

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

News Letter

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A.E.M. FUND GETS BOOST FROM DOWN UNDER

DOWN UNDER or UP OVER. It all depends on whether you are in Australia or in America. But wherever you are, the donation made to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund by the husband of Maie Casey, one of our members from Australia was a real boost. You will recall reading in an earlier issue that Maie's 49½ is her country's Minister of External Affairs.

While they were visiting United States and Canada last Fall, Mr. Casey was invited to appear on CBS television in Ottawa for which he would receive \$200. However, instead of taking this unto himself, he requested CBS to make the check in favor of the Scholarship Fund. Many thanks to the Caseys' for this boost. The accompanying picture is Maie and her 49½ with their plane on their home field.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1955

Contributions for 1955 have started coming in and to Indiana goes the honor of being the first chapter to send in its 1955 contribution, closely followed by All-Ohio, Minnesota and Chicago Area.

To make sure that your contributions will be included in the report at the Annual Meeting in Springfield, they should be received by June 20th. Make your checks in favor of AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Fund and send to Marjorie M. Gray, (AEMS Treasurer), 64 Columbia Ave., Cliffside Park 6, New Jersey.

After June 20th until the Annual Meeting, send them to me, as Marjorie expects to be away on vacation during that time.

Jeanette L. Sovereign
2136 Center Ave.
Bay City, Michigan



PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Ninety-Nine,

Summer is just around the corner. It will soon be time for the IAR, TAR and the Convention. I hope that many of you will have the opportunity to participate in at least one of these events. You are indeed a lucky person if you are able to cover the three events.

I have been trying hard to see my way clear to attend the start of the IAR in Washington, D. C. and the Finish in Havana, Cuba, even though I can't possibly take the time to Race in the IAR, as I would like. The events as planned by the Washington, D. C. and Florida Chapters sound like real fun...I just hope I can be present. Good luck to all you entrants. Wish you all could win. The Southwestern Sectional was indeed an all-fun affair. The weather certainly "fouled" up many a flight plan and 99's were spread over the State of California waiting for the clouds to lift. Despite this bad luck, the attendance was excellent. Every Chapter was represented except Utah. The Utah girls tried but the Sierras were too high and the clouds too low....ask those 99's from the South who flew via the Pacific Ocean. Better luck next time. Our Fall meeting was set for Sept. 17th & 18th in Los Angeles with the Los Angeles Chapter as hostess. Start your plans now...

Listed in the issue are the amendments and resolutions sent in by the chapters to be presented at our Convention for the delegates' consideration. Take time, at this next meeting of your Chapter, to discuss thoroughly in order that your delegates will be able to vote intelligently. If you are not going to have a Ninety-Nine present from your Chapter (I hope that every Chapter will have a delegate) send your proxy card with your instructions to some other member in a neighboring Chapter.

As of May 1st we have 1200 members. We are four months ahead of our last year's record. If each Chapter will recruit just two new members during this next month we will have reached the 1300 mark by Convention Time. Let's see if it can be done....Remember, it is the responsibility of the sponsoring 99 and the Membership Chairman for the calibre of women we bring into our organization. We want pilots who will be good members and of whom we'll be proud.

Received less than 100 returns on the aircraft ownership questionnaire. Don't we as an organization own more aircraft than that? One hundred out of 1200 members...I know of a few more that I haven't as yet received, so there must be many that haven't sent the slip back. How about doing it NOW. If I receive them I will be able to complete the files before turning them over to the new president. I think it is important....see March Newsletter?

Sincerely your friend,

GERRY MICKELSEN

IMPORTANT DATES

June 6 - 14th

IAR Washington D. C. to
Havana, Cuba.

June 12 - 13th

All-Ohio Flying Meet
Cincinnati, Ohio

July 2 - 7th

TAR Long Beach to
Springfield, Mass.

July 7 - 10th

International Convention
Springfield, Mass.

....PLAN TO ATTEND.....

49½'r Cards

Margaret Gerhardt:

370 Dorantes Ave.
San Francisco 16,
Calif.

1954-55 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE proposes that ARTICLE V, SECTION 1, of the By-Laws of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. be amended to read as follows:

Dues shall be \$10.00 yearly, payable to the Ninety-Nines, Inc. at its International Headquarters, to be divided as follows: \$8.50 to the International Treasury, 25¢ to the treasury of the section, and \$1.25 to the treasury of the chapter from which it originates. A \$1.00 initiation fee is required of all new members payable to The Ninety-Nines, Inc., at its International Headquarters.

REASON: The additional income would enable The Ninety-Nines to start planning immediately on a not too long range basis for headquarters of our own centrally located in the United States and preferably on an airport. It will also provide added refunds to the individual chapters.

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE proposes that ARTICLE V, SECTION 1 and SECTION 2 of the By-Laws of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Dues shall be \$6.00 yearly, payable to The Ninety-Nines, Inc. at its International Headquarters, to be divided as follows: \$5.00 to the International Treasury, 25¢ to the treasury of the section, and 75¢ to the treasury of the chapter from which it originates. A \$5.00 initiation fee is required of all new members, payable to the Ninety-Nines, Inc. at its International Headquarters. This initiation fee shall include the official 99 pin, which will be sent each new member with her membership card. In the case of reinstatement of former members, the initiation fee shall be \$3.00.

Section 2. New members joining on or after July 1st, will be credited with immediate membership plus membership for the ensuing fiscal year. New members joining on or before June 30th, will pay full year's dues, plus initiation fee of \$5.00 which will carry them only to the beginning of the ensuing fiscal year. In the case of reinstatement of former members the initiation fee shall be \$3.00.

REASON: The actual cost to the Ninety-Nines for processing a new member is \$4.10. The Executive Committee feels that this cost should not be borne by the membership, but should be covered in the initiation fee at least in greater part than at present.

