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I.A.R NEWS FLASH!

There were 36 airplanes entered in the first international over water air race, the 1955 IAR from "Capital to Capital" - Washington, D.C. to Havana, Cuba.

Co-sponsors of the event were the Florida Chapter of the 99's, represented by Dorothy Vermorel, and the Cuban Tourist Commission. Blanche Noyes is the Official Judge.

Flight included take-off from Washington National Airport where Col. Bennett H. Griffin, Airport Director, served as the official starter, with compulsory stops at Brunswick, Ga., and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and final briefing at Key West, Florida for the take-off to the finish line at Havana.

On Tuesday, June 7, the 63 contestants were entertained at a Reception and Take-Off Banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Willard Hotel. Among the notables attending were: Senator Spessard Holland of Florida, Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs Henry F. Holland, Mr. Bradley Nash, Deputy for Civil Aviation, Department of Defense, Dr. Averhoff, Minister Counselor of Cuba, Dr. Jose Baron, representative of Cuba in the Organization of American States and Dr. Nordase, President of the Cuban Tourist Commission.

Ken Ellington, Vice President of Republic Aviation Corp., was the Master of Ceremonies. Speakers were the Commissioner of the District of Columbia Robert L. McLaughlin and the Honorable Fred B. Lee, CAA Administrator.

The 99's were entertained at a champagne reception at the Pan American Union on Wednesday, June 8. The Secretary General presented a letter to President Batista of Cuba, which the winner of the Race will have the honor of delivering.

Girls from California to Florida and as far north as Ontario, Canada were among the 63 entrants. From Fenwick, Ontario came Dorothy Runge-ling, IAR Race Chairman for 2 years and winner of the Governor General's Cup Air Race in 1953 at Toronto, Can.

Palm Springs, Calif. sent sprightly Grandma Zaddie Bunker, all of 67 years young and a great-grandmother to boot. Zaddie flies her own Er-coupe, glistening in a bright red

paint job and named Zaddie's Rock-ing Chair."

Youngest entrant was Joan Merriman, 18, sponsored by Miami Airmotive, her employers. Joan is flying a Cessna 140 solo in the over-water hop.

There were two mother-daughter teams in the Race - Nancy Moore, Chairman of Washington Chapter, had her mother Tyve Cooper as co-pilot. And Eleanor Brown flew along with her mother, Genevieve.

While in Washington, the Racers collected "loot" - flight bags from Pan American World Airways, ballpoint pens from Capitol Airlines, airplane earrings from Fairchild Aircraft Division, Bonanza pins from Beech Aircraft, copper tone sun tan lotion from Eastern Air Lines, compacts from New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and hat box cosmetic kits and flight sticks from Miss Jacqueline Cochran and (most appreciated in flight) - Girls Club Candy from Lucile Wright.

Among the 14 sponsors were: American Mercury Insurance Company, Chicago & Southern and Delta Airlines, Dicta-phone Corporation, Mushroom Growers Cooperative, Griffin Construction Co., Greerart Construction Co., Fly-boy Remote Control Toy, Aero Repair, Air Duct, National Life Insurance Co. and Cawley & Martin, Inc., aviation insurance.

Takeoff, originally planned for June 9 was pushed up to June 10, after bad weather engulfed the eastern area. A succession of cold fronts plagued the pilots from take-off to the present time, and at this writing the Race deadline has been extended until noon Monday, June 13 for rival in Key West.

Winners will take a purse of \$2,000 with trophies donated by the Cuban Tourist Commission, the Captain Eddie Rickenbacker Trophy, the LaBatt Trophy from Canada, the Capital Cup donated this year for the first time by the Washington Board of Trade, and the Tail End Trophy given by our own Tony Page of Cross Country News and - for the last pilot to land at Key West - the "Lucky Lucy" Trophy given by Lucile Wright.

Entrants were: Florida, Elaine Møgelvang, Tyi Barnes, Irma Price, Phyllis McBath, Mary Gaffany, Lillian Di Cecco, Joan Merriam, Helen McBride, Bertha Meana, Marion Peterson, Barbara Erickson, Edith Swinney, Peggy Lennox Firkal; from Washington,

D.C., Nancy Cooper Moore, Ada Mitchell, Virginia Thompson, Eleanor Davis, Mary Moore, Louise Calhoun, Betty Fisher, Virginia Webb, Jean Ross Howard; from Texas, Bobbie King Alice Seaborn, Pauline Glasson, Louise Clarkson; from Massachusetts, Barbara Kiernan, Sara Hayden, Page Shamburger, Cora Roald; from Ohio, Lydia Hawkins, Virginia Ashelford, Marjorie Miller, Bonnie Butler, Joan Mruvec; from California, Genevieve Brown, Eleanor Brown, Frances Bera, Zaddie Bunder; from Tennessee, Evelyn Bryan, Mary Jane Quarles, Ruth Thomas, Bibs Camp; from Michigan, Edna Gardner Whyte, Bernice Trimble; from Illinois, Virginia Rabung, Barbara Jenison, Adelaide O'Brien; from New York, Lucille Wright, Tyve Cooper; from Missouri, Laurien Griffin, Helen Vincent, Loretta Slavick, Mildred Clark; from North Carolina, Louise Smith; from South Carolina, Amalie Stone; and from Canada, Dorothy Runge-ling and Beverly Belfry.

Race results will be announced in the next issue of the News Letter.

Jean Ross Howard

P.S. The Washington entrants plan to have their own race on the return flight. Each ship will put up a dollar and the WINNER take all.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Ninety-Nine:

When you read this, many of you will be starting on your way to Convention either via the TAR or enroute directly to Springfield, Mass. I have been hearing "terrific" reports from Catherine Hiller's Airport, where we will be entertained during our Convention stay. It certainly sounds like fun. I'm looking forward to it. Can't wait until I again sink my teeth into one of those Eastern lobsters. Last time, during the race start at Lawrence, had lobster every night. Tried them cooked every-which way....Still didn't get my fill. Will try again this trip...

It won't be long now until you will be hearing from our next president. It is just about time.... I'm running out of things to write to you. I have many things to discuss...or so it seems...until I sit down at this typewriter. I've never heard of typewriter fright. Have you? Now, if I had an article handy from one of you 99's, I'd substitute it for my article. You know, reading

through the Chapter news this month, I noticed many of you are planning, or have already left on many interesting vacations. It would be good if we had articles from these members for printing in the News Letter throughout the year. How about it, 99's? Take a few notes, and write an article on your interesting trip and experiences when you return home. Chapter members prod these fortunate Ninety-Nines to send in their stories for the News Letter.

Barbara Evans, Chairman for the TAR Terminus, wrote saying that the women's division of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce will have a room at the hotel open the entire time of the Race and Convention, for clothes repair...ironing, sewing, etc. Racers and Convention-bound 99's will not need to pack those irons, sewing kits... Nice HUH!

