



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

News Letter

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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With the strong March winds, we have to use seaplane control technique on the wheeled planes or we wind up in a position we did not expect or desire.

March 27 and 28 means work and play for the Executive Board at a meeting at the home of Jimmie Kolp, Electra, Texas. At this time all the members plan on being there, weather permitting. If you have any business to be taken care of, send it to me before that date.

TO ALL SECTIONAL GOVERNORS: Please send date, place, program of your Spring Sectional meeting to the NEWSLETTER. Some of our traveling gals may enjoy attending because they will meet new 99 friends. Keep your Sectional meetings educational and full of fun.

THANKS: Evelyn Bryant - we are all indebted to you for looking up and visiting with so many women pilots on your trip to South America. I wish all our members would take time to visit on their trips around the world. Some do and we appreciate it.

THANKS: Jacqueline Cochran - who found us a new member in Tokyo, Japan, Miss Yae Nozoki. We are happy to have her as a new member. Miss Nozoki is Commercial Pilot No. 500, and the first licensed of the Japanese women. May there be many more.

The Nominating and Resolutions Committee is well into the year's work of trying to find the pleasure of the membership. Please be prompt in replying and help them in every way. They are working for you to make our organization bigger and better.

I would like to see some progress reports in the NEWSLETTER from committee chairwomen. I know you have made progress, but does the membership know it?

A temporary committee was appointed to compile SOP's for all 99's offices and it did a wonderful job. Many thanks, Helen Wetherill, chairwomen, Kay Brick and Alice Hammond. If the Executive Board approves, incoming officers, governors and chairwomen will know just what to do and when to do it.

THANKS: On behalf of the membership, I wish to thank: The San Diego Chapter for \$20 and the Long Beach Chapter for \$25 donated toward furnishing Headquarters. All we receive now is earmarked for the Sitting Room.

How does the membership feel about listing at HQ all members desiring flying positions? We have had a few inquiries, and we have no information along that line. I don't think we want to be an employment agency, but we could extend a service to the members and promote aviation at the same time.

We have three training missions coming up this summer to help keep our pilot's proficiency. Let's all enter a race with the idea of learning, meeting new friends and

exhibiting good sportsmanship. We want to have fun. Be very careful of what we wear and what we say and the public will have more faith in women pilots.

The rough notes for this column are saturated with hospital smell because I am writing this in the respirator room of the Polio Ward of Peter Smith Hospital. We have six lung cases to watch and keep comfortable 2300 to 0700. Their sore, aching, cramping muscles require changing position periodically, some as often as every ten minutes. All have tracheotomies and have to be suctioned, so I am writing this between spasms. The hospital is short of polio nurses just now, and I am glad to help for a short time. It is gratifying work.

I have been enjoying flying the Twin Caiman 480. If you like to climb 2000 fpm, and I do, just point it upstairs.

The season for carburetor ice is approaching. Wet day at 65° F. is ideal and no clouds required.

My "gas" is low, so I am closing this Flight Plan. Over and out.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Tolyte

THE BULLETIN BOARD

TO ALL CHAPTER CHAIRMEN

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Deadline for nominations for International Officers is April 10, 1956. Send your nominations to Chairman of Nominating Committee, Catherine Hiller, Hiller Airport, Barre, Mass.

WANTED:

Stenotypist for the International Convention, Harbor Springs, Michigan, Friday and possibly Saturday sessions, July 13-14.

Please send references, state salary in your reply, to:

Governor Eloise Smith
Box 135, Route 6
Kalamazoo, Michigan

49th NEWS

49th cards are available to all who request them. The cost is 10¢ which is used for mailing and printing. Let's make our 49th a member of that order by presenting him with his membership card.

Becky Thatcher, Chairman
49th Cards

FLASH FLASH FLASH FLASH

The Michigan S.M.A.L.L. Race

The Michigan Chapter is drafting final rules for an efficiency type race as a tie-up between the Terminus of the AWTAR at Flint and the National Convention at Harbor Springs. The title of this event will be "THE S.M.A.L.L. RACE" and will be flown over a course of 192 miles between Flint and Pellston, Michigan. The Pellston airport is located 18 miles from the Convention site. The date of the S.M.A.L.L. Race will be Thursday, July 12.

The winners of the race will be the pilots who do the most efficient job of flying, based upon time and fuel consumption. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded the winners. Further details will be available at a later date.

CONVENTION NEWS

Michigan is the stamping ground of Paul Bunyan and Indians. At our banquet the last night of the 1956 convention in Michigan, one lucky 99 will be made an Indian Princess. She will be made a Princess by none other than Chief Pipi Qua (a full-blooded Indian) of the Ottawas. Her Indian name will be "Princess Men-Nwa-Swie-eoning". Her tribe - The Shangwen-Dane-Shishangwe.

To Chapter Chairman: Please have your chapter at its next meeting select a candidate who will be attending the National Convention. Send her name to the Governor of your Section immediately. A candidate from your Section will then be chosen. Only one candidate from each section will be accepted. Qualifications - A Ninety-nine in good standing who will be attending the National Convention in Harbor Springs, Michigan, July 12-15, 1956. (No Michigan member is eligible for this honor.)

IMPORTANT DATES - - -

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTIONAL
April 20 - 21 - 22
Wichita, Kansas

MIDDLE EAST SECTIONAL
April 28 - 29
Philadelphia, Pa.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTIONAL
May 11 - 13
Springfield, Illinois

SOUTH WEST SECTIONAL
May 26 - 27
Santa Rosa, California

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DOROTHY K. MORGAN, Executive Secretary
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

You will be interested to learn a few facts about our Executive Secretary - Dorothy K. Morgan.

Dorothy is a 99 of long standing - almost a charter member and throughout her 99 career has held many Chapter and Sectional offices.

Her aviation career was started as Dorothy Pressler of Oklahoma City. She has many "firsts" to her credit - first woman in U.S. to hold the position of Airport Manager, managing Oklahoma City Municipal Airport (same location as our International Headquarters) - first woman to get her flying time in the State of Oklahoma - first woman licensed to carry passengers in the State of Oklahoma - first woman to receive a radio license in Oklahoma.

National news spotlighted on Dorothy when, with Capt. William Bleakly, she broke the altitude record for light planes, setting a new record of 16,090 ft.

As a stunt and racing pilot, Dorothy made many appearances at the air shows throughout the country making quite a reputation for herself with such precision flying.

During this time Dorothy married and settled down to care for a home and raise a family. Still, she maintained her interest in aviation and has held executive positions with aviation firms throughout the years.

We all should be proud to have Dorothy Morgan represent us at Headquarters. Please feel free to stop for a visit at Headquarters. She would be most happy to have all 99's visit Headquarters and will welcome each and every one of you.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Please check your membership list to be sure that Headquarters Office has been advised of all changes of names and/or addresses since payment of dues.

LINK OPERATOR WANTED

Mr. V. Daugherty, Head of Technical Institute, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, is looking for a CAA Link Operator. If interested, please contact him direct.

AWTAR
By: Betty M. Loufek
Public Relations, AWTAR, Inc.

START: San Mateo County Airport
(near San Carlos, Calif.)

FINISH: Bishop Airport
Flint, Michigan

DATES: Impound Deadline, Wednesday,
July 4, 1956
Take-Off, Saturday, July 7
Finish Deadline, Tuesday,
July 10, 1956
Awards Dinner, Wednesday,
July 11, 1956

RACE ROUTE: 2366 statute miles.

via: Bakersfield, California
Needles, California
Prescott, Arizona
Winslow, Arizona
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Amarillo, Texas (MUST STOP)
Wichita, Kansas
Columbia, Missouri
Urbana, Illinois
Ft. Wayne, Indiana (MUST STOP)
Flint, Michigan

Address requests for Rules and Entry Forms to AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring Street, Long Beach 6, California. Please enclose 25¢ to defray mailing costs.

