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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

News Letter

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TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD

President's Column

September, 1956

The Texas daily temperatures of over one hundred degrees has moderated a little and now we have verifiable to high gusty winds. How I have missed cool Michigan in the summer time. There seems to be a compensation one way or other for everything in life.

One of the many very good ideas that came out of the 1956 convention was to list in the President's Column all business that transpired within the Executive Board each month. You will find that the August issue has you up to date and this will give me more space to keep you up to date on other organization interest.

We have been very busy arranging the 1956-57 International Committees. I appreciate so many of the girls returning such nice letters and accepting the responsibility and willingness to serve. We are truly all very fortunate to have so many well qualified members.

Letters have been coming in, mostly from teachers and mothers saying the 1957 Ninety-Nine Convention dates are too early for them to attend and that a week later would help a great deal. I will ask the South Central Section, which is the 1957 Convention host, if a week later will be satisfactory and if so, will find the pleasure of the Executive Board and will advise you here. We want to set up to take care of the majority, if at all possible.

There has been an interest in the efficiency of the operation for the light aircraft developing to the extent that several have asked for formula that has been used in the Efficiency Races. Of course there are many formulas but here is one that has been used in several Efficiency Races of late. Everyone knows that we are looking for the best speed for gas consumed. This is known as the K factor.

(a) Course miles, (b) elapsed time, (c) actual ground speed, (d) manufacturer's advertised cruising speed, (e) gallons gas consumed, (f) gas consumption per hour will be "e" over "b", (g) manufacturer's advertised gas consumption, (h) airspeed efficiency will be "c" over "d", (i) consumption efficiency will be "g" over "f", (j) final rating, "h" plus ("i" minus "k") all over 2, (k) "k" is ("g" over "f" minus "i"), (l) the handicap

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THE BULLETIN BOARD

Send in renewal forms filled in complete with dues (\$10.00). We have received several with \$6.00 which is in error.

Sections and Chapters please cash your refund check as soon as possible.

Send in your 1956-57 officers to headquarters as soon as possible. This will enable us to get roster out earlier this year.—Thanks.

Membership cards will be processed and mailed as soon as possible.

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EMPLOYMENT SPECIAL NOTICE

International Headquarters is in receipt of a letter from Janice K. Barden, General Manager of Pilot's Employment Agency, Teterboro, N. J., which says in part "At the present time we have two exceptionally good openings. One is from a major publishing house, desirous of hiring an execu-

tive secretary as assistant to the president. It would also be her responsibility to fly the company Bonanza." Just yesterday we received an order for four co-pilot stewardesses. This organization is operating DC-3 aircraft and will train girls who have their instrument ratings. This is a wonderful opportunity to break the ice and obtain the additional training and skill necessary for executive flying. Any one interested? Write to Jimmie Kolp, P. O. Box 591, Electra, Texas, for application blanks.

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We have over thirty new members since Convention.

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Headquarters is in charge of our News Letter from the first of September on. Please send in all news items to our Headquarters. Instruction for doing.



The above photo was taken at a recent meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter. (Seated left to right:) Marijane Brown, Lee Morrow, Gene Cross, Winifred Willmore, Elsie Smith, Ethel Pflaum and Val Warne Verba. (Standing at left): Countess Lilly Coudenhove-Calargi presenting gold locket with a diamond inset (to be presented to the winner of next year's AWTAR) to Christie Warren.

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AWTAR News

Thanks to the wonderful cooperation of the Executive Committee of the Ninety-Nines, the dates for the 1957 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race are already set as follows:

Impounding Deadline	July 3
Take-off	July 6
Finish	July 10
Awards Dinner	July 11

The Terminus of the race will be at North Philadelphia Airport, Philadelphia, Pa. Our hosts and hostesses at Philadelphia, co-sponsors of the Terminus, will be the Aero Club of Pennsylvania and the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Starting point of the 1957 AWTAR will be selected shortly and this information will be given to the Ninety-Nine membership in the next issue of this News Letter.

Watch for the stories in "QST" and "CQ", September and October issues, (amateur radio magazines) concerning the work of the AWTAR Amateur Radio Net during the 1956 race. These amateur radio operators, "Hams," have rendered the AWTAR a very valuable service these past six years and we do want all the Ninety-Nines to know about them.

It is with regret that we announce the resignations of Betty Loufek and Joyce Failing from the AWTAR Board of Directors. Betty has devoted her time to the race for the past seven years serving, for the past three years as Director of Publicity and Public Relations. Joyce has been a member of the Board for the past two years and served as Director of Impound. We will miss the valuable assistance of these girls and wish them great success with their new undertakings.

We are happy to announce the membership on the AWTAR Board of Directors of Mrs. Lois Bartling of the San Diego Chapter. Lois has participated in six TAR's and has served as

**NOTICE
Ninety-Niners**

Here are instructions for your contributions to our monthly News Letter:

All items should be brief and to the point.

All photos should be sharp and of glossy finish. Mail them between cardboard so they will not be crushed in transit.

The News Letter will come out the 15th of each month. The publishing company must have all copy in their office by the 1st, so it will be necessary that all news be received by the editor by the last day of the month preceding publication. Don't wait until the last minute. Mail your news when it happens.

Keep track of all events held by your Chapter and anything newsworthy about your members.

Help us make the News Letter this year better than ever.

Route Surveyor for the race. We know that her experience and ability will contribute greatly to the administration and operation of the AWTAR.

