

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

News Letter

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AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD

President's Column

October, 1956

Our organization has just experienced five Fall Sectional Meetings in five days. The Democratic way is to allow each Section to have their meeting when it fits best with their timing and plans. The Soviets would require that each Section clear through headquarters for a meeting on such a date and be told when and if they could have that particular meeting. Points in favor of both but I like the Democratic way of living best. However, I was able to attend two Sectionals and enjoyed meeting many new members as well as the old. It was a pleasure to see the interest and enthusiasm working for the advancement of all women that fly and aviation in general.

I admire the Northwest Section girls, which had a 100 percent attendance, trying a joint meeting with the Northwest Aviation Council, well represented by Alaska, Canada and the Ninth Region Flying Farmers. It was a joint assembly in the form of a two-day panel held in Boise, Idaho. Excellent speakers, representing all branches of aviation in the world, presented a very educational and enlightening program. Kenneth Butler, president of the Flying Farmers, and myself had the subject, "Aviation Organization Activity." This gave me a wonderful opportunity to list our many objectives for aviation in general, also gave a very good chance to coordinate our activity with other aviation organizations as well as aircraft factories, airlines, airport managers, CAA, state directors and commissions. All in all, much was accomplished and it placed the Ninety-Nines in the picture as helping aviation up the correct road for the good of all. Good work, Northwest Ninety-Nines.

I will never cease to wonder at the ease the North Central Section girls can organize a meeting. The Minnesota Ninety - Nines did themselves proud as host to the Fall Sectional at St. Croix, Minnesota with a well-attended enjoyable program. The Southwest Sectional, South Central Sectional and the Southeast Sectional also held meetings the same weekend. I only wish I could have had the pleasure of attending each one. From all reports the business meetings were successful and were enjoyed by all

in attendance. Keep up the good work you are doing for all women in aviation.

The Executive Board approved the contract with the printer for the Newsletter; approved Alice Roberts for chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and Wynema Masonhall as Newsletter editor. Approved the printing of the new Constitution in the back of the Roster; passed on hours and salary for our Headquarters secretary; approved the purchase of an Elliot 800 addressograph machine for Headquarters; and approved Geraldine Mickelson, Bernice Trimble and Lois Bartling for admission to the Board of Directors for the AWTAR.

The order of Sectional hosts for the Annual Convention as revised at Harbor Springs, Michigan, are: 1957 South Central, 1958 Southeast, 1959 Northwest, 1960 Middle East, 1961 Southwest, 1962 New York and New Jersey, 1963 Canada, 1964 New England, and 1965 North Central. This was arranged by the Executive Board to alternate from coast to coast each year.

OCTOBER, 1956

Our organization has a policy of giving the Sectional host for the Annual Convention \$100 toward defraying expenses. Well, the prosperous Michigan Chapter and the North Central Section found that after figuring up the year's work and bills for entertaining us so wonderfully this summer, returned it to the organization treasury. We thank you, Michigan.

Newsletter: Two chapters have two reporters sending in similar news. Please hold it to one reporter for each Chapter. We welcome all news, including committees and different project reports. Please submit news reports in the following manner: type-written, double-spaced and full width on 8x10 paper. News must be in to Wynema Masonhall, Minco, Oklahoma by the first of the month, omitting the first of December and the first of July. We can have a nicer Newsletter and more pictures for ten issues by combining the December and January

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Left to right: four of the Northwest Sectional officers at the Fall meeting, 9 to 11 September, in Boise, Idaho. Barbara Hornback, Doris Atkinson, Virginia Richardson, Norma Wingfield, visiting Broneta Davis and Edna Gardner Whyte, International Vice President and President.

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Deadline For News

The First Of Each Month

AWTAR News

The Eleventh Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race will take place next July. Now is the time to make your plans!

The race will start at San Mateo County Airport, San Carlos, California, (our hosts the Bay Cities Chapter of the Ninety-Nines and the San Mateo Co. Development Ass'n.) and will terminate at North Philadelphia Airport, Philadelphia, Pa. (Our hosts the Eastern Penn. Chapter of the Ninety-Nines and the Aero Club of Pennsylvania.)

The dates:

Impound Deadline	July 3
Take-Off	July 6
Finish Deadline	July 10
Awards Dinner	July 11

The 1957 TAR will probably be routed via Reno, Salt Lake City and Rock Springs. A list of the "designated" airports will be released as soon as all necessary arrangements have been completed. Rules and Regulations and Applications for Entry will be available after February 1, 1957. Please address all inquiries to AWTAR, Inc., 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach 6, Calif.

Officers and members of the AWTAR Board of Directors for the 1957 race year are as follows:

Betty H. Gillies, chairman; Kay Menges Brick, vice chairman; Claire Hale, secretary; Beatrice Medes, treasurer; Barbara London, executive secretary; Louise Smith, Iris Critchell and Lois Bartling.

Betty Gillies
Chairman

Pilots Briefing

1956-57 Roster and Constitution goes to press November 15. Please send in your Chapter and Sectional officers for Roster. Deadline for renewal notices at \$10, October 31. After this date, dues WILL BE \$10 plus \$3 for reinstatement, a total of \$13.

