

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

News Letter

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AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD

President's Column

April, 1957

It is a real pleasure to WELCOME so many new members to The Ninety-Nines. There seems to be an increasing trend all over in women wanting to learn to fly. I would appreciate it, if all our members would get out and encourage all these young fledglings. Upon receipt of their private license invite them to our meetings; figures show that the average woman pilot now-days has the desire to obtain more hours, experience and ratings. This all makes for better and safer women pilots which will qualify her for a better position in the aviation field.

We are making every effort to have

FLASH! FLASH!

**EIGHTH ALL WOMAN'S
INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE**
June 13-24, 1957

McAllen, Texas To Havana, Cuba
Attention 99's:

Stand by to get your airplanes, sponsors and vacation periods set. The program is not complete as yet BUT we do know that you will be entertained in true Texas style in McAllen, Texas, where Pauline Glasson is in charge of arrangements for take-off. Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where you will RON before the last leg to Havana is planning big things. Termination of the race will be at Barracoa, Cuba, the first international airport exclusively for private planes.

Prizes: \$2,000 and trophies (\$800 for first place!).

Handicaps: Individual—Open.

Entry fee: \$30 to 99's — \$35 to non 99's.

Entry deadline: May 31.

June 13 — Impounding deadline in Texas.

June 17 — Take-off.

June 19 — RON, Ft. Lauderdale.

June 20 — Arrival deadline in Cuba.

Requests for application blanks and further information:

Irma Price, Entry Chief, 242 S.W. 8th Street, Miami, Fla.

Hurry, hurry! Beat the deadline. Limited number of entries!

Dorothea M. B. Vermorel
General Chairman
1015 Olympia Building
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most of our furniture in our HQ before May 23. This will be the day, weather permitting, that the SKY-LADY DERBY Efficiency Air Race will stop at Will Rogers Field in Oklahoma City. We hope to have some pictures of our HQ interior for the NL soon, so you, too, can be proud of our office.

CONGRATULATIONS to Charlotte Sullivan Kelly on having aircraft, blimp, jet and now helicopter ratings. Happy to have you as our 21st Whirly Girl.

Congratulations to Dora Dougherty. We hear she has accepted a position with the flight test department of Martin Aircraft, Baltimore, Md.

The Ninety-Nines have been very kind and generous to my favorite polio patient, Kenny, with all their cheery letters and pictures; believe me you have made the whole ward very happy. Ann Atkeison, one of our 99's from Fort Worth, showed our NL to the CON-TRIB CLUB at Convair Aircraft here and they gave our polio ward four portable TV sets. Ann, you are responsible for this and I wish you could come over and see all the happy faces watching from beds and wheelchairs, their favorite TV programs. Many thanks, Ann, for the part you played in helping others. WE ARE INDEED POOR WHEN WE ARE HELPLESS TO HELP OTHERS.

Help others to enjoy the convenience and pleasure of flying.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Whyte

Commandments THAT GOOD NINETY-NINERS ALWAYS FOLLOW

Thou shalt not taxie with carelessness. (Taxie slow with S turns.)

Thou shalt take heed in the air. (CAA traffic rules will keep you safe.)

Thou shalt not make slow flat turns. (Coordinate your turns.)

Thou shalt maintain thy speed lest the earth arise and smite thee. (Don't be fooled by down wind turns.)

Thou shalt not let thy confidence exceed thy ability. (Instrument flying is a highly developed science. Don't pioneer.)

APRIL, 1957

Pilot's Briefing

You will soon receive your ballot and proposed 1957 resolutions and amendments: (1) Vote for whom you please, but VOTE. (Let's have a better return of the ballots this year.) (2) Study carefully the proposed resolutions and amendments and instruct your delegates - to - convention, the pleasure of your chapter.

COMBINE YOUR MAY AND JUNE NL NEWS REPORTS, as there will not be a NL issued the month of the convention according to our past policy, but a combination of May and June issue, a July issue and August issue will complete our fiscal year. Due to our budget set-up for this year's NL, your reports and pictures are being cut some to keep within our allocation. We do want to hear from every chapter, but please make it condensed.

If you are caught by sundown or weather on your way to the convention near Anahuac, Texas, phone 4205 and ask for Mrs. Ada Gordon, housekeeper. Transportation and rooms will be arranged at once. Our thanks will go to Ox Hinman, a long time friend of the 99's for his generous hospitality.

Let each one of us find a new 99 member, there are many waiting to be invited. All new membership applications dated after July 1 will have paid membership through the next fiscal year. Please explain this to all potential members, as we had a misunderstanding last year.

IF YOU BELIEVE IN LUCK, THEN WORK HARD AND YOU WILL HAVE PLENTY OF IT.

MAN YOUR AIRPLANES.

The Whirly Girls

The Whirly Girls are now 21 — in number that is — not age.

In 1955, the then 13 women helicopter pilots in the world organized, The Whirly Girls came into being. Now, two years later — a 61.5 per cent increase in membership!

Two girls received their helicopter ratings in February and are now the 20th and 21st Whirly Girls.

The third annual "Hovering" of The Whirly Girls will be held during the American Helicopter Society for-

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Deadline For News

The First Of Each Month

Coming Events

April 26-28

Middle East-North Central Sectional meeting, Akron, Ohio.

