bowers, who so kindly sponsored the cocktail party at Reading, during the "stop-over" for the participants in the Columbus-to-Boston Derby is recovering nicely from a serious operation.

Our sympathy is extended to Catherine Slocum who recently suffered the loss of her mother.

SOUTHEASTERN SECTION

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Louise M. Smith

Our next chapter meeting is scheduled to meet in Winston-Salem, N.C., on the third Sunday in January---that's the 21st. Those who haven't visited the Smith-Reynolds Airport have a real treat in store. The airport offers all facilities, fine runways, operating tower, Piedmont Aviation for service, and, of course, the Sky Club, where we will meet and eat at 12 o'clock sharp.

Did you know---that Jewell Bailey, Charleston, S. C., has an international license, awarded for her altitude flight? ---that Kathleen O'Brien, Moncks Corner, S.C., has a Family Cruiser, so is in the air again? ---that the Shackelfords, Columbia, S.C., are flying a Bonanza these days? ---that Amalie Stone is with the South Carolina Aeronautical Commission? ---that Susan McFayden, medical student at Duke University was in England this year on student exchange? ---that Burnette Spencer, High Point, N. C., has a vote of appreciation for her untiring effort in keeping Fraley Field in the Blue, while her 49er travels? ---that "Gain a member---Retain a member" is the slogan for the year from our National Membership Committee? Let's adopt it and keep them flying.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Kaddy Landry

Ft. Pierce, Florida played host to the 99's for the meeting of the Florida Chapter on December 3rd. The following subjects were brought up for discussion:

It is felt by the members that the Florida Chapter, due to its geographical shape, should be divided into two chapters thereby making it easier for members from all parts of the state to attend the meetings without travel-

ing such great distances. Elaine Mogelvang, of Lockhart, Fla., was appointed by Vice-Chairman Verna Burke Kraft to make a survey finding out how many members the new chapter would have and how many prospective members there are in the Northern area. Card expressing the members desire to divide the chapter and a choice of three ways of how it can be divided will be sent out immediately in accordance with a motion passed in West Palm Beach on May 20, 1950.

The plans for the Air Show Party to be held January 7, 1951, have been completed and the place will be the Navy Officer's Club at Opa Locka Airport. The Florida Chapter members will each pay \$1.00 to cover the expenses of the party. All visiting 99's will be guests. Non-members of the 99's will also pay \$1.00. Bring your 99 membership card to show at the door.

The Ways & Means Committee report was given by Irma Price, Miami, and methods of increasing the treasury were discussed. A beautiful pilot's watch will be the door prize to be given at the Florida Air Pilots Association Christmas Party, which will be held in Miami. Proceeds will be included in the 99 treasury.

It has been announced that all business to be brought up at future meetings will be sent to the Florida Chapter Executive Committee by mail before the meeting date. An agenda will be made for each meeting and all topics to be discussed must be included on the agenda and also in the notice prior to the meeting. It is felt that this idea will help keep the members better informed on chapter activities and encourage the members to attend all of the meetings.

A report on Fly & Check Out activities was given by Verna Burke Kraft and the results proved very encouraging. As of the meeting date members have received 36 hours of ground school and 20 hours, 40 minutes of flying time. The Air Activities report included only the Greater Miami Area but similar plans will be carried out by the northern part of the state. This does not include members who fly commercially.

The next meeting date will be the Air Show Party in Miami on January 7th. On February 3rd we will have a meeting at Sunny South Airport, Miami, starting at 8 P.M. It is urged that all members meet at Sunny South by 6 P.M. and have dinner together before the meeting. Margaret McClure, St. Petersburg, has extended an invitation to the 99's to attend the St. Petersburg Air Fair which will be held in that city on February 24-25. Future plans for the 99's making St. Petersburg for this interesting event will be discussed at the earliest opportunity.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION
By: Greenwood Cocanougher

We members of the North Central Section are enjoying our recently printed Membership Booklet. The Booklet has the names of 370 members, their addresses, telephone numbers, ratings, etc., and pictures of more than 200 members!

We believe other Sections will enjoy this Booklet too. We have had its sale okayed by the National Board so that now, any 99 may obtain the Membership Booklet by sending a check for \$1.00 to Greenwood Cocanougher, Governor, North Central Section, 161 Chenault Road, Lexington, Ky.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Joan Ferguson

Our November meeting was held at the Anderson Airport, Anderson, Indiana. We had eleven members and four guests present. The weather was at its worst with the wind blowing a gale.