Under the present arrangement, a new member must individually order and pay for her official pin. The Executive Committee feels the pin should be included without extra cost and automatically sent each new member with her membership card. The present arrangement has also made it more difficult for new members in countries other than the United States of America to obtain the pins, due to currency exchange problems.

The FORTH WORTH UNIT, TEXAS CHAPTER, NINETY-NINES, INC. requests that the

following proposed resolution be placed on the agenda for the 1954-55 International Convention of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.:

Resolved that: A Ways and Means Committee Chairman be appointed at Sectional level by the Governor of each Section; and that a Ways and Means Committee Chairman be appointed at Chapter level by the Chapter Chairman.

The duties of the Chapter Ways and Means Chairman shall be to assume responsibility for her Chapter meeting its quota for the AWTAR for that year.

The duties of the Sectional Ways and Means Committee Chairman shall be to make reports at Sectional meetings, visit as many Chapters as possible during the year, and assume responsibility for the Chapters in her Section meeting their yearly quota, and also pass along to them information received from the International Ways and Means Committee Chairman, who will be in direct contact with the AWTAR Board of Directors, and who shall pass along to the Sectional Chairman all pertinent information received from the Directors.

The International Chairman will make annual reports to the International Convention and monthly reports to the Newsletter.

An International Chairman, Sectional Chairman and Chapter Chairman will afford a more even and fair distribution of the financial responsibilities of the AWTAR to the membership as a whole. By having one person in each chapter and in each section working for the AWTAR, you will have a more personal contact and a better spirit of cooperation will develop.

REASON: At the 1953 and 1954 conventions the NINETY-NINES, INC. voted to give financial support to the AWTAR.

For 1955, less than half the proposed amount was raised. We are far from reaching our goal for 1956. The burden of providing financing for the AWTAR is becoming heavier each year and it is not reasonable that the full responsibility should be borne by the AWTAR Board of Directors and the Ways and Means Committee, as it now stands.

The following addition to the BY-LAWS was proposed by four Chapters:-

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Florida Chapter, North Florida Chapter, Tennessee Chapter and Washington, D. C. Chapter:

That the International Annual Convention be rotated among the Sections, following a geographical pattern agreed upon by the membership. Each Section to decide itself what Chapter and site is to be the locale of the convention for the year said convention is in that Section. If a Section does not wish to have the Convention, it must notify the Executive Committee one year in advance and the Convention will pass on to the next Section.

REASON: 1. Each Section will then have an opportunity to participate in one of the most important events of the International Organization. 2. Members will have a better chance to become acquainted with members from all Sections, and will have the opportunity to visit all sections in the country. 3. The burden will not fall on a few sections for all conventions. 4. The work of the Executive Committee will be lessened for it will not have to await bids. It can plan and coordinate activities years in advance. 5. The majority of other large organizations follow this practice, and by knowing in advance, Sections can plan other activities to coordinate, have a better choice of sites and rates, and prepare for the International Convention with more ease.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth N. Bueckert, Chairman
Resolutions Committee

AWTAR

Planes polished up, engines tuning up, sponsors lining up, newsmen turning up, the great day is drawing near!

Committees ready, CAA and Weather busy, publicity going mad; things are popping; all are hopping; let's make this race the greatest that we've had!

Calling all race pilots! Are your entries in? June 20th is the deadline for postmarks on entries in the Ninth Annual AWTAR.

All planes will be in the line-up for inspection in Long Beach by June 29th. Sat. morning, July 2nd

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THEY'LL BE WAITING TO GREET YOU AT BARNES AIRPORT, WESTFIELD, MASS. WHEN YOU FLY IN WITH THE TAR AND/OR FOR THE CONVENTION AT SPRINGFIELD. (Left to right) HARRY HERMANN, Airport Manager; EUGENE PROULX, Control Tower Manager; MISS ALICE BURKE, Mayor of Westfield; RICHARD DOLAN, Chairman Westfield Aviation Commission; CATHERINE HILLER, Governor New England Ninety-Nines and Convention Chairman; MRS. DEE HOLCOMB, Westfield Ninety-Nine who will be racing; MRS. PAT ARNOLD, a Connecticut Ninety-Nine who will be racing; MRS. SELMA CRONAN, Governor New York-New Jersey Section; MRS. KAY BRICK, Vice-Chairman AWTAR Board of Directors; MRS. BARBARA EVANS, Chairman Race Terminus; MRS. NOVETAH DAVENPORT, Terminus Publicity; MR. TED JARRETT, Springfield Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Robinson)

is take-off time. Finish line is at the Barnes-Westfield Airport near Springfield, Mass., July 6th. Awards banquet July 7th, in Springfield.

Great news! The Flying Tiger Line will carry the contestants' baggage from Long Beach to Springfield. Free!

Add more more award to the list printed in the last newsletter: there will be \$25 cash awards for the best score made by each make of aircraft of which there are a minimum of three entries.

Let's gooooooooo!!!

Betty Loufek
Director, Public
Relations, AWTAR

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION is scheduled for July 8 and 9 in Springfield, Massachusetts, and headquarters will be at the Sheraton-Kimball Hotel. The registration booth will open at 12 noon on the day preceeding the Convention, July 7, in the Sheraton-Kimball Lobby and will remain open until noon on Saturday, July 9, to serve both as a place of registration and as a meeting place and headquarters for attendees at the convention.

The annual meeting will open at nine o'clock on Friday, July 8, with a break at noon for the Convention luncheon. The luncheon will be strictly informal, with the only scheduled event being the announcement of the winner of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the presentation of the scholarship by Her Honor, Mayor Mary Burke of Westfield. In the early evening a visit to Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee is anticipated, and on Saturday will come the Clam Bake at Hiller Airport. Bring your bathing suit for a swim at the Airport's 70 x 100' cement swimming pool. Gals wishing to fly their own planes from the terminus field to Hiller Airport may do so and the balance will make the trip in busses furnished by the kind Springfield Chamber of Commerce and its Ted Jarrett and his Convention Bureau.