I am looking forward to flying in the TAR again. I wouldn't miss it, providing the Bellanca keeps on flying. It is always fun, and you know, one learns something every time. I would like to see the time when every chapter would have at least one member racing. It might be possible, sometime in the future, that every Chapter would be able to sponsor one of their own members.

If I don't see you either in the TAR or at Convention to personally wish you a pleasant summer, I do hope that everyone of you has a "bang up" vacation.

Sincerely your friend,

Gerry Mickelsen

All our sympathy goes to Toni Jacobson, our News Letter Editor, who lost her husband, Melvin, on the 22d of May.

THE AWTAR IS ON!

By the time you read this the race pilots will be winging their way on the longest transcontinental race of them all.

Official Timer Irma "Babe" Story stamped their starting times in special logbooks the morning of July 2 at Long Beach Airport, Calif.; Starter Jack London whipped down the orange-and-black flag and each plane roared off to the east.

As planes flash across the finish line at Barnes-Westfield Airport near Springfield, Mass., Official Timers Frances Dias, Anna Brenner, Rachael Williams and Teddy Kenyon will punch the time clock and the race will be over for each pilot.

Who will be the winners? Well, we don't know, but someone's going to be first, someone's going to be last, and all will have one swell time...and we bet a lot of pilots will learn things about flying they never knew before.

Betty Loufek
Director, Public
Relations, AWTAR



BY: Barbara Cloud

We had a most pleasant meeting at the City Club on May 20th with Charles Reed (former airport operator) now in the Insurance Business, as our guest speaker. Mr. Reed gave us a very interesting talk about insurance as it applies to the private pilot. Members and guests attending were: Catherine Hiller, Connie Ripley, Pamela Reed (a student at Radcliffe and a student pilot) Ralph and Eleanor Horn from Wolfboro, N.H., Mildred Simenson, Chris and Bill Seaver and Barbara and John Cloud.

Our next meeting is to be a Fly-In-Swim at Hiller Airport on June 11th. Catherine is busy with many functions at Hiller such as the Harvard University Invitation Spring Air Meet, the 4th Annual Soaring Meet, and Kay Brick, Barbara Evans from New York-New Jersey Section, Ena Ayers from Bay Cities, and guests Anne-Marie Krug-Basse, Diane Fournet and Page Shamburger were her guests over April 23d weekend.

Rachael Williams and Teddy Kenyon have been named official timers at the finish of AWTAR. The Aero Club of New England has given a trophy for the race and the Springfield Junior Chamber of Commerce has also given a trophy.

Mildred Simenson, Alice Kitka and Anne Crathern will count ballots for the International Election. (Just had a long letter from Anne, who is now Mrs. Paul K. Phillips, as of the 12th of February, now living in Franklin, Michigan, just a mile from a small airport (Box 503), and we want to wish you happiness, Anne. We would also like to wish lots of happiness to Jean Adams Cook who is now Mrs. John Francis Shaw, Jr., having been married on the 9th of May and whose address is: Estate Montpellier Christiansted, Saint Croix, Virgin Island, U.S.A. Had a card from Alice Kitka from Miami Beach a short time ago and Page Shamburger is planning participation in the International Air Race (Washington, D.C., to Havana, Cuba) under the sponsorship of Geeraert Const. Corp., Rockville, Md. Your reporter is flying the TAR for Rust Craft Greeting Cards.

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A "for-your-information-note" -- Deed Holcomb mentioned, if you donate blood to Red Cross it is suggested you do not fly for 13 days because of the temporary anemia it creates.



By: Ruby Sadtler

Our May dinner meeting held at the Skipper Restaurant in New York City was well attended by members and guests. After a short business meeting, conducted by Selma Cronan, our Governor, which included more details of plans for the Springfield Convention in July, we enjoyed two fine films - Walt Disney's "History of Aviation" and Glenn L. Martin's "The Intruder" shown by Chet Bahn, NATTC. Credit goes to Phyllis Crouch for arranging this program.

We were delighted to greet Blanche Stuart Scott who was the FIRST woman pilot in U.S.A., and the second in the world. She flew from 1910 to 1917 and says she never did have a license. She is now Consultant for the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio. We all made a mental note to visit the nearest Air Force Museum and were inspired by her enthusiasm. Miss Scott was a guest of Felicity Buranelli who also brought Miss Marguerite Lindquist who is the Chairman of Manhattan Division of Protestant Teachers' Association and former principal of a Junior High School in New York City.

Florence Knight has bought a Cessna 140 and plans to enter the AWTAR with Kay Brick. These girls were WASP classmates during the war and are a most zealous team. Their sponsor is Monsanto Chemical Company, from whose plant in Long Beach the gals will carry Styrene plastic crystals to the Dayton, St. Louis and Springfield plants. Monsanto make ALL - the controlled suds detergent we ALL use!

On April 23, Barbara Evans, Ena Ayers, Kay Brick, Anne-Marie Krug-Basse (a French girl who is learning to fly and jump), Helen Ettinger, also from France, went to Catherine Hiller's Airport, Barre, Mass., for a soaring weekend. Kay says it's a

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honey of an airport and all the 99's can look forward to our day there during Convention. Soaring, anyone?

Eileen Bristol brought her charming mother and passed pictures of the Nancy Ellis Leebold wedding in London, February 19th so we could see the beautiful bride and handsome groom. We now think of Australia as a Land of Romance!

Alma Harwood who is back from Naples, Florida where she saw Jimmie Kolp, also visited Pay Wells on her 90 ft. yacht at Ft. Lauderdale. Bet they had fun!

We welcomed Helen Boudreau who attended our meeting after an absence of many months.

Helen Stone of Lawrence, N.Y., SARCAP reports searching for 11 1/2 hours for a missing F86 - nothing found but one wing tank!

Manila Talley, wearing uniform of Lt. Col., CAP, pinned the star on husband B. B. Talley on his promotion to Brigadier General of U.S. Army.

Louise Hyde plans to fly a Bonanza in the AWTAR. Clote Smith, our newest member, hopes to enter AWTAR - as does Kamala Vass.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Barbara Evans who is back home after attending her brother's funeral in Los Angeles.

On June 5th, the Lady Hay Drummond-Hay Memorial Trophy will be awarded to our Gloria Heath, for distinguished service in the field of AIR SAFETY. The presentation will be made by "Ma" Chamberlin for the W.I.A.A.

See you at the Convention!



WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
By: Louise Kidd

Dorothy Mitchell was hostess at a very lovely luncheon meeting at her home in Arlington on May 21st.

