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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

I always thought it would be handy to be twins so I could do more things and be in more places at the same time. Now in this position I would like to be quadruplets to be able to accomplish all I want to do for our wonderful organization.

I especially wanted to be with the Colorado Chapter girls September 9 at the home of Verna Christopher. Instead, I was guest speaker for the Northern Texas W.N.A.A. dinner on September 8. I enjoyed Fort Worth unit meeting September 9 at the home of Rowena Burns - had a business lunch with Jimmy Kolp, in Electra, Texas, on September 10 - attended an Oklahoma City chapter meeting at the home of Mary Francis on September 11 - and we worked all day in our new headquarters on September 12.

Now if I don't break my leg and if the weather and plane are willing, I will leave for Fort Worth in the early A.M. and then on to Santa Monica, California, for the Southwest Sectional meeting September 17. Then, back to Travis City, Michigan, for the Northern Central sectional meeting September 23; then on to El Paso, Texas, for the Southern Central sectional meeting September 30. I am glad because I enjoy traveling and trying to sell women on the convenience of flying their own planes for pleasure and business.

I spent five days around September 1 and four days around September 10 working with the girls setting up our new offices. We all are working hard to make our new International Headquarters a place we will be proud of and enjoy visiting. We have two northeast corner rooms on the second floor of the administration building, all freshly redecorated in brown and tan with some coral in the brown and tan flooring. Our office furniture consists of all metal Shaw and Walker, coral sand with brown tops, secretarial desk, 72-inch work table, four-drawer file cabinet, posture chair and side chair with coral leather trim. We will keep the coral below the brown baseboard level and hope to use 99 blue above. Sure hope you all will like it when finished.

We are all set up and doing business with the bare necessities in our new headquarters. Of course, there are many things we need and would like, but we will add these as we can afford them. We are

very fortunate to have Dorothy Morgan as our part-time secretary and things are really shaping up into a very efficiently run headquarters that we all will enjoy.

Broneta Davis donated a large full length mirror for our reception room.

Beth Smith is donating a large hand painted map of the world pinpointing the location of our foreign members.

Jimmy Kolp is donating a very nice leather covered headquarters book that will list all the inventory of the donated property and donors and visitors.

In 1955-56 lets every 99er bring in at least one desirable new member. We want our organization to grow and be able to do more for the members and for aviation.

Lots of extra good flying and have fun.

Sincerely yours,

OMA Vardner Whyte

Edna Gardner Whyte



BRITISH COLUMBIA CHAPTER
By: Phyllis Miller

We have a few interesting things to report that happened to some of us while we were visiting the U. S. on holiday this summer.

Margo Hicks, our Chairman, spent her vacation in California in June. She entered the race held by the Porterville Area Pilots' Association, between Long Beach and Porterville, and received the first place award. She tells us that a large number of planes entered, of various types. Margo was flying a Culver V, solo. She was given a royal welcome, and couldn't tell us enough about what a wonderful time she had down there -everyone was so kind-including the weatherman. Don't be surprised if you see Margo down there again some time, along with some of the rest of us.

Margo also won a case of peaches, awarded to the "peachiest-looking" pilot.

Yours truly spent a swell vacation in Oregon in July/August-with some friends at Bonneville for a couple of days-the rest of the two weeks in Portland. Had a wonderful time sightseeing and swimming in some of those cutdoor pools and while at Jantzen Beach pool noticed the sign advertising the Portland Seaplane Base. Went for a flight round the city and took some photos, and got talked into getting a seaplane rating. Had to get an American lisense first, of course. Mr. Bross and everyone else at the base was very helpful, as time was limited, out I put in an hour or two every day for a week and completed the course. Always intended to get a seaplane rating sooner or later, but didn't realize the procedure would be so short and sweet. Sure was a lot of fun-couldn't quite decide whether I liked landplanes or seaplanes better. Seaplanes are just the thing for B.C.'s rugged territory-little lakes here and there you can land on, and inlets up the coast, and not so much flat country for landplanes.

There is a lot of discussion going on in Vancouver about a new separate airport for small aircraft-and keeping the main airport for airlines and airforce, as there is so much traffic now-and signs of it getting worse. The problem is to get a site that suits most people-so far there is an argument against every one picked-but doubt if they will ever the able to please everybody. For the information of anyone who knows this territory-they are thinking of Lulu Island, just east of the main airport.

That seems to be all our news for this month.

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AWTAR

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.

The race route is still under discussion by the Board of Directors. This information will be released as soon as possible.

Total horsepower now allowed will be 350 hp. The previous total was 300 hp.

The race rules, handicaps, and 1956 course are all under study now by the Board. Suggestions are welcome and should be sent to Mrs. Betty Gillies, board chairman.

1955 publicity is still rolling along...see the Spencer Chemical ads in the Sept. 12 NEWSWEEK and Sept. 26 TIME magazines. All credit to Doris Eacret (Utah Chapter).

Betty Loufek, Director Public Relations AWTAR, Inc. Another very successful AWTAR. Each year we have been getting more and better publicity on this most important event and the bigger it gets, the more expenses we have. So —it isn't a bit too early to be thinking about how to raise the necessary funds to insure the continuance of the excellent participation and publicity we are gaining through the sponsorship of this race.

Christmas isn't too far away and one of the easiest ways to make money is to sell Christmas cards to members and friends. Most large cities have a company which will pay from 50-100% commission on sales of their cards and usually they are very good looking cards and are priced right. I know several women who make about \$100 each year in their spare time in this manner and it is especially good for a chapter whose members are scattered throughout the state. Each member can work on her own. These companies also carry a line of small, unusual gifts selling for around \$1.00. All of us have occasion to attend Christmas parties where we are asked to being a small gift and if you are selling the cards, don't overlook calling the customer's attention to these gifts. Some of the companies increase the commission according to the quantity sold. The more orders, the more commission. So if this is the case where you order your cards, pool the orders of all members, to take advantage of this additional commission. This is really a very easy way to raise funds, since everyone buys cards. All occasion cards are also available. You should get started on this right away, however, since many other organizations get started early. If you are unable to locate a company in your own city, drop me a card and I will send you the names of several

companies who operate nationally. A nice thing about this project, you not only make money for the AWTAR, you can include your own orders and get your own cards at wholesale.