April 26-28

Southwestern Spring Sectional meeting, Las Vegas, Nev.

May 23

SKYLADY DERBY Efficiency Air Race, Mineral Wells, Texas, to Wichita, Kan. Write Ruth Nickell, 904 Nickel Road, Topeka, Kan.

May 31 - June 1

20-30 Club Air Race. Hayward, Calif. to Tucson, Ariz. First place—\$1000, write Michael Hodges, Box 2009 Tucson, Ariz.

June 14-15

Ninety-Nine National Convention, McAllen, Texas.

June 17-23

ALL WOMEN INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE. McAllen, Texas to Havana, Cuba. Write Irma Price, 242 SW 8th, Miami, Fla.

June 29-30

CANCELLATION OF LADYBIRD DAY Closed Course Races, Oklahoma City, Okla.

July 3-11

ALL WOMEN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE, San Carlos, Calif. to North Philadelphia, Pa. First place—\$800. Write AWTAR, 2611 East Spring, Long Beach, Calif. Enclose 25 cents to defray mailing cost.

July 13-20

FIFTH ANNUAL JAYCEE AIR CRUISE, Philadelphia, Pa., to Las Vegas, Nev. Write G. Ralph Guthrie Jr., 121 S. Road St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

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THE WHIRLY GIRLS

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AWTAR News

THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL ALL-WOMAN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE, San Carlos, Calif., to North Philadelphia, Pa.

DATES: Impounding deadline, July 3; take-off, July 6; deadline to finish, July 10; awards dinner, July 11.

ROUTE: San Carlos to Reno, Elko, Salt Lake City, Rock Springs, Cheyenne, North Platte, Omaha, Moline, Fort Wayne, Akron, Harrisburg, Philadelphia. Total mileage: 2567 statute miles.

PURSE: \$2,500—divided \$800, \$600, \$500, \$400 and \$200 for first five places. Duplicate trophies for pilot and co-pilot first five places.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS: Leg prizes and special awards for best score made by each make of aircraft of which there are at least three in competition. ALSO: \$100 cash donated by FLYING MAGAZINE as an award for the best score made by a crew holding no license higher than private grade, AND \$50 with trophy for the best score made by a crew flying in their first AWTAR, donated by the Michigan and Chicago Area chapters respectively.

SPECIAL SERVICES: The FLYING TIGER LINE will fly your excess baggage from San Francisco to Philadelphia without charge. JEPPESEN AND CO. will provide you with kits containing the latest up-to-the-minute radio navigation information covering the route.

ENTRY FEE: \$25 for members of The Ninety-Nines; \$30 for non-members.

APPLICATIONS FOR ENTRY AND 1957 AWTAR RULES AND REGULATIONS may be obtained by writing to AWTAR, Inc., 2611 East Spring Street, Long Beach 6, Calif. (Please send 25 cents to help defray cost of mailing.)

ENTRIES OPEN ON THE FIRST OF MAY AND CLOSE ON THE TWENTIETH OF JUNE. Now is the time to write for further information.

Board of Directors
AWTAR, Inc.

NOTE: The Philadelphia Jaycees Annual Air Cruise will depart from Philadelphia on July 13 for Las Vegas, Nev., just two days after the AWTAR Awards Dinner. This efficiency race is now open to women pilots. Contact the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia, 121 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, if you are interested in joining this contest.



By Pat Arnold

March meeting at Bradley Field, Windsor Locks, Conn., was big success. Everyone flew in (except me, but then I'm based there) and those in attendance were Gladys Turcotte (Hopkinton, Mass.), Alice Mansfield (North Reading, Mass.), Mary Anne Lippitt (Providence), Chris Seaver (Needham Hgts., Mass.), Gov. Barbara Keirnan, Sec. Ora Stevens, Sara Hayden, Capt. G. T. Smith, Elaine Gibbs (potential new member), Isabel Blodgett (Cambridge), George Pinto, Mr. and Mrs. K. E. Hamilton, Jerry Gardiner, and our guest speaker was Richard (Red) P. Bank of the Mass. Aviation Commission. Gov. Keirnan was a wee bit late in arriving on account of early ground fog at Rocky Mount, N. C., where she and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er RON'd enroute from Florida with Louise and Herman Smith.

Charlotte Kelly (Boston) got her helicopter rating. Congrats! Barbara Cloud is on the mend after recent surgery. Hurry up and get well, gal! I noticed Sara Hayden (Methuen, Mass.) is in production again with a June delivery date set. It'll be No. 2 for Sara and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er Frank. Alma Gallagher (Laconia, N. M.) is looking forward wistfully to spring when she can put some time on the Lakes Region Flying Club's cruiser, which has just had a wing recovery job and other improvements made.

Sheep sheering time, so I'm off to Virginia again.



By Manila Davis Talley

Please forgive . . . two reports missed the deadline, although mailed when I flew VARIG to Rio to enjoy a month of summer on the Copacabana Beach, and staved over for the fan-tastic carnival. You would have to see it to believe it.

