

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

# News Letter

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## New President Takes Office



Edna Gardner Whyte

Our newly elected officers Edna Gardner Whyte, president, Broneta Davis, vice-president, Eudenia Heise, secretary, and Jimmie Kolp, treasurer took over the reigns of the Ninety-Nines Sept. 1st. We all wish them luck and best wishes in their new jobs. We know that they will have a most successful year, under their leadership.

Edna, our new president, left Flushing, Michigan for Oklahoma City where she will spend a few days getting into the swing of her new job, visiting and helping get our new Headquarters under way. Enroute she stopped off in Milwaukee for a visit with our secretary, Deedo Heise. While in Oklahoma City, Edna will visit and confer with Broneta Davis, our past treasurer, vice-president on Ninety-Nine business.

Edna is moving from Flushing, Michigan back to Fort Worth, Texas her former home. She has spent the last couple years instructing at Dalton Airport, Flushing Michigan. From Oklahoma she will return to Flushing to help her

husband move their trailer and home to Fort Worth.

Our offices, located on the second floor of the Terminal Building on Will Rogers Field, are now completed. The rooms have been completely done over and repainted for our benefit. The Headquarters Committee under the chairmanship of Elizabeth Sewell has been working hard toward the furnishing of this office. The committee hopes to have all the necessary furnishings and equipment purchased soon after the first of our fiscal year Sept. 1st in order that Dorothy Morgan, our Executive Secretary, will be able to move into the Ninety-Nines office.

Many of you know Dorothy Morgan, an Oklahoma Chapter Ninety-Nine. She has been a Ninety-Nine since April 12, 1946 and is a past International Secretary. We are indeed fortunate to have Dorothy Morgan consent to handle our affairs at International Headquarters.

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I did not realize fully, until I started to pick up the reins of this wonderful flying organization, of how indebted we all are to our beloved past president Jerry Mickelsen for the guidance and tireless effort she has given. Jerry, in behalf of all the Ninety-Nines we are truly grateful for your job extra well done. We wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

I assure you that I am honored and very grateful to have been asked to serve this coming year as your President. I have always had a burning desire to interest more women in the pleasure and convenience of flying. I hope that we the 99er's can have this as one of our objectives this year.

This effort is being put out at 2000 ft. in the back seat of an Aeronca Champion on a dual XC with a girl student. I have to stop every once in a while to answer her questions as some of her check points are being moved about. I have five girl students learning to fly at Dalton Airport and it is a pleasure working each one of them. Michigan is really beautiful country to fly over, so green with so many beautiful lakes. Have been instructing on seaplanes three days of the week on Barns and Silver Lake. It is wonderful to be able to make a living at something one enjoys to very much.

Every time I land at a new airport I ask if there are any women flying there, if so I get their names and try to meet them. It is always a pleasure to find other girls that enjoy aviation like I do. I invite them to our next meeting and in time to become a member of the 99's. The six I found were not 99ers, and had never been asked. I feel sure this condition is about the same all over the world. Lets all seek out some of the many nice women pilots with private pilots license or more and invite them to become a 99er and in turn help all women in Aviation.

I would like to have the members to always feel free to write me and suggest ideas and ways to stimulate Aviation among women of the world. It is very sure our Fly-In Chapter and Sectional Meetings as well as Air Meets and Races do a great deal to promote and interest women in Aviation, maybe some one will come up with some new ideas, so lets have them. Everything has to grow or did so lets be sure and grow. We are a branch of the fastest growing industry in the world so it should be easy.

Wishing you lots of safe flying.

Sincerely,

*Edna Gardner Whyte*

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### RENEWALS

You should have received your 1955-56 renewal notices by this date. If you haven't, please contact Headquarters in Oklahoma City. A form will be sent to you. No membership can be processed without the completed form. SEND in your DUES NOW. DON'T be a PROCRASTINATOR!!!

### NEWSLETTER

Send your news to Gerry Mickelsen, 1809 Wentworth Ave., Sacramento, California. News MUST be in the hands of (not mailed the 1st.) of the EDITOR by the 1st day of the Month. Please allow time for your letters to reach Calif. No chapter news will be left out if arriving on time. It may be necessary to cut down or eliminate parts of the material sent in because of space limitations. Every Chapter should be represented each month. Send your material on TIME!! Special Articles are always welcome. If you have had an interesting experience during the past year, or sometime during this year, write it up and send along. We will file and use whenever possible during the coming months. We need new and interesting items to make the newsletter bigger and better. This is your letter so let's support it by keeping your Editor informed of your activities.

## ENGLAND to AUSTRALIA via Light Plane

(Following are the contents of a letter dated August 6th written to Jeannette Sovereign by Nancy Ellis Leebold, winner of the 1954 SILVER ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD)

Now that my wanderings around the world have come to an end, for the time being, it is good to be home and able to get on with things again.

The flight out from England was most enjoyable indeed and included a variety of weather conditions, from the snow conditions in England to the desert regions around Syria and the Persian Gulf and on through the monsoons in the tropics.

There was a lot of preparation necessary for this long flight and it involved six weeks of paper work getting all the necessary clearances before we could even set out from England. This paper work and officialdom continued all through the trip and most of the way it was a case of two hours on the ground to every one spent in the air. The moment I landed the officials would swarm around the aircraft and the customs men would want to put their lead seals all over it; sometimes we had difficulty in making them understand we would like to refuel it first.

It is wonderful to be back in Australia where it is possible to take off and land without going through customs formalities every time.

