



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

News Letter

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AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD

President's Column

March, 1957

It is a distinct and very great privilege to be permitted to write this column each month. I only pray for more ideas that we all may help our great organization in more way. I am indebted to the entire group for the compilation of the news set down in the subsequent pages. I further wish to acknowledge the support and tireless aid rendered by our editor, Wynema Masonhall.

Our 1957 convention is fast approaching, this will give every one a voice in the new ways to keep our organization growing and give us a great opportunity to meet many new friends who fly and renew old acquaintances.

Congratulations go to Evelyn Bryan for obtaining her helicopter rating. Now, we want to invite you to become a "Whirly Girl," there are only 19 of them in the world.

There are times I would like to know what our members do, other than fly. What do you think of the idea by your name in the next roster, your hobby, trade or profession?

We wish to thank the Bakersfield Chapter for the \$5.00 and the Chicago Area Chapter for the \$25.00, you both so kindly donated for the furnishing of our headquarters.

Please write to Allaseba Thatcher for membership cards for your 49½¢. They are the world's most unique outstanding group.

Start making your plans to enter at least one of the many flying events that are in the making for the summer flying. It is contest that makes life most interesting.

We all know that, knowing what has been done increases our ability to do more.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Whyte

A courteous pilot is a safe pilot. . . . Don't be too proud to turn back. . . . Be sure your plane is ready before taking off. . . . And remember summer air is lighter. Think Safety—Fly Safely!

Pilot's Briefing

We wish to offer the position of convention stenotypist to one of our members. If any one is interested please contact me before April 5.

This year our organization has a new booklet on Standard Operating Procedure, better known as the SOP Booklet. These are in the files of all governors, chapter chairmen and executive board members, so please refer to them often, as this will save a great deal of time and endless correspondence. Thanks.

Executive Board Reports — Memo 29: Merele Dunnun, convention chairman, approved; Memo 30: Pauline Glasson, IRA starter chairman, approved; Memo 31: 1957 convention program, approved; Memo 32: improved new membership application form to be used for next printing, approved; and Memo 33: Amelia Earhart plaque for sale to the membership, disapproved.

PLEASE SEND your NL chapter news to Wynema Masonhall, Minco, Oklahoma, 8½x11 paper, full width of the page and double spaced. Do not send to HQ.

Your happiness depends upon your character rather than your reputation.

Edna Gardner Whyte

March, 1957

AWTAR News

The All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, a handicap race for STOCK aircraft not exceeding 350 hp, is sponsored annually by The Ninety-Nines, Inc. A board of directors, at the present composed of eight members, is responsible for making all preliminary arrangements. Local 99 committees at the start and finish and along the route handle the operation during the race. Members of the board of directors of AWTAR, Inc., must be active members in good standing of The Ninety-Nines, and their appointment to the board must be approved by the 99 executive committee. Of the present members, two are past international presidents, one is currently serving on the 99 executive committee, one is a past member of the executive committee and all have served as section and/or chapter officers. All have raced in the AWTAR. Of necessity, the majority of board members are selected from one area so that bi-monthly meetings can be held throughout the year. At the present time six members are located in California and two in the East. The AWTAR is an

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Taken in 1953 the living ex-presidents of The Ninety-Nines, (standing left to right) Alice Hammond, Kay Brick, Blanche Noyes, Belle Hetzel, Jeannette Soverign, Ethel Sheehy, Jacqueline Cochran, and Betty Gillies. Then since this date we have had Geraldine Mickelsen and Edna Gardner Whyte to serve us as president.

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AWTAR News

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"all-woman" operation, planned, managed, flown and scored by members of The Ninety-Nines. Non-members are welcome to compete, of course, and we hope that the fun of flying with 99's will make them want to become 99's.

The Dates

Impound July 3
Take-off July 6
Finish July 10
Awards Dinner July 11

The Route

San Carlos, Calif., to Philadelphia, Pa., via Reno and Elko, Nev.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Rock Springs, Wyo.; North Platte and Omaha, Neb.; Moline, Ill.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Akron, Ohio, and Harrisburg, Pa. This route will be a total of 2,567 statute miles.

The Purse

\$2,500—divided \$800, \$600, \$500, \$400, and \$200 for first five places. There will be trophies for first five places, leg prizes and special awards for best score made by each make aircraft of which there are at least three entries. There is also the Michigan Chapter award of \$50 for best score made by a crew flying their first AWTAR. (Watch this column for list of additional awards.)

Rules and regulations, applications for entry, handicaps and other pertinent material may be obtained by writing to AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach 6, Calif. Please send 25 cents to help defray cost of mailing. Thank you.

Chairman, AWTAR, Inc.
Betty H. Gillies

Coming Events

12-13 April

South Central Section meeting, Abilene, Texas, arrive by 11 a.m. Friday. Contact Marion Lippot, 1365 Amarillo St., Abilene, Texas.

26-29 April

North Central joins Middle Eastern Section at Akron, Ohio. Contact Edythe Maxim, 95 E. Highland Rd., Bera, Ohio.

