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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

"Brickaero"

Dear Members:

A fairy-book trip came true! ALICE JEAN MAY had a blue and cream dream to ferry and I had a red and cream one - brand new Ryan Navion 260s. But aside from seeing her plane on the line at Phoenix, we didn't see each other.

I flew up to Massachusetts via ORA KING STEVENS and her Navion to leave BUNNY BRICK with her Grandmother. Took a Convair from Providence, R. I. to LaGuardia Airport; connected with a DC6 for Los Angeles; woke up about 5:15 somebody's time, ship at 16,000. Below, a soft white rolling curtain opened allowing us to peek onto the towering white crags. As we came upon the marble floors of the canyons, the sun rose catching just the ridges of the mountains leaving a brown dawn in the valleys. The pilot circled remote red Monument Valley in both directions and when we hit the Grand Canyon with the morning sun striking its multicolored formations, he essed giving us a lingering view. If you've never seen these gorgeous, rugged parts of our country, make it an ambition!

MARDO CRANE met me at Los Angeles and we enjoyed a long chat on the TAR. Met her gallant and charming Mother. VYETTE KOVARY carried me to the hotel where CLARA DAVIS and a grand group of 99s had planned a lovely luncheon. We continued with 99 business at Clara's new home and then MELBA BEARD, who had alerted everyone as to my arrival, "essed" about Los Angeles showing me the sights en route to catch a DC3 for San Diego where BETTY GILLIES met me. At Betty and Bud's RANCHO del CIELO we further discussed the TAR. The Newsletter releases give little indication of the tremendous planning involved. Already I had started lamenting that time didn't permit me to see MORE 99s.

Phoenix, Arizona next day and RUTH REINHOLD and 49<sup>er</sup> took me in tow. SHE has had a chance to fly a "rain maker"! Met Betty Knier and Juanita Newell. El Paso, Texas where LOIS ZILER met me and RUBY HAYS planned a grand 99 airport breakfast. Wichita, Kansas to leave my special good wishes with MARGARET ASH for the new KANSAS CHAPTER receiving their Charter TODAY! ALL THE BEST TO A LIVELY NEW GROUP! Those huge hand colored photos of Cessnas are painted by Margaret. At St. Louis, Missouri enjoyed chats with FLORENCE WILDGREN and PAT SHEA. Indianapolis, attended a CAP Wing Staff meeting with BETTY PETTITT and met some more grand 99s. Not til Pittsburgh did I lose those "visibility seven-zero and four-zero" reports. From "2 miles" I met snow on the ridges and spent the night in LATROBE where I met FLORENCE KNIGHT (ferrying a Cessna 170) who had already been weathered in a day. But bright and early next morn that western weather caught up with us and we sprinted home. Flew 8-12,000 almost entire trip, some headwinds at best, but even with conservative settings, averaged 160.

The fact that many 99s can't even make Sectional meetings was brought out and those 99s I talked with agreed that a HAPPY SOLUTION is for EVERY CHAPTER to MEET JOINTLY WITH NEIGHBORING CHAPTERS periodically. El Paso 99s are going to Albuquerque and Tucson. Arizona gals may be there same days. Indianapolis! St. Louis hopes to hear from you. Let's all try it more!

It seems necessary to call attention to ARTICLE XII, Section 1,2. They're on page 7 in the 1950 Minutes which Secretary Howard has worked long and hard to get mimeoed and out to you. These were passed as Resolutions in New York City 1949 and considered so important that in Texas 1950 they were incorporated into the Constitution and By Laws:

ARTICLE XII, Section 1. \* "That the AFFILIATION of the 99s as





## FINAL NOTICE

Melba M. Beard, Chairman  
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund  
1981 Meadowbrook Rd., Altadena, Calif.

Santa Ana, Calif. - Detroit, Mich.  
August 15 to August 19, 1951

The 5th Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (sanctioned by the Ninety-Nines, Inc.) is scheduled for August 15 - 19. Take-off on August 15th will be from Orange County Airport, Santa Ana, Calif. The Finish Line will be at Detroit City Airport, Detroit, Michigan. The deadline for crossing the finish line will be 5:00 p.m. EST on August 19.

