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News Letter

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Coming Events

October 4

S.M.A.L.L. Race, Lansing to Traverse City, Michigan. Held in conjunction with the Paul Bunyan Festival, Traverse City, October 4-5-6, 1957.

President's Column

With the 1957 NINETY-NINE Convention, Training Missions, Air Races and Flight Cruises in the form of fond memories, we are replete with a wealth of new friends and helpful flying experiences.

A great big "thank you" to the South Central Section for hosting a very successful 99 Convention. Heartfelt appreciation goes to those concerned for a very big job extra well done. The Texas Chapter, with Ardath McCreery as chairman and Merle Dunnam as convention chairman, did a wonderful job of providing a good variation of entertainment and at all times thinking of our every comfort for our Ninety-Nine members and friends. The most generous people of beautiful McAllen extended such a rich brand of true Southern hospitality we shall always remember them.

Now for the convention: The governors and committee reports showed a great deal of activity and an increase of flying interest among our women pilots. The treasurer reported the organization was in better financial condition. The 1958 convention will be in Montgomery, Ala. It sounds like it will be tied in very close with the AWTAR. I feel this is a big mistake arranging our two largest flying events only a few days apart, because one over shadows the other and each will not have its full value.

AMMENDMENTS PROPOSED AND ACTION TAKEN: The changing of Life Membership from \$100 to \$200 (passed). 2. If the number of chapter members falls below five at renewal time, the chapter will be deactivated (defeated).

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES: Changing the word "delegate" to "member" in the matter of proxies to the International Convention (passed). 2. Division of yearly dues, \$8 to International, \$1 to Section, and \$1 to the chapters (passed).

SUGGESTED POLICY CHANGES: Change of the official 99 Pin (defeated). 2. 99 Display Kit not to exceed \$300, for the use of our members at Air Shows, etc., in quality and art work that will be a credit to our organization (passed). 3. Accept the offer of Felicity Buranelli to purchase 200 bronze Amelia Earhart medals at \$2 each, to be sold for \$3.50 each, the profit going to the AE Scholarship Fund (passed).

RESULTS OF THE TELLER'S COMMITTEE REPORT: President, Broneta Davis; vice president, Eugenia Heise; secretary, Eloise Smith; treasurer, Barbara Evans; AE trustee, Donna Meyers; and nominating committee: Doris Langher, Margaret Gerhardt, Nancy Hopkins Tier, Marjorie M. Gray and Marilyn Nordstrom. Looks like a great crew for the good ship 99 in 1958.

CONGRATULATIONS to Georgianna McConnell on winning the AE Scholarship Award for 1957.

Your president found real pleasure in flying three races this summer: 23 May, Skylady Derby Efficiency Air Race, during which the weather offered fronts, rain, low ceilings and six tornadoes on course. Won by Pat Jetton in a Tri-Pacer. 31 May, The Hayward-Tucson Gross Loading Race. This was a new experience, racing my poor little Cessna 120 fully loaded over the mountains with a high-cruise prop. Won by Mike Cutches in a Bonanza.

17 June, the International Air Cruise Vacation to Varadero Beach, Cuba. Good flying weather and lots of fun with more than generous hospitality at Fort Lauderdale and Cuba. 99 members were royally entertained at the Coral Ridge Club and President Batista received the women pilots as guests in the palace at Havana. Won by Margaret Calloway and Elsie McBride in a Cessna 140. By the time this is off the press the AWTAR will have been flown and another great flying event completed.

We wish to thank the Bay Cities Chapter (memorial for Hazel R. Zimmerman, San Joaquin Valley Chapter), \$15 and the Idaho Chapter, \$30 for contributions toward furnishing our headquarters. There are only a few more things we need to make our headquarters complete. We think it is very attractive. Make every attempt to stop by soon, we think you will like the results, also.

A big and happy welcome to so many new members, who will enjoy 14 months of pleasure with our great organization on becoming members July 1.

Attend your section and chapter meetings and you will find lots of new friends. Send your newly elected section and chapter officers names to headquarters as soon as possible, so our roster will be complete and on schedule this year.