To pick up an item or two: The wonderful dinner party for 99's and guests at Selma Cronan's new home with husband, Walter, at the "You-name-it Wonder Bar; Kay Brick attending the CAP dinner honoring Milton Caniff; Barbara Evans exhibiting pictures of the twins as models for the new silk screen color process developed in their lab; the cocktail party of Ann Ross Drislane and husband, Quinn, at their new home in Bedford Village and the dinner at Beaux Arts, with Mil're Kuzenko, chief pilot at FZahn's Airport, as speaker on private

flying. Special guests were the Hon. and Msr. Richard Casey, minister of External Affairs and head of the UN delegation from Australia. Other guests included Marion Rice Hart, author and pilot who flew the Atlantic and around South America in her own plane, and staff members of "Flying."

NEWS ITEMS: Doris Renninger flew Capt. Harvey, CAP, to Bloomsburg, Pa. in her Tri-Pacer to pick up an L-16. Helen L. Boudreau just received her NY state real estate broker's license. Kay Brick said, "Finally made it to 40,250 ft. in a jet."



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER
By Virginia Thompson

Jean Howard's combination party in honor of visiting 99's and our March business meeting really snowballed into something extra special. Thanks to the weather thwarting for a few days Fran and Barbara Keirnan's vacation plans to Florida, we had New England's governor, Barbara, and vice governor, Charlotte Kelley, Arlene Davis of Ohio, and a guest, Dr. Anita Ban Rooley from Holland. The four "Whirly Birds," Jean, Barbara, Charlotte and Arlene, as well as the rest of us had a wonderful time swapping stories.

The following day, Arlene Davis, official hostess for the seventh annual conference of the National Aviation Education Council which met here, entertained at a delightful tea for the registered guests. She was assisted by our girls and visiting 99's.

Marilyn Link was really the busy girl at this Education Council as she was chairman of the conference committees. It takes Marilyn to really get things accomplished.

The suitcases are being packed and the girls eagerly looking forward to a wonderful time in Akron at the joint North Central - Middle Eastern sectional meeting the latter part of April.

Barbara Jenison of Illinois breezed in on a CAP mission but was forced to depart via more dependable transportation, the train. Keep your hopes up girls, spring with its good weather is just around the corner, we hope.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

We had a very good meeting at Wings Field on March 17. Didn't know we had so many members. Chief topic of discussion was next month's combined section meeting to be held in Akron, Ohio. We're in the "you go with me — there'll be room for two more in that plane, etc." stage. Looks like the North Central girls have planned a grand "set to" and we're all looking forward to the jaunt. (Good cross country practice for the TAR.)

TAR is a magic word for us. We're busy with Buicks, hairdressing appointments and finding sponsors. Be sure and come now. We've got tremendous plans for you all — as you'll see from another article which I hope makes this issue. You'll tour historic Philadelphia, spend a day at a main line country club, and shop in the numerous stores. Philadelphia is anticipating the arrival of the Ladybirds.

The weather's getting pleasant and North Philadelphia Airport is jammed on Sundays. I've been tucking more passengers into the Pacer than ever. One little boy was so anxious to get there I almost had to drag him out of the propeller, which scared me to death and broke my fingernail, but didn't phase him a bit. If a plane ride meant a trip through the prop first it was all right with him.



TENNESSEE CHAPTER **By Georgiana McConnell**

Flash! Evelyn Bryan received her commercial helicopter rating last month from Helicopter International, Inc., Lakeland, Fla. We sure are proud of you, Evelyn.

Sorry Tennessee wasn't represented at the section meeting but we heard that they had an enjoyable time and a wonderful meeting.

Tennessee was well represented at the CAP Southeastern Regional conference in Biloxi, Miss. We are very proud of Major Sarah Duke being appointed public information officer for the region. Also attending the conference via air force C-123 were Bettye Anderson and Georgiana McConnell. The 123 was quite an experience. We were all happy to see Betty McNabb (Georgia Chapter), Cora McDonald (Alabama Chapter), and Clara Livingston (member at large).

Georgiana McConnell participated in a route search for Cessna 182 missing on flight plan from Birmingham to Chicago. Another VFR flight in bad weather with disastrous results.

Next Tennessee Chapter meeting May 5 in Nashville, Tenn.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER **By Estelle M. Bradshaw**

It was lovely to fly on March 2 to historic old Charleston, S. C., with its beautiful azalea and camellia gardens for our spring meeting. Sara Shonk acted as hostess with the Francis Marion Hotel as headquarters.

Louise Smith flew in bringing Burnette Spencer, Caroline Hembel and Maxine Walker. Betty Hamilton flew her new Tri-Pacer bringing with her Nita Hudman and her 49½er Gene. Frances Miller is a very busy girl

giving instructions over the weekends and we were very pleased to have her meet with us.

The Chamber of Commerce welcomed us with a cocktail party in the hotel after which we had dinner at Henry's. Following dinner we held our chapter meeting.

On Sunday morning Southeastern Sectional meeting was held at breakfast at the Francis Marion Hotel with four states being represented: Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. We are sorry the other states in this section were unable to attend. By having an early meeting it gave those attending plenty of time to get home before dark.

Our next meeting will be held in May with Louise Smith. Let's all attend.