The AWTAR is a cross-country race for stock model aircraft, 0 - 300 horsepower, and is flown during daylight hours and under VFR only. Aircraft will be handicapped in accordance with the manufacturer's ADVERTISED cruising speed. The total distance of the course divided by the manufacturer's ADVERTISED cruising speed of each aircraft will give "par" for that aircraft. The total elapsed time divided into "par" will give the score for each aircraft. The aircraft with the highest score will be declared the winner.

Don't forget August 15 - 19. The race is limited to 50 entries so get ready to mail your application on June 15th. Applications for Entry must be post-marked not earlier than June 15th and not later than July 31st.

We have been feeding you all bits of info on many activities

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There is a 3% tax on meals in Michigan.

Other charges to be expected are:

Transfer of all baggage to and from hotel (round trip)	\$1.50 per person		
Bus & carriage service between dock and hotel	.50	"	"
Golf (greens fee) daily	2.25	"	"
Swimming pool, showers & locker	.90	"	"
Room service of meals	.50	"	"
Bicycles	.50	per hour	
Rolling chairs	1.00	"	"
Saddle horses	2.00	"	"
Tennis	.50	"	"

The Island House does not have a bar, but does sell set-ups and has a "bottle club" for parties.

Rooms are available at fifteen small hotels on the Island, with rates ranging from \$2.50 to \$6.00 daily per person on the European plan. Meals are available at Grand Hotel at charges of \$2.00 for breakfast, \$3.00 for luncheon, and \$4.00 for dinner, plus the 3% sales tax. Meals are also available at the village hotels and cafes

Transportation is available to Mackinaw City by New York Central, Pennsylvania, Milwaukee railroads; Capitol Airlines; Trans-Canada Air Lines; Chicago, Duluth and Georgian Bay, and Detroit and Cleveland steamship lines.

A 40 minute ferry trip takes you to the Island from Mackinaw City. Prices on the ferry trip will be given later. Speedboats and Seabee service to and from the Island at any hour of the day or night if weather permits.

Automobiles are not permitted on the Island. Garage and parking service at reasonable prices on the mainland.

Fishing boats can be rented for deep sea trolling in the Straits.

Carriages for drives around the island, and a trip through the Mackinac State Park is \$1.75.

The historic spots and sightseeing trips will be covered in the next issue of the Newsletter.

The clothes required will be sport clothes, a warm jacket or coat, dinner dress, and bathing suit. The nights will probably be cool.

Hope this gives everyone a general idea of expenses at the Island so you will know what to plan on. Will include hotel costs, etc., in Detroit in a later communication for all of you who plan to come to the International Air Fair.

Helen Anderson, Publicity Chairman  
Michigan Chapter, 99's

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\* VIRGINIA ASHELFORD of Ohio wins the Air Marking \*  
\* Trophy for 1950, BLANCHE NOYES, Chief, Air Route \*  
\* Marking announces. Congratulations to YOU, Virginia; \*  
\* HELEN LINN, Ohio Chapter Chairman; MARTHA WALTERS, \*  
\* Air Marking Chairman Ohio; and ARLENE DAVIS, Air \*  
\* Marking Chairman North Central Section. \*  
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The San Joaquin Valley Chapter charter was presented January 28 by the Southwestern Section Governor, Geraldine Mickelson. The picture was taken at the Modesto Municipal Airport. Left to Right, seated are: Leah Johnson of Stockton; Alice McPherson, publicity chairman, of Modesto; Francis Dias, vice chairman, of Newman; "Dotty" Houghton, membership chairman, of Modesto; and Lillian Brown. Standing, left to right, are Doris Henry, Alice Johnson, and Helen Gatewood of Turlock; Ethel Sheehy of Sacramento, section membership chairman; "Billie" Wyatt, chairman, of Modesto; Evelyn Hendley, of Modesto; "Gerry" Mickelson, Governor, Southwestern Section and Hazel Zimmerman, secretary-treasurer, of Modesto.



## NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Mildred E. Morey

Now that your reporter has touched wheels long enough to record the winter partying of the Section, perhaps we can backtrack to January and take it from there. Like the Filliloo Bird, flying backward, we don't care where we're going, we only want to know where we've been.

We met at the Aviation Training School, Copley Square, Boston, with Charlotte Sullivan as hostess. We were shown a stirring colored movie of Hawaii. During the business meeting, we decided to hold fly-ins throughout all New England states, to meet twice a month for some real fun during spring, summer and autumn months, with honors for efficiency in ETA, gas consumption, etc. After the meeting we adjourned to Steuben's Vienna Room for floor show, dinner and dancing.