Sincerely,

Catherine Miller

Wanted: ATWAR Co-pilot
with plenty cross-country experience. Gal-owner of Ercoupe paying all expenses except room and board of co-pilot. If interested, write experience to Ruth Nichols, (friend of Ercoupe contestant) 400 East 49th St., N.Y.C.

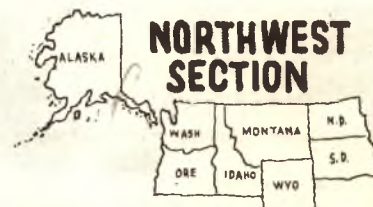
WAYS & MEANS

Dear Ninety-Nines,

I have enjoyed working with you and many thanks for your wonderful support and cooperation. I feel sure that most of you have met your quota by now. However, if any of you have not done so, there is still a little time left, so-- PLEASE, girls, send your money in today!

I am especially grateful to the Ways and Means Committee members who have done such a wonderful job. See you at the race and convention time!

Margaret Callaway
Chairman



IDAHO CHAPTER

By: Laura Conner

The coffee bubbles, the pot is hot
And maybe you think, ole man weather
we're not!

The above is our lament to flying this month. Fran Brown and Clair Justad hurry to the hangar every day and there over steaming cups of coffee they have ample time to reminisce with the ole-timers on hangar flying.

We were delighted this month to have our largest turn-out at Edna Hettinger's lovely ranch-style home. Due to the increase of membership we are planning our future meetings at Northwest airport.

The arial posse and Idaho Ninety-Nines will fly to Riddle this month; to improve the landing strip by painting boundary markers, installing tie-downs and the wind sock.

We salute Doris Atkinson who informs us her 49'er Bill, will begin flying with his sights on a Commercial ticket.

Jean Keith, Secretary, was interviewed this week on a local radio station as "Lady of the Day."

Eula Logsdon and 49½'er Dick are leaving soon via United Airlines for Detroit to drive back a Cadillac.

To Caroline Neitzel our youngest member goes the honor of frantically searching thru all newspapers for all flying news to be kept in the scrapbook.

Visitors at our meeting were Helen Higby, Betty Sargent, Helen Weatherby, Georgia Meyers and Joyce Morcem.

At this writing Barbara is winging her way homeward from a business trip to Los Angeles with her 49½'er Marvin.

ATTENTION

The Flying Farmers of America are holding their National Convention in Lansing, Michigan the second week in August.

The Second Sunday in August is the regular meeting of the Michigan Chapter of Ninety-Nines. Many of our Ninety-Nines are also flying farmers or their husbands are flying farmers and will no doubt be attending this convention.

The Michigan Chapter would like to extend an invitation to all Ninety-Nines who will be in Michigan at that time to be our guests at our meeting. The meeting will either be at my home, where we will have grilled steaks out-of-doors or at Barbara Loudens' where we will have grilled chicken.

"Becky" Thatcher,
Corr. Sec.
Michigan Chapter



By: Ruby Sadtler

Our April dinner meeting was held at The Skipper, on East 48th Street, New York, with three special guests attending from the Bell Tele-Laboratories. R. S. Zimmer, Lt. Col. AFR, the forceful speaker, was assisted by George Mor and L.J.N. Blyde, Jr., Lt. J.G. USNR, all with the New York Telephone Company. Films were shown of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, destruction at Hiroshima, the atomic bomb tests in Nevada and a most remarkable film on NIKE showing how guided missiles seek out enemy bombers and blast them from the skies.

Prior to the lecture and film, we listened with interest to Barbara Evans, Chairman of the AWTAR Terminus Committee, tell of more excitement awaiting the 99s at Springfield, July 2-7. Come see!

Mrs. Clara Adams brought hand-painted scarves and jewelled boxes, proceeds from which swelled our AWTAR fund. Thanks, good friend!

Alma Harwood reports having a delightful time in El Paso when Ruth Deerman arranged a dinner and luncheon for her to meet all their local girls. She says the food was the most delicious and that El Paso 99's hospitality is as large as their State!

Ruth Nichols flew down to Baltimore to have a few days Winter vacation and also to give some cross country navigation to Cloie Smith whom she recently sponsored as a 99 member.

Novetah Davenport who lately authored two manuals, recently released by Girl Scouts for the Senior

program-Mariner Scouting and Wing Scouting-wants to compliment the St. Louis 99's on their outstanding contribution to the National Aviation Council Convention at St. Louis, Feb. 24-26. On the way home from St. Louis, she lunched with Alice Hammond and Jean Pearson in Detroit who were really excited about trail blazing for the AWTAR.



Washington, D. C. to Havana, Cuba will be the route of the 1955 all-woman International Air Race, an annual event of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., international organization of women pilots, June 9-11.

An estimated 50 planes with 100 pilots are expected to compete in this first all woman's, over-water, handicap race from "Capital to Capital."

The contestants are scheduled to arrive in Washington on June 6, to permit handicapping and inspection of their aircraft prior to the take-off June 9 from Washington National Airport. Mr. Bennett E. Griffin, director of the airport, will serve as official starter for the Race.

Commenting on the plans for this year's Race, Mrs. Nancy Moore (Mrs. F. Lee Moore), Chairman of the local Chapter of the 99's, pointed out this event is sponsored annually by the 99's to demonstrate the utility, safety as well as the sportsmanship of flying to the country and to show aviation's role in the Good Neighbor policy.

The Washington Chapter will be host to these visiting fliers during their stay. A committee, representing national and local organizations, has been formed to assist the 99's in planning a full schedule of entertainment for these Goodwill pilots.

