

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

# News Letter

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

June 1956

A good flight is like a spring tonic and it always improves my basal metabolism so I feel like a new person. So, let's all enjoy more flying.

The 99's have been invited to take part in the search for "Miss Air Power of 1956." She must be single, a licensed pilot, between 18 and 30 years, free to travel with all expenses paid. She will be gown by New York leading fashion experts, etc. For more information contact Mr. John H. Straubel, Executive Director, 324 Mills Building, Washington 6, D.C. We hope that "Miss Air Power of 1956" will be a 99.

I just had the pleasure of attending the Sectional Meetings for South Central at Wichita, Kansas; Middle Eastern at Philadelphia, Pa.; and North Central at Springfield, Illinois. They were all interesting, well attended meetings. It was a pleasure to meet the old, as well as so many new members. Each Section picked their "Indian Princess" for the convention at Harbor Springs, Michigan, in July. Many talents were displayed in making gifts and decorations. I am convinced that there is not a group of women anywhere with a greater array of talents than our 99's membership.

It was a pleasure to meet so many of the Montana and Idaho 99's when I airlined to Kellogg, Idaho, and flew back with my 120 Cessna to Philadelphia for the Sectional Meeting. Ran into low ceilings and snow storms and my compass off 50 or 60 degrees. Navigated by the LF Ranges. Our Mountain girls are doing a wonderful job flying regularly in that terrain and weather. Sure proud of them.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Marion Betzler of our All Ohio Chapter for doing such a nice job of winning the IAR this year.

The International Air Race was bigger and better this year. The never-to-be-forgotten good times and hospitality shown us thru the arrangements of Dorothy Rungeling in Canada Katherine Rawles Green in Marathon and Dorothy Vermorel in Cuba was the best ever. I know the girls worked hard and their results were wonderful for our pleasure. Thanks.

I had the added pleasure of flying a Camair 480 Twin. With Camair's single engine performance I enjoyed flying over the water this time. I hate to ask, but I would appreciate pictures or articles on the Camair for the factory. I was so busy I did not get any and now they have asked for some. I feel they have been so kind to let a Women's race have a new plane and expressed their confidence in women in aviation. I offered to try to get them from different parts of the country, so thanks if you will do this for me.

I would appreciate, also, any books or magazines or what-have-you on the women who flew prior to 1929. We want to compile this at Headquarters.

Thanks to Velma Woodward and Dorothy Morgan of Oklahoma City for the very nice and attractive placard displayed at the "Atoms

for Peace" exhibit in Oklahoma City recently, emphasizing that women pilots fly for business and pleasure. I know it will encourage more women to want to learn to fly.

History of The Ninety-Nines, Volume XXIV has been completed and presented to Dr. Garber of the Smithsonian Institute for the record. Many thanks to our Anna Brenner for a job well done.

I wish the TEXAS CHAPTER could know how much we appreciate the 1½ ton air conditioner they gave our Headquarters. It helps to get the work out. Thanks again.

The Wisconsin Chapter donated \$10.; the Long Beach Chapter \$25.; the All Ohio \$10. and the San Fernando Chapter \$10. to the Headquarters Fund. It all helps to make a place we can be proud of. We will soon be able to purchase the furniture for our Pilots Lounge. Thanks, loads.

Arrangements are in the making to handle everything in our new HQ in Oklahoma City including the Newsletter and Roster. After August 5, please send all chapter news, etc. to HQ. We are working to organize our HQ as a business office, well run for the good of all our membership. If any of the Chapters or members have any ideas or programs, which you feel will benefit the membership in general, please feel free to send them to me. We should be able to work out something very good for all.

Keep your eyes open for new members. We want both quality and quantity.

Always give your plane a good line check before you fly. Study meteorology and take

instrument training every chance you have. We want as many of our girls as possible to be trained and standing by to fly if they are called on to do so.

Best wishes always,

*Edna Gardner Whyte*

## WAYS & MEANS

Here is a list of contributions to date.	
Canadian Chapter	\$ 4.00
Tennessee Chapter	25.00
All-Ohio Chapter	10.00
Central Illinois Chapter	35.00
Indiana Chapter	55.00
Upper Iowa Chapter	10.00
Wisconsin Chapter	20.00
St. Louis Chapter	65.00
Colorado Chapter	25.00
Missouri Valley Chapter	10.00
Washington Chapter	15.00
Eastern Washington Chapter	35.00
Bay Cities Chapter	35.00
Coachella Valley Chapter	40.00
San Diego Chapter	200.00
Santa Clara Valley Chapter	75.00
Utah Chapter	40.00
Total	\$699.00

We still have a long way to go if we are to have a good race in 1957.

We still have not heard from many chapters. If you have not yet sent in your contribution, remember, July is the deadline.



Edna Whyte, International President; Blanche Noyes, Chief Airmarking CAA; Ruth Deerman, Governor of the South Central Section; Anne Waddell, immediate Past Governor and Chairman of the Sectional Meeting.



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### AWTAR NEWS

By: Betty Loufek  
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### PRIZE MONEY TOTALS \$2500 for FIRST FIVE!

The prize money is to be split as follows:

First	- \$800
Second	- \$600
Third	- \$500
Fourth	- \$400
Fifth	- \$200

Trophies will be given for all five places with duplicates to copilots.

First place will receive a McCauley Met-L-Prop (model 1B90, 1C90 or 1A170), given by McCauley Industrial Corp. of Dayton, Ohio. The value of these props range from \$150 to \$225.

First place copilot will receive a large World Map with United States maps going to Second and Third place copilots. R-2 Computers will be given Fourth and Fifth place copilots. Maps and computers presented by Jeppesen & Co., Denver, Colorado.

Trophy (Saxton bowl) and \$50. cash for the best score made by a crew flying their first TAR. If solo, pilot is eligible for award. Money given by a friend of the 99's through the Michigan Chapter. Trophy given by the Chicago Area Chapter.

\$100. presented by Flying Magazine to the highest scoring team of private licensed pilot and private or student licensed copilot. If one member of such teams holds only a student license, the award goes to the team. If a solo flight, or if the copilot is not a licensed pilot, the award goes to the private licensed pilot alone.

\$25. cash for the best score made by each make of aircraft (such as Beech, Cessna, Navion, etc.) of which there are at least three competing.

Jeppesen and Co. is again providing all the contestants with navigation kits for the route containing all radio and navigation information.

Flying Tiger Line will carry, free, one bag per contestant. There will be a small trucking fee collected at the Finish.

Ruby Hayes and Ruth Deerman, Texas Chapter, and the 1954 winning team, will do the route survey work. They will check the route a few days ahead of the race start.

All Time Clocks will again be loaned to the race board by Simplex Time Recorder Co. through the efforts of Mr. E. J. Sullivan of the Los Angeles office.

Note to all prospective contestants: The Needles Municipal Airport will be used instead of Riverview Airport, Needles, California.

Please: Everyone send copies of any 10th AWTAR clippings to the AWTAR Hdqrs. They will go in the big race scrapbook.

Note to all Chapters: Deadline for monies for the 1957 race is July 1, 1956. Please send donations to Loretta Slavick.

### Remember:

**START:** San Mateo County Airport  
(near San Carlos, California)

**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

### SPECIAL ARTICLE

Dear 99 Members:

Even though I haven't been contacting your chapters individually, I have kept in contact with you and your flying activities through the articles in the monthly Newsletter. It certainly is an inspiration to see how much flying is being done by members of our organization, and I then begin to wonder how much time is spent in the air by girls who fly but who are not members of the 99's. If we could total the two, I imagine the sum would be overwhelming.

Since there doesn't seem to be any rules and regulations governing the duties of the Flying Activities Chairman and since the many, many Fly-ins, breakfast hops and all the Women's Sky Derby's and such, seem to be the main stimulus to our activities, I decided it might be worthwhile and certainly very interesting to write some member in our foreign countries to find out what they are doing. To date I have received, among others, a letter from Hideko Yokoyama of Tokyo, and I feel it will be most interesting to print these letters in the Newsletter.

"Dear Isabelle: I have received your interesting letter and I am indeed very pleased with it. It certainly was a very good surprise for me to hear from you who is contributing a great deal as a woman in the field of aviation in your country. I feel sorry not being able to tell you very much about aviation in Japan at present for it is only in a stage of infancy. We have as yet to learn a great deal from your country in this field. Especially when there are only two woman pilots in my country at the present moment, you can easily imagine that not much be expected. So for myself, I am running a confectionery called "Ginza Fugetoudo" here at Ginza, Tokyo with my husband. I also work as a permanent inspector for Central Aviation Corporation of which my husband is the president. I am very happy to tell you that recently I was lucky to be given a rare opportunity to fly in an American Jet plane through the kindness of Far East Air Command. By the way, my license number is "Commercial Pilot No. 259" and I own a Cessna No. 170. So you may have already heard or read there are

many hurdles to jump for Japanese women to do anything new because of the feudalistic idea which still remain among Japanese people. Your letter encouraged me a great deal and will do so in the future whenever I hear from you. Expecting to hear from you, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
Hideko Yokoyama"

I enjoyed this letter very much and I will try to mail one in each month for publication. Yours for more hours in the air,

Isabelle G. McCrae  
Flying Activities  
Chairman



### FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

By: Roz Robinson

The First Canadian Chapter held a re-organizational meeting at the Toronto Flying Club Saturday, April 14, with nine members and prospective members from Toronto, Oshawa, Brampton, Welland, and St. Catharines attending. It was decided, temporarily, to meet every three months and the next meeting will be a fly-in barbecue at Dot Rungeling's home in Fenwick, Saturday, July 21. The following officers were chosen to act until such time as more members are recruited: Chairman, Mrs. D. Rungeling, Fenwick; Vice Chairman, Miss June Taylor, St. Catharines; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Felicity McHendry, Brampton; Newsletter Correspondent, Mrs. Roz Robinson, Toronto; Membership, Mrs. D. Rungeling.

Most of the meeting was devoted to explaining the activities and aims of 99's to the newer members. Several suggestions were put forward regarding activities but nothing definite will be settled until later.

A number of names were brought forward as prospective members and the group as a whole will concentrate their first efforts towards meeting these girls and getting them enrolled. As quite a few women have recently completed private license qualifications in southern Ontario, this should be a comparatively easy and certainly rewarding first project.

Copies of the Newsletter were passed around to those who had not seen it before. Just prior to the departure of Dot Rungeling and June Taylor (in Dot's new Cessna 170) Felicity McHendry took some group pictures which we hope to see soon. Several of the girls expressed an interest in going down to Flint in July and we hope that the First Canadian Chapter will be well represented at the convention.