Our faith grows as we rely on it.

Sincerely yours,

Edna Gardner Whyte

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Deadline For News

The 25th Of Each Month

Pilot's Briefing

Use your SOP booklet when in doubt as to the duties of your office. Your section governor and chapter chairman, as well as each committee chairman, have them in their file to be turned to you.

If anyone knows of or has in her possession records or material that belongs to the Ninety-Nine organization, kindly send to International Headquarters, Oklahoma City. No records will be destroyed without the unanimous consent of at least three members present. We are trying to complete by date, the old records of our organization.

Deadline for receiving news for the News Letter has been changed to the 25th of the month. This will enable us to get the News Letter to you earlier in the month. Postage changed to Third Class with return postage guaranteed. Keep headquarters advised and up-to-date as to your correct name and address.

It is time to start the elections for section and chapter officers. Please send results to headquarters as soon as possible, so all the officers will be in the 1958 roster on schedule.

Many a man has gone to the top because he went to the bottom of things.

Man your airplanes and spread the habit of safe enjoyable flying.

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JUNE 28, 1957

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BEFORE THE IAR — McAllen, Texas. That's Dorothea Vermorel, chairman, with the Coke. Have no names for the other girls, sorry.

Winners

8th All Woman's International Air Race

June 13 - 24, 1957



1. Margaret Callaway and Elsie McBride (Cessna 140), \$800, President Batista Cup, Mackay Airlines Trophy, Trophy for Cessna making best time.

2. Edna Gardner Whyte (Cessna 120), \$500, Cuban Trophy, Labatte Trophy, Simpson Trophy for first Texas contestant.

3. Marion Betzier and Helen Arnet (Piper Tri-Pacer), \$300, Cuban Trophy, Piper Trophy for best Piper time.

4. Barbara Kiernan and Ruth Bolten (Beechcraft Bonanza), \$200, Cuban Trophy.

5. Rusty Cloud (Mooney Mark 20), \$150, Cuban Trophy.

6. Jane White and Jean Scheifly (Cessna 310), \$50, Cuban Trophy.

7. Louise Smith and Maxine Walker (Beech Bonanza), Diamond Bracelet.

Cuban Trophy presented to Virginia Schumacher as consolation (lost her plane).

Cuban Trophy presented to Hilda P. DeFragas, Cuban making best time.

Florida Air Pilots Association Trophy to Irma Price, first Florida contestant in time.

Cuba: Youngest participant, Joan Hrubec; oldest participant, Lela Cowardine, who also won Tail End Tony.

Kendall Oil Company and Shell Oil Company presented each contestant a souvenir trophy which was a salt-pepper-mustard on small plate of wood.



AFTER THE IAR — Varadero Beach, Cuba. A few of our women pilots relaxing after the 1957 International Air Race on beautiful Varadero Beach, Cuba. They were examining some recently excavated old cannons from the sands of the beach when the cameraman caught them. Left to right: Maxine Walker, Louise Smith, Jane White, Susanna Fruehauf, and Jean Scheifly.

The Ten Commandments THAT WOMEN PILOTS FOLLOW

Thou shalt not become airborne without checking thy fuel and oil supply as well as a complete line inspection of aircraft.

Thou shalt not taxi 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.)

Thou shalt make use of thy carburetor heat. (Know when to use it.)

Thou shalt not perform aerobatics at low altitudes. (There is safety in altitude.)

Thou shalt not allow indecision in thy judgment. (Be certain. "I think I can make it is on the list of famous last words.")

Thou shalt know always. (The good pilot is a safe pilot. It's better to be an old pilot than a bold pilot.)

I have been instructing since 1930 and taught many to fly. I have found that as a whole the female pilot is lots more inclined to follow the Ten Commandments than the male when they are learning to fly.

Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award

Georgianna McConnell, of the Tennessee Chapter, received the 1957 Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award. The award was announced at McAllen, Tex., during the 1957 annual convention. Georgianna was unable to attend the meeting, and the Certificate of Award was accepted for her by Evelyn Bryan, also of the Tennessee Chapter.