FLORIDA CHAPTER **By Helen Mennitto**

The lucky seven who trooped down to Dorothy Roeth's home on February 18 were thrilled to see the colored movies of Phyllis McBath's recent round the world jaunt. While in the Orient, Phyllis met our Japanese member, Yae Noyoki, in Tokyo. To further broaden our mental horizons, we had as our guest Marion Zoegel, chairman of the Alaska Chapter, from Anchorage. Her tales of life in the frozen north and instructions on how to build a log house were listened to with interest and amazement. All this was on a warm evening with tropical rains falling outside!

Among traveling 99's who have come to Miami this winter to thaw out the bones and soak up the sun have been Bernice Trimble and Anne Fruehauf of the Michigan Chapter, Juanita Fineman of the Chicago Area Chapter, Leah Warren of the Central Illinois Chapter, and our ever-welcome winter regular, Ethel Fedders of the Western New York Chapter. It was grand to see and hear from all of you.

Plans and preparations for the eighth All-Women's International Air Race, this chapter's major project, are well underway. Be sure to read our special news flashes from now until race time for details and developments. A record number of early inquiries indicate a lively interest in this year's gulf-circling dash.



INDIANA CHAPTER **By Jane Ackors**

Our March meeting was held at the Elwood Airport and a bright and sunny day it was. Six gals flew in and the remaining took the low road, making a total of 15 99's and five 49½ers. We had a really delightful dinner at Sullivan's, the world's first fly-in and

drive-in. Virginia Maggert and Miriam Shirley made the arrangements for the meeting and Rae Cawdell was in charge of the program.

Flora Mae Newman reported she has recently received her commercial pilot's license. Tannie Schlundt told us that Jane Simmons, a newer 99, had flown to Havana, solo, in her Navion. Otherwise, not much flying activity among the group. Your reporter, Jane Ackors and 49½er, George, on the way home from New Orleans stopped at Evansville and spent a very pleasant evening with Dorothy Fleenor and her 49½er. Dorothy has been doing some weekend flying and hopes she will get up to some of our meetings in the near future.

The Indiana Chapter, through Dorothy Hendricks, received a letter of appreciation from Col. Seton, USAF, regarding an airmarker placed on a factory roof at Shirley. It seems he was flying from Dayton to St. Louis and encountered bad weather and extreme poor visibility at the state line. Finally he spotted the marker, resumed his course and proceeded to destination.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER **By Marilyn Collette**

Our March meeting was held at Cleveland Hopkins Airport, with our 10 Cleveland members as hostesses. Our meeting was held in the Pilot's Lounge of the Aero-Ways Hanger, which offered a wonderful view of the runways. Twenty-six members and four guests had lunch in the new restaurant that the administration building now offers to its guests. A tour of the weather bureau followed, then take-off for home.

Welcome to our three newest members, Evelyn Dethloff, Mary Louise Oetzel and Edna Calbeck. We are glad to have you with us.

Arlene Davis of Cleveland was the hostess of the Whirly Girl meeting in Washington, D. C. She was honored at the meeting by receiving the Amelia Earhart Medal for her outstanding achievement in aviation. We are very proud of your many accomplishments, Arlene.

We heard a glowing report from Jean Hixson in which she explained the work and preparations for her jet ride through the sound barrier. We all enjoyed the chance to share in her experience mentally.

Two new prospective 99's appeared on the scene recently. Susan Ann Foley joined us January 28 weighing five pounds, five ounces and Gloria Ann Schumacher arrived February 25 weighing in at eight and one-half pounds. Congratulations are in order to you both, Foleys and Schumachers.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Fifteen members and prospectives ones attended the February meeting at Wold-Chamberlain Field, Minneapolis, visiting the control tower and radar rooms as a highlight.

Following the tour, Chairman Jane

White conducted a business meeting at which future activities, such as: participation in the special Air Day at Flying Cloud Airport in the Twin Cities area; setting up a booth at the annual Minneapolis Junior Chamber of Commerce for the Air Fair and attendance to the North Central Sectional, were discussed. Also, the schedule of meetings was announced and a 99 compact presented to Audrey Baird, who is leaving for Dickinson, N. D. Minnesota is losing one of its most loyal and wonderful members in Audrey's moving.

New member: Mrs. Betty Johnson of Minneapolis, who obtained her license in 1955 and formerly owned an Ercope; and prospective members: Avis L. Larson, Barbara Woodhead and Patricia Gjorvad, all of Minneapolis, Mary Patricia Sullivan of St. Paul and Mrs. Marilyn Williams of Rochester, were present.

Avis, formerly of Coleraine, has been in Minneapolis about three years, got her license in 1946 and holds land and sea ratings. She has no plane currently. Barbara got her license in December and has a Cessna 170. Mary Patricia has her commercial with single engine land and sea ratings. Miss Gjorvad has an Ercope, getting her license two years ago and Mrs. Williams was licensed only last November and has a Bonanza.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Vachout

March is always the month in which we hold our Achievement Award dinner. This year it was held at the Svithiod Singing Club on March 23. Marge Raglin was the mistress of ceremonies, a task at which she excels. The entertainment was wonderful, thanks to Marge's skit, strolling players and a community sing. The hit of the evening, of course, was the presentation of the awards. Our congratulations to Donna Giles, who won the first prize. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Monty Montgomery, instrument flight examiner of Aviation Enterprises; Mr. and Mrs. William Donahue, manager of Du Page Co. Airport; and Mr. and Mrs. Jon Hauser. We were also glad to see that Lt. Genevieve Koester, who is assigned to Glenview Naval Air Station, was able to attend the party. Genevieve has recently transferred to our chapter.