26 April

Executive Board meeting, Akron, Ohio.

23 May

The Sky Lady Derby Efficiency Race, Mineral Wells, Texas, to Wichita, Kansas. Write Mrs. Ruth Nickell, 904 Nickell Rd., Topeka, Kansas.

14-15 June

99 National Convention, McAllen, Texas. There will be lots of fun for our members, no one can afford to miss this.

29 June

Contact AOPA for reservations, New York-Bermuda eight-day cruise at a minimum fare of \$175.

13-23 June

International Air Race, McAllen, Texas, to Cuba, would make a nice flying vacation.

28-29 June

Lady Bird Day in conjunction with the Oklahoma Semi-Centennial Exposition. Closed course races—lots of money and prizes.

3-11 July

All Women Transcontinental Air Race, San Mateo, California, to Philadelphia, Pa. Write AWTAR Headquarters, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach, Calif. Please enclose 25 cents to defray mailing cost.

4 October

Michigan SMALL Race to the Paul Bunyon Festival, Traverse City, Mich.

The Ninety Nines, Inc. Civil Defense

With the starting of another year it is only natural that we plan for the next 12 months. As your civil defense committee, we beg of you to add a civil defense project to your list. Living here in the shadow of the nation's capital, I am constantly being reminded of what the many new devices and the fast progress of air power can do to destroy the peoples of the world. It would take only a few minutes for an enemy to wipe out this nation should they be successful in their attack.

What are you doing toward gaining knowledge of preparedness? Will each chapter chairman please appoint a member to work out a program within your midst. After making the appointment kindly send the name to me in order that I might place it on the defense committee. A report on each

chapter's activities will be given by me at the convention in McAllen.

There are so many things for each chapter to do and it could prove to be a rather interesting project. If you have a first aid instructor in the chapter then start a first aid class, and in case you do not have one, call your local Red Cross for an instructor. Also, we have girls in the observers corps where they search the skies with binoculars for aircraft. This is interesting as every aircraft must be reported as to the type, color, etc. It keeps you on your toes in recognizing the different ships. This is a part of your local defense organization. Contact them and offer your services. You will be surprised how much you can learn if you are willing to do a little volunteer work.

At present I am teaching in two elementary schools on my off hours in a Junior Red Cross first aid class. The children are most anxious to learn first aid. And should an attack be made maybe the few hours of my time given to them can be of great help in rendering aid in more ways than one.

Call on your Civil Defense and tell them your chapter would like to offer its services and work up a project. Remember "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Ada R. Mitchell

Air Marking

Bobbe Slade said, "The basic job of the 99's is to make every town want to be airmarked and every 99 can do that selling job no matter where she lives. 'Help a lost pilot—it could be you.' We all become confused at times and radios do go dead. Wouldn't you hate to do without your highway signs? Even complain when the highways aren't sufficiently marked? Surely stands to reason, it's even more important to have our airways adequately marked. With spring coming on, most of you will have some nice airmarking weather in your state. I hear Texas is out to really give Kansas a run for their money, how about some of you other states. Very few tools are needed: chalk, chalk string, brushes and paint and the WILL. Choose a town. Pick out a building long enough and preferably block top, after the explaining the 99's project of airmarking ask the owner for permission to add a little paint to his roof. Then—ask help to find a ladder—now you are in business. JUST START."

Kansas has set up its Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund primarily for airmarking and air education in the state of Kansas. Setting a goal of 50 airmarkers per year, both the fund and airmarking have been successful.

I have "suggestions for airmarking" made up to coordinate with the CAA

airmarker brochure. Those interested in starting an airmarking program, please write for it, along with any problems which I'll try to help you solve. Especially would like to collect airmarking experiences: the doin' and the usin' kind.

Margaret Yourdon
Airmarking Chairman



FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER By Dorothy Rungeling

Our meeting scheduled for January 29 in Ottawa, Ontario, was a complete washout for anyone attempting to fly. The weather here in the Niagara Peninsula and in the Toronto area was foggy with low ceilings and about a half mile visibility so no one wanted to start out for a 300 mile flight in that. This meant that the meeting was restricted to Ottawa members only with the exception of Pat Murdoch of Prescott who is one of our newer members. Pat got there by car or bus or walked—I don't know which way since I was absent myself. Rosamond Robinson, who was in Ottawa at the time of the meeting, was the only member from the Toronto area to attend. However some future members rounded out the number and from what I hear they had a pretty nice get together.

It looks as though we are going to lose our chapter chairman for a while. Felicity McKendry is moving out west to Winnipeg where her husband has been transferred temporarily. She thinks they will be gone for three months at least. Rosamond Robinson is working as secretary for the Cessna dealer at Malton (Toronto) for a while. Her hubby is away piloting so much that she just has to fill up her spare time.