Our sincere thanks to all the members of the Ninety-Nines who helped us to make the 1956 race such a successful event.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman
AWTAR, Inc.

**AIR AGE EDUCATION
FOR FUTURE 99'ERS**

The 99's who have school age children are well aware of the motivating force of the airplane in teaching. Teachers are also aware of this force. They are aware, too, of the curriculum enrichment features of aviation education; and yet, some still hesitate.

What can you do about it?

Here is one suggestion — others will follow in our monthly News Letter.

Buy your child's teacher or his school a membership in the National Aviation Education Council.

This Council, made up of educators and financed by the Aircraft Industries Association, sends to each member excellent instructional materials suitable for all grade levels. The materials received are worth much more than the cost of the membership.

Perhaps some 99's would like to have these publications and services for their children's use at home. Perhaps some would like to examine these materials before passing them on to a teacher or school. Membership is not limited to the education profession. NAEC wishes to develop community leadership in aviation education and who but the 99's should become these leaders.

For membership, a teacher's membership, or a school's membership enclose a check for \$5.00 to: National Aviation Education Council, 1025 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington 6, D. C.

School starts in September.

Ruth Thomas, Chairman
Air Age Education

AMELIA EARHART COMMEMORATIVE STAMP — national recognition for her many contributions to the development of aviation in this country. Wouldn't that be a deserving honor for our first 99 president? It depends on you, as a 99, to bring this honor about, for issuance of a commemorative stamp depends upon the public support via letters to the Postmaster General.

Miss Earhart has never received any official recognition by our country for her pioneering accomplishments in aviation, not only for women, but the whole aviation field. With the rapid advancement of the industry we often lose sight of the courage and daring of the pioneers in this field.

At one time Amelia Earhart held the altitude, speed and distance records for women in aviation, and became the world's leading woman flier with the following "firsts" to her credit:

First woman to fly Atlantic alone—twice.

First woman to pilot an autogiro.

First person to cross the U. S. in an autogiro.

First woman to receive Distinguished Flying Cross.

First woman to fly non-stop across the U. S.

First woman to fly from Hawaii to U. S.

Amelia Earhart has become somewhat of a legend for all America, and a commemorative stamp issue would be an appropriate memorial to her traditional pioneering spirit. A formal request for a commemorative stamp for Miss Earhart has been submitted by Representative William Avery of Kansas. The stamp quota for 1956 has been filled, and the list for 1957 is now under consideration — (of 300 applications, only 15 stamps will be issued).

NOW IS THE HOUR for 99's to plan their "letter blitz" for the desk of the Postmaster General. Contact interested individuals, Zonta and other organizations, to write to the Postmaster for support for this project. Bet you have five friends who would be glad to lend assistance. This is one project every 99 can participate in. ETA your letters for October and November. Let's make the Postmaster General aware of the strength of the Ninety-Nines support for Amelia Earhart.

WRITE, SCRIBBLE, OR WIRE YOUR REQUEST that a commemorative stamp be issued in honor of Amelia Earhart in 1957 to: Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C.



No news from this Section! Why?



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No news from this Section! Let's get busy!



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

Wonderful meeting at George and Bettie Townson's last Sunday. Swimming in the pool at their new home and a lobster snack afterward with movies of the IAR and TAR. AND I COULDN'T GO! North Philadelphia Airport was so busy, by the time I got away, it was too late for the meeting. Hear tell that Kay Macario, Jean McKaig, Margaret Callaway, Louise Sacchi and Marie Miller were there.

Margaret Callaway tells me our Chapter has been invited to join the Aero Club of Pennsylvania, one of the oldest flying organizations in the country. We're really pleased about that.

The Middle East Sectional meeting is scheduled for late September or early October in Washington, D. C. Mitzi Moore has given us a few hints on what the Washington girls are planning and we sure won't miss that meeting. Besides, the more 99's you meet, the more you want to meet. It's such fun to get together.



ALABAMA CHAPTER

Jan Warrick, Reporter

The weather was "as ordered" and we were packin' 'em in at Gragg Field, Clanton, Ala., on August 19 — occasion was the Alabama Chapter sponsored "Penny a Pound Ride." Sixty-one people were weighed in for

rides in the Cessna 180, 195 and Stinson. Besides the profit made on the rides, a tidy sum was made at the concession stand. Having left before the money was counted (I'm slippin'), I don't know what our profits were but I'm sure our treasury is deeper and greener and we had lots of fun at the Same time. Many thanks to the 49½'s and friends for their help in making this project a huge success, especially to Charlie Wade and Ralph Fielding, the thrills and chills specialists. As usual, Minnie Wade worked hardest of all, having superintended the preparations as well as handling the advertising. Minnie was hostess to some of the group who came in for Saturday night, think I missed something there, hear they all went night flying. Ninety-Nines present (and working hard) were: Liz Gay, Liz Wade, Minnie Wade, Juanita Halstead, Jo Durdin, Bennie Ware, Margaret Barnett, Ruby Fielding, Florence Fintak, Estelle Moon and Jan Warrick.