Heading this group of cooperating organizations is James Bligh, Chairman of the Aviation Committee of the Washington Board of Trade. Other members include: Gus Duda, Air Force Association; Mrs. Frances W. Nolde, Vice President of the Aero Club of Washington; J. B. Hartman, Jr., President of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association; Frank Wright, Aviation Committee, Junior Chamber of Commerce; W. T. Patterson, President, The Washington Air Derby Association and Howard Rough, President, The Washington Aviation Club.

Highlight of the program will be a "Take-Off" Banquet to which leaders in aviation, government and industry will be invited. The Banquet will be held in the grand ballroom of the Willard Hotel, Tuesday, June 7. The Willard Hotel has been selected as the official headquarters for the Race.

In addition to the permanent Rickenbacker Trophy, donated by

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, president of Eastern Air Lines, the contestants will compete for \$2,000 cash prizes offered by the Cuban Government. Upon completion of the Race, the Cuban Tourist Commission will be hosts for several days of sightseeing.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
By: Marie Angstadt

Have you heard the latest; the 1955 National Aircraft Show is going to be held in Philadelphia? It will be on the Labor Day weekend and we'll keep you posted on all the details and plans being made.

Our newest 99, Kay Macario is being congratulated on the recent arrival of twin boys. That makes five tiny tots for Kay and she and pilot husband Tom, now need a Twin Beech for a family plane.

We're glad Spring is here and Winter ills are gone. Our chairman Ina Young has recovered from pneumonia and Jane Morris attended our last meeting sans tonsils and preparing for a trip to Central and South America.

Our meetings are still being held in central Philadelphia on the third Friday of each month but we plan to have summer meetings in the "outlying provinces." Some of our members have made it on to the "big city" from far away places. Kay Gaul came last time by train, leaving her brand new Chevie home in Reading waiting for license plates. Chris Seigl, with a lovely Florida tan, was down from Allentown. She is co-pilot on a corporate Twin Beech-Florida in winter, Maine in summer.

I was out to Valley Forge airport recently and was glad to see "Swoop" back in the air. "Swoop" is Jean McKaig's Aeronca and was damaged during Hurricane Hazel.

That's it for now.



GEORGIA CHAPTER
By: Betty McNabb

Georgia 99's were delighted when Southeastern Section decided to combine the sectional meeting with that of the Civil Air Patrol, thus permitting 99's who are members of the CAP to attend both meetings at one swoop.

Flying in from Atlanta, Albany, and Parrott were Evelyn Greenblatt, Patty Benton, May Curtiss, Sue Patillo, Betty McNabb, Lois Lacy, and Carolyn Kennedy. Some of the girls flew their own planes, others came in with the transports of the Air Force air-lift.

Nearly all the Georgia 99's belong to Civil Air Patrol; May Curtiss and Evelyn Greenblatt are on the wing staff.

Plans for an early May meeting at the GATA fly-in when Cason gardens were scheduled for their opening were postponed because of high winds.



UPPER IOWA CHAPTER
By: Betty Barton

The April meeting was a grand success with Jean and Quentin Wildman as host and hostess. Cocktails were served followed by a lovely picnic-style dinner in their home at Boone, Ia.

After everyone was well filled, the awarding of the traveling trophy was made for the 1st month. Beulah Smith with 113 points received top honors with Bernie Hugelen taking second place with 95 points.

Members present were Millie Burt, Helen Flaherty, Pat Mottier, Virginia Koestner, Dorothy and Wayne Hunt, Verna Mae and Pro Prohaska, Jack and Bunnie Wilson, Ruth and Albert Shimon, Darrell Place and yours truly, Jean and Quentin Wildman and guest. This was the first meeting for Millie to attend since her recent illness.

Members of the Iowa Chapter present were Esther Niederhauser, Leona Hertema and 49er and Irene and Lloyd Dalbey.

Coming meetings were planned as follows: May-Forest City, Beulah Smith; June-Gowerie, Joan Johanson; July-Waterloo, Bunnie Wilson; August-Marshalltown, Iowa Chapter.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By: Bernie Voelker

Mrs. Grace Page was the Hostess at the April 17th noon meeting of the 99's held in the office of Mr. Robert Skuldt, Manager of Madison Municipal Airport at Truax Field. It was entirely a business meeting with plans discussed for the joint meeting on May 15th at Myrland's Sky Lodge, Montello with the Wisconsin, Illinois and Minnesota Chapters invited.

Our Chairman, Ethel Christensen and her Jet Pilot husband, Don, just back from a short vacation-Bernie Voelker taking off for Omaha on Wednesday to bowl in the WIBC (by air, of course)-Grace Page going to school and studying like mad despite her two babies and husband.

You all are invited to spend the week-end of May 14th and 15th at Myrland's Sky Lodge, Montello, Wisconsin and partake in our joint

meeting. Write Isabel Myrland for reservations. It will be staged, rain or shine and a nice time will be assured.

INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Rae Cawdell

There was some turbulence, but definitely CAVU conditions prevailed in Indianapolis on Friday, April 22. Esther Berner, Betty Nicholas, Sophia Payton and Rae Cawdell met at Municipal Airport awaiting the arrival of Esther's husband, Don, and the Berner's flying machine, both due back at approximately 1200 from a business trip east. With feet on the ground and necks on a swivel we scanned the skies hoping to spot a brown and cream Bonanza. A call from Dayton told us that Don was weathered in there would probably not get back to Indianapolis in time for us to take off for Kansas City. We were disappointed at the thought of missing Friday night's festivities, but not yet daunted, set our time for take off the following morning at eight o'clock.

We met at the weather (weather-ugh) bureau where we staked claim for the next two hours. Progressively the reports became more and more discouraging. Net result-four unhappy people once again loading their luggage preparatory for take-off--by automobile--to their homes.