So many of the countries we flew thru there are no light aircraft at all, for private flying is something which is not permitted, hence a small aircraft is something unusual. There are very few facilities for light aircraft thru the eastern countries and in most cases it is advisable for one to do their own routine servicing and maintenance. I was carrying sufficient spares in the event of anything going wrong and happily the motor never missed a beat during the whole trip.

There were some anxious moments in the extreme heat in western India for they have lost a lot of aircraft thru fuel vapourizing and we were flying within one degree of the temperature at which this happens.

The monsoons were bad from India down to Malaya and at one spot in Burma we were held on the ground for five days. Fortunately for us there was an Australian resident there and he was the only European in the whole area.

These countries where vast areas are in the hands of the insurgents and, often times, the cities themselves after dark - they seem a little unreal now we are back in Australia, though they were very real at the time. One morning we ran a risk by travelling by car from the city to the aerodrome before daylight in Rangoon. The previous day we had seen much evidence of the insurgent activity in this area. It is not unusual when navigating to look for a railway line with a bridge across a river, only to find the railway comes up to, and goes away from the banks of the river, but the bridge is no longer there for the insurgents have been along the day before. The trip was a

wonderful experience and even though the officialdom can be very tedious, nevertheless I will be doing the same trip again sometime in the future and will fly over the same route.

After arriving in Australia I still had 3,000 miles to travel before delivering the aircraft to its owner in the south-eastern corner where a wonderful reception awaited us and made a fitting conclusion to a wonderful trip.

At the first opportunity on my return to Sidney, I visited the Department of Civil Aviation, who are the licensing body here, and made arrangements to sit for the first Ground Engineer's examination which will probably be held in the early part of next year as they are not held very often because of the few numbers sitting. (Ed comment: Nancy is using her Award for a rating similar to A&E mechanics rating) So now you can understand why I say it is good to be able to get things done again. I am making arrangements to do the practical work in the workshops at Bankstown aerodrome which is about ten miles from where I am living at present. Have only had a brief chat with Maie Casey over the telephone since my return, but am looking forward to having a long chat before very long.

Now that my life is returning to normal I will be able to keep in better contact than I have been during these last twelve months of travelling thru numerous countries.

Wishing you and the gids all the very best, I am Yours Sincerely,

Nancy Leebold

(Nancy's fiance met her in London and they were married there and made the return trip to Australia together.)

### 1956 CONVENTION

Harbor Springs, Michigan  
Place: Harbor Springs, Michigan  
Hotel: Romona Park Hotel  
Date: July 12, 1956 "Fly-in-Day"  
July 15, 1956 "Fly-away-day"

HOSTESS: Michigan Chapter  
Ninety-Nines

CONVENTION RATES: \$12.50 per  
Person per American Plan

MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND.

### CONVENTION ORDER

The Resolution to rotate the convention site having passed, the Executive Board at their meeting July 16th, 1955 set the rotation order. Michigan Chapter bid for the 1956 convention was accepted. North Central Section, 1956 South Central Section, 1957; South Western Section, 1958; North Western Section, 1959; Canada, 1959; South Eastern, 1960; Middle Eastern, 1961; New York-New Jersey, 1961; New England, 1962.



**START:** San Mateo County Airport,  
California

**FINISH:** Bishop Airport, Flint, Michigan

**DATES:** Impound Deadline, Wed.,  
July 4, 1956.  
Take-Off, Sat., July 7.  
Finish Deadline, Tues.,  
July 10.  
Awards Dinner, Wed.,  
July 11.

July, 1956, will see the running of the Tenth Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race. Ten years! - in which the race has evolved from a very small affair to the present internationally famous sporting event in which hundreds play vital roles.

San Mateo County Airport, Calif., (about 25 miles south of San Francisco) will be the scene of the 1956 take-off. The Bay Cities Chapter won the bid, backed by the San Mateo County Development Assn. The Michigan Chapter won the Finish bid, which will be at the Bishop Airport, Flint, Michigan. They were backed by the City of Flint and the A C Spark Plug Co. of Flint.

The following were elected at the August AWTAR Board meeting: Chairman, Mrs. Betty H. Gillies; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Kay Brick; Secretary, Mrs. Claire Hale; Treasurer, Miss Bea Medes. Mrs. Barbara London had previously resigned as Secretary in order to assume the position of Director of Race Operations. Mrs. Iris Critchell is Director of Inspection and Handicapping; Mrs. Betty Loufek, Director of Public Relations. Other Board members are Mrs. Joyce Failing and Mrs. Louise Smith.

Under study by the Board are the race rules, handicaps and the 1956 course. questions or suggestions about the race should be sent to Mrs. Gillies.

For an amusing report of the race as an outsider sees it read Bill Mauldin's story in the July 18 issue of SPORTS ILLUSTRATED.

John Raymond, whose film "Cleared for Take-Off" is so popular, has edited a five-minute, silent, color film for the 1955 pre-race and take-off activity. Rental: \$2.50 for three days. Address: Mr. Raymond, Airlab, 2405 Airline Way, Sky Harbor Airport, Phoenix, Arizona

Betty Loufek,  
Director, Public Relations  
AWTAR, Inc.

### JOB OPPORTUNITY

Purdue University is looking for a Ninety-Nines to instruct in link and DC3 procedures. College Degree in aeronautics not necessary. No flying is involved. Anxious to employ Wasp who had DC3 time during the last war. Position pays \$4000.00 to \$5000.00. Those interested contact Mr. Grove Webster, Director of Aviation at Purdue.