Another easy way to raise money before Christmas is to raffle off some very attractive items. Perhaps you can get something donated. If not, use your contacts to buy something at wholesale. Unless you have a lot of pilots who will buy the tickets, be careful about selecting prizes that appeal to pilots only. Consider carefully the price of the tickets. Often tickets sold at 10¢ or 3 for 25¢ will actually bring in more money than at 25¢ ea. Unless you can sell a lot of tickets. don't be too ambitious. I have seen cases where \$75 was raised easily by buying prizes worth about \$25 and selling \$100 worth of tickets. Sometimes a set of plated silver flatware can be purchased for about \$20 if it is a discontinued pattern and this makes a very nice prize.

Loretta Slavick, Chairman ways and Means

MEMBERSHIP

New Delhi---Here is a sign of the emancipation of Indian women who for centuries lived in the shadows of their menfolk;

Eight women are learning to fly at government flying schools throughout the country, a minstry of communications spokesman told Parliament.

To say thank you for your cooperation during the past two years. Our membership has grown thanks to everybody.

And now the new year begins with the same old reminder--Get that renewal in at once! Prompt renewals will be a great assistance to our new headquarters, and to the new membership chairman, Beth Smith.

And best to you, Beth, for a successful year-sounds like a New Year greeting, which it is for the Ninety-Nines.

Louise M. Smith



Hurricane "Diane" was not only responsible for the worst floods in the history of New England, but also cancelled out our August meeting. September 10th at Hiller Airport was a Wing Scout meeting. Ninety-Nines attending were: Catherine Hiller, Mildred Simenson, Page Shamburger Bertha Ryan, Deed Holcomb, "Rustie" Cloud and Chris Seaver. We're lending a helping hand in any way possible to help the girls earn their wings. Delicious picnic lunch by the swimming pool after the "courageous" had a "dip" -- it was a cool day. The heartfelt thanks and gratitude of the entire Section goes to Catherine Hiller for the wonderful job she's accomplished in her two terms as Governor. The New England Section presented Catherine with a silver tray, suitably inscribed as a token of our appreciation at the Sept. 10 meeting. Newly elected officers of the New England Section are: Governor-Barbara KRusis" Cloud; Vice-Governor-Esther H. (Jerry) Gardiner; Secretary-Mary Ann Lippitt; Treasurer-Alice R. Kitks; News Reporter-Ora K. Stevens. Catherine Hiller was elected to the National Nominating Committee. We're so proud to have New England represented in National.

The New England Scaring Association Invitation Scaring Meet was held at Hiller Airport over Labor Day weekend. Catherine Hiller is Treasurer and Connie Ripley, secretary. Bertha Ryan is most active in this organization. Bertha bought a car and dreve to California for a month's vacation. Lucky girl.

Ora Stevens took her four gremlins (ages 1,7,9 and 11 years) on a Picnic (waited till the last day before school started of course) in

King Aviations 170 Cessna. Destination was to be Chatham Airport where they were going to use one of Mr. Berubes Crossley cars for the picnic on the Unicomm and finding Chatham had 500 ft., it was decided to turn around and head for bluer skies. The lawn at New Bedford Airport made a beautiful picnic spot.



y: Ruby Sadtler

Our September dinner meeting was held at the Henry Hudson Hotel, 352 W.57th Street, New York City, where we had a private dining room, geed food and service. We plan to meet en the second Monday of each month at 6:30 at this hotel and will be happy to welcome visiting 99's. Come and be our guest! Visitors at this meeting included Ena Ayres whe is with Arabian American Oil Co., Marie Lekby with Northwestern Airlines, San Francisce and Dr. Gress whom we hope will soon give us anether inspiring talk on the medical aspects of flying.

Our Governor, Selma Cronan, complimented Connie Hahn on her efficient performance in checking planes during the AWTAR. In fact, Selma had nothing but praise for all the helpers and especially for Barbara Evans who was such a good and conscientious chairman.

Florence Knight and Kay Brick gave a rousing report of their flight in the AWTAR. Their sponsor, Monsante Chemical Company entertained them, fed them and gave them loads of leot which included samples of a new plastic starch soon to be put en the market called NU. Kay is using it on her daughter Bunny's clothes with great success.

Pricilla Wilson and Kay Brick, accompanied by their 49gers, Marge Gray, Gloria Heath and others, attended the National Air Show at Philadelphia the weekend of September 2-5. Ina Young and Jan Morris of the Eastern Penn. Chapter had very thoughtfully arranged for a suite in the John Bartram Hetel as Hq. for 99's in town. At the airport, they had a huge umbrella for 99 visitors for get-togethers and had also arranged a 99 breakfast all of which was greatly appreciated by attending 99's. Irene Keith has finished her Airline Operations training and now has her Airline Dispatchers license. She was the only girl in a class of 21 men in the school at Federal Bldg. Idlewild Airport. She works for Pan American Airways in the Flight Control Office.

The following slate of officers was presented: Governor-Selma Cronan; Vice Governor-Arax Simsarian; Secretary, Irene Keith; Treasurer, Flerence Knight.

Our sincere sympathy goes to Barbara Evans who has just returned from Salt Lake City where she attended the funeral of her father.



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

Washington Air Race No. 2 from Washington to Catskill, N.Y., had a large turneut -- the participants were Lamona Cervenka, Eleanor Davis Hazel Dwiggins, Betty Fisher, Elizaboth Fleming, Jean Heward, Leuise Kidd, Eva Migonis, Ada Mitchell, Nancy Moere, Frances Nolde, Florence Robinson and Florence Rucker. The winners -- Eleanor Davis, Florence Robinson and Fran Nolde and their cepilets were presented with levely trophies. Mr. and Mrs. (Tyve) Charles Cooper, Nancy Moore's parents, met us at the airport and drove to their beautiful home in Woodstock. After a swim by the hardy (it was cold !), we were served a delicious luncheon of chicken, ham and all the trimmings. Fran flew ever to Boston and brought back her daughter, Francine, for the weekerd . Woodstock is an artists' colony and has many interesting studies, antique shops and a shop featuring unusually designed candles.