And what might have been an "on the scene" report becomes only a lament from your erstwhile reporter. We shall look forward to news from those of you whose good fortune it was to be able to attend the meeting at Kansas City.

We received some nice publicity following our special business session on March 25. Movies were taken which appeared on a local TV station the following week. At this meeting, in addition to further discussion of the refreshment stand at Shank's Airport during the "500" qualifications and on race day, other matters were voted on, including the awarding of a trophy to each new girl solo pilot. Aim-to further their interest and increase membership in the 99's. Mary Sprenger was appointed chairman of the committee for selecting the trophy which is not to exceed \$5.00.

Marcia Webb, recently turned 16, and who flies at Sky Harbor, Indianapolis, (her father has a Cessna 170 and a 195) will be the first recipient. Marcia will be invited to our next meeting at which time the trophy will be presented to her.

As we have already reported, the May meeting will take in the Powerama, and in June we will meet at Terre Haute. The Illinois chapter is being invited to participate in our June meeting. And we anticipate a record attendance.

MINNESTOA CHAPTER
By: Rita Ann Orr

A highlight of our annual January meeting, as usual, was the "terrific table" set by Audrey Baird at her home. Present were: Helen Master-

ton, Marion Radke, Dorothy Anderson, Margaret Manual, and Marietta Sonnenberg, plus guests Marilyn Kvalheim, Dawn Arcand & Jeanne Scheifley, whom we hope will join us soon, and Malcolm Manual and two children and Dr. Scheifley. Florence Sriver was absent, attending a civil defense meeting in Florida. The "Self-Examination of the Breast" film shown at the Nov. meeting in Rochester was so well received that the girls requested Dorothy Anderson to get it for another meeting so all members could see it.

The Chapter is very happy and proud that Jane White is transferring from the Chicago Chapter and Dr. Betty Clements from the Missouri Valley Chapter. Jane should be made membership chairman right away, as she already has lined up a couple of prospects for us! We were sorry to hear that Evelyn Knowlton Paige and Phyllis Schilling will no longer be active in the 99's.

Helen Masterton and husband George were the only two souls brave enough to struggle through the weather to be on hand at Stanton for the February meeting. Our sincere regrets, Margaret--we know you put forth a lot of effort to make the meeting an interesting one. Let's hope we have better luck with the weather next time.

On the scene for the March meeting were Marian Radke, hostess, M. Sonnenberg, H. Masterson, M. Manuel, F. Scriber and R. Orr. Guests included M. Kvalheim, Dawn Arcand and Carolyn Auspos. The business meeting was handled with dispatch and the remainder of the evening devoted to the wonderful food, etc. supplied by our gracious hostess.

The auctioning of donated items provided much fun and helped add to the funds for the TAR project. Thank you Marion for a wonderful evening.

April couldn't have been more co-operative and the girls showed their appreciation by turning out "en masse" for a grand meeting at Faribault. Yours truly, acting as hostess, couldn't have been happier with seven members, 2 prospective members and 6 guests on hand. We missed Marietta but envied her flight to San Antonio.

Don't forget the Willmar meeting May 15 at the home of Mary Jane Rice. We hope everyone will make a very special effort to attend.

Other dates coming up are: Aug. 21, Virginia Shaw's home on Lake Minnetonak in Wayzata; September 18 in Winona, Rita Zyblicki, hostess; Oct. 18, Helen Masterton's home in So. Mpls. with Laura Black as co-hostess; Nov. 20 in Rochester with Marietta and Dorothy as hostesses, and of course the annual Xmas party with Marilyn Kvalheim, hostess. (Any chance of some of you gals from other parts of the country dropping in on us for a visit?)

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER
By: Betty Siggs

The Spring meeting of the North Central Section is now history

and a pleasant memory for all attending.

Things started off with a bang Friday evening with a cocktail buffet spread Happy Landings party. About thirty girls had arrived by that time, and these plus the 49½'ers, local 99's and guests made up the merry overflow crowd in Suite 1525. Who cared if you had to have a traffic clearance to move across the room? It was fun.

Saturday registration tallied 32 North Central members present, 2 from the Kansas Chapter, one from the Missouri Valley Chapter and 14 locals, a total registration of forty-nine! A good turn-out, we felt, for the far corner of the Section, and bad weather conditions in Ohio which prevented Blanche Noyes and some Ohio girls from coming. About eleven planes checked in, mostly on Friday afternoon.

Saturday lunch was very nice. We all enjoyed Roch Ulmer of station KUDL in KC, and Frank Trumbauer as always had a lot of interesting subjects to talk about and generously permitted a question and answer session as well. After lunch there was a flurry of excitement with the announcement of severe storm warnings for the area, but the tie-downs were in good hands and our flying service friends stayed with the planes until the squall line had passed. We ducked out anyway, no tornado or high winds.

Your reporter did not attend the business meeting, a report from "headquarters" will no doubt be in this issue.

The Trianon Room at the Mushlebach Hotel was a beautiful setting for the Saturday evening cocktail, dinner dance party. The punch was wonderful and we are deeply indebted to the eight flying service operators who so generously sponsored the cocktail party. Dinner was very good, Mr. "Bill" Ong interesting and challenging, and our "Mr. Aviation Education", Evan Evans, (present Chairman of the National Aviation Education Council) was both amusing and informative in his talk. Among the lucky winners of the beautiful door prizes--Virginia Ashelford, Sylvia Roth and Lucy Kalla.

We were very happy to find all our sectional officers in attendance. Glad, too, to welcome the 49½'ers and the Simmons' and Marian Hardman from Kansas and the Wilsons from Iowa. Your reporter was not able to circulate and visit, but enjoyed being able to at least say hello to old friends, and meet new ones. Glad you all came, see you at the Fall meeting.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By: Edith Harmon

There was no chapter meeting in April and all members were urged to attend the sectional at Kansas City.