Georgianna plans to use the award toward her flight instructor and multi-engine ratings. She now has a commercial pilot certificate and has passed her flight instructor writings.

She has been a member of the 99's since 1951. She has served as chairman of her chapter and also as governor of the Southeast Section.

Georgianna was co-pilot in the second place winner of the 1957 Skylady Derby. She also raced in the 1954 AWTAR from Long Beach to Knoxville, Tenn. She has made several long flights including two into Mexico.

She is very active in Civil Air Patrol activities, being a captain in one of the Nashville, Tenn., squadrons.

One of the honorary judges gave the following comment on his ballot: "Miss McConnell displays a real devotion to aviation and to its development. She truly is an Amelia Earhart of our day."



Jerrie Cobb, Ponca City, Oklahoma



Record Breaking Aero COMMANDER

Jerrie Cobb Soars To New Record In Aero Commander June 13

A world altitude record was set June 13 when Miss Jerri Cobb, 26 year old Ponca City, Okla., girl soared an Aero Commander 680 Super twin-engine airplane to an indicated altitude of 30,330 feet over Oklahoma City.

For the second time in three weeks, Miss Cobb set a world aviation record with an Aero Commander. A new world record for long distance non-stop flight was set May 25, 1957 when she flew an Aero Commander 560-E, 1,522 miles from Guatemala City to Oklahoma City.

In today's altitude flight, the slender young blonde took off from Tulakes Airport in Oklahoma City in a standard production 680 Super model of the seven place Aero Commander light twin-engine executive airplane. She lifted it to an indicated altitude of 30,330 feet to set a world altitude record for the 3,858 pound to 6,613 pound class aircraft.

Official figures for the flight will not be released until the special sealed instruments carried in the Commander are examined by the National Aeronautical Association. The NAA is the U. S. agency authorized to supervise aviation world record attempts.

The airplane, a 680 Super model, carried a normal compliment of instruments and electronic equipment, and no attempt was made to "strip" the plane to lighten it. The take-off gross was 5,558 pounds.

Miss Cobb took off from Tulakes Airport, location of the Aero Design and Engineering Co. plant, at 3:29

p.m. Thursday. She continued to gain altitude with the plane while TV and press photographers followed her in two other Commanders.

The highest altitude shown on the altimeter was 30,330 feet. Miss Cobb said the outside temperature was 30 degrees below zero at that high altitude while temperatures on the ground below were in the nineties.

"The cabin heater worked fine, and I was comfortable throughout the whole flight," she said.

The 680 Super Commander has been in production for almost two years, and it has gained a wide acceptance in the business flying world for its high speed and altitude performance.

The 680 has a top speed of 260 mph, and it can maintain 15,000 feet altitude with its full gross load of 7,000 pounds with but one of its two engines running. These features made the Commander especially popular in mountainous areas and for long distance flights.

Miss Cobb, attired in a navy blue linen sheath and white highheeled opera pumps, personally supervised the preparation of the plane for the flight. In checking over the equipment to be taken, she discovered she did not have a mirror.

"I'll just have to retouch my make-up before I land," she commented as she accepted a small compact from a bystander.

On landing, reporters questioned Miss Cobb what plans she had for setting other records.

She said "I think I'll just take it easy and stick to straight flying for awhile."

Miss Cobb is chief pilot for an aircraft sales and service organization in Kansas City, Mo.

6th Annual Skylady Derby Efficiency Race Results

First place, Pat Jetton of Dallas, Tex., Piper PA-22, co-pilot, Mildred Bishop; second place, Sara Shonk of Charleston, S. C., Beech F-35, co-pilot, Georgianna McConnell; third place, Laurien Griffin of Merriam, Kan., Cessna 180, solo; fourth place, Cornelia Davis of Del Rio, Tex., Piper PA-20, co-pilot, Ama Lee Jameson; fifth place, Mary Jo Fletcher of Wichita Falls, Tex., Cessna 172, solo.

There were 20 entries, but some of the girls in the St. Louis and Indianapolis area were unable to get into Mineral Wells due to weather, there were two withdrawals, so the race started with 12 participants. We were forced to take advantage of the two-day leeway in the race waiting for VFR weather and to cut out the Joplin leg for the same reason. The race originally scheduled for 555 miles, was cut to 337 miles. The pilots are to be commended for the wonderful job they did against adverse weather conditions.