New members dues will be \$10 plus \$5 initiation fee, making a total of \$15.

These dues changes were passed by our membership during the 1956 Convention at Harbor Springs, Michigan, by a large majority. So little to pay for the many new friends and the big strides we are making toward helping all women in aviation.

By all working together we can conquer worlds for us, separately we can do nothing.

Through the Ninety-Nines' many efforts and objectives, we are increasing the public's faith in all women pilots, so that more wonderful positions are opening up for our women pilots. Encourage all desirable women pilots to be Ninety-Nines, so we may work for the good of all.

Thank you.

Edna Gardner Whyte

Members with Commercial and Instrument Ratings desiring employment in aviation, write Jimmie Klop, Box 591, Electra, Texas, for application blanks.

Send in, as soon as possible, names and dates of all Coming Events.

If you wish to transfer from one chapter to another, write to Headquarters for Transfer Forms.

When you change your name or address, please notify Headquarters so you will receive your News Letter.

Deadline for news to be received by Wynema Masonhall, Minco, Oklahoma no later than the first of the month, except December and July. DO NOT SEND TO HEADQUARTERS ANY MORE.

Pick for your Chapter and Sectional officers, girls that are punctual, a willingness to follow through and with plenty of drive.

WRITE OR WIRE NOW Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, Post Office Department, Washington, D. C., requesting that a commemorative stamp be issued in honor of Amelia Earhart, in 1957. Such an honor is long over-due for our Amelia.

Pictures for the News Letter should be in black and white glossy print only with the proper names and titles listed on a piece of paper taped to the bottom of the picture.

Send all newspaper clipping and



Dorothy Rungling

Dorothy Rungling, governor of the Canadian Section, won the Governor General's Cup Air Race held on September 8 in conjunction with the National Air Show at Toronto, Canada. The race was one of navigational skill as well as being able to get the most speed out of the plane. The route was 203 miles with five turning points. These turning points were sideroad intersections in the country — hence the need for accurate map reading. The course was not revealed to the competitors until just before race time. Prize was \$500 and the cup. Dorothy was the only woman in the race which had 12 entries and was almost a duplicate of her win in 1953 when she topped 11 entries in the same race to win. In 1955 she was third. The race has been run four years. All planes were handicapped at their wide open speed and Dorothy's Cessna 170 had a 132 mph handicap. She was over the finish line three minutes over her handicap time. All planes were flown by the handicapper to determine their wide open speed.

NEW MEMBERS

Know somebody eligible to join the Ninety-Nines? If you do, get a membership application and sign her up immediately. Our organization will serve its purpose better with each new member. And remember it's an honor to belong to the Ninety-Nines, one of America's most exclusive clubs.

such to our new International Scrap Book chairman, Barbara Hornbeck, Box 393, Boise, Idaho. Let's make this book bigger and better for 1956-57. Any publicity releases on our members should be in this book.

Start making plans for the big Annual Convention at McAllen, Texas, the 14th and 15th of June, 1957.

Coming Events

North Central Sectional meeting, April 26, 27, 28, Sheraton-Mayflower Hotel, Akron, Ohio.

AWTAR from California to Philadelphia, Penn. Impounding deadline July 3, take off July 6, finish July 10 and awards dinner July 10.

Middle East Sectional meeting, October 27-28, Washington, D. C.

The S.M.A.L.L. Race will be September 13, 1957 into Traverse City, Michigan, in connection with the Paul Bunyan Festival.

TO THE MEMBERS FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS SECRETARY

Please fill in completely your renewal forms and return them with your dues. All the information requested is necessary for conducting the organization's business.

I would like to call your attention to the fact that in order to retain active membership, a girl **MUST** have a current physical; to be on inactive status (in case you have let your physical lapse) a member **MUST** have 200 hours or more of solo time.

Work on compiling the Roster will commence immediately after the deadline for renewal of dues, which is October 31. Address and phone numbers shown on your renewal forms will be used in the Roster, unless you have sent in a change of address to Headquarters SINCE mailing in your renewal form. All Chapters and Sections are requested to get the names of their 1956-57 officers in at once. After the Roster has gone to press, a list of new members or reinstated members will be carried each month in the News Letter, which you may add to your Roster.

Visitors to the Headquarters office recently: Marion Dietrich of the Sacramento Valley Chapter, Mildred D. Hurt of the Indiana Chapter and Lucille Wright of the Jamestown Chapter.

The Albuquerque and Tulsa Chapter refund checks are still outstanding. Please cash these checks before November 1.

Dorothy Morgan

Committees for 1956-57

International Executive Committee

Edna Gardner Whyte, president; Broneta Davis, vice president; Eloise M. Smith, secretary; Jimmie Klop, treasurer; Louise McEwen Smith, Barbara J. Evans and Ethel Anne Waddell.

Membership Committee

Lois Dobbin. Committee composed of section membership chairmen.

Committee To Read And Approve Minutes

Irene Keith, Dora Dougherty and

Marjorie Gray.

Headquarters Committee

Mary Francis, Loretta Slavick and Grace Harris.

Nominating Committee

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Newsletter Editor

Wynema Masonhall.

Contest Committee

Marion Betzler, Ester H. Gardiner and Shirley B. Floyd.