Virginia Ashelford took delivery on a new Tri-Pacer just before the sectional and she and Marge Miller initiated it by flying to the meet-

ing. Others who planned to attend were Joan Hrubec, Rosalie Bracht, Marilyn Collette and Ruth Reep in Joan's Tri-Pacer, "Fee Wee". Some of these might not have made it because the weather was bad west April 22nd.

Blanche Noyes was in Cincinnati overnight the 22nd. Didn't get to see her but we had a nice telephone chat. She was doubtful about getting to Kansas City because of bad weather.

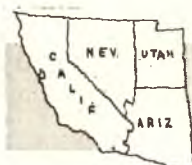
Card from Martha Foley from Cuba where she was having a wonderful time. Met several couples from the Florida Air Cruise. Expected to do some fishing in Naples, Florida, before returning to Columbus, Ohio.

Seems our gal Ruth Reep not only recovered her plane as reported in the last newsletter, but also rebuilt it. Was a nice article and picture in the Cleveland Press about Ruth and her plane. Ruth's especially proud of her zebra cabin upholstery. Ruth believes her Aeronca will help in selling her 49½, a trucker, on the fun and economy of flying.

Another gal whose been busy redoing the interior of her plane is Meg Berning. She has the inside of the Cessna 140 looking as plush as an executive plane.

Kathleen Ruff graduates from Our Lady of Cincinnati College with a B.S. degree in Nursing on June 1st. Congratulations, Kathy!

Remember June 11 and 12 in Cincinnati!



SOUTHWEST SECTION

THE MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Jan Muskres

We met April 17 for a Pot-Luck lunch with the Nebraska Flying Farmers and Ranchers at Wahoo, Nebraska. This is the first time this has happened and such a good time was had by all. You never saw so much food. Can't reduce that way but do hope we can meet with them again.

When we arrived there was a welcome sight of HOT coffee and doughnuts furnished by the Wahoo Chamber of Commerce and served by the Girl Scouts wearing their green uniforms. There were nearly one hundred people there; about a dozen planes. Quite a few that had lighter planes drove because of the terrific wind. One fellow took off in a J-3 and it stayed horizontal but instead of progressing in the climb it went up like a 'Copter--who says a J-3 isn't versatile.

After lunch four Jets from Lincoln performed for us, going over in several different formations. Then the Flying Farmers took up riders at a cent a pound, proceeds going to a good cause--in this case the Girl Scouts. They were busy little girls, selling rides and pop and helping everywhere.

We held our meeting in the corner of the dining room, those present: Helen Moore and guest Ida Moore of Beatrice, flying in Helen's Cruiser. Pauline Hawks and 49½'er Earl from Bruning, and guest Mrs. M. L. Christensen, Hebron. Florence Dunlavy and 49½'er Neil of No. Platte, flew down the night before and stayed with Pauline and Earl at Bruning, then all flew up today. Janie Bay and 49½'er Dr. E. F. drove from Omaha, and after today they are Flying Farmers, also. Janet Munkres and 49½'er Neil (two Neil's in the group) from Weeping Water, drove. All the Ninety-Nines present, with the exception of Helen, are Flying Farmers. Helen's 49½'er going to have to do something about this.

FLASH!!! Florence Dunlavy has now to her credit a flight in a Jet, and she also flew it, said it was a glorious experience and had a good time, now is already to check out in one. Trouble is we're all envious of her.

The editor of the Ground Observer Corps in Omaha has asked for news from the Ninety-Nines, for their new monthly newspaper. The Flying Farmers have also asked to hear from us, and the U. S. Flying News, wants news also, so this month am sending out five copies. Thanks for wanting to hear from the Ninety-Nines.

TEXAS CHAPTER
Corpus Christi Unit
By: Elaine Gault

TOP NEWS: Our hard-working Air Marker makers have turned out 12 Airmarkers in the last three weeks. Everyone really pitched in; we had the help of some of Pauline's good Wing Scouts, too. In fact, we even initiated a new member, Helen Disney of McAllen, by putting her on the work end of a paintbrush. She is going to make a fine painter as well as a very good member. Welcome, Helen.

Elaine Needham, home from Texas University for Easter, managed to help with two Airmarkers while she was in town.

Ardath McCreery, with Helen Disney, as co-pilot, flew up from McAllen for our last meeting. It was Ardath's first meeting since the arrival of her new boy. It was really nice to have her with us again.

Pat Comer and her mother are wearing huaraches and sombreros these days after a trip into Mexico; while Merle Dunnam is wearing a new tan after returning from a week in the Big Bend.

Your reporter just talked with a pilot, Charles A. Kalb, Jr. from Tulsa, this morning. He tells us that the 99's in Tulsa are working hard on Airmarking with his Air Scouts and Mrs. Kalb's WNAA group. See how the good word gets around, Tulsa.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER
By: Ida Carter

The South Central Section held its spring meeting at Lake Murray, Ardmore, Oklahoma, April 15-17. There

were twenty-eight Ninety-Nines present, six 49 1/2er's, and six chil-luns. Mrs. George Eyer, mother of Rowena Burns, also came down to enjoy the sunshine.

Excellent reports were given by all Chapter groups, concerning the activities they have been doing.

COLORADO CHAPTER By: Donna Myers

The April meeting was held at the home of Frances Tepper with a goodly turnout. Among items discussed were the April South Central Sectional meeting at Ardmore, Oklahoma; the coming International Race and the AWTAR.

Elaine Banta, Silverton, Colorado member, wrote that she and husband Bob had "gotten the Uranium fever" as have so many others and had done some "rim" flying-but no luck so far.

