

THE NINETY-NINES, Inc.
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

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EXEC. BOARD DISCUSSES NEW HEADQUARTERS SITE



International Executive Board, at the home of Broneta Davis, Minco, Oklahoma. Top: Barbara London, Geraldine Mickelsen, Eugenia Heise, Edna Gardner Whyte; Bottom: Donna Myers, Broneta Davis.

DIRECT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING, MINCO, OKLAHOMA

Your Executive Board has just concluded its pre-convention meeting in this colorful Mid-Western setting, where the entire board has been the guests of your International treasurer, Broneta Davis. This added a most enjoyable and devious note to the occasion. Executive representation was exceedingly gratifying. However, due to pressing business matters, Kaddy Landry was unable to attend. Much of the Executive Board's time was spent discussing the possibilities of new headquarters sites, since the resignation of Alice Klutas has been accepted. Miss Klutas has handled our headquarters work since 1951.

It was the unanimous opinion of the board that the Ninety-Nines

should have their own permanent headquarters - one preferably, that would be centrally located geographically. Such a site would make our headquarters more accessible to members and make easier the handling of business matters. The proposed headquarters should also afford ample space to display the many historical trophies and mementos accumulated by members during the last 25 years. Many times we were forced to refuse gifts of importance to the Ninety-Nines only because space to display them properly was lacking. At present writing, your Ninety-Nines archives consists of many priceless mementos - among them many personal effects of Amelia Earhart which the board feels should be displayed where all may see them. Unfortunately, most of these items are scattered far and wide across the country. Now is the time for us to gather them together at one central point. And what would be

more fitting than to have them displayed at your Ninety-Nines Headquarters? A headquarters that is indicative of the growth of our organization...one that can properly portray the dignity and calibre of the Ninety-Nines.

However, we are not going to rush blindly into a permanent headquarters site until we have had ample time to thoroughly check all possibilities.

The Executive Board has decided to present to the members, for your approval, a change in the Constitution which will enable us to raise the present dues to \$10 annually. (To be voted on by Chapter delegates at the International Convention in July) This increase should more than enable us to (1) establish a permanent Ninety-Nines Headquarters, (2) to furnish and maintain such an office in the proper manner, (3) to publish our 12 page Newsletter, (4) to increase the amount of expense money allotted to International Officers and Committee Chairmen...which, in turn, will enable them to do an even better job, (5) to increase the amount of money refunded to the Chapters from members' dues, (6) and to make possible a fund to support Ninety-Nines developmental projects. From time to time, the Ninety-Nines are called upon to contribute funds to other aviation organizations for activities that we, as an Executive Board feel we should support in the interest of aviation. Such participation would most certainly be good public relations, and good publicity for the Ninety-Nines as an International aviation organization. Our present budget, however, will not allow us to do this.

Ninety-Nines sponsored events should have more financial support from the International Organization. This increase in dues will make such support possible. In the beginning, the major portion of this fund would be allocated to the relocating and refurbishing of your permanent Ninety-Nines headquarters. However, let us be ever mindful, all of the aforementioned can only become a reality if we vote to raise our dues.

Dear Ninety-Nine,

I knew it..We had beautiful spring weather here in Calif. (until spring vacation arrived) Took off in the Bellanca toward Oklahoma for the Executive Board meeting. Know how far I flew? Long Beach--Wind so strong that I had to have help getting from the runway to the parking lot. Wasn't only the Bellanca this time-but every ship that landed had to be walked in. Barbara and I waited all Saturday trying to "wish the weather" better. Finally decided we had better go via Airline...so made our reservations. Sunday dawned bright and clear and calm--in Long Beach. Looking down from 21,000 ft. over Arizona we kicked ourselves for not flying the Bellanca, until over Texas we couldn't see the ground--Dust and wind! We were much happier from then on, riding the airline.

We had a most interesting meeting at the home of Broneta. It gave the board members a chance to visit and hash over the many problems. It was a most satisfactory way to conduct the business meeting, without deadlines to meet.

Mary Francis and the Oklahoma City Chapter entertained the Executive Board with cocktails "and all the fixings", Monday evening. It was good to visit with the Oklahoma City Ninety-Nines again. We all wished we could be around when Mary opened her brand new swimming pool. Our Board meeting was one week too early. Thanks Mary for an enjoyable evening.

It seems that many of our 99's have the wanderlust. Ruby Hays and Belle Hetzel have left for a trip around the world.

Plans are shaping up nice.y for the Convention entertainment. The time is really almost upon us--three months to be exact..Not any too early to make plans to attend.

Chapters don't forget to send in your BIDS for the 1956 Convention. If you are considering asking for the Convention, the bids should be mailed to me or to Deedo Heise, secretary, by June 15th.

Sorry I couldn't attend all the Sectional Meetings this last month. Your plans sounded interesting and fun. I find my job does get in the way occasionally. Am planning on attending the Northwest Sectional Meeting in Boise, Idaho May 13, 14, 15th, as I have not as yet attended a sectional in the Northwest. Keep your fingers crossed on the weather--Would like to utilize the Bellanca, once again. Will get to the Southwest Sectional if I have to drive. Salinas is close enough.

I am looking forward to seeing each one of you at Convention, so start making your plans.

Sincerely your friend,

GERRY MICKELSEN

URGENT

FUNDS FOR '56 TAR
ARE LAGGING BEHIND
LAST YEAR AT THIS
DATE. DEADLINE
FOR '56 FUNDS IS
JULY 31ST, 1955

IMPORTANT DATES

April 30 - May 1, 1955

South West Sectional Meeting
Salinas, Calif.
Hostess - Santa Clara Valley Chapter

May 13-14-15, 1955

North West Sectional Meeting
Boise, Idaho
Hostess - Idaho Chapter.

June 6 - 9, 1955

International Air Race.
Washington, D. C. to Cuba
Sponsors-Wash.D.C. & Florida Chapters

July 4-6, 1955

All Woman Transcontinental Air Race
Long Beach, Calif. to Springfield,
Mass.

July 7-10, 1955

Ninety-Nine Convention, Springfield,
Mass.
Executive Board Meeting and
Governors meeting - July 7th,
10:00 A. M.

July 8 - 9:00 A.M.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

GERALDINE MICKELSEN PRESIDENT
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BRONETA DAVIS TREASURER
Minco, Oklahoma



INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS

The beautiful, modern, gleaming city of Sao Paulo is very proud of Ninety-Nine ADA ROGATO. She won the "Paul Tissandier Award" for 1954 for her three Americas flights. (This was created in honor of Mr. Tissandier who served as Treasurer-General of the FAI from its inception in 1905 until about 1946. This is awarded annually by FAI to outstanding pilots in each country who have greatly contributed to the advancement of aviation, especially in the sporting field. Our NAA U.S. representative of FAI, advises that the award may go to press, model aeronautics people, gliding people, etc.) I believe nominations must be submitted before the middle of April each year. Let's have a U.S.A. recipient soon.

Kay Brick

Miss Geraldine Mickelsen
THE NINETY-NINES, INC.

Dear President:

As one of the 99's I am pleased to inform you that I received the annual "PAUL TISSANDIER" award for 1954. This award, instituted by the F.A.I. for outstanding aeronautical actions, was given to me for the trip (Solo-Flight) around the three Americas in 1951, using a 90 HP Cessna, crossing the Andes (Chile and Argentina) at 16400 feet, then to Fort Yukon in Alaska, visiting 29 countries, flying 25,000 miles, including a visit to La Paz (Bolivia) with their 12000 feet high airport. From the President of Bolivia, I received, as only woman in the world, the decoration "Condor de Los Andes."

My plane is actually being exhibited at the International Trade Fair of the Fourth Centenary of the city of Sao Paulo. For the time being, due to the acute dollar shortage it is impossible for me to visit your beautiful country again, but I hope that this difficult situation for Brazil changes in the near future.

Attached a collection of Post Cards, showing the city of Sao Paulo, where I was born, live and work.

Always pleased to hear from you, with my best regards.

Ada Rogato

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AWTAR

NINTH ANNUAL AWTAR

Long Beach, California to
Springfield, Massachusetts.

Dates: Impounding deadline:
June 29th, 1955. Take-off
0800 PST, July 2nd. Planes
must cross finish line by 1700
EST July 6th. The Awards Ban-
quet will be held in Springfield
on July 7th.

The route: Blythe, Calif;
Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona;
El Paso, Midland and Wichita Falls,
Texas; Tulsa, Okla.; Springfield
and St. Louis, Mo.; Terre Haute,
Ind; Dayton, Ohio; Wheeling, W.
Va.; Reading, Pa. Both Midland and
Reading will be required stops.

Purse: First place: \$800;
2nd place, \$500; 3rd, \$400;
4th, \$200; 5th, \$100.

Special awards received as of
March 31st: From FLYING Mag:
\$100 for "the highest scoring
team of private licensed pilot
and private or student licensed
co-pilot. If it is a solo flight,
or the co-pilot holds neither a
private nor student license, the
award goes to the private pilot
alone.

\$50 cash for crew flying 1st TAR,
donated by a friend of the 99s
through the Michigan Chapter.
Trophy for the best crew flying
1st TAR donated by Chicago Area
Chapter.