**MEMBERSHIP** - Beth Smith, 10208 Sunnymead Place, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES** - Bernice Trimble, 1609 Maplewood Ave. Flint 6, Michigan

**NOMINATING** - Catherine Hiller Hiller Airport, Barre, Mass.

**NEWS LETTER** - Geraldine Mickelsen, 1809 Wentworth Ave., Sacramento, California.

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**BUDGET COMMITTEE** - Constance Hahn

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**FLYING ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE** - Isabelle McCrae, 7155 Mt. Vernon, Lemon Grove, California.

**AIR AGE EDUCATION COMMITTEE** - Lucille Wright, 25 Liberty St., Jamestown, New York.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN** - Margaret Callway, 631 Abington Ave., Glenside, Pa.

**INCORPORATION COMMITTEE** - Mary C. Hock, Delaware Ave., Bridgeville, Delaware.

**49 1/2 RECORD COMMITTEE** - Allseba Thrasher, 502 N. Webster, Saginaw, Michigan.

**AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - Jeanette Sovereign, 2136 Center Ave., Bay City, Michigan.



**WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER**  
(Middle Eastern Section)

By: Mary Ann Wetherby

Acting as Reporter for the August Meeting, I arrived at the Elkins Airport twenty minutes late - Aeronca Champion time - to find Betty Ashton of Martinsburg there to meet me. In turn we greeted Araxie Ervin, who flew in with her 49 1/2'er, Clyde, in their Tri-Pacer from Parkersburg. Then we three greeted Edna Tephabock, who drove from Martinsburg. As at the previous Elkins Meeting, we again sat in front of the Ad Building, and talked flying experiences until all four arrived to

transact Chapter importances. Membership and Airmarking are still uppermost in our efforts, and also means of building up our treasury. After this report, Araxie will take over as News Reporter, and I have been asked to pinch hit as Secretary until we increase a little more in number. These two offices were previously combined in the officership of Lee Patteson, who made her last flight August 2.

Edna was just beginning her much needed vacation from the Martinsburg Airport and was off to "just anywhere." Glad she made Elkins. Edna had just finished flying a Cessna 310 and was still in the clouds about that wonder-

ful airplane. Araxie and Clyde had Tri-Pacered to Montana and back. It was grand to see Betty at Elkins, for we've seen meeting each other (via correspondence) for some time.

Next meeting is to be at Elkins again, in September - on the 17th, weather permitting. And when we fly let's fly the Flight Plan way.

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It is with deep regret we report the Last Flight of our Secretary and news Reporter, Lee Hawse Patteson, who passed away in her sleep at her home in Mount Hope, W. Va., August 2nd. Mrs. Patteson, wife of former W. Va. Governor O. L. Patteson, learned to fly in 1950, obtaining her Private Pilot Certificate the next year. She entered the 99's in '53, and projected into her membership all the interest and respect and pride she so deeply felt for aviation long before she found time to fly. Her recent energies and activities to help the W. Va. Chapter on its feet will be strongly missed by each of us. Lee was not only West Virginia's gracious First Lady at one time, but always a warmhearted, vivacious friend and Ninety-Nine.

We extend our sympathy to her husband and family.

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**WASHINGTON D.C. CHAPTER**  
By: Louise Kidd

On July 2, a luncheon meeting was held at the home of Nancy Moore. The participants in the International Air Race gave us a hilarious account of their battles with the weather gremlins. The winner of the race was Bernice Trimble of Michigan and Joan Hrubec of Ohio. Bernice received \$600, the President Batista Trophy, and Capital Cup, and the Rickenbacker Trophy. The balance of the \$2,000 prize money was divided among Fran Bera, who took second place with a Cessna 140; Ruth Thomas and Bibs Camp of Tennessee, third place, with a Cessna 120; fourth place went to Laurien Griffin and Helen Vincent of Missouri with a Cessna 180; fifth place winners were Louise Smith and Amalie Stone of Carolina, in a Beechcraft; and Barbara Jenison, and Adelaide O'Brien of Illinois captured sixth place with a Cessna 170. Various Cuban trophies were given to the winners, and Phyllis McBatt won the Beverly Whitfield Trophy for the Florida entry making the best time. Fran also received the Canadian LaBette Trophy.



Our August meeting was held at Jean Howard's home and final plans were made for Washington Air Race No. 2 to Woodstock in September. Sounds like a good race - with 12 entries, including out-of-towners Louise Smith, Ruth Thomas, and Barbara Kieman. Nancy has given us glowing accounts of Woodstock and the wonderful swimming pool.

Eleanor Davis is flying to Jacksonville for Labor Day. Fran Nolde, Ada Mitchell, Louise Calhoun, Jean Howard, and Louise Kidd are attending the Air Races in Philadelphia. Nancy Tier has spent the summer at Lake George.



#### TENNESSEE CHAPTER By: Eddie Lee Griffin

The Tennessee Chapter met at Morristown Airport Sunday August 28. Evelyn Bryan, airport operator there, and Mary Jane Quarles took us to town for dinner. Those who flew in were Sarah Duke and Betty Anderson in an Aero-nca Champion and Georgiana McConnell, in an Ercoupe. Georgiana brought her Mother along for her first cross country flight. Mary Beth Sargent and 49½'er Keith drove all the way from Nashville.

New officers for the coming year were announced. They are: Chairman: Mary Beth Sargent, Vice-Chairman: Betty Jane Quarles and Newsletter reporter, Eddie Lee Griffin.

Olivia Browne of Memphis participated in an Air Show at the Naval Air Base in Memphis in June.

We had a letter from Constance Ohlinger. She told us how much she enjoyed meeting with the Colorado Ninety-Nines in June.

Next meeting will be planned to coincide with the Southeastern Section meeting to be held in early October.