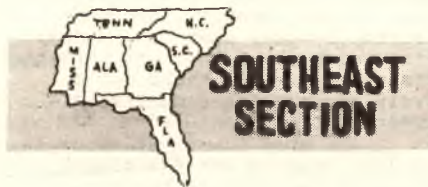
The chief topic of discussion was the plans for the International Air Race. Our Chairman, Nancy Moore, has done a commendable job of organization and we fully expect this to be the best race ever.

We were highly gratified to learn that we have 31 entries from 16 states, Canada and the District of Columbia. Washington members entering are: Nancy Moore, with her mother as co-pilot; Ada Mitchell, Virginia Thompson co-pilot; Eleanor Davis, Mitz! Moore co-pilot; Eva Mignonis, Dorothy Mitchell co-pilot; Louise Calhoun, Betty Fisher co-pilot; and Jean Howard is co-pilot for Virginia Webb.

A cordial welcome is extended to new members Ann Ash, Elizabeth Crites, Hazel Diggins, Marion Hein and Virginia Thompson.

Joan Jones has moved to Jacksonville, Florida. We are sorry to lose her but wish her happiness in her new home.

Louise Millican and Louise Kidd have been appointed delegates to the Convention in July at Springfield.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER
By: Dorothy Shackelford

Flying news of interest has never been at such a premium. A year of strange and continuous weather antics has slowed down our activities as never before. Surely with the approach of summer we'll be able to settle down to a little reliable weaving around and between thunder storms instead of being grounded by low ceilings or beaten to a pulp by high winds.

Sunday morning, May 15th, our Ninety-Nine meeting date, dawned with its usual rain. Plans to catch an early airline to Charleston, get our plane which has been undergoing its annual major surgery and fly up to Charlotte in time for the meeting, were wrecked by "ceiling zero."

The weather improved some during the morning in North Carolina and Louise Smith managed to fly in with Burnette Spencer and Maxine Walker. Louise's son, Randy, substituted for Herman who had caught a bug.

Amalie Stone drove from Greenville and Estelle and Carl Bradshaw from Pinehurst. The Charlotte girls were of course on hand and a dutch luncheon with much chat was enjoyed by all.

The Bradshaw's have sold their plane but surely they cannot mean to be permanently grounded and give up those wonderful flying vacations they take each year. What about that South American trip, Carl and Estelle?

Louise Smith and Amalie Stone are planning to enter the International Race to Cuba this year. What wonderful fun that should be!

Since the TAR and convention are in early July, the present plans for our summer meetings are for Winston-Salem in August and Chapel Hill in October. Here's hoping we can make it a summer of get-togethers and of flying places and doing things!

ALABAMA CHAPTER
By: Jo Durdin

In Birmingham
On May fourteen
Some met and et,
The number was lean.

Jan is as proud
As proud can be
Of a new car
And a Luscombe 8E.

To the Derby
Minnie Wade went.
A bet on Nashua
Was money poor spent.

No more news
No more rhyme
That is all
'Til next time.



INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Rae Cawdell

We wish that all of you might have the opportunity to visit the Powerama at Allison Division of General Motors Corporation in Indianapolis. The Indiana 99's and their guests were afforded this pleasure on Friday night, May 6. It was regretted that weather prevented Loretta Slavick, chairman of the Greater St. Louis Chapter, and her husband together with Dorothy Rumsey and her husband from being with us as planned (invitations were issued to all sectional chapters). After an excellent dinner, on the house, we were welcomed by Mr. George Clingman, director of the Powerama, who told us something of its origination and purposes. The members then adjourned to the auditorium for our business meeting. Others of our party viewed some of the exhibits.

Following the business meeting our guests again joined us for the showing of two films, the first a cartoon on "The A B C of Jet Propulsion," starring three characters, Air, Fuel and Ignition. The second film, live, was a demonstration of the VTO. We were then on our own, to roam about at will and spend as much time as desired on whatever exhibits most interesting to us. Members of the Powerama staff were most gracious in explaining the exhibits and answering our many questions.

We saw a model test stand and a miniature turbo-prop engine taken through a simulation of tests. We saw a jet take-off and watched the flow of fuel in climb and level flight. And suspended from the ceiling the many types of military aircraft, in scale, could be lit up individually for identification by simply pressing a button. Near the entrance an enormous hour glass with billion red beads made one realize just how much a billion really is.

Powerama was 18 months in preparation; it opened February 8, 1954. It is a demonstration of the application of horsepower affecting many modern industries. Powerama is a permanent exhibit, basically the same but changing from time to time with the progress of power, for here "...the past rubs elbows with today and treads on the heels of tomorrow..."

In our last News Letter we reported that our chapter had voted to present a small trophy to each new girl solo

pilot (age 16). Marcia Webb, the first recipient, was presented this trophy during our meeting.

We are happy to announce that Sophia and Neal Payton are now the proud parents of a Meyers OTW biplane in which they recently took a flying vacation to Columbus, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan.

Mildred Hurt is just back from El Paso, Texas. She made a flying trip down there in her 170 to meet the new granddaughter. Met with the 99s while there and reports she was very much impressed by their enthusiasm and flying activities.

Tannie and Paul Schlundt took off for a few days trip down south. Tannie came back with an excellent start on her summer suntan.

Our snack bar at Shanks Airport so far has been quite successful. It has been in operation three days; we were rained out Sunday the 22nd. However, we are looking forward to a big day May 31, with an expected 500 planes landing at Shanks, all with hungry and thirsty pilots and passengers.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER By: Florence Musser

Our Central Illinois Chapter is getting to be quite old hands at picnicking. May 15th we found the most beautiful spot for our meeting, Lake of the Woods, near Champaign.

Of course we took with us our 49 1/2ers and 24 3/4ers along to devour all the food. Everyone had a man sized appetite. Yours truly flew over and despite my 49 1/2er's good eyes we spent considerable time looking for the landing strip...it all looked like a golf course. Finally I decided on a little spot of ground where no one was playing golf and landed. All of the girls and the husbands had been knocking the little ball around since early morning and were starved.

Lake of the Woods is certainly a beautiful spot for a get-together and we should go there more often. From the air I could see a swimming pool and a large golf course.

August 6th at Mattoon - 7 o'clock - tentatively set for next meeting.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER By: Rita Orr

Following is a brief summary of our events since January:

February meeting at Stanton. Saw only one member (Helen Masterton) and her 49 1/2er able to cope with the sleet and snow. Hostess Margaret Manuel was not the only one disappointed.

Marion Radke entertained us royally in March at her lovely "Chick Inn" on the shores of Tanners Lake. The turn out was good and we enjoyed having two prospective members with us. We completed our business meeting with dispatch, held our auction and then enjoyed a purely social hour.