Next meeting will be in Birmingham on September 23. Election of new officers, reports, etc., will be the chief topic of conversation this time.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Eddie Lee Griffin

Our August meeting was held at the Island Airport, Knoxville, with Ruth Thomas and Eddie Lee Griffin as hostesses. Members present: Mary Beth Sargent, chairman, and Georgiana McConnell of Nashville. Evelyn Bryan and Mary Jane Quarles of Morristown. We had as guests several members of the Aviation Education Workshop which is being held at the University of Tennessee. Ruth Thomas is one of the University instructors for the Workshop. The Workshop consists of a hundred teachers throughout the state. This is a six weeks course. Ruth has attended two other Workshops of this type: one in Boulder, Colo., in 1954 and the one at the University of Tennessee last year. Georgiana, who is governor of the Southeastern Section, was our official delegate to the Convention. Georgiana gave us the highlights of the Convention, which was very interesting. Evelyn Bryan and Mary Jane Quarles also attended the Convention, and all reported a wonderful Convention and sang the praises of the Michigan girls for all their hard work in making the Convention a success. Evelyn Bryan had completed her training for instrument rating and has successfully passed the flight test. She took the training at Appalachian Flying Service, Inc., Tri-City Airport, a flight school operated by our Ninety-Nine member, Jane Hilbert, and her husband, Louis. Following the meeting a picnic lunch was served, and after lunch, Mary Beth's 49½'er, Keith, took members of the Workshop flying. This was the first flight for some of them. We appreciate Keith's thoughtfulness and kindness.

Our September meeting will be in Nashville, the date to be announced later.

GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Betty W. McNabb

Georgians are spending their time under water; Biff and Carolyn Kennedy in their new pool, with occasional sorties somewhere in the 170 to ferry their children. Mae Curtiss returned from CAP regional and holiday at Gatlinburg to start a commuting service between home and East Lake for her youngsters and visiting nieces. Kitty Nix says their new pool at Parkaire is popular, one puts down on the strip, parks the airplane, walks a few yards and dives in. Betty McNabb is doing her swimming in the Gulf at Panama City, Fla., so is Virginia Monaco.

Travel: Patty Benton, just home from Europe.

Health: Lois and George Lacy, recovering from mumps.

Education: Betty McNabb was co-director of the South Carolina University Aviation Education Workshop. Its members received experience in light planes, commercial (Delta Convair) and air force (C-124), heard speakers who included Gloria Heath, 99, Flight Safety Foundation, N. Y., and went home air-conditioned.

Betty completed the altitude chamber indoctrination course at Shaw AFB, though not without complications.

Regular meetings will begin in September.



UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

There was a very fine attendance of Ninety-Nines and their husbands at the August meeting at Albert and Ruth Shimon's home at Pocahontas Sunday. This was an all day affair. A delicious fried chicken luncheon with all the trimmings was served. The tables were set with linens from Italy and Switzerland and decorated with fall flowers. Albert's wedding anniversary gift to Ruth, which were two beautiful antique silver candelabra purchased in the Silver Vaults in London, England, were in use.

After lunch a short business meeting was held. Chapter Chairman Dorothy Hunt almost missed the meeting due to weather in the northwest part of the state, but after the front moved out, Dorothy moved in, with her Bonanza. Margaret Adkins gave a report on the National Convention at Michigan and made us all sorry we had to miss so much fun. Irene Dalby of the Iowa Chapter, who keeps her Cessna 190 plenty busy, was also present. Helped with plans for their Chapter for next year. All the prospective new members will belong to the Iowa Chapter. This means we in Upper Iowa will have to get busy.

The members were happy to see

Bernie Hugelín again. Due to business at her Airport at Mason City, she has been absent too often. Beulah Smith and her 49½ are buying a Super Market at Britt and are in the process of moving. We all missed Bunny Wilson and Jack. They are in the east due to illness in Bunny's family. The Wilsons have built a beautiful new home in Waterloo. We all hope this means they will be permanent Upper Iowa members now. Millie Burt of Storm Lake, who has been ill a long time, is now much improved. She drove her lovely new car in but had to leave early since she was enroute to Boone. Millie won the prize for the ladies and Mr. Hunt for the men.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Donna Giles

Our sincerest sympathies go to Helen Budwash on the passing of her husband in April, to Lois Cassidy who lost both her husband and sister in an airplane crash, and to Sylvia Roth on the death of her mother.

The Chicago Area Chapter is now a member of the Chicago Air Club and we invite all gals landing at Meigs to go to the CAC desk and show their current membership cards for transportation to the Congress Hotel club room which has telephone, teletype, and television for their convenience.

Jane Hart of the Michigan Chapter dropped in at the August meeting which was held at the Congress Hotel courtesy of the CAC. Business included the nominating committee's report and a discussion of the Airmeet coming up in October.

Congratulations to Irene Levertón who placed fifth in the AWTAR and thanks again to all those gals who worked so hard both at Flint and at Harbor Springs for making our visit so enjoyable. Also thanks to you Central Illinois gals for the wonderful time we had in Springfield.

Dora Dougherty gave a personal shower for Hazel Hackwith who is to be married in September to Grover Peterson. I hear he doesn't fly, Hazel — you'll have to do something about that. Harriette Magee announces that she and hubby are expecting their second around Christmas. Another prospective 99 we hope.

Margaret Johnson who has been checking airmarkers for the state has brought it to our attention that her husband's name and her phone number are missing in the directory. (Mrs. Lawrence J. Johnson — Seneca 7-6183).

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Rae Cawdell

Seems a long time since we've gone to press — the TAR, the S.M.A.L.L. Race and the 1956 Convention are now history. So it's time to look to the Fall Sectional. But first we must report on the doings of the Indiana girls during the past two months.

Tannie Schlundt in the TAR — and not yet down to earth. Esther Berner coming in fourth in the S.M.A.L.L.