Transcontinental Air Race Committee

Betty Gillies, Kay Menges Brick, Barbara London, Beatrice Medes, Iris Critchell, Louise Smith, Elaine Clair Hale, Lois Bartling Betrice Trimble and Geraldine Mickelson

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Scrap Book Committee

Barbara Hornback.

Civil Defense Committee

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49 1/2'er Records

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Auditing Committee

Marie Thompson and Barbara Kierman.

Airmarking Committee

Margaret Yourdon.

Flying Activities Committee

Ardell Hawk.

Air Age Education Committee

Ruth W. Thomas.



By Roz Robinson

Our sincere congratulations to Dot Rungeling on winning the Governor-General's Cup Race held in conjunction with the Canadian International Air Show on September 8. This is Dot's second win and we're especially proud of the only female competitor.

Best wishes to new member Lois Schram, whose marriage to TCA First Officer "Duffy" Dwyer is scheduled to take place in November. This explains why Lois is seldom seen at the airport these days.

Felicity McKendry reports that she

attended the Department of Transport Instructor Refresher Course at Brantford this summer.

With summer over (what summer? there's seldom been a cooler one) and everyone back from vacation, Ninety-Nines in southern Ontario hope to be having another get-together very soon.



By Ora Stevens

Mr. Julie Goldman was our good host for the September meeting held at the Revere Airport on the 23rd. This was strictly a business meeting before lunch was served at the International Clam House near the airport. Later Mr. Earl Rawson, senior controller at Logan Airport, gave a talk on trials and tribulations of the poor control tower operators, lost and found pilots and he also extended an invitation to the guests and members at the meeting to visit the new control tower when it begins operations. Jerry Gardiner, vice governor, presided over the meeting. Mary Ann Lippitt, secretary and acting treasurer, in the absence of treasurer Alice Kitka, read both the secretary's and treasurer's report and Ora Stevens read the annual news report. Other members helping out at the meeting were Lois Wartman, Mary Jeffries, Barbara Kierman, Chris Seaver, Ann Baddeur. Governor Barbara Cloud is on a business trip for Rust Craft and couldn't make the meeting.

What happened to Barbara Kierman and Pauline Glassen in the AWTAR shouldn't have happened to a dog. They had to land the Super Navion at El Moro Emergency Field in New Mexico with a ruptured diaphragm in the carburetor. A pilot from the Navajo Flying Service at Gallup, N. M., flew in and picked them up and flew them to Gallup where they spent six days. A guard had to be posted on the Navion 24 hours a day for the whole time it was there. Despite her misery, Barbara got a chuckle out of the sight of the rancher, his wife and son with their cots and shot gun stationed around the airplane when she went back after it—ready for any intruder whether it be robber or rattlesnake or both.

Barbara Ellis, formerly of NE but now in Florida, has been laid up in the hospital with a badly injured leg received in an automobile accident. Guess the safest route to and from the airport these days is by helicopter. Word is Papa Ellis had to do the baby sitting. We all send our condolences to you both for both your troubles.

Ann Baddeur has been elected secretary of the M.I.T. Flying Club. Ann and her 49 1/2'er are also building a new home in Belmont Hill section.



By Irene B. Keith

SORRY! We missed our approach last month and didn't make the newsletter sooo to make a safe landing; in August a delightful party was held at Selma and Walter Cronan's brand new home in Jersey which is terrific. All reports the party was a huge success and a wonderful way for Selma to wind up her second term as governor.

We didn't brief you? Well the info just arrived — the new officers are: pilot (governor), Irene Keith; co-pilot (vice governor), Phyllis Crouch; navigator (secretary), Priscilla (Pat) Wilson; engineer (treasurer), Marion Lopez; purser (membership chairman), Jeanne Spielberg; stewardess (reporter), Manila Talley. Takeoff still the second Monday of the month.

We welcomed Manila Talley back from the Middle East with many interesting tales to tell us about flying in that part of the world. As you see we put her to work as soon as she put her wheels down in N.Y. to stay a while we hope. So I took over this one to let her get refueled and ready for take off.

Always glad to see Dr. Gross and Novie Davenport as guests.

On September 23 we were invited to a "tea" at Floyd Bennett Field, given by the W.I.A.A. annually to present "The Lady Hay Memorial Trophy," given to an outstanding gal in aviation. We are proud that our Major Marjorie Gray was the recipient this year and well deserved; an ex-Wasp now reserve officer of the Air Force and at present associate producer of Flying Magazine, to name a mere reason for the honor. All our best wishes to Marj. Former recipients at the tea were Gloria Heath and Kay Brick. Our beloved Mrs. Jessie (Ma) Chamberlain officiated.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Jean Ross Howard

BIG NEWS — The Middle Eastern Sectional will now be held Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 27 and 28, in your Nation's Capital.

Headquarters will be the chic, modern Hotel Dupont Plaza on historic Dupont Circle.

Please plan to arrive in time to be the guests of our chapter for luncheon at 1 o'clock on Saturday. Followed by a brief business meeting and FUN!