City of El Paso will award \$125
divided \$60, \$40 and \$25 for the
best three handicap times made
from Long Beach to El Paso.

Aero Club of New England is giving
a silver Revere Bowl for best
handicap time made from Reading to
Springfield.

Duplicate trophies will be given
by AWTAR, Inc. to the co-pilots
of the first five over-all winners.

Jeppesen and Co., Denver, Colo.,
is giving 1st place co-pilot a
natural color map of the World;
natural-color maps of the United
States to the 2nd and 3rd place
co-pilots.

Irene Leverton's idea for the 1955
Air Race Program Cover was judged
best in the recent contest.
Congratulations, Irene!

Race entries will be received from
May 1st through June 20th. Write
to Mrs. Barbara London, 624 Armando
Drive, Long Beach 7, Calif., for
rules and entry forms. Please
enclose 25¢ to help defray mailing
costs.

"Cleared for Take-off", a 14-
minute film of the AWTAR which can
be shown to groups and is cleared
for TV can be obtained from John
Raymond, 5508 Hersholt Ave., Lake-
wood, Calif. Price: \$3 for three
days. \$5 for a week. Better re-

quest it two weeks ahead of showing
time to allow for delivery.

Betty Loufek, Director
Public Relations
AWTAR, Inc.

TERMINUS COMMITTEE REPORT 1955 AWTAR

If you plan on entering the TAR
this year, we can certainly assure
you that the terminus will be
among the best ever. The coopera-
tion we have been receiving from
Ted Jarrett of the Springfield
Chamber of Commerce, from Harry
Hermann, manager of Barnes Air-
port in Westfield, and from every-
one else we have contacted has ex-
ceeded our most optimistic ex-
pectations. For the first time the
TAR terminus and International
Convention will be held in the same
city. This will make it possible
for you to easily attend both
affairs. The Awards Banquet on
Thursday, July 7 will be a real
highlight, for Gill Robb Wilson,
Editor of Flying Magazine will be
our M.C. The Awards Banquet will
be sponsored for all race contest-
ants.

The Sheraton Kimball is the Terminus
and Convention hotel. You will be
receiving reservation forms from
them soon. You must make your own
reservations direct. Incidentally,
the hotel has a million dollar
project under way for redecoration
which will be completed by the end
of June.

Tom Fitzgerald, Manager of the
Springfield Chamber of Commerce,
has invited all early arrivals to
a cook-out at his home on Monday,
July 4.

Socony Vacuum has graciously of-
fered to top the tanks of all con-
testants at Barnes Airport.

We have arranged for a photographer
to take a picture of you and your
co-pilot beside your ship when you
arrive at Barnes. These pictures
will be ready for you by Thursday,
July 7, at a very modest cost if
you wish them. If your sponsor's
name is on your ship every attempt
will be made to include this in the
picture. These will be wonderful
for you to take back to your sponsor
and should help to encourage sponsor-
ing in future races, as well as
make a lasting memento for your own
album.

These are only some of the arrange-
ments that have been made for your
enjoyment. There will be many
more gay surprises. So even if you
can't be in the race, plan now to
be in Springfield for at least
July 7, 8, 9.

Barbara J. Evans, Chairman
Race Committee at the Finish

WAYS & MEANS

Dear Ninety-Nines:

Do you realize that we have less
than two months to send in our
money for the 1956 AWTAR? We are
far from reaching our goal. Time
is running short, so if you haven't

already raised the money for your
quota, may I suggest that each
chapter chairman collect \$5 from
each one of their members at their
next meeting and send it in to Bea
Medes, so that she will have time
to get out a report by convention
time. This has been done very
successfully in the Texas Chapter,
where so many of the members live
too far away to participate in any
of the unit's money-raising pro-
jects. By sending in their indi-
vidual \$5 they have made it possible
for the Texas Chapter to meet its
quota.

Many thanks to the El Pas Unit
for their \$50 contribution, and
also to the Texas Chapter members-
at-large for their \$50 and their
prompt response to my appeal.

I hope to see you at race time,
that is, if I can get a sponsor.

Sincerely,

Margaret Callaway,
Chairman



CANADIAN SECTION

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER
By: Phillis Miller

You haven't heard from us lately
so we'd better let you know we
are still alive, even if the weather
is still too poor for us to have
much flying to report. As a good
example - a couple of weeks ago
Margo Hicks and yours truly flew
to Chilliwack-about a 30 to 40
minute trip up the Fraser Valley.
Please note we took off in BRIGHT
SUNSHINE. We only stopped for a
few minutes at Chilliwack for a
cup of coffee and yet before we
could get back to Vancouver we
could see that the weather was
hopeless around Vancouver for
VFR flying. We turned around and
went back to Abbotsford which we
had just passed, where they told
us it was SNOWING at Vancouver
with only 1½ miles' visibility
at best. Abbotsford is only 20
miles or so East of Vancouver. Just
goes to show how fast the weather
can change around here. They picked
us up in a car and drove us back to
Vancouver, and the roads were icy
and had a thin layer of snow. Our
Chamber of Commerce would probably
give me heck for mentioning it.
Back at Vancouver Airport they told
us most of the planes were caught
off the ground and had to hurry
back in. Naturally we wouldn't
have left either but the weather
office didn't expect the snow until
much later. And today is the
first day of spring - it says so
on the calendar.

A while ago there was a party at
the airport sponsored by the 99's,
and we had the brilliant idea of
putting up a notice to that effect
on the bulletin board of the R.C.A.F.
Station across the other side of the
field. They kindly gave us permis-
sion to do so, and a few of the Air
Force fellows turned up. We hope
we can try this another time, and
are planning a dinner dance quite
soon.



NEW ENGLAND SECTION

By: Barbara Cloud

With the advent of good weather, the New England gals seem to be taking to the air. Pat Arnold has been putting in Helicopter time down Hartford way... Shirley Mahn is getting ready for the Grand Opening of the Mahn's new operation at Whitefield Airport, N.H.... Jerry Gardiner obtained a Seaplane rating while down in Fla... and Charlotte Kelley became the third Mass. girl to have the opportunity to fly a Jet, Congratulations!.....yours truly is flying around with a brand new paint job on the Luscombe anticipating a lot of flying this spring and summer. Had a post card from Page Shamburger from Haiti, "having a wonderful time". Must be almost time for Catherine to fill the swimming pool at Hiller Airport. We're looking forward to her summer meetings and Chicken Bar-B-Q's.



N.Y. - N.J. SECTION

By: Ruby Sadtler

On March 14th, twenty-two members and guests of the New York-New Jersey Section toured to Caughy's in East Rutherford, N. J. for a dinner meeting; Selma Cronan, Governor, presiding.

After dinner, we all went over to the Curtiss-Wright Corporation plant, Electronics Division, at Carlstadt, N. J... Thanks to Kay Brick! Her ground work led to the fulfillment of this program. We were welcomed by Capt. Harry Sartorus and given visitor tags after signing in. We were taken to a lecture room where we listened to Murray Brilliant tell of their instrument Flight Duplicator, to satisfy the requirement of the Armed Services and the Airlines for synthetic flight and navigational training aid.

One after another, we climbed into the cockpit, attained altitude, tried to keep her level, watched the instruments. We listened to the instructor who answered our questions. He seemed to enjoy the interest shown.

After seeing the Duplicator, we were shown the CV-340 Simulator which the Curtiss-Wright Corp. manufactured. This Simulator is designed for coordinated flight crew training, reproducing the controls, instruments and responses of the CV-340. It enables pilots, without leaving the ground, to fly anywhere-utilizing the identical navigational aids available on the particular route to be flown. Emergency situations which could

be encountered in the actual aircraft can be duplicated as often as necessary to insure the safety of flight.

Our Novetah Davenport who has just returned from the National Aviation Education Council convention in St. Louis, as a representative from Girl Scouts of U.S.A., says all should be proud of 99's contribution to this successful meeting-from Jackie Cochran on down...

We are missing Dora Dougherty who visited us for a year and who was always an enthusiastic and willing worker. Hurry back, gal!

Barbara Evans, Chairman of the AWTAR Terminus Committee, Kay Brick, A.J. Starr, Louise Hyde drove to Springfield March 26th where they met Catherine Hiller, Governor and Clarissa Holcombe of the New England Section 99s and members of the Exec. Board of the Chamber of Commerce at the Sheraton-Kimball Hotel. Further plans were made for the AWTAR in July. These six 99 girls were interviewed at the local Radio and TV Station in Springfield. A 12 minute tape recording was made. This will be released soon to publicize the AWTAR.

Kamala Vess of Wachung, N. J., formerly of Kolhapur, India, co-pilot with Shirley Blocki in the AWTAR last year, told of her brother, J. M. Shrinagesh, Managing Director of the Hindustan Aircraft Company in Bangalore, India. He was here recently visiting various aircraft plants. Another brother, General S. M. Shinagesh has just been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Indian Army.

We are adding to our funds by holding a raffle at each meeting--last month's winner brings this month's raffle gift. It works!



MIDDLE EAST SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By: Betty Fisher

On the 26th of March our chapter Chairman, Nancy Cooper Moore, entertained us at her lovely country home near Leesburg, Va. After devouring a tempting buffet luncheon, we settled down to a long discussion of the International Air Race, which will originate in D. C. and terminate in Havana, Cuba. The D. C. and Florida Chapters are co-sponsors of this event.