### THE BULLETIN BOARD

SOUTHWEST FALL SECTIONAL  
UTAH CHAPTER HOSTESS  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH  
DATES ANNOUNCED LATER.

SOUTH CENTRAL FALL SECTIONAL  
COLORADO CHAPTER  
SOUTH CENTRAL FALL SECTIONAL  
COLORADO CHAPTER HOSTESS  
SEPT. 14-15-16, 1956.

PARK TERRACE MOTEL; BIG THOMPSON  
CANYON BETWEEN LOVELAND & ESTES  
PARK, COLORADO.





By: Ora Stevens

The May meeting was held at Great Barrington with Page Shamburger as our hostess. 99's and guests attending were: Chris Seaver and her 49<sup>er</sup> who flew up from Norwood in their Ercoupe, Alice Kitka, Barbara Lemoine, Deed Holcomb, Mrs. W. Stenner, Cora Rowland, Page Shamburger, George Helmrich, Janet Bolles and Ora Stevens. It was a nice luncheon with Page picking up the check and the diners paying their \$1.50 toward the gift from N. E. Section for furnishings of the 99's National Office. C. Dolson of Granby, Conn. was the lucky winner of the Polaroid Land Camera donated by Pat Arnold. Everyone received a beautiful box of note stationery from "Rusty" Cloud, the compliments of Rust Craft. We all thank you "Rusty". Barbara could not be at the meeting as she was leaving for Texas in the morning to pick up a Mooney Mite to fly to the West Coast where she will be for the month of June for Rust Craft. Then she will fly the Mooney Mite back East in the TAR. Chris Seaver and Gladys Turcotte's names were picked for candidates for Indian Princess. Happy Landing at the National Convention. Barbara Cloud flew up to Great Barrington on the 25th to present the wings to Page Shamburger's Wing Scouts. The girls were thrilled and pleased when Barbara also gave them each a box of Rust Craft stationery.

Marie LePore of Worcester sent a note to tell us she was coming along fine after her recent operation. Hope you can make the next meeting at Whitefield, N.H., with Shirley Mahn, Marie.

Barbara Ellis also wrote that she and her 49<sup>er</sup> were leaving for Coca, Florida, on the 8th of June where he will be stationed at the John Patrick Air Force Base. Barbara would like to hear from any 99's living near there. Chris and Bill Seaver have been doing N.E. in their Ercoupe weekends. They flew to Portland, Maine; Albany, New York, Chatham and Great Barrington. Chris Seaver reports two new members this month, Mary Jeffries and Janet Bolles. Janet Bolles who lives in Rockland was one of the few lucky civilians to get a ride in a Jet on Armed Forces Day. She boarded the Jet in all her gear at Hanscomb Field, Bedford, and covered the whole N.E. area in about twenty minutes, including a buzz over Brockton to start the ball rolling for their Armed Forces Day Celebration.

Page Shamburger left for California after the meeting to attend the Aviation Writer's Association Conference in San Francisco to be held May 27 through June 3.

Barbara Kiernan's 2nd Annual Cocktail and Buffet held at her home on April 28 was a big success with fifty guests present. A better time could not have been had anywhere. Barbara and her copilot Ruth Bolton of Andover came in sixth place in the International Race in Barbara's Super Navion. She has a beautiful trophy, too, for her efforts. The other N.E. girls in the race were Charlotte Kelley and Ann Baddour in a Cessna 140, Lucille Dingley of Auburn, Maine in a 172 Cessna, Mary Ann Lippitt and Lois Wartman of Providence in a Bonanza.



By: Ruby Sadtler

Our April dinner meeting held at Guffanti's in New York City was well attended by local 99's and guests Dorothea Stern and Jessie R. Chamberlain, W.I.A.A.

Our chapter Art Committee comprised of Kay Brick, A. J. Starr and Peggy Norris, submitted covers for the AWTAR program this year and after careful study, the work of artist Marian Lopez was chosen.

Barbara Evans gave us a pep talk as she energetically plugged our rummage sale project set for early June. Our speaker for the evening was Gloria Heath who has written a booklet entitled "Air Search and Rescue", is a Major in the Civil Air Patrol Eastern District and is Executive Assistant to the Director of the Flight Safety Foundation, Jerome Lederer. She gave us an intensely interesting and informative talk as she showed pictures of airplane safety devices now being developed and used to prevent loss of life occurring during airplane accidents. A vote of thanks was given Gloria for her daily contribution to the program of "Air Safety".

A note from Ethel Fedders, Chairman of the WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER in Buffalo, told of attending a dinner meeting of the Florida Chapter 99's at Irma Price's home in Miami in April when the girls were making plans for the Cuba race. Barbara Erickson, their new Chairman, drove Ethel to the airport in her lovely new car. Ethel plans on attending the convention in Michigan in July.

Our May meeting held at the Beaux Arts was highlighted by a talk by Mr. Buxton, Chief Meteorologist of Pan American World Airways Atlantic Division, whose subject was "JET STREAM". He displayed the latest maps showing currents of high speed winds around the middle latitudes and explained how they could be advantageously used in jet flight.

Alma Harwood told of dining with 99's in Dallas, El Paso and Palm Springs and claims our Western hostesses are the most wonderful. Irene Keith, who has just been made Assistant Dispatcher, Pan American World Airways, Atlantic Division, is setting a precedent as she is reputed to be the ONLY licensed WOMAN dispatcher in U. S., working at the job!

Kay Brick told of her flight in a new Piper Tri-Pacer 150 to Trenton to a State meeting of aviation organizations concerning proposed state legislation. She pointed out that most pilots should realize an accident in New Jersey can result in a "Misdemeanor" charge (a criminal record) rather than a "violation" as with automobiles.

Congratulations to Betty and Stan Harris whose second son, Mark Martin, arrived April 3.

## CHALLENGE TO SURVIVAL



U. S. GRADUATES

1950 50,000

TODAY 20,000

SOVIET UNION GRADUATES

1950 28,000

TODAY 54,000

The Soviet Union produced as many Ph.D.'s in 1953 as the United States. But U. S. degrees were 2.3 to 1 in favor of the humanities, while the Soviet degrees ran 3 to 1 in favor of science and engineering.

At present the Soviets are graduating two-and-one-half times as many engineers as the United States.

The record of the United States aircraft industry during the last five years is one of great achievement. Yet, the greatest job lies ahead. If this nation is to retain a safe margin of air superiority over the Soviets, then American youths must be encouraged to follow careers in science and engineering.

"PLANES"



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By: Peggy Borek

Lifted noses and much breathing on finger nails! We, that is, our Margaret Callaway and Jean McKaig, second in the International! The trophies are beautiful, one from Canada and one from Cuba. They were treated royally everywhere and recommend air races to every 99. They still look weary and also recommend one week of sleep after participating in said air races. Anyway, we're proud and delighted. They did an excellent job and showed courage in spite of a sputtering engine and outmoded waterwings as survival equipment. Jean says the Navy Albatross which flew cover for them on the return trip was the loveliest plane she's ever seen.

We're pushing hard for publicity here where women pilots are still strange animals. Sunday, June 10, will be Women in Aviation Day at North Philadelphia Airport. We intend to sell rides to women and children at \$1. per, and to the men at the regular \$2.50 rate. With selling refreshments we hope to make something for the TAR.

Marie Angstadt Apfelbaum has transferred to the Florida Chapter.

Our May meeting was held at North Philadelphia Airport. The Airport Manager, H. B. Heacock, was very kind and most helpful. Mr. Jordan Lederer, of Lehigh Air Service, is helping to gather airplanes for our Women in Aviation Day. We hope to have a successful report to give next month.

As part of our publicity campaign, a news photographer took pictures at the airport the other day. The prize winner, I'm sure, will be Anne Piggott overseeing the four little Piggotts busily polishing the wing of an Apache.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By: Nancy Mayes

The Carolinas Chapter held its regular meeting Sunday, March 18, at the municipal airport in Charleston, South Carolina. Sara Shonk was hostess, assisted by a friend Olive Loveall. The group was taken on a tour of Charleston highlights, including a drive along the Battery and through Hampton Park where the azaleas were especially beautiful. After the business meeting, 99's and guests enjoyed dinner at the airport restaurant.

Betty and 49<sup>er</sup> Jim Hamilton flew to Cuba the weekend of March 18 in their Apache to visit friends. Edith and 49<sup>er</sup> Odell Long and children flew to Cuba also with a group from Florida.

On March 25 Louise Smith flew to Electra, Texas, for a meeting of the 99's Executive Board March 27-28. Louise reported fine flying weather and a successful meeting.

Five Carolinas Chapter members flew to Albany, Georgia, April 8 for the Southeastern Section meeting. Estelle and 49<sup>er</sup> Carl Bradshaw from Pinehurst, North Carolina, flew down in their Cessna 190 with Gale East and 49<sup>er</sup> Dave from Ral-



eight and Sar Shonk as passengers. Louise and 49<sup>er</sup> Herman Smith Bonanza'd down taking along Caroline and Les Hembel. Though it was all too brief, an enjoyable time was had meeting with the Georgia 99's and governor Georgiana McConnell of Nashville, Tennessee.

Amalie Stone was married April 21 in Greenville, South Carolina, to Hugh Vincent Walker, Jr. All of the best and much happiness to them!

The day of the Charleston meeting dawned clear and windy, but a goodly number appeared for the meeting. Dot and 49<sup>er</sup> Harry Shackelford flew in from Columbia, Louise Smith and Burnette Spencer from High Point and Nita Hudman, a guest, and her husband from Charlotte. Louise's 49<sup>er</sup> Herman arrived via airline from points south. Jack Spencer, Burnette's son, came over The Citadel where he is a cadet. Some availed themselves of the opportunity for a weekend of sightseeing and visits to Cypress, Magnolia or Middleton Gardens. Among these were Caroline and 49<sup>er</sup> Les Hembel and two children, Estelle and 49<sup>er</sup> Carl Bradshaw and Nancy Mayes.

GEORGIA CHAPTER  
By: Beth McNabb

Georgia 99's met in conjunction with Southeastern Region 99's at Albany, Georgia's famous Kadium Springs, during the windy weekend of April 7-8. A few brave souls ventured in by plane. Georgianna McConnell, region governor, rode the airlines and a car or two appeared. Georgianna stayed with Georgia's new chairman, Betty McNabb, and others were put up at Radium.