April furnished us with excellent weather and the turnout in Faribault was also excellent. Plans for a substitute weekend at a lake instead of the annual "SAFARI" were discussed.

Mary Jane Rice's beautiful home in Willmar was the scene of our May meeting. Although it is quite a ways for most members, Florence Sriver, Dorothy Anderson, Audrey Baird and husband Roy, and Marietta Sonnenberg did get there for a lovely lunch and informative discussion.

Our June meet is set for Winona with Rita Zyblicki as hostess.

Highlight in July will be a weekend at Alexandria planned by Marilyn Kvalheim to replace our annual safari this year.

Measles at the Rice home and high winds for the fliers kept the May attendance down.

We are confident of increasing our chapter soon with three or four prospective 99's. Dawn Arcand, our newest recruit, keeps her Hercoupe busy. Mary Jane reported she and husband John flew to San Diego in March to visit her sister for eight days.... Other news includes: Laura Black is looking forward to a trip to Hawaii this summer; former 99 Evelyn Knowlton Paige and husband Bob will spend the summer at a cottage on Gull Lake near Nisswa; Roy Baird is recovering from a week's hospital stay; Dot Anderson will drive to San Francisco in June with a friend to help her get settled. Springfield sounds pretty interesting to Florence so we hope she can represent us at the International Convention. Marietta spent a nice week and a half in San Antonio recently with relatives at Randolph Field.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER By: "Babe" Ruth

The May meeting was held at the James Clements Airport, Bay City, at Marian Hoffman's home on the airport (real convenient). We had a buffet style lunch cooked by the Bay City and Saginaw girls and real good. It was a wonderful day to fly for Janie Hart, accompanied by Babe Ruth and daughter, Dale Lee Ruth, Alice Hammond and 49 1/2er John, Eloise Smith and Dorothy Woodhams, Muriel Wertenberger and 49 1/2er Jim, Mary West, Edna Wyatt and student. It was good to see Marv West out again after several months.

One never knows who one will meet in the air these days, 'cause out in Burlingame, Iowa who should meet Janie Hart with son Walter, age 5, on their way back to Lansing after picking up her new Beech Bonanza at the factory but Bernice Trimble with Leah Higgins, Margaret Crane and Lois Wilson on their way to the sectional meeting in Kansas City, all Michigan 99's.

Michigan promised to be well represented with these crews in AWTAR: Alice Hammond and Jean Pearson,

Edna Whyte and Leah Higgins, Janie Hart and Babe Ruth, Bernice Trimble, and Nancy LaFarge.

Michigan's contribution to the AWTAR was \$180.00.

Eloise Smith told us all about the sectional meeting and what we missed by staying home. Edna Whyte enlightened us on the raising of dues.

The All-Ohio Chapter has given us a nice invitation to meet with them on June 11-12, at Cincinnati, Lunken Airport. Sounds like fun, too!

Our June meeting will be at Fenton with Margaret Crane on the 19th, and the July meet with Eloise Smith at Austin Lake Airport on the 17th. Any one vacationing nearby on these dates, contact these girls and enjoy some Michigan hospitality.

Blanche Noyes was in Lansing on CAA business and was met by Margaret Windfuhr. She also was a luncheon guest of Mrs. G. Mennen Williams, wife of the Governor, and Janie Hart whose husband is the Lieutenant-Governor of Michigan.

The April meeting was held at Margaret and Eric Windfuhr's beautiful home on the Grand River. This was the victory dinner for the winning team. The losers had to wine and dine the victors. Margaret was on the winning team -- husbands were guests. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. The Windfuhr's are building a swimming pool and some of the girls were going swimming if the weather was warm enough. (It wasn't!)

WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Ruth C. Lembke

Isabel and Fred Kress were host and hostess to the Wisconsin Chapter 99's at a dinner at the Black Angus on May 15th. Eighteen guests made up the party. Included among the guests were Deedo and Herm Heise, Elaine Francke, Elsie Peters, Dora Fritzke, Toney, and Dottie Faust.

Although the 99 business was conducted later at the home of Isabel and Fred, much of it was interspersed with comments on the wonderful meal they had just consumed.

Rumors of racing are still rumors being whispered about.

Deedo and Herm had a special engagement to show their movies to a huge group of Steve Whitman's friends up north.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER By: Harriette Magee

First of all, let me thank Irene Leverton for taking over my job as news reporter for the past couple of issues while I kept my date with the stork.

As my first news item I would like to tell you all that my 49 1/2er and I are the proud parents of a future 99, named Shawn Suzanne Magee. Although her ETA was March 9th, she arrived March 18th. Her empty weight was 8 pounds and she can be heard "revving up her engine" in the next room.

Unfortunately, I was unable to assist at our rummage sale this year but due to some hard working 99's and our usual efficient chairman, Hazel Hackwith, \$204 was turned in to our chapter treasury.

Our April meeting was held at Palwaukee Airport with Hazel Hackwith as hostess. It was more or less "business as usual" but next month it should be "strictly social." We have been invited by the Indiana Chapter to have a joint meeting at Terre Haute. We will rendezvous at Rubinkam Airport and race down there with handicaps based on the 1955 TAR. A trophy will be awarded to the winner. I'll announce her next issue.

There will be nine Chicago Area Chapter 99's in the 1955 TAR if everything goes according to schedule. Sylvia Roth and Helen Sailer are entered as No. 8; Doris Langher and Gladys Muter as No. 9; Nina Price and Lois Cassidy as No. 10; and Irene Leverton and Gene Burson as No. 11; and Helen O'Hara. Both Gene and Lois are new members this year and it is good to see them able to enter the TAR.



COLORADO CHAPTER By: Donna Myers

A fine dinner at the American Legion Post, was the place the hostess - Margaret Hughes - chose for the May meeting. And besides that she sent the chapter a lovely floral arrangement for the table.

Margaret had to take off immediately after dinner to catch a flight to Grand Junction to attend the Uranium convention.

Clara Lemons drove down from Boulder to meet the rest of the crew who had had cocktails at Marilyn Nordstrom's before the dinner - and everyone was in a seafood mood. Fine dinner, wonderful company. Next meeting is a covered dish supper at Clara's in June - Husbands and children invited.

At the meeting afterwards, Clara reported that she and Frances Tepper attended the Recent Flight Clinic held by the C.A.A. local. She is also working on the airmarking program for the chapter and state.

Sectional officer nominations were concluded; the chairman reminded members of the International Air Race in June and the AWTAR in July, and the convention at Springfield, Mass.

Real pleased to have Alice Fuchs, former chairman of Tucson Chapter, with us - her husband, a Major in the Air Force, now an instructor in math at the new Air Academy - Alice hopes to transfer soon to the Colorado Chapter.