Plans are progressing at a rapid pace at both the Start and the Finish. The Bay Cities Chapter and the Michigan Chapter will be reporting on these in their letters in the Newsletter each month. Everyone flying in or working on the TAR should have a wonderful time. This is our TENTH consecutive transcontinental race and all committees are pulling out the stops to make it best ever. This will take some doing as past contestants will agree.

Four Board Directors - Iris Critchell, Joyce Failing, Barbara London and Betty Loufek - flew to the San Mateo County Airport last month for a meeting with the Start Committee. We're sorry we can't get to Flint, but everything there, too, seems to be progressing at a fast clip.

The film, "Cleared for Take-Off", is still available for rental from John Raymond, 5508 Hersholt Avenue, Lakewood, California. Price is \$3.00 for three days; \$5.00 for a full week. Best allow two weeks for delivery from time you write as all copies may be out on rental.

Stories we hear indicate gals are out practicing flying the route. Sounds like extra heavy competition this year!

Come-on-along!!

WAYS & MEANS

AWTAR FUND

Contributions have been very slow in coming in for next year's race. We have heard from some of the Chapters that they have been working so that their contribution can cover their full quota of \$5.00 per member and that they would send their checks in after their March meeting. We hope this is the case with many other chapters.

At any rate, we hope all chapter chairmen will put this project high on their list of important business for their next meeting and send their checks in as soon as possible.

Remember, this is one of our most important activities and is responsible for a great deal of national publicity and recognition, so let's all get behind it and support it to insure its success.



FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER
By: Dorothy Rungeling

Put a great big red circle around Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, on your maps and then get your ships all shined up and come on up to where the Canucks are just awaiting to greet you for the 1956 All Woman International Air Race. Things are shaping up so well here that I have even taken time off to get this out to the Newsletter. Hamilton has planned a lunch for the race contestants every day during their stay, as well as dinners in the evening, including the civic reception which will be held on May 14. The handicappers who were looked upon so favorably by all the girls in 1953 at Welland, Ontario, have again consented to take on the job this year. They are: Carl Millard of Carl Millard Limited, one of the biggest airplane dealers in Canada; and Dick Hiscocks, Chief Aerodynamicist for DeHavilland of Canada, Limited. Carl is in the 20,000 hour class with experience in every type of plane you can imagine and is a mighty nice guy to boot --- and good looking, too, gals! Prizes for contestants while they are here in Canada are also starting to come in and so it looks like a mighty big success. Just come on up and let us show you our Canadian hospitality!

It has been some time since our Canadian Section has had any news to report and the reason is that it has dwindled down to a handful of members. However, three applications have gone into headquarters and I have the promise of three or four more, so it looks as though things are getting re-organized and before long we'll again have a 1st Canadian Chapter to talk about. Our new members are: June Taylor of St. Catharines, Ontario, JoAnne Burroughs of Leaside, Ontario, and Audrey Stonehouse of Toronto. Felicity Bennett who is now Felicity McKendry since tying the knot with Spence, has moved from Kingston to Toronto where Spence is taking a course in air traffic control. Since we were the only two active members left in our chapter, it is mighty nice to have her so near - only 80 miles! Your reporter is doing her best to keep aviation in the foreground in this area by giving talks to various clubs and wielding the old hickory stick at ground school at the local flying club - gave up flight instruction to cure an ulcer. All in all, we are mighty small in number here, but we can still kick up a good dust. See you in the IAR in May. Don't forget that Hamilton is looking forward to seeing many of you nice gals there.



By: Ora K. Stevens

Mrs. Catherine Hiller, Hiller Airport in Barre, Mass., our former New England Governor, was elected President of the Mass. Aviation Trades Association at the Worcester meeting last month. Catherine has also been on a trip to Florida.

Mary Ann Lippitt of Lippitt Aviation Service, Hills Grove Airport, R.I., had a good flying trip in the Bonanza to Aiken S.C., with a short stopover in Washington, D.C. Mrs. "Chris" Seaver, Needham Hgts., Mass., Secretary of the Bay State Flying Club at Norwood, flew in to Hills Grove to visit Mary Ann Lippitt. Chris is also recuperating from a four-day visit to the hospital the first of February. Barbara Cloud, or Governor, and Chris got together this month and made out a new membership list for this year. A good job they both did, too.

We were all sorry to hear that Gloria Forauer of Bloomfield, Conn., has been seriously ill and had an operation recently. We hope you are coming along fine now, Gloria.

Everyone will be pleased to hear Judy Short and family are enjoying farm life in Lexington, Kentucky, and getting in plenty of flying to boot. Their 17-year old boy is at Salisbury School in Conn. and the two girls, Willie 14, and Julie 6 are both at home. Judy's husband is raising thoroughbred horses, cattle, sheep and tobacco, so they both manage to keep busy on the farm. However, Judy finds time for Ground Observer Corps work among other community activities and was elected Flying Farmer queen for that area and presented a pretty flashy trophy from Cessna Aircraft Co.

Judy, who used to live in Swampscott, sends her best regards to all the New England 99's. The trip she and her husband took last year in their 170 Cessna was such fun they plan to rent an Apache this month and do a Caribbean tour, Cuba, Haiti, Jamaica and Nassau.

Mrs. Robert Love lives at Oak Bluffs with husband "Bob" and three lovely young daughters. Living on the island year-round and loving it, Nancy's flying these days is plenty on the practical side, shopping trips, dentist, plus occasional errands for "Bob's" shipyard, etc., in their trusty Bonanza. The girls are becoming quite bored with the flying and are thrilled with the prospect of a train ride (which they rarely get). "Bob", Nancy and the girls are planning a boat cruise for this month to Florida. Hope you have a good trip, all of you.



By: Ruby Sadler

Present at our February dinner meeting were: Selma Cronan, our Governor, Kay Brick, Barbara Evans, Florence Knight, Fleur Loesch, Marie Lenky, Marge Davis, Irene Keith, Jeanne Spielberg, Betty Harris, Willy Hanzlik, Arax Simasarian and our Girl Scout enthusiast Nove Davenport who is now Jr. Associate Editor of Flying Magazine on staff with Cecile Hamilton, Managing Editor, and Marjorie Gray, Sr. Associate Editor. Next best thing to flying is reading that FLYING Magazine!

Our Eileen Bristol has just completed a round-the-world trip including Ankara, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo. Our Kamala Vass has left for India, accompanied by her children and husband. She will visit in Ankara, also England where she has many school friends and expects to be back home in New Jersey by the end of April.

We are ready to roll out our welcome airstrip for Betty Boselli, our French 99, who has set three world records and who may visit us next July.

A little later, we hope to have a meeting at Sands Point, Long Island, to be arranged by Floria Heath. Willy Hanzlik announced that Speed's Flying Service at Flushing Airport is giving Link training and invited us all to come see her.

Florence Knight is opening a Pet and Gift Shop on March 15 in Valhalla, New York.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
By: Peggy Borek

Our Wavelet, Genevieve Koester, is being transferred to Illinois by way of Arabia! She is presently being smothered with reams of forms in various languages, passports, visas, etc., etc., but we would say a trip to romantic, mysterious places was worth all the fuss, and we hope she meets a Valentinoish sheik on a moonlit oasis. I'm sure we'll hear more about this later because she'll undoubtedly write a book entitled "Genevieve's Jaunts on Camelback" or "Recommended Restaurants in the Casbah".