We wish to welcome two new members -- Hazel Cutler from Muncie and Grace Page from Indianapolis. Our membership chairman, Lois Whitney, is working very hard to build up our chapter.

We lost our glamour gal Doris Hurt to Captain Pat W. Powers. They were married November 12th in Indianapolis and will make their home at Ft. Bliss, El Paso, Texas.

Betty Pettitt, our skywriter, was a guest of yours truly on Thanksgiving Day and a grand time was had by all.

Our secretary, Jane Shope, will be hostess for the December meeting, which will be held on Saturday night, the 16th. A gift exchange will be held and short business meeting. All gals are cordially invited to bring their 49'er or beaus. See you then.

IOWA CHAPTER
By: Dorothy E. Evans

Hello from the Iowa Chapter. Our November meeting was held in Newton with Eleanor Bennett and Dorothy Evans as hostesses. We had lunch at the Hotel Maytag and then returned to the airport for our meeting. Old and new business was attended to and our door prize was won by Helen Gallentine from Marshalltown. We made plans for our December meeting that will be held in Des Moines on December 9th with husbands and guests. Betty Binge is chairman of our Christmas party.

This is going back a ways, but we are rather proud of the results so I am going to tell you about it. In September our Governor proclaimed a "Women of Aviation Week." During the week, Esther Neiderhauser of Marshalltown, Ruth Shimon of the Upper Iowa Chapter and myself were guests on Norb Locks radio aviation program. We also had a window display at Younkers in Des Moines with a big enlarged picture of Amelia Earhart made for us by Mr. Dalby (husband of Irene) who is a professional photographer. We climaxed the week with a benefit dance on September 23rd with the proceeds going to the scholarship fund. Thanks to our chairman at the time, Betty Binge, and her committees, the whole thing was a huge success.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Fern McKinnon

Sunday, November 19th, we held our regular meeting at Oelwein with Mardie Noble acting as hostess. Most members drove in because of the weather - but one ship did fly in - they also went home by car and returned on Monday to pick up the ship - good old winter flying!

We welcomed in a new member, Mrs. Thelma Liebee, from Oelwein - she and her husband fly a Navion. Guests for the meeting were Thelma Olson and Gretchen Kelly from the Des Moines Chapter, as well as Mr. Al Brown, Secretary of the Oelwein Chamber of Commerce.

We had refreshments at the Noble's and dinner at the Hotel, followed by a business meeting. A committee was appointed to formulate Chapter By-laws to be discussed in the near future. A birthday bank was set up - each member is to contribute at least one cent for each year celebrated. Our annual contest will run for nine months from Jan. 1 to Oct. 1, 1951.

The Air Marking Chairman reported that two new markers were completed - Oelwein by Mardie Noble - and Rock Valley by Ruth Shimon. It cost Mardie \$150 to have hers completed - pretty big contribution.

Beulah Frotscher reported that the Fort Dodge School system and the Webster County Superintendent are willing to cooperate with us in Air Age Education. It is hoped we will be able to institute Air Age Education during the next school semester.

Mardie Noble had two very interesting radio articles this past week regarding the Ninety-Nines, their work and activities of the Upper Iowa Chapter. Mardie is a wonderful hostess - real southern hospitality.

The Christmas Party is to be held December 17th in Storm Lake with Millie Burt.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER
By: Becky Thatcher

Due to unforeseen circumstances I am pinch-hitting for our News Reporter, Thelma Lindzay.

The Michigan Chapter is real pleased with the way the voting turned out regarding the National Convention for 1951. "We all" will try to show "you all" a bit of our Northern hospitality.

Our November meeting was held in "the biggest little city" in the world, Midland - home of Dow Chemical. Nellie Miller and Faith McPeak did a grand job not only with the breakfast but by securing from the Dow useable little favors for everyone. The meeting was our annual prospective member meeting and we were very fortunate to have 5 prospective members in spite of the weather which was everything but good.

Friends of the Lindzays will be happy to learn that our beloved 49^{er}, Bert, is now back home from the hospital where a careless driver had put him for several painful weeks. We are hoping that he will be able to attend our Christmas party which is always one of the best meetings of the year.

Our Christmas party this year will be held at the home of Eleanor Peterson in Detroit and our 49^{ers} will be our guests at dinner. Santa will be there too, and there will be surprises for everyone.