KANSAS CHAPTER By: Lois Dobbin

Margaret Ann Yourdon, Chairman of Kansas Chapter, has been chosen by the W.N.A.A. as "Woman of the Year in Aviation." The award was made on the basis of Margaret's active work in airmarking, in flying, in establishing the Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund, and the Wing Scouts. We're very proud that Margaret was chosen for this award.

RON at the Dienst Ranch at Lakin, Kansas was the big event of May. Although thunderstorms made flying anything but dull, four planes flew in between storms. A "hangar warm-in" party initiated the brand new hangar (old one destroyed by a tornado). Those attending were Lucille and Ray Dienst, Anne and Lowell Waddell, Guest Broneta Davis of Oklahoma, Margaret Yourdon, Dorothy and Joe Speer, Hazel and Al Guy, Pat and Dick Ripper, Phila and Fritz Knitig, Julie and Justin Snowhill, Ama Lee Jameson and Lois Dobbin. Thanks to Lucille and Ray for a very super "western" weekend.

Lucille fixed barbequed chicken Sunday, but strong winds (unusual weather) drove the picnic indoors. Thunderstorms hastened the leave taking, and Margaret Yourdon in her Tri-Pacer and Hazel Guy in the 170 were bending the throttle ahead of the storms. Occupants of an Ercoupe and Tri-Pacer ate too much dessert, and had to RON another night unexpectedly. First time it had rained in months -- the next week they had 5 inches which we HOPE saved the wheat crop.

The Wing Scouts assisted the 99's in airmarking Wellington, and thoroughly enjoyed the entire fire department turning out with sirens yet, to bring a ladder for them to descend from the roof. The girls will take a tour of Beechcraft in August, and will be given a ride in a Beech at that time.

Three 99's disbelieved the weather bureau in early May, and took off to airmark Smith Center and Mankato. For once the man with the crystal ball was right, and we had much wind, dust and thunderstorms. Managed to get both airmarkers done, but Ama Lee Jameson, Wynn Selig and Lois Dobbin were getting mighty pooped before heading back to Wichita right into a 35 mile headwind. Calling Salina Radio to inquire about the thunderstorms ahead, we were informed they didn't know anything about them, so ran outdoors to look -- sure enough they admitted with some surprise that they were coming fast, and building up to 20,000 feet. But "We're not forecasting any, so we'd be surprised if we got one." They were shortly surprised for we and the thunderstorm hit Salina Airport at the same time. Three tired, dirty and slightly ruffled 99's: RON'd at Salina, without any of the comforts of home except what we purchased at the local drug store. Henceforth we're packing toothbrushes as well as paint brushes.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER By: Jan Munkres

Missouri Valley Chapter held their May 15th meeting in Grand Island. Juanita Leach, as hostess, had us to her home for a delicious buffet luncheon. Thank you, Juanita, it was so nice of you and your 49 1/2, on behalf of all of us. Just sorry more were not present. You don't know what a wonderful dinner you missed, girls and 49 1/2s.

Members present: Chairman Helen Moore, flew in her Cruiser from Beatrice; Jan and Neil Munkres drove from Weeping Water (wind too high for a Cub). Pauline Hawks called Jan just before we left from Council Bluffs, Ia., stating they were on their way to Mayo Clinic. Earl hasn't been feeling up to par for quite a spell, so thought they'd really check up on him. Good luck, Earl. They had intended being at the meeting. Juanita had invited as guests: Mrs. Carolyn Black of Aurora (Carolyn was a WAVE during the war. Now has four boys. We would be very happy to include her in the Ninety-Nines, as she flies in more than one way), and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kite, who own the Cafe at the Airport. So many are on vacation now.

Major John Hare, National Guard Warrant Officer, was kind enough to bring a projector over in the afternoon and showed us two reels: 1. Story of an Airplane, and 2. Highways to Hawaii. Juanita had borrowed the films from the United Air Lines. Thanks to Major Hare and United for these most interesting and beautiful pictures. Now we want a trip to Hawaii.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER By:

The Oklahoma 99's met at the Chickasha Airport with the following members present: Imogene Arnot, Ruth Jones, Ida Carter, Susie Sewell, Rita Eaves, Broneta Davis (hostess), Billie Lum, Emily Front, and Anne Noggle.

Four members of Kansas Chapter - Helen Chandler, Lois Dobbin, Ama Lee Jameson, and one of the following-- Mary Howard, Ruby Mathis, Winona Shaheen, Dorothy Speer, Margaret Yourdon - came down and demonstrated their well known system of airmarking.

Velma and Dr. Woodward are on a two weeks flying trip to Europe, and Velma will return to Oklahoma City and make ready for the TAR, which she is entering with Broneta Davis.

Mary Francis will soon be on her way to England to join her husband, Ingram Jones, who has been there for some time.

TEXAS CHAPTER El Paso Unit By: Lois Hailey

We enjoyed a visit from Indiana Ninety-Nine, Mildred Hurt. She came to El Paso to see her new granddaughter, born to our own Ninety-Nine "Dodie" Powers. The new arrival is Patricia Joanne.

Mildred's visit was the occasion of a luncheon at the Sky Chef. Ninety-Nines present were Ruth Deerman, Lois Hailey, Mary Margaret Arnold, Ruth Muller, Jane Bright, Anne Duthie, Lela Carwardine and Doris Smith. Three members were absent.

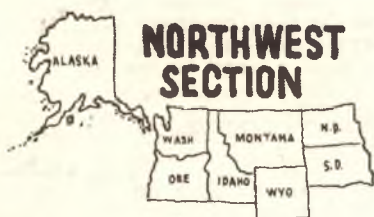
On Sunday, May 14, we sponsored a breakfast flight to Deming, New Mexico. There were about 18 planes, most of them four-place, and about 60 people.

Ruby Hayes is having a wonderful time. She has tried every type of transportation, including camels and elephants. I think she will have to climax these with a burro ride when she returns to this border.

Remember that El Paso is offering good leg prizes for TAR...\$60, \$40, and #25. We will have gas at cost. For those arriving on July 2, we plan a free dinner and possibly free overnight accommodations. For those coming through on July 3, we will have sandwiches and cokes on hand.

would like to say that Midland, Texas is also putting up a leg prize of \$100. This may be divided into 3 prizes.

We had a special party at Dodie Powers home honoring Florence McDermott Coulihan. Florence has been away from El Paso for some time, and was making a return visit. She also boasts a new addition to the family.



By: Melba Owen

We have just returned from the Northwest Section meeting, held at Boise, Idaho. Idaho and Montana were co-hostesses and to tell you how wonderful those gals are would take a month. I'll try to give you just a little briefing about our Section meeting and the reception and hospitality shown us.