Our February meeting took the form of a ski weekend at Fox Chase in New Hampshire. Cynthia Coonley, hostess and proprietress of the charming Inn, is a pilot and prospective 99'er. Cynthia gave the gals a refreshing weekend, providing delicious food and a beautiful skiing locale. Betty Condict and Lillian Putnam added to the fun by entertaining at their nearby Bass Point Seaplane Base on Blaisdell Lake, Bradford. Their Base is maintained as a most attractive club, with all the fixin's. Members from New Hampshire who came in for the weekend were Alma Gallagher, Ruth Hamilton, Lillian Putnam and Betty Condict. Drucilla Rowell came over from Burlington, Vermont; Marian Tibbetts and Rose Abbott from Massachusetts. Rose reports that Ruth Hamilton is now wonderfully fit. We're all so happy to get this news and that Ruth is flying again, commercially, at Concord, N. H.

New England 99's had a table at the March luncheon meeting of the Aeronautic Association of Boston, held at the Copley Plaza. Our able representative at the speaker's table was New England Section Governor, Rose Crowley Abbott. Two hundred members of AAB and their guests heard Casey Jones, guest of honor, explain the organization and purpose of the famous Wings Club of New York. Casey, distinguished and colorful pioneer barnstorming pilot of early flying days, founder of the schools of Aeronautics which bear his name, is President of Wings. His suggestion that a Wings Club of Boston be organized was enthusiastically received.

Marian Tibbetts has been accepted as First Lt., Air Force. She is to report to Bedford Base, May 1st for transportation orders to Offutt Air Base, Omaha, Nebraska, for a two months refresher course. Fair winds, Tibbie!

The deep sympathy of 99'ers goes to Jean Adams Cook, manager of Nantucket Memorial Airport, whose father, Winthrop Adams, passed on in March. Rose Abbott, as official representative of New England 99's, accompanied by a delegation of members, attended the funeral services. A donation to the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund was sent in by our members, in memory of Mr. Adams.

Rose would like very much to have a report from each Section member of New England, giving personal flying data and news of current activities. This will be used as a record of the progress and history of accomplishment of our own Section.

## NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

By: Lois Fairbank

Our first business meeting of this year was held in a little French restaurant in the heart of Greenwich Village, where the bartender joined in our conversation as he too is a pilot. Two big items were on the agenda: the convention next August and Civilian Defense.

Cecile Hamilton, 99er with the New York Herald Tribune, made a special request for volunteers to help man the filter centers of the Aircraft Warning System. The centers are in desperate need of help and 99's with aviation background could be of considerable assistance. So, if you have some spare time, call your local Civil Defense unit and find out where you can go to help guard our shores from enemy attack.

LAURA ALTA (BILLIE) WYATT....is chairman. Mrs. Wyatt numbers swimming, canoeing, and a scientific interest in wild plant life among her interests. Her chief ambition is to do "more and better flying" with her recently purchased Piper Pacer 125. She took her first ride in 1947 and now admits it's hard to keep her feet on the ground. She is married and helps her husband in his office "a job I have never succeeded in losing" she comments. She is a very active member and news bulletin editor of the Modesto Airmen's Association and received her private license in 1950.

FRANCES J. DIAS....is vice-chairman. Frances began flying in 1934 in a Kitty Hawk. She joined a flying club in 1936 and soloed that year. She flew OX Wacos, an OX 5 Robin and Challenger Robin. In 1941 she became a partner in a flying school and a seaplane base. In 1942 she attended an Air Force Training School at Houston, Texas and by 1943 was based at 5th Ferrying Group, ATC, at Dallas. In 1945 she worked at Sacramento Sky Ranch and 1947 found her working at the Metropolitan Airport in Van Nuys. 1948, however, brought Frances J. back home to Newman.

HAZEL R. ZIMMERMAN....is secretary-treasurer. Hazel is from Missouri. She traveled all over the State of California to race in inboard runabout boat races and is a member of the Modesto Yacht Club. She began flying in 1948 when her pilot husband "pushed me into it!" She must have been good at it for she received her license in Oct. 1950. She has flown T-crafts and now the family owns a Cessna 140. The Zimmerman's have a little boy and girl and belong to the Modesto Airmen Association. Her hobby is sewing.