On the second Sunday in January we will meet in Lansing where we hope to complete our plans for the convention.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER
By: Novia Frey

Our October meeting was held at the home of Martha Randolph in suburban Richfield, Minneapolis. Several members who flew into Wold-Chamberlain airport were met and transported to the breakfast by Martha's husband, Johnny, who holds a spot on our Metropolitan Airports Commission.

Esa Brand of Redwood Falls was elected to replace Coretta Santrizos as our secretary. Coretta reports that she is very happy in her new job at Richland, Wash., working for G-E on the atom bomb project. Her address is Dorm 12, Room 201A, Richland, and I know she would welcome a line from any of us.

(A note to our Newsletter readers out West. Coretta would love an invitation to meet some of the 99'ers who are located near Richland.)

Lorraine Johnson and Margaret Mamel recently received their seaplane ratings. Congratulations to the new "ducks".

Marietta Sonnenberg has been honored with an award for news reporting by the Twin City Newspaper Guild. She is a staff member of the Rochester Post-Bulletin.

Members present voted to change the meeting dates from the second Sunday and Wednesday of alternating months to the third Sunday and Wednesday. However, our Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 15, and will take the place of the regular December meeting. Stanton Field that night will be a scene of great revelry with Marilyn's friend Andy calling the squares.

P.S. Our 99 caps have arrived and they are cute.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By: Lore Kugler

We're beginning to believe that Ohio has moved over to Wisconsin or some snowy place like that. The Weather Bureau said just this morning that this snow will go down in Ohio's history—sure wish it would go down in our streets. Though we've had no report from any of the girls, the papers said the most hard-hit cities included Cleveland, Youngstown, Dayton, Columbus, and Springfield.

The time went back to where one had to wade through deep snow for groceries, newspapers, and to visit neighbors, which is about as far as anybody got.

Flying just wasn't. After almost a week things are slowly coming back to normal though some streets still have snowbanks higher than automobiles. This really isn't flying news, but to us who are used to only a few inches of snow at a time, THIS WAS REAL NEWS!

Our meeting this month was at Findlay, Ohio, with Dottie Anderson acting as hostess. Only four members and two prospectives were able to make it due to low ceilings and visibility. It was a shame too, not only for the 99's but also because this was the day the "bombing of Lima" took place. Over a hundred private planes were expected in this experiment to prove how valuable private airplanes can be in an emergency.

The angels of mercy carried thousands of pounds of medicine, serum, food supplies, all sorts of emergency material, in addition to doctors and nurses. A few of the 99's waited out the weather and did their share. And in spite of the fact that only 30 or 40 ships were able to make it, the venture was considered a success.

Ohio is about to lose one of its very active members, Mary Jane Sasala is being transferred to Washington, D.C., from Cleveland. You know, we're going to miss her; but then maybe we shouldn't be selfish, for our loss will be Washington's gain.

Marjorie Miller is finding that she can make better time flying a Cessna 170 than by going airline. Marge has been ferrying a little and has been lucky enough to have a little push-wind while she was pilot—she admits it—but it sounds nice to say we can beat those big jobs.

Our Christmas party will be held in Columbus on the 17th with an exchange of gifts.

See you flying.

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

COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Donna Myers (Pinch-hitting for Marjorie Cones who has been ill)

A trip to Alaska, as per the courtesy of Rusty McLean, was the highlight of the November meeting of the Colorado Ninety-Niners. Rusty made a three weeks tour of Alaska this past summer, and recorded the entire trip on color slides. They were out of this world - perfectly beautiful. This most versatile gal also makes hand-loomed scarfs, aprons, dresser scarfs - and during the evening we raffled off a lovely woolen apron - almost too pretty to wear, and the winner was Jane Nettleblad.

We had a wonderful dinner in the new dining room of the Stapleton Airfield terminal - which overlooks the ramp, and after dinner, went to Donna Myers for our meeting, which was conducted by the vice-chairman, Jane Nettleblad. Betty Terrell and her guest, Virginia Sims, flew down from Craig for the meeting (and Betty is buying like mad for her dress shop for the holidays); Clara Lemons came in from Boulder; our guest Harriet Carter came in from Longmont; Betty Clark, who is instructing at Glenwood Springs, flew in along with Dorothy Schaeffer, who has moved from Denver to Glenwood. Others present were Marilyn Nordstrom, Jane Nettleblad, Darlene Gray, Mary Wenholtz, Rusty McLean, Claudia Perry, and Donna Myers.