Georgians present were Evelyn Greenblatt, secretary; Mary Edwards, membership and airmarking chairman; Lois Lacy, Caroline Kennedy, and prospective member Edna Grubbs. Sunday afternoon Betty flew Georgianna back to Atlanta in her new Tri-Pacer which she picked up at Lockhaven April 2.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER  
By: Eddie Lee Griffin

Blanche Noyes, Washington, D.C. Chapter, was in Nashville a few days ago, and some of our chapter members joined her for dinner and a nice visit afterwards. Those members were: Evelyn Bryan and Mary Jane Quarles from Morristown; Mary Beth Sargent, Georgiana McConnell and Helen Deason from Nashville. They reported a very nice time and sorry the other members were unable to go. Tennessee always welcomes members from other chapters and to learn what the 99's are doing in other states.

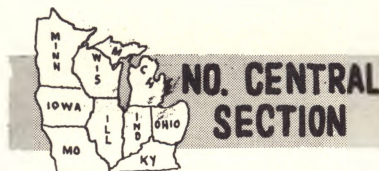
Evelyn Bryan has traded her Piper Pacer for a Tri-Pacer. Congratulations, Evelyn. Georgiana McConnell, Mary Beth Sargent, Sarah Duke and Betty Anderson participated in the SARCAP at Tullahoma on May 6.

Bettie Park is getting married in August. Bettie originally belonged to our chapter, but is now in the Georgia Chapter. Congratulations, Bettie.

The next meeting of the Tennessee Chapter will be in connection with the Regional Conference of CAP in Chattanooga in June.

Georgianna McConnell was the only Tennessee member going to the Sectional meeting in Georgia. She reported a nice time and especially enjoyed the hospitality of the McNabb home.

Constance Oblinger made a quick trip to Toledo, Ohio, by Delta - TWA in the middle of March. She spoke to the Toledo Federation of Women's Clubs at their Annual Reciprocity Day Banquet on March 14 in the Secor Hotel. Topic: Interesting Places off the highways in the South Appalachians. The Toledo Club presented her with a beautiful Air travel kit. Our next meeting will be in Tullahoma.



By: Marge Raglin

Sectionals are always something to look forward to, but the Spring meeting in Springfield is also something to remember. It was a weekend filled to the brim with Lincoln lore of the past and TAR Terminus and Convention plans of the future, plus the eager interchange of flying experiences that keep 99 gatherings so enthusiastic. The usual unreliable Mid-west weather was on hand for Friday, May 11, but those who came (even by car) for the "Railsplitter's Delight", found themselves off to a good start for a pleasant weekend. Saturday morning disclosed them touring the Lincoln Shrines, returning to the St. Nicholas Hotel full of information and vigor. Forty-eight girls attended the 12 o'clock luncheon, but by business meeting time several more had arrived.

President Edna Gardner Whyte stopped by on her way to the International Race; she and her lovely daughter Ann as copilot were flying the Camair. A great deal of enlightenment was given as she spoke briefly during the afternoon. Blanche Noyes, always a most welcome guest, discussed airmarking and modestly accepted congratulations from the North Central 99's on her recent award from Congress for her outstanding work in this field. Lucille Wright of New York added her usual sparkle as she paid tribute to the youngest pilot present.

Mark Clark's review of plans for the Flint Terminus and Ramona Park Convention left everyone bubbling over with excitement. By now the brochures have "told all", but each chapter of the Section is anxious to assist Michigan wherever possible.

The profusion of lovely flowers made the atmosphere for the evening dinner meeting particularly delightful. Toastmistress Ade O'Brien gave zest to the gathering with her well-chosen words of introduction of guests, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Abney and others. After announcement of North Central's candidate for Indian Princess, the spotlight was turned on stage for the presentation of a Lincoln-Douglas debate by members of the Lincoln players.

Southwest Airport deserves special credit for the wonderful bacon-and-egg breakfast and all the other courtesies they extended to the 99's. Central Illinois Leah Warren, Florence Musser, Dora Dougherty, Rose Andrew, Helen Greinke, Mary Hendrix, Barbara Jenison, Mabel Johnston, Helen McBride, Ade O'Brien and Virginia Carey worked hard to achieve a really successful Sectional.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER  
By: Babe Ruth

I do believe the Michigan Chapter is the "driving" 99's instead of the "flying" 99's. We haven't had a good flying day for a meeting since last fall. The May meeting was held at Margaret Crane's Lakeside Golf Club at Lake Fenton. All of you who are attending the AWTAR terminus at Flint will be entertained at Lake Fenton, this is just a sample what is in store for you. The standing menu at Margaret's is fried chicken, corn fritters, homemade rolls, mellow and plenty of coffee and the day playing golf. We would probably boycott Margaret if she changed the food. P.S., naturally it rained.

Flash !!! Janey Hart is the mother of a future 99. Congratulations. The AWTAR entries will be closed when you read this, so best of luck to all the swell pilots and copilots and may you all win. The program is printed for the Convention and, believe you me, it's worth coming to Michigan just to get a program. We are very proud of it.

No need to mention what our meeting was about because everyone knows the topic of the year, the AWTAR, the S.M.A.L.L. Race and the CONVENTION. We have a few hopeful entries for the AWTAR. They are Alice Hammond and Jean Pearson (Alice and John Hammond are the proud owners of a 170 and after Alice and Helen Wetherill take 3rd place in the International, ever watch out for Alice and Jean), Anne Fruehauf and Pat Russell, Janet Hart and Nan Rudolph of Mackinac Island, a student pilot, Nancy LaFarge and Maryann Bowerman, a friend of the Michigan Chapter and Babe Ruth and Muriel Wertenberger, who has 12,000 hours. Ruth Ann Donelson has a new Volkswagen and listen to this, a sunliner-a sliding top to let the sun - if and when.

Leah Higgins spent Easter in New Orleans via Delta Air Lines. And her new Plymouth wrecked by a "drunk" driver running a red light. No one was hurt and he did pay the damages.

Anne Fruehauf flew to Louisville in her 180 to the Kentucky Derby. Eloise Smith spent a week in Marathon, Florida, fishing for 10 ft sharks (this is a joke, she hooked one).

Olivia Bell also spent Easter in Florida, and appointed Chairman for National Aviation Education Council for Michigan Chapter. Jean Pearson was honored with a citation from the Michigan State Medical Society for her outstanding reporting of medical news in the Detroit Free Press. We are proud of Jean and congratulations! We were happy to have with us an "ex" 99, Grace Gazvoda, guest of Leah Higgins.

Our sympathy to Elsie Ferich who lost her father and Jean Pearson who lost her mother April 30. And the Flint Aeronautical Sales which Bernice Trimble is associated with, who lost a good friend of the Michigan Chapter in a mid-air collision. Dale Hath and three others died in this freak accident.

We will not have a July meeting but an August meeting at Austin Lake with Eloise Smith and the Kalamazoo girls. An open invitation to all 99's left over from the convention.

September will again bring the Paul Bunyan Clan meeting at Traverse City, so make plans to come, and the October meeting with Pat Russell at St. Ignace for a little hunting. We don't know which is open duck or partridge season, but either one, bring your shotgun and hunting license.

NOTES FOR THE AWTAR: The Williams Franco Salon, 638 Harrison Street, Flint, Michigan, is offering to arrange all hairdressing appointments for AWTAR contestants upon arrival. Appointment cards will be available at San Mateo and each girl will be responsible for mailing in her card. And, it will take just a phone call upon arrival in Flint to find out where and time of appointment - cars will be ready to transport you to hairdresser's. Now, everyone can be pretty.

NOTES FOR THE CONVENTION: Bring warm clothes, the days are usually quite warm, but the nights are cold. Remember, you will be in the northwoods. We want you to enjoy our state and climate.

Will someone please tell what type of clothing to bring to San Mateo? I nearly froze in Long Beach. We really can't enjoy a city or state when we're cold and uncomfortable.

We want to introduce our Chapter Chairman to you, Miss Mary Clark. Mary is a native Jacksonian and her interest in aviation began in 1943 at Reynolds Field, Jackson. This hobby was interrupted in 1945 when she went overseas with the Red Cross. A two-year tour took her to the Hawaiian Islands, Okinawa, Japan and China. Upon her arrival back in the states in 1947 she spent four years as Red Cross Field Director in Veteran hospitals located in Dearborn, Michigan; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Danville, Ill.



Back home in 1951, she started working with her brothers at the John Crowley Boiler Works, Inc., a steel fabricating firm. Next to flying, golf is her main outside interest. She was the 1955 winner of the Arbor Hills Country Club Business Women's Tournament. Bowling is her means of recreation during the winter months. Mary is also treasurer of the Jackson Aviation Club and a member of the Airport Advisory Board in Jackson. Mary is the proud owner of a Cessna 120 which she lovingly calls "Trolley" and holds a Private License.

#### THE ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By: Edythe Maxim

Even with your typical 99 weather, the chapter had a wonderful day and a good attendance (34) at the May 6 Cleveland activity at the newly dedicated Cleveland Hopkins Airport. For two hours in the morning the Cleveland Air Taxi's helicopter went through a session of ups and downs, midst rain, hail and sunshine as, two at a time, 99's, 49ers and guests went up for a five-minute indoctrination flight. The expressions of the different sensation of helicopter flying were delightful and enthusiastic. After a leisurely luncheon in the beautiful Sky-Chef restaurant, all were ready for the tour of the administration building. The one-hour tour easily extended into a two-hour tour as it included the control tower, the radar room and the weather bureau. The CAA personnel were all most generous and accommodating with their explanations and answers to the barrage of questions from the 99's and 49ers.

It was quite a day again, weatherwise, on May 11, departure date for the Springfield, Illinois, Sectional Meeting. Headwinds, turbulence, thunderstorms. Betty Wertz roughed it by airline. After arriving at Springfield five hours and twenty minutes flying time were logged for PEE-WEE. Joan Hrubec and I "flew" the trip in her faithful Tri-Pacer. We were glad the Central Illinois 99's still had buffet going when we arrived, as we had developed quite an appetite by flying with "gusto". Once at our destination, we were glad we hadn't missed that fine Sectional Meeting put on by the Central Illinois Chapter. We enjoyed every busy minute of it.