Hazel Dwiggins was our hostess on

September 22 for a lovely buffet supper. Ideas and plans for the Fall Sectional came thick and fast. Mitzi Moore is general chairman; Nancy Tier, Betty Fisher, Eleanor Davis and Daisy Vaughan are chairmen of wheels — you'll be met at the airport and when time permits you'll be given a special "high light" tour of Washington.

Marilyn Link is chairman of "Lag-nappe" (if you don't have a dictionary you'll just have to wait and wonder).

Ann Ash is our director of decor and Dorothy Mitchell will be our official greeter at the registration desk—as our treasurer she's an important member of all committees!

Blanche Noyes will MC the banquet and our guest speaker will be James Pyle, deputy administrator, CAA.

And we've invited Joanne Alvord, Miss Airpower of 1956, to be one of our guests.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

Middle East Sectional next month (Oct. 20-21) in Washington, D. C. We're looking forward to seeing everybody and getting a lot of work accomplished. We'll probably come home puffing after climbing the Washington Monument because we understand they have planned a tour of the city.

Had the nicest surprise last night. Irene Leverton of Chicago (placed 5th in '56 TAR) called and said she'd be in town for a few days. She has a new job as co-pilot with General Airways, Inc., a non-scheduled airline which does quite a bit of hauling for the government. She has nothing to do but fly around the country in a DC-3. She's their first lady pilot and I understand was greeted warily at first by the other pilots. The captain wouldn't let her touch a thing until one flight when he ran out of assorted reserve officers and she was the only one left. She sat there and pushed the right buttons. He must have been impressed and pleased, because his attitude changed and she's done a lot of the flying ever since. Usual story — women pilots are taboo until someone's in a pinch and accidentally discovers how capable ladies can be. We think of Irene as kind of a pioneer. If she does well (and you can bet she will) they'll be hiring other girls. So we say hooray for her.

Next month we'll have the results of the Section elections and news about the goings on at the Section meeting.



TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Georgiana McConnell

The Fall Southeastern Section meet-

ing was held in Nashville, Tenn., September 15-16. Saturday night the group was entertained by Mary Beth Sargent and Georgiana McConnell with a barbecue. After the supper we all enjoyed Jan Warrick's movies made on her island-hopping trip to South America with Evelyn Bryan. We were happy to have so many in attendance over the weekend, Sarah Duke and Evelyn Bryan from Tennessee; Jan and Claire Warrick, Liz Gay, Minnie Wade and 49½er from Alabama; Kitty Nix, Mary Edwards and 49½er, and Edna Grubbs and 49½er from Georgia; Estella Bradshaw and 49½er, Edith Long and 49½er, Sara Shonk, Gale East and very attractive new prospective member Jeannie Shoemaker of the Carolinas; and Ruth Muller of the El Paso Chapter at present living in Tennessee. We hope they will all come back to Nashville soon.



CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Donna Giles

The Chicago Air Club was the place of our September meeting. The Teller's committee reported that the officers for the 1956-57 year are: Nell Brown, chairman; Lois Cassidy, vice chairman; Donna Giles, corresponding secretary and treasurer; Dorothy Vachout, recording secretary.

The Airmeet committee reported that the eighth annual Airmeet will be held at DuPage County Airport on October 14 — rain date, October 21. Trophies will be given for spot landings, bomb dropping, ribbon cutting, and X-C race. 49er Mike Burson, will do a parachute jump.

The Countess Lilly Coudenhove-Calergi arrived in Chicago very enthusiastic in her attempt to arouse interest in a World Congress of Women in Aviation in Monte Carlo next June. Doris Langher was hostess for the Countess at Midway airport. There she saw the flight simulator at United Airlines, the tower, and the helicopter used by the air service.

We're sorry to say that only four of our Chicago gals were able to attend the Fall Sectional in Minnesota; but Lois Cassidy, who flew Doris Langher and Nell Brown up in the Apache, and Bea Siemon, who flew up in the 195 with her 49½er and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kokesh, say the gals really rolled out the red carpet.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Betty Barton

The September meeting of the Upper Iowa Chapter was held September 16 in Fort Dodge with Helen Flaherty as hostess. A social mixer was held at Helen's home and a lovely dinner at the County Club. The table decora-

tions, being model airplanes, were given to the children who were present with their parents.

A short business meeting was conducted with Ruth Shimon doing the honors, as our new chairman was in the east.

After the meeting coffee was served and from there the group proceeded to the airport to see the girls off. A surprise was waiting at the airport for the girls. Pictures of them were taken by a Fort Dodge TV station as they took off for home.

Those present were Ginney Koestner, Ruth and Albert Shimon, Marie Blank and hostess Helen Flaherty. Guests from the Iowa Chapter were: Maggie Adkins and family, Kathryn Hack and 3 children, Alice Pfantz and daughter. Alice is one of our new pilots but what a record. She has acquired about 200 hours in 6 months. Also is proud owner of a new Tri Pacer.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Mariory Farrell

Our September meeting, held in the Walnut Room of the Twin Oaks Hotel, was memorable for the beginning of a tradition: Mildred Verderber, hostess for the evening, composed an original and effective installation ceremony for our incoming officers. It was a very good thought and excellently done — we thank Mildred for a very nice evening.