Nancy Moore and Jean Ross Howard are the spark plugs in the D. C. area of responsibility and are working very hard to make this the most exciting and successful feminine air race ever held. With the enthusiastic assistance of all members of this chapter they are arranging a program bulging with entertainment and hospitality to

occupy the three-day impounding period. An elegant banquet, to which numerous dignitaries have been invited, will be one of the highlights.

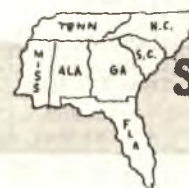
We are sorry to announce that we are about to lose two of our most faithful members. Lt. Lola Perkins, WAF, is departing in June for a 1 1/2 year tour of duty in Germany. Louise Kidd is transferring to her agency's office in Hawaii sometime very soon. We hate to see these girls leave but know that they will have many delightful new experiences and we wish them "bon voyage".

We were delighted to have Ann Ash attend our meeting. She is a member of the All-Ohio Chapter and is planning to transfer to our group. She and her husband recently returned from Japan.

The Washington Board of Trade is lending considerable assistance; has in fact taken over, almost entirely, various phases of the planning. A representative of this Board attended our meeting on the 26th in order to offer help and to consider the wishes of our group.

Also present was potential member Betty Crites, personnel administrator for FOA, who has recently received her private ticket. Betty's flying career was aided by an Arthur Godfrey flight scholarship from American University.

Elaborate arrangements are also being made for transportation, headquarters in a downtown hotel, and airport facilities and service. An added attraction will be souvenirs for all contestants.



SOUTHEAST SECTION

FLORIDA CHAPTER

The February meeting was held at the home of Mary Gaffany. Final preparations for sending out all information concerning the 1955 International Air Race were made. Be sure and drop everything you're doing come June and enter the race. No limit to the type of flying contraption you can enter. The only qualifications are that the ship be licensed and you are qualified to fly it.

There will be \$2,000. in prizes. \$600 1st place; \$500 2nd place; \$400 3rd place; \$300 4th place and \$200 5th place.

Come on now gals get busy and plan on going. We want to see 100 flying machines and at least 200 gals. The dates again are June 6th-June 14th.

International Air Race

June 9 - 14, 1955

WASHINGTON, D. C. - HAVANA, CUBA

The Sixth International Air Race is set for June 9-14 from Washington, D. C. to Havana, Cuba. Here is the tentative schedule --

Proposed festivities in Washington prior to June 9th Take-Off (National Airport)

Ron Key West on June 10th -

Customs Requirements a barbecue Race termination in Havana, June 11. A day and night at Varadero Beach (90 miles from Havana) Awards Banquet and proposed military ball in Havana, June 13th. (Bathing suit and a type of formal gown required.)

Cash prizes of \$2,000 (6 places) are being donated by the Cuban Government, which is also awarding 3 permanent trophies. This is in addition to the Rickenbacker Trophy which rotates for first place and the Labatte Trophy for second place.

The race is open to all types of aircraft. There will be individual, open handicaps. Air and sea escort service will stand by from Key West to Havana on the 11th and return on the 14th. The entry fee of \$25 will include a "Mae West" for pilot and co-pilot, to be picked up at Broward Airport. The Committee estimates race contestants expenses from Key West to Cuba and return will be approximately \$25.

Deadline for Race Entries-May 15. Deadline for planes in Washington-June 6.

Request for applications should be made to the Chairman, Dorothea Vermorel. Detailed plans on Washington, Key West and Cuban arrangements are in the making and will be announced later.

Helen Mennitto, Publicity Chairman
560 S.E. 8 Avenue
Hialeah, Fla.

The Washington, D.C. Chapter is honored to have been given the opportunity to be host to the Take-Off of the 1955 International Air Race-from "Capitol to Capitol"-Havana, Cuba-on June 9. We look forward to welcoming you all to our city-your Capitol!

Here's a progress report on plans to date:

The Willard Hotel (2 blocks from the White House, in the center of downtown Washington) will be Race headquarters. (The management has offered special rates for race contestants-\$5 single, \$10 double includes radio, TV and air conditioning!!) Make your reservation direct to the hotel.

With the wholehearted cooperation of the Board of Trade (the official host for Washington) a committee representing the Aero Club of Washington, the Air Force Associa-

tion, the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, the Aviation Committees of the Board of Trade and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Washington Air Derby Association and the Washington Aviation Club, has been formed to handle all arrangements to assure you a truly top level good time. Highlight will be the Take-off Banquet in honor of the Contestants on June 7 in the grand ballroom of the Willard, where you will meet and mingle with leaders in aviation, government and industry.

Benny Griffin, Administrator of Washington National Airport, will be the official starter for the take-off, Thursday, June 9, from this world famous field.

This will be the first over-water, international race and the first such event ever permitted from Washington National. So come on to Washington June 6-9!

Jean Ross Howard, Publicity
Washington, D.C. Chapter

ALABAMA CHAPTER

By: Jo Durdin

You've got to admit ye o' iron compass is a pretty wonderful invention. But what do you do with a gal who wants to follow one thru a tunnel? Nevertheless Liz Gay and her guest, Dr. Dorothy Finley arrived safe and sound for our March 12 meeting.

Meredith Ward gave a full account of the recent National Aviation Education Council meeting in St. Louis. She attended as the National Representative of Zonta International and gave a talk on their Amelia Earhart scholarship for graduate training in aviation. The fact that she can talk of nothing else proves what a grand time she had.

Sarah Duke literally as we'll as figuratively flew in. She was enroute to Panama City on C.A.P. business. Glad we at least got to say "Hey".

GEORGIA CHAPTER

By: Betty McNabb

When Georgia 99s don't get together they remind one that Georgia is the biggest state East of the Mississippi River, and so has the most weather. Weather accounted for no meetings in February and postponed a March get-together until too late to make this issue.

Four 99s were dinner guests of Evelyn Greenblatt's family for a most impromptu and pleasant occasion. With Blanche Noyes flying in from Tulsa, Betty McNabb coming into Atlanta in the Ercoupe to teach a medical records institute, Mae Curtiss persuading 49er Gordon to baby-sit, Evelyn chauffeured the whole outfit to her house.

Plans are afoot for attendance at the Southeastern Sectional Meeting in Daytona Beach.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Dot Shackelford

The Carolinas Chapter of the 99's met in Columbia, S.C. on March 20th. The meeting was held in the Columbia Aero Club room at Columbia Airport.

For the second time in a row the weather let us down. This time it was the girls in upper North Carolina who were unable to make it. Betty Hamilton, Nancy Mayes and Chairman Edith Long drove down from Charlotte. Caroline Hembel and her 49er Les, drove over from Saluda. Dot Shackelford, who unfortunately could not attend because of illness, sent her 49er, Shack to serve refreshments before the meeting. Everyone enjoyed them very much.

A business meeting was held and nominations for National officers were discussed. After the meeting a Dutch luncheon was served in the airport restaurant.

After lunch Caroline and Les Hembel took everyone on a tour of the lovely gardens in Columbia.

Our next meeting will be held at Douglas Airport in Charlotte, N. C. Everybody start praying for good weather now.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER NEWS

By: Jane Hilbert

Our chapter finally broke the jinx that has been hanging over us all winter and held a successful meeting in Nashville on March 6 despite rain, snow and sleet. Those attending were Helen Deason, Mary Beth Sargent, Georgianna McConnell, Ruby Knapp from Nashville; Bettye Anderson, Sara Duke and Irene Flewellen from Chattanooga and Eddie Lee Griffin from Knoxville. Ways and Means for the TAR were discussed. It was decided to let each member be responsible for obtaining her pledge of \$5.00 in whatever way she desires. Ruby Knapp, 2822 Mashburn Road, Nashville, Tennessee is our Ways and Means Chairman. Other chapter chairmen appointed are: Membership--Evelyn Bryan; Civil Defense--Eddie Lee Griffin; Air Marking--Helen Deason; Air Age Education--Constance Ohlinger.

After luncheon and a business meeting, we made a tour of the Tennessee Air National Guard Hangar and inspected an F-80, C-46, T-33 and the Executive National Guard Ship used by the Governor.

Bettye Anderson and Sara Duke worked on the search for an 18 year-old Knoxville pilot who became lost on a night flight from Knoxville to Chattanooga.

Mary Beth Sargent has a baby boy, Leslie Keith, born January 18, 1955. Sara Payne Hayden has a new son born in December.

Our next meeting will be held at Tri-City Airport on May 29.



CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER By: Florence Musser

Mrs. Frank Andrew, R.R. Champaign was hostess to the March meeting of Central Ill. 99's Chapter. 38 people (49ers, 24-3/4ers, and guests) gathered for a wonderful pot luck. Four girls from the U. of I. and 14 flew up from St. Louis Chapter made up the crowd. After dinner Karl Aron of the University Aeronautical Dept. flew out to give us a discussion of the 4 hour 180 course. He told of the 20 original students in the first group to go through. Interesting to note all students fell into a fatal attitude the first time up.--from 20 seconds to 8 minutes. He went on to explain the 5 preliminary steps set up to get one's self safely out of adverse weather. Many questions were asked in the all-too-short time.

Business meeting was short as the evening darkness was approaching.