#### CAROLINAS CHAPTER By: Dorothy Shackelford

That breezy and ruthless lady Diane roaring in from the Atlantic and up our eastern seaboard with a special grudge against the Carolinas, put a quick step to our August meeting scheduled for Winston Salem. Since our members are so scattered for vacations it was decided to wait until Sept. before we try again.

By the grapevine I hear that Louise and Herman Smith have had a cottage at Myrtle Beach for the month of August. Because of the storms it must have been more exciting than a restful vacation.

Caroline and Less Hembel dropped a card from a summer trip through Florida. Amalie Stone writes from atop her favorite summer spot on Cedar Mountain near Greenville. Amalie enclosed a clipping titled "Miss O'Brien is Bride". Carolina members will be

thrilled to hear that our Kathleen has become Mrs. James P. Register though alas she will now make her home in New Orleans. Amalie adds that Kathleen's husband is "one of the most charming, handsome fellows this side of the Mississippi". Shall we send this paragon of all the manly virtues a special invitation to our very next meeting? I vote yes!

#### ALABAMA CHAPTER By: Jan Warrick

It was a good tum-out for the August 13th meeting at Municipal in Birmingham. Election of the new 1956 officers was chief business of the day with Meredith Ward being elected Chairman and Minnie Wade as Vice, other business was quickly disposed of and then off to Dobbs House Restaurant for lunch and gossip. This meeting was the anniversary of our chapters first year as a Ninety-Nines Chapter. We are very proud that our membership has from 5 charter members to the grand total of 14 as of this date.

Good reports from our "lone Mississippian" Cora McDonald, Cora is at Keesler AFB at Biloxi, she's had a seige of tests to pass, all having to do with her job there, expect to hear any day now that she's a school marm on one of those flying school rooms, now that you've jumped most of the hurdles Cora, maybe you'll have some time for that beautiful beach you mention as well as for attending the chapter meets, at which you have been greatly missed.

Welcome to our newest, and 15th member, Margaret Barnett. Margaret hails from Florida way where she graduated from University of Florida and flew for her Private License. She's been so busy as Research Chemist for Chemstrand Corp., that she hasn't had much time for flying these last few years but ye ole reporter has been luring her to the airport the last month or so and she's flying up a storm now in my Luscombe.

Plans are moving right along for the Alabama-Air-Tour scheduled for late September or middle October. This will be a two or three day tour and the Alabama Chapter is going en-masse. We expect to gain some new members along the way and also give our chapter a publicity boost. The CAA is sponsoring this tour, not less than 10 Alabama cities will be visited..should be fun.

Enjoyed having Meredith's mother as guest at our August meet. She's most airminded and Meredith's Cessna 120 is a favorite means of transportation for her. Meredith's lucky to have a co-pilot mother.

### PLANE FACTS

The United States, with a total of 311,659 active pilots out of a total 660,449 that have learned to fly, is probably the most airminded nation in the world.

California tops all other states with 40,707 active pilots and Texas is second with 20,202. New York flies third with 18,713 pilots, and Illinois is fourth with 17,685. Smallest active pilot population live in Vermont where only 574 persons are pilots.



#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Ruth C. Lembke

Dottie Faust was hostess for the July meeting at her spacious lake home on Buehla Lake. Evelyn Martin from the Illinois Chapter was there and Ethel Christiansen from the Central Wisconsin Chapter came too. Dora Fritzke gave an exciting report of the National Meeting to which she and Deedo Heise flew in the race in Deedo's Cessna. Elsie Peters was interested in hearing more details than the local paper gave about Deedo's first place in the Jr. of Commerce race. Toney flew in just for lunch, for she had a busy day before her at Capital Airport.

Mitchell Field, the 3,200,000 dollar field just completed at Milwaukee, was officially dedicated here recently. The 99's had an exhibit at the opening. Air charts with pins indicating the places Wisconsin Chapter women pilots have landed throughout the United States were hung on the wall. Over three hundred pins were there. The committee stopped at that point only because they ran out of the special pins. Toney and Deedo were invited guests to the official lunch.

August 21st will be a fly-in lunch at an airport near Baraboo. Then cars will take us to Devil's Lake. Central Wisconsin people are inviting us to join them at that meeting.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER By: Rae Cawdell

On August 7 we enjoyed a Sunday afternoon swim at "The Puddle". Most of all we enjoyed meeting Mildred Hurt's daughter Doris (Dodie) Powers and 49½'er from El Paso. From Dodie, and also from the News Letter, it would appear that their chapter does many interesting things.

Our regular meeting, August 21, took us to Lake Wawasee. The business meeting was held, before lunch, at Howard's Restaurant. Of course the most important piece of business at hand was the election of officers. At the controls next year will be: Tannie Schlundt - Chairman, Betty Donner - Vice Chairman, Delia Sanders - Sec'y - Treas. And it seems that the ByLine on the News Letter will be carrying the same name, Rae Cawdell.

We were very happy that Dorothy Perry flew airlines from Evansville to Indianapolis and return, hitching a ride to and from Wawasee. She flew back from Wawasee with Mildred Hurt and your reporter in Mildred's 170. That is really getting to a meeting the hard way and Dorothy is to be commended for her efforts.

After lunch we went out to Esther Berner's lake side cottage for a refreshing dip in the lake. Sail boat, motor boat rides, and water skiing, all made for a wonderful day.



Jane Ackors reports she and husband George had a grand vacation in upper New York State and had spent a night at Niagra Falls!! What have the other Indiana 99's been doing? Gee, I wish I could tell you. But I don't know... So this is a special appeal to you girls outside the Indianapolis area whom we see but once during the month. We're certain that each and everyone of you has done something this summer worthy of publicity. (Not only during the summer but throughout the year). Send me news of your activities that it may appear in the News Letter. After all, what's News Letter without News.