Plans for the South Central sectional meeting in Wichita were discussed along with Christmas cards for the chapter. Betty Clark was appointed to obtain information from the Denver Welfare Board concerning an under-privileged group who could be helped or entertained by the chapter during the holidays.

It was announced that new Airmen certificates will be issued shortly by the C.A.A.

Chapter Chatter: We have some nimrods in our midst — Betty Clark, Dorothy Schaeffer and Rusty McLean each got their deer at Glenwood recently. The details are hilarious — seems Dorothy insisted on getting her deer in the southern extremity and Betty had to finish him off. Betty reports that when she gets home from the airport each night, she has deer come right up in her front yard — Glenwood is right in the heart of the Rockies.

Marcia Fandrem, who has moved to Visalia, California, likes her work out there with the schools, which is in a supervisory capacity.

Mary and 49^{er} Bob Collett made a trip to Kansas recently, and Mary tried to contact some of the girls in Wichita during the Sectional meeting — but missed connections with them.

Claudia Perry recently flew her "baby" to San Diego.

The December meeting will be held at the Cathay Legion Post Chinese Dinner.

Merry Christmas to all from THE COLORADO CHAPTER.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Lois V. Bolen

A great big Christmas greeting to every Ninety-Nine from the Missouri Valley Chapter. Also the best wishes for the flyingest New Year ever!

The Wichita meeting was a decided success, even if we did have to leave our favorite mode of transportation in the care of Dutch out at the Cessna factory. Belle Hetzel's new Plymouth even had to make an instrument approach to Omaha on the return trip, because not even the proverbial birds were flying. Most thought provoking discussion at the Sectional was motivated by Kay Brick's letter on Civil Defense, and this chapter has already gone on record to investigate the situation and offer all assistance toward the future planning. Certainly the newspapers show us that we do have an immediate task to accomplish.

A membership drive is being planned for our chapter. We are going to try and back up Donna Myers and her campaign. We have already brought back a member, Betty Clements, who left us for a tour in the WASPs and then a few years in Manila. At present she is a Junior at Nebraska Medical School, but she still manages to fly with us.

Again a Merry Christmas from all of us!

TEXAS CHAPTER

By: Marie Nix

El Paso Unit

The El Paso Unit had their last spot landing contest for the year on November 12th, and Neva Peters won the trophy for keeps. Nice going Neva.

Ruth Deerman and Ruby Hays left the next day for a few days in Los Angeles.

Dallas Unit

Our Chairman, Ama Lee Jameson, was in Fort Worth a week attending a non flying convention. Verna Burns entertained Ama Lee and the Dallas Unit to a lovely dinner party at the Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth.

Verna Burns and Ama Lee left the next day in a Swift for the sectional meeting at Wichita, Kansas. Texas was represented by Verna Burns, Fort Worth, Helen Stoddard, Wink, Texas, who had her 49^{er} and daughter with her and Ama Lee.

Ama Lee made the complete air tour of Texas, 3404 miles. (Sky Hicking all the way) Ziggy Hunter also made the complete tour in her plane. Edna Hammerman, Austin, and Jimmie Kolp, Electra, made part of the trip. The El Paso 99's went all out to entertain the air tour with a cocktail party. Ruby Hays and Ruth Deerman joined the tour in El Paso and flew with the tour the following day. Dorothy Weick and her 49^{er} entertained the flyers in Bryan and

joined the rest of the tour. It terminated in Eagle Pass and the Eagle Pass Chamber of Commerce once again went all out to entertain our flying friends. The tour was a huge success.

Dallas girls met for dinner at the White Rock Terrace and a business meeting and hangar flying took place, as the 99 Cub has not been flyable the past two weeks. The meeting was attended by six members and Barbara Williams, a 99er from Gladewater.

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

ARIZONA CHAPTER

By: Ruth M. Reinhold

The Arizona 99's had two nice meetings during October. The first one was a brabe-dinner at Betty Knier's home. Hot dogs, steaks and all the trimmings in the backyard, and the second was at Juanita Newell's home. Both meetings combined business and fun.