Now, after time out for daydreaming, where were we? Oh, yes, at Kugler's in Philadelphia for the February meeting. Louise Sacchi, Anne Shields, Kay Macario, Margaret Callaway, Jean McKaig, Genevieve Koester and I were present.

We've got so many things to work on it's a bit difficult to keep things straight. But work gets done and everything falls into its proper place after all. We hope! The Middle East Sectional is definitely slated for April 28-29 here in Philadelphia. We're planning interesting meetings and entertainment. Now where did we put that box of Air Force officers who are just dying to meet our 99's?

Our Aviation Day will be held in May at North Philadelphia Airport. We want to get as many women into the air on that day as possible. We are looking forward to being completely exhausted and tired of flying before that day is over, at the same time gloating over bulging money coffers.

Following closely will be the International Air Race and the TAR. We think we will have an entrant for both.

I'm checking the Tri-Pacer and feel somewhat like an octopus reaching for this and that after flying Aeronaics strictly by feel. Why is it that you can do beautifully solo but as soon as an instructor is breathing heavily upon you, and I'm sure, thinking "Boy, is this one stupid", you're all thumbs, forget little things like flaps, and tromp on the rudder pedals for brakes? Ho, hum, guess, I'll never qualify for a B-36.

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER
By: Jean Ross Howard

The Honorable Sinclair Weeks, Secretary of Commerce, on February 15 presented a Gold Medal to Blanche Noyes on behalf of the Department for "exceptional service". She is the only woman ever to have been so honored. The accompanying citation commended Blanche for her 20 years as Chief of the CAA's Air Marking Section. Once again, we can all be proud of Blanche.

The January meeting of our chapter proved one of the best we've ever had. It was held at the home of Florence Rueckert and Florence Robinson, our two-planes geologists. In between sips of delicious hot spiced cider, Ann Ash, Lamona Cervenka, Hazel Dwigins, Betty Fisher, Ada Mitchell, Dorothy Mitchell, Chairman Mitzi Moore, Frances Nolde, Daisy Vaughan (grand to have Daisy back), Eleanor Davis, Mrs. Davis, Eunice Janousek (one of our newer members) and Leota Feyen (a former 99) watched the very professional and truly enthralling movies that the "Florences" had taken during their tour of duty in Alaska with the U. S. Geological Survey. They made us want to take off over the Alaskan Highway - Juno bound!

Two planes from our Chapter are already entered in the 1956 International Air Race. Ada Mitchell will be off again in her Ercope and Louise Kidd will be flying with Elizabeth Fleming in her Cessna 140. Maybe this year Washington will have a winner.

Must insert a personal word. During the recent meeting of the Helicopter Association of America in San Francisco, I happened to sit next to Ruth Rueckert at the luncheon sponsored by the Bay Area Aviation Committee. Ruth represents the 99's on this committee. And, of course, the Oakland Tribune's Aviation Editor - Lindy Boyes - was covering the convention, so we had a chance to rotor-talk too!

We've all heard of Southern Hospitality, but, believe you me, DENVER, COLORADO, is the MOST! And I put it to the test! My homeward flight stopped there for 20 minutes at 1 o'clock in the morning. Bright and gay at the gate were Donna Myers and Dorothy Young, complete with paper bag of snacks for my trip. In those very short 20 minutes, I saw the Helicopters, Inc. counter in the terminal (Dot's 49er Pete is Vice President) and heard about their 'coptering. Since then Dot has soloed and was presented a rotor hat with sign "I dood it" by Donna.



GEORGIA CHAPTER
By: B. McNabb

Georgia 99's braved pre-March winds to hold their February meeting at the home of Carolyn and Biff Kennedy in Parrott, Ga. The Kennedys have built their own 2700 foot strip and T-hangar to house their Cessna 170. Enjoying a delightful barbecue were 99's Lois Lacy, Mary Edwards, Virginia Monaco and their 49ers and Virginia's young daughter, Pam. Betty McNabb, minus both a husband and an airplane, temporarily - her 49er being in Chicago and her new Tri-Pacer still at Lockhaven - flew up with CAP pilot Jack Hale in the Albany Squadron L-16. Lois and George came over from Albany in their new Tri-Pacer, Mary and Jack flew down from Atlanta in their Swift, the Monacos made it by car from Columbus as they have sold their Cessna.

Georgia 99's will meet in Albany in March.

FLORIDA CHAPTER
By: Helen Mennitto

All the talk of February meeting at Lillian Di Cecco's home was centered on the forthcoming IAR from Hamilton, Ontario, to Havana, Cuba, May 13-23. Among chapter members there was much discussion as to who was entering with what plane and sponsor. In addition, Irma Price, entry chief reported sending out a record number of application blanks and rules to prospective contestants, all of which augurs well for the biggest race ever. Dot Rungeling, Canadian chairman for the race, has lined up a terrific three days prior to take-off which includes luncheons, buffet suppers and a Monday night civic banquet. Some unusual entertainment treats are being concocted by Katherine Rawls Green of the Key Colony Cabana Club at Marathon, Fla., compulsory stop prior to final leg to Cuba. The four full days in Cuba will be divided between the city of Havana and fabulous Varadero Beach, 90 miles east of the capitol.

Showing some movies of last year's race taken by various members proved a pleasant windup of the meeting.



NORTH CENTRAL SECTION NEWS

Spring is coming on fast here in the Midwest and Springfield, Illinois, is planning to initiate summer activities with a bang-up Sectional May 11-13. Even if you're planning to enter the International Race, come to Springfield, anyway. (Special consideration will be given to these contestants in regard to their arrival for the May 13 race deadline - just present a note from Governor Elsie Smith certifying attending in Springfield.) The Sectional is not in Champaign as misstated in the January issue.

Summer weather in Michigan is ideal. At Romona Park, convention site at Harbor Springs, you'll toast in front of blazing log fireplaces and sleep under blankets. It will even seem like Christmas in July with the lights on the big evergreens. The luxury of this North Woods hotel includes 50 acres of grounds and over a quarter mile of lakefront. And this is one of the most "health-benefitting" spots in the whole world.

It's Illinois in May and Michigan in July.

THE ALL-OHIO CHAPTER By: Edythe Maxim

With Betty Wertz, our Newsletter reporter, basking in the Florida sunshine, we shall "carry on" for her.

With good weather on the forecast, the All-Ohio Chapter met in Youngstown for our February meeting. A wonderful attendance - 16 members, 2 prospective 99's, seven 49ers and guests. With publicity of the coming International Race just received, our Chairman Joan Hrubec's colored slides of the '55 International Race were most opportune for the program following the meeting.

Catching up with the participation of some of our members in "junior activities", we hear that Meg Berning is den mother for eight "active" scouts. The plan for early spring is to take each boy and his parents up for a flight orientation ride. The Cincinnati CAP will also assist her in the flights. Earl and Virginia Schumacher are starting to work with a group of air scouts in the New Philadelphia area. For such groups as these, we are making good use of the aviation education material which we are receiving through our Chapter's NAEC membership.

Mary Fecser and Joan Hrubec and their Wing Scout flights and Edythe Maxim assisted in the operations of the Annual Great Lakes Indoor Air Meet for model builders, held at the Cleveland Public Hall on February 5. With 400 contestants participating, this was the largest indoor meet held so far, and contestants came from as far away as Philadelphia, Detroit and Columbus.

Marjorie and Lee Miller are enjoying their recently-acquired Bonanza. Marj and Bonnie Butler are already setting up plans for participation in coming races.