The Andrews have a landing strip that runs almost into the back door and makes meetings at her house very enjoyable for us that fly.

Mary and Joe Hendricks were absent having flown to Florida. Leah Warren got weathered in on a trip to Columbus, Ohio.

Yours truly attended some sessions of the Air Education meeting in St. Louis last month.

April 17th we'll have a sack lunch at the Bloomington Airport. Time: 10:30.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER By: Irene Leverton

The Conrad Hilton Hotel was the scene of this Chapter's Third Annual Achievement Award Banquet. Among the eighty persons present were our guests, Governor Eloise Smith from Michigan and 49er Harry; International Secretary, Deedo Heise from Milwaukee and Dr. Heise.

Points gained in Airmarking and in our '54 Airmeet determined the Award winner and the runners up. Eloise Smith presented the Achievement Trophy to Florence Lacy. Marge Raglin and Nell Brown placed second and third respectively. Award Chairman Helen O'Hara and assistant, Harriette Magee, spent several days scoring points in this very close race.

Deedo Heise was our guest speaker and gave us a detailed account of her and Dr. Heise's Caribbean 180 flight. Sounded wonderful! Let's go!

Had a swell get-together with everyone during the pre-banquet cocktail party. Good to see and talk with Dora Dougherty in from New York, and Jessie Gronowski from Elgin. 99 boosters, Operators, Bill and Edwinna Donahue, Du Page Airport, and Vic and Jen Jacobs. Pal-Waukee Aviation, attended.

Amber 6 and Green 4 must have been busy this winter; Elsie Wahrer and husband flew to Long Beach and Glendale via Tri-Pacer; Jeanne and Warren Roberts airlined to Ft. Lauderdale; Eva and Harold Whyte and Kittyhawk (pet pup) hopped their 170 to Miami. Kittyhawk was with Eva on her first solo. Phyllis and Chuck Mottier landed their 120 at Marathon in the Keyes went deep sea fishing. Airlines took Betty and Doc Morgan to Pompano Beach; Miami was the vacation spot for Nita and Sid Fineman; Nita gave their baby a first ride this October in a 140. '55 TAR route was well travelled, too. Nina and Leonard Price followed it to the West Coast in their Bellanca while Helen Sailer and Sylvia Roth scouted it eastward from Terra Haute. Two SW 99s went through ahead of them. They got a closer look at part of the course than is required when they had a forced landing near Johnstown. After mag repairs were made on the 140 they proceeded to get weathered in for three days.

Dorothy and Dale Vachout are really enjoying the Stinson Station Wagon they got this winter; Lois Cassidy and 49er are wisely getting Link time while the weather is keeping them out of their Navion; the Whytes, owners of the Naperville News (real aviation boosters) and members of that town's Aero Club helped put in a 1650 ft. strip out there. They spend much of their time hopping Air Scouts from it in the 170 and T-craft. Their guests were pilots Edith and Eddie Butkewitz. Alice Kudrna is organizing a flying club at her place of employment. What a gal! Wing Scouts and Ground School students aren't enough. Virginia Rabung hopped her 140 to Benton Harbor recently and has also worn a path between O'Hare and Midway; Major Sally Stempel, Pal-waukee Sqd. C.A.P. has been joined by Esther Noffke and Irene Leverton as the Squadron's only women pilots; Carolyn Paige is back from L.A. Welcome home, Carolyn! Bad news!--A recent hail storm ruined all the control surfaces on Gean and Mike Burson's beautiful BT13. It went in the shop at Triangle Arpt. at Dyer, Indiana right away; A new 180 is reported at Du Page by Donna Giles (we know where her next pay-check will go). She also got her first hood time in a Tri-Pacer and flew a new Piper Apache all the same day; Esther Noffke's employer, Priester Aviation added two Super Cubs to its trainer line. Sally and Erv Stempel acquired an Omni equipped 170 for their Flying Club. Spring MUST be close at hand!

Didn't hear another thing at the party--whoops--almost forgot! Eloise Smith pinned our new members,

they were Bess Wyant, Elsie Wahrer, Lois Cassidy and Eva Whyte. Each of their 49ers received his card also. Sid Fineman became legal, too, getting his card from Eloise. Many thanks, Sylvia and Committee, for a fine banquet!

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Ethel Christensen

Bernie Voelker was hostess for our March meeting on the 20th of the month at Truax Field. Avis Peterson won the secret landing prize, a box of delicious candy which she shared with the entire group.

We had lunch in the Jet Room Restaurant. After lunch, our chapter money-maker, Bernie, raffled off a cake decorated with the 99 insignia and a compass. The prizes were won by guests. Bernie incidentally donated the prizes and all proceeds went into our treasury.

Bernie had asked the Director of the Wisconsin Aeronautics Commission, Mr. Tom K. Jordan to be guest speaker. Mr. Jordan told us that Wisconsin has 900 air markers and is the leading state in air marking. This fact along with many others makes us very proud of our State Aeronautics Commission and its members.

We were mighty happy to see Isabel Myrland back from the sunny south. However, Isabel was a wee bit disappointed to find we hadn't shed our winter weather yet.

We had a full afternoon, lots of guests, members, fun, information and business. There isn't room to elaborate, but perhaps there are some who would like to join us at our May meeting. Isabel Myrland of Montello will be hostess May 15th, Sunday. Isabel and her husband operate the airport and have plenty of accomodation space and entertainment. Mmm-love that swimming pool! If any other chapter members would care to join us in May, just let Isabel know.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Ruth C. Lembke

Deedo and Herm Heise entertained the Wisconsin Chapter members at a dinner in their home on March 13th. The guests: Dottie Faust, Mary Lou Thompson, Isabel Kress, Toney, Elsie Peters, prospective member, Lorraine Miller and 49er Fred Kress joined in making the dinner a surprise for Dora Fritzke who had a birthday. Dessert was the beautiful cake, candles and all, on a musical plate which played the "Happy Birthday" song.

Deedo and Herm broke into print in the local paper again, pictures and all, when an article sent from Washington, D.C. was published. It featured a report by the international division of the Civil Aeronautics Administration on the Heises' flight to Panama, their forced landing, and the unusual meeting with a CAA mechanic

exactly when they needed him most and when they least expected to find one.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By: Edith Harmon

The March meeting was held in Cleveland the 20th. Members present were Helen Ailes, Marilyn Barnes, Rosalie Bracht, Arlene Davis, Mary Fecser, Jean Hixson, Joan Hrubec, Ione Kiplinger, Edythe Maxim, Norma Morton, Ruth Reep, Helen Sammon, Alice Schlott, Pauline Smeltzer and Martha Wilcox. New members Betty Wertz and Marilyn Collette and prospective members Lee Best and Mary Schaeffer were also present. Edythe Maxim showed some movies she and her 49^{er} had made before they sold their Stinson. A passenger who flew to California with Joan Hrubec and Marge Miller showed movies of the start of the AWTAR last year. Your reporter was unable to attend. Flew out to Omaha, Nebraska and was weathered in.

Marcy Crawley and her 49^{er} just returned from a vacation in Mexico. Marcy's days in Acapulco were complete because she came home with a sailfish! Friend husband didn't fare so well.

Ruth Reep reported that her plane was almost ready to fly. She has been keeping busy recovering it.

Welcome to new members Betty Wertz and Marilyn Collette! We'll be looking forward to seeing you at the May 15th meeting in Alliance and in Cincinnati June 11th and 12th.

Jean and Doc Bonar were in Florida enjoying the balmy breezes when this was written in snow-covered Ohio.

Arlene and Max Davis also were taking in some sunny weather. They went to Beverly Hills, Calif. via Frisco, Las Vegas and Palm Springs. Just before the trip Arlene attended the National Air Age Education Panel in St. Louis.

Your reporter has resigned from the CAA. March 12th was my last day in the tower at Lunken Airport.

Joan Hrubec is taking Rosalie Bracht, Marilyn Collette and Ruth Reep to the sectional at Kansas City in her Tri-Pacer in April.

Kathleen Ruff is teaching first aid to Civil Air Patrol cadets in the Cincinnati Squadron.

See you in Cincy June 11 & 12!

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Rae Cawdell

We were all very much disappointed that our Evansville trip did not materialize. Weather closed in on Evansville February 20 and no flights were made. It was especially regrettable in view of the planned publicity for this meeting. A local radio newscaster was to have made some movies of the landings, take-offs, etc. These were to be shown on one of our local

TV stations. Perhaps another time—we hope so.

Our fund raising committee for the AWTAR has come up with an excellent idea. During qualification time for the "500" and also on race day, the 99's will be at Bob Shank's Airport, Indianapolis, to serve hungry and thirsty pilots. There will be sandwiches, soft drinks, potato chips, candy bars, etc. The dates - Saturday and Sunday, May 14 and 15, 21 and 22, 28 and 29, and race day, May 30. So if you plan to attend the race, or the qualifications, don't forget - LAND AT SHANKS AND BUY YOUR REFRESHMENTS FROM THE 99's.

A reminder to all within the coverage area of WIBC Radio Station, Indianapolis, to tune in your radio April 12. Mildred Hurt is going to appear on the Joan Evans Show at 10 A.M. that date. Naturally she will be talking about the 99's.