Marti Proctor, Marge Long, Gladys Parker and Yours Truly, took off in my 170 May 13 for Boise. We got as far as Pendleton, Oregon. Waited there two hours, hoping, looking, and waiting for those awful clouds to lift over the Blue Mountains. Finally with nothing else to do we headed up towards the mountains (just to take a look around). To our surprise there were some little holes that we squeezed through. Made it to Boise and waiting to greet us were those Idaho Gals.

No more than landed, we were rushed in, registered, changed clothes and rushed out again to a cocktail party, given by the Boise Chamber of Commerce. The party was held right at Bradley Field. Seven sharp we were served a wonderful dinner by the 49 1/2ers and the Chamber of Commerce.

After dinner Mrs. Ruth Vernon (who is not a pilot) had a film shown to us on her "Flying B Ranch." The ranch is in the back country of Idaho...the only way to reach it is by airplane. Right now I want to tell all the Ninety-Nines that if you have never seen the beautiful country of Idaho you have not lived. Barbara Hornback (chairman of the Idaho Chapter) owns Sulphur Creek ranch back in the same vicinity as Ruth's ranch and flies into it every time the weather permits. What with down drafts and limited runways it takes a mighty good pilot.

Saturday morning, May 11, we are still waiting for more of our Washington Chapter gals and Gerry Mickelsen, from Sacramento, Calif. Weather still bad over the Blue Mountains and the California range of mountains. By noon Gini Richardson and Iola Nelsen made it, but Gerry Mickelsen sent word that she was not able to be with us. (Gerry, we were all so disappointed that you were not with us as all of the Ninety-Nines in the Northwestern Section wanted so much to meet you)

At twelve-thirty luncheon was served at the Northwest Flying Service. Mr. Chet Moulton, the director of Aeronautics for the State of Idaho, and Governor Smylie of Idaho were at the luncheon to welcome and greet us. We were greatly honored to have these two distinguished and very busy men give their time to us. Pictures were taken and then we adjourned to hold our Section meeting.

The fall Section meeting will be held in Billings, Montana, date to be announced later. At our meeting we all felt that a great deal was accomplished and only sorry (due to weather) that North Dakota, Wyoming, Oregon and Alaska were not able to attend.

Night Flying was held at the Kitty Hawk Room at the Municipal Airport. Cocktails, dinner and entertainment. Mr. Chet Moulton was our guest of honor. Idaho, through Mr. Moulton, presented Gini Richardson a beautiful cup for having more hours flying time than any other Ninety-Nine present.

Sunday, May 15, Idaho had planned a Fly-In Breakfast, but old man weather stepped in and canceled it. The day was not wasted however as we were entertained by Barbara Hornback and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woods. (Mr. Woods is pilot for the Flying B Ranch)

Monday morning we are wondering if we will ever get home as the weather is foul. Made it to La Grand Oregon and - wouldn't you know it - the Blue Mountains zero-zero. There all the Washington girls boarded a bus except Marti and I. We sat it out until Tuesday, at which time we made it across the mountains and on home.

By the way, Betty Jane Seavey, Minnie Boyd, and Gini Richardson will be in the AWTA. Minnie and Betty will fly together and just wait until you meet Betty! I won't tell you anymore now, but you can bet she will have more fun than anyone.

We are all still dreaming of beautiful, wonderful Idaho and the Idaho and Montana Chapters that made this Northwestern Sectional the most remembered and treasured of any. Our thanks to one and all.

IDAHO CHAPTER
By: Laura Conner

The Northwestern Sectional Convention began with--you guessed it--one of our few rainy weekends; next time we promise to consult the weather man's little crystal ball closer.

We were so disappointed that Gerry Mickelsen flew as far as the Sierra Mountains before turning back due to erratic flying weather. Still determined, she tried the airline schedules, but no flights this direction. We were looking forward to meeting Margaret Gerhardt who was flying with Gerry.

Washington had better luck - the weather held out till the girls could fly in - while the Montana girls flew low via the auto. Twenty-four attended the meetings with twenty cancelled flights due to inclement weather.

To fly over our agenda, here are a few of the highlights on our program:

Friday, May 13th - Early arrivals checked in at Bradley Airport Skytel to await the cocktail hour (for which we give our courteous thanks to Boise Chamber of Commerce). Not only did they sponsor the cocktail hour, but later donned aprons to serve the dinner at Bradley's restaurant. A film "Just for Fun" was shown in the lounge - compliments of Ruth Vernon of the Flying "B" Ranch. (One of Idaho's Dude Ranches in the Primitive area.) Betty Sargent and Helen Higby arranged the Bradley Field entertainment. We give a vote of thanks because, as yet, both girls are potential 99's and we admire their splendid efforts.

Saturday, May 14th - Luncheon was a hit with Fran Brown, Claire Justad and Mae Eason receiving the guests at Northwest Flying Service Lounge. Courtesy tickets for the out-of-state flyers were with the compliments of Dick Logsdon, 49 1/2er of Eula Logsdon. Dick also entertained the fly-in 49 1/2ers on his solo time, these being Don Seavey, Walla Walla; Lew Proctor, Seattle; and Dr. Hagan, Spokane.

Governor Robert E. Smylie gave the official welcome. During the business meeting we approved the separation of east and west Washington Chapters. It was decided the next Northwest Sectional would be held at Billings, Montana September 10, 1955. We adjourned with barely enough time for a 720° turn and a loop into evening clothes for dinner at the Kitty Hawk Lounge. Chet Moulton, Idaho Director of Aeronautics, was Master of Ceremonies. Gini Richardson gave an interesting talk about the "Powder Puff" and other races she had participated in. Gini received the Trophy for the woman-pilot-of-the-day which was to have been given Sunday at our scheduled Idaho air breakfast

flight - which was canceled due to weather.

We bade adieu to the Montana Chapter Sunday. However the fly-in pilots RON before clearing skies let them scuttle out safely.

Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woods, famous back country pilot, for entertaining the Washington pilots in their home with pictures of Idaho's Primitive Area.

A local TV station interviewed the Ninety-Nines and showed the picture "Cleared for Take-Off" prior to the convention.

Idaho out-of-towners were Gayle Evans, of McCall, who has made 10 voluntary parachute jumps; Margaret Jacobson, Idaho Falls, and Evelyn Major, our licensed "E" mechanic.

Luncheon guests Dalphine Aldecoa, Boise's airport tower operator; Jane Jones of Caldwell, guest of Margaret Gigray; Varian Kimbro and daughter Annette, and Dorothy Russell of Boise.

Idaho Ninety-Nines: Congrats to Joyce Morcem, our newest 99 (girls, if you love steaks and Western hospitality peek-in at Joyce's fly-in Rancho, landing strip and all the trimmings). Virus Bug put Barbara Hornback in the hospital for 24 hours before the Convention but she bounced back with her usual determination and beat "that little bug to the punch." Edna Hettlinger is flying to Detroit in her Tri-Pacer. We regret that Jean Keith, one of our very ardent helpers, was hospitalized during our convention and could not attend.