Edythe Maxim has been re-elected corresponding secretary for the Cleveland Women's Chapter of the National Aeronautic Association, and Florence Boswell is again the Program Chairman.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Ethel D. Christensen

The February meeting was held in Madison with yours truly as hostess. Bernice Voelker and Avis Peterson were enthusiastically discussing their trip to the Bog Horn mountains in Wyoming this fall. Avis went last year with a group of flyers from Baraboo, Wisconsin, and asked Bernice to join them this year. There are about four airplanes and over eight people planning to go so far. The tales of the hunting and fishing last year leave me envious.

Winnie Kestly, our chairman, says she definitely plans to enter the TAR this year.

Bernice will be hostess for our March meeting and Avis in April and we hope some of our gals will join us at Montello in May. Isabel Myrland will be hostess at her lovely Sky Lodge. Isabel just returned from Arizona where she and her family spent the winter months.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Ruth C. Lembke

The Heises have returned from their flight to Mexico with the Cessna Caravan of planes. Isabelle Kress and Fred have returned from their flight to California to attend another bowling tournament.

Mary Lou Thompson was hostess at the last meeting of the chapter. Toney told of Capitol planes wearing skiis these snowy days. She has a new plane, a Lavcomb 90 horsepower. She hopes it will take her to the National meeting this summer. Dora Fritzsche told the group that Deedo and Herm had flown to the Frigid Fun Flight at Sturgeon Bay recently. That about does it!

MICHIGAN CHAPTER By: Babe Ruth

In spite of the bad weather, February 12, 33 brave souls attended the Jackson meeting hosted by Mark Clark, Barbara Stowell, Velta Scutt, Barbara Lowden and Jean Reynolds.

Margaret Windfuhr and Leah Higgins are driving new cars. Margaret has a Chevrolet convertible Bel Air and Leah a bright yellow Plymouth. Janey Hart has a new rating in a twin Bonanza and quoting "a multi-engine rating in more ways than one." Janey expects a little new Hart in early summer. Our airmarking with Janey as Chairman is off to a good start. The usual business meeting was held and more plans told about the race and convention. We are bragging a wee bit, but we hope this will be the biggest and bestest AWTAR and Convention yet. We have some brand new members serving as co-chairmen for the race from Flint to Pellston and these girls are doing a swell job. They are Elsie Perich and Ruth Ann Donelson, both of Flint.

This will be an efficiency race and the girls are busy working out the formula now. Eloise Smith and Alice Hammond are acting in an advisory capacity. Bernice Trimble is to coordinate the terminus of the AWTAR and the efficiency race.

After hearing Bernice Trimble's glowing report on the plans for the terminus of the AWTAR, we all want to enter - it all sounds very entertaining and exciting.

Extensive plans are being made by these people. The hotel has a full-time recreation worker who will assist the committees.

During the meeting Ed Reynolds ran films of a Canadian fishing trip for the men and Tommy Clark was narrator. We try to make our meetings interesting for our 49ers.

As each person entered, she or he was given a red paper heart name tag, with a number for a door prize. And "lucky" Bernice Trimble won the barbecue set. The Valentine theme was carried out in the decorations with a valentine tree. Each place at the dining table had a valentine "hankie" made into a nosegay given by the John Crowley Boiler Works, Inc. of Jackson. Automatic pencils for favors were donated by Aeroquip Corp. of Jackson which manufactures flexible hose lines and self-sealing couplings.

We saw movies taken by Mary Clark of previous 99 meetings and what "hams" we are. It was fun to look back over the good times we have had and try to remember and we all enjoyed the movies very much. After the meeting and dinner, a tour and inspection of the Aeroquip Aero Commander was made by those interested.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER By: Donna Giles

Bea Siemon entertained us royally for our February meeting at her home in Wayne. Only 17 of our members showed up and the girls decided that the next meeting should be held downtown in Chicago in the hope some of the girls that we haven't seen in some time can attend.

The Achievement Award dinner was definitely set on the 24th of March at the Conrad Hilton. This is a reminder, gals, to be sure to make it and bring your airport operators, students and friends and make it a grand evening.

Marge Raglin put in words the feelings of all the girls at the meeting when she requested that our chapter send our official backing for our annual dues to be raised to \$10 with the additional money being divided between the AWTAR and the International.

Regina Devine is going to attend the National Aviation Education Conference, Sixth Annual Conference, at the Hotel New Yorker on March 15-17 as our chapter's representative.

Lois Cassidy and Doris Langer are flying Senator Kefauver from Atlantic, Iowa, to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in Lois' new Apache.

Sylvia Roth and Helen Sailer appeared as guest speakers at the February meeting of the Zonta Club of Evanston, Illinois, as part of a program entitled "A Tribute to Amelia Earhart" who was a Zontan and a 99. The Zonta Club is an international organization of executive women.

Irene Leverton represented the CAP and Dora Dougherty represented the 99's on a TV program sponsored by the University of Illinois.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER By: Rose S. Andrew

Only four members attended the February meeting held at the University of Illinois Airport. Bad weather was rampant that day.

We will hold our next meeting March 4 at Dora Dougherty's conference room in the Aviation Psychology Building and Dora will talk about some of the features of her work. We will eat potluck at 5:00 p.m. so bring your basket and come on.

Did many of you see WIDE WIDE WORLD on TV February 12? Addie O'Brian has been the director of the Lincoln pageant that has been shown at New Salem.

Don't forget the Spring Sectional which will be held at Springfield, Illinois, in May. If you have not already made the tour of Lincoln shrines, you will have a chance to at that time.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Bernice S. Wilson

Bad weather again kept anyone from flying on Sunday, February 19, to the meeting of the Upper Iowa Chapter. Those who drove to the Mason City Municipal Airport were Marie Blank, Helen Flaherty, Margaret Adkins, and 49^{er}, Bernice Wilson and 49^{er}, and Beulah Smith and 49^{er} and guest, Jerry Dunbar. Bernice Hueglin was present since her office, Air Activities, Inc., is right on the airport.

Dinner was served in the attractive dining room at 12 o'clock and a long business meeting followed. Margaret Adkins from Des Moines has recently become a 99. She volunteered to act as our Airmarking Chairman, replacing Verna Mae Prochaska. Marie Blank took over Jean Wildman's duties as Air Age Education Chairman. We missed Virginia Koestner but know that she is expecting the stork very soon.

Ruth Shimon writes, "On April 18 I am flying to Europe. I will visit Mother's people in Scotland and then join friends for a tour of Europe. Will return via air later this summer. The only thing I feel disappointed about is that I will miss seeing all the girls at the Spring Sectional and at the National. By the way, this will be the first National I have missed since joining the 99's."

At the conclusion of the meeting, Beulah Smith, our hostess for the day, served coffee and "Washington's Birthday" cupcakes which she had made. She awarded prizes to Margaret Adkins for being the holder of the newest license; to Helen Flaherty for being the holder that day of the oldest license; and to Bob Adkins for having come the greatest distance.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By: Rae Cawdell

Sunday, February 19, ceiling 200 ft., visibility 1/2 mile. Need I say there were no fly-ins, only drive-ins to our meeting at Anderson. Dinner and meeting was held at Linders Restaurant. Fifteen members were present. Our one and only guest was Mrs. Marie Gentry who received her license in December and is now the proud owner of a new Tri-Pacer. In reverse order of things, Mrs. Gentry is the pilot in the family.

Among the various matters brought up at the meeting was the possibility of again operating a snack bar at Shanks airport during the time of the 500. It was agreed that this we would do as our project to raise money for the AWTAR. Sophia Payton suggested that a chairman be appointed to work out details and thereupon got herself elected to this job. She was also appointed to serve on the Sectional nominating committee.