Welcome to new member (and former WASP) Esther (Mrs. Don) Berner. Perhaps we'll have a new 49^{er}, too.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Betty Barton

The March meeting of the Upper Iowa Chapter was held in Spencer, Ia. the 20th with yours truly as hostess. Although the early morning was fairly nice, by early afternoon we were having a pretty good snow storm. Most of the members present came from quite a distance so the meeting broke up early to enable them to drive home. As it was, I imagine, they had a pretty tough time getting home.

The girls from the Iowa Chapter were going to fly over, but of course were weathered in before they got started. It probably was a good thing or they would still be here in Spencer. The first day of spring gave a very bad showing in Iowa.

The official opening of the six month point contest was started at this meeting. Points are given for a number of things; flying activities, meetings attended, air age, holding offices, hostesses and new members, etc.

A social gathering was held at my home. A 1:00 P.M. dinner at a local cafe was followed by a short business meeting. Members present were Wayne & Dorothy Hunt, Quentin & Jean Wildman, Pro & Verna Mae Prohaska, Marie Blank, Jack and Bunnie Wilson & guest, Darrell Place and yours truly. Bunnie is a transfer from Missouri Valley Chapter.

I understand we have another member in Iowa; a transfer from Denver. Merridee Snively of Woodward, Ia., has not been able to meet with our chapter as yet but we hope to see her in the near future.



MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Jan Munkres

March 20th met at the Hayden House at the Municipal Airport, Omaha, Neb. Our hostess Janie Bay was weathered in at Hastings, Neb., 49^{er} Husband Dr. Elmer Bay took over and made necessary arrangements for us. In spite of the weather, we had a nice meeting and lunch. Those present were: Betty King, 49^{er} Lester and two sons David and Danny of Essex, Iowa. Dorothy Higbee, Omaha, Helen Nestle, Omaha, 49^{er} came late and for lunch only, as did Rosemary and Howard Phelps of Ralston, Laura Russell of Omaha, Bea Mack of Omaha and Storm Lake, Ia. Janet Munkres, Weeping Water. Belle Hetzel, Omaha, who was so busy getting ready for her Round-the-World Air-Tour had to leave early. Belle will leave Omaha March 28 for San Francisco where she takes off April 2, going via Hawaii, Wake Island, Japan in Cherry Blossom time, Hongkong, China, India, Pakistan, Middle East Countries, Italy, Switzerland, and Holland in Tulip Time, New York June 2. A Dream come True, and from all the Chapter, Bon Voyage! We'll be waiting anxiously for a report.

Helen Moore and Pauline Hawks could not make the meeting. They could not fly and it is too far and too icy to drive. Anne Waddell, our S. Central Governor, and Mr. Harold Hessenflow of State Aeronautics, were unable to attend. We pick the nicest weather for our meetings. Last month was the same; Who said March 21 was Spring?

Betty King went on a flying spree during the nice days and stopped in Shennodoah, Ia. for gas and to have her tires checked.

Just as we were finishing lunch, Dr. Bay received a phone call. It was Janie. She had just reached home.

Sorry, girls, seems I can never make the deadline. I send Airmail, first to the East then to the West, thinking I've made a mistake. Guess we just have our meetings too late in the month.

Next meeting York, Neb., Jane Morrison, hostesses. April 17.

TEXAS CHAPTER
Corpus Christi Unit
By: Elaine Gault

Thanks to our hardworking chairman, Merle Dunnam, Pauline Glasson, Elaine Needham, Veda Tennent and two of Pauline's Wing Scouts, we have racked up five more air-markers. This time the girls marked Shoate, Riviera, Agua

Dulce, Banquete, and Kingsville. They leave tonight for a two day spree of Airmarking in West Texas. Will report to you next time on what is accomplished.

Ardath McCreery presented her husband with a fine boy on February her birthday, incidentally. Merle, Pauline and Betty Draper flew down and ran a 100 hour on the new arrival.

Our unit was honored to have Blanche Noyes as our guest for two nights. She gave us some very good ideas on Airmarking after a dinner at the Trade Winds. We all enjoyed having her so much.

Elaine Needham has had some of her clever cartoons accepted for print in Cross Country News, Tony Page's wonderful paper.

Welcome, Pat Comer, to our unit. Pat is a transfer from All-Ohio chapter and a very attractive addition to our unit. Pat flew her Taylorcraft down to Corpus to take a position with Lichtenstein's. We are already planning to put her to work. She will look fine with a paintbrush in her hand.

Dallas Unit
By: Jan Romanio

May we catch up with several months in one fell swoop? We are all much too busy with varied activities, and it is only with much effort we are able to shelve them long enough to get together for the meetings that mean so much to all of us.

We are quite proud of Evelyn Prince, one of the busiest of our number. "Studied harder than ever before in my life", summarizes Evelyn; but she has passed all her FCC exams step by step and now holds her first class radio-telephone license. This means she can now work for any broadcast station as a licensed radio operator or engineer--something few of us can claim. She plans to go on, after more study, to get her radar endorsement. She will then be qualified for positions usually considered reserved for rather highly trained men. Didn't realize, until I started investigating, how unusual has been her achievement already. More news for you as she progresses up the ladder!

Jo Allison has bought three CAP Stearmans, and plans to convert them into dusters for next season. She has attended most of the aviation meetings in our section this winter and spring, including the TAC meeting in Austin, where she served as a representative for the Ninety-Nines and TSAA on the tax bill on aviation gasoline.

Doris Weller recently flew in a C-45 to Columbus AFB, Miss., where she picked up a Super-Cub (PA-18) and flew it back to Dallas, bucking headwinds up to 70 knots much of the way. She relates laughingly that the cars were passing her on the highway below, and that the turbulence was extreme enough to be a new experience in her varied career. She was back long enough to rest up before going by airline to California for

a mid-season vacation. Next, she ferried a Piper Pacer from Dallas to the Vest Aircraft Co. in Denver, Colo. Flying would seem to be in Doris' blood, and she thrives on new experiences.

Frankie Waits, our newest member, is flying low these days. Anyway, when she recently took a vacation from her reporting duties, she headed for a ski resort near Denver and flew on skis for a change. She has still not used up completely one of the nicest Christmas presents I have heard of in some time - hours paid for at a local airport and to be used by her at her leisure! Just wait until some unsuspecting soul asks me what I want for Christmas....

Remember Olean Sellers, who dropped out of our activities some time back? Jo and Doris went out recently to see her and the reason for her temporary retirement, a lovely baby girl. They carried a silver goblet for the baby, a future Ninety-Nine, we all hope.

We have a new prospective member, Carol Wayner, who has just received her license and has been attending many of our dinner-meetings as a guest. Carol will be officially a member of our group soon and will be an active worker, we are sure.

Martha Ann Reading is still keeping her Ercoupe busy. Her most recent flight was to Waco, to carry a friend to Baylor University. She reports that she, Doris, and Jo had looked forward to meeting with Blanche Noyes and the girls from Ft. Worth recently. With great enthusiasm they went to Carter Field and waited, fruitlessly. Meanwhile, the "missing" were meeting as planned at Carswell Field, in Ft. Worth. A slight case of misunderstanding, but disappointing.

Jan Romanio, the teacher in our group, is spreading aviation education as actively as possible. Again she has taken the children in her classes on "Flying Classrooms" (beautifully covered by Frankie Waits in her newspaper accounts). This was followed by similar trips by other teachers in her school, as well as aviation units in almost all levels. This is an aspect of our educational program that can respond to more cultivation. HAVE YOU TALKED WITH THE TEACHERS IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY ABOUT THE INFORMED USE OF AVIATION AS ENRICHMENT MATERIAL IN THEIR COURSES?....She has also given talks on aviation education to 75 social studies teachers present at the 5th District meeting of Texas State Teachers Association and at the East Texas School Conference of Air Age Education, at Kilgore College. Jacqueline Cochran was to be the featured speaker on the latter occasion, but bad weather grounded her in St. Louis.

TULSA CHAPTER
By: Eleanor Heath

March was a very busy month for the Tulsa Chapter. We had our regular meeting on the 10th, held a very successful dance on the 19th, and had dinner with Blanche Noyes on the 23rd.

The business meeting was attended by: Faye Sullenger, Oma Stamps, Fay Mefford, Tissie Lawrence, Lois Martin, Peggy Snyder, Eleanor Heath and guest, Jane Pan Kratz. Plans for the dance were made and the TAR was discussed along with other business. Lois Martin was appointed "Chairman of the Time Clock" for the TAR stop. It was a long meeting but we accomplished a great deal.

The dance was held at Spartan Cafeteria at Municipal Airport. Tissie Lawrence and Faye Mefford spearheaded the ticket sales. In fact they were the dance committee. We had a decorations party at Eleanor Heath's house where we cut various plane silhouettes out of shirt card board. Even the 49ers wielded scissors. We sprayed them with silver and strung them across each end of the dance floor. We hung a mobile (made with welding rods) of the planes from the center, and also put them on the wall. We ran 4 streamers of blue crepe paper from the center out to clusters of blue balloons on which Tissie and Faye had painted silver "99's". Dorothy Rice made 20 table center pieces of blue construction paper with "99's" stenciled in silver glitter--we placed flowers fresh from Tissie's garden from the ends of these. The decorations were beautiful and the cost was nil.