We were very reluctant to leave such wenderful hosts on Sunday. As the weather was no longer VFR, Tyve leaded us on buses and away we went en the Thruway to New York. With only time for a hasty glance at Times Square, we scurried for the train to Washington.

The Pennsylvania 99's went all-out at the National Air Show in Philadelphia and those attending from Washington think they did a bang-up job!

WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER By: Araxie K. Ervin

Our September meeting was held at the Elkins airport where yours truly and her 49 er flew in one hour late. We were greeted by Mary Wetherby with a warm hello. It seems that I missed meeting Mary Lynch, a prospective 99er who had planed in an hour ahead of me in her Cessna 170, but due to business obligations couldn't stay for the meeting.

Mary and I being the only 99ers present, conducted our meeting sitting on the grass under the shade of an Aeronca wing. We commented on the beautiful flying weather and then gave an account of how our selling campaign of stationery, calenderettes, etc. was progressing. More orders—mere money for our week treasury is our airm.

Air marking was also discussed; and with the cooperation of the W. Va. State Aeronautical and State Road Commission, we hope to get the "tucked-away" places air marked.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER
By: Derothy Shackelford

A few days ago a long distance call frem Charlotte, N.C., gave me a happy excuse for shelling out of my housecleaning regalia and dashing out to the airport for lunch with Betty Hamilton and Frances Miller. Betty flew down in her Tri-pacer from the private strip in Charlotte te hash over some chapter business and swap news. She and Jim had a fine flying trip during the summer te some of the Florida resorts. Florida seems to have been a popular choice this year. Frances teld of a grand charter trip she took to Miami flying winners of a radio centest.

Betty brought one piece of bad news. Nancy Mayes is being sent by her office to Atlanta. We have our fingers crossed that it won't be for leng, so don't get your hopes up, Georgia.

The Bradshaws, you will be glad to hear, are looking for another plane. With their memories of so many wonderful trips, I had a feeling they wouldn't be earthbound too long. Seems to be an epidemic, for I hear Edith Leng is now sporting a sparkling new Bonanza.

A card from Amalie Stone, from Bermuda, shows the sand isn't all out of that gal's shoes, yet.

October is bringing both chapter and section meetings, so hope to see a lot of you and glean seme really choice news theme for next menth.

FLORIDA CHAPTER By: Helen Mennitte

The September 21st meeting on beard the charter boat "St. Nicholas IV" at Miami City Docks was primarily social since a combined meeting with the North Florida Chapter is coming up on October 1 and 2 at Vere Beach. The point of meeting en the boat was to enable members te see its facilities so we can plan future parties en it (fish fries or barbecues) to raise money for the chapter. The approximately 15 members who attended agreed the idea has great possibilities. We were especially pleased to see Bea Hymen from New York who is staying with her parents for several weeks.

Chairman Dorethea Vermorel took an informal poll of those intending to ge to the election meeting at the Windswept Hotel in Vero Beach. We hope at least a dozen gals will go up for the overnight get-together.

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GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER By: Marjory Farrell

A wonderful potluck dinner at the home of our chairman, Marie Kuhlman, marked the beginning of a lively new year, if the business meeting that followed is a fair indication of coming activities. Plans are currently being made for a flight to Atchison, Kansas, in October and a 1930 style show and entertainment on schedule for Nov.

Laurien Griffin, our flying vicechairman, is spreading the aviation
word in our area with a talk on
"flying" at Quivira Lake, Kansas,
and a TV interview at St. Joseph
in connection with the St. Joseph
Air Show. Laurien again proved to
be our "flyingest" member by winning the K-R trophy for the second
year by having the greatest number
of hours flown for the year. K-R
II now joins K-R I on her mantelpiece 1

Marie Kuhlman was trailblaser to St. Mary's Glacier Lodge, Idaho Springs Colorado, for her later-arriving 49ger and other 99 members of the KC Aero Club. Neva Rea, Grace Harris, and Alyce Humphrey flew out to join her in the fun.

Sarah Gorelick, fresh home from Denver University, is pursuing more education at Kansas City University. Meanwhile she pursues her flying diligently-Joplin breakfast flight, St. Joseph Air Meet, and Seotional Meeting at Traverse City all included. Laurien Griffin and Verna Wilson plan on one Sectional-Verna bringing with her a potential 99 member.

Verma and her flight instructor 49 er took a busman's holiday—they flew !--a Labor Day weekend trip to California with a return stop at Las Vegas, Nevada.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Ruth C. Lembke

Toney and Elsie Peters heard Deede Heise tell about her flight with Herm and Dora to the Du Page County Airport (III.) where the annual air show was held. This was told at Dora Fritzke's home on September 18. Both Deede and Dora came home with trephies they had won by coming in third in the 100 mile cross-country centest. Dora was also awarded the Wiscensin Chapter Traveling Tray because she had wen her first trephy. All efficers were unanimously elected to their second term of office.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER By: Joan Hrubec

The September Annual Meeting was held at Mansfield, Ohio on the 18th.

The officers for 1955-56 are: Chairman, Joan Hrubec; Vice Chairman, Jean Bonar; Secretary-Treasurer, Edythe Maxim. Marjorie Miller and Lee were on the AOPA Bermuda Cruise. Enjoyed same. Lots of fun and good eats.

Sales Tax Contest for a free trip te the Traverse City Fall Sectional was run for one month and a total of \$2,100 worth of stamps were collected. The winner was Mary Schaefer of Medina.

We are very proud of Jean Bonar who just earned an Instrument Rating.

Welcome to new member Nancy Sitler of Cincinnati.

New airplanes seem to be abundant this time of year in Ohio. Prospective member Lee Best and member Rosalie Bracht are contemplating buying a new 1955 Tri-Pacer. Mary Schaefer, prospective member, has purchased a Cessna 140. We expect Mary to become a 99 real soon now.