It was decided to hold a regular business meeting the first Wednesday in each month. The next one will be on December 6th at Ruth Reinhold's. The second monthly meeting will be either a social meeting or a flying party, and will be scheduled for the 3rd Sunday in each month. The December event will be a flying trip to Ethelinda Woodhouse's ranch at Roll.

Also it was decided to post notices of all scheduled meetings at the various airports in Phoenix and vicinity so that visiting 99'ers could attend. So, girls, when any of you are stopping over in town, be sure and look on the bulletin boards at Sky Harbor, Airhaven and Paradise. We are hoping for visitors.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Dorothy Monahan

Rain in California dampened the spirit of the Nov. 17th meeting at San Jose Airport. Marian Barnick was our hostess. Those who were able to brave the storm were Mirian Brugh, Ruth Rueckert, Tommy Christian, the Chases, Keltons, Gerhardtts and Coffins. After our business meeting, we played bingo and refreshments of coffee and doughnuts were served.

NEWS BITS: Maxine Rollag, teaching at Columbia — Jackie Hughes Petty, flight records United Air Lines — Mayetta Behinger, now residing in east has a new daughter Linda Christine — her new address is 9C Glendale Manor, Pleasantville, N. J. — Dorothy Monahan and daughter Pat spent vacation on a Fly Trip to Seattle, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By: Trixie-Arm G. Schubert

Los Angeles Ninety Nines will dine and dance at the Paris Inn for our Christmas party, December 8th. The most recent innovation of chairman Clara Davis is a printed newspaper for local members. Clara calls it Prop Wash.

National soaring champ Paul McCreedy spoke at the November meeting held at the Officers Club on Wilshire Blvd. He showed motion pictures of his exploits with gliders in Switzerland.

A new committee is one called Transportation with Mary Kitson appointed chairman.

Recent members to the L.A. chapter are Fern Stiefler and LoWanda Gabriel. Both are from Long Beach.

Donna Evans, working on her commercial rating, also is representing the L.A. Ninety Nines as leader of the Gardena Girl Wing Scouts.

Clara Davis weekends away from the smog by flying to Delta, Utah frequently to visit her parents.

Ruth Downie and writer hubby Don flew to Acapulca, Mexico,

to tabulate costs, condition of fields, and all pertinent data for anyone wishing to fly to Mexico. The details are recorded in November's issue of Skyways.

A fly-in to Apple Valley is being planned with the Las Vegas Ninety Nine Chapter for January 14th.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER
By: Esther Stone

The November meeting of the chapter, was held at the Ukiah Municipal Airport on the 19th of the month. Attendance, by reason of "weather" was limited. Elaine Baldwin and Margaret Leonard found enough clearance to fly down from Eureka, but the balance were not so fortunate, and had to take to the highways to attend. Anna Brenner and Mariellen Wilson drove in from Santa Rosa, and prospective members, Mary Hastings from Lakeport, and Helen Nicolos, Olive Bednar, and Dariel Denevi from Fort Bragg also had to use the automobile.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Anna Brenner of Santa Rosa; Secretary, Esther Stone of Ukiah; Treasurer, Lucy Welles of Vallejo; and Membership Chairman, Nellie Palmer of Santa Rosa.

On November 12th, the Sonoma County Air Fair was held at the Sonoma County Airport near Santa Rosa. 99's from our chapter were present to greet the incoming women pilots. While Doris Petty stayed "grounded" to continue being hostess, our Chairman, Anna Brenner, with Nellie Palmer as Co-Pilot, and Mariellen Wilson as navigator entered the Elapsed Time Race, representing the 99's. They won! (the prize was a fine camera with flash attachments) We are mighty proud of them.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Marion DeKellis

November 5th was a lovely day and the Sacramento Valley 99's and their guests enjoyed a flight to Oroville, Calif. for luncheon.

Our business meeting was rather short due to the fact that our Chairman, Dorothy Grieve had to fly home to Hawthorne, Nevada before the shades of darkness over-took her.

Ethel Sheehy, member of the National Executive Committee, gave an interesting resume' of the Sectional meeting held at Bakersfield, California, in September. Gerry Mickelson, at that time, was reelected Governor of the Southwestern Section. Gerry has been doing lots of work and is to be congratulated for her efforts. She told me she enjoys every minute of it. Gerry and Ethel, announced their intentions, weather permitting, to fly to Salt Lake City to present them with a Charter, the week-end of November 12.