DOROTHETTA (DOTTIE) HOUGHTON....is membership chairman. Dottie was born and educated in Colorado. She has an A.B. degree in Psychology and Personnel and is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. She married and spent three years traveling with her navigator husband while he was in the service. Both of the Houghton's little girls, Susan and Marsha, have a number of hours in the air. Dottie received her pilot's license in May 1949 and is a member of Airmen's Association. She has an active interest in skiing and is a member of the National Ski Association. She spent two years skiing at Aspen, Colorado, 1950 location of International Ski meet.

ALICE O. McPHERSON....is news reporter and publicity chairman. She is a native Californian with many friends, activities and hobbies. "I'd rather surf-ride than eat" she said, "until I looked up one day and saw a plane flying low overhead!" Her first ride included loops, spins and the works. This only enhanced flying for her! After meeting and marrying her pilot husband, Clyde, she took her first lesson in 1941. Though the war caused Alice O. to postpone receiving her license she began flying again in 1946 and earned her license the same year. The McPhersons now own their third airplane, a Cruiser, and spend their spare time in the air. Mrs. McPherson is a talented dress designer and seamstress, longs to fly to New York solo, and is a member of three fine organizations--Warrant Office in the CAP, member American Airwomen and member of Modesto Airmen's Association.

LILLIAN BROWN....Is a graduate of Pomona College and has done graduate work in Psychology at Stanford. Lillian was originally from Wisconsin but migrated to the West Coast at an early age. Her husband, Ralph M. Brown, is an attorney. They have a daughter, Valerie. Though Mrs. Brown has been a president of American Association of University Women, she found time to earn her private license August 1947. She owns and flies a Beech Bonanza today. She is active in work with Guide Dogs for the blind which is very unusual and very much needed activity. She is also an active Girl Scout worker.

EVELYN (EV) HENDLEY....Became interested in flying in Merced in 1930 and 1932. "Active hangar flying" was her role then she says. Evelyn, a native Californian, married her husband Walter in 1933. The Hendley's have three sons, David, Phillip and Stephen. In April 1946 Evelyn started flying and obtained her license in January 1947, not quite a year later. She is a member of the Modesto Airmen's Association, the American Airwomen and the CAP.

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Beverly Dodge also expressed a desire to have girls join with the Auxiliary Police as "gal cops". Beverly will soon be seen in complete regalia - whistle and all.

The New York-New Jersey group has expressed an intense interest in this defense work - let's all get going.

Now for some tid-bits: Nan Spears just back from a most exciting trip all thru South America...Clemy Bast is now one-half owner of Paradise Airport in Phoenix, Arizona where she plans to live soon...Nancy Price has her second granddaughter...Kay Brick, Alice Jean May and Muriel Steinel were on Harry Marvel's program "Hits and Misses", winning lots of money and giving a wonderful plug to the 99's and aviation...Wedding bells have rung for Bernice Falk, now Mrs. Joseph Haydu....Marion Nye will be married in June....J. Priscilla Bint is showing off her new Commercial license which she got at Flushing Airport....Better late than never, Nancy Hopkins Tier has a 9 months old son, David.

#### M I D D L E E A S T E R N S E C T I O N

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Vera Foster

The April 1st Fly-Day for the Washington Chapter was "rather limited", shall we say. It's a start though, so better attendance next time.

Louise Calhoun the week before began checking out in an Erocoupe. Our Rosemary Lane has a bright new job in the Pentagon--keeping the supply lines unsnarled for the Army aviation division. Rosemary and Louise Millican are breaking in a swank new apartment in Alexandria, Va.

Jean Howard aided in the demonstration of an ambulance attachment for the Piper Tri-Pacer. She modeled the stretchers... three men lifted her into the plane.

Barbara Ward has accepted a State Department position which sounds definitely glamorous. She leaves soon for a post in New Delhi, India.

Blanche Noyes is still out of town on CAA business, and is using a Beech Bonanza for transportation. There's a lady who keeps her flying up.

MEADVILLE CHAPTER

By: Toby Lord

Continuing to pinch-hit as reporter, I should like to inform all interested gals in our area that meetings have been changed, starting with April, from the third Wednesday of the month to the second. Consequently, Margie Cook will entertain us at her home on April 11th at 8 p.m. Out-of-towners, please note!

After considerable discussion, we decided to support the Trans-Continental Air Race and are sending in the suggested \$10.00. The financial requirements of this race perhaps should be discussed at the convention.