The Chapter is proud of the Ohio 99's who participated in the International Air Race. The race was won by Marion Betzler of Columbus, a former WASP, who flew a fine race in her Luscombe, clipping her handicap time by three hours, six minutes and thirty-five seconds. Marion received \$600. the Rickenbacker trophy and the Batista cup. Placing ninth were Virginia Schumacher and her copilot, Marilyn Collette, in Virginia's Tri-Pacer. Marjorie Miller and Bonnie Butler, her copilot, finished the fourteenth, in Marj's Bonanza.

The All-Ohio Chapter and her many other 99 friends were saddened by the news of the last flight of Marjorie Miller near Havana, Cuba, on May 20. Marjorie was well known to many, having enjoyed participation in so many phases of 99 activities, including racing. Bonnie Butler is being detained in Havana, but we're hoping to hear news of her satisfactory improvement so that she can return home soon.

Mary Fecser's Wing Scouts (Jacqueline Cochran Troop 147) were presented their wings on Sunday, April 29, in conjunction with the dedication ceremonies of Cleveland Hopkins Airport, aboard an American Airlines DC-6A Air Freighter. Mr. Gerry W. Hawes, Jr., District Sales Manager, American Airlines, Cleveland, made the presentation, with a stewardess, captain and engineer in attendance. Nineteen Air Scouts from Medina lent their interested presence and were photographed with the girls as they received their wings. The girls' parents, friends and relatives and hundreds of visitors of the airport witnessed the Wings presentation program. Soon thereupon, the photograph of the Wings Presentation Program was published in some 800 issues of King's Features Syndicate all over the U. S.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ruth C. Lembke

Dora Fritzke was hostess of the last Wisconsin Chapter meeting. She entertained the group in her Idlewild Avenue home. Because many of the usual group were out on extended flying trips, the number present was less than last time.

Detroit, Racine, Philadelphia and Louisville claimed three sets of our people. However, Mary Lou Thompson was back from her vacation, and Toney closed the Capital Airport in time to get to Dora's.

Dora reported on the Springfield, Illinois Sectional Meeting which she and Deedo Heise had attended recently. Bad weather forced them to drive, but it did not dampen their enthusiasm and enjoyment of the weekend.

#### CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By: Ethel Christensen

Isabel Myrland was hostess for our May meeting and I am told it was extra nice (I had the misfortune to have to work) as Elsie Wahrer and Alice Kundra flew in from the Chicago area. Irene Moore, Bernice Voelker, Avis Peterson and myself attended the Spring Sectional at Springfield - it was most enjoyable!

Irene Moore will be hostess for our meeting in June. It will be the 17th at Delevan, Wisconsin.

It is with our deepest regret we tell of the sudden death of Pearl Nelson's husband, Pete. Pearl, as many of you know, was a former member of our chapter from Stoughton, Wisconsin. She and Pete both did considerable amount of flying in their staggered-wing beechcraft. Pete was killed in an automobile accident.

Any of the contestants in the 1956 All Woman International Air Race who wish to obtain prints of pictures taken of them during the air race may do so by writing to:

Federal News Photo Service  
15½ Richmond St. E.  
Toronto, Ontario  
Attention: Bob Lansdale

Upon request a set of prints will be sent for you to choose what you want. Bob Lansdale, you will remember, is the nice guy who was shooting pictures for the Toronto Star during the whole race.

#### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By: Rose S. Andrew

The Central Illinois Chapter extended a warm and windy (literally) welcome to 99's and their guests from the North Central Section the weekend of May 11-13. Nearly every Chapter was represented in spite of the windy weather.

The Southwest airport was the designated one and we all gathered at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Friday night a buffet supper was served and we all just visited. More people began arriving Saturday a.m. and several were taken on tours of the Lincoln shrines.

After lunch a serious business session was held as there were many things to be decided before the meeting in Michigan. Some 49ers got in in time to enjoy the banquet with the ladies. We were happy to have some of our national and sectional officers with us. Miss Addie O'Brien was the toastmistress for the occasion and after all honored guests had been introduced, announced the entertainment for the evening which was a scene from the "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" play which is given each year at Lincoln's New Salem.

Addie says the dates for this year's productions will be August 16, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31 and September 1 and 2. She said she'd be most happy to arrange transportation for any 99 who would get in touch with her if they wished to go to New Salem.

Mr. A. Abney gave greetings from the State Department of Aeronautics.

We were proud that our chapter was represented in the Women's International Race by Barbara Jenison, Paris. At this writing we are not sure how she scored, but we are proud of her anyway.

Next month Dora Dougherty will fly in the T.A.R. with Lois Cassidy from Chicago. We will be watching for her and all the others who may make the University of Illinois Airport a stop on the way to Flint.

Best luck and flying weather to all the race participants, from all us gals in the Central Illinois Chapter.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By: Bernice Schrader Wilson

On Sunday, April 15, the group met for dinner at the home of Bunny and Jack Wilson in Waterloo. Maggie and Bob Adkins who flew up from Des Moines brought with them Esther Neiderhauswer from Marshalltown. We were glad to see Esther who has recently been in the hospital. A prospective member, Alice Pfantz, surprised us by flying up from Des Moines. Maggie Adkins is her sponsor. Another prospective member to fly in was Carole Hendrickson. We were happy to become acquainted with her.

Others present were Ruth and Frank Schleussner from Evansdale. They are planning to start an airfield in the very near future. Helen Flaherty drove from Fort Dodge. She will be going to the Sectional in Springfield with Bunny and Jack Wilson. Incidentally, the Wilsons will have a new address start April 28. It is 360 Wyoming in Waterloo.

Marie Blank drove from Klemme and acted as the auctioneer. She sold to the highest bidder the wrapped packages that the members had brought to the meeting. The money is to go toward the fund for the AWTAR and the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship.

Verna Mae Prohascka came from Cedar Falls. She has been too busy to be with us lately so it was a treat to see her. Bunny and Jack had as their guest Pat Muller, a newsreporter. Door prizes were awarded to both Maggie and Bob Adkins for flying the longest distance and to Marie Blank for driving the longest distance. The 49er prize went to Frank Schleussner.

#### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By: Donna Giles

The April meeting of the Chicago Area Chapter was held at the United Airlines ticket office in the loop on Thursday, the 19th. Business included the setting of our contribution to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund at \$30. and the report from Hazel Hackwith, Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, that the annual rummage sale had netted a profit of over \$200. Chairman Sylvia Roth read a letter from the Michigan Chapter inquiring about the number of gals planning to attend the national convention and the possibility of them helping with some of the entertainment.

A reminder to those gals we haven't seen for quite a while - have you sent in your contribution to the AWTAR for 1957?

Regina Devine reported on the National Air Age Convention she attended in New York. She reported that the aim was to bring aviation into the regular school



curriculum even if it had to be by the back door by passing aviation mindedness from teacher to teacher.

Nita Fineman requested information on Civil Defense and Harriette Magee reported she will be on television May 9 on channel 9 at 11:55 on the Carol Banning Show. Irene Leverton reports that she is being sponsored for this year's AWTAR by Graubart Aviation. She and copilot Carol Cooper, a prospective 99, are planning to fly either a Bonanza or an Apache.

#### GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER By: Marjory Farrell

Our May meeting, held at Emily Crew's, found only eight members enjoying Emily's delicious dinner, served in her remodeled house. She and 49ers did the work and a dream it is! The business meeting following dinner was a brisk one in tempo, not in duration.

Loretta Craig, our youngest member, celebrated high school graduation by flying the Mooney Mark 20. She had a job waiting for her right after graduation, so is now a member of us working girls. And speaking of work, that's Verna Wilson. With last minute work on her instrument rating plus keeping up her ground school classes, Verna has a full schedule these days.

We're proud of Mary Dietrich - she is co-author of an article appearing in the June issue of the Journal of Clinical Investigation. She and Jean Cayot took a short jaunt to Wichita recently.

Sarah Goreslick has been occupying some of her time by studying maps for the AWTAR; she hopes to enter the race again this year.

Betty Siggs has been in Grand Island again visiting her sister who has been ill. She and Stan planned to have a week in Estes Park later.

Your reporter will be leaving soon for summer study at Northwestern, so I'll be signing off now for the year. Have a happy summer all of you!

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER By: Marietta Sonnenberg

Minnesota gals are getting a little more accomplished at each meeting on the plans for the fall North Central Sectional to be held along the beautiful St. Croix River just east of the Twin Cities. Helen Masterton has really been hard at work getting donations from various firms and merchants for the sponsorship of some of the events. Each member has been assigned a goal for our treasury buildup. Florence Scriver will present the chapter's formal bid for the fall meeting at the Spring Sectional in Springfield, Illinois. A few other members are hoping to make it to that interesting city in mid-May.

Everyone seems busy though....Florence had a routine checkup at the Mayo Clinic, Marilyn Kvalheim Henderson is back from the honeymoon but busy at the new house-site, Rita Orr keeps on the run watching two daughters and now she's awaiting another baby, Marietta Sonnenberg is trying to get in 500 (yes, five hundred) seedling trees and when last seen was twisting the arms of Betty Clements and Dorothy Anderson to get them to help....Pete Frey Boone writes from her wilderness lake north of Hibbing that she has room to sleep all of us on a weekend jaunt, so hope to take her up on it....Jane White, who flew to South Carolina with her husband to see relatives in April, is keeping her fingers crossed that all the small daily problems of being a housewife and mother are straightened out so she can

enter the AWTAR alone in her Bonanza "strictly for laughs and for the experience and to meet more 99's and glas who fly"....Jean Scheifley and husband combined business with pleasure on a trip to California in April....Marietta made her annual jaunt to Randolph Field, Texas, in April to see her sister, brotherinlaw and their children....Everyone was so happy to see Betty Roberts at Rita Orr's lovely luncheon meeting April 22. Betty has no extra minutes with five kiddies but she and Betty Clements were overjoyed to meet and talk over their respective experiences in the WASPS....Marietta had to display her team's championship bowling trophy.

#### ST. LOUIS CHAPTER By:

Our dance was a great success and the winner was Betty Yarnell, Miss St. Charles Airport. In addition to the \$100 flight scholarship which we gave her, August Henke, operator of St. Charles Airport, is matching that in flying time. That should get her well on her way toward her private license.

After two rain-outs, we finally held our Scavenger Hunt on April 15 with pilots searching for everything from chicken feathers to sequined "burp" cups. Six beautiful prizes were given by the 99's and Ed Staley of Weiss Airport gave 25 gallons of gas to the first three winners. First place went to Mickey Clark and her husband, Paul, 2nd to Marian Husted and third to Erma Jaco and her 49er.