Future projects: Idaho Ninety-Nines will serve on all future rescue and search missions.

MONTANA CHAPTER By: Jimmie Kuhn

On April 30 the Montana Chapter held their meeting in Helena, Norma Wingfield, Chairman, presiding. Present were Orpha Dann, Eleanor Greening, Mary Jo Janey, Inza Riedesel, Marge Rolle, Vivienne Schrank, Ernestine Gore, Elsie Hartley, Elsie Childs, Winifred Lovelace and your reporter Jimmie Kuhn. We also had with us prospective members Helen Dunlop, Norma Sieffert and Jean Handel.

We had a nice surprise awaiting us at Helena when we landed. Lt. Betty Atlas, Acting Coordinator of Women's Activities and Senior Member Gene Dunlop of the Helena Wing of the CAP met us and furnished transportation for the day.

Our luncheon meeting at the Colonial Club turned out to be a gala affair with a big birthday cake, complete with one candle, presented by the Helena CAP.

Clarence Anthony of the Montana Aviation Council gave us a talk on their work and aims and invited the Montana 99's to appoint two members to participate in their program... "to promote aviation to the best interest of Montana... In the unity of all of the aviation groups in

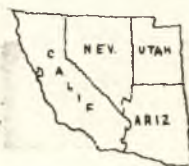
Montana lies the strength of the total Montana aviation program..." The Chapter selected Norma Wingfield and Mary Jo Janey as permanent members and Orpha Dann and Eleanor Greening as alternates to represent the Montana Chapter of the 99's on the Montana Aviation Council.

When Norma landed at Helena she was rushed to the local radio station for a recording of a 15 minute interview and during our luncheon the program came on the air. We all enjoyed Norma's talk on 99's - we are proud of you, Norma.

Norma brought a scrap book, loaned by Mrs. Vance, a charter member of the 99's, now living in Missoula. The scrap book was of clippings and mementos from Amelia Earhart's flight across the Atlantic. She also brought a record made by Miss Earhart upon her arrival at London on May 22, 1932, describing her flight. We were all grateful for the opportunity to look the book over and listen to the recording.

Following the luncheon some of the gals took off for home. Those who stayed over were taken on a tour of the Archie Bray Foundation.

Your reporter expected to attend the Sectional meeting in Boise, May 14, but weather - and what weather - rain and more rain, kept her grounded. Therefore nothing to report on that meeting.



SOUTHWEST SECTION

TUCSON CHAPTER By: Mary Johnston

Tucson Chapter has at least two members who are busy flying. Bea Macpherson and her 49 1/2er Mac, reported a very pleasant and interesting trip to La Paz via Piper Pacer. La Paz, for the untutored, is at the very tip of Lower California, and can be reached only by land or sea. The only problem encountered on the whole trip was the scarcity of gas in La Paz, so sight-seeing by air was limited to arrival and departure. Mac, who is an avid photographer (and an excellent one, too!) showed color slides taken on the trip and in the town of La Paz at the May meeting.

Our other flying member, Gertrude Gelderman, ALMOST reached Salinas for the Southwestern Sectional meeting. According to Gertrude, she is going to get her instrument rating before she again tries to go through a certain pass in California! Anyway, she said she had a lovely lunch in Palm Springs.

Ruth Barnett is off on the first lap of her trip to join her husband on Guam. Happy landings, Ruth. We are certainly going to miss you.

Summer has arrived in Tucson! We had our first outdoor get-together on the 15th of May in the Johnston's back yard. The order of the day was

pot-luck, and did we ever have a feed!

After two years of futile search, Tucson finally has a Wing Scout troop. The girls are all just starting in Senior Scouting, and are thrilled at the chance to learn about aviation. Mary Johnston is meeting with the girls every Saturday afternoon. She would appreciate hearing from anyone who has had a Wing Scout program and could suggest a plan of approach.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER By: Maxine Carlson

During our May meeting at Lindy Boyes' home in Piedmont, fourteen members and two prospective members enjoyed some particularly interesting "hangar flying," a delicious buffet supper, and a lively meeting with discussions and conclusions on a good many points. The group concluded to airmark Jackson Airport in Amador County, with a date, perhaps late July, to be decided. Ruth Rueckert accepted an appointment as delegate to the International Convention and Lindy Boyes agreed to be alternate. Our delegates were then instructed on the various questions that will be brought up at the Convention.

Guests at the meeting were Mary McNeil, a prospective member, and Jan Bushman, a former member who is now rejoining the organization. Members present were: Lindy Boyes, Dorothy Whiteman, Rosemarie Gehling, Ruth Rueckert, Margaret Gerhardt, Eleanor Bjorkman, Fran Grant, Miriam Brugh, Geri Hill, Mabel Zehr, Maxine Carlson, Gladys Davis, Rosezetha Tucker (a new member) and Helen Tainter - recently transferred from Utah Chapter.

Eleanor Bjorkman announced plans for a fall wedding with Glenn Wilson.

Margaret Gerhardt and Gerry Mickelsen flew as far as Donner Summit on their way to Boise for the Northwestern Sectional meeting, but were weathered out there and had to return home.

Rosemarie Gehling, Mary McNeil and a non-flying friend flew to the San Joaquin Valley Chapter's May meeting in Wonder Valley, by Fresno. They enjoyed swimming and horseback riding.

The Southwestern Sectional meeting at Salinas had a good attendance, but poor weather. Fran and Norm Grant, Marge Fauth, Gladys Davis, Lindy Boyes, Rosemarie Gehling, Dorothy and Mel Whiteman, Mary McNeil, Miriam Brugh, and Margaret and John Gerhardt were there. Margaret and John drove five people home who had flown down from Sacramento and were weathered in.

Mabel and Otto Zehr sold their PT 26 and bought a Funk.

On May 26, Ruth Rueckert and Mabel Zehr, as guests of the Bay Area Aviation Committee, enjoyed a lunch at the Sunset Magazine offices in Menlo Park and a tour of Hiller Helicopter at Palo Alto.

Dorothy and Mel Whiteman flew to Porterville on the Porterville Moon-

light Flight last month.

Flying this month from our chapter in the AWTAR race is Lindy Boyes, with Margaret Callahan.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER By: Jean Elliott

Fran Bera will soon be off to Washington to fly the IAR to Havana.

It was nice to see our flying realtor, Edna Stennett, at the May meeting. Edna has been so busy figuring other peoples' income taxes that she hasn't had time for meetings, and we've missed her.