On Sunday, March 31, Meigs Airport will be the scene of a lot of activity. The motion picture "The Spirit of St. Louis" is to be shown here soon, and one of the replicas of Lindberg's plane, which was used in the movie, is to be on display at Meigs that Sunday. We are to be hostesses for the affair.

The latest postcard I have received from Irene Leverton, tells of her latest flying trip which was to Anchorage, Alaska. There's a gal who really gets around.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

Last month our chapter didn't make the newsletter at all, and it was all my fault. I put off writing it until the last week and then got sick and didn't get anything done at all.

In February we met at the lounge of the women's gym at the University of Illinois for a potluck supper with our 49½ers as guests, Joan Sanders and Doris Bullock were hostesses.

Our chairman, Leah Warren, and secretary, Florence Musser, really worked hard on our March meeting. Letters were sent out to a number of prospects that had been recommended to us, and over 20 members and guests gathered at the same place as the February meeting, to see a film of a trip through the Piper Aircraft factory and of a fishing trip taken in a Piper Cub on floats.

Some of our girls are making plans to go to sectional late in April.

We are already missing Dora Dougherty who is in the process of moving with her mother to Baltimore, Md., where she will be working for the Martin Aircraft people.

We have recently met Lt. Muriel Moran, who is stationed at Chanute Air Force Base in charge of W. A. F. training there. We liked her a lot and hope she will have time to join us at meetings of the 99's. She is an ex-WASP and some of you girls may know her.

Happy Easter, and a wonderful springtime for flying to all of you.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Marjory Farrell

Our March meeting was one of the best of the winter! A good gathering fared well at the bountiful buffet supper hostess Emily Crew provided. Joan Coyat, Mary Ruth Dietrich, Katherine Peck, Sarah Gorelick, Laurien Griffin, Betty Siggs, Dee Southard, and Marjory Farrell joined guests Catherine Van Wye, Gertrude Wagner, Margaret Shepherd, and Elaine Morris in heartily enjoying the good food. Verna Wilson joined us later after attending an evening course at the University of Kansas City.

Betty Siggs was elected as permanent parliamentarian of our chapter. Betty is the one to whom we turn with all our chapter difficulties and confusions, and has frequently been our very capable and faithful guide out of troublesome intricacies. She deserves all honor and recognition for her patience and loyalty.

Verna Wilson was guest speaker at the once-a-month dinner of the Atchison Flying Club. This remarkable group consists of 47 pilots with ratings from student to ATR; wives are considered members of the club, whose sole purpose is fun with flying companionship. Twenty-three planes make up their fleet. Kansas 99 Marge Parish

is one of the leading sparks in the group.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

With the AWTAR in mind, Pat Russell arranged for the March meeting in Detroit. Breakfast was served at Al Green's Restaurant, and topped it off with three delightful speakers: E. Tilson Peabody, director of GM aircraft operations; James Shimek, AC Spark Plug division; and Lock York, regional sales manager of Continental Motors.

Julia McPherson was present at the meeting, and this time as a full-fledged member. Barbara Couse was attending her second meeting, and will shortly be on the roster too. We were happy to hear Betty Bytwerk renewed her membership. We gain a few new members, and we also lose them. Marguerite Huff is moving to Charlotte, N. C. We are going to miss her very much.

Leah Higgins told me Betty Cook spoke to the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Highland Park on her flight in a jet. Isn't she the lucky girl? Jean Pearson also has been having a varied and interesting life lately. She was the first American newspaper woman to fly over the North Pole on a recent maiden flight in the Scandanavian Air Service from Tokyo to Copenhagen via Anchorage, Alaska. She also broke the sound barrier on a previous trip.

Our congratulations to Jean Reynolds and her new baby boy.



TEXAS CHAPTER

By L. Hailey

MIDLAND: Betty Sharp has moved to Austin so Mac can return to school there. U. of T. They'll be back in Midland after a year. Carol Casselman has been married and moved to Oklahoma. Pat Schneider is working hard with a Wing Scout troop. The leader of the troop is a school teacher who may learn to fly this summer.

ABILENE: The state and sectional is being held in Abilene April 13-14, Sat. and Sun. The Abilene unit entertained 13 prospective members with a Coke party at the home of Mozelle Scarborough, March 15. The 13 are all student pilots. Members of the unit were also guests of the "Mixing Bowl" a local radio show which interviews and talks about clubs in the area.

EL PASO: Our March meeting was held at Anne Duthie's new home. As special guests we had Cornelia Davis and her daughter, Janalee, of Del Rio. June Smith of Van Horn was our other special guest, a prospective 99.

We are proud to boast of our new member, Juanita Burdick. Juanita does a lot of flying with her husband, and the 170 seems to be their favorite mode of travel. Others present were Ruth Deerman, Ruby Hays, Dodie Powers, Lela Carwardine, Doris Smith, Dottie Blackham, Lois Hailey and Anne Duthie.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Not much this month but the convention and the start of the IAR. A little airmarking this month where weather permitted.