Mildred, who is our air education chairman, spent the weekend of the 21st at St. Joseph, Missouri, attending an Air Age Workshop sponsored by CAP. She reports an extremely interesting and worthwhile two days. Dee Southard, also a participant in the workshop, echoes the sentiments.

And speaking of interesting and worthwhile events, Verna Wilson, Grace Harris and Laurien Griffin report many wonderful experiences from the Sectional at Minneapolis. Verna is still commenting on the fun of that yacht cruise and the singing of that quartet! Everything about the meeting was grand, she says!

ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By Betty Wertz

The chapter had a good meeting August 18 in New Philadelphia. There were only three "fly-ins" so special blue instrument cards were issued to the many who had to drive. The meeting was well attended and a box lunch enjoyed at Schoenbaum Park with a sightseeing tour through the Indian Village. Many thanks to hostess Virginia Schumaker.

There are many plans being made for the Sectional in Minnesota.

Welcome to new member Betty Ingwer of Cleveland.

Arlene Davis has gotten her helicopter rating and is a member of the "Whirlie Girls."

Mary Fescer received a Ninety-Nine bracelet award for being the closest in naming the words of the S.M.A.L.L. Race in Michigan.

Virginia Schumaker and her mother

were on a recent trip to Oklahoma to visit her sister.

Joan Hrubec continues piling up the hours. Recently flew to Chicago, Madison, Wis. and to Kalamazoo.

Helen Wiedward, a prospective 99 from Cleveland played in the Tri City golf tournament in Toledo.

Jody Scott and her 49½er have acquired a Cessna 140 in which she is logging time. She also was at the controls of a DC-3 for about 15 minutes.

Jean Bonar as pilot, and her 49½er as navigator, won a time and distance flight of the Mansfield Aviation Club August 26. Their precision flying pays off. The flight wound up in Fort Wayne for lunch.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Helen Wetherill

Our chapter had an exciting treat for our September meeting at Tri-City Airport — Genni Roche of Carins, Australia, who has been visiting her brother at Grass Lake, was picked up and brought to the meeting by Mary Clark. Genni kept us enthralled by her account of flying a plane from London to Australia. It's hard to believe such ancient and romantic cities as Baghdad and Bangkok have radio and weather reports.

We had an excellent turnout — such a beautiful day only four paid fines for not flying. Jeannette Sovereign and Marian Elbinger were hostesses for the meeting. We were delighted to see Gloria Lynch Smith who drove up alone — her first cross-country motor trip in many years.

Michigan had the poorest turnout to a Sectional meeting in history. Eloise Smith, our governor, and Mary Clark, our chapter chairman, were the only ones I have learned about. Alice Hammond, regional director of women's activities for Civil Air Patrol, went by airlift to Milwaukee to attend the regional meeting the weekend of the Section meeting, and Janie Hart flew there from Lansing. Janie is squadron commander on an all-woman squadron which is sponsoring several girl cadet squadrons.

That wonderful, aviation-minded organization — the Zontas — has come through again. The Dearborn Zonta chapter is sponsoring Lois Wilson's Wing Scout Troop of 16 girls with time and money.

Olivia Bell is working hard at air education. She took 50 of her school children for a plane ride over the Plymouth, Michigan area — two at a time in her Super Cruiser.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Marietta Sonneberg

The Minnesota girls have settled down again after hosting the fall meeting of the North Central Section at White Pine Inn Bayport. They certainly enjoyed doing it, and from favorable comments received from many of the visitors, apparently they enjoyed it as much. We had a good

turnout, with 13 planeloads and several carloads bringing more than 30 from out of the state and some 25 members and friends from in the state, plus special guests, with total attendance about 65.

Included in the assemblage were our international president, Edna Gardner Whyte; international secretary and outgoing sectional governor, Eloise Smith; immediate past international secretary and her husband, Deedo and Herman Heise; flying grandmother Mildred Hurt, who got her picture in the papers; new sectional secretary, Joan Hrubec; new sectional treasurer, Loretta Slavik, and husband, Lee; and Joan Ferguson, Edythe Maxim, Mary Clark, George and Jane Ackors, Doris Langher, Lois Cassidy, Nell Brown, Marilyn Collette, Laurien Griffin, Vern and Beatrice Siemon, Jean and L. D. Bonar, Helen and Jim Sammon, Helen Greinke, Virginia Schumacher, Grace Harris, Verna Wilson, Louise and Raymond Kokesh.

Marion Radke was general chairman of the big weekend, and she and chapter chairman Florence Scriver gave out the assignments to the Minnesota girls to keep things going. Among highlights were a dinner Friday night at the new and beautiful Country House near Hudson, Minn.; a cruise on the lovely St. Croix River an interesting tour of the Wiplinger Hanger at Holman Airport, St. Paul. Saturday afternoon: cocktail party, dinner, program and dance at White Pine Inn Saturday night and a tea at the fabulous home of Ev and Bob Paige Sunday afternoon.



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

The Oklahoma Chapter provided and (wo)manned an information booth in the Air Terminal building for the National Air Show visitors. Questions ranged the gamut from "What time does the 2 o'clock plane leave?" to "What are the objectives of the 99 organization?" These were the easy ones and fortunately most of the desired information was supplied.