The program consisted of films showing 99 activities which included movies taken last summer at Terre Haute during the AWTAR. We were also given a true-false test by Paul Schlundt on some pertinent aviation questions (24 in all) which were discussed one by one after the test. It was a rate-yourself type of questionnaire so there were no red faces afterwards.

Our sympathies are extended to Jessie Von Leer whose husband, Hunter, passed away Friday, February 3.

Concerning a few of the wandering 99's. Mildred Hurt and her 49^{er} are on a trip in their 170 to Texas and Mexico. Esther Berner flew Bonanza to Chicago February 18. Sophia Payton and 49^{er} will be in Florida for a couple of weeks starting the latter part of February. Fern Rinker is another one who's been to the southland. Tannie and Paul Schlundt are headed that way next week. And your reporter, well - tomorrow, February 22, I'm off on my last summer's vacation to the Sunny South - and it darn well better be.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By: Marjory Farrell

Our February meeting was at Sarah Gorelick's lovely home, and such a delicious dinner that we stayed overlong at the dinner table! The business meeting that followed helped us lay plans for the remaining meetings of the year: topic for March, a refresher course on the regulations governing flying into and through the Eastern Defense Zone which lies just west of Kansas City.

Mildred Verderber did a little flying at a CAP SARCAP at Emporia, Kansas, recently. She's been doing some important ground flying, too - presenting flight scholarships to three high school students on behalf of WNAA. And she got to talk flying a whole hour!

Dee Southard and Betty Siggs are still occupied with dogs and dog shows, with Betty showing frequently. Betty was a real winner in her puppy, receiving first prize in class both here and at Springfield. With the older Dandie Dinmont winning honors, too, Betty is very happy. Dee did get a flight to southern Missouri complete with customary wind troubles!

Verna Wilson keeps busy with her twice weekly night ground school courses. She's teaching meteorology this round to her instrument students. I visited her class and that girl really makes you remember all that you've forgotten on the subject, plus a lot of new extras! She keeps going for three hours, with not a wasted word. She's a good teacher - those boys better pass!

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By: Marietta Sonnenberg

The Minnesota Chapter has had two interesting productive and well-attended meetings so far this year and March and other forthcoming months look like more of the same. Also, we had a wonderful time as usual at our Christmas party. To go back to that, it was at Charlie's in Minneapolis (where else!) and eating their fill of terrific food were Dorothy Anderson, Margaret and Manual, Florence Scriver, Marilyn Kvalheim, and her Drex, and Marietta Sonnenberg.

At the January meeting at Audrey Baird's (what a wonderful meal she served again) were Marilyn, Florence, Dorothy, Tami Olsen, Shirley Iverson, Margaret, Manual, Helen and George Masterson, Margaret Campbell, Mary Wilkerson, guest Elaine Nelson of Northfield, Phyllis Schilling (good to see her again), Marion Radke, Dawn Arcand and Joe Michaud and yours truly. Some turnout and some meeting with plans advanced for hosting the Sectional convention in the fall.

Marilyn announced she will be married March 24 in Minneapolis and will honeymoon in Bermuda. She and Drex are building their home across the border in Wisconsin but she'll continue to be a Minnesotan. Margaret and Malcolm Manual took a one-week flying trip by Cessna 310 to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in February. Mary Wilkerson and her husband and three children drove to Fort Lauderdale for the holidays and the Campbells (Margaret, husband and three children) flew down to join them in their Beech Bonanza. Marion Radke also had three weeks in Florida, at Miami Beach, recently. Dawn gave us the bad news that she is moving to Portland in March. We'll sure miss her. Since she joined, she has been one of the most faithful and friendly members. Sure wish her a lot of luck but wouldn't mind seeing her head back to Minnesota. After all we have as much scenic beauty as the Pacific Northwest. We're glad to hear from a prospective new member, Mrs. Betty Miller Johnson (Vernon L.) whose husband will get out of the Army in June and they

will live in Roseau. She is a teacher, a private pilot and has an Ercope. Her husband is an electrical engineer...We heard from Lorraine Johnson, former active Minnesota 99. She is in San Diego and plans to go back into church parish work after having worked recently in an aviation plant.

I missed the February meeting (was entered in a bowling tourney, but should have skipped it - first time in five tourneys that I was not in the money), but I hear a good time was had, naturally. Dawn was hostess at her home at White Bear Lake and present were Marion, Helen and George, Audrey and LaRoy Baird, Marilyn, Margaret, Rita Orr, Florence, Dawn and Joe, Tami, Dorothy and Shirley and her father. Next meeting, March 21, was set for Clyde's Restaurant near White Bear Lake with Marion as hostess. She has been lining up a lotta info and help for the fall sectional. Dates have not been definitely set, but it will be in Stillwater area...a lovely area along the St. Croix River with wonderful inn accommodations nearby. Beach and boat party will be a highlight. Girls are now working on sponsors for the various events (cocktail party, banquet, etc.). Tentative weekend is September 14 - 16.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By: Loretta Slavick

It has been a bad winter. Cold and unusually bad weather for flying with low visibility and ceilings the usual thing. So, our activities have been confined to the ground. Our Christmas party was held in the home of our chairman, Dorothy Rumsey, with her 49^{er} serving his specialty, delicious chile.

At our January meeting plans were made for our annual dance which will be held April 7 and a cordial invitation is extended to all 99's to attend. We have seven candidates for the title of "Miss Aviation".

Our February meeting was held at the home of Sylvia Bloom and Walter Cederlund, CAA Safety Agent, spoke to us on safety in flying. Seven guests, two of whom already have their licenses, attended.

This reporter recently had the good fortune of visiting our National Headquarters in Oklahoma City and I would like to urge all the members, whenever possible, to visit there. It is apparent that a lot of work has gone into setting it up and several chapters have been very generous in donations for equipment. The result is an office that we can take great pride in and Dorothy Morgan is running it very efficiently.

Our Chapter will again be one of the sponsors of the Missouri Air Tour and our Chairman, Dorothy Rumsey, attended a meeting in Jefferson City recently where the route was selected. This tour will be on June 8, 9 and 10 and will encompass the most scenic areas in the state. All 99's are invited to participate.



ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By: Harriet Nye

The Albuquerque Chapter met this month to make plans for the days the TAR will be stopping with us. Randy Sutherland will enter again this year and will fly solo this time. We are proud to be represented by such an excellent pilot and charming person.

The Chapter is mightily pleased to have Mary Alice Fowler as a new member. She and her husband take private flying for granted, and such people are nice to have around.

In Albuquerque, Zonta International is an enthusiastic supporter of women in aviation. In January the local chapter honored Amelia Earhart by inviting to dinner all the 99's and their husbands. Our Vice-Governor Verne Christopher flew in to be the speaker for the occasion. We appreciate the Zonta's interest and enjoy the association with them.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

The 99's met Sunday, February 12, at the home of Dorothy Higbee in Omaha. After all eleven of us and guests arrived we held the business meeting. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed visiting and a very informal meeting. No minutes were read from the previous meeting as Florence was not present. A letter from International Headquarters was read about amendments to the constitution. Plans were discussed for the June meeting in Nebraska City, at which time we are inviting several neighboring chapters to meet with us. Ruth Deerman plans to attend this meeting and we hope that several other officers will be present.