Edith (Harmon) and Ernie Friedrich have purchased a Cessna 195. They flew their 170 on the Kentucky Air Tour September 8 to 11.

Alice Schlott has purchased a new Cessna 170 and in June she and Doc flew it to the Toronte Exposition.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER
By: Denna Giles - Harriette Magee

Vacations seem to be over for this summer and most of our chapter is now "at home" for awhile, or at least till Fall Sectional next week at Michigan. So far there will be at least three airplanes going with full leads.

Evelyn Martin was fertunate to have attended meetings at Dottie Faust's home in East Troy, Wiscensin and alse at Barraboo. Regina Devine took a water trip up the St. Lawrence stopping at Montreal. Leis Cassidy flew her Navion te Kenera, Canada and was teld she was the first woman pilet from the states te land there.

Dorethy Vachout got weathered in at Cable Union, Wiscensin on her trip and had to leave her Stinson there while she came on home.

Nell Brown and Marge Raglin decided te "Ge West" this year. In fact, Nell is still there and we missed her at the airmeet. Marge combined werk with pleasure as she was doing post graduate werk in Nevada.

Nina Price checked out in a Trojan, Aerosport and a Cessna 195 which she and Leenard just bought. Syl Reth was busy getting her Seaplane rating as well as flying the TAR and running Chicage Area Chapter. Elsie Wahrer is very happy checking out in her new Beech.

And in addition to our airmeet which will be related to you by our new correspondent, the big news is our election. Sylvia Roth, Nell Brown and Helen Sailer were re-elected to their same positions and Donna Giles will take over my work while I stay at home and concentrate on raising my new daughter.

Sunday was a beautiful day for the airmeet. Twenty of our own girls were on hand to participate as well as seven 492ers. Deedo Heise and Dora Fritzke from Wisconsin, Sophia Payton from Indiana and Dora Dougherty from Central Illinois also were present.

The events consisted of: Private. Commercial and Student Spot Landing Contests won by Helen Sailsr, Bea Siemon and Lois Cassidy (Private); Syl Roth, Doris Langher, and Marge Raglin (Comm.); Evelyn Chillocat (Student); Bomb Dropping was won by Florence Lacy, Gean Burson and Bea Siemon; A Cross Country Race was won by Sylvia and Helen in a 140, Sophia Payton in a Meyers Bi-plane, and Deedo Heise and Dora Fritzke in a 180.

Two new events were added this year. The Student Spot Landing contest, mentioned above and a 49ger Spot Landing Contest wom by Lois Cassidy's husband Bernie. Maybe now some of these husbands will realize spot landings aren't so easy. Outstanding Private and Commercial Pilot trophies were won by Helen Sailer and Sylvia Roth, respectively. The Floating Trophy for the girl with the most points in all events was awarded to Sylvia

Irene Leverton who was awarded the Floating Trophy last year was unable to attend the meet this year. A last minute charter trip for the National Broadcasting Company. Hope she can make it next year.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER NEWS By: Loretta Slavick

At our September meeting, the following officers were elected: Chairman, Dorothy Rumsey; Vice Chairman, Maxine Desper; Secretary, Pat Tulley; Treasurer, Mickey Clark . This meeting was held at the home of Dorothy Wheeler and we had as a special guest, Blanche Stuart Scott who was taught to fly by Glen Curtiss in 1910. Mrs. Soott was in St. Louis collecting material for the Air Force Museum and we were all very interested in hearing her talk about her early experiences. in for a swimming party at Weiss Airport and a barbecue luncheon and quite a few attended. We were very happy to have the AWTAR again stop in St. Louis and we had a barbecue supper and open house for those staying over to meet the local aviation people. Iowa Chapter invited us to fly to Marshalltown to meet with them and Mickey Clark and prospective member, Sylvia Bloom and their husbands, Loretta and Lee Slavick, Maxine Desper and Laura Sellinger flew up in Mickey's and Loretta's planes.

Sue Park spent her vacation in Colorado again and rushed home with just time to pack and take off again for Hawaii where she will teach this year. Laura Sallinger spent her vacation in the mountains in New Mexico and brought back some more wonderful pictures she made.

Loretta Slavick and 49ger and Lydia Dunne flew to Travis City to attend the fall Sectional meeting and reported a wonderful time. MICHIGAN CHAPTER By: Babe Ruth

The Michigan Chapter new officers for 1955-56 are: Mary Clark, Chairman; Edna Chapin, Vice Chairman; Dorothy Woodhams, Treasurer; Leah Higgins, Recording Secretary; Nancy Lafarge, Flower and Gift; Janey Hart, Air Marking; Babe Ruth, Reporter. Those I can't remember will be in print next month.

Northern Michigan is already an array of beautiful colors mixed in the stately pines. The first color tour was the annual Paul Bunyan Clan initiation held September 23-25 at Traverse City.

Michigan's Lt. Governor Phil Hart and Janey Hart, his pilot wife, and our own 99 were initiated into the clan, along with Nancy LaFarge.

We are sorry to lose our new International President Edna Gardner Whyte back to Texas. Edna's beautiful smile will be missed, you can be sure, at our meetings and those who haven't been fortunate to meet Edna will certainly enjoy knowing her as she presides over our 99's.

To the Michigan girls: If we expect to be represented in the Newsletter, remember it takes news of yourselves, so won't you please let me know by some means of communication what you are doing.

We four Lansing 99ers thought we'd like to get together with the visiting Flying Farmer 99's. So with the help of Helen Simmon whom I met at the airport Saturday afternoon at a long distance call from Becky Thatcher, we met at 2 pm in the lounge of Butterfield Hall, then over to Kellogg Center for cokes, then a tour of the G.M. display and a very enjoyable gab session.

Some of the gals have been taking side trips. Betty Little with Eloise Smith in Betty's Bonanzo flew to Utah. Then Eloise and Harry Smith flew to Duluth over Labor Day and Mary Clark flew to St. Cloud, Minn.

Aleta Johnson has moved to Fort Dix, N.J., to be with her husband who is stationed there.