Race with Tannie as co-pilot. Sophia Payton soloing a Tri-Pacer and your reporter flying co-pilot with Fern Rinker in a 170 in the same race. Still remembering the thrill of the planes lined up five abreast and the great moment when flagged for take-off. Mildred Hurt again doing a grand job as chairman of the ground crew at Fort Wayne.

Betty and Ted Nicholas taking a three weeks — 15,000 mile air trip through South America. Delia and Harry Sanders driving to Colorado and Yellowstone — then flying to Ashland, Kentucky for the remainder of their vacation. Martha Ozbun and husband vacationing in New York. Flora Mae Newman doing likewise in North Carolina. Joan Ferguson back from California and looking simply wonderful. Ethel Knuth getting a bang out of her long x-c to Harrisburg, Pa. Mildred Hurt taking her 170 to Lansing, Mich. to bring back a couple of National Guard pilots.

Our August meeting, on Sunday, the 19th, was at "The Puddle" — now the permanent home of the Hurts. Weather kept us inside so we didn't get to enjoy the swimming, boating and sun bathing as we have in the past. However, we did enjoy a delicious dinner and showing of slides on the Fort Wayne meeting and pictures of Mexico.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Marjory Farrell

The August meeting of our Chapter was election meeting at the home of Laurien Griffin. Laurien served barbecued turkey, the members brought the side dishes — and what a bounteous and delicious repast we did have. We ate and ate — and then had "just one more" piece of turkey for dessert. Members present were Joan Cayot, Mary Dietrich, Sarah Gorelick, Osa Wyatt, Marie Kuhlman, Mildred Verderber, Betty Siggs, Neva Rea, Dee Southard, Emily Crew, Jackie Rubelee, and Marjory Farrell.

As indicated the main business of the meeting was election of officers. The following were elected: Chairman, Sarah Gorelick; Vice Chairman, Dee Southard; Secretary, Mary Dietrich; Treasurer, Joan Cayot. We wish them all success in their new positions, and know that our chapter will have good leadership for the coming year. A great "thank you" to the outgoing officers for their guidance throughout the past months.

Following the election, an all-too-brief report of the Race and of the National Convention was given by Laurien and Sarah. The reports of the Convention were glowing, making us all wish we had been able to attend.

The Kuhlman's — Marie and 49½er Orville — are the fortunate ones attending the Oklahoma City Air Show Labor Day weekend.

Verna and Al Wilson have a different thrill in store for them — they're moving into their new house the first week

in September. They've babied it through the building, they're all ready to move into it, and are excited as can be — as who wouldn't be! The location is what you would expect — on the bluff overlooking our two airports, and the Missouri and Kansas Rivers. For you instrument pilots: it's situated 250 feet west of the ILS approach (Municipal) on the north edge of the bluff marker.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Babe Ruth

The June meeting was held at the home of Margaret Windfuhr, Lansing. As you can guess the talk was about the races which ended in Michigan. For a change we had a nice day and several of the girls flew in, Margaret's home is about a mile south of the airport on the Grand River. The 49½ers were entertained by Eric in the yard at the side of the swimming pool. After a charcoal steak a few had a cooling dip in the pool. We had just about 50 people present including Phil Hart, Lt. Governor of Michigan and Janey's husband, besides Cammie and Mike Hart. Also several other husbands and children. A special guest was Evelyn Fay, President of the Flint Zontas, whom all you Tar'er met. It has been suggested that you all write your congressman regarding the Amelia Earhart Stamp and also contact the local Zontas and other interested groups in your community. Some of you mothers-to-be will be interested in knowing that Mary Kathryn Hart born in May to Lt. Gov. and Janey Hart had a total of 68 flying hours before birth.

The races are over and everyone is tired but all had a good time. We are sorry we couldn't give you warmer weather, but that's Michigan — hot one day and freezing the next.

We enjoyed meeting all the AWTAR contestants, both old and new entries. Every one of us Michigan girls who worked in Flint on the terminus had lots of fun, maybe things did get a little confusing at times, but the public interest was so great that we were all amazed.

Many thanks to AC Spark Plug, the Flint Zontas, and all the other organizations and individuals who helped to make the terminus a success. There isn't space to permit telling of all the activities in Flint so the next best solution is to meet with your members who were there. Next to having information first handed you, be a contestant next year, regardless of the start and finish of the race you can be sure to have many memories to cherish. The thought of flying coast to coast which is an accomplishment in itself. A feat which few novice men pilots have done. Then you are treated like royalty by the towns people. Need I say more. Once you have flown the AWTAR it gets in your blood and you start planning for another year.

Many of you are wondering what the letters S.M.A.L.L. meant. It is South-eastern Michigan All Lady Lark. The box

held 93 guesses and some were dandies. The S.M.A.L.L. Race was won by Alice Roberts and Iris Critchell; second, Louise M. Smith and Kay Brick; third, Sammy McKay and her son, George; fourth, Esther Berner and Tannie Schlundt; fifth, Fran Bera and her sponsor, Alvin Hewitt; sixth, Edna Whyte, and Tail End Tony by Marian Elbinger. There were 42 starters and 37 finished. All 42 would have finished if the weather had cooperated. We were delayed about two hours for the take off because of thunder storms between Flint and Pellston, although both fields were open. And the airports aren't to numerous between there especially when you have to go around the rain and the woods are thick, besides the Great Lakes aren't too far away.

Many of us went hungry because of the delayed take-off, my daughter, age eight, slept most of the flight but was still air sick. We had been going through rain and some hail because I saw later some paint was missing off the airplane. We weren't flying too high just slightly above the tree tops and the elevation is higher as we go north.