KANSAS CHAPTER

Helen Chandler

March weather really did its self proud for us this year. Our rummage sale and meeting were held in Wichita, on a weekend when the sun shown bright and warm. Meeting and the rummage sale were both a big success. The rummage sale netted over \$200 for our treasury as well as providing us with a lot of fun and a chance to get together and do some hanger flying. Some of the Kansas 99's drove miles and miles to bring in their contribution or rummage, some of them with loads that were too big to allow room for the 49½'er to come along. After much money making, we all met at Helen Chandler's home for our meeting and birthday party. Lots of plans were made concerning our projects of airmarking and the Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund. Fifty more airmarkers for '57 is our goal, and with our new airmarking chairman, Lucile Dienst, it should be a year of fun and accomplishment.

We have two new prospects, Mary McKilip and Virginia Snyder, and both attended our meeting and party. Mary even tried her hand at selling rummage.

Our April meeting will be held in Wichita. We will have a booth at the Kansas Sport Show, April 7, and hope to acquaint more people with the 99's and our functions.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

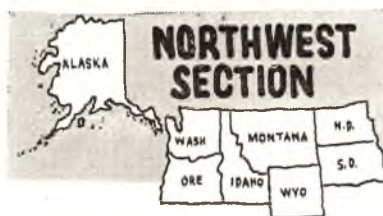
By Dorothy K. Morgan

It is a pleasure to report that two of our members were honored this month, Broneta Davis, our international vice president, attended the annual district meeting of the Flying Farmers in Wichita, Kan., where she was awarded a trophy in recognition of her work with that organization. Our chairman, Rita Eaves, together with her 49½'er, Leonard, were nicely written up in the "Southwestern News" with pictures too. This article told of the airplane they are now engaged in building.

We held our annual Guest Day brunch on March 17 at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club. We had three guests, Helen Holland, an ex-WASP and former 99 from Norman, Okla., and Nita McKnight and June Crosby, both of Oklahoma City. A special visitor was Dorothy Young of the Denver chapter. We hope she will be with us often since she is living

here now. Members present were Ruth Jones, Ida Carter, Beth Smith, Broneta Davis, Rita Eaves, Velma Woodward, Elizabeth Sewell, Emily Frost, Wynema Masonhall and Dorothy Morgan.

Ruth Jones and Ida Carter made a trip to Altus, Okla., and toured the air force base there. And Beth Smith and her 49½'er took time out and attended a petroleum convention in Fort Worth.



IDAHO CHAPTER

By Margaret E. Gigray

Idaho Chapter members, and in particular Boise 99 residents (because they bear the brunt of the work) can breathe more easily now that our annual hanger dance is over and all expenses have been paid, and we actually have some schekels left over to enjoy counting. It seems terrible that over eight times as much money has to change hands as is actually ever made on these dances.

This Saturday our Northwest Governor, Gini Richardson from Yakima, has called a special meeting which is to be held in Boise. Those expected to attend include Minnie Boyd, Montana; Norma Wingfield, Montana; Betty Jane Seavey, Washington; Doris Atkinson, Boise; Selma Misczuk, Blackfoot; Esther Stone, Pocatello; Onita Hoff, Idaho Falls, and Marie Hensen, Blackfoot. Barbara Hornbeck of Boise would like to attend, but was previously involved in Idaho packers and guides special meeting of which she is secretary.

The reason for Saturday's special meeting is to discuss forthcoming fall elections, line up bids for the fall sectional, discuss News Letter items, membership, 99 award, an aviation education workshop, summer activities and air races.

Cleone Berry has been appointed chairman of next month's meeting, which will be a guest night, and we plan to go over recent Civil Air regulations.

MONTANA CHAPTER

By Vivienne Schranz

Letters to the reporter continued:

Norma Wingfield (Billings): "Just moved to a new home on west outskirts of city under the rims. Only flying I've done is over to our Bozeman flying service on month ends. Did go to Helena last month to a meeting of Aviation Planning Council and there was a good turnout, discussing the one cent proposed tax on gasoline.

Next meeting will be in my home (Billings) — noon buffet — on Marge Rolle and me."

Ernestine Gore (Billings): "Am still

down South (Phoenix, Ariz.) and will probably stay until the first of April. Haven't been flying since I came down, but have been swimming nearly every day. See you next meeting, I hope."

Betty Jean Brink (Greeley, Colo.): "I have been quite busy this quarter helping to organize a CSC Flying Club. There are quite a few students on campus who would like to learn to fly but can't afford lessons at \$10 an hour. By forming this club we can get rates from instructors at the local airport. We would own our own plane. Some have already started their lessons. Got our picture in CSC newspaper on it. Hope to be back to Montana this summer for a younger sister's wedding. I am hoping there will be a 99 meeting at that time as I enjoyed the sectional I attended at Billings when I went as a guest of Orpha Dann.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Evelyn Waldren

The March meeting, which was held in Spokane at Felts Field, had its meeting date changed from the 17th to the 24th, with the usual results: not as many girls attended as was expected. Hostess Liddie Hagan entertained Gini Richardson, Mary Drinkwater, Minnie and Carl Boyd, Betty and Don Seavey, Louis Lee, Mary Ann Kurtz and Ardith Sherman. Pud Lovelace of the Montana Chapter and husband, Bill, were unexpected guests when they had to do a 180 and go back to Spokane on their way to Missoula, account bad weather, and ran smack-dab into the 99's meeting. Bill and Pud resumed their trip when the weather cleared. At the meeting a money raising project was discussed and \$25 was subscribed to the AWTAR.