Jean Peden made a preliminary report of her research into the Air Age Education program. We hope sometime this spring to get started more definitely on a program of our own. Jean's talks with some of the school authorities would seem to indicate that they would at least give us a hearing. More on this later, we hope.

We hear that wings are sprouting again in Pittsburgh. With all of the increased interest in women's flying, let's keep our fingers crossed and hope hard for enough interest to be generated so as to reactivate the Pittsburgh Chapter.

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

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By: Kaddy Landry

The Florida Chapter suffered a great loss when Louise King Harris was killed in a Stearman crash at Ft. Lauderdale April 1st. Louise was a well liked and most respected member of the Florida Chapter and we will all miss her very much.

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

STOP      LOOK      AND      READ

Ninety-Nines of the North Central Section: get your engines tuned up and your courses charted to Rochester, Minnesota, for the big spring sectional meeting June 2 and 3.

The list of prizes, sponsors and gifts is growing every day... Bulova watches, travel clocks, fishing, sporting and picnic equipment, Munsingwear gown and other articles of clothing, as prizes; corsages, useful and cute favors for all. AND banquet and cocktail party sponsored by firms of Rochester interested in aviation.

You won't want to miss the wonderful talks by Dr. Jan Tillisch of the Mayo Clinic, noted aviation medicine authority, and Leslie Schroeder, Minnesota Commissioner of Aeronautics and civil air defense director for Minnesota; and the tours of the Mayo Clinic and Mayo Medicine Science building.

Very soon you gals of the North Central Section will be receiving a full program of the meeting and a reservation card that should be filled out and returned AT ONCE to Evelyn Knowlton, Minnesota chapter chairman, or Marietta Sonnenberg, Minnesota chapter treasurer, both of Rochester. If through oversight, you do not receive an announcement and reservation card, write Ev or Marietta and we'll send them to you immediately.

Let's make this the biggest, best meeting ever held in our section...an enthusiastic prelude to our national meeting in Michigan in August. Put a circle around JUNE 2 and 3 on your calendar now. We hope you all can come..and bring your 49ers.

And let this be an invitation to our flying girl friends in the other sections to attend if they're going to be in the "neighborhood". We'd love to have you visit us. Just drop us a line soon as you can so hotel and other arrangements can be made.

WE'LL BE SEEING YOU IN ROCHESTER JUNE 2 and 3.

The Minnesota Ninety-Nines

By: Marietta Sonnenberg, Treas.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Joan Ferguson

The March meeting of the Indiana Chapter was held on the 18th at Smith Field, Ft. Wayne. Our attendance was small as the weather was zero zero. We wish to welcome Joan White, a new associate member from Ft. Wayne. Dorothy Gettle, our hostess at Ft. Wayne, has been working with the Chamber of Commerce and airport manager at Smith Field on the Air Age Education program for teachers during the past year even before we started on it. She has also been participating in projects of the Wing Scouts, so I feel that Ft. Wayne has done just about everything already. The rest of us have quite a bit ahead of us.

Indiana was honored by a visit from our International President Kay Brick on March 16th. She was flying from San Diego to New Jersey and stopped over in Indianapolis for an overnight visit with Betty Pettitt.

Blanche Noyes, International Past President, arrived in Indianapolis on March 17th on her way to Mexico. She was entertained over the weekend by Mildred Hurt, our Vice-Chairman.

Olive McCormick of Muncie is the proud owner of a new tri-cycle Pacer. She ferried it back from Lockhaven herself.

Lois Whitney of Muncie has just returned from a flying trip with her 49er to Mexico City and Alcupulco. She brought back some gorgeous handmade things.

It is with great regret that I write of the death of Deletha Nicholas of Indianapolis on March 20th. Though Dee had not been a 99 too long, we all loved her and looked forward to her charming presence every month. She will be greatly missed by all of us.



UPPER IOWA CHAPTER  
By: Fern McKinnon

Due to a terrific blizzard over all of Iowa, our regular meeting for March in Waterloo was cancelled. This was the first month since the Chapter was formed that no meeting was held. A big Air Age Education Indoctrinization program had been planned by Verna Mae, Mary Lou and Ruth Schleusner. Ric Jorgensen was to have been guest speaker, but this same program will be held at our next meeting in April at Ft. Dodge.

On March 22nd, Ric Jorgensen, head of the Iowa Air Age Education Program, spoke over radio station WHO, Des Moines, on Air Age Education and gave our chapter and very capable Chairman Beulah Frotscher a terrific pat on the back for the amount of work accomplished so far.