Committee Chairmen, appointed by Dorothy Grieve, Chairman, are as follows: Louise Sue of Live Oak, Calif., Membership Chairman; Marion DeKellis, Oroville, Calif., Reporter and Publicity; Gerry Mickelson, Sacramento, Calif., and Mary Disney of Napa, Calif., Representatives for Wing Scout Troop sponsored.

Our Southwestern Sectional Governor, Gerry Mickelson, introduced a Calendar for the Southwestern Section which will be issued to members quarterly, giving the date, place and time of all Southwestern 99 meetings. It's a wonderful plan and should get us up in the blue to attend the meetings, and meet members of the other Chapters.

Members and guests who attended the November meeting included: Marion Dietrich, Gerry Mickelson, Ethel Sheehy, of Sacramento, Calif., Mary L. Baily and Mary Disney, of Napa, Calif., Edythe Phipps, Esther Freeman and Tony Jacobson, of Marysville, Calif., Alice McPherson, Hazel Zimmerman, Elizabeth Pollard, Alta Wyatt, of Modesto, Calif., Louise Sue, of Live Oak, Calif., Athene Giersch, Nevada City, Calif., Dorothy Grieve, Hawthorne, Nevada, and Marion DeKellis of Oroville, Calif.

Our next meeting will be December 17, a Christmas breakfast flight, Gerry Mickelson will be hostess.

Until then, Hasta Luego, and Merry Christmas everyone!

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
By: Jane Page

The November business meeting was held at Friedkin School of Aeronautics. Wing Scout Troop 489 presented the chapter with a certificate recognizing us as their official sponsors. Mike Irving, private pilot working on her commercial, attended as the guest of Lois Bartling.

The San Diego Chapter lost one of its most enthusiastic members when Mickey Collins left to accept a civil service appointment with the Air Force in Germany. Mickey expects to be gone for two years. Her address is: Mary E. Collins, Hq. USAFE, APO 633, 2 Postmaster, New York City, New York.

Dottie and Bob Saunders flew the Cessna back to Texas for a vacation and expect to be back on December 6th.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER
By: Helen "Casey" Cannon

Our November meeting was a dinner party for 49^{ers}, prospective members and guests in the Ramona Room of the beautiful Hotel Last Frontier. Two guests were Rita Howe and her 49^{er} from Sacramento. The floor show with Victor Borge was a laugh riot.

On Sunday, November 5, the 99's were invited to go with the Sheriff's Aero Squadron to a Fly-In breakfast at Death Valley. Martha Lundy, Solange d'Hooghe and Helen Cannon with 3^{ers} Sharon Lundy and Robin Cannon made the trip in Lundy's Navion. A beautiful day, a wonderful trip, a super pilot, Ray Lundy.

Helen Cannon and her 49^{er} had a week of Hotel Conventions at Salt Lake City and the Broadmoor at Colorado Springs.

From the Las Vegas Chapter, a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year to you all.

C A N A D I A N S E C T I O N

By: A. E. McCause

For our November meeting we gathered around Neville's cozy fireplace and talked of many things. Ideas were flying around the living room from the six of us who attended, but by the end of the evening we had all the suggestions boiled down to (a) we would sponsor a square dance at the Ottawa Flying Club in January and (b) that we would work towards establishing a form of scholarship fund in connection with the Girl Guide Aviation Badge - this with a view to interesting more teenage girls in aviation.

We were very happy to have our newest member Mrs. Nadine Smallwood attend the meeting. In addition to her duties as a housewife and a secretary at Spartan Air Services, 'Dean' is a glider pilot, Vice-President of the Gatineau Gliding Club and Secretary-Treasurer of the Soaring Association of Canada, the governing body for all gliding and soaring in the Dominion.

We think you will all be just as pleased as we are when you see Marjorie Laws' donation to the Section - a very lovely leather bound scrapbook with enough pages to hold all our pics and press clippings for the next few years. The book was made by a friend of Marjorie's and has an excellent facsimile of the compass rose and the words 'Canadian Section' tooled on the cover.

A much-postponed breakfast flight was made to Kingston, November 19th.

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meals a day and having the table loaded all the time with fancy cakes doesn't make for a slim waistline. People tell me I'll gain a stone before I leave (14#). But, gee, what I'd give for a good steak!

"I'm planning to spend Christmas holiday in Paris and Switzerland, may be get in a little skiing, then think I'll go to Italy at Easter.

"Tell everyone hello for me and let me know the news."