Visibility was poor and it was all dead reckoning for us who didn't have radio navigational aids. We went around a lovely thunder storm with lightning and all and found ourselves over the woods with no roads of any sort. Just woods and lakes and a few sand spots to look at. At least it wasn't raining, finally we found ourselves by following the only highway we saw, roads up north go somewhere and we were only 20 miles off course.

Luck was against us as we lined up to cross the finish line. A thunder storm had sat all afternoon on the west side of the Pellston field and decided to move as we got lined up to fly over the runway, as it happened we crossed the finish line but the wind had changed and my good co-pilot saw the ground tee and got us landed on the right runway. I was too busy watching for other airplanes and watching the storm. The four of us who landed as the storm moved were Mary West, Pearl Laska, Oliva Bell and myself. I would like to say it was a job well done to the girls in the slower planes who skirted around the storms, and the five who landed enroute, never try to out smart the weather. The race was well flown in regards to the weather and we are proud of every one.

I worked on impounding with Mr. Marty Schultz checking papers and I was truly amazed at some of the low hours the girls had and you are to be commended for the excellent job of flying the weather. Some had only 50 hours and as we look back we can all remember what it was like when we had a little flying time and a little xc.

As we waited for the committee to check our plan upon landing we were served hot coffee and doughnuts, mighty good I'll tell you, after not hav-

ing anything to eat since 7 a.m. and it was late afternoon. We especially want to give a big hearty vote of thanks to the Michigan Department of Aeronautics for handling all the operations of the S.M.A.L.L. Race. The Chief of Operations was Major Walter J. Carr; Deputy, Lt. Jack Frielink; Computers, Harold Oliver and Helen Powers; Chief Inspector, Marty Schultz, and Communications, Col. Stan McWhinney, we especially want to thank Walt Carr because without his help on everything regarding the race we would have been at a loss. The day of impounding Walt was every where helping and answering questions for the impounding girls.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Barbara Stowell
and Jean Reynolds

The August meeting was held at the home of Eloise and Harry Smith on Austin Lake with the Kalamazoo girls as hostesses. An ideal spot for a 99 meeting — seaplane base at the front door and the airport in the back yard. This meeting had its usual large attendance. It has become an annual affair due in part to the fame of Harry Smith's charcoal roasted beef and sweet corn. Through the generosity of the Kalamazoo girls, many of those attending enjoyed seaplane rides. Conversation, of course, was largely about the Convention and the races.

We were happy to have as our guests Marge Raglin, Vice Governor of the North Central Section, who has been spending several weeks at Michigan State University taking some summer courses; Joan Rhubeck, Chairman of the Ohio Chapter; and Aleta Grill Johnson, a former member of our Chapter who now makes her home in Fort Dix, N. J. where her husband is stationed with the Air Force.

Dorothy Woodhams, the winner of the 1954 Amelia Earhart Scholarship, now has her Commercial License for which her award money was to be used. Our congratulations to you, Dorothy.

Babe Ruth was unable to attend the meeting because she was busy with a Flying Farmers meeting at Capitol City Airport, Lansing. Nancy LaFarge, also of Lansing, is working on her Instructor's Rating and we hear that it won't be long now.

Last year's officers were re-elected to serve another term and they are as follows: Chairman, Mary E. Clark; Vice Chairman, Edna Chapin; Secretary, Leah Higgins; Treasurer, Dorothy Woodhams.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

Our Chapter held their August meeting with supper at the Mattoon, Ill., Country Club. Several played golf in the afternoon. The business meeting was held before the meal was served, with the members hearing a good report of the National Meeting, given by Dora Dougherty who had also participated in the T.A.R. Members at-

tending the meeting were the Misses Dora Dougherty, Helen Grienke, Barbara Jenison and 49½er, Ed; Mary Hendrix and 49½er, Joe; Helen McBride and 49½er, Jim; Florence Musser and 49½er, Bob; Chairman Leah Warren and 49½er, Sam.

The next meeting is planned for Sunday, Sept. 30. It probably will be a picnic supper at one of the Campaign members' homes.

Several members of our Chapter were glad to have a visit with Bernice Schrader Wilson this month. She is a former member of our group but now meets with the Upper Iowa girls.

Leah Warren has kept the air and highways warm between here and Cincinnati, Ohio this summer, getting her attractive daughter, Barbara, into school there. She has already begun her nurses training at this writing.

Miriam Sheldon has been on vacation for several weeks from her duties as Dean of Women at the University of Illinois. Addie O'Brian is busy with her directing duties of "Abe Lincoln In Illinois." Incidentally, we hope you have had a chance to see it this year.

Florence and Bob Musser had a good time going on the Jacksonville Air Tour. We hear that Pauline Munsch and her hubby have purchased a 170 Cessna.

Helen McBride is another who has been busy getting an offspring ready for college. Her son will be attending Washington University at St. Louis. Sandra Kypta and her husband are vacationing too. We never learned whether it was by air or not.

We don't see Mabel Johnston often, but hear that she is busy with her home at Lake Springfield, Illinois. Barbara and Ed Jenison have just returned from the Convention in California. They are also part owners of a Cessna 180. Barbara stays busy with her Civil Air Patrol work.



KANSAS CHAPTER

By Lois Dobbin

Kansas has been sort of incommunicado for a couple of months, so will bring you up to date. June meeting held at Municipal Airport in Wichita making plans for the TAR. July meeting the 8th, while we waited for the TAR pilots that never came in Sunday. Those darn thunderstorms. But Monday was a busy day! We were happy to have Broneta Davis and Wynema Masonhall fly up to lend a hand with the TAR Sunday.