Trophy Winners - January and February, Beulah Frotscher. Helen Flaherty was a very close runner-up.

Beulah has been selected by the Iowa Aeronautics Commission to speak at the Iowa Safety Congress, to be held in Des Moines in April. She will discuss the Ninety-Nine accomplishments in regard to safety, Air Marking and Air Age Education.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER  
By: Gertrude Prochaska

On March 11th, the Michigan Chapter held its regular meeting in Grand Rapids with Leora Stroup acting as hostess. About thirty members and guests enjoyed breakfast at the airport restaurant, newspaper interviews, etc., after which Becky Thatcher, our chairman, conducted the business meeting.

Barbara Credit is back in Jackson again after spending three months in Florida..welcome home Barb. We are sorry to learn that Harry Smith is having a sojourn in the hospital. Our best wishes to both Harry and Eloise. A most welcome newsy letter from Frances Bera. Says she is flying and working in an office at Bellflower Airport on the East side of L. A. Good luck, Fran..we miss you. Her new address is 4813 Dunrobin St., Long Beach 8, Calif.

The April meeting will be held at Tri-City Airport, Freeland, Michigan with members from Saginaw, Bay City and Midland as hostesses.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER  
By: Rae E. Logsdon

The Greater St. Louis Chapter felt very honored at their meeting held April 1 at the Lambert-St. Louis Municipal Airport when our Vice President, Arlene Davis came winging in in her beautiful Cessna 195. All the girls enjoyed her visit so much and such wonderful stimulation was received from her that I am sure that each and every one of us will be working much harder from now on trying to do a little more to equal her efforts in doing so much for the 99s all over the country. We only regret that she wasn't with us longer and we could have entertained her in the manner that she deserves, but come back Arlene and we will go all out and show you the hospitality that exists in St. Louis.

Our dance tickets are soaring like mad. All the girls that are running for queen are working like beavers and the event should be a huge success. Please attend if possible - April 6 - DeSoto Hotel, St. Louis.

Two of our newer members, Dorothy Schuler and Jean Mull have been appointed associate editors by the W.N.A.A. in publishing their new paper called Wing-Tips, a letter mailed to everyone belonging to any aviation organization once a month. It contains news of every aviation event in the metropolitan area and any organization that wishes to have an event published in it may do so.

We are jumping in with both feet to help with the air-marking program and will be most busy in this for the next few months.

Our sympathies to Eileen Hastings who lost her Mother this last month. We hope that she will feel able to be back with us soon.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER  
By: Dora M. Fritzsche

After two months of meetings of various local groups during the uncertain weather of Wisconsin winters, Dorothy Wittman was hostess at the March 11 meeting of the entire chapter in Oshkosh. In spite of the perfectly awful weather forecasts which kept anyone from flying in, a fair number of the girls attended. During dinner at the Town Grill, Steve Wittman (Dorothy's 49<sup>ger</sup>) was prodded into telling us some interesting and some harrowing stories of his flights in his own designed and built midget racing planes - such as being shot down over the Tennessee mountains! Dorothy gave us some details about their delivery of planes to South American countries, and also about the recent trip to the Hawaiian Islands. We still have to hear from Deedo Heise and Gladys Dean about the latter trip.

We were happy to see Lois Joyce and Rose Powell at the meeting. It's been a long time since either was with us, but we'll see more of them from now on. Lois and Mary Lou Thompson were comparing notes on their Mexican trips. Mary Lou just returned from a wonderful two week's flight down there and almost met Pearl Nelson as both were in Taxco at the same time. Although, Pearl, too has returned, the only official word we have had of her is, "The sunshine, she is wonderful."

Readelle Morgan Kellner was accompanied by Barney who was presented with his 49<sup>ger</sup> card. He has been eligible for only a month. The wedding took place on February 3. It's nice to have him officially in our "family".

Chairman Jeannette Kapus appointed Elaine Francke as our Civilian Defense representative on both County and State Civilian Defense Councils. As Elaine's husband is also serving on these Councils, we feel we will be ably represented.

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

TEXAS CHAPTER  
By: (Pinch Hitters) Jo Allison & Martha Reading

Dallas Unit: Dallas Unit will be hostess for the South Central Section Meeting, June 24-25, 1951. Plans are now being formulated for a big time. Hope we have a big turn-out.