The National Flying Farmers Convention was held in Lansing during August with over 900 planes landing in walking weather. The Tower was directing traffic down the highways to the airport as it was located about 30 miles out.

Janey Hart is flying a Twin Cessna for a multi engine rating. Nancy LaFarge is working on a commercial flight test and flying a PT 22 to become an acrobatic pilot under the directions of Art J. Davis, one of the best acrobatic pilots in the U.S. Margaret and Eric Windfuhr had a forced landing someplace in Canada - no damage to plane or pilot.

My address is Route 4, Box 133A, Lansing, Michigan. Telephone: IV 44026. INDIANA CHAPTER
By: Rae Cawdell

No regular meeting of the Indiana 99's was held in September, so herein we give you brief chatter on other activities.

Attending the Sectional in Traverse City was Betty Nicholas, Billie Smith, Rachel Meranda and Fern Rinker. Members of the Indianapolis Aero Club made their annual pilgrimage to the land of the Blue Ox this same weekend and joined forces with the 99's in helping initiate new members into the Paul Bunyan clan.

Certainly we were very happy to have Blanche Noyes stop in Indianapolis September 13 and 14. Blanche attended the dinner meeting of the Indianapolis Aero Club and gave a most impressive talk on air marking. September 14 she was dinner guest of the 99's at Rene's French restaurant. Then followed a get-together at Mildred Hurt's for some chit-chat and to view a local news telecast on which our guest's visit was announced, with pictures, no less.

Travelers - Mary Sprenger and Lucy Williams due back soon from several weeks vacation in New Orleans, Fort Worth, and other points south. Delia Sanders and 40ger Harry flew to Lake Charlevoix over Labor Day weekend. Tannie Schlundt, her 40ger and son Wayne flew Bananza to Clemson, South Carolina, August 25, for tje wedding of Tannie's brother. The Ackors, Jane and George, hopped over to Cincinnati for a few days.

Sophia Payton and Delia Sanders flew to the Chicago meeting at Du-Page County Airport September 18, Sophia in her Meyers and Delia in her 170. Proudly we announce that Soph won second place in the cross country race and is moving things around on her mantle to make room for the trophy. Mildred Hurt's 170 is being sadly neglected these days. While it remains tied down Mildred is tied up - baby sitting with brand new grandson.

We're invited by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crane, owners of Skylane Airport in Evansville, for a barbeque Oct. 16, the date of our next meeting.

Our sincere sympathies to Ruth Dinsmore whose husband Ernest passed away last week.

UPPER IONA CHAPTER By: Bernice Wilson

The September meeting was held the 18th at Fort Dodge with Virginia Koestner as hostess. A noon steak fry was held at the city park. Door prizes were won by Jack Wilson and Jean Wildman.

After the meal, a short business meeting was held with the election of officers. The following members were elected: Chairman, Beulah Smith; Vice Chairman, Dorothy Hunt; Secretary, Bunny Wilson; Treasurer, Marie Blank.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER By: Marietta Sonnenberg

Minnesota 99's, 49gers and friends had one of the most unusual and entertaining meetings ever held in September. As guests of Marilyn Kwalheim and her fiance, Drex Henderson, we had a beautiful trip down the St. Croix River from Hudson, Wis., on the Henderson Crisoraft. While we sipped cocktails and ate hors d'oeurves, we watched the lovely scenery and caught up on news of each other. Then back to the docks to pick up late comers and up the river to the White Pine Inn for dinner. The night couldn't have been more wonderful. Enjoying it were Rita and Burt Orr, Margaret and Maloolm Manuel, Audrey and Roy Baird, Helen and George Masterton, Marion Radke, Dorothy Anderson, Florence Scriver, Dawn Arcand and Joe Michaud, Marietta Sonnenberg, and a prospective 99er, Tamie Olsen of St. Paul, and, of course, Marilyn and Drex. We did "settle down" once during the evening and elected our 1955-56 officers, and are happy to announce they are: Florence Scriver, chairman; Rita Orr, vice chairman and Audrey Baird, secretarytreasurer. I enjoyed being chairman the past year and wish Florence best of luck. We talked some of the north central sectional meeting to be held in Minneapolis in the fall of 1956, of helping out the Minneapolis Jaycees at the 2nd annual air fair, of the next meeting to be held the evening of October 12 at Helen Masterton's house in Minneapolis, and of the wonderful news of Marilyn and Drex's engagement. They plan to marry next year and are already starting their home in Hudson. Marilyn has been secretary to Drex's father at Brown and Bigelow, St. Paul, for eight years.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Ethel Christensen

The October meeting will be at Delavan, Wisconsin with Irene Moore as hostess. There just isn't any prettier place than Lake Lawn, Delavan in October. We are hoping for our Alaska member, Dorothy Bryant, to be with us then.

Election of officers was held and Winnie happens to be our new Chairman. Lois Joyce was re-elected Vice-Chairman; Isabel Myrland, Treasurer; Avis Peterson, Secretary. Sounds like a good team to me.

Winnie has been flying her plane allower the country. Avis Peterson has left in her plane to go Elk hunting in Wyoming. Irene Moore is about to go south on vacation and Nellie Bilstad is back from teaching zoology at the University of Wisconsin. Lois Joyce is on the road to recovery after being hospitalized for quite some time.

Winnie Kestly was hostess for the September meeting at Appleton, Wisconsin, and I was told lunch was at a most attractive club making for a relaxing time. The fall sectional meeting of the North Central Section of Ninety-Nines was held as it was two years ago in Traverse City, Michigan, in connection with the gathering of the Paul Bunyan Clan on September 23, 24 and 25.

The usual poor flying weather cut attendance of Ninety-Nines attending to approximately 45 but most of the nine states in the section were represented.

Those arriving on Friday attended a "primer" cocktail party with members of the Paul Bunyan Clan at the Park Place Hotel, dined at a splendid buffet dinner in the hotel main dining room and danced to Freddie Gleason's band until after midnight.