Sunday evening an informal dinner was held in Velma Woodward's home for the entertainment of our out-of-town guests: Edna Gardner Whyte, international president; Jimmie Klop, international treasurer; Abbie Dill Haddaway, Lois Dobbin, Loretta Slavik, Jean Ross Howard and Anne Waddell. Hope I didn't forget someone, if so, I'm sorry. Names in the Roster became people and new and old acquaintances made for a wonderful evening.

KANSAS CHAPTER**By Lois Dobbin**

Our congrats to the Colorado Chapter for a swell-elegant Fall Sectional meeting. The accommodations were lush and everyone relaxed and had a wonderful time. They tell me the helicopter rides were grand, can vouch for the Air Academy tour being very enlightening, with explanation of the scale model at Colorado Springs by Gen. Stillman no less. The girls were grand hostesses, and the banquet mc'd by 49½ers was mucho fun. Let's do it again.

September meeting held during the Fall Sectional at Denver. Those attending were Anne Waddell, Luicle Dienst, Margaret Yourdon, Lois Dobbin, Gene Goodman and Marie Engleman. Anne, Lucile and Lois buzzed up in Anne's 195, Margaret brought the family along in the Tripacer and Gene Ercoupe'd.

Kansas Chapter will meet in Great Bend, October 14 to airmark the town and hold meeting. Plans will be completed for the all state airmarking day to be held October 20.

November meeting will be at Hill City, at the home of Marie Engleman November 3-4. Pheasant hunting — no less.

COLORADO CHAPTER**By Alice S. Fuchs**

The South Central Fall meeting, held in Denver the weekend of September 15, was fun for all but especially for the hostess chapter. Members flew in from five states and six national officers attended.

Highlights of the business meeting Saturday morning was Ruth Deerman's offer of a trophy for a contest to run from October 1 to March 15. Contest points will be awarded on a schedule designed to stimulate more interest in flying and 99 activities, with points given for flying time, new CAA ratings, airmarking, attendance at meetings, among other things.

Colorado Chapter has a new set of officers: chairman, Betty Stackhouse; vice chairman, Ruth Mugele; secretary, Frances Tepper; treasurer, Phyllis Johnson; membership chairman, Helen Choun; News Letter reporter, Alice Fuchs.

EL PASO UNIT**By Doris Hurt Powers**

We have had two very nice meetings since the first of the month. On September 3, Labor Day, we were all invited out to Faye and George McConnell's place in Dell City, Texas, for a breakfast. It was a perfect day and there was a good turnout. Almost everyone took the opportunity to initiate their new pool in the proper 99 manner, whatever that might be. Most of the 49½ers took a tour of the cotton farm in lieu of the swim. They don't know what they missed.

Our last meeting was held at my

house and we had a pitch-in supper on the patio. Among those present were Lois Hailey, Ruth Deerman, Ruby Hays, Ann Duthie, Dottie Blackham, Mary Margaret Arnold, Faye McConnell and yours truly. There were many 49½ers too. Lots to eat and good company.

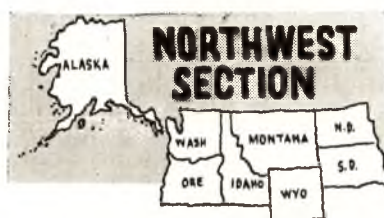
Plans are underway for another of our airport days down here in the future. So we will all have to get to work and make it as big a thing as the last one.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER**By Bettie King**

Due to a windy day not too many flew in to Maryville, Mo., for pot luck dinner. We were extended a warm welcome by Mr. MacDougal of the Chamber of Commerce, aviation division. After dinner he and Mrs. MacDougal and children took us on a guided tour of Maryville, which included the Northwest Missouri State College campus, the new home for aged sisters of the Order of St. Francis.

Present at the meeting were Pauline Hawks, Gertrude and Paul Howard, Barbara and Bruce Anspaugh, Bettie and Lester King and boys, David and Donald, Helen and Ida Moore. Guests of the Kings were Gladys and Virgil Flynn. The Kings and Flynn had attended the flight breakfast in St. Joseph, Mo., that morning before the 99 meeting.

The next meeting will be in either Lincoln or Weeping Water.

**EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER****By Betty Jane Seavey**

Gini Richardson, Northwest Section governor, Minnie Boyd, Evelyn Waldren, Ann Warren, Parry Casey and Betty Seavey attended the fall sectional meeting in Boise, Idaho, in conjunction with the International Northwest Aviation Council and the Regional Flying Farmers on September 9-12. This was another first in aviation events for the Northwest with the three groups coordinating together for an outstanding program of panel and dinner speakers. As always the Idaho hospitality was top-rate.

Our section was indeed honored and thrilled to have Edna G. Whyte and Broneta Davis present for the three-day meeting. They both made a real impression on all the delegates, and inspired us as true 99 leaders with their ever present charm and dignity.