The Dallas Unit held their business meeting March 28 at the Barbecue House, with six members present: Martha Ann Reading, Olean Sellers, Marian Peterson, Bonitz Izard, Doris Weller, Jo Allison.

Our reporter, Marie Nix, is vacationing in California. Last report was she was coming home on a slow boat via Panama Canal.

Austin Unit: The Austin-San Antonio girls had a dinner in Austin for Blanche Noyes. Blanche didn't get there but a good time was had by all. Ziggy Hunter was in Dallas, March 20th, representing the Texas Aeronautical Commission. She is assisting the local governments in organizing their Civilian Defense Program. She urges all 99's to participate in this program.

Chairman Ama Lee Jameson has a new baby. Relax (its called an Ercoupe). She has already made several cross countries and says she is flying the wings off it. "Congratulations Mama".

El Paso Unit: Our apologies to the El Paso group. Due to my illness and Marie's vacation, we do not have your news.

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

OREGON CHAPTER  
By: Joyce Hoberg

We waited until the last of February to have a meeting, thinking weather should be flyable, but picked the wrong Sunday, it snowed. Kay Hoffmiller and myself drove to Kelso, "ash. where we had our first meeting of the year. Bettie Bray of Longview had her Ryan in the shop so we got a look at it. She is going to have a good acrobatic ship come spring.

We discussed plans for a scavenger hunt, flight of course, in June for the gals and their 49<sup>gers</sup>. It should be a lot of fun. Members attending were: Velma Richards, Bettie Bray, Mary Ann

Stewart, Martha Girardot, Kay Hoffmiller and myself. We had three guests, who are interested in joining our group, Mary Jerome, Ramona Shotwell and Marge Davenport, who started flying in 1940.

Virginia White is beautifully tanned after a trip with the Oregon Air Tour down to Mexico. Leona Bump and her husband made the trip too, and we are anxious to hear about it. Gini Richardson and 49<sup>year</sup> Ralph stopped by for the nite on their way back to Yakima, Washington, after a honeymoon trip to Texas. Of course, honeymoon or not, they had a trailer on the back, hauling a P & W 450 engine back for their dusting operation.

Our next meeting will be on Portland Airport in April and we will have some radio demonstrations available.

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

BAY CITIES CHAPTER  
By: Dorothy Monahan

The 19th birthday of the Bay Cities Chapter was celebrated on the 16th of March with a dinner dance at Planters Dock, Lafayette. Rita Hart and Ruth Rueckert were co-hostesses. A grand time was had by all 38 members and guests present. Of the nine chapter members, 1/3 are still active members of the Bay Cities Chapter...Lillian Anderson, Rita Hart and Ruth Rueckert. Those attending the meeting were: Marfreda and Fred Coffin; Ruth and Fred Rueckert; Barbara and Chet Hector, Lindy Boyes and escort; Ruth and Lyle Jacquot, Adele and Jules Chase; Marian and Herm Barnick; Rita and Al Hart; Margaret and John Gerhardt; Miriam Brugh, Tommy Christian, Kay and Ernie Nidick; Evelyn and Leo Esser; Betty and Fred Budde; Ces(Brav) Rose and Adrian; Jan and Harvey Ruffell; Esther and Gayle Stone; Gladys and Tom Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Risso (guests of Ces Brav Rose); Tony Martin (guest of the Rueckert's); Mick Mickelsen.

Geri Masinter's new address is 4729 W.A.F. Sqdn, George Air Force Base, Victorville, Calif.

Miriam Brugh and Ruth Rueckert attended the Sacramento Valley meeting on March 10 and the Redwood Empire meeting at Napa County Airport on March 18th.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: Eleanor Wagner

Tuesday, March 27 was the day set aside for an afternoon meeting of the Coachella Valley Chapter. We had an excellent turn-out, considering the fact that the meeting was held during the day. Ethelyn Bushey was our hostess for the afternoon, assisted at serving coffee and cake by her mother, Mrs. Williams. Homemade cake, too. Ethelyn's home is in Indio---and right across the way from the Indio Airport.

Aileen Miller, now a member of the Coachella Valley Chapter, flew in from Needles with her guest, Betty Ramsey. Betty has just purchased a Stinson and is learning to fly and is looking forward to being a 99 as soon as she is qualified. Aileen Miller presented her ideas and her program for the Needles fly-in over the weekend of April 13-14. Sounds great and I hope that many of us can go.