The business meeting was held on Saturday after a delightful lunch in the Cherry Pit dining room. Guest speaker was Mr. George Maines from Flint, a retired newspaper man with more than his share of acquaintance among the notables of aviation.

The results of the election of officers for the coming year were made known with all officers being returned to office with the exception of the Vice-Governor whose two terms had expired. Those elected were: Eloise Smith, Governor; Marjorie Raglin, Vice-Governor; Allaseba (Becky) Thatcher, Secretary and Bernice Trimble, Treasurer.



EL PASO CHAPTER By: Lois Hailey

September 17 was our usual luncheen meeting at the Sky Chef of International Airport. We had a good turnout. Dorothy Blackham could not join us this time as she is very busy with her many offspring.

At this meeting we completed our plans for the Sectional meeting. Weather permitting, we expect a good crowd. Fly-in is Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1. Friday evening there will be a party at Ruby Hays'. Saturday a tour of U.S. and Mexico with lunch and meeting at Ruth Deerman's. The men will be able to see the golf tournament if they so desire. Saturday night will be a banquet - fly-out on Sunday.

We had a guest from Kansas at our meeting. She was Mrs. Phila Knitig who was here because of a new grand-child. Others at the meeting were: Ruth Deerman, Ruby Hays, Anne Duthie, Ruth Muller, Mary Margaret McDonald, Doris Smith, Louis Haley, Dodie Powers, and our newest member, Joan Patterson. Our two Dell City members could not make the meeting this time - Lois Ziler and Mrs. Geo. McConnell.

KANSAS CHAPTER By: Lois Dobbin

September meeting was held in Joplin, Missouri, at the home of Hortense Hackbarth. Same day as Jeplin's annual fly-in breakfast, and some 200 airplanes were in and out that day. Hortense had a delightful feed for us which was much appreciated after we had airmarked Girard en route.

Landing at Pittsburg Airport, we were met by a radio commentator with a tape recorder and Margaret Ann Yourden explained our airmarking mission. We then drove to Firard to airmark the court house. Biggest obstacle was finding the right keys to the court house. We thought we had a built in headwind in our 170, until we discovered the clock was running 1:20 seconds for every minute.

Mary and Martin Howard are proud parents-Ann Marie, $7\frac{1}{2}$ pounder, and are figuring out a jump seat for their Ercoupe. Mary, a technical artist for Cessma, just finished the scrap book for the year, and did a beautiful job.

TULSA CHAPTER
By: Tissie Lawrence

The September meeting of the Tulsa Chapter of 99's was held on the 6th at Western Villiage. We were happy to have Anne Waddell as our guest and enjoyed a good visit with her as we dined before the meeting.

Election of officers was held and the results are: Dorthy Rice, Chairman; Tissie Lawrence, Vice Chairman; Faye Mefford, Secretary and for her second term, Peggy Snyder, Treasurer. Our many thanks to the outgoing officers that worked so hard getting the Tulsa Chapter active again. The past officers were: Eleanor Heath, Chairman; Dorthy Rice, Vice Chairman; Faye Sullenger, secretary and Peggy Snyder, Treasurer.

A surprise party was given for Eleanor Heath by the members at the Southwood Country Club in appreciation of the fine job she did as last year's chairman. Eleanor was surprised with a cocktail party and charcoal broiled chicken cocked out under the trees, by the members and 49½ ors. She was presented a gift of 99 earrings. Our prospective member friends were invited and a good time was had by all.

So far this year the Kansas 99's have airmarked 33 towns, and Helen Chandler, airmarking chairman, has plans for many more. Lucile Diesnt sparked the fall season by doing six airmarkers in one week. Most of western Kansas in the Lakin-Garden City area are airmarked.

Kansas 99's and the bobbe Slade
Wing Scout Troop visited McConnell
AFB for survival films, lunch, tour
of the B-47, and to fly the B-47
Link Simulator. What an interesting
experience - more switches than Carter has pills - overcontrol once and
spend 5 minutes running down the altimeter. At 400 mph it sure unwinds
fast. All the girls enjoyed the
Link, and it was a treat.

COLORADO CHAPTER
By: Marilyn K. Nordstrom

We are off to a flying start this year for sure. For the past two meetings our raffle item has been a helicopter ride (from Helicopters, Inc., Stapleton Field, Denver-our own pot Young) and we are all hoping ours will be the lucky number. No one dares miss a meeting now. Frances Tepper was the September winner.

September found us at Colorade Springs for a wonderful dinner served by our hostess Verna Christopher. Present were Mary Wenholz, Ruth Mugels, Betty Stackhouse, Jane Nettleblad, Frances Tepper, Donna Myers, Marilyn Nordstrom, Dorothy Young. Pat Urling, who was vacationing at the Broadmoor with two of her children, joined us later in the evening. A most enjoyable evening-our thanks again, Verna.

Mary Wenholz was presented with a 99 compas rose pendant for her past year in office. And Dot Young is our new Membership Chairman.

Alice Fuchs has arranged for the Colorado Chapter and our 492ers to watch an evening fire-fighting demonstration at Lowry Air Force Base on October 28. Our October 7 meeting will be at Donna Myers' home. Our get well wishes to Swede Nettleblad who is recovering from a feot operation.



SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER By: Ardell Hauk

Our business meeting for September was held at San Carlos Airport. Elsie Watson was hostess and we all had a good laugh as several of us got lost trying to get off the free-way and onto the airport road. Those clowerleaf access roads are all well and good, but much too complicated for us ladybirds.

Nine girls attended the meeting and we discussed fly-ins, airmarking, the Fall Sectional (ten of us planned to go) and your reporter brought color slides of the AWTAR to show to the girls.

Elsie teld us about an interesting trip she went on recently. She and her husband Elmer flew with another couple in a Tri-Pacer to Canada. Two other airplanes made the trip also, a Luscembe and a Piper Apache. Elsie reported beautiful scenery, three days of rain, they witnessed the age-old tradition of Salmon going upstream to spawn and they saw moose and bear. On their way home they stepped at Penticton just in time for the peach festival. Yes, we were surprised teo - to learn that peaches grow that far north.