Tissie handled the money--she had a good bookkeeping system--a little pink purse. The money from the tickets went into it and we had to twist her arm to get any out of it for expenses. We still don't know how many tickets we sold but there was approximately \$220 (net profit) in the pink purse when we got through. Everyone had a wonderful time and we gained a lot of good will and publicity from the dance. The main credits go to Tissie and Faye--thanks gals.

As a result of Blanche Noyes' visit, we are embarking on an air-marking program for Oklahoma, coordinating with WNAA and Air Explorer Scouts. Marge Cooper is chairman of this group. We plan to airmark Sperry on April 10.

April 14th meeting will be a tour through Aero Service Corp. (Aerial photography) followed by the regular business meeting. Dorothy, Faye M., Lois and Eleanor are planning to attend the sectional meeting at Ardmore April 15-17.

S K Y L A D Y D E R B Y

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The annual "Skylady Derby", air race for woman pilots sponsored by the Women's National Aeronautical Association, will be held June 13 and 14, this year.

The race is for light, stock-model aircraft of less than 300 Horsepower.

The women pilots will take off from Little Rock, Arkansas at 0600 CST June 13, 1955 stop in Springfield, Missouri to refuel:

Topeka, Kansas for lunch and refuel---TO Dodge City, Kansas for over-night STOP. Take off June 14 at 0700 from Dodge City Municipal Airport to Raton, New Mexico. Finish dead line will be 1100 CST, June 14.

There are \$600.00 in cash prizes to be proportioned as follows:
1st \$300.00, 2nd \$200.00 and 3rd \$100.00.

The presentation of all trophies and prizes will be made at the banquet of the 26th annual convention of the Women's National Aeronautical Association being held in Raton June 13-14-15: With the Raton Unit of WNAA as our Hosts:

Women pilots with rating of PRIVATE pilot or higher are eligible and may carry a CO-PILOT or passenger:

The race is sanctioned by NAA and governed by Rules and Regulations of F.A.I. Mrs. Ruth Nickell, 904 Nickell Road, Topeka, Kansas is Entry Chairman:

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
By: Ida Carter

Oklahoma 99's held their Meeting on the day of the first real rain Oklahoma City has had in many moons. A lucky group of 13 met at the new Hillcrest Country Club for a luncheon meeting, followed by a trip to 33rd Airborne Radar Site.

Present were Lt. Ann Noggle, who arranged the trip through the site, Ruth Jones, Ida Carter, Imogene Arnot, Marie Hall, Jane Baker, Mary Grace McGinty, Broneta Davis, Mary Francis, Velma Woodward, Beth Smith, Wynema Masonhall, and Rita Baves.

Wynema's 49½'er, Mace, has recently taken over as Pro at the Woodson Golf Course.

Sectional meeting at Lake Murray April 15, 16 and 17. YOU ALL COME!

COLORADO CHAPTER
By: Donna Myers

Due to several people out of town, 2 cases of mumps (24-3/4'ers whose mothers are 99's), one broken in-step, etc. the regular meeting night was by-passed and postponed until March 11.

Chairman Mary Wenholz was hostess at a brief business meeting. She announced that the International Race is to be held June 9-14. Also she announced the spring sectional of the South Central Section at Lake Murray, Oklahoma, April 15 and 16, and urged that all who could do so, attend.

We are mighty sorry to lose Cora Grote-who with husband and family have moved back to Utah. Utah chapter please note. Thelma Thomas was appointed to assist Phyllis Johnston on the Ways and Means Committee to fill the vacancy created by Cora's leaving us.

Sun Valley has beckoned several members: Mary and Bob Collett; Ruth and Ed Mugele and Lucia and

Ray Jolliff, within the past two weeks. Jolliff's recently flew a CAP mission to Washington, D.C; they've both just been made majors.

Verna and Rei Christopher have been in Havana on vacation; John and Donna Myers spent a few days in Phoenix.

Your reporter will fly to Oklahoma City April 4 for an executive Board meeting, called by President Mickelsen. We will be guests of Treasurer Broneta Davis at her home in Minco.

KANSAS CHAPTER
By: Lois Dobbin

Birthday Party for the Kansas Chapter was March 12th. A rummage sale was held during the day, which was a bang-up success. Then sixteen 99's and their guests met for "refreshments" and dinner at Dobbs House at the Municipal Airport. Margaret Yourdon, Chairman, presided at the dinner, at which Dorothy Fisher of Topeka WNAA was our guest. An interesting evening ensued as 99's related their most unusual flying experiences. 99's present were Ruby Mathis, Winona Shaheen, Julie Snowhill, Marge Cooper, Lucille Dienst, Helen Chandler, Marge Paris, Mary Howard, Lois Dobbin, Phila Knitig, Ruth Nickell, Anne Waddell, Pat Ripper, Dorothy Speer and Ama Lee Jameson. Business meeting was held the next morning.

The BOBBE SLADE MEMORIAL FUND established by this chapter will be administered by the following trustees, Margaret Yourdon, and Ama Lee Jameson of Wichita, Lucille Dienst of Lakin, Anne Waddell of Garden City, and Marge Paris of Atchison. The fund is for the purpose of purchasing supplies of paint, brushes, etc. in order to carry on with Bobbe Slade's favorite project. The average airmarker (10 ft. letters) costs about \$20.00 each. Pilots who have used an airmarker in time of dire need readily volunteer to purchase "an airmarker" or "half an airmarker", for they realize the necessity of airmarkers in the safety of aviation. Contributions may be sent to the Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund, c/o Fourth National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, or to Margaret Yourdon, or Ama Lee Jameson.

"FIFTY-FIVE FOR '55" is the Kansas airmarking slogan for this year. That's a heap of paintin'-and Helen Chandler, Airmarking Chairman for Kansas is rarin' to go with

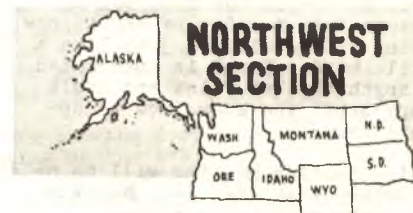


many towns already lined up and just waiting for us to "drop in". By the time this appears in print, we hope to have 6 or 8 airmarkers completed.

Our very best wishes to Winona Shaheen, who married Lyman Selit on March 26th in Wichita. We wish them all the happiness in the world. Lyman has been thoroughly checked out in airmarking, and is welcomed to the 49½'ers.

Ruth Nickell and 49½'er Major General Joe Nickell arrived at our party by a rather devious route. They had been en route to Denver from Topeka, but ran into unpredicted 85 mph headwinds and much dust. Making a 180, they flew "dustraments" back to better weather.

NINETY-NINE "Note Paper" which is being sold by the Kansas Chapter is available by writing Ruby Mathis, 529 S. Glendale, Wichita, Kansas. She will be glad to send you a box for \$1.10. Paper is 4x5" folded, and has the 99 compass rose on the top cover sheet.



MONTANA CHAPTER
By: M. B. Shinn

Montana is still here tho Spring seems to have "caught cold", postponing a couple of the winter meetings.

Our "100-hours-per-year pilot", "Pud" Lovelace of Bozeman, and a prospective member, Veris Sullivan, could not stand the zero weather and took off in Pud's 180 Cessna for Palo Alto and points south. She warns one and all to remember to richen that mixture in that gas-consuming air! Gerry M.--you only missed these visitors in Sacramento because of uncooperative rain and a San Francisco Weather Bureau which shooed them back to Bozeman. They were never lost tho--nice navigating girls!

And then there is our Dorothy Dow who took off for Europe--also FLYING--by airlines--disgraceful eh? She is back in Billings to start flying properly again though after a wonderful skiing vacation through France, Austria, Italy, etc., which ended sorrowfully in an auto collision--Dottie came out with some injured vertebrae but feeling mighty lucky.

About all on the flying Montanans though Orpha Dann is busy flying back and forth to her ranch at Watkins, and Vivienne Schrank of Jordan is probably planning a Powder Puff Derby flight. Of course our Chairman, Norma Wingfield, is in the air constantly.

April should bring out all the

pilots--our newest member being Mary Jo Janey of Wilsall, Montana.

Did we tell you Ernestine Gore and Inza Riedesel returned from their 3 week flight to Mexico--disgusted--rain, rain, rain.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER By: Melba Owen

Our March 21 meeting was held at Marti Proctors' home. Martie is a lovely hostess and all of us enjoyed meeting at her home. Ten Ninety-Nines attended, which is the largest attendance we have had all winter. We welcomed Minnie Boyd from Pullman, Wash. Had not seen Minnie since last Fall. Gals, Minnie came all the way by car, a distance of three hundred miles. Does that give some of you just a tiny little hint that live much, much closer?

Mr. Pete Bowers was our guest for the evening of March 21. He showed several films on glider flying. Very interesting and would be thrilling to say the least. Carol Gillespie has been taking lessons from Mr. Bowers and is now taking off in Gliders just like a little bird. Carol is interested in anything that flies and isn't happy until she knows how to operate them.

Spring Section meeting will be held in Boise, Idaho May 14. Montana and Idaho will be co-hostesses. We are all looking forward to seeing and meeting lots of our Ninety-Nine sisters. Hope to see all of you there.