Three planes from here entered the Sky Lady Derby; June Evers and Dorothy Rumsey in June's Cessna 14C, Mickey Clark and Erma Jaco in Mickey's Pacer and Loretta Slavick and Lucile Wright in a Bonanza. We are happy to report that Mickey and Erma won third place. Our 49ers all flew to meet us at Little Rock and then took off for Springfield to attend our Section meeting. Ruth Lake, Laura Sellinger and Lydia Dunne also attended the Section meeting and our thanks to the Central Illinois Chapter for a wonderful time there.

Mickey Clark was named "Airman of the month" by our local NAA Chapter for the wonderful job she does in promoting aviation in the St. Louis area. Although she started to fly just a couple of years ago, she has participated in the last two AWTAR races, last year flying alone, and is planning on entering again this year. She has her commercial license and does an excellent job in looking for other women who are learning to fly and encouraging them to continue to get their licenses. She is treasurer of our local chapter and all of us are very proud of her.

A barbecue party was held at St. Charles Airport on Memorial day and spot landing contests were held for our 49ers. Two new members were added to our chapter at this meeting, Virginia Duenke and Evelyn Neise.

Our Chapter is offering a scholarship to a teacher from this area to attend an Aviation Workshop this summer. Applicants must be teaching in either a Junior or Senior High School and can be used at any College or University they select.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER By: Rae Cawdell

On account of Spring Sectional, we had no regular meeting in May. Jane Ackors, Soph Payton and your reporter flew to Springfield with Mildred Hurt in her 170. Tannie Schlundt and her family, traveling by automobile, almost equalled our groundspeed. But it's an ill head wind that blows nobody good - and it blew us good the next day coming home, left the Schlundts in the shade.

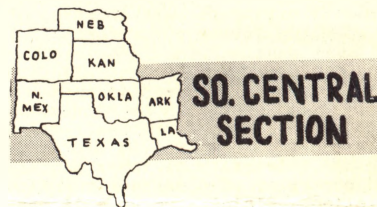
Right now we's like to thank the Springfield girls and all others who had part in making the Sectional a most enjoyable event. Speaking for the Indiana girls, we had a wonderful time.

Had a card from Dorothea Hendricks who was visiting her parents in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Betty Nicholas flew to Cedar Grove, New Jersey, to be with her mother on Mother's Day.

Just finished our first weekend at Shanks Airport where again this year we're operating our Snack Bar to raise funds for the AWTAR. Saturday being the largest crowd to attend first day qualifications for the 500, of course, the airports got their share of traffic. And business around the Snack Bar was booming. Friday night Tannie, Della Sanders and the uppersigned made sandwiches, sandwiches, sandwiches - ham, ham and cheese and just plain cheese - almost 150 of them. Sold all during the weekend, plus a goodly amount of soft drinks, coffee, etc. Thanks to Joan Ferguson and Fern Rinker who came to Indianapolis Sunday to help us out. We'll be hamming it up again this Friday night - anticipating another profitable weekend.

Guess we'll be meeting at Billie Smith's farm at North Vernon for our June 17 meeting.

We were all shocked and deeply regret the fatal accident which took the life of Marjorie Miller. And the Indiana 99's extend their most sincere sympathies to her relatives and many friends.



#### TEXAS CHAPTER EL PASO UNIT By: Lois Hailey

Saturday, May 19 we held our monthly meeting at International Airport Sky Chef. Our Chairman Dodie Powers was in charge and we discussed plans for future meetings and AWTAR. Our July meeting will be held at McConnell farms in Dell City, Tex. This will be breakfast flight with swimming. Present at today's meeting were Dodie Powers, Ruth Deerman, Faye McConnell, Mary Margaret Arnold, Doris Smith, Anne Duthie and Lois Hailey.

Sunday, May 20, we had a 99 sponsored breakfast flight to Columbus, New Mexico. It's only a small spot on the map but the townspeople always put on a good breakfast. We must have had at least 25 planes on this flight.

#### FORT WORTH UNIT By: Tony Page

SCOOP! The Fort Worth Unit held a meeting! Due to illness, foul weather, taxes, new hats, bills, tailwinds and tale winds, we ain't had any lately. So when Prexy Ruby Hays passed the word, "n B C (Beulah Conn) got out of the hospital, we had a called meeting.

Ann Atkeison arrived on time at Tony Pages. Ten minutes later Ann moved we adjourn, Tony 2nd'd. Just then the rest showed up so we held another meeting! Beulah Conn, Marj Gray, Francis Pyland, Cleve Godfrey and Delphine Bohn attended. Ann and Tony stayed. Business: Voted to assist the AWTAR plan at Amarillo; sent in nominations for new state officers, passed the hat to match the twenty-five bucks Dallas 99's sent to HDQ's for Air condition er; moved we adjourn.



AB (After Business) talked about the South Central Section meeting at Wichita, had a glass of iced tea on the rocks, dined at Cross Keys on goodies and met Delphine's charming mother, a guest from Amarillo.

Missing members were not lied about because somebody might tell.

Jimmy Kolp is in California, flew with the sportsmen pilots! Randy Hapgood, gonna fly the AWTAR....Francis Pyland the Fly-lady Derby....E.G. Whyte's in the E, gonna fly Flylady, IAR, AWTAR....Verna ustabe-Burns, is now Mrs. Johnny Stubbs. Ama Lee's returning to her own country, Texas ....Ann's working on the B0

....Ann's working on the B-58 plans... Delphine had her first airplane accident in ooo-coo years. Slammed the door on her finger when wind blew 90 mph...and that's all she wrote.

CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT  
By: Nell Hood

Another month of May has gone by - "The fast going year, we won't mention", but our calendar of accomplishments is stacking up pretty well considering the obstacles that have been hurdled.

The new Airmarkers added to our list are Clarkwood, Rockport, Edroy, Eagle Pass, Cotulla, LaPryor, Quemado and a repaint job at Spofford - all done by Pauline Glasson and her wing scouts, Merle Dunnam, Vida Tennant, Elaine Needham, and Nell Hood. We sure were glad to have the help of Elvie Turney at Quemado.

Some crosscountry to San Antonio was done by Elaine Gault and her son this month. Merle Dunnam flew to Austin to pick up Elaine Needham and bring her home. And now Elaine is here to stay. She has graduated from the University of Texas and is the proud possessor of a degree in Music. Congratulations, Elaine - we know it has not been easy. And speaking of honors, Pauline was awarded a five-year merit pin by the Girl Scout organization for her counseling of the Wing Scouts, a well deserved recognition to be sure.

I guess you all know Pauline was in the hospital this month for a minor throat operation, but she didn't have time to stay very long. She is out and going about her work with no apparent ill effect. Other than a temporary loss of voice and even that is no handicap to Pauline. Marylee Humason and Edith Stearns have also been hospitalized this month. Marylee has been released and is now recuperating very well, but Edith is still indefinitely confined. We sure do miss you Edith and don't forget chins are being worn high this season.

Louise Clarkeson and her 49<sup>er</sup> went to Monterey, Mexico, for a Geological meeting, but are back in the big swing of things again. Ardath McCreery and Helen Disney entertained Blanche Noyes at the Valley Flying Club when she stopped in McAllen and then they flew to Corpus Christi to attend our May meeting which was held at the "El Patio" in honor of Blanche Noyes. Blanche gave us three days out of her itinerary and we certainly did enjoy having her. We'll be seeing you.

KANSAS CHAPTER  
By: AMA Lee Jameson

The meeting of the South Central Section has come and gone. Nice turnout but missed several of you who usually attend. We were honored in having our International President Edna Gardner Whyte, our International Vice President Broneta Davis and Blanche Noyes with us. All Sectional officers were here too. Ruth Deerman, Verna Christopher, Beth Smith and Lois Dobbin.

Those arriving in time on Friday had a look at the Cessna T-37 Jet that afternoon. The meeting opened officially with a cocktail party Friday night. Saturday we were taken on a tour of McConnell Air Force Base and many got to fly the B-47 simulator, see the B-52 and many other interesting things. Luncheon and business meeting followed the tour. Then time to shop or visit. Cocktail party and banquet Saturday night ended the session.

With Friday and Saturday so beautiful no one would believe the tales about Kansas winds. But Sunday they found it was all true. However, all made it out after the dust blew through.

At the business meeting it was voted to have the 1957 national convention in Texas - the Rio Grande Valley - with the Corpus Christi unit as hostesses. The national convention comes to the South Central Section in 1957. The chapters unanimously selected Randy Hapgood of Henrietta, Texas, to represent the Section as candidate for Indian Princess at the national convention in Michigan this year.

Our Wichita Wing Scout Troop is attending ground school classes every Monday night at McConnell Air Force Base. Some of us tag along to refresh our knowledge too. They are getting excellent training in navigation, meteorology, CAR, etc. The Air Force Base has been most cooperative in our Wing Scout work.

New month is airmarking month. All state deal for one day hoping to get at least half of our fifty done that day and the others in one day next fall.

Anne Waddell is now flying a Cessna 195. Quite different from the Bonanza that burned but she is getting a lot of fun out of it and is back in the air. She plans to fly a Bonanza from Aircraftco on the Sky Lady Derby in May. Good luck Anne. Has so many gadgets (the plane I mean) that Lowell said she could stay home and send the plane out by itself.

This is adios from me as a Kansas member. Am returning to Texas May 15 but they haven't seen the last of me. Have done so much commuting the past few months that I have found it isn't a long trip even by Ercoupe (N99F).

COLORADO CHAPTER  
By: Marilyn Nordstrom

Our hats are off to the Michigan gals they really have a wonderful national convention planned. After receiving their brochure, we all wished it would be possible to attend. However, Mary Wenholz and Donna Myers will represent us very well.

Our May meeting was strictly business at the home of Mary Collett. We accomplished much, the most important being instructing our delegate to the convention.

June will find us having a night out at the Lotus Room, VFW, enjoying some wonderful Chinese Food. Betty Stackhouse is in charge of this meeting.

Most of our members are getting ready to take off on that long-awaited vacation; or are just waiting for the arrival of the first load of visitors for the summer. Memorial Day Races at Indianapolis few Donna and John Myers. Mary Collett and son Robie are off to Iowa for a family visit. We certainly hope any 99 who visits our state this summer will call one of the Colorado members and at least say hello. Happy Vacationing to all!