The May meeting was held, of all places, at an airport. It was Long Beach Municipal, and Mr. Arbogast, the manager, was nice enough to let us use the large dining room. Margaret Standish of San Fernando Valley Chapter brought the movies of her trip to Nome, and found herself drafted to help everyone plan the same trip for themselves.

Marjie James and Carol Kennedy were guests at the meeting. They're busy making plans for the AWTAR. Monie Dye and Fran Bera were there, as was Vivian Clift and her husband. Vivian has flown the race as Donna Evans' co-pilot. Another visitor was Alice Roberts of Saguaro Chapter.

We're glad to welcome new member Rosemarie Finley, who is working hard on her instrument rating. Other new members are Claire Walters who transferred from Saguaro Chapter, Cynthia Gilkison, Kay Christensen, Jean Clark, and Betty Stewart. It's very nice to have them with us.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER By: Ardell Hauk

Eighty-seven Ninety-Nine members, 49 1/2ers and friends gathered together in Salinas on April 30-May 1 for the Spring Sectional meeting of the Southwestern Section, 99's. Our chapter was happy to have had the opportunity to hostess this meeting and it was certainly gratifying to see so many in attendance in spite of the inclement weather. To the twenty girls who had to cancel, we missed you - and better luck next time.

Among the fly-ins were International President, Gerry Mickelsen, Ethel Sheehy and Rita Hart from Sacramento, Alice Roberts and Marjorie Crowl from Phoenix, Martha and Ray Lundy and Barbara and Marc Seeber from Las Vegas. Others flying in were from Sacramento, Ukiah, Santa Rosa, Palo Alto, Los Angeles area and San Diego.

On May 15th we took to the air again. This time our destination was the Vaca-Dixon Airport, near Sacramento. Seventeen members and friends flew in and were met by genial Ed Porter, aviation minded host of The Nut Tree.

The Nut Tree is a MUST SEE for anyone who is passing through the Sacramento area. The food is really beyond description. They specialize in serving small individual loaves of bread on individual cutting boards.

Your reporter and daughter Carol are now happily counting the days until June 29th when we will embark on THE GREAT ADVENTURE (our first TAR). We've been washing, polishing, testing fuel consumption, etc. etc. etc. on the little Cessna. Now all we have to do is wait for the day.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER By: Christie Warren

The Spring Sectional, April 30 - May 1, at the Santa Lucia Inn, Salinas, was a great success in spite of rain, which prevented many from attending. Our sincere thanks to the Santa Clara Chapter for a very interesting and well-planned weekend, and thanks to the Shell Oil Company of Salinas who sponsored the cocktail party, and Standard Oil Company who donated the prizes.

The Los Angeles Chapter is proud to announce that our bid for the Fall Sectional has been accepted, and we are looking forward to seeing you all then. The date: Sept. 17-18; The place: beautiful Mirimar Hotel; The field: Santa Monica Airport. More details later.

The Long Beach and Los Angeles Chapters met jointly this month at L.B. Municipal Airport with chairman Iris Critchell presiding. Movies were shown by Margaret Standish of their trip to Alaska.

On May 22, at the Fifth Annual Open House at San Fernando Valley Airport, sponsored by the Los Angeles Department of Airports and the Van Nuys Chamber of Commerce in connection with Armed Forces Day, the past winners and directors of the AWTAR were honored at a breakfast. Our own Frances Bera, twice winner, and Carolyn West, first winner, were among the many famous pilots present. Lt. John M. Conroy, of the Air National Guard, who the day before returned from his record-breaking cross-country flight in a F86 Sabre Jet, was also an honored guest. Gary Goodwin, local television personality, was master of ceremonies.

SAGUARO CHAPTER By: Juanita Newell

Our May business meeting was held at Melba Beard's home out in Scottsdale. Louise Landis was voted in as our new member. Louise lives on a cotton ranch which she and her husband own and operate. They own a 180 for both pleasure and business purposes. Ruth Reinhold collected donations from the girls for the Amelia Earheart

Amelia Earhart Fund and the 1956 AWTAR. Alice Roberts and Marjorie Crowl gave a report on the sectional meeting they had attended at Salinas, California in Alice's Bonanza. We were honored in having Tony Schwamm, Aviation Director of the Territory of Alaska, and an old time friend of Melba's, show us colored movies, both ground and aerial, of the scenic country where he lives. Doris Glina, co-hostess for the evening, served refreshments to top off the evening.

The May flight found us winging our way to Marana Air Base for lunch, tour of the base and swimming at

the Officers' Club. Alice Roberts brought Ruth Reinhold and Wilma Bland with her in the Bonanza; Bonnie Fugitt and Frances Wood arrived in a Piper Clipper and 180 respectively; Juanita and Betty Knier arrived in a 195.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By: Dottie Sanders

Although the hospitality of the weatherman did not compare with that of the City of Salinas and the Santa Clara Valley Chapter for the Southwestern Spring Sectional Meeting there April 30-May 1, eight San Diego Chapter 99's and guests were able to attend a wonderful meeting hostessed by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter. They were Lois and Harry Bartling, Thelma Bishop and her sister Edna Laubenstein, Isabelle McCrae and Jackie Trenfel, Dottie Davis and Dottie Sanders. Although starting for the meeting, old man weather with his rain storms prevented Betty Gillies and Helen Dick, who got as far as San Luis Obispo; Maxine and Gordon Smith, who reached Oxnard, and Claire Hale and Ruby Potter, who made it to Long Beach, from attending.

Although the meeting was over Sunday, most everyone was weathered in with low ceilings, poor visibility and rain showers. Everyone managed to start for home on Monday, Jay 2 -- just couldn't leave that hospitable town of Salinas, I guess.

Our sincere thanks go to the Santa Clara Valley Chapter for such a well-planned and successful meeting.

Jackie Trenfel has the honor of having been promoted to the rank of Captain in Civil Air Patrol. She is a member of San Diego Squadron 99, and is the Public Information Officer for the Squadron.

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

Dot Dancer hostessed the May meeting with a White Elephant party in Temple City. Attending were three of the six new members we've added to the chapter this year, the biggest increase in chapter membership since we were chartered almost four years ago. Attending were Dot Dancer, Chairman Clara Davis, Jean Parker, Katherine Wagner, Norma Wilcox, Jane Morales, Muriel Cross, Renee Brown, Thorleen Fisher, and yours truly.

Along with the gustatory delight of Dot's home-baked pies, we auctioned off the wares the gals had brought along and boosted the treasury considerably.

It was disclosed that Katherine Wagner has gone in for a sport considerably more adventurous than flying. She's learning the art of bullfighting.

Lauretta Foy was pictured in the Valley Times newspaper as one of the two gals from our chapter to be honored at the Annual Van Nuys Aviation Open House, as a winner of the TAR. The other gal so honored was Jean Parker.