August meeting held at Anne and Lowell Waddell's in Garden City. Much splashing in the swim pool with water baseball and water ballet (even the 49½ers). Had wonderful time and

weather was beautiful — even unto a tailwind for everyone going home.

Helen and Buddy Chandler took the X-C honors by 172'ing it to the Flying Club Convention in Seattle. This is a new organization and Helen reports a wonderful time in the great Northwest, and how mountains will sharpen the navigation! They were representatives for the Cessna Flying Club. They home'd in on the Waddell RON and made it just in time.

Marge Paris and 49½'er Chuck are fitting their Piper Pacer which they have rebuilt. With the tailwind they had from Garden City they think it is jet powered.

Kansas Chapter welcomes three new member — Marie Engleman of Hill City, Kansas, editor of the Hill City Times, who flies an Ercoupe; Joyce Case of Wichita, an entrant to the Miss Air Power contest, and flies a Piper Cruiser; and Gene Goodman of Garden City. The girls were well initiated during the AWTAR stop in Wichita.

The Kansas Chapter, through the Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund, is offering a \$300 flight scholarship to a Wing Scout in Kansas. The Wing Scouts are quite interested, and we are looking forward to reading their essays on "Why I Want to Learn to Fly and How It Will Benefit My Education."

Seventeen Airmarkers in Kansas so far this year — acquired during the Spring All-State Airmarking day in June. Helen Chandler, Kansas Airmarking Chairman, has really put Kansas on the map "airmarkingwise," and we hope to hit our 50 for this year too. She is busy making arrangements for the Fall All-State Airmarking Day, October 20th, when each 99 goes forth with a paint crew of friends and Wing Scouts to get approximately four airmarkers. This takes lots of preliminary planning.

Ama Lee Jameson has moved back to "native" Texas and is real busy running the ranch at Bracketville. Those Texas boots are sure big when it comes to filling them. We've really enjoyed having Ama Lee as a transplanted member, and are sorry to lose her to the lucky Texas Chapter.

Ruby and Tom Mathis have moved to Seattle, where they will both work for Boeing. They have located at 1407 W. Henderson in Seattle, and like the lush green of the Northwest after arid Kansas. We are going to miss Ruby, but wish her lots of luck on the new job.

October meeting will be held the 14th at Great Bend, where we will airmark and hold a meeting, completing plans for our All-State Airmarking Day.

EL PASO UNIT TEXAS CHAPTER By Dodie Hurt Powers

We had a small meeting this month due to people being on vacations and trips. Ruth Deerman and Faye McConnell, with their 49½'ers, flew to New Orleans for the National Flying Farmer Convention. Understand they

had thunderstorms most of the way but the meeting was well worth the effort.

Those of us who were there elected our new officers for the next year and they are: Lois Hailey, Chairman; Doris Smith, Vice Chairman; Ruby Hays, Secretary-Treasurer. Our present secretary, Mary Margaret Arnold, will continue on the job until Ruby can shed her Texas State Chairmanship and take over.

Mary Margaret is leaving in two months to go to Japan with her 49½'er who is an Air Force pilot. We hate to see her go and will certainly miss having her around.

Faye McConnell has invited us out to a fly-in breakfast on Labor Day. She lives in Dell City, Texas and many of us are looking forward to trying out her landing strip as well as her pool — to say nothing of the food.

We tried to welcome our new Beechcraft distributor to the field after our meeting and luncheon but couldn't find anyone around. Probably all gone flying.

Our meeting is on the third Saturday of every month and is held at the Sky Chef Restaurant at the International Airport at 1300. Please join us if you are near.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER By Jan Munkres

The Missouri Valley Chapter of the Ninety Nines met in Columbus August 12, with Miss Belle Hetzel as hostess. The meeting was held at the airport. Present were Helen Nestle and Belle Hetzel of Omaha in Belle's Cessna 140, Gertrude Howard and Jean Swinbank of Lincoln in a Cub, Jan Munkres of Weeping Water in a Cub, Pauline Hawks of Bruning, Neb., in her Tri-Pacer. Guests were Jean Swinbank of Lincoln and Elizabeth Waiters of Columbus.

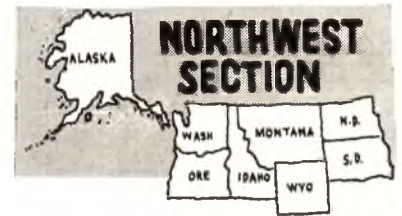
Pauline brought in two new members: Martha Jacobson of Alliance and Elizabeth Waiters of Columbus, who signed up at the meeting. Pauline purchased a crib sheet for a present to be sent to Clara Kruger in Colorado for her new baby. Pauline also showed us a pilots license case that we might use for re-sale. Lunch after the meeting was uptown.

CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT By Nell Hood

Ho, ho, and a bottle of rum! That is about all this lazy, hot weather has brought forth this month. Everyone seems to have been on a vacation. Pauline Glasson has just returned from a visit with her parents in Kentucky. Merle Dunnam visited with her mother in Enid, Oklahoma. Louise Clarkson and her 49½'er beat the heat by taking a trip to Alaska, and returned with a collection of very fine film. We have been promised a viewing, and soon, I hope.