Ninety-Nine memberships for Ruby Souleles of Beaumont and Shirley Butvidus of Indio were accepted by membership chairman, Ethelyn Bushey, to be sent to National Headquarters. Welcome to the 99s, girls. We in this chapter already know that you are a worthwhile addition to our organization.

Shirley Butvidas was unanimously appointed assistant Secretary to take over at meetings when Win Wood is not able to be present.

Modene Story and Eleanor Wagner reported on their progress with the Wing Scout project and that is just now taking shape. More on that later.

Of course, there is much talk about the Air Race this year, and if all goes well, this chapter should be well represented for its size. We hope to see a great turn-out in Las Vegas on April 21-22. Let's get back in the blue---yours truly has finally made it again!

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER  
By: Trixie Ann G. Schubert

"She came, she conquered," might aptly be said of Kay Brick for those of us who had not yet met 99's national president. She arrived in Los Angeles within twenty-four hours of a wire announcing her arrival. She was dined by a dozen 99s at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel and wined later on the patio of chairman Clara Davis' new home in Burbank. "One fine gal" is the sentiment Kay stirred among west coast 99s.

Which brings us to some cradle news. Barbara Thisted and hubby Dale introduced fledgling Ronald Aaron, seven pounds 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  ounces, on March 2. As Dale will be enlisting in the service soon, they will sell their operation share of Del Mar Airport and become Angelenos.

Lee and Bill Morrow sent up smoke signals March 20th announcing the arrival of papoose Gregory Alan, 8 pounds 2-3/4 ounces.

The March meeting, at Betty Glaser's home, was concerned with detailed planning for the 1951 races scheduled to start Aug. 18 at noon from Orange County Airport, Santa Ana, and terminate in convention city, Detroit.

While guesting at the Schubert home, Swedish architect Gunilla Tellander revealed casually that she is one of Sweden's top ranking women pilots, the first woman to win the Silver C for glider flying, and the holder of power plane ratings. The 99s? She had not known they were international. With quick enthusiasm she is joining as a member at large, and is enroute to Sweden (via the Hawaiian Islands, Fiji Islands, Japan and Australia) to organize a 99 chapter in her country. The Swedish chapter will be sponsored by L.A.'s 99s.

Ruth Downie spent February seeing some of the world, compliments of the Venezuelan airlines for whom her husband is writing a series of air travelogues. Trip highlights were Bermuda "where water is more expensive than liquor because of its scarcity", Lisbon, Venezuela, Rome, Paris. They traveled the Flying Tigers, a cargo line "where the presence of a woman is strictly a novelty", and made over-water flight from New York to Bermuda on Pan American.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER  
By: Julie Hale

Our Wing Scouts are doing us proud and are scheduled to receive their wings at a "Court of Awards" the last of May. Ruth Gamber has wound up their training with a lecture on maps, and Lois Bartling, chairman of the Wing Scout committee, will graduate them all with a tour of Lindbergh Field.

Fair warning to all Air Race contestants: Mary Ring has bought a T-craft and this year will be in the race. After her tour of the route in the Aeronca last year, she is determined to improve her 60 mile an hour average. Dodie Prario, who was co-pilot in the 5th place winner's plane, had a boy, of all things, on March 23rd. Named Bruce Lee.

"Mickey" Collins, now stationed at Wiesbaden, Germany, is a gal who makes us really proud. She went to Paris last month and got a French pilot's license--flying being strictly verboten in Germany. Checked out by the instructor in a Cub--and aside from not speaking a word of French, she's doing swell.

Louise Kraiger was recalled by the Waves in January and is now teleman at the Naval District Headquarters Communication Center. She has her multi-engine rating now and is working on her instructor's. Donna Davis found a man from Texas and is now Mrs. Kenneth Sheridan.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER  
By: Helen Cannon

The Annual Spring Section Meeting of the Southwestern Section is scheduled for the weekend of April 21st and 22nd here in Las Vegas. Saturday, the Vegas Chapter will give a cocktail party from 5:00 to 7:00 for the guests. The rest of the evening they will be on their own to have dinner and see a show at one of the five beautiful resort hotels or "do the town". There will be breakfast Sunday morning at one of the hotels where a small amount of business will be discussed. We hope there will be a good turn out as Las Vegas has much to offer in "Fun in the Sun".