The Colorado Chapter will host the South Central Sectional meeting September 14 - 15 - 16 at the Park Terrace Motel. The Park Terrace is located in the colorful Big Thompson Canyon between Loveland and Estes Park, Colorado. Keep these dates in mind and more information will be sent out later.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER  
By: Harrit D. Nye

Luncheon at the Municipal Airport brought together the Albuquerque Chapter for a monthly meeting. We were joined by our beloved friends from El Paso, Ruth Deerman the Governor of the South Central Section and Ruby Hayes. We discussed plans for the TAR and it was evident that the hard work of our chairman, Jo Eddleman, has produced money and action to make the Albuquerque stop interesting and pleasant for the girls in the race. The cooperation of the Weather Bureau made it possible for us to keep Ruth and Ruby with us until the next morning, the weather man in El Paso gave them a clear day to get them here, and our good man here stirred up the worst dust storm of the season to keep them here.

On Armed Forces Day, Rande Sutherland had the opportunity of flying off of Kirtland Air Force Base in a jet-powered craft. The newspapers gave a detailed account of her experience, together with her always charming picture. The rest of us are trying to conceal a slight tinge of green while rejoicing that at least one of us has had such a marvelous experience.

TULSA CHAPTER  
By: Faye Mefford

The Tulsa Chapter offers congratulations to the Kansas Chapter, hostess of the South Central Sectional Meeting April 20-22, in Wichita. Tissue Lawrence and Faye Mefford reported that the event was a great success and very enjoyable.

Dorothy Rice and Tissie Lawrence, both have their Ercoupe's back on the line after being down quite sometime for relicensing. Both are sporting new paint jobs.

Plans are underway for a "Flight Festival" to be held May 19 at Harvey Young Airport in Tulsa, sponsored by two aviation organizations. One event of the day will be a contest for women only such as bomb dropping and spot landing. Every one is invited to attend the gala affair.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER  
By: M. Florence Dunlavy

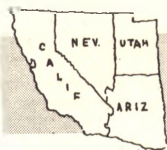
The Missouri Valley Chapter of 99's held their April meeting hosted by Florence Dunlavy at the Dudley Hotel in Superior. Members attending were Pauline Hawks, Gertrude Howard and guest Barbara Anspaugh of Lincoln; Helen Moore, Jan Mun-kree, Laura Russell, Florence Dunlavy

and 49<sup>er</sup>. We were welcomed at the airport by the president and the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, the new woman Mayor-elect and a host of interested spectators. We agreed that Superior is airminded.

At our after-dinner meeting, we decided to start a money-making project consisting of making handpainted neck and head scarfs in white material with the 99 emblem in blue. Samples are to be made up for Pauline to show at the Sectional meeting in Wichita. It was planned that the scarfs would be available for purchase the June 2-3 meeting at Nebraska City and thereafter from our Chairman Pauline Hawks, Bruning.

A copy of a letter sent in to the Chairman of AWTAR by request of our members was read by Florence. It was suggested that the present type of race by changed to an economy race which should be much more valuable to the 99's and the general field of aviation than the present fire-walling setup. It was also suggested that the race remain an amateur one.





## SOUTHWEST SECTION

**BAY CITIES CHAPTER**  
By: Marjorie Fauth

Our May meeting was held at Belmont Casino and was attended by between 35 and 40 99's, guests, members of the San Mateo County Development Association and two CAA weather men (who will be on hand for the start of the AWTAR). Visiting 99's included Margie Crowl and Alice Roberts of Phoenix and Race Committee members Barbara London, Bettie Gillies, Bea Medes and Joyce Failing. Prospective member Margaret Topping attended as the guest of Margaret Gerhardt. The subject of the evening was, of course, the race start.

Ament the race, Bay Cities Chapter wishes to acknowledge with deepest thanks the receipts of \$100. (\$50. each from the Long Beach and San Diego Chapters) towards the expense of the race start which donation is VERY much appreciated by us all. Our most grateful thanks to both these chapters.

On May 26-27 the Southwest Section meeting was held at Santa Rosa, with the Redwood Empire Chapter as hostess. Highlights included a tour of the Korbel Champagne Wineries, complete with free samples and the raffling off of a 4/5 gallon bottle of champagne which was won by lucky 49er John Gerhardt. He and Margaret flew to the meeting with Dorothy and Mel Whiteman in the Whiteman Cessna 170, cruising over Lake Pillsbury and Clear Lake on a round-about flight up from San Francisco. Helen Kelton flew in with Rosemarie Gehling in a Tri-Pacer, and Chairman Geri Hill also arrived by air. Lois and Harry Bartling, Swifted in from San Diego and Gerry Mickelsen came over from Sacramento in the Bellanca.

Out of state members attending the Sectional included Bell Hetzel of Omaha, Lucille Wright of Jamestown, N.Y., and Alice Roberts of Phoenix. Alice won the prize for having flown in for the meeting from the most distant point. Saturday's events included a courtesy luncheon at the airport, the Korbel tour, cocktails at the Topaz Room and an enjoyable dinner at Lem's at which there were some 60 people present, including members of the Sebastopol Flying Club.

The Aviation Writers' convention having brought a flock of out-of-state 99's to San Francisco the last week in May, the local gals were delighted to have the pleasure of sharing a shellfish dinner with Kay Brick, Nove Davenport and other 99's at Fisherman's Wharf on June 2. Talk of sponsors and the AWTAR was one of the main topics of the evening's conversation.

A word of appreciation to the North Central Section for their delightful and informative invitational pamphlet on the impending national meeting. This is just about the nicest pre-convention literature we have seen and the North Central gals are to be commended on their achievement.

**TUCSON CHAPTER**  
By: Dorothy Ring Jenkins

Quietly, after an absence of 15 years, (and the acquisition of 3 male children) I slip back into these columns. To those members whom I knew when I was much more active, "Hi, glad to be with you again."

We've got a lot of ground to cover here this time. I know Tucson has not been heard from for awhile, but we have been doing things.

A candlelight ceremony in November at Pat Udall's lovely home was the occasion of the presentation of wings to our 99 sponsored troop of Wing Scouts for the completion of the basic portion of their program. Some of you AWTAR contestants who landed here may remember the willing, helpful young girls in green skirts and caps and white blouses who were so useful to racers.

The Wing Scouts, allowed a choice of activities, according to the rules of their group, have chosen airmarking on which to concentrate. It's a project we all heartily approve and all of us, Wing Scouts and 99's together, hope to accomplish much in this field. The visit of Blanche Noyes last year gave us all the enthusiasm to put the job across.

In December the Aviation Conference began at the El Conquistador Hotel with a dinner meeting at which William Piper gave a resume of his life in the aviation industry. The following day guests from Arizona and California, chiefly, convened at Municipal Airport for the second half of the meeting, a "Private Pilot's Clinic". There were a number of interesting lectures on the problems of private pilots, as well as efficiency checks and link trainer rides given free by CAA inspectors. The Tucson 99's were on hand to help by scheduling the rides.

On January 22 a fly-in from Phoenix was the highspot of that month. Fifteen 99's and their guests came down (under a threatening sky), landing at Gilpin Airport. From there we went to inspect the Tucson Filter Center, most interesting! It was the first visit for most of us although Doris Choiniere and Lorraine Chandler are old hands, putting in a number of hours per week.

Incidentally, Doris who has been with us too short a time, has transferred to the Saguaro Chapter. Her husband Art was transferred to Phoenix, where he has established an office of the Ground Observer Corps. Anyway, we certainly hated to lose Doris and will miss her enthusiasm and willing help with all projects.

A charming "visiting fireman", Dorothy Thompson and her new husband Bill Vanzhoff from Ukiah, California, were in Tucson recently on their way to Mexico. Three of us and our 49ers spent a very pleasant evening hangar flying with them.

We don't all get to fly as much as our beautiful climate would warrant, what with jobs and other responsibilities. About our most active member at present is Lorraine Chandler who has been quite busy with CAP search missions, putting in many hours lately.

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER**  
By: Fran Dias

Our April meeting was held at Stockton Airport. It turned out kind of crazy. We all came flying in and each one of us as we approached the field and got into the traffic pattern, then landed, noticed a lot of people. Turned out they were having an airshow. After lunch we moved to one of the tables in front of the restaurant to watch the show and absorb a lot of vitamins in the sunshine. In between jets buzzing across and helicopters all over the place, we had a meeting. Frankly, it was very confusing, but we did get quite a lot done.

Such as planning for the rummage sale to be held May 1. This to sweeten up the pot since we have already sent our TAR pledge in and donated \$10. to Hq.

Those attending were Irmyle Fitzgearl, Billie Wyatt, Hazel Zimmerman, Laura May Crawford, Ethel Heiland who brought our Wing Scout leader Mrs. Beaty of Merced, Frank Dias who brought Loucile Freeman of Gustine. Loucile has just soloed and she's hurrying to get her time in so she can become a member. The Wing Scouts are ready for their orientations rides and we are giving them a little more navigation, chart reading, etc., before we take them up.

99's attending Merced Pilots Assn. fly-in at Merced were Irmyle Fitzgearl, Jean Vincent, Kay Dray, Ethel Heiland and Fran Dias.

Hazel Zimmerman and 49er Zim, Ev Hendley and son Dave, Fran Dias and Loucile Freeman gave the Gustine Airmarker a "face lifting" one Saturday morning at 5 a.m. We have decided that it is not only important to paint new airmarkers, but it is necessary to keep the old ones in good shape.

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER**  
By: Clara B. Davis

The May meeting of the San Fernando Valley Chapter was held at the home of Clara B. Davis Monday, May 14. A very interesting business was held after which movies were shown. Everyone was very happy to see Jean Parker Rose as it was the first meeting she had attended for some time. We hope to see you more often, Jean. It was very nice to see Katherine Wagner, a faithful member who had missed a meeting or two.

Ranee Brown, Barbara Stewart and Betty Haney had some interesting experiences to tell of their fun in the race from Fullerton to Tucson. They didn't place in the winners but had a lot of fun.

Our June meeting will be held at the home of Louise Robertson in Van Nuys, California.

Chairman Trixie Schubert, Erma Story, Jean Strahl and Lee Scoville plan to attend the Spring Sectional.

**LONG BEACH CHAPTER**  
By: Cynthia Gilkison

In May a business meeting was held at Iris Critchell's home in Palos Verdes. Chapter members discussed all the items of business we've been neglecting the past few months. We voted to give \$50. to the 1957 AWTAR fund. We elected Iris Critchell our delegate to the national convention and discussed questions which will arise at the convention. We welcomed the following new members and transfers to our chapter: Cleo Morrison, Irene Earheardt, Ruth Nitzen, Pat Holiday, Mary Miller, Jan Dietrich and Yvette Kovary.