IDAHO CHAPTER**By Margaret Elizabeth Gigray**

Idaho Ninety-Nines just completed their hostessing of the Northwest Fall Sectional in joint assembly with Region Nine Flying Farmers and the International Northwest Aviation Council in their 20th annual convention. Northwest Chapter reports were made from Alaska, Eastern Washington, Idaho, Montana and Washington. The entire convention was officially started with a fly-in breakfast at Boise's municipal airport Sunday, Sept. 9. Meetings were held through Monday and Tuesday and included such aviation topics as "Business Takes to the Air," "Safety Requisites of Aviation," "The Jet Airliner," as well as a very vital speech given by our own international president, Edna Gardner Whyte. Both our international president and vice president, Broneta Davis, graced the head table at Tuesday's concluding banquet.

Our Idaho Chapter met September 25 at Doris Atkinson's home and installed the following officers: Doris Atkinson, chairman; Gayle Evans, vice chairman; Barbara Hornback, secretary; Laura Conner, treasurer; Helen Higby, historian; Eula Logsdon and Millie Shinn, co-membership chairmen, and Margaret Gigray, News Letter correspondent.

The October meeting will be held at Bradley airport lounge and is to be a guest night. All Ninety-Nines are to wear their Ninety-Nine blouses and each is to bring two guests.

MONTANA CHAPTER**By Vivienne D. Schrank**

Twenty-five members attended the Northwest Sectional and we were most fortunate to also have our international president, our international vice president, Anne Waddell of Garden City, Kan., and Doris Eacret of Elko, Nev. as guests.

The International Northwest Aviation Council, the Flying Farmers of the Northwest and the Northwest Section of the 99s, each with its separate convention, also met for a joint panel meeting. Our friends, the Canadians, and members of the INAC flew down and presented a clever Canadian Cavalcade program at one of the banquets.

There was one of those famous Idaho breakfasts where the 99s met our 99 members as they flew in from every direction. The breakfast began at 10 a.m. The delicious hot cakes, ham, plenty of butter and berry syrup and hot coffee really went over high with the 500 attending the breakfast and air show.

Monday morning a panel meeting was held and to get folks there early there was a fifteen minute period from 8:45 to 9 a.m. to pass through the door to the meeting, getting a number for arriving on time. Twelve lucky winners from these numbers were drawn soon after the meeting was called.

The prize was a free early morning flying trip Tuesday to the Hornback Ranch for breakfast. Lucky 99s who won this trip were Edna Gardner Whyte, Broneta Davis, Betty Jane Seavey and Vivienne Schrank.



SOUTHWEST SECTION

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

By Bert Haycock

The "News of Bakersfield," out of print for lo these many moons, is, we hope, back in publication again. Our gals, though silent, have been far from inactive, so much so it seems no one has had time to write for the News Letter! Seems all our members have been going hither and thither this summer, with the exception of yours truly who has spent the summer washing thousands of diapers and making gallons of formulae for that future president of the U.S. whom the stork dropped over the Haycock house last January.

But it is back to work now and we all enjoyed our first meeting of the fall season on September 8 in Edna Long's lovely brand new home in Delano. As we were unanimous in praising each other for duties performed in this past season all officers were re-elected as it. Only change was your faithful (?) reporter being declared no longer able to claim the moth ball status and given active duty on the publicity patrol.

Well, that future president is squalling (oops, I meant calling) so bye for now.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Dorothy Jenkins

Well, summer is gone—and with it vacation time. A couple of our members have had interesting trips recently—second hand flying, sort of, but more than I've been doing lately, at that.

Mary Johnston went by airline to Mazatlan, Mexico, where, while fishing, she caught three good sized dolphin and a nine-foot sailfish. Quite a respectable catch.

Doris Choiniere and Lorraine Chandler had a chance to ride along on a charter trip to Guaymas — a beautiful trip.

We've had two prospective new members at our last couple of meetings — very good material, and we're pulling for them to get their privates soon and join us. Two prospects at once in a town no larger than this is a scoop.

Last meeting was election of officers. Hope this year's officers do as well as last.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

Pat Stouffer and Anna Brenner are

largely responsible for obtaining the trophy, this year, presented to our chapter during ceremonies at the Fall Sectional. Pat and Anna are to be commended by our members at large for constant attendance, despite their busy schedule.

In spite of her extra curricular duties as prexy of the Business and Professional Womens Club in this area the past year, Nellie Palmer managed to attend most of the chapter and sectional meetings.

A hanger dance, sponsored by the local Ninety-Nines during October, was held to raise funds for special paint for the Ukiah Municipal Airport runway marking project.

The Fall Sectional for '56 was the smoothest flight operation this pilot has had the pleasure to attend as a member of the 99s.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Ardell Hauk

In July we had our annual fly-in lunch at the Hauk ranch in Salinas and seven of the group attended the rodeo.

In August we gathered at Tommy Christian's home in San Mateo for a business meeting with 13 members and three guests present.

Our September meeting was held at San Jose Airport and only six of us were there. We covered a few items of business, along with several cups of coffee and many donuts — then voted to adjourn over to Reid's Hillview Airport where Mr. A. A. Gossard, CAA safety agent from Palo Alto, was conducting a question and answer session for flight instructors.

UTAH CHAPTER

By June Raybould

It was a lot of work — but a lot of fun, too. The first sectional meeting hostessed by our chapter, that is. The attendance was wonderful. The meeting was held in the Alpine Rose Lodge at Brighton, Utah. Representatives of the Utah state governor's office and commanding officer of nearby Hill AFB welcomed the guests. Climax of the evening was a prize drawing of gifts donated by local merchants. We hope our guests enjoyed coming as much as we did having them here.