Alice Fuchs, recent chapter chairman of the Tucson, has moved into our territory-namely Denver-and has called Mary Wenholtz. She and her husband have recently moved here--we are looking forward to meeting her in the very near future.

Your reporter had a fine time in Minco, Oklahoma at the home of Treasurer Broneta Davis-at a recent Executive Board meeting. Six members of the Board of seven were present--we missed Kaddy Landy who just couldn't get away from work. Quite a record, tho. Mightygracious hostess, our Broneta. And a fine time meeting a lot of the Oklahoma gals at the home of Mary Francis, one evening, in Oklahoma City.

KANSAS CHAPTER By: Lois Dobbin

Sectional at Lake Murray, Oklahoma in April--Kansans braving much wind and dust were Governor Anne Waddell and 49 1/2'er Lowell, in their Beech, Lucille and Ray Dienst in their new Tri-Pacer "Tornado", Julie and Justin Snowhill in the Ercoupe and Ama Lee Jameson and Lois Dobbin in a Tri-Pacer.

Julie Snowhill thought her engine was running too hot all the way to Ardmore--in a stiff headwind, too. The mechanic checked the oil, and discovered two birdsnests and one fried bird hidden around the engine. 'Tis Spring, ya know.

AIRMARKING and Mother Nature are having their difficulties...after 15° above weather the last of March, the next Sunday we encountered 30-40 mph winds with much blowing dust, but drove to Maple City and Silverdale to get two airmarkers done. The wind was mean enough to whip the paint out of the coffee cans--automatically. After painting we had our monthly meeting at Ione Smyer's cabin near Silverdale. She served a wonderful meal to hungry people--and we all enjoyed relaxing at her place. 99's who got "dusted" were Ione Smyer, Susie Cheetham, Margaret Yourdon, Dorothy Speer, Helen Chandler, Lois Dobbin, Ruby Mathis, and Pat Ripper.

Weather again cheated airmarking on the 24th of April--what with 35 mph wind with gust to 45-50 at 7:00 A.M.--can lead only to a dust storm. We hope this era of "unusual" weather is just about caput.

Wing Scouts have enjoyed their field trip to the August Airport where Hazel and Al Guy gave them indoctrination. Then the girls had the opportunity to "fly" a Link trainer. They are looking forward to their next field trip.

Lucille Dienst of Lakin, and Ama Lee Jameson flew into Wichita from the Colorado Flying Farmer meeting and ran into an "unpredicted" dust storm with turbulent wind. Landing in a 40 mph crosswind was a new experience for Lucille. The air was so turbulent the girls say that everything inside the airplane was "flying" too.

Ama Lee James and Lois Dobbin flew down to the Jameson ranch near, Bracketville, Texas, over Easter for a couple of days. Six hours down and 4:30 back--that good ol' Texas tailwind.



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER By: Hazel Zimmerman

Our April Meeting was held at the home of Laura May Crawford, where we certainly missed our chairman, Frances Dias, who was bed-fast with the flu.

Ethel Heiland, another Merced member and Kay gave a very nice report on the Ninety-Nines when they were interviewed on the Fresno Television Station by Fran Quin. Ethel is keeping busy studying for her commercial license.

Billie Wyatt attended the Bay Cities Anniversary Dinner. Billie is more than ever convinced planes are safer than cars and she should know, as she is still under the doctor's care. She and 49 1/2 Ed were one of four cars parked at a stop signal when they were struck from the rear by a truck. No broken bones but severe bruises.

Marie and 49 1/2 George run the flying school at the Orange Brothers Airport in Stockton. As our last month's hostess, Marie held a fly-in. We were very happy to greet so many Ninety-Nines, 49 1/2ers, and guests. Prizes were given to Rita Hart, Bay Cities Chapter as holding the oldest license. She received it in 1929. Ruth Wagner, Sacramento Chapter, with the most recent license. Rosemarie Gehling of Bay Cities Chapter who showed up with a leg in a cast as a result of a skiing accident won a prize for hitting the "wrong spot". Mabel Gehr, Bay Cities Chapter lucky number of program. Ruth Rueckert, Bay Cities, first plane in. Helen Mace, Sacra-

mento, second plane in. Pat Gladney, Santa Clara Chapter, fourth plane in. Gerry Mickelsen, Sacramento, fifth plane in. Clara Schneider, sixth plane in. Bob Heiland, Merced, 49 1/2 winner. Ray Peale, Stockton, lucky ticket holder. Irmyl Fitzgearl, our Porterville member. and 49 1/2 Clark attended "Holiday on Wings" at Phoenix.

SAGUARO CHAPTER By: Juanita Newell

Berniece Jesperson was hostess for our April business meeting in her home. We haven't seen much of Berniece in the last few months due to so much illness in her family, so it was really good to have her active again.

Jimmie Kolp of Electra, Texas was through Phoenix and called Melba Beard. Jimmie said she had been in Palm Springs vacationing and was on her way home and then on to the cattle conventions.

We joined the Flying Farmers Air Rodeo and picnic at the old Coolidge Air Base on the 17th of this month. Jimmie Lou Shelton flew down in a Tri-Pacer, Frances Wood in a 310 and Carol Lowery and I in a 195. Those Farmers sure do put on a good show and a good feed.

Marjorie Crowl and her husband have sold their "Crowl Duster" in Yuma. It couldn't be identified as a Cub with its different type of landing gear, extra wing and a Warner 165 hung on its nose. It was one of the best bug killers around these parts.

Our Air Marking Chairman, Doris Glina has received word from Blanche Noyes that there are 96 towns in Arizona already air-marked and she was encouraging us to get as many more on that list as we possibly could.

Alice Roberts has just returned from a trip to Pensacola, Florida in her Bonanza. She visited with a nephew there who is in the Air Academy. On the return trip through Texas she hit a Texas dust storm and couldn't see anything.