Members of the chapter who attended the Southwest Sectional meeting in Santa Rosa were Barbara London and Bea Medes who flew up with Betty Gillies of San Diego Chapter, and Iris Critchell and Cynthia Gilkison, who went along with Alice Roberts and Margie Crowl of Saguaro Chapter in Alice's Bonanza. We thank the members of the Bay Cities Chapter for their hospitality to us in San Carlos, where we attended their meeting and dinner on the 25th and the members of the Redwood Empire Chapter for making our stay in Santa Rosa such a pleasant one.

Guests for the June 27 meeting at the Belmont Shore Bank are to be the members of a Wing Scout troop 114 of Long Beach whom we sponsor and the meeting is planned to be of particular interest to them.



#### SAGUARO CHAPTER

By: Jimmie Lou Shelton

We are delighted to announce that Carol Lowery is a candidate for "MISS AIRPOWER OF 1956". Carol was nominated by 99's Chairman Beth Smith. Carol will attend the Air Force Association's 10th annual convention on July 28 at which time "Miss Air Power" will be selected. We are all, of course, rooting for Carol.

More good news: Juanita Newell and Betty Knier will enter the Tucson-Hayward Race this year. They will use Juanita's boss' "195" for the race. Naturally, we'll be rooting for them also.

Jimmie and Frank Shelton and Sally and Jack Phillips had a wonderful four-day vacation in the great northwest. Went up in Frank and Jimmie's Apache to Sacramento, Portland and Vancouver. It is the first time we've seen that country when it wasn't raining and we've decided it's even prettier than we had remembered. Though we had some headwinds going up, we made record time coming home.

Thanks to Jimmie Kolp for her letter of the 18th. Jimmie, your visit in Phoenix was our pleasure.

We had a combination swimming party-business meeting at Alice's this month and "Them's the best kind".

On the 13th the Saguaro Chapter of the 99's was invited to attend the dedication of the World's Largest Air Marker which is on the south side of Usery Mountain, just 27 miles from Phoenix. Phoenix's Squadron #13 of Air Scouts of Air Explorer (Ages from 14 to 17) have been working for 5½ years to mold the rocks and boulders on this mountain into an Air Marker that spells "PHOENIX". The overall measurements are 902½ feet long by 255 feet wide. The equipment which the boys used were rope, compass, a pencil scaled drawing, 4 crow-bars, pick, shovel, hoe and 300 pounds of dynamite. It is awe-inspiring to hear of the problems they licked in molding this air marker - ice, snow, hail, rain, cold, heat, animals, insects and reptiles. This air marker is something that would really make Blanche Noyes proud!

The dedication was a two-day affair with all kinds of entertainment, ferris wheels, merry-go-round, etc. Sunrise and Church services were held right at the Air Marker on Sunday morning.

#### LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

By: Martha Lundy

We are losing our chairman Solange D'Hooghe for six months starting May 10. She, her father and her young son Joseph, are leaving for Europe to visit relatives and tour until November. They are taking their car with them and how I'd like to hide in the trunk.

Iva MacDonald and her 49½er Jack have left in their Cessna 170 on a two-weeks trip to Mexico City. Iva was so excited at our meeting last Tuesday night (they left on Wednesday), I doubt if she knows what took place at all. But what took place was we had a shower for Kay Young, wife of Captain LeRoy Young of Indian Springs Air Force Base, who has been so kind and helpful to the Las Vegas 99's. Dorothy Potter, one of our "adopted sisters", and your reporter were hostesses for the occasion.

The Las Vegas Chapter is going to assist with the AWTAR at Needles, California, so Solange D'Hooghe, Florence Murphy and "adopted sister" June Phillipson (who has

several hours dual as of now) went over and met Joyce Failing at a meeting of the Needles Chamber of Commerce. Solange reported that the Chamber is being most cooperative, and there should be much done for the girls who land at Needles during the race. We hope to have several members at Needles during the race to help in any way we can.

The Las Vegas Chapter has been asked by the Flamingo Hotel and the Aviation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce here to act as hostesses for the forthcoming "Flight of the Flamingos" to Las Vegas June 6-10. Bob Cummings, Robert Taylor, Edgar Bergen and a number of other celebrities have been invited. There will be prizes for the oldest pilot, youngest pilot, etc., and plans are developing each day to make the flight bigger and better. Sure hope you all will come.

#### UTAH CHAPTER

By: June Raybould

Our April meeting was held at the home of Chairman Zada Arentz where we learned the sad news that the Arentz family would be leaving after the schools are out for a new home in the Denver area. We shall all certainly miss Zada and Bob, but know the Denver 99's will be gaining an enthusiastic member.

At the meeting we discussed our forthcoming Wing Scout troop sponsorship and Alberta Hunt drew the first assignment and will present aviation films and discuss general aviation aspects at the initial meeting.

Doris Eacret flew in from Elko for the meeting all enthusiastic over plans for participating in some of the numerous air races on the 1956 agenda. We're hoping she will win at least one of them after having placed so near to the top winner in previous TARs. As usual, she has been flying all around the country and had to leave early the next morning to join a flight back east on CAP business.

Heard briefly from member Mickey Nebeker Long who is now living in southern California. Mickey is now an ex-sergeant of the Marines as is her new husband and for the present they will make their home on the coast.

Also representing the chapter in the races this year will be June Kaiser from Moab, Utah. Due to distance problems and weather which always heads in that direction, June hasn't been able to make it up to our meetings but all our wishes for success go with her in the TAR this year.

#### COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Faye Douthitt

Another month has flown by and summer is here once more. Besides having our regular members, Eleanor Wagner, Helen Kenaston, Saddle Bunker and myself, at our last meeting, at Desert Air, we had three potential members, my how things are booming.

Natalie Hauseur, who has 82 hours since her private flew her 172 Cessna from Brawley. She had with her two girls who have their solo permits and are now working on their privates. Natalie will join our chapter in September and the others girls as soon as they get their licenses.

We decided to have one meeting in June and then no more meetings until the 17th of September. It seems as though everyone goes out of the valley for the summer --- 000hhh that ocean breeze.

Zaddie Bunker will leave sometime in July with her family for a visit to Alaska. Knowing Zaddie, I'm sure she will be looking up some of you girls in Alaska - I know you'll love her.

Hope all of you girls who came to the Fall Sectional in 1954 still remember the good time you had. REASON??? We are bidding for it again this year and would like your support at the convention in July. See what you can do---HUH???

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By: Margaret S. Lang

Congratulations to the Santa Rosa Chapter for a very nice meeting. Attending from the San Diego Chapter were Dorothy Davis, Evelyn Briggs, Dottie Sanders, Enda Penners, Lois Bartling and her 49½er Harry. Isabelle McCrae drew number 1 position in the Race, as you've probably all heard by now.

Our May meeting was hostessed by me at the CAA Safety Office after 27 members and guests had met at the Cotton Patch for dinner. Agent Grevenmeyer very kindly acted as projectionist and showed the following films: "Learn and Live", "Guardian Angel", "Air Age", "Aeronautical Oddities", "Cleared for Take-Off" and "Hi-Lites of the 1955 AWTAR".

Plans for our dance on June 9 are in the final stages and we hope it's a big success. So far we've collected over twenty door prizes, the main one being a free flight to Las Vegas on the Las Vegas Airlines. Other prizes donated include a \$20. permanent, \$25. steak knife set, two steak dinners at Michael's, a planter, a Fiesta del Pacifico shirt, television repair service call, \$.50 worth of dry cleaning, and numerous others. Marian Craver is Chairman of the door prizes and she's really gone to town on them. I'm Chairman of the dance, Dottie Sanders is cochairman, and members of the committee are Evelyn Briggs, Ern Stanley, Dottie Davis, Donna Davis, Mary Ring, Marian Craver, Ruby Potter, Lois Bartling and Helen Dick.

Claire Hale has moved into her beautiful new house and is hostessing our June meeting on June 1.

#### SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

By: Ardell Hauk

This is Dell Hauk again taking over for Diane Gibson who has a nice new job in San Francisco as secretary-pilot for Brown's Buick Agency. Part of her job calls for her to fly a Navion on business trips. Lucky Diane! We'll be anxious to hear more about it.

At our Fly-in meeting in Monterey last month, we were glad to welcome Zona King Huegenin as a new member to our chapter. Zona is new to us, although she has been a member of the 99's for the past seven or eight years. She has been inactive as far as flying goes for the past four years, but she really is getting back into the air now.



Pat Gladney flew Zona to Quincy in April for a visit with her brother and her mother who was visiting there from Prescott, Ariz. Around the 15th of April the Hawk's flew to Flagstaff, Arizona to a lumbermen's convention. Our first view of the Grand Canyon. Beyond description! Once again Zona went along. The three of us had fun taking turns flying the Tri-Pacer. Zona left us at Kingman. She has also checked out in the Champion, the 172 and the 182, as well as Pat's Pandora (170).

The Third Annual Hayward-Tucson Air Race was held the same weekend as the Southwest Sectional. Pat Gladney, Patty Sherwood and Zona King Huegenin flew Pandora (Pat's 170) in the race, while Dell and John Hawk and Jeannie and Dick Collins flew to Santa Rosa for the Sectional.

Carol Hawk was chosen to represent the Southwest Section in the Indian Princess contest at Harbor Springs, Michigan, during the convention.

We have two entries in the TAR so far from Santa Clara Valley. Pat Gladney and Marg Standish will fly Pandora, and Dell and Carol Hawk will fly a Cessna 182.



LOS ANGELES CHAPTER  
By: Val Warne Verba

Yvette Kovary, our regular reporter, has been having such a busy schedule that she will not be able to continue as reporter and I have been asked to pinch-hit for her.

Christie Warren was hostess to 20 at the May 3 meeting at her home. We were delighted to have as guests Virginia Hall of San Fernando Valley Chapter; Polly Stoeher, prospective 99; Vi Castle who was one of the original 99's, and Paulette D'Avril of New York Chapter who lives out here and is with us often.

Guest speaker for the evening was Col. Robert D. Campbell, Commander 146th Fighter Interceptor Airbase Group and branch manager for Newsweek Magazine. His subject was the Airport Bond Issue which is coming up on our local ballot in June. We were shown plans of the proposed expansion of International Airport and San Fernando Airport as well as five Heliports for the Los Angeles area. This step in aviation progress will make Los Angeles the Global Air Terminal for Western America with modern facilities to accommodate all types of aircraft. Members enthusiastically volunteered to assist with addressing envelopes for the Global Air Harbor Committee to mail literature to registered voters so that they will be informed on the issue.