The week after our meeting, Tommy Christian became the proudmother of a brand new baby sen, Mark Randolph Christian. Congratulations, Tommy! BAY CITIES CHAPTER
By: Maxine Carlson

During our September meeting at Hazel and Fred Miles' home in Cakland, ll members and two guests enjoyed a cozy, candlelit supper. Geri Hill, Rosemarie Gehling, Miriam Brugh, Maxine Carlson, Margaret Gerhardt, Dorothy Whiteman, Ruth Rueckert, Lindy Boyes, Mabel Zehr, Wray Misener, Fran Grant, Nell Brown, an active member from the Chicago Chapter, and Laura Hale, formerly from the Bay Cities Chapter, now in Les Angeles, but soon to transfer back into this Chapter, all found the small group discussions around the dinner table so interesting that Chairman Rosemarie Gehling had to "bang them down" to begin the business meeting.

Further plans for airmarking Santa Cruz were discussed and the date changed to October 23 for the convenience of everyone concerned. On that same date early in the A.M. five members are going to learn the mechanics of laying out the letters for airmarking.

New officers were elected for the coming year. Geri Hill is the new chairman; Wray Misener, Vice Chairman; Margaret Gerhardt, Secretary and Dorothy Whiteman, the only officer eligible for re-election, was retained as Treasurer. The former chairman, Rosemarie Gehling, is the new Southwest Sectional secretary.

Lillian Anderson sent us news that she has sold another story. Good luok and keep it up:

Gladys Davis, who recently lost her husband, Tom, in a cropdusting accident, is going to continue te run the cropdusting business in Indio. She plans to continue her 99 interests by attending the Coachella Chapter.

A report on the Fall Southwest Sectional Meeting was given by Ruth Rueckert and Miriam Brugh.

Extensive plans were begun for handling the Air Race, beginning at San Mateo County Airport this coming July.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER By: Cynthia Gilkison

September meeting of the Long Beach Chapter was held in the community meeting room of the Belmont Shore Bank. Margie and Jimmy James entertained us with films of a fishing trip to Porte de Lobes in Mexico end of a flying jaunt to Alaska. We hope to see them back real soon with more of their fine films.

Lest year's officers did such a wonderful job that they have all been re-elected unanimously to serve a second term.

At our last meeting we voted to undertake the sponsorship of a CAA Flight Safety Clinic. Mr. Allen and Mr. Houghton of CAA described to us in detail the operation of the clinic. We plan to schedule the Clinic for sometime around the first of the year, and we hope every pilot in this area will try to take

advantage of the wonderful opportunities for learning and self improvement offered by these clinics.

Our chapter attended the Southwest Sectional meeting in Santa Monica in force, winning the trophy for having most members present. Attending were Mayetta Behringer, Kay Christensen, Shirley Froyd, Barbara London, Betty Louiek, Barbara Thisted, Mae Sharp, Iris Critchell, Cynthia Gilkison, Rita Gibson, Ruth Gay, Rose Finley, De Thurmond, and Edna Stennett. Our thanks to the Les Angeles Chapter for such a well planned and thoroughly enjoyable meeting.

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

Attending the elaborate and beautifully planned southwest section convention, hostessed by the Los Angeles chapter, were these gals from our chapter: Jeanne Strahl, Dot Dancer, Babe Story, Jean Reimer, No ma Wilcox, Renee Brown, Anne Bledsce and yours truly.

Irma (Babe) Story, we're proud to announce, was named to the sectional nominating committee. And Anne Bledsoe, who flew in to the convention from Miami, Florida, got the trophy, naturally, for coming the greatest distance. Her husband is stationed in Miami with the Flying Tigers.

Our chapter congratulations to the new sectional officers. Everybody elated to see international president Edna Gardner Whyte in our bailiwick for the sectional.

Katherine Wagner is back from a week's vacation at Gouldings Navajo Trading Post at Monument Valley.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
By: Christie Warren

At our September 28 meeting at Christie Warren's home, Chairman Monie Dye gave a report on the profits made for the treasury on the dinner dance September 17.

After expenses, we have over \$400 left. Our members will vote on how they want it spent at the next meeting.

A check for \$20 was sent to 99's National Headquarters to help buy furniture which is needed for the new offices at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our new National President Edna Gardner Whyte for honoring the Los Angeles Chapter at our Southwestern Section meeting and to extend our congratulations and very best wishes.

Nominations were made for the officers for the coming year. Voting followed and the following were elected: Chairman, Christie Warren; Vice Chairman, Sally LaFarge; Secretary, Lee Morrow; Treasurer, Mary Ilgen. SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By: Margaret S. Lang

Our September meeting was held at the lovely new home of Dottie Sanders in Lemon Grove. Election of officers was held and new officers are: Dottie Sanders, Chairman; Margaret Lang, Vice Chairman; Dottie Davis, Secretary and Edna Penners, Treasurer. Appointive officers are: Historian, Jean Cousins; Membership Chairman, Lois Bartling; Program Chairman, Ruby Potter; Member-at-Large for Executive Board, Ernestine Stanley; Flying Activities Chairman, Ruth Woldren and Assistant Secretary, Ethel Gainer. Installation of of-ficers will be held October 17 at a dinner meeting at the Streamliner to which guests are invited.

Members of the San Diego Chapter and their husbands who attended the Sectional meeting at Santa Monica Sept. 17 were Lois and Harry Bartling, Jean and "Cus" Cousins, Claire Hale, Helen Dick, Ruby Potter, Betty Gillies, Edna Penners, Maxine Smith and Margaret Lang and her guest, Ethelyn Davin. The weatherman really cooperated this weekend and it was perfect flying weather. At the meeting Lois Bartling was elected Vice Governor of the Southwestern Section. We are informed that Isabelle McCrae is now National Chairman for Flying Activities.

Ruby and Stan Potter have purchased a new 170 and immediately took off for San Francisco and Portland and other points north.

Dorothy and Roy Davis flew their 170 to Houston, Texas, to pick up their daughter who has been visiting with her grandparents during the school vacation.