Elaine Gault, her husband and son took a break from the daily routine of things and pulled a "180" to Carlsbad, N. M., and back. Ardath McCreery

and her 49½'er made a quicky to New Orleans to attend her brother's wedding, and Helen Disney is still in Mississippi on her vacation.



WESTERN AND EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTERS By Betty Jane Seavey

Ninety-Nines in both East and Western Washington Chapters were busy the entire month of July readying their planes with new wax and polish jobs and sponsor's signs for the "Lipstick Derby," the first all-woman's air race in our state, sponsored by the Aviation Club of Seattle in conjunction with Airpower Day at the Bellevue Airport at the beginning of their famous Seafair Week.

Am sure I speak for all the girls when I say "I never have had so much fun or been shown a better time." Nine girls from the Western Chapter flew in the race, and they were: Melba Owen, Marty Proctor, Marg Long, Marian Owen, Gladys Parker, Iola Nelson, Nancy Skinner, Helen Appel, and Louise White. Those four from the Eastern part of the state were: Gini Richardson, Betty Seavey, Mary Drinkwater and Ardith Sherman. Nine planes (with 15 gals) took off at Yakima at 10 a.m. (August 4th) and landed at Troutdale, Ore., and on to land at Bellevue with all nine planes in by 4 p.m. It was a first perfect score in that there were no near accidents and all were on course checking perfect ETA's. It was an outstanding aviation event for the state in the fact that each of our 99 Chapters gained three new members through this mutual project, and two of the non-flier co-pilots from the Seattle area are enthused to learn to fly at once!

Marian Owen from Seattle was the race Chairman for the Aviation Club and the only gal on the seven man race committee. We're proud of this 99 who did a tremendous job on the race, and am sure that the Aviation Club will soon vote to make this an annual event to join the other sporting events that are featured in their Seafair Week.

First place, Gini Richardson, Yakima; second place, Ardith Sherman, Moses Lake; third place, Nancy Skinner, Seattle. Proficiency prize, Gladys Parker. The timers and race officials judged this winner on observation at Troutdale and Bellevue.

Minnie Boyd and Louise Lee from Pullman flew over to be on hand to greet us when we landed.

What impressed me most was the enthusiasm and good sportsmanship shown by all the gals on this their first race, with many of the competing

pilots possessing new private licenses and having less than 100 hours flying time.



SOUTHWEST SECTION

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Marijane Brown

Fern Stiefler offered her home for our August get-together, which was the first meeting conducted under our new schedule, i. e., all meetings to begin promptly at 8 p.m., and end at 9 o'clock. We plan to invite speakers who will talk to us for thirty minutes or so on subjects of interest to flyers. After that, refreshments.

Mr. Fred A. W. Stiefler, Public Relations Director for Aircraft Industries Association, who is a pilot, addressed us concerning the economic impact of aircraft manufacturing in Southern California. He startled us with the information that the aircraft payroll in the Los Angeles area is \$23,000,000 per week.

Further plans were made for our annual dinner-dance, which we call the "Stardust Banquet," to be held Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. Headlining the entertainment will be Keith Williams and his Satellite Band. Floor prizes will include a \$35.00 Mission Pak, an electric skillet and a portable TV.

Paulette D'Avril (of the New York Chapter), who is presently residing in Los Angeles, is convalescing from an accident which caused a fractured pelvis. How about some notes, cards and phone calls to cheer her up! Her present address is 2214 Ocean View Avenue, Los Angeles 57; phone DU 5-1228.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Margaret S. Lang

First of all, we're very happy with the way our San Diego gals came out in the Race and want to take this opportunity to congratulate them. We had seven entrants from San Diego, six of whom were 99's. From all reports they all had a marvelous time, both in the Race and at the Convention.

The Race was no sooner over and everyone back home than we were all busy assisting the Fiesta del Pacifico in decorating the floats for the aviation portion of their big parade. This is the first year the Fiesta has been held in San Diego but it will be an annual event and next year we hope to see a lot of 99's from all over the country visiting San Diego sometime during the month-long event.

We are very happy to welcome Eileen Saunders and Gertrude Lockwood as our newest members. Jerry Vickers and Milda Carlson, both former 99's, are contemplating rein-

statement and have attended meetings towards becoming members again, and we are looking forward to their becoming members in the San Diego Chapter.

Our September meeting will be held at the home of Edna Penners on September 7.

Ern Stanley and her 49½'er, Joe, are going to Wichita in September to pick up a new Cessna 182. Ethel Gainer is moving into her new home in Chula Vista. Dottie Shultz has left for Tokyo where she will be a speech correctionist teacher for military dependents for approximately one year. We'll miss her but are glad she's having the opportunity to see a different kind of living. She should have lots of interesting stories to tell when she returns.

Dottie and Roy Davis are joining several other pilots and flying to Kernedale in their Cessna 170 over the Labor Day weekend.

Marian and Noble Craver flew in their Tri-Pacer to Canada for a few days vacation. They are moving into their new house on September 1. Betty Lambert, Art, and their three children also are in Canada visiting Betty's folks.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Jimmie Lou Shelton

With the Chapter election coming up next month, this will be my last newsletter. I'm sorry that I don't have more news to make my last letter a good one.

Though there were only eight attendants at our August business meeting, it was one of the most interesting the writer has ever attended. Present were Marjy Crawl, Alice Roberts, Wilma Bland, Vern Brooke, Betty Knier, Juanita Newell, Jimmie Lou Shelton and guest Helen Van Epps.