By Pat Arnold

Greetings from cold and wet Virginia. Better I should have stood in New England. Been sitting in this mud hole, green with envy at the new that Gov. Barbara Keirman is off to Dallas, Texas, to pick up her new Bonanza, a Xmas present from husband (her husband).

Frances Warner, Colorado Chapter, paid a surprise and delightful visit to our governor recently. Chris Seaver (Needham Hgts., Mass) is literally floating on the clouds in anticipation of her trip to Europe via the Stockholm this summer! She did consider flying but decided it would be more

fun (but not as safe) to go by ship since she has never been on any kind of boat, nohow. It must be contagious—Charlotte Kelley (Boston) is working for her helicopter rating now out at Norwood. Jack Connelly is instructing. And Barbara Cloud, Rustcraft's flying representative is just impossible to keep up with. This last month she has flown all over Florida (where she visited Barbara and John Ellis, Coco, Fla., and also Dorothea Vermuol in Miami), Atlanta, Ga., South Carolina and North Carolina (where she had a wonderful time with Gale and Dave East of Raleigh).

Deed Holcomb and hubby, Max, (Westfield, Mass.) have pulled up roots and moved to Indiana. Anne Baddour (Belmont, Mass.), my little co-pilot in the '54 AWTAR, advises confidentially and positively not for publication that she is in production again. It'll be number two for Ray and Anne.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By Virginia L. Thompson

After seeing the remaining movies taken by Florence Rucker and Florence Robinson while in Alaska, we are thoroughly convinced that it is a fascinating territory. For the occasion on January 20, Betty Fisher offered the hospitality of her apartment to: Ada Mitchell, Adelaide Tinker, Lamona Cervenka, Hazel Dwiggs, Nancy Tier, Eleanor Davis, "Mitzie" Moore, Courtney Moore, Usbeck Peterson, the two Florences and myself along with two visitors. We were most happy to have Adelaide fly in from Delaware to be with us as well as our new member, Usbeck, who is stationed at Fort Meyer.

"Cloud hopping" had to take a back seat this past month due to undesirable flying weather. This, however, didn't stop our air minded girls from keeping up on "what's new" in aviation. Blanche Noyes attended the Jet Age conference; Jean Howard, the Southeast Regional helicopter meeting, and Marilyn Link, the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences and the Nebraska Air Age clinic.

Not only has Blanche been busy working on the Spirit of St. Louis Skyway, extending from Santiago, Calif., to Cairboun, Me., but is helping with plans for the celebrations enroute when it opens. you 99'ers will be hearing more about this at a later date.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

Margaret Callaway returned from Texas last week, reporting a smooth flight down and a rough one coming back.

The February meeting combined a

surprise shower for bride-to-be Jean McKaig. She was delighted with the set of Revere ware.

We plan to attend the Aero Club meeting this week. Guest speaker will be Louis Inwood, director of aviation here. He will speak about the future of international airports. A plan has been initiated for towing jet airliners on tracks from runways to loading areas.

National nominations were discussed and ideas submitted for the combined Middle East and North Central Sectional meeting in Akron in April. There were some good suggestions regarding the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. We feel that the income qualification should be raised so that more members could take advantage of the scholarship. It was also pointed out that the fund was insufficient for an instrument rating. These thoughts have been sent to the trustees.

The Women Radio Amateurs of Philadelphia contacted us about helping in the TAR in July. Their chairman will attend our next meeting. These are wonderful people and we are looking forward to meeting them. The "hams" always do such an excellent job for the TAR.



TENNESSEE CHAPTER **By Georgiana McConnell**

Constance Ohlinger recently made an auto tour of the Blue Ridge Mts. of northeast Georgia, then drove down into South Carolina. Dawsonville, Ga., home of the new Lockheed nuclear project was on the itinerary, but the main objective was Shaw Air Force Base, Sumter, S. C., where Constance's nephew is an officer in the Air Tactical Reconnaissance. She had a look too, at Congaree Air National Guard Base and Dobbins AFB. There is nothing like keeping up with the latest mach's even if you still enjoy flying at nearer-to-bird-speeds in a Piper or Aeronca!

Due to bad weather and flood conditions in Tennessee, the meeting in Knoxville, February 3, was poorly attended. Ruth Thomas, Eddie Lee Griffin and Mary Beth Sargent were our only 99's present. Ruth's and Beth's husbands were also there. Those of us who were unable to attend missed seeing Ruth's lovely new home.

Sorry the Nashville 99's were unable to contact Barbara Cloud on her recent trip to our town for Rustcraft. Our friends tell us the local TV program she appeared on was very nice. Call us next time, Barbara.



NO. CENTRAL SECTION

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Marjory Farrell

A very good meeting for February, at the airport restaurant, sponsored by Dee Southard. After an enjoyable "catch-up" conversation at the dinner table, our vice chairman, Dee Southard, (in the absence of Chairman Sarah Gorelick) held a brief but thorough business meeting and then adjourned us to the communications and weather office on the upper floor of the building, to give us a most interesting and worthwhile tour of the facilities.