#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

by: Florence Musser

Our July 30th meeting was held at the Mattoon Country Club - where golf and good food was in store for all. Yours truly managed to be late again but the T Craft got my 49 1/2'er and I there in time for the food. We had 15 for dinner and several guests.

Sally Lathrop and Helen Greinke gave us a blow by blow account of the races and convention. I think we discussed new officers for the coming year. I was much too hot for any business.

Sally Lathrop invited all of us down to Centralia - Sept. 11th for a fly in breakfast at the airport she manages. Breakfast - 9 o'clock DST. Let's get all the 99's out and show everyone.

Our next meeting is tentatively set for October in Paris.

#### GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By: Betty Siggs

At our annual election meeting held August 16th at Fairfax airport we got the business of electing new officers over with dispatch so we could join our guests in the private dining room. Neva Rea, our (happily) retiring Chairman, presided and introduced guests and the new officers. Our featured guest was Rollie Humphrey who had beautiful slides and color films to show us, all taken during his residence in Alaska while working for the CAA. The slides and films were entrancing, the film on teaching Arctic survival amusing and most interesting.

We relinquish our retrin

We relinquish our retiring Chairman and other officers with a vote of thanks for the hard work done in keeping our chapter together and in providing so many interesting meetings and activities for us. We welcome the new officers with a confidence that they will lead us through another good chapter year.

Our new officers: Chairman, Marie Kuhlman; Vice-Chairman, Laurien Griffin; Secretary, Sarah Gorelick; Treasurer, Dee Southard.

This is a roster of FLYING officers. Marie Kuhlman (and Neva Rea) spent a couple of weeks in July at St. Mary's in Colorado, will return later in September on the KC Aero Club's 3-day juant. Laurien Griffin, our flyingest member, is back in Dayton having a new prop installed on the Cessna.

Sarah Gorelick flew her plane back from Denver after her graduation from Denver University and keeps it in the air locally. Dee Southard had a long solo X-C recently to Dover, Ohio, re-

ports fun fighting haze conditions and dodging storm areas, one she flew smack into and had to do the proverbial one-eighty, but she sez she had tail winds both ways and you can't beat that.

Might mention we have two Aero Club officers in the chapter - Marie Kuhlman is Secy and Grace Harris is Treas. Both helping to make the KC Aero Club a strong and active organization, supporting aviation activities in the area, and planning interesting activities for members.

Jackie Rubelee is in Phoenix enjoying a rest, our school teachers Kay Peck and Marge Farrell soon will be back from summer sessions. Verna Wilson has hopped to Colorado and North Dakota recently and reports she expects to go to the Sectional meeting in September.

And so with final thanks to all our efficient and loyal officers from Gerry down, for the grand job done during the past year - and our best wishes for the new officers, Edna and crew, and our new HQ - - your KC reporter signs "OUT".

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Betty Barton

The August meeting was held in Marshalltown, Ia., with the Iowa Chapter as hostess. I charge were Irene Dalby, Esther Neidehauser and Leona Hertma. Four girls from the St. Louis Chapter flew in for the meeting. Jean and Quentin Wildman and other members of Upper Iowa Chapter also were present. A pleasant dinner was served at Esther Neidehauser's home at the airport.

The six month traveling trophy contest was completed this month, with Beulah Smith as the winner, with 551 points. The trophy will be awarded at the Annual dinner meeting in October.

The September meeting will be held in Fort Dodge on the third Sunday of the month. The annual dinner in October will be held at Storm Lake.



#### KANSAS CHAPTER

By: Lois Dobbin

August meeting was a week end RON at the home of Anne and Lowell Waddell in Garden City. Flying in Saturday 13th, we airmarked Garden City and Sublette, then retired to the swim pool for the rest of the week end. We all had a wonderful time - 'firecrackers' (Lowell's rum concoction of '55) put the show on the road, outdoor fish fry, swimming, sunning and hanger-flying. Everyone 'flew in', Helen and Buddy Chandler in a 140, Julie and Justin Snowhill in Ercoupe, Margaret Yourdon and Laurin Griffin in Tripacer, Lois Dobbin, Marge Cooper and her cocker 'Checkers' in a 170. Marge and Charles Paris in a 120, Hazel and Al Guy in a 170. As a gracious host, Anne and Lowell are the most....

The Bobbe Slade Wing Scout Troop will receive their "wings" in September at the home of Olive Ann Beech. A tour through Beech Aircraft, a flight in a Beech 18, a tour of McConnell AFB where they received instructions on crash and rescue and aircraft identification completed their course. This is the first troop sponsored by the Wichita 99's, however, Anne Waddell has been working with Wing Scouts for the past seven years in Garden City.

Kansans have completed 4 airmarkers during the past month. Due to vacations and the hot weather, it has been a slow month for painting.

Three 99's from Kansas attended the National Flying Farmer convention at Lansing, Michigan, Ama Lee Jameson of the National office, Lucile and Ray Dienst, Helen and Roy Simmons. Lucile Dienst received the Piper trophy for having logged the most flying hours since the last convention. The Flying Farmer Queen contest, sponsored by Cessna Aircraft, was won by Alberta Reed of Emporia, Kansas. Although she is not a licensed pilot at present, we hope she will be before long.

Margaret Yourdon flew her family to Mesa Verde, Colorado, for a week end in their Tripacer. Seems some visitors from Mexico jokingly asked her 8 year old son Lon to go home with them and spend the winter. He concurred wholeheartedly and packed his things. Took a promise of a flying trip to Colorado to keep him in the States.

#### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Pauline Hawks, Sec'y for Jan

On July, 1955 the chapter held their meeting at the Omaha Municipal Airport in the Hayden House, where we had our lunch.

Helen Moore, Chairman called the meeting to order. Helen Nestle gave a very interesting report of the Ninety-Nine Convention which she was delegate at Springfield, Mass., and of the All Woman Transcontinental Air Race. Belle Hertzell also gave details of the convention and gave report of a few of the points of interest of her trip around the world by air. We hope to hear more as time goes on of Belles trip.

Plans were made in regards to our August meeting which is to be at Lake McConaughy. Quite a few showed interest and said they plan to be there. Dorothy Higbee was to find out from other members in Omaha who were not present if they will go and let Florence Dunlavy, hostess, know how to plan.

Very happy to have our neighbor 99'r and her husband with us, Helen and Roy Simmons met with us.

Those present, Helen Nestle, Dorothy Higbee and daughter Jell Ann, Helen Moore, Bell Hetzel, Rosemary and Howard Phelps and Rosemary's father, Mr. Louis Rodman of Glenwood, Iowa, Pauline and Earl Hawks and guest, Janet Davenport.

Jan Munkres sent word that she was leaving Lincoln today about noon on a tour of a number of Air Bases in the south with the USAF. Glad that Jan got to take the tour, we'll be hearing more about it.



## TULSA CHAPTER

By: Eleanor Heath

Things have been quiet around Tulsa since Faye Mefford and Tissie Lawrence entered the TAR and we saw all the contestants through here. No August meeting was held because of vacations, etc.

After the TAR, Fran Bera came through Tulsa on her way home. We were all guests at a cocktail party given in her honor at Western Village by her sponsors, Aeroduct, Corp.

Tulsa Chapter has joined in with other aviation organizations to form a new Tulsa Aviation Council made up of the leader of each group - 8 in all. The first project undertaken by the Council is a Fly-In Breakfast at Harvey Young Airport on Oct. 2. It is also being promoted by civic clubs in Okmulgee (30 miles south). They are serving a barbeque lunch on their airport in the afternoon. So if anyone wants some good food and have a lot of fun fly over Tulsa-way Sunday October 2.

Beth Smith has moved back to Oklahoma City - sure sorry to lose her. Our September meeting will be at Western Village on the 8th. Gov. Anne Waddell is flying down to attend - we will have election of officers.

See "you all" in El Paso, Sept. 30.

## CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT

By: Elaine Gault

The big news of our last meeting was the election of officers: Chairman - Ardath McCreery, Vice-Chairman - Mary Ghormely, Sec-Treas. - Louise Clarkson, Reporter - Mary Lee Humason.

Ardath McCreery and Helen Disney came in from McAllen for the meeting with Ardath's 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ er, James Robert. What a precious baby - played, laughed, and flirted the whole evening.

Merle Dunnam is back from a trip to Enid Oklahoma where she picked up her mother for a visit to Corpus.

Merle also told us that we made a neat profit on the rummage sale. More money for airmarking and do we need it!

## COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Donna Myers

Election of officers has been held in the chapter, and the present ones are winding up their year and the new slate is busy preparing for their future duties. Results are: For her second year, Mary Wenholtz is serving as chairman; Frances Tepper is again our vice-chairman; Alice Fuchs is the new secretary and Phyllis Johnston is treasurer. Marilyn Nordstrom will be the newsletter reporter.

Chairman Wenholtz's idea of writing letters at each meeting to some out of town member has paid off. Each month we receive good answers from these far-flung members - for instance this month we heard from Marjory Cones who lives in California.

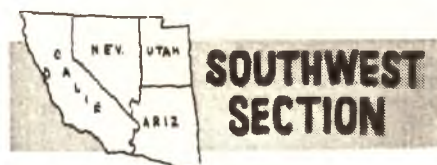
The August meeting was strictly a dinner meeting - so many were out of town on vacations. Anne Waddell from Kansas was present, as was Marilyn Nordstrom, Betty Stackhouse, Thelma Thomas, Alice Fuchs. Cocktails at Marilyn's first.

Nettleblads have been on vacation in western Colorado; Thelma Thomas has been on a trip.

Phil Johnston had a short sojourn in the hospital, but is on the mend now.

Bob and Mary Collett are the proud parents of baby son, "Robbie".

September meeting will be in Colorado Springs with Verna Christopher as hostess.



## BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By: Maxine Carlson

Thirteen adults and nine children enjoyed a terrific "bunch" at Kelton's cabin in the beautiful woods just above Santa Cruz. With only two waffle irons and twenty two people, there were various schemes afoot to get a waffle at just the right time. Some people ate a waffle first, some in the middle of the meal, and some "for dessert". At any time, they were worth it.

"Fighting" for the strawberry and whipped cream covered treats were Rosemarie Gehling and her guest from San Carlos, Joan Bryan, Ed and Maxine Carlson, Lindy Boyes, Miriam Brugh, Fred and Hazel Miles and son Rick and his little black dog, Mac, Ruth Rueckert, John and Margaret Gerhardt and their four children, and Helen and Don Kelton and their children. While Ruth Rueckert was away participating in the AWTAR and the National Convention, her husband Fred had a serious operation. He is recovering well.

In the Air Race Lindy Boyes and Margaret Callahan came in 4th, Margaret Gerhardt and Gerry Mickelsen came in 28th, and Ruth Rueckert and Geri Hill 40th. All our girls reported wonderful treatment at all the stops.

Each girl who participated in the race received numerous gifts. An interesting sidelight was the fact that at the designated stops many local spectators said they had never been at their airport before.