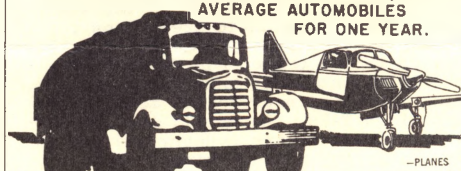
It was agreed that our chapter contribute \$150. to AWTAR. To date, we have three planes entering the race and a possibility of two others, depending on sponsors.

Two new members welcomed to our chapter were Betty Redwine, wife of a prominent attorney, and Fern Steifler, formerly of Long Beach Chapter.

Elsie Smith and 49<sup>1/2</sup>er Norman are the proud owners of a new Bonanza. Christie and Max Warren gave Betty and Leon Glaser a bon voyage dinner party before the latter left by air for a three-month "second honeymoon" in Europe. Fran Bera is back flying after a few weeks resting and in hospital for X-rays and checkup.

## Plane Views

PRIVATELY OWNED AIRCRAFT IN THE U.S. LAST YEAR CONSUMED 176.6 MILLION GALLONS OF GASOLINE—ENOUGH TO SUPPLY 221,000 AVERAGE AUTOMOBILES FOR ONE YEAR.

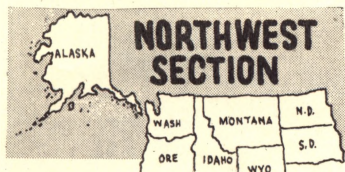


THE JIG USED IN CONSTRUCTION OF WINGS FOR A MODERN TRANSPORT IS SO LARGE THAT WORKERS USING THE TOOL MUST COMMUNICATE BY TELEPHONE.



Seated—Christie Warren showing proposed Los Angeles Airport expansion plans to Ethel Kerley, Monnie Dye, Bette Glaser, Winifred Willmore and Elsie Smith of the Los Angeles Chapter.





## ALASKA CHAPTER By: Margaret Cook

Our April meeting was highlighted by the return of two members to the fold. Helen Stoddard flew a Cub PAL8-90 h.p. back from Lock Haven, having witnessed the birth of her first grandchild, a granddaughter, at Edwards Air Force Base in California. Since her return, Helen and husband Wes have been taking advantage of this good spring weather by flying down to Tustunena Lodge on the Kenai Peninsula to visit friends.

Our second "returnee" who happened to make the meeting after being more or less stranded in Palmer all winter was Rene Nielsen. The Palmer Flying Club for which Rene is instructor is going great guns again after a temporary setback caused by the unfortunate loss of their plane this winter. All fifteen club members told me it was like being in "God's Pocket" when you flew with Rene which is a great testimonial to say the least. An Air Rescue Civil Defense unit is being started at Palmer with full flying club support.

Marion Zaegel, a new member, made a recent trip to Big Lake with her husband in their Aeronca Champ 85 equipped with skis. The Zaegels are busily building their second log house which is 48x64. This was a good windup conversation topic as Rene had built her own homestead and Randy Briggs and Roger are learning about this homestead building process in preparation for roughing it at Lake Clark this summer. Randy flew Commercial Airlines to be with Roger in Nome over a recent holiday.

An interesting letter was received by Mrs. June Welling who with her husband operates a CAA repeated station at Shuyak Island. She is a cooperative weather observer and has applied for membership in our chapter. June has her private license. She and her husband will have plenty of chance to catch up on things as they are the only inhabitants, human, that is, on the island.

Two new "instruments of torture" have been acquired by Rene Nielsen and chapter chairman Lois Wise: Volkswagens. The torture comes from having to make payment on them and also trying to figure out how to keep from running out of gas in this here wilderness! Figure that one out!

## MONTANA CHAPTER By: Marjorie Logan Rolle

The weather man finally blessed us with some decent weather and seven members and three prospective 99's attended the meeting at Harlowton, Montana, May 13. We attended the Flying Farmers Flight Clinic and had a very good luncheon meeting with them at noon. Also held our own business meeting at the Harlowton Airport. It was voted that 23 send \$25. at this time towards the AWTAR funds. Members present were Elsie Childs, Vivienne Schrank, Gladys Kreider, Mary Jo Janey, Eleanor Greening, Norma Wingfield and Marjorie Rolle.

Congratulations to our future 99 member, Eldeen Kay Wingfield, who arrived by parachute to the proud parents - Norma and Dave Wingfield on April 19. Since both parents are flight instructors, we are sure Eldeen will be a future pilot.

We were sorry to lose Mildred Shinn from our Chapter, but are sure that the Boise Chapter will be glad to have Millie join their group.

Our next meeting will be held at Wolf Point, Montana, on June 16. We will meet at Jordan and participate in a miniature race from Jordan to Wolf Point.

Sorry we missed Edna Gardner Whyte when she flew through Billings recently. Yours truly was home on sick leave or would have been at the airport when she arrived. I was lucky this month and got a little dual time in the Twin Cessna 310 and Twin Piper Apache. They are both great airplanes.

Our chairman Vivienne Schrank plans to fly in the AWTAR again with Pearl Laska of Alaska and we are hoping that we will have one other entry in the race.

## IDAHO CHAPTER By: Laura Conner

Four local flyers eagerly awaiting to attend the Northwest Sectional at Yakima, Washington, June 1-3, are Georgia Meyers, Doris Atkinson, Barbara Hornback of Boise and Gail Evans of McCall.

Other pilots crossing their fingers that they - too - can find time to attend are Millie Shinn, Lucille Taylor, Clair Justad of Boise; Frances Deer of Ketchum and Selma Miszcuk of Blackfoot. We are certainly proud of these girls to represent us at the Sectional to further the 99's principles and ideals.

Eighteen of us spent a wonderful evening at Margaret Gigray's lovely home in Caldwell for our May meeting. We are certainly proud of our youngest member, Caroline Neitzel (she flew last year's TAR). Recently, she received an invitation from the air force to be sponsored in a nationwide contest as "Miss Airpower". Alas, we're sad to relate, one of the qualifications was being single and a short time ago Caroline became "MRS." Chandler.

Doris Atkinson reports she enjoyed riding in a Cessna 310 and also a Helicopter.

99's flying to the air breakfast at Nampa were Clair Justad, Doris Atkinson, Eula Logdson and yours truly of Boise; Ester Stone, Pocatelli; Frances Deer of Ketchum piloting her long awaited Cessna 172. Clair flew in her recently purchased Er-coupe with Mae Eason as passenger. Over 100 planes flew in and I had the good fortune to have one of my flying students, William Russell, win the trophy for the Best-all-around-pilot; and also, a prize for the most recent certificated pilot - he had had his Private two weeks.

## WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER By: Marjorie Long

Back in action again! James Edward Long II joined the family on March 28, a healthy and hungry six pounds and 13 ounces.

Our March meeting at Iola Nelson's home was devoted to the sorting and tagging of items collected for our rummage sale. It proved quite successful. Over \$40. worth. We plan on trying it again in late summer and hope to do even better.

On APRIL 19 we met at Melba Owen's home and besides regular members we had two prospective members there. Hope both Nancy Skinner and Helen Appel will join our chapter.

Attention Alaska Chapter: It's our loss but your gain! Carole Gillespie has taken an instructing job in Anchorage and do we ever hate to lose her. Carole has been actively participating in so many aviation projects here. She has ably represented us on the Air Power Day Race (The August 4 "Lipstick Derby") Committee. Besides being active in CAP flying and instructing, she has done quite a bit of work with gliders. We wish her loads of luck in her new job.

We do hope we'll see lots of you here for the Air Power Day Race. A good turnout would insure it being made an annual affair in connection with the Seattle Seafair. Lots of activity is scheduled for the August 4-5 weekend, so come prepared to enjoy the fun.

## AIR TRAVEL PROGRESS



### NATION'S LARGEST PASSENGER CARRIERS IN ORDER

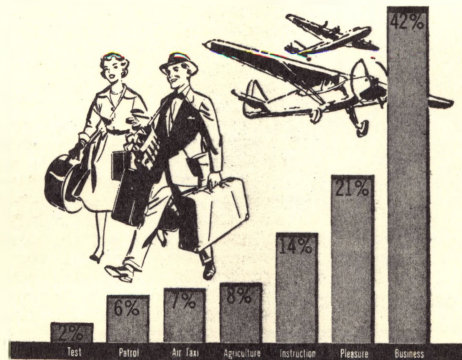
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## AIR TRAVELLING AMERICA



### PERCENT OF HOURS FLOWN - BY TYPE OF FLYING

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\*Latest year for which complete statistics are available

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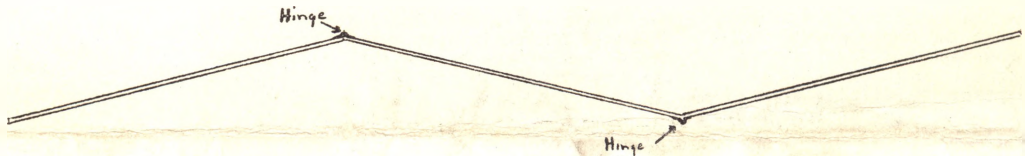
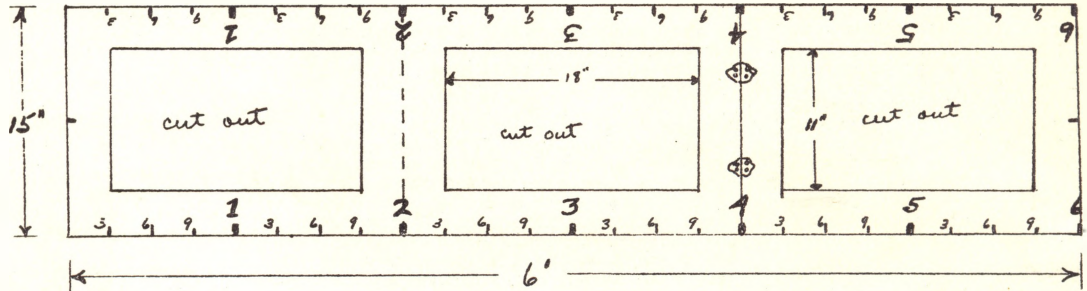




# Air Marking

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING TEMPLATES

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