Joan Cayot spent a weekend in Winter Park, Colo., on her first skiing experience. Since Joan is an x-ray technician, she can take pictures of her own broken bones! Betty Siggs has returned from her New York trip with a happy and proud Dandie Dinmont. Brigit was declared reserve winner, with a rosette and money prize to boot. Dee Southard is most happy on the successful completion of her instrument written. Congratulations, Dee! Now for that flying.

Katherine Peck took off for a St. Louis weekend, and hasn't stopped talking about that new "out of this world" airport terminal building.

INDIANA CHAPTER **By Jane E. Ackors**

We had a record turn-out at our February meeting, first gathering at Sky Harbor Airport, Indianapolis, and then driving to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Savage Smith for one of Billie's famous fried chicken dinners. Thirty-two members and guests were present for a most enjoyable day. Following the business meeting, we were entertained by a showing of films made by Betty and Ted Nicholas during their trip to South America.

We welcomed Nelle Jackson as a new member of the 99's and four other charming young ladies were present. Nancy Langsenkamp, Florida member, has returned to Indiana for residence and is a feature writer for one of the city newspapers. Mrs. Joan Guion, with a new license, will join us soon, we hope. Jill McCormick, New York Chapter, now teaching at Purdue University, will join us soon also, and Barry Smith, guest of Betty Nicholas, and an ex-WASP, was present.

Esther Berner and family have been away on a skiing trip, and Olive McCormick and her family have also been enjoying winter sports, landings on the ice, etc. Virginia Maggart recently flew to St. Louis to help bring

back a new Cessna 172, and your correspondent, Jane Ackors and 49½er George, are leaving for New Orleans and the Mardi Gras, via Ford Thunderbird, in exactly 15 minutes from the typing of the last period.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Vachout

Our February meeting was held at the Chicago Air Club on February 21. One of the things we discussed was our annual Achievement Award dinner. This year it will be held at the Svithoid Singing Club on March 23. Plans for the rummage sale on March 29 and 30 are under way and workers are needed. If you can work for even an hour or two, please contact Hazel Peterson. Don't forget that you can earn points on the Achievement Award for working, so let's all help to make it a big success.

Betty Archibald tells us that CAA will now accept flying time as experience for positions as tower operators and in communications, etc. The applicant must show 250 solo hours flying time and the latest CAA pilot certificate. If anyone is interested, applications may be had at any post office, or write to the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, CAA, 911 Walnut St., Kansas City 6, Mo. It may be that they will not accept women for all positions, but, if you are interested, it would pay to investigate.

Nina Price is visting with friends in Idaho. She is going over the route of the 1957 TAR by train.



Ohio Woman Pilot of the Year (1956)
VIRGINIA M. SCHUMACHER
617 Gorley Street, Uhrichsville, Ohio

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Marilyn Collette

Due to the loss of Betty Wertz and her 49½ to Florida your new reporter is Marilyn Collette, who hopes she can keep up Betty's good work. We are all

sorry to see Betty go, but our loss is Florida's gain.

The February meeting was held at Port Columbus Airport, Columbus, Ohio, with our hostess Marion Betzler getting the weatherman to cooperate. Thirty-one members, guests and prospective 99's attended. Mark Savage of the Ohio Aviation Board showed us an excellent safety film titled "The Decision." 49½ Charles Betzler showed us films from North American Aviation on the latest jets which we all enjoyed very much.

We want to say welcome to our two new members, Mary Schaefer of Medina, and Helen Weidwald of Cleveland, glad to have you aboard.

Ruth Guenther is off to Aspen, Colo., for skiing. Jean and Doc Bonar are off on a trip to attend the International College of Surgeons meeting in Mexico City, then off to the Caribbean, stopping for the Mardi Gras, and finally back home.

Anyone in the vicinity of Akron, Ohio, the weekend of April 26-28 please stop in to a good time at the Middle East - North Central combined sectional meeting. Lot's of surprises are planned.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

On Friday evening, Feb. 8, something nice again happened to the Michigan Chapter. I know the girls would want to share this experience with all of you.

AC Spark Plug Division of Flint was host to our chapter, and their warmth and friendliness knows no limits. They guested us with a cocktail party and dinner at Cromer's Flamingo room, and the cuisine was out of this world—matched only by our many gracious cavaliers. Jack Dunkle sparked an additional thought, and each and every girl was presented with a pale blue lighter, with the compliments of AC.

The girls encountered driving weather, but Detroit, Austin Lake, Jackson, Lansing, Saginaw, Owosso, Fenton and Flint were well represented. Edna Chapin collected our ten cent driving fine for Jeanette Sovereign, who was unable to attend. We gladly would have paid a much bigger fine for such a memorable evening.