All those who attended the National Convention received a pin, a beautiful gold airplane on which to hang the 99's pin.

At our August meeting eleven members enjoyed a ham buffet supper at Geri and Frank Hill's hilltop home in San Carlos. Mabel Zehr, ever helpful, fixed some of the delicious food for the always-busy Geri.

Miriam Brugh, Hazel Miles, guest, Lorene Misener, Rose Tucker, Fran Grant, Rosemarie Gehling, Dorothy Whiteman, Geri Hill, Maxine Carlson, Mable Zehr, Ruth Rueckert and Helen Kelton were all impressed by the Hill's new home and the view from it.

During the meeting a report of the results of the National Convention was given. The date of October 2 was chosen to airmark Santa Cruz. The members present voted unanimously to bid for the start of the 1956 AWTAR. If we get it, we are promised \$2500 and the

full cooperation of the San Mateo County Airport facilities, the services of the planned Vill Hotel, (to be built behind the Villa Chartier Restaurant), and also the support of various Chambers of Commerce.

Mabel Zehr's husband, Otto, has been seriously ill with heart trouble but is now recovering.

Fred Rueckert is getting about again after the operation on his back.

The other day the speed of present day air travel was impressed upon Fran Grant as the mere reading of the short hours between here and New York City cannot do. Her father left there at 9:30 AM, met Fran at the airport on this coast at 2:30 PM, and handed her a fresh, morning New York Times paper.

Rosemarie Gehling has been doing some weekend flying. She and her roommate, Joan Bryan, plan to vacation in Hawaii in November.

Lindy Boyes, our versatile pilot, has recently soloed in a helicopter.

We hear from Peggy Potter, our member in Bakersfield, that she is busy raising chinchillas and offering her time in Gray Lady work.

Our most sincere condolences go to Gladys Davis on the loss of her husband, Tom, in an accident while cropdusting near Indio.

## UTAH CHAPTER

By: Bobby McDonald

The August meeting of the Utah Chapter was held at Ethel McDermott's home, where she served delicious chicken pies to Eunice Naylor and sister Louise Jorgensen, Jessie Carter, Nicky Harding, June Raybould, Jane Andreason, Bobby McDonald, Margaret Loy and Cora Grote. Cora, a former member of our Chapter, is now back in Utah and we hope we'll be seeing a lot of her.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Eunice Naylor, who told us about her marvelous trip to the Hawaiian Islands with a group of CAP girl cadets on the Foreign Exchange program. Eunice had many beautiful color slides of the trip, including a night shot of a volcano in full eruption. She and the girls traveled by air - courtesy of the Air Force - both ways.

News 'n Views - Jane Davis, our Chairman, tied the knot with Norm Andreason in June. Norm is a control tower operator at Salt Lake Airport. Onita Hoff, who was recently chosen Flying Farmer queen of Idaho, is going back to Chicago to represent them at an affair there. Our Doris Eacret placed 10th in the TAR.

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

The San Fernando Valley chapter was saddened by the sudden death of the mother of our chairman, Clara Davis. Clara was summoned to Delta, Utah, where funeral services were held.

This, plus the fact that Los Angeles chapter, with whom we were to have a joint dinner meeting, is busy with their elaborate hostessing plans for the 99 sectional convention, cancelled our August meeting.



On the cheerful side of the ledger are wedding bells in Alaska for one of our chapter members. Red-head Roberta Smith, who is attending college in Alaska, married her mineralogy instructor and she's now Mrs. Mark N. Christensen. She describes him as "six feet three tall, blonde, green eyes, a doll." A licensed pilot too. They are buying their own plane and flying back to California for some additional graduate work at the University of California in Berkeley.

Roberta promises to bring her husband and aerial photo slides they've taken on low level geology recon flights to our chapter meeting in Los Angeles in the near future.

#### LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By: Iris C. Critchell

The Gals of the Long Beach Chapter are back to their normal routines after an interesting and busy summer.

We were very proud to be hostesses again to all the girls in the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race in Long Beach for the Start. It was lots of fun having these girls with us from all over the United States and Dorothy Rungeling and Felicity Bennett of Ontario, Canada, and Pearl Laska of Fairbanks, Alaska. We hope they had a good time in Long Beach.

Besides our hard working race committee of Donna Chilcote, Jean Elloitt, Rita Gibson, Mayetta Behringer, and Doris Phillips, all the girls of the chapter, and many of our friends pitched in and worked hard to make the start a success. Three of our chapter, Shirley Froyd, Jean Clark, and Iris Critchell had the fun of flying the race and report a wonderful time all the way through.

Four of our members attended the International convention in Springfield, Mass. in July.

Our August meeting was an outdoor pot-luck luncheon held in the lovely back yard of Barbara London's home. This occasion provided the opportunity for telling and re-telling the "tales" of the race and convention trip.

Now we are planning several interesting activities for this fall, and we are looking forward to attending the Southwest Sectional meeting in Santa Monica in September.

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Dottie Sanders

Evelyn Briggs and Ruth Woldren hosted a delicious buffet dinner for our August meeting in the home of Evelyn's brother on Friday, August 19th. Members were brought up to date on the happenings at the Convention by Ruby Potter.

Dottie Schultz reports having a wonderful trip to Alaska, ferrying an airplane up there and having been gone for a total of two months.

The Penners took wing again for a week in San Francisco with their son the week of August 21st.

Lois Bartling has been piloting 49½er back and forth to Los Angeles on business, and Betty Lambert is now teaching at Montgomery Field six days a week.

Ruby and Stan Potter have been taking lots of trips to Centerville, near San Francisco.