Alice gave a very interesting report on the National Convention. She then showed a wonderful collection of color slides which she had taken on the AWTAR and while at the convention and on her return trip. Both Alice and her 49½'er, Charles, are camera fans and Charles had taken the airlines to Flint to meet Alice when she arrived on the AWTAR. Between the two of them, they took at least two hundred pictures, all of which were marvelous. They returned home via the northern route as Alice had never seen that portion of the country.

Melba has spent several weeks in California this summer. We've missed her, but I know she had a wonderful vacation.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Renee Brown

Several of our members have been enjoying vacations this month, including Clara Davis, so I am attempting to take over the reporting.

Our Chapter met in August for a Sunday morning breakfast at the Van Nuys Airport. Edna Stennett, from the

Long Beach Chapter, came out to join us.

Colonel E. H. Robinson, Commanding Officer of the 146th Fighter Interceptor Group, Air National Guard, was guest of the Chapter for breakfast. Following breakfast, the colonel conducted our group to the Air National Guard station, adjoining the airport, for a tour. When we learned of his many years in flying, he was bombarded with questions. The colonel graciously entertained our small group for nearly five hours with stories of his experiences in war and peace time flying, and in movies, with pictures of pilots of the "twenties" and the planes they flew. He said he had met some of the first 99's when they were getting organized. We then looked over the jets of the present day Air National Guard. We missed our vacationing members but they missed an interesting meeting.

Thorlein Riegler, one of our members, is entering nurses training this month at the Los Angeles County General Hospital. Very special good luck, Thorlein, from this alumnus of how many years?

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Dorothy M. Banzhaf

Rock 'n' Roll landings at the Capital Sky Park Airport as result of gusty air, by members of the Redwood Empire Chapter and San Joaquin Valley Chapter attending a tri-chapter meeting with Sacramento Chapter hosting, August 11th. Fran Dias, San Joaquin Valley Chapter rolling in for the best cross wind landing, with passengers, Hazel Zimmerman and Laura May Crawford, Sac Chapter members Gerry Mickelsen, Jeannette Kapus, Helen Mace and Carol Bloom were present at poolside for the luncheon to welcome the Redwood Empire members, Pat Stouffer, Anna Brenner, Nelle Palmer, this writer and daughter, Lana, future 99er, having earned solo status this month. Ethel Sheehy was present also during the resume of high spots during AWTAR and S.M. A.L.L. race related in glowing terms by Gerry Mickelsen.

The Banzhaf Bellanca is out of commission at Denver, as a result of a taxi accident, but we will be flying there next week (in time to attend the Fall Sect. in Salt Lake City) to ferry the ship home following the necessary repairs.

UTAH CHAPTER

By June Raybould

Summer is almost over here in the mountains but fall, with its smooth, stable weather holds out promise of much good flying to come.

Utah Chapter was hostessed by the Idaho girls in August at a fly-in at the Mark Hoff ranch in Idaho Falls. Anyone who has been lucky enough to enjoy the hospitality of Mark and Cnita already know that a wonderful time was had by everyone present. Lunch was outside under the trees on

the newly built patio—built, by the way, by Onita herself. Highlight was a skit of the TAR put on by Laura Connors and Claire Justad, Idaho Chapter TAR participants. It was really funny and we are sorry you all couldn't be there to enjoy the wonderful time we all had.

Utah is very proud of our TAR participants, Alberta Hunt and June Kaiser who placed 15th in the race in spite of several delays along the route. We are also proud of our Doris Eacret who forsook the TAR but was co-pilot with Gini Richardson in the International and Tucson - Hayward races, placing among the top five in both races. Doris returned from the races in time to be senior CAP escort to the group traveling to Alaska. That girl manages to cover more territory than any three people combined.

One of our largest meetings of the year was held at Ethel McDermott's house with present, past and we hope future 99's present. Most of the warm summer evening was spent in the lovely garden listening to race tales and travel adventures of Alberta Hunt and Doris Eacret. Eunice Naylor, our active CAP member, also added a bit about some of her official travels.

President's Column

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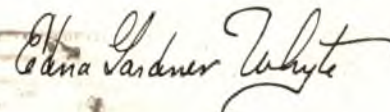
Broneta Davis and I in her Cessna 170 plan on flying to the Northwest Sectional held in Boise, Idaho, the 9th to 11th of September. Broneta will return to the South Central Sectional in Denver, Colo., the 15th of September and I plan on continuing on to North Central Sectional at St. Croix, Minn., the same weekend. We have four fall sectional meetings in six days. That is getting them pretty close together. I regret not being able to meet with each group of girls but wish each a very successful meeting.

In behalf of the entire membership I would like to thank the Florida Chapter for \$25.00 and the New York - New Jersey Section for \$50.00 donation so generously given to help fix up the new headquarters. I will arrange a list of Chapters and Sections that have donated, also a list of furniture and

articles we have bought for headquarters very soon and have it published in our News Letter. The Dallas girls finished and sent to headquarters the beautiful black and brass low table with blue and white ceramic tile table with a 99 designed in the center. With some of the donation money we used to have built a multi-purpose natural wood finish glass top display cabinet for the pilots lounge. In the top under lock and key we are displaying the pieces of Amelia Earhart's articles and on the next space we have a book shelf. Just below this we have two door shelves where we will keep all scrap books for inspection by visiting members. This has made an attractive useful piece of furniture. Hope you will like it. Keep forever alert for new desirable Ninety-Nine members, we want them.

To follow your CAA Rules is to fly safe always. Cloudy thinking has caused many a brainstorm.

Sincerely yours,



Edna Gardner Whyte

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