We were taken on a tour of the AC Spark Plug and Instrument Division. The soft pink and green colors were a far cry from what one would expect in a factory. I learned they manufacture instruments for the Tri-Pacer and Beechcraft Company.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Alice Pfantz

After a period of inactivity, the Iowa Chapter is again flying high. We had our regular meeting February 21 in Ames. Kitty Hach (pronounced Hawk—and imagine the fun she has filing a flight plan) served us a delicious buffet supper. We had unusual February weather for Iowa—

ice under foot and a blizzard overhead! Esther and Glenn Neiderhauser drove from Marshalltown and Evelyn McDonald, Maggie Adkins, Joan Van-Arkel, Evelyn Grandquist, and Alice Pfantz drove from Des Moines. Joan and Evelyn Grandquist are new members and we have application for two more new members. We have several girls working on their private licenses, so things are really looking up for us. The girls voted to contribute \$25 to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

Some of our girls have been doing some flying in spite of Iowa winter weather. Kitty Hach has been giving a lot of rides at the Ames Airport. Warrant Officer Margaret Adkins (our own chairman), coordinator for women, Iowa Wing, Civil Air Patrol, has been taking CAP cadets for orientation rides. And yours truly flew her family out to the Rose Bowl game in our family Tri-Pacer. We received some newspaper publicity due to the fact that my husband isn't a pilot and I had been flying less than a year.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Bernie Voelker

Curtis Wright Airport in Milwaukee was the meeting site for the Wisconsin Chapter of 99's on Sunday, Feb. 24. The weather being somewhat uncertain, caused all to arrive via ground, but hostess Dora Fritzke's luncheon arrangement at the Sky room took care of all early as well as late comers. Not too much business was discussed as our chairman is in Los Angeles and while on the subject of trips, Aavis Peterson spent a week in Columbus, Ohio, Deedo Heise flew to Akron, Ohio (and the unusual trip) Mary Seymour spent a few unwelcome days in the hospital, but now is out and doing good. A total of eight 99's were present along with four guests.

Next meeting, March 17 (3rd Sunday) at General Mitchell Field, Milwaukee, with Ruth Lembke as hostess.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Adela Scharr

Members here are atwitter and poised to converge upon a table at the local woman's advertising club "Gridiron Dinner," an annual affair. Celebrities after marination in a cocktail hour, are flagrantly roasted in an original show—skits and music plus lyrics all produced by talented members of this organization.

Some of the important persons we hope to see there are Jacqueline Cochran, Blanche Noyes, Olive Beech, and Louise Thaden.

The January meeting was postponed because our midwest was encased in ice on the regular meeting night. A week later, Erma Jaco was hostess to at least a dozen of us and some 49½ers. Guest speaker was Edwin Michelsen of CAA who spoke on the care and maintenance of aircraft engines during winter use.



COLORADO CHAPTER

By Alice S. Fuchs

Off on a winter trip to El Paso and points south, Darlene Gray had a chance to see Ruth Deerman in El Paso in January. After returning from El Paso, Darlene and Fred flew to Phoenix by Bonanza with friends.

Back from the hospital after surgery, Mary Wenholz is getting a chance to take life easy for a change.

New members Grace Longbrook and Helen Maxson are welcome additions to the Colorado Chapter. Grace's husband, Les, is general manager of Mountain States Aviation, Piper distributor in Denver. Helen and her geologist husband, John, own a Cessna 180.

Hate to lose one of our best members. Dorothy Young has moved to Oklahoma City, where husband Pete now heads the flight simulator division at the CAA Aeronautical Center.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Dorothy K. Morgan

Our chapter meeting for February was held at Minco, Okla., in the home of Broneta Davis, on the 17th of the month. We nominated our slate of officers for the international offices, planned a guest day for our March meeting and attended to other miscellaneous business. Velma Woodward made a report on the Oklahoma Semi-Centennial's offer to sponsor a race or races to be run in connection with the semi-centennial celebration. Quite a bit of money is to be offered as prize money—further details on this event will be announced later.

Members present who enjoyed the very delicious brunch served by Broneta were: Nickie Fariss, Billie Lum, Ida Carter, Ruth Jones, Elizabeth Sewell, Marie Hall, Beth Smith and Wynema Masonhall.

We understand that Mary Francis has been flying "on the ground" ferrying her two medal-winning swimming daughters to meets. Marcia and Sperry were both in exhibition events with the Hungarian Olympic swimmers at Norman, Okla., this month. Velma Woodward is devoting so much of her time to her hospital work that she deserves an M.D. after her name.

Due to the poor flying weather with which we have been plagued this winter—there is little to report along that line, however, Elizabeth Sewell took advantage of a good day to fly to Tulsa for a luncheon date with Imogene Arnot, and Billie Lum is keeping up her proficiency by flying with Aero Sales.

KANSAS CHAPTER**By Helen Chandler**

What with weather and other items too numerous to mention, the Kansas Chapter has been grounded, no meeting since December.

Many of us have been trying to visit Ama Lee Jameson in good old Bracketville, Texas, and finally Lucile Dienst and 49½er Ray, did get there and weren't able to get back for a week. Talk about your vacationing with puh-lenty of Southern hospitality. Looks like the rest of us will have to put the trip off until better weather arrives, but who isn't happy about the rain and snow.