Ruth Cabler will soon be moving to Alaska. We will hate to see her leave us. She has been a wonderful Ninety-Nine and has done so much work in the Wash. Chapter. I'm sure the Alaska Chapter will love her as much as we do.

Have not heard from anyone yet, as to who will be flying in the AWTAR from the Wash Chapter. Hope we have at least one to represent us in the race.

We have been raising a few dollars this month and looks like our little till will have more in it before the month is over. A kitchen utility company has offered us 15% of the sales for having home party demonstrations. All we have to do is to have a party and invite our friends in. It's a simple way to raise our funds and we have fun at the same time. More new ideas are brewing with spring and summer just ahead of us.

Marti Proctor and I went to Olympia last month and sat in on the aviation tax bill up before the legislature. Small airports are fighting for just $\frac{1}{2}$ of one percent of the gas tax for upkeep of small airports. We don't feel that is asking for too much. Large companies are against us, but we are still going to fight for it, should we be turned down. The private flier pays the same tax as the large companies and to date all the tax money goes to the large municipal airport.

IDAHO CHAPTER By: Laura Conner

Seven healthy tanned 99'ers returned to Idaho last month, living proof of an exciting flight to Mazatlan, Mexico. Barbara Hornback flew her Cessna 170 with a party from Phoenix to Mazatlan; she reported erratic weather hampered a few flight schedules. Cleon Barry gave the fishermen tough competition by winning third prize \$40.00 in the fishing contest.

Jean Keith was our gracious hostess this month where plans were discussed for the North West Sectional with Montana as co-hostess May 13, 14, and 15th. Full itinerary for all 99'ers and families to commence at Bradley airport; which is equipped with restaurant and skytel, also special rates for all flyers at this time.

SPECIAL NOTICE: May 15th will be a fly-in air breakfast at Nampa (15 crow-line miles west of Boise) in conjunction with Idaho's annual air breakfast tours. "Fly gals" make those planes perform for a special plaque will be awarded to the best all-around woman pilot of the day. Judging is based on courtesy, best traffic pattern, spot landing, etc. It would be greatly appreciated if flyers attending would write Barbara Hornback, Box 393, Boise, Ida.

We are thrilled to report our Fe. hangar dance was a marvelous success, in fact, due to numerous requests, we have decided to make it an annual affair. We enjoyed having with us pilots from all parts of the state for the evening. For a flash-back of the dance scene: Barbara Hornback and Joyce Morcem really logged x-c time via the auto to promote ticket sales; Doris Atkinson decorated the hangar into a glittering ballroom with the use of red and white streamers plus a huge valentine heart in the center was displayed the 99'ers insignia and pictures of the Ninety-Nines; afternoon of the dance the Ninety-Niners donned dungarees with kerchiefed headgear to polish the dance floor, arrange tables and chairs, etc. (and I wish to add the 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers were wonderful is assisting us at all times) towards evening a little low in spirits and tired; it was surprising what a powder puff and a new dress could do to revamp one's soul into an evening of fun. For the benefit of other chapters our coffee and sandwiches were a complete sell-out.

In March the Kitty Hawk Lounge, at the Municipal airport was the setting of a dinner we sponsored for the husbands. At this time they were officially presented their 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'ers membership card. Mr. and Mrs. Chet Moulton, guests for the evening, entertained with colored movies of Idaho.

FLY BITS:

Claire Justad purchased an Ercoupe which she plans to fly to the Nampa air breakfast.

Jean Keith is getting acquainted

with her new Stinson prop, the Skyblade.

Edna Hettinger owns a 1955 tri-pacer and x-c plans indicate Pocatella, Salt Lake City and she hopes Las Vegas for Easter Sunday.

Doris Atkinson, sect. of state aeronautical dept. is sharing her office this week with radio controlled scale models of a Ford Tri-motor and a Cessna 170 (the wing span is approx. 7 feet.)

Eula Logsdon and Fran Brown are busy hangar flying with a hopeful eye on old man weather.

Joyce Morcem the hardworking and enthusiastic future 99'er is wondering if a fire-side chat with the weather man would produce at least one day now and then without rain and wind.

Carolyn Neitzel, the youngest member, has just finished covering her Aeronca in the sharp colors of blue and yellow.

WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR THOSE TINY SPECKS IN THE SKY FOR THE NORTH WEST SECTIONAL!!!

ALASKA CHAPTER By: Emorene "Randy" Briggs

I seem to be one of those reporters who has difficulty meeting that all important deadline. Our January, February and March meetings have been mostly taken up with discussions of how to promote financial support for our proposed entrance in the AWTAR. We are still not sure whether we will be able to make it for this year but we are having a lot of fun talking and planning for it. Betty Lund Cary is our newest member, and we are very pleased to have her with us.

Alaska's first breakfast flight was held January ninth. The Anchorage Airmen's Association sponsored the flight to help us raise funds for the AWTAR. About 40 planes winged their way down to Hidden lake, a beautiful spot about 50 miles south of Anchorage, on the Kenai Penn. The temperature was a balmy 20 above, which made things just perfect. We set up an airstrip on the ice, and as there was only about 2 inches of snow, the landing strip was suitable for either wheels or skis. The CAA had two control operators out to direct the traffic. We built a large fire at the edge of the lake and set our portable wood stoves up on the ice. It was so nice and warm we were soon shedding our jackets. A delicious breakfast consisting of Doll Booth's famous sour dough hot cakes, fried eggs, bacon and coffee were served. Yours truly fried the eggs and bacon for the crew. Since you may be wondering what sour dough is, I will try and explain. It is a yeast batter. The early pioneers of Alaska always saved a portion of the batter "a starter", whenever they did any baking and often the origin of these starters date back for many years. Incidentally, anyone coming to Alaska hasn't lived until they have tasted Doll's sour dough

hotcakes or waffles at the Airport Cafe.

Margaret Cook sprained her ankle while skiing the day before, but that didn't stop her from attending the breakfast flight even though she had to be practically carried to and from the plane. I understand she sprained her ankle again this past weekend. That low slow flying will get you in trouble every time, Margaret. At any rate, we wish her a speedy recovery.

The first breakfast flight was such a success that we decided to have another March 13th. This time we flew to Skwentna which is approximately 70 miles north west of Anchorage. It was a cool zero degrees at take-off time and 16 below zero when we arrived at Skwentna. We built a large fire on the snow near the airstrip and then waited for the plane to arrive with the food and cooking equipment. At 11:30 we were about to declare an emergency and kill a moose when the food finally arrived. Due to a mix-up, the only part of the equipment to arrive, however, was the food and the stoves--no pots or pans! We were all so hungry by that time we didn't know what to do. We went through all the planes for emergency gear and finally found a round metal cover--which made an excellent grill for the hotcakes, and 4 aluminum plates which served as frying pans for the eggs and bacon, and a small coffee pot. We set to work and after some time managed to cook enough to feed the 40 hardy souls who had ventured out. By the way, the 15 planes which took part in the trip ranged all the way from a J-3 to an open cockpit PT-19!

In spite of all of our troubles, we all had a marvelous time and are planning to have more and better breakfast flights after the "spring breakup" is over.



Picture taken at our February meeting planning our Breakfast flight to Skwentna. Left to right: Helen Stoddard, Helen Snyder, Doll Booth, Margaret Cook and Lois Wise.



SOUTHWEST SECTION

UTAH CHAPTER
By: Bobby McDonald

Our March activity was a party given by Ruth Walker and Lucille Christopherson at Ruth's home in Provo, Utah. June Raybould and Jane Davis arrived by air (it was a beautiful day!) and Bea Lowell, Margaret Loy, and guest Nicky Harding drove. Billie Hollingshead from the Brigham Young University spoke to the group of her interesting experiences in the Far East.

The Chapter welcomes new member Margaret Loy.

CAP activities have kept several gals busy over the past few weeks. Doris Bacret flew to Reno to attend Regional Meeting--Eunice Naylor is just back from Denver, where she was on the staff to pick three girl cadets from our region to attend foreign exchange--your reporter was out on two week-ends helping in the search for a twin Beech lost somewhere between Wyoming and Utah.

Onita and Mark Hoff have just got back from a month's vacation in Mexico. Their daughter Marilyn expects to leave for Europe soon to join her service husband.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Ardell Hauk

We have a little catching up to do here. February's 28 days flew by in no time at all and March 1st found us with lots of news and the deadline already gone by.

February 10th was a memorable day. We soloed our daughter, Carol, on her 16th birthday and attended our monthly 99 meeting at Barbara Hector's home that evening in Sunnyvale. Attendance at the meeting was almost perfect. Twenty-three out of our twenty-six members were there. We turned in the proceeds from our Tupperware raffle--very successful too--and discussed other money making ventures. A cake sale was a very popular idea, and Clara Lou Cathey brought some greeting cards to show us that we might sell. We will welcome and be glad to exchange money making ideas with other chapters.

The last week-end in February found Mary Jane Oberg and Allie Guest winging their way to San Diego from Salinas to visit friends--and they reported a beautiful ride both ways.

Our planned Fly-In to Napa on March turned into a four-member tete-a-tete at Palo Alto Airport. Too rainy and bumpy. A few of the girls flew to Stockton's Fly-In

picnic the following Sunday and enjoyed the day visiting with the San Joaquin Valley 99's.