Wilma is still running a "shuttle service" between here and Tucson with her grandchildren.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By: "Dottie" Sanders

The April business meeting was held in the delightful new home of Betty Lambert. Miss Anne Howe, winner of our Aerial Picture Hunt Contest held in March was present as a prospective member. Jean Cousins was accepted as a new member.

Isabelle McCrae flew to a Civil Air Patrol Regional Meeting at Reno, Nevada the early part of April and enjoyed seeing 99's Ginny Richardson, Doris Eacret and Lindy Boyes there.

Ben and Edna Panners enjoyed an airline trip to Mexico City for a five day stay as a part of this year's vacation.

In addition to Ruby Potter and Claire Hale, sponsored by PALOMAR FOODS, planning to be in the AWTAR, our chapter is sure of two more entires: Thelma Bishop and her sister, Edna Laubenstein. They are not sponsored as yet, but plan to go regardless of sponsorship. Dottie Sanders and Dottie Davis have teamed up and are sponsored by ALSYNITE COMPANY OF AMERICA, manufacturers of ALSYNITE Translucent Fiberglass Panels for home, industry and commerce. If you plan to build a patio, a carport, awnings, put an enclosure on your bathtub for your shower, etc., be sure to investigate ALSYNITE first and tell them where you heard about it.

Donna Davis has built a little desert retreat in Canebreak Canyon in Imperial Valley.

Jackie Trenfel is flying low in her new 1955 Mercury when she's not exercising her Swift.

Our dates to remember are:
June 13-Business Meeting at the Aeronautical Science Building, Ethel Gainer and Donna Davis, Hostesses.
June 18-Ninth Annual Aviation Ball, Manor Hotel, San Diego, from 9:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M.

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

The Alaskan pictures of Margaret Standish, much in demand by chapters in this area, were shown during April at the home of Katherine Wagner in Pasadena. At the same meeting, we took into our chapter two new members, Renee Brown, who got her license April 5 at Fullerton, and already plans to race her Cessna 120 in the Brackett to Phoenix race. The second new member is Lee Scoville, who has had a license for several years, takes solo transcontinental jaunts alone whenever she can wrangle the time from her job at Lockheed aviation, and is a member of the Lockheed Pilots Club.

Jane Morales, plane and ship pilot, is off on the Cinco de Mayo annual yacht race to Ensenada, Baja, California and Mexico. Two hundred sailboats now participate. Jane usually sails but this year is patrolling the race on a power cruiser, and participating in all the festivities arranged by the Mexican government.

Doris Phillips, Margaret Standish, and yours truly are taking off this first of May with Mayetta Behringer in her Cessna 170 "Power Puff", heading for the Southwest sectional meet at Salinas.

May hostess is Dot Dancer who will entertain the Chapter at Temple City.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER By: Jean Elliott

The April meeting was a huge success, with thirty-eight members and guests attending, including a few husbands who threatened to leave home if they didn't get to go.

The attraction was Skeets Coleman, Convair test pilot, who came up from San Diego to show us films of the test flights of the XFY-1, better known as the Pogo Stick.

The Meeting was held at Iris Critchell's beautiful new home in Palos Verdes. We lost track somewhere along the line, but some of those attending were Jackie Wonsetter, Anita Redfern, Cynthia Gilkison, Betty Stewart, Jean Clark, Ruth Gay, Helen Albani, Fran Bera, Doris Phillips of Oxnard, and Marion Barnick of Santa Clara Valley chapter. Hope to have a complete list of our new members next month.

Adaline Maylen recently returned from a wonderful trip--she flew her Cessna to Miami, Havana and the interior of Cuba.

Barbara London and Betty Loufek are in business---!! Handling publicity.

The June meeting will be on the 8th, at Long Beach Airport.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER By: Ardell Hawk

On April 3rd Pat Gladney, Jackie Petty, Patty Sherwood, Dorothy Monohan, Clara and Ray Schneider flew to Salinas to join Mary Jane Oberg, Allie Guest and Ell Hawk for lunch and to discuss plans for the Spring Sectional meeting on April 30, May 1st. Pat and her Cessna 170 "Pandora" have been back and forth between Palo Alto and Salinas this month until Pat now heads Pandora in the general direction of Salinas and it flies a "bee" line. Spring Sectional plans are now complete and we are watching and hoping for CAVU weather for THE week-end.

Natalie Bossio is starting a file which we believe is unique among the chapters. She is starting a file of navigation charts to be loaned out to members of Santa Clara Valley Chapter. Your reporter will be first to take advantage of Natalie's offer when we borrow charts to fly our first TAR. Sixteen-year-old Carol Hawk, who soloed in February, will go along to be "Mom's Copilot."

Clara Schneider and Alice Shannon flew to Phoenix last week and returned in time to join the Spring Sectional in Salinas.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Maxine Carlson

For our April meeting we met with Rosemarie Gehling. Rosemarie, our chapter chairman, served a delightful supper that featured veal scallopini. Ona Gist, Ruth Rueckert, Eleanor Bjorkman, Geri Hill, Miriam Brugh, Mabel Zehr, Helen Tainter and Margaret Gerhardt attended. Airmarking was discussed during the meeting. A tentative date of June 19 was set for airmarking the airport at Jackson, Amador County, in the beautiful and historic Gold Rush country.

Geri and Frank Hill have now moved into and are enjoying their new home in San Carlos.

Mabel Zehr, who was in charge of our March Anniversary party in Redwood City, and Ruth Rueckert, Billie Wyatt and Helen Harrison deserve special thanks for their efforts in making that party a successful one.

Our June meeting is to be held at Marfreda and Frank Coffin's ranch home near Pleasanton.

The July meeting is scheduled for Helen Kelton's place at Santa Cruz.