Dorothy served us a lovely ham and vegetable casserole as a main dish with tossed salad, hot rolls, butter and spread. Dessert was cherry nut icecream with white cake topped with a red heart. We all ate our fill and sat around the table drinking coffee or tea. Dorothy had a lovely centerpiece in keeping with Valentine's day.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By: Marilyn Nordstrom

Our February meeting was a most interesting demonstration of United Air Lines Simulator. UAL turned over two men who devoted most of the afternoon to explaining and showing us the Simulator (this one being a DC4). All members present were given a chance at the controls - good thing we were firmly set in cement. Then we toured the classrooms and were shown all the visual aids used in training their pilots. Those present: Mary and Bob Wenzel, Clara Lemons, Betty Stackhouse, Donna Myers, Francis Tepper, Lucia and Ray Jolliff and Marilyn Nordstrom.

With Spring and, we hope, fair weather just around the corner, Clara Lemons is going full speed on our airmarking program. Hope to line up some nearby towns.

Our annual rummage sale is scheduled for March - at this point the treasury can stand a bit of help.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By: Emily J. Frost

Our February meeting was held in the home of Cecelia Jane Frew. She served coffee and rolls before the meeting which we all enjoyed. Members present were Cecelia Jane Frew, Elizabeth Sewell, Broneta Davis Velma Woodward, Jane Baker, Ida Carter, Beth Smith, Mary Francis, Dorothy Morgan, Nema Mashonhall, Reta Eaves, Irby Keen, Emily Frost and our guest from Alva, Mrs. Evelyn Long.

Cecelia Jane Frew has been to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans since our last meeting. Broneta and Irby flew to Austin, Texas to the Regional Flying Farmers meeting. Our next day meeting will be March 18.

The Oklahoma Chapter wishes to express their sympathy to Dorothy Morgan in the death of her sister and to Ruth Jones in the death of her father and to Delrose Serber in the death of her mother.

TEXAS CHAPTER CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT

By: Neil Hood

Well, it happened just like I said it would. The weather cleared and those flying brushes took off in the hands of Pauline Glasson and Elaine Needham for Engleside. Just the two of them painted that airmarker in two hours and fifty minutes. Now, how's that for going out and breaking your own record?

When Merle Dunnam returned from her visit to Florida, she joined Elaine and Pauline and the three of them painted Aransas Pass, Tivoli, and Austwell, and that makes six airmarkers those girls have painted already this year. It's really wonderful considering all the obstacles that had to be hurdled.

Ardath McCreery and Helen Disney flew from McAllen to Corpus Christi again this month to attend our meeting. It was a great meeting with 100% attendance and Vita Tennent, a charter member of the 99's was our hostess. We're mighty proud to be so close to one of the original 99's and I'm sure all the girls appreciate the contribution and the support Vida has given us.

Our dance at the Riverside Country Club was delightfully successful. Everyone did a swell job on their various duties in making the arrangements. The music was swell, the decorations perfect and the people grand. Also, the profit was gratifying. We have increased our airmarking fund by \$80.80. Nice going, girls! More power to us.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By: Lois Dobbins

February meeting was held in Wichita between snowstorms - Anne Waddell flew in with Lucile Dienst and Jean Goodman as passengers, and met with Julie Snowhill, Margaret Yourdon, Helen Chandler and Lois Dobbins. We were glad to see Laurien Griffin, chairman of Kansas City Chapter. A film from NACA "Crash Fire Research" was shown and found very interesting.

Spring Sectional will be April 20, 21 and 22 and we're cooking up some interesting activity. Hope everyone within flying distance will plan to come. Broadview Hotel is headquarters - suggest reservations in advance marked 99, or drop us a line. Chance to fly a B-47 jet bomber (simulator that is) - a wonderful experience for every pilot - and creates much respect for those big birds. Also see the B-52 (roosting on the ramp, but pretty,) and the Cessna new T-37 - twin jet trainer. Kansas 99 Birthday Party...our 5th...celebration will be part of the Sectional...much fun...do come.

Susie Cheetham, winner of the 1955 Amelia Earhart Scholarship (for instrument rating), is now associated with the Ferry Service Company and will be delivering aircraft for them. We wish her the very best of luck in her new job and know she will thoroughly enjoy it.

Our newsletter gal, Ama Lee Jameson, is in Texas at the moment de-hospitalizing her parents. They were passengers in a station wagon that mixed it up with a freight train on an unusually foggy day and have been in the hospital for about a month - very stiff and sore. We're so glad that they will be okeh in a few weeks.

Kansas annual rummage sale March 10...and afterwards a "let your hair down and take off the hurtin' shoes" party...real informal like.

Wichita Wing Scouts are joining the Explorer Scouts at the McConnell AFB for a series of films. The girls are also studying morse code and maps.

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TEXAS CHAPTER

DALLAS UNIT

By: Evelyn Prince

The February meeting of the 99's was held in the home of Marian Griberson - what a gracious hostess she is - entertaining with cocktails and a wonderful dinner. A meeting like this is so enjoyable you have a tendency to forget the business that must be attended to. Others present: Doris Weller, Margie Barr, Pat Jetton, Martha Ann Reading, Florence Willess and Olean Sellers. Marie, Jo and Phyllis, we missed you.

At this point, I would like to correct a statement in my January report - Janis Romanio is teaching school in France, not Germany. Jan has perfectly described her "Grand Xmas Tour of Italy" in a letter to the 99's. I wish each 99 had the opportunity to read this as it is a masterpiece. Her itinerary: December 23, Milan; December 24, Rome; December 25, same; December 26, Sorrento; December 27, Naples; December 28, Assisi; December 29, Florence; December 30, Venice; December 31, same; January 1, Trieste.



ALASKA CHAPTER

By: Pat McGee

On February 2 we had a real business meeting with most of our attention focused on the coming Fur Rendezvous, "Alaska's Biggest Party". We discussed ways and means of using this opportunity to bring attention to our Chapter. New guests present were Julie Fullen and Kathryn Holland. Our regulars were Helen Snyder, Randy Briggs, Margaret Cook, Lois Wise, Doll Booth and Pat McGee.

For the Fur Rendezvous Parade February 22 we decorated a car in blue and white streamers and made miniature powder puffs to throw to the crowd. It takes six yards of outing flannel to make 972 puffs with 243 yards of blue paper ribbon for the bows - endless stitching and lots of thread. Real cute, too. A penny added for weight makes them sail through the air to almost just where you want them to go. A slip of paper stapled inside for added ballast and "airfoil" completed the publicity and we hope raised both interest and curiosity about the AWTAR. Sample enclosed for the editor.

Our new meeting night will be the first Wednesday each month and we extend to all 99's everywhere an invitation to drop in and pay us a visit. Meeting address is always in the local newspapers. Incidentally, our March meeting, the 7th, will be a big potluck affair and plenty for all. It will also be the last meeting in the fine house Lois has been staying in for the winter.

Although other Chapters encounter winter and snow, I do think we have the "mostest". On February 27 our fall for the season was 111.6 inches in Anchorage with two months to go. We not only are wondering where to put it all, but what will happen when it thaws? Dear Noah: How did you build your Ark? There is so much our local Ski Bowl was closed, completely filled with snow. Rene Neilsen, Mile 73, Palmer Highway, was isolated for several days and lives only a stone's throw from the only highway through that area.

It's more than just a rumor now that Randy will leave us next summer for a seige of "homesteading" down on Lake Clark. Great stuff, that pioneering, and this is the land to do it in. Hope there are not too many bear facts, tracks, I mean. 'Course Randy has two Cubs of her own - it will be fun in any event.

IDAHO CHAPTER
By: Laura Conner

Idaho 99's scheduled for the Idaho tour to Mexico leaving March 4 from rendezvous point of St. George, Utah, are Margaret Jacobson of Idaho Falls and Helen Higby of Boise. The tour is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Aeronautics and will be in Acapulco for four to five days with scheduled two days' stop at Mexico City on return to see bull fights, etc., taking about two weeks.