Mary Ring has been busy helping her husband get their boat ready for competition in boat racing at the Salton Sea---races will be held in two or three weeks.

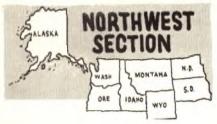
The San Diego Chapter has had an SOS from the Junior Chamber of Commerce for us to sponsor the dance which is traditionally given the Saturday night that the annual air games are held. The notice is very short (two weeks from Saturday) we we'll all have to do a lot of scurrying around to get everything ready. Dottie Sanders is shouldering the major part of the burden with the able assistance of Isabelle McCrae. Evie Briggs is taking care of the decorations.

SAGUARO CHAPTER By: Jimmye Lou Shelton

We've had a gala month for the Saguaro Chapter. Top spot on the agenda for the business meeting was the annual election of officers. Our new officers are: Alice Roberts, Chairman; Jimmye Lou Ehelton, Vice Chairman; Eonnie Fugitt, Secretary; Lucille Crosby, Treasurer and Melba Beard, Membership Chairman.

Frances Wood and her son "Woody" were back in St. Louis a couple of weeks ago in their Cessna 310. Had a nice trip except it was too cold for comfort. The temperature was 40 degrees the morning they left.

I understand our International President Edna Gardner Whyte was at the Sectional and complimented Bonnie on her report. We're all proud of Bonnie and the work she has done in Civil Defense. Wilma was appointed the new Chairman of Civil Defense by our new Sectional Governor Martha Lundy.



IDAHO CHAPTER By: Laura Conner

September meeting found us grouped at Margaret Gigrays gorgeous home at Caldwell. Guests for the evening were Jane Jones, a pilot from Caldwell, and Maryann Carver, Sect of the Dept. of Aeronautics.

We postponed election of officers until next meeting as our chairman was unable to attend.

Busy schedules prevented any Idaho delegates to attend the Northwest Sectional at Billings. We deeply regret this as the Montana Chapter put forth a lot of work to see that everyone had a wonderful time.

Flanche Novee was here to discuss air marking and the 99's entertain ed her at a luncheon at the Strate Room.

We were certainly glad that Francis Deer of Sun Valley could fly in with her tri-pacer for our meeting. And we were glad to welcome Gail Evans from McCall. It's wonderful to have these out-of-towners at our meetings.

On behalf of the Idaho Chapter of 99's, I wish to tell Gerry Mickelser how much we enjoyed her as President and her help in organizing the Idaho 99's. We welcome Edna Gardner Whyte as the incoming president and hope in the near future we will be luck enough to greet her in person.

Doris Atkinson flew with the Dept. of Aeronautics to designate the new airport at Shoshone. She has a bruised leg to report which she claims comes from hauling rocks around the airport.

MONTANA CHAPTER
By: Vivienne D. Schrank

August 14 there was a short 99 meeting at Livingston where many attended the Fish Fry Breakfast at the Airport and Trout Derby after breakfast.

The Montana 99's had a raffle there to raise funds for the coming Fall sectional. A Helena man won the thermos kit.

The 99's who attended were: Jimme Kuhn of Missoula; Norma Wingfield, Marge Relle and Dottie Dow of Billings; Eleanor Greening of Laurel; Pud Lovelace and Dorothy Sabe of Bozeman and Vivienne Schrank of Jordan, Montana. Mary Joe Janey of Jackson, Wyoming, and Lydiellen Hagen of Spokane, Washington, won the clever trout fly earrings for flying the longest distance. Jimme Kuhn won gold fish earrings for flying the longest distance in Montana.

Mr. Weatherman was kind so our Fall Sectional at Billings was a huge success. So sorry that 99's from Oregon, Idaho, North Dakota and Alaska didn't make it. Also, Wyoming fly-gals were unable to come. Wyoming and South Dakota have not as yet formed chapters but are in the process of

The Washington 99's --- both west and east chapters were represented with our Northwest Sectional Governor Margaret Proctor from Seattle, Sectional Membership Chairman, Virginia Richardson from Yakima (Ginny had a trip to Alaska but made it back in time to attend the Sectional meeting and banquet) with Mary Drinkwater of Yakima. Then Minnie Boyd of Pullman, Carole Gillespie of Seattle and Betty Seavey with 49ger Don from Walla Walla were also in attendance. And, by the way, the 49 ers received their cards at the Skyline Club Banquet, September 10, from their 99 Montana wives.

ALASKA CHAPTER
By: Emorene "Randy" Briggs

"Termination dust" (snow to you) is fast covering the mountain tops and will soon be creeping downward, but not without our chapter having two successful "Fly In, Drive In" breakfasts.

Our first breakfast was held at the Kenai Airport, Kenai, Alaska, August 21. The weatherman did not smile favorably but we did manage to clear \$42 from the event. Helen Stoddard and Lois Wise were co-chairmen. We served sourdough hot cakes, ham and eggs and coffee all ala Doll Booth's Airport Cafe.

Our second breakfast was held Sept. 25 at the Palmer Airport. It rained in Anchorage but was beautiful in Palmer so we had a good turn out. Our net profit for this breakfast was \$75.

Our regular August meeting was held at Pat McGee's home with Helen Stoddard, Lois Wise, Randy Briggs, Bettie Cary and Margaret Cook present.

Margaret Cook was hostess for the September meeting in hew new apt. in one of Anchorage's skyscrapers, a 14 story apt. bldg. (we are very proud of our two skyscrapers). Those attending were Helen Stoddard, Lois Wise, Randy Briggs, Pat McGee, Bettie Cary, Helen Snyder and Dell Booth.

Bettie Cary, professionally known as Bettie Lund, is getting back inte flying after a lapse of several years. Congratulations Bettie.

Helen Stoddard is leaving October 1 te drive to the States with her son and expects to spend several weeks visiting her daughter.

We received a telegram from Pearl Laska at the Palmer Breakfast Flight saying she was sorry not to be with us but was planning to enter the 1956 AWTAR again.

Doll Booth and her sister are leaving soon for the Piper Factory tepick up her new 90 HP Super Cub and return via the Alaska Highway. Good luck Doll!

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