The EW Chapter girls are twisting Helen Ernsdorff's arm to re-join the 99's and it looks like they will be successful. Helen was a 99'er back in 1943-44, but let her membership lapse. She's a commercial pilot and flight instructor and is co-owner of a flying service in Yakima.

The EW Chapter girls are invited to attend a meeting in Wenatchee April 28, to lay further plans for the girls' race to Wenatchee in May. They're trying to make this a different type of race, and it takes a heap of thinkin' to do that.



REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Dorothy Banzhaf

Activating a Civil Air Patrol Squadron, requiring reams of paper work, newspaper aviation column, and last but not least of this time consuming work of daily dilemmas with three high school teen-agers — result — this

column arriving too late for the deadline. All details to wind up Ukiah flying activity to move airplanes, hanger space and business to Arizona. Announced at the meeting March 17 at the annual fly-in for the Redwood Empire Chapter: this writer's transfer to the Saguaro Chapter. Sorry the Bellanca could not represent the aircraft entry for the R.E.C. in this year's TAR, a gleaming yellow streak threat for '58 TAR.

The trophy presented to the Redwood Empire Chapter at the fall sectional at Salt Lake, will be provided a niche for display in Airport Manager Elmer Harmon's office in the administration building at Ukiah for the remaining months of "our custody."

The March meeting held at the Dr. H. D. Blocher residence attended by Pat Stouffer and pilot Hazel Bertagna, flying to Ukiah in a new Cessna 172, owned by the Bridgeford Flying Service of Napa. Nellie Palmer, landing her Cessna 120 after the solo flight from Santa Rosa. Robert Banzhaf 49½er, pilot of the low flying four wheel monster acted as escort to the delightful Blocher country place, sight of the breakfast and meeting.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Faye Douthitt

Our February meeting was held, as usual, at Desert Air in Palm Springs. Sorry to say it wasn't much of a meeting. Natalie Hauseur and myself flew up, but Eleanor Wagner was the only other member there. We had a nice lunch and sunned ourselves around the pool for a couple of hours. We were given a chance to do something both of us had always wanted to do — take a ride in a helicopter. We certainly enjoyed it — even got to handle the controls for a sec. Had a chance to brag a little to our better halves.

Our March meeting was a little different. Zaddie and Eleanor flew down to our neck of the country in Zaddie's Navion. And good old March wind did not disappoint them. He really kicked up a gale, but Zaddie just sat and rocked in her "Rocking Chair No. 2." We were surprised and happy to see Ruth Jacquot again. She is originally from the Bay Area. She is now living in Blythe and drove down — 178 miles. I'd call that being a good member. Tig Rye, our newest member, and a school teacher, ran over and had her lunch with us. This was the first meeting she has been able to have with us. Natalie drove over from Brawley — all in all we had an enjoyable afternoon. The wind was blowing even harder — if possible — when Zaddie and Eleanor left — must of had a thousand feet by the time they reached the end of the runway.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

Everyone is keeping busy these days

—Norma Wilcox flew her Cessna 120 to San Jose midst rainstorms and cloudbursts and wondering every second if she could trade her Cessna in on an amphib. Katherine Wagner is studying seamanship nights and days will find her on the local golf course. Barbara Stewart, now with United Airlines, is getting free glider lessons from her instructor-husband. Babe Story is getting ready to crop dust the entire Antelope Valley. Polly Stoehr has been giving her sister, Nellie Allender from Dalhart, Texas, an aerial view of our beautiful country side. Their jaunts have included Lake Havasu, Palm Springs, Santa Barbara, Borrego Valley (San Diego) as well as a glider flight with Paul Bickle over El Mirage.

Our March 11 meeting was held in the Sky Room at Lockheed Air Terminal. The governor of the Southwest Sectional, Lois K. Bartling, was the guest of honor.

The April 8 meeting will be held in the home of Louise Robertson in Van Nuys. Virginia Hall will give a talk on the use of the Omni Indicator; Norma Wilcox intends to give a briefing on airport aides; and Polly Stoehr will complete this educational evening with a factual report on radio techniques.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Hilda Reafsnnyder

Our February meeting was held in the rumpus room at the home of Hilda Reafsnnyder in Garden Grove. Final plans were made for the CAA Flight Safety Clinic which was held on March 9 at Orange County Airport near Santa Ana. The weather was against us but even so we had 50 people attending. Some drove quite long distances and felt that it was well worth their while. Our March meeting was held the 27th at the home of Iris Critchell, overlooking the ocean in Palos Verdes. Twenty members and guests were present. Al Chilcote, the husband of our chairman, Donna, showed a fine movie on safe flying. We learned that our Ruth Nitzen had received her commercial license recently and that Betty Loufek is the proud mother of a daughter. We will try to add to our treasury by holding a Tupper ware party at our next meeting early in May.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Members who planned to fly to Flagstaff, Ariz., for our quarterly meeting were disappointed when the flight was cancelled at last minute due to bad weather — at Flagstaff, of course. Hostess Beth Wright had made arrangements for us to use her pickup to drive up to the Snow Bowl after eating in town. For an informal "consolation party" those who could conveniently do so had lunch at the new Sky Cove Restaurant at the Sky Riders Hotel — Melba Beard, Juanita Newell, Ruth Reinhold, Alice and Chazz Rob-

erts, Jimmie Lou and Frank Shelton and Marjy Crowl.