Claire Justad and 49^{year} Bob are back from a ten-day business trip to Great Falls, Montana, and are contemplating a two-week tour to Mexico with Eula and Dick Logsdon. The Logsdons recently made a short trip to Arizona with stopover on way back at Las Vegas only to return home via bus (33hrs.) due to inclement weather!

Caroline Neitzel is busy nowadays logging up hours towards that Commercial ticket.

Our February meeting was hostessed by Jean Keith with base of operations in the Rumpus Room going over last minute preparations for the dance and all pitching in on decorations. Margaret Jacobson from Idaho Falls was able to be there.

Barbara Hornback announced that the Mountain Home AFB has issued an invitation to our group to be their guests at a fly-in on April 29. The Hornbacks left Monday for San Francisco for the Sports Show in conjunction with their Sulphur Creek Resort.

Joyce Morcom and husband Jean flew out ahead of a snowstorm for the dance. Other out-of-towners were Gayle Evans of McCall, Selma Mischuk of Blackfoot and Las Vegas Chapter member Esther Stone of Pocatello. We can state the dance was a huge success in spite of a terrific blizzard the same evening. Approximately 250 people were in attendance and a wonderful time was had by all.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER
By: Ann Warren

The Eastern Washington Chapter of 99's met at Martin Field on February 26. We were immediately handed this wonderful surprise.

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY
Someday there will be another Richardson flying in the sky, because Gini and Ralph are Expecting an heir the 15 of July.
By Gini S. Richardson

As you can imagine, this announcement set the business meeting back while we heard the details and enthused with Gini. She and Ralph have chosen a boy's name!

Finally, we were able to get down to the business of discussing the Sectional meeting to be held in Yakima. Gini has already done a lot of work on this and it will be a grand convention. Plan now to attend. Members present were Lyjle Hagan, Gini Richardson, Betty Seavey, Georgia Connick, Mary Drinkwater, Vera Corey, Parry Casey and Ann Warren. Our chairman Minnie Boyd is convalescing in Phoenix. We surely missed her at the meeting and all hopeshe will soon be well and able to come home. The next meeting will be held at Martin Field on March 18, 10 o'clock. We hope to have better weather than the girls braved to fly in yesterday.

After the business meeting, we drove to the Country Club for lunch with husbands and members of the Flying Farmer Board and wives. Don Seavey showed two films, "Cleared for Take-Off and Flight Decision" We all enjoyed the day very much, although the weather kept the girls on edge.



SAGUARO CHAPTER
By: Jimmie Lou Shelton

We had a Valentine theme for our February business meeting. Betty Knier was our hostess and her home was decorated beautifully. Betty had some movies to show us which she had taken on various 99 flights. We all enjoyed them very much, though some of us were somewhat surprised to find ourselves in the movies. Members attending were: Alice Roberts, Jimmie Shelton, Juanita Newell, Melba Beard, Mary McNeil, Betty Knier, Frances Wood, Marjy Crowl.

Our chapter has voted to sponsor the local Girl Scout Wing Troop.

Our February Flight was in conjunction with the Arizona Flying Farmer's Association Flight. We have found that our joint AFFA-99's flights are always successful. Many of us are members of both organizations. We went to Lake Pleasant Resort, which is an oasis in our vast desert country. The resort is only 30 miles north of Phoenix and it sits on the banks of the beautiful Lake Pleasant. They have a nice landing strip there. There were about 80 attendants to the fly-in, who flew in about 25 airplanes. 99's attending were: Betty Knier, Juanita Newell, Melba Beard, Frances Wood, Jimmie Shelton, Louise Lantis. 99 guests were: Virginia Hash, Agnes Hollingshead, Thora Schnepp and Carolyn Schnepp. We had a delicious steak lunch in an enormous dining room which overlooks the Lake.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Clara B. Davis

The February meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter was held February 13 at the beautiful home of Chairman Trixie Ann Schubert. Trixie has entertained the chapter for the past three years. Instead of the usual exchanging of valentines, each member brought a photograph of herself to be used in the chapter scrap book. The chapter members who missed this meeting please try to bring your picture to the next meeting. Babe Story really went all out for valentine's and surprised us all by driving up in a new FIRE CHIEF RED THUNDERBIRD. We were all very happy to see Mary Ann Wetherby of Pence Springs, West Virginia, who is visiting Babe at her home in Lancaster, California.

We welcome to the San Fernando Valley Chapter our newest member, Betty Haney of El Monte, Calif. Hope to see you at our next meeting, Betty.

Margaret Standish leaves March 4 via TWA for Kansas City, Kansas, where she will help celebrate the 100th birthday of her grandfather, Dr. George M. Gray. Dr. Gray is well known in the middle west and was one of the first doctors to ever pin a broken hipbone, for this he used two ten penny nails purchased from a hardware store.

Ex Wasp Jan Wood leaves February 26 for an extended trip to Europe and South America. To make things more interesting, Jan is having her Cessna 170 crated and shipped to Europe so she will have transportation by air and what a wonderful trip she is going to have. The last report she hopes to take her German Shepherd dog with her. It will be interesting to hear of her experiences when she returns.

Helen Stoddard, a 99 of Anchorage, Alaska, is spending sometime in California where she is visiting her son who is stationed at Edwards Air Force Base. Helen dropped in to visit Margaret Standish and they had a good time reliving their flying trip to Nome, Alaska, in 1954.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
By: Margaret S. Lang

Our February meeting was held at the home of Mary Ring on the 17th. The following dates were set for forthcoming events:

- March 16 - we will meet at home of Thelma Bishop for dinner
- April 15 - the picture hunt was postponed from the previous March date and plans are being formulated at this time by Helen Dick who is substituting for Betty Gillies until Betty's return home from her round-the-world cruise, approximately March 15.
- April 27 - Claire Hale will hostess our April meeting at her new home which she anticipates will be finished by then. The plans sound fabulous and we're all looking forward to the meeting.

Margaret Lang was appointed Chairman of our annual aviation dance to be held June 9. It has become the custom of the San Diego Chapter to donate \$100 from the proceeds of the dance to a non-sponsored race participant to help defray her expenses. Lois Bartling, Mary Ring, Dottie Davis, Donna Davis, Evie Briggs and Harriet Lewis were appointed on the dance committee.

Congratulations to Marian Craver for a successful flight check to obtain her Commercial Pilot Certificate. She is now working on her instrument rating and has already passed the written.

Marian Craver and Margaret Lang and their 49^{year}ers, Noble and Frank, flew to Las Vegas in the Cravers Tri-Pacer on Washington's Birthday, returning to San Diego Friday.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Faye Douthitt

On February 20 our Chapter was very happy to be host at a luncheon given in Palm Springs at the Chi-Chi Club. Our guest speaker was none other than our own Jacqueline Cochran Odum (we call her our own because it was Jacqueline who founded our Coachella Valley Chapter). Everyone enjoyed hearing Jackie speak on "Air Power is Peace Power". Among the notables were Lord and Lady Essendon of Essendon, London. They were there as guests of Zaddie Bunker.

We are happy to announce our chapter has acquired a new member. Our new member is Gladys Davis who is a cropduster, or dustress, in Thermal. We all wish her the best in her new job.

After our luncheon, we held our meeting to elect new officers. We are slightly late but better late than never. Vee Nisley was unable to be with us but we are all looking forward to seeing her at our next meeting which will be at Helen Kenaston's on March 26. Eleanor Wagner is our Secty. Treas.; Helen Kenaston, Chairman; Zaddie Bunker, Co-chairman and Faye Douthitt, Publicity.