We were also honored just before the sectional meeting with having as overnight guests our international president, Edna Gardner Whyte, who came through Salt Lake City on her way to the Northwest Sectional meeting at Boise, Idaho. With Edna were Anne Waddell and Broneta Davis. We were so sorry that a previous commitment prevented their attendance at our sectional meeting and hope to have them come back for a longer stay next time.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Taking over their new responsibilities in their new offices for the coming year are: Melba Beard, chairman; Ruth Reinhold, vice chairman; Jim-

mye Shelton, secretary; Wilma Bland, treasurer; Betty Knier, membership chairman, and Marjy Crowl, News Letter correspondent. Melba has appointed Doris Glina as airmaking chairman and Frances Wood as air age education chairman.

Alice Roberts reports a wonderful trip to Southwest Sectional meeting at Salt Lake City. Alice, who was elected sectional treasurer at this meeting, has accepted chairmanship of the international ways and means committee.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Margaret S. Lang

Our September meeting was held at the home of Edna Penners on September 7. Election of officers was held and we are happy to announce that the following were elected for the coming year: Dottie Sanders, chairman; Edna Penners, vice chairman; Ruby Potter, secretary, and Ethel Gainer, treasurer.

Lois and Harry Bartling, Betty and Bud Gillies and Edna Penners flew up to Salt Lake City on September 15 and 16 so the gals could attend the sectional meeting. Congratulations to Lois on being elected governor of the Southwest Section. We also note in the September News Letter that she has been selected as a member on the AWTAR board.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Ruth Gay

The September meeting was held at the Community Room of the Belmont Shore Bank on September 24. Donna Chilcote is our new chapter chairman for 1956-57. She has plans for airmarking, for a safety clinic, for money raising projects, continued sponsoring of our Wing Scout group and flying activities. Donna expressed the sentiments of the entire chapter when she thanked Iris Critchell for two successful years under her wonderful leadership.

After a short business meeting Cleo Morrison showed movies and slides of the 1956 AWTAR.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Marijane Brown

Five members of our chapter attended the Fall Sectional meeting at Salt Lake City. Christie and Max Warren flew with Fern and Fred Stiefeler in their Cessna 180. Elsie and Norman Smith had very distinguished company in their Beechcraft Bonanza, none other than Fran Bera (1956 TAR winner) and Anne Wolff (Miss Air Power for California, 1956).

Elsie and Norm rode the skyways for a most rewarding vacation. Their itinerary took them to Seattle, Wash., and the First National Flying Club convention, where they met Sara June Harvey of our chapter. Elsie was most enthusiastic and reported that forty clubs were represented, some from as far east as New York.

President's Column

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issue and the July and August issues. Make your news for all of our members.

We are re-doing our renewal forms to fit our new, up-to-date central headquarters office files.

We have added Dora Dougherty and Thelma Lindsay to our list of life members and consider it quite an honor to have such members. A permanent engraved card for our life members would be so nice. I will start working up price, etc., and present it to our Executive Board.

As a Ninety-Nine good-will delegate, Elizabeth Glaser of the Los Angeles Chapter, has returned from another of her world flights in which she met with women pilots of other countries to encourage interest in our International Organization of Licensed Women Pilots and our flying activities.

The names of France's 35 women pilots were given Betty by General H. Chassand de Patron, secretary general of the Aero Club. Spain has 14 licensed women pilots, one of the most prominent among them being Marie del

Carmen Arano Baixeras. England has the largest number of active women pilots, with 64 enrolled in the newly organized British Women Pilots Association, holding small races of their own and are extremely interested in our races. The majority of our British sister pilots have an impressive better than 2,000 hours each.

To help give the AWTAR and IAR a truly international flavor, Betty, on a previous trip, invited the Prem Matur of India, Mavis Herriot of Singapore, and several Japanese women pilots to come to America and fly in American competition. Italy appreciated the invitation to participate, but felt that the planes available in Italy to women would hardly be the competitive type. As things are now, France and England are the two most likely to send participants. France requested that a sanctioning letter from NAA be sent to the secretary general of the Aero Club explaining the procedure and handling of the race. French women could then obtain permission to fly the race, thus making it official insofar as their government is concerned. We have had entries from many other countries in our National Air Races in

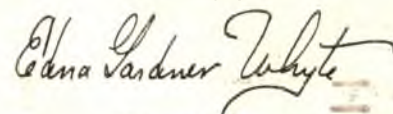
the past giving it a real international flavor. We would be most happy to have the competition, but most of all enjoy meeting our friends from abroad and have the pleasure of entertaining them in our country, making for a closer relationship among all women pilots. The Race Committee could then take it and work for an international, very lasting, friendly relationship. For more information write Elizabeth B. Glaser of our Los Angeles Chapter, who is also our foreign representative. Thanks, Betty, you have done a great job for good-will and peace in the world.

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMEN check your CAA listing of women pilots in your area and invite them to your next meeting.

Direct the restless spirit toward doing the big things that are good in this world.

The key to safe flying is the pilot.

Sincerely yours,



Edna Gardner Whyte

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