Spring has finally come to California for sure, and Sunday, April 3rd will find the SCV girls flying to Salinas to complete plans for the Spring Sectional April 30 and May 1 are the dates, and we are looking forward to meeting new friends and renewing old acquaintances.

TUCSON CHAPTER
By: Mary Johnston

Tucson chapter has been busy this last month with plans for the entertainment of the contestants who stop over in our town during the air race. If our plans work out we promise you a very unusual evening, so we're counting on lots of gals to stay over.

We received a note from Alice Fuchs last week and she and husband Bill are getting settled at the Air Academy. Letters addressed to the chairman of our chapter have had a mule-train trip, since they have come to Tucson, then to Alice in Denver, and finally to Mary Johnston (who is now chairman) back in Tucson. Don't despair if your letter goes unanswered for a week or so!

We are looking forward to our meeting on the 4th of April. Capt. Price, who works with C.D. in Tucson is coming to show us a film and talk on Civil Defense plans in Tucson.

Thanks to Irene Leverton of the Chicago chapter, we've located Dorothy Jenkins. You're right, Irene, she is a charming person and we'll be glad to have her in our group.

Bea Edgerly MacPherson of our chapter has definite plans to enter the air race again this year. Good luck, Bea. Bea also tells me that she now holds the rank of 1st lieutenant in the C.A.P.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
By: Dottie Sanders

CHAPTER CALENDAR

- May 1 - Southwest Sectional Meeting, Salinas, Calif.
- May 20 - Business Meeting, 7:30 P.M., home of Dorothy Davis.
- June 18 - Annual Aviation Ball, 9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M., Manor Hotel, San Diego--in honor of AWTAR Contestants.

The Aerial Picture Hunt Contest held March 20 was a great success, affording a lot of fun in competition of 23 airplanes; landmark pictures were excellent and were taken by Betty Gillies, who was Chairman of the contest. First prize of \$31.20 was won by Anne Howe, whom we hope is a future Ninety-Nine; Second prize of \$15.60 was won by Mr. Bill Brown of San Diego, and Third prize of \$5.20 was won by Dottie and Bob Sanders.

Isabelle McCrae was in the plane who placed Fourth, and Dorothy Davis' 49½'er, Roy, was in the plane placing Fifth.

The contest brought out a lot of 99's, including Lois Bartling and 49½'er, Harry, Edna Penners and Evelyn Briggs with their 49½'ers, Ben and Bob; Dorothy Davis and 49½'er, Roy, Ethel Gainer and 49½'er, Pappy; Claire Hale and Dottie Schultz; Harriet Lewis, Isabelle McCrae, Ruby Potter and 49½'er, Stan, Dottie and Bob Sanders, Maxine Smith and Jackie Trenfel, besides many others who came out to watch the fun. Helen Dick was an official judge, and Margaret Lang and Amy Changnon were "runners", escorting pilots to their planes to give them their pictures and check their time off.

It was a lot of fun, and many thanks go to Betty Gillies for such a successful event. There was a 100% turnout of contestants. Thanks are in order to Bud Gillies, too, who helped Helen Dick with the judging.

Our March meeting was held on the 18th in the home of Maxine Smith. Claire Hale announced that she is the mother of a 17-month old beautiful blonde baby girl, Wendy June, whom Kenny and she have adopted.

Lois and Harry Bartling enjoyed a week in San Francisco the first of March and had a nice visit with Ruth Rueckert and 49½'er, and Margaret Gerhardt of Bay Cities and Barbara Hornback of Idaho.

Edna and Ben Penners returned from a long weekend trip into Mexico at Los Angeles Bay in Baja California March 28 as a last fling with their 170 before selling it. They had a wonderful time and caught lots of fish, together with a 4-foot shark and a small octopus. Edna caught the shark and Ben caught the octopus. They report the weather was fine except for a dust storm at Los Angeles Bay when they took off.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Maxine Carlson

The Bay Cities Chapter celebrated its 22nd anniversary on March 25 at Redwood City. Fifty-nine people enjoyed a potluck dinner, some talented piano music and singing, records, the usual hangar flying, and dancing. Billie Wyatt of Modesto, a San Joaquin Chapter member and Secretary for the Southwestern Section, won the prize for being the guest who traveled the greatest distance to join us. The members present were: Miriam Brugh, Maxine Carlson, Adele Chase, Gladys Davis, Rosemarie Gehling, Margaret Gerhardt, Ona Gist, Gerry Hill, Helen Kelton, Ruth Rueckert, Dorothy Whiteman, and Mabel Zehr. Eleanor Bjorkman, Marjorie Fauth and Lindy Boyes, who were unable to attend the party, contributed to the dinner. Many thanks to Ruth Rueckert, Mabel Zehr and Helen Harrison who came early and stayed late and worked all that time to make the party a success.

Lindy Boyes' parents are going 'round the world on a tramp steamer.

Marion Barnick and Ruth Rueckert enjoyed a day at Hamilton Field watching the jets and the operation of "Adiz" sponsored by the Bay Area Aviation Committee.

Lois Bartling, chairman of the San Diego Chapter, visited San Francisco in March. She lunched with Margaret Gerhardt and saw the sights with Ruth and Fred Rueckert.

The San Joaquin Chapter's Fly-In at Stockton was a great success. There were many prizes. Miriam Brugh, Betty Budde and family, Marjorie Fauth, Rosemarie Gehling, Rita Hart, Ruth Rueckert and family and Mable and Otto Zehr represented this chapter. The Sacramento Valley and the Santa Clara Valley Chapters also had members in attendance.

The May meeting will be at Lindy Boyes' in Piedmont. The June meeting is scheduled for Marfreda Coffins' home near Pleasanton.

SAGUARO CHAPTER By: Juanita Newell

The Sky Riders Motel at Sky Harbor Airport invited our group to hold their March business meeting in their conference room. Jimmie Lou Shelton served as our hostess and served refreshments following the winding up of the evenings business.

Frances Wood, of Sun Valley Air Service, is now charging over the terrain in a 180 looking for uranium. Frances does take some time off to go on some trips in their new 310.

Wilma Bland and Doris Glina attended the first meeting of the Arizona State Aviation Authority held at Sky Harbor on March 21st and they were instrumental in receiving an allocation of \$100.00 for the Saguaro Chapter for Air-Marking.

Lucille Crosby and husband, Lorin, recently went to Guaymas on a business and pleasure trip. They were delighted with the climate and hospitality of that Mexican town.

A cold front kept most of us on the ground rather than on a flight to Douglas for luncheon with the Flying Farmers on the 20th of March. However, Jimmie Lou Shelton and Marjorie Crowl and husbands weathered the storm and reported a real nice time. Lots of the Flying Farmers from the southern part of the state made our four arrivals feel very much at home.

Ruth Reinhold and I are still plugging along with our revenue flying and hope to be for years to come.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

Hostessing the San Fernando Valley Tri Chapter March dinner party held at the home of Betty Glaser were Chairman Clara Davis, Jeanne Strahl, Margaret Jepson, Margaret Standish, Jane Morales, Katherine

Wagner, Irma Story, Jean Reimer, Louise Robertson and yours truly. Attending the gala spring party were over fifty Ninety-Nines and their 49½'ers. Among them was a prospective 99 for our chapter, Lee Scoville.

Walter Zimmerman, of Lockheed Aviation, showed motion pictures of his recent flight to Alaska in a Cessna 170. And Margaret Standish showed motion pictures of three 99s on their recent flight to Alaska in a Cessna 170. Margaret's pictures were taken with a view to showing airport layouts and terrains for 99s planning to take a similar trip.

Margaret, who is an engineer at Lockheed, says the National Society of Women Engineers, who have a lot in common with women fliers, will hold their annual convention in L.A. this summer. Pilot-engineer Katherine Stinson is the president. They invite 99s to attend the convention. If interested, contact M. Standish for particulars.

Lauretta Foy, plus her flying, homemaking and classes at U.C.L.A., has undertaken to head the Girl Wing Scouts Flight 80, sponsored by our 99 chapter, who meet in Burbank. She will help to air-educate them and see that they have an opportunity to fly.

Our special thanks to Betty Glaser, always a charming hostess, for her contributions in time, effort, and planning for the three chapter spring party.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER By: Christie Warren

Our March meeting was held at Lee Morrow's lovely new home, 1327 Preston Way, Venice, Calif.

Monie Dye just returned from Canada where she was visiting her daughter who gave birth at Christmas time to a little girl whom they named "Holly". Monie showed pictures taken in color with her new 3-D camera.

To enlarge our treasury, we're having a rummage sale July 8th and 9th, and our Wing Scouts have volunteered to help.

Chuck and Betty Miller of the Santa Monica Flyers have offered to give one hour of free flying time to one of our Wing Scouts each month, on a merit basis.

Mary Kitson is weighing the pros and cons of matrimony....

Yvette Kovary's baby boy, Glen, was born in January, weighing 9½ pounds.

Our Fran Bera plans to enter the 6th All Women's International Air Race from Washington to Havana June 9th - 14th.

We're looking forward to our next tri-chapter meeting which will be held at Elizabeth Glaser's Muirfield Road mansion. After cocktails and dinner, a very interesting program is planned. 49½'ers are invited, also guests.