When I arrived home from Palm Springs, I was told a 99 from Alaska had been to see me. All of you girls from Alaska will be interested in knowing that Betty Lleomis - by this time is headed home again. She left Fairbanks on January 28 and stopped in Los Angeles to visit her new grandson, then came to El Centro to visit her sister and mother. She and my husband went to school together, then she married and went to Alaska - it took the 99's for she and I to meet each other - she saw my name in this Newsletter sometime ago and decided if and when she got to El Centro again she would look me up. We had a nice lunch and a nicer chat. In fact, we talked the whole afternoon. It was such a pleasure meeting her. She left for home Sunday with a short stop at Seattle for her commercial ticket. Good luck, Betty.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER
By: Marjorie E. Fanth

Two welcome guests were present at our meeting in February, Anna Brenner from Redwood Empire Chapter, and Gerry Mickelsen from Sacramento. The meeting was held at the Ben Franklin Hotel in San Mateo on the 17th. Immediately following it, the girls got together with the members of the San Mateo County Development Assn. and four members of our National Air Race Committee, Joyce Failing, Betty Loufek, Barbara London and Iris Critchell. Joint plans were discussed and a tentative program gone over.

On the following day Chairmen of local committees got together again with the Air Race Committee for further discussion on plans for the air race start.

Gail Lane reports she has been doing some flying out of Half Moon Bay Airport and recently made a flight from there to Napa County Airport for lunch. Ruth Rueckert advises that the family Cessna is temporarily grounded with radio troubles, but she hopes to be back in the air with it soon.

From Minnesota comes news of one of our oldtime members who has strayed temporarily to other fields. Lillian Anderson, we are advised, entered one of her stories in the annual Aeronautical Literary Contest in all Languages, sponsored by the W.I.A.A. Lillian received a \$10 award and has had her name engraved on a perpetual trophy. Her story was an account of a personal experience in an OX5 about 25 years ago. Congratulations, Lillian!

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Fran Dias

Ethel Heiland was hostess for a perfectly delightful February meeting at the Hotel Tioga in Merced. Our Chapter is 200 miles long with Stockton the northern point and Porterville the southern point. Irmyle Fitzgerald flew in from Porterville and Marie Serpa from Stockton with a guest, Mrs. Roy Davis. Other members attending were Hazel Zimmerman and Ev Hendley from Modesto; Laura May Crawford, Hughson; Fran Dias, Newman; Kay Dray and Ethel Heiland, Merced. I'm sure every chapter has its "faithfuls" and these are ours.

We had a very good business meeting concerning the TAR, rummage sale, airmarking (Porterville on March 10 and 11), membership (have four new members coming, we hope).

Only two of our present membership do not own airplanes. Our four prospective members each has a plane.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
By: Yvette Kovary

Ethel Pflaum hosted the February meeting at her home in Pacific Palisades and, while we girls went through the business at hand, Stanley Pflaum entertained three young Air Force pilots (two American and one Dutch) in the den. Then the young men took turns as speakers, telling of their background and relating some of their interesting experiences in jets. One of the American pilots described "hurricane hunting" and the Dutch Air Force pilot told us he had accepted Prince Bernard's offer of the post of Minister of Aviation Safety. They were all extremely interesting and quite charming and we all enjoyed their talks.

We were happy to meet Bertha Ryan, a transfer from the New England Chapter, and Winifred Willmore of Australia, two of several interesting feminine guests with whom we would like to get better acquainted. Incidentally, Winifred had a common source of conversation with Vice Chairman Lee Morrow who spent nearly a year in Australia as a member of the WAC in World War II.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER
By: Cynthia Gilkison

Twenty members, prospective members and guests found their way to the February meeting held in the lovely garden room of Hilda Heafsnider's Garden Grove home. Hilda and husband Wayne have decorated the room to feature their interesting collection of early Americana, including a handmade prop and photos of World War One aircraft. As well as hosting the meeting, Hilda also presented an interesting program on civil defense, featuring Conelrad, the GOC, and methods of protection from radio-active fallout.

One of the chief items under discussion in the business meeting was the success of our recent flight safety clinic. Attended by more than 200 interested and actively participating spectators, the day went smoothly, marred only by such relatively small mishaps as one of the link trainers completely refusing to operate, and the caterer showing up without any silverware for the lunch! We were especially pleased by the excellent publicity for the event, handled by Loufek and London, the active participation in courtesy rides and link rides by all spectators, and by the way in which all the members of the chapter got out and worked so hard to make the clinic a success. We can strongly recommend the CAA flight clinic to any 99 chapters who are looking for a worthwhile project for sponsorship, and will be glad to help with any problems that might come up.

Our next meeting will be March 28 at the Belmont Shore Bank in Long Beach. Frank Smith, test pilot for North American, will speak. A white elephant sale and playback of a recording of the flight clinic lectures will highlight the April meeting.

UTAH CHAPTER
By: June Raybould

February brought us our second future 99 of the year when chapter chairman Zada Arentz presented husband Bob with 5 lb. 2 oz. Florence Katherine. Zada says it is a big name for such a small baby but they are hoping she will soon grow into it. This makes the second daughter and fourth child for the Arentz family.

This month brought us a visit with another 99 - Sectional Governor Martha Lundy who journeyed up from Las Vegas to be guest of honor at the February meeting. Martha was entertained at a dinner at the Hotel Utah and a business meeting followed in her room at the hotel. It was one of the coldest, windiest and snowiest nights this winter but Zada Arentz, Cora Grote, Jane Andrea-

son, Eunice Naylor, Margaret Loy, Leona Granger, Ethel McDermott, Jessie Carter and Mrs. Wm. Grote all braved the arctic weather to be present. Though your reporter was unfortunately unable to attend, understand it was one of the most interesting meetings of the year aside from the pleasure of having Martha with us. As befitted the occasion, Martha was the winner of the evening's TAR raffle prize.

Our hopes for a speedy recovery go to Be Lowell who recently underwent a very tricky heart operation. Be had to drop out of the chapter several years ago because of inability to meet the medical certificate requirements, but has continued to be a booster of aviation and a frequent guest at meetings.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER
By: Martha Lundy

Oh, Beauty Day! And it really was today for the LAS Vegas Chapter 99's and our "Adopted Sisters". As an aftermath of the program we put on for the Mesquite Club (which was organized in 1905) we were invited to a luncheon by Col. Edgar Hubbs, Commanding Officer of Indian Springs AF Base, Air Research & Development Center. Luncheon was delicious and we were treated like royalty. Have never felt so honored in my life. A B-52 flew up from Kirtland AF Base, Special Weapons Center in Albuquerque, and made two thrillingly low passes over the runway - all just for the 99's! It wasn't as wasteful of the taxpayers' money as it sounds. They had to go somewhere, but we received the honor.

Col. Tom Omohundro, from Kirtland, spoke to us about the job Kirtland does in "marrying the atomic weapons to the aircraft". He explained some of the problems involved, particularly in the length of time involved in producing aircraft from drawing board to a working model. With atomic weapons development moving as rapidly as it is, keeping the two coordinated for "marrying" purposes is indeed a problem. We saw two movies on the subject which might be available for showing at 99 meetings - so interesting!

Solange D'Hooghe and her father, Iva McDonald and 49er Jack, and Martha Lundy were the only 99's attending, but we were indeed thankful to have so many active "Adopted Sisters". Nine of them attended. Three of them (that I heard) vowed they'd really get going on their licenses come this very next Sunday. It was really brought home to them what it means to be a 99. As of now, have started working on a scheme to get a ride in a jet. Might take some time - and effort - but it will be worth every bit of it.

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