We have lots of projects to work on on this spring. It will soon be air-marking time, with 50 airmarkers to get painted during the season. Rummage sale coming this next month, and it means that all cellars and attics must be searched, even to the dark secret corners. Much money to be made. The Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund is about to be launched for another year with two new trustees and new treasurer. Our many thanks to Lucile Dienst, who did such a grand job as treasurer last year.

We're looking forward to seeing all of our Kansas 99's at our March meeting and rummage sale. We've got lots of conversation to catch up on.

**TEXAS CHAPTER
EL PASO UNIT**

The big item not to be forgotten is the national convention to be held in McAllen, June 14-15. All Texas gals must be prepared to help with plans and preparations. Merle Dunnam is chairman of this project.

The second big item is our joint meeting of South Central Section and Texas State Chapter at Abilene April 13-14. Texas gals be rarin' to go for this.

El Paso Unit has three new prospects coming up, but we fear we are losing one of our staunchest members. Dodie Powers' husband is being transferred, so we lose our past president. Dodie has been working hard and heavy on the CAP cadet training program which has recently mushroomed into an atomic bomb with some 250 new students at last registration. The CAP flying club may produce a couple of 99's very soon now.

**TEXAS CHAPTER
CORPUS CHRISTI UNIT
By Elaine Needham**

There are times you could say our brains are made of confetti, but not this time. Plans are really beginning to take shape for our convention and international air race from McAllen, Texas, to Havana, Cuba.

Now, we know you're all planning to come to the convention and lots of you will fly in the race.

We will mail out the convention programs as soon as they're off the press so you'll know in plenty of time what, when and where things are happening. There are plenty of surprises waiting for all you lucky ones planning to be in McAllen, Texas, June 13-15.

I'm sitting under a palm tree this last week of February with a typewriter on my lap writing this newsletter—temperature, 70 degrees; ceiling and visibility, unlimited.

With warmer weather here again we will very soon be at it again with brushes and buckets of black and yellow paint. After all we don't want you to get lost when you come



EDNA GARDNER WHYTE took her private flight test in this nice airplane.

flyin' over Texas. Most likely you'll really appreciate seeing a marker or two and you'll find them painted on most anything—old barns, cotton gins, maybe even on an outhouse if we can find any big enough.

By the way, Merle Dunnam was recently elected our convention chairman. You have to wear size 40 bloomers to fill that job!

**MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER
By Bettie King**

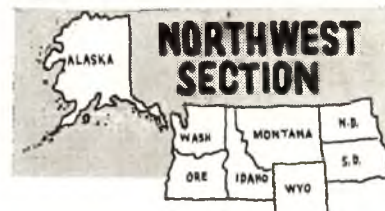
Members of the Missouri Valley Chapter of 99's met Sunday, Feb. 10, at the Omaha Municipal Airport with Jane Bay hostess. The group enjoyed luncheon in a private dining room at Haden House. Due to wind and poor weather previous to the meeting only two planes flew into Omaha, the other members all driving.

The business meeting was conducted by president Jan Munkres. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and motion made by Pauline Hawks that they be accepted as corrected, seconded by Laura Russell. Barbara Alspaugh collected the dimes from all members not wearing the official 99's pin. Three scarves have been sold to the Colorado Chapter 99's.

There was some discussion on the TAR to come through Omaha next July and the yellow forms were given to members to put in their local airports. We were also reminded to fill out and send in the South Central trophy forms to Ruth Deerman, not

before March 15 and not after April 1.

Those attending the meeting were Barbara and Bruce Anspaugh and Pauline Hawks who flew in. Mrs. Winton Wilson of Bruning was a guest of Pauline's as was Mrs. Art Igu of Omaha. Others present were Belle Hetzel, Helen Nestle, Jane Bay and Laura Russell, all of Omaha, Rosemary and Howard Phelps, Jan Munkres, Bettie and Lester King, Davey and Donnie their guests, Gladys and Clarence Bea of Essex, Iowa.

**ALASKA CHAPTER
By Lorraine Eriksson**

Our January meeting was held at the home of Marion Zaegel, with Pat Gilda, Helen Stoddard, Rene Neilson from Palmer, Doll Booth and myself all accounted for. There were two guests present, Doll Booth's sister from stateside, and Elizabeth Krackan, who is a fairly new resident in Alaska. We are in hopes "Liz" will get back into flying and become a regular member of our chapter. Marion Zaegel and her 49½er left shortly after the meeting to spend a three months vacation stateside, with hopes of picking up a plane and seeing a little of the states before flying back over the highway.

Our February meeting consisted of a pot-luck supper at the home of the writer, with a little bit of free advertising thrown in. The local paper took it upon themselves to drop in and take pictures, along with a few lines pertaining to The Ninety-Nines, Inc. Who knows — perhaps some of the local gals will break the ice and join our group.

Helen Stoddard was not able to remain at the meeting for very long as she and her 49½er were leaving the next morning via commercial airlines for the states to pick up a couple of planes. Helen was taking on the Cub 90 while Les an Apache. We hope the weather will be with them.

**EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER
By Evelyn Waldren**

Ol' Man Winter appears ready to close his flight plan in these parts, and with green things beginning to peep forth, the Eastern Washington Chapter is beginning to peep forth, too. Plans are being made for the first meeting of the spring, after the long winter lay-off, due to bad weather spoiling our meeting dates.

Our newest member, Dawn Ward of Yakima, who transferred here from the Minnesota Chapter, was given a

welcome to our group when our NW governor, Gini Richardson, invited the Yakima girls to a dinner at her home on January 25.

The Eastern Washington girls have been asked to help lay plans for the 99's rance to Wenatchee, from any point of their choosing, on May 4, in connection with the third annual Apple Blossom Fly-in.

It looks like Wenatchee will soon swell the roster of the EW Chapter, with five girls already having solo and the sixth on the way. Wenatchee hopes to have ten women pilots by spring. Our hats are off to their new live-wire airport operator.

IDAHO CHAPTER

By Margaret Gigray

Idaho 99's met on their regular third Tuesday, Feb. 19, and briefed themselves for the final leg to the Hanger Dance, March 2. This is the third annual affair and pilots come from all over the state to dance and do some hanger flying at the same time. Doris Atkinson is general chairman and has as her committees Barbara Hornback, tickets; Millie Shinn, Laura Conner, Margaret Gigray, Esther Stone, Selma Mischuk and Onita Hoff, publicity; Claire Justad and Frances Brown, music; Eula Logsdon, Mae Eason, Claire Justad and Frances Brown, refreshments; and Lucille Taylor and Catherine Beckley, decorations.

Doris Atkinson, Georgia Myers, Helen Higby and Millie Shinn have been guiding the "Sky-Lites" Wing Scout troop of 13 girls who are currently working on their navigator ratings.

Our Eastern Idaho Unit, led by Selma Mischuk of Blackfoot, reports that Selma and Onita Hoff of Idaho Falls are both working on their instrument ratings. Onita and Esther Stone are working with Wing Scouts. The Stones attended the Air Power Symposium at Salt Lake City, and the Hoff's are on the Mexico tour to La Paz.

Caroline Chandler, Joyce Morcom and Barbara Hornback are anticipating 24½'s.

MONTANA CHAPTER

By Vivienne Schrank

Thank you Montana 99's for the quick response to my distress call for news items. Received 13 letters within five days and this is what they told me:

Elsie Childs (Helena): "Was on the search out of Billings, Feb. 9 for (lost pilot) Wyze for CAP for three hours just before he was located near Savage (between Sidney and Glendive) crashed. Have a new 99 prospect — Mrs. Margaret Kelly of Missoula who has a private and 300 flying hours. Also, Mrs. Helen Dunlop (Helena) will soon get private and wants to join 99's."

Dorothy Sabo (Bozeman): "Have just been a ski enthusiast since Christmas in a wonderful ski bowl just 15 miles from town. Was riding up the tow when I saw a big tanker overhead refueling about four jet fighters in air. It was a beautiful sight. Pud and Jack (49½er) Lovelace of Bozeman left by Northwest Air for Chicago on business and will be gone a week. Did you know that Norma Wingfield and Marge Rolle of Billings are going to Great Falls to attend the spray school and aviation planning board as representatives of 99. I will try to go up Saturday morning (Feb. 23) to speak at a luncheon there. All 99's are welcome to attend the session if they wish to go to Great Falls."



SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Thursday night, Feb. 7, our business meeting was held at Jimmie Lou Shelton's home. Pat O'Leary, a member of the Minnesota Chapter (who has resided in Phoenix for five years) and Thelma Biegert, a prospect who has recently moved here from Geneva, Neb., were guests.

"Bombshell of the Month" was idea presented by Juanita Newell and Betty Knier that the chapter pay fee for Alice Roberts to enter the Hayward, Calif., to Tucson, Ariz., air race as a money-making idea for the chapter and for TAR!

Sunday, Feb. 17, some of us flew up to Lake Pleasant to have dinner with members of the Albuquerque Chapter who were there for the weekend. Melba Beard Tri-Pacered up, with Bonnie Fugitt sandbagging; Juanita Newell and Betty Knier and Mary McNeal with her in the 195 she flies and Marjy and Cliff Crowl were very pleased to have Mildred Carney, only member of the inactive Louisiana Chapter, with the Crowl family in Cessna 190.

Jimmie and Frank Shelton attended the California Piper dealers' convention at Long Beach, during which Jimmie offended the Chamber of Commerce by wearing her fur coat. She said they almost tossed her into a swimming pool while she was wearing it, but tossed Frank, clothes and all, instead!