Our monthly business meeting was held at Camille Shapley's home with Melba Beard, Juanita Newell, Betty Knier, Alice Roberts, Marjy Crowl, Hostess Camille and guest Thelma Biegert attending. Sorry to report that Wilma Bland has been ill most of the time since the last business meeting and that her 49½er, Bill, has had another operation. Juanita Newell said that the Wing Scout Troop had made a trip to Luke Air Force Base for a tour and luncheon. Frances Wood flew to Tucumcari, N. M., Juanita Newell was snowed in at Salt Lake City briefly and Melba Beard airlines to Indianapolis in April to pick up her antique airplane. Alice Roberts flew to Colorado Springs, taking her daughter and her daughter's ice skating instructor to attend the world's skating competition.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Lindy Boyes

The chapter's 25th anniversary dinner-dance at the Alameda Naval Air Station Officers Club was a whopping success. Guests of honor were Harry and Lois Bartling, sectional governor, who flew their Swift up from San Diego for the event. Chapter members are fund raising for the start of the AWTAR operations fund. Some are sponsor hunting in order to fly the race. No firm commitment to date, however.

Air marking Hayward Municipal Airport under Chairman Rosemarie Gehling, with 75-foot letters will take up the better part of the weekend of April 6-7, but the finished job will aid airline pilots who sometimes mistake the field for the Oakland International Airport, six miles farther on the approach. Helen Kelton is in charge of the lay-out work.

Chairman Geri Hill and Miriam Brugh Tri-Pacer-ed to Modesto recently to meet with the San Joaquin Valley Chapter.

If all has gone according to schedule by printing time, this writer will have been the first woman to fly in the tandem trainer version of the Cougar jet, courtesy of the Navy's Blue Angels P10, Lt. Bruce Bagwell.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Marijane Brown

The March meeting was a "house warming" for Sally La Farge in the charming little home she bought recently. We're very proud of Sally, who is an engineer at Hughes Aircraft, part owner of a Super Cub, and now owner of her own home. After the business meeting, Sally opened the gifts which the girls had brought for her new house, and then refreshments were served.

Dru Benefiel was welcomed as a member at this meeting. Dru is secretary for the Southern California Science Fair, and her husband, Bob,

teaches aeronautics in Los Angeles high school. He has a commercial pilot's license.

Attractive Bonnie Lem attended her first meeting, and we're looking forward to welcoming her as a member in May.

Our chairman, through her fashion connections, has arranged with Inglewood Fashion Designer Elsie Eberley, to design a special TAR wardrobe for the girls. Ruth Nitzen and Polly Booker of Long Beach Chapter will wear the same outfits. They are to be attractive, lightweight, versatile, wrinkle-free, of quick-drying fabric which needs no ironing.

We're all looking forward to the sectional in Las Vegas in April. See you there.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Edna Penners

A great big thanks goes to Lea Hanlon from her rummage sale committee. Lea arose at 5 a.m. to make hot coffee and bake two kinds of fruit and nut bread which she served before we opened the doors for the big rush and sale at 7:30 a.m. We also want to thank her 49½er, Bill, and Gertrude Lockwood's 49½er, John, for their wonderful help.

Aileen Saunders and Dottie Sanders

are planning to race together this year and are giving a Powder Puff Ball to raise funds. Aileen is a very busy girl flying about the country. She is flying solo to Alaska next month and after the race she, with her family, is flying to the mountains for bear hunting.

Our chapter extends a warm welcome to two new members, Harriet Allen, who has many, many flying hours to her credit, and Ann Hanrahan a new pilot.

Marian Craver and her 49½er, Noble, visiting in Monroe, La., will pick up their new Cessna 182 and fly it back home.

Thelma Bishop is enjoying another vacation in Hawaii.

Elsie Watson from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter visited our chapter last month.

Ann Bledsoe, a former San Diego Chapter member, visited here recently and told about her recent travels which included Japan.

Terrie Vascas was a visitor also at our March meeting which was held at Mickey Young's beautiful home in El Cajon.

UTAH CHAPTER

February saw the chapter meeting at the home of Ethel McDermitt, one of our most faithful "little sister"

members. Mr. Bement, guest at the meeting, proposed several ways in which the 99's could assist in promoting private aviation in the state of Utah and also offered us as much paint as we could use and templates for air marking.

Our March meeting was held at the very lovely and new home of our newest member, Beth Goodsell. Pleasant surprise of the evening was the attendance of Doris Eacret, who had flown in from Elko in her Cessna 140A. Despite recent serious surgery, Doris was looking even better than usual and seemed to have recovered completely.

We want to take a little space to thank what we call our "little sisters." Although for some reason or another they have not formally jointed either because of not being yet past the student pilot stage or for other reasons such as families (additions), or even because they themselves are merely interested in promoting the 99's and their aims despite not aspiring to a pilot license themselves, much of what we have done has been through their efforts and wholehearted support. Without them, we would have much less interest and enthusiasm than we do have with their help.

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