Delegates for the Southwestern Sectional Meeting in Santa Monica are: Lois Bartling, Claire Hale, Helen Dick, Donna Davis, Ruby Potter, Edna Penners and Dottie Sanders.

San Diego's next scheduled meeting is at the home of Dottie Sanders, 1526 Koe St., Lemon Grove California on Monday, September 12th.

#### SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

By: Ardell Hauk

Pat Gladney and Jackie Petty flew a brand new Cessna 170 to Salinas on August 2nd, the day your reporter underwent a major overhaul, so we didn't get to see or ride in it. However on the 18th Pat flew down again and this time we were sufficiently recovered to fly home with her and attend our monthly 99 meeting which was held in the International Room at the San Francisco, Airport.

It is a new thrill each time we visit San Francisco's beautiful new airport and each time we find something to marvel at that we had missed before.

Those attending the dinner meeting were Pat Gladney, Jackie and Lloyd Petty, Patty Sherwood, Dorothy Monahan, Marion Barnick, Gladys Lenerville, Diane Gibson, Tommy and Chris Christian and Dell Hauk. Natalie Bossio planned to attend but she tried to squeeze a 5 hour cross country in before dinner, and the dinner hour caught her still 100 miles from home. Natalie is working on her commercial license. Next time, Natalie.

Several of our members are "infanticipating" - Tommy Christian is expecting her second baby any minute (as of this writing), Mickey Hughes and her husband will welcome their first wee one sometime in December, and Pat Gladney, Jack and Gale are looking for the stork in the late December or early January. Hope they are all prospective 99's.

#### SAGUARO CHAPTER

By: Juanita Newell

Our August 9th business meeting was held at the home of Camille Shapley. It was announced that the National Aviation Trades Association were going to hold their meeting in Phoenix this year and would like our members to model the very exclusive Toria Tassi Squaw Dresses for the members of the association and their wives. Those attending the business meeting was Camille, the hostess, Ruth Reinhold, Carol Lowery, Mary McNeil, Alice Roberts, Marjorie Crowl, Melba Beard, Jimmie Lou Shelton and your reporter.

Wilma Bland and husband Bill, spent ten days this month with their families in Santa Ana. Their trusty Stinson carried them safely to and from their destination. We are anxiously looking forward to our next business meeting, not only is it election of new officers, but we are going to get to see Jimmie Lou's new home. All the reports are that it is "out of this world".

August 28th found a mass flight of 99's, their families and friends winging their way to Flagstaff for breakfast. The Flagstaff airport has elevation of 7,010 ft. and the temperature was made to order at 78 degrees. We drank pots of coffee and dined on ham and eggs at the airport cafe. Those attending were Wilma and Bill Bland and Bonnie Fugitt in the Bland Stinson, Jimmie Lou, Frank Shelton, children and Frank's mother in an Apache, Lucille and Lorin Crosby and son, Larry in their Tri-Pacer, Alice and Charles Roberts and Mary McNeil in the Roberts' Bonanza, Carol Lowery in a 170 accompanied by Kenneth Wible and Elgin Newell, Vern Brooke, a prospective member, her husband Nelson, and guest Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Moran in the family Tri-Pacer, and Betty Knier, Marjorie Crowl, Marilyn Leopold, a guest, and Juanita Newell in a 195.

Ruth Reinhold is the first woman pilot in these western states to fly in the French four-place jet that Beechcraft is manufacturing in Wichita for civilian use. Ruth flew to Albuquerque in a Bonanza to accept the invitation to ride and fly this \$300,000 airplane while it was there at Kirkland Field on demonstration. She was highly impressed with its performance and its flight characteristics.

#### SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Coral Bloom

Sacramento Valley Chapter has not held regular meetings this summer because so many of our members have been on vacation. Next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10th Capitol Inn for lunch, swimming for all those so inclined. Plans will be made for the fall activities. Election of Officers will conclude the activities of the day.

Ruth and Al Wagner spent a month in the east visiting relatives. While there Al attended the Medical Association Meeting. They reported a wonderful time and the flying weather excellent. After returning home Ruth has moved into their new home.

Genevieve Sharp has moved to Wisconsin. We'll miss you, Genevieve.

Jeannette Kapus has spent a month with her folks in Wisconsin but is now back at McClellan A. F. Base.

Marjorie Raglin and sister stopped in Sacramento with Gerry Mickelsen on their way to San Francisco. Marge, a Chicago Area 99, spent her summer going to University of Nevada and was on her way home via the south and Mexico. Gerry reports that they certainly did enjoy having Marge visit them and she hopes more 99's will come through Sacramento.

Leah Liersch has been taking advantage of the nice weather and her evening shift in the Tower by swimming every morning.

Rita Hart has been boat racing with her husband Al, and has been helping her son finish a log cabin near Feather River Inn.

Dorothy Greive, our member at Riverside was in town for a short half hour. Sorry you couldn't promote an overnight stay on the charter trip. Congratulations, Dorothy, on the marriage of your son.

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- One modern jet bomber literally "flaps its wings" during flight. Air turbulence will often cause the tips of its highly flexible wings to move up and down while the body of the plane remains stable. In static wing load tests the wing tips were moved in a 20 foot arc without damage.
- Three-hundred gallons of jet fuel are required to taxi a current jet bomber from warm-up ramps to the end of a runway for take-off—generally a distance of about one and one-half miles.
- There is sufficient air conditioning capacity in one modern jet bomber to air condition five five-room houses. The heat required for the plane's cabin heating and deicing would heat 22 five-room houses.
- Each swept-back wing of a modern jet bomber contains 14,698 bolts and rivets—some with tolerances as small as .0015 of an inch.

NOTICE - NEWS MATERIAL

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