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

By Honey von Goerken

At this writing the fate of the lost student pilot whose aircraft has been located on a mesa in the Grand Canyon is not certain although he is believed to be safe and well. The search occasioned by this unfortunate circumstance has been the most extensive that has ever occurred in Nev.,

encompassing the combined services of civilian volunteers and air force personnel—which all seems like a long way around to say "three cheers for Lela Horn," secretary of our chapter who was one of those volunteers. I think I speak for all the chapter when I say we're real proud of her.

Further word on the spring sectional seems to be that the Shriners will be here on that same weekend so you all know that means the town will be jumping. Those dates again are April 26, 27 and 28 and we'd certainly like to see a big turnout—matter of fact, as plans are progressing I think I could safely say we'll be pickled tink.

Our adopted sisters, as always are doing a great job raising wampum for the sectional. They are selling local refreshments at Sky Haven, one of our local airfields, one which has done a great deal to support the activities of this chapter. All proceeds from their efforts will be donated to our chapter treasury (I use that word loosely).

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Edna Penners

At our February meeting we were delighted to have a charter member visiting us, Mrs. Ross Peacock (Achsa). She is inactive now but intends to change her status quo as she is very interested in flying.

Congratulations, Jean Cousins. Although still recovering from her terrible automobile accident she hasn't been idle and recently passed the written part for an instrument rating.

Leah Hanlon very graciously accepted the chairmanship of our next rummage sale to be held March 30. A lot of work but a sure fire money-maker for us.

We extend a warm welcome to Milly Carlson who has just been re-instated in The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Dottie Sanders is initiating a new and interesting idea (Pot of Gold) to enable the chapter to increase the treasury and attendance. At each meeting members will deposit 25 cents and all members of the chapter will have their names in the pot, one-half of the money goes into the treasury and the remaining half is given to the person whose name has been drawn, and this is the attendance boost because the person has to be present or the money will stay in the pot and be part of the next meeting's drawing.

Lois Bartling will fly to San Francisco March 15 to be with the Bay City Chapter as they celebrate their 25th anniversary.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Lindy Boyes

Queen for a Day, one of TV and radio's prominent daytime programs, will send a queen to the pre-race AWTAR banquet. She will be on hand for the take-off, also. The Queen for

and the Villa Hotel, race headquarters. She will be flown from Los Angeles to San Francisco by Western Airlines.

This month's meeting was held at the lovely apartment of Gail and Fielding Lane in San Francisco. Besides the 14 chapter members present there were three guests from the San Joaquin Valley Chapter, Hazel Zimmerman, chairman; Evelyn Hendley, secretary-treasurer, and Billie Wyatt.

Big news came from Eleanor Bjorkman Wilson on the arrival of her first-born, a boy, Kenton LeRoy (after his father, Glen LeRoy Wilson) who weighed in at nine pounds, three ounces, on February 9.

Airmarking plans for Hayward Airport April 6-7 are firm. Weather permitting, chapter members will be armed with rollers-on-broom sticks to label the airport.

The chapter's 25th anniversary dinner-dance will be held Friday, March 15, at the Alameda Naval Air Station Officers Club. Interested 99's and friends are invited by chairman Geri Hill to join the fun. Dinner is \$3.50 and reservations may be made with Dorothy Whiteman, 1809A Third St., Alameda, Calif.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Marijane Brown

Ethel Kerley, a resourceful and imaginative hostess, ordered "pink" bread, and made edible Valentines for our refreshment. Her table was delightful to the eye as well as to the taste. Ethel, may we come again soon?

Pat Carpenter, Scout troop leader, and her daughter, Linda, Wing Scout, were our guests. Their interest and enthusiasm pleased us greatly. Elsie Smith and Winifred Willmore, co-chairmen of the Wing Scouts committee, have some excellent plans for these youngsters.

Bette Glaser read a most interesting letter from Yvonne Lourens of Salisbury, South Rhodesia, Africa. We hope to meet you, Yvonne, and wish you many happy hours in the air!

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Dorothy R. Jenkins

The hectic daily routine has let up enough for me to attempt to catch up on tidbits of local 99 news. On December 1, Gertrude Gelderman's son, a 24 $\frac{3}{4}$ er) soloed. Another flying family going right ahead. Congratulations!

Doris Choiniere and Lorraine Chandler flew several search missions during the holidays—even on Christmas and New Year's Eve. They're really conscientious.

Just found out that CAP Wingtips magazine, for the Arizona Wing, of which Bea Edgerly, a first lieutenant, is editor, ranks third in the entire nation among CAP newspapers. The Arizona Wing itself, ranks first in the Southwest, and sixth in the U. S.

The Tucson Chapter, among several others, was extended a kind invitation by the Albuquerque Chapter, to meet with them on February 16 and 17 on an overnight fly-in at Lake Pleasant, Ariz. Unfortunately, not many of us were able to go, but Gertrude Gelderman and Lorraine Chandler and her 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er and son reported a verp pleasant time. There is a comfortable lodge with an airstrip nearby, good food at the lodge, a store, camping facilities and, of course, the lake and fishing. A fine vacation spot. We do appreciate the invitation from the Albuquerque Chapter; thanks so much for the hospitality!

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