A presentation banquet was given at Wichita where \$600 in cash prizes were awarded, together with trophies from Beech Aircraft, Cessna Aircraft, Missouri Pilots Association, Greater St. Louis Chapter 99's, Aero Club of Kansas City, the Lucille Wright Trophy, Tail End Trophy and many other prizes and trophies donated by the WNAA units.



PAST PRESIDENTS at the '57 convention. Seated left to right: Betty Gillies, Belle Hetzel, Edna Gardner Whyte. Standing left to right: Jeanette Sovereign, Blanche Noyes.



CHARTER MEMBERS at the '57 convention. Betty Gillies, Melba Beard and Blanche Noyes.



FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

Four of our girls attended the All Ohio Sectional Meeting in Akron in April. Pat Murdoch of Prescott, Irene Morrow of Kingston and Barbara Kniewassan and Audrey Trotter of Ottawa flew down in a Tri-Pacer but from what I hear they encountered some pretty bad weather and didn't arrive there until Saturday. They also report that they never did get to see the dance that night. Roz Robinson of Toronto and hubby Doug airlined to California for a holiday. I got a card from Roz with "what a long trip!" on it. I think we'll have to get her in the TAR so she can see what it's like via puddle jumper!

Hubby, son and myself did get to Florida via Cessna 172 for a week in April. It was cloudy all the time we were there so we didn't get a bit of tan. Then we arrived home and the second day back here I got a beauty of a burn! You never can tell. Sorry not to have had more news from the Canadian Section, but members of our chapter please take notice — I can't do justice to this job of reporting if you don't give me anything to report. Please let me know what you are doing and where you are going and why and maybe we can stretch this into a real newsy column. It doesn't look as though any of us will make the convention this year but I AM trying my best to enter the TAR. All I lack is a rich sponsor. How do you American gals dig up so many? All tips will be appreciated.



By Pat Arnold

Gov. Barbara Kiernan placed 4th and Barbara Cloud (Boston) came in fifth in International Air Race! Sara and Frank Hayden (Methuen, Mass.) have a new boy and also have acquired a Stinson! Jerry and Henry Gardiner (Waterford, Ct) have a new G-Bonanza and they're also in production again! Sec. Ora Stevens also has a new Bonanza! Yours truly has a 16 weeks contract with NBC doing hi-way condition radio broadcasts direct from our Cessna 172 10 times a week! Mary Ann Lippitt (Providence) is taking 180 degree Rating Course at University of Ill., which is sponsored by AOPA Foundation. She is representing state of Rhode Island! Anne Badour (Belmont, Mass) placed 1st in all women N.E. Air Race June 14th! (Ye gads, we're a busy little group)

Marie C. Lepore (Worcester) is very active in aviation education. She has just been appointed Commander for the National Encampment (CAPC) at Lackland this summer and is also deputy for Education and Training for Mass. Wing Group. Mary Ann Lippitt, Jerry Gardiner, Ora Stevens and Shirley Mahn participated in a panel discussion at Mass. Aviation Conference in Falmouth June 15-16. Shirley's airport in Whitefield, N. H. is in full operation now and your business will be appreciated.

Another of our talented members is Mary M. Jefferies (Boston). She has

a most interesting and responsible position with Boston Air Traffic Control. She makes up and controls those "air Boxes" all aircraft must stay in while flying on instruments. Mary is matter of fact about her job, but I've seen the operation and I'm impressed! Had a note from a transplanted member, Deed Holcomb. She and 49½ Max are now living in Princeton, Ill. and he is mechanical engineer with Ill. Power and likes it tres much.

Barbara Cloud appeared recently on Don McNeil's program in Chicago on behalf of Rustcraft.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

Thrilled and delighted with the trophy brought home by Margaret Callaway and Elsie McBride as the winners of the 1957 International Air Race. We know it meant hard work and a great deal of planning. We're real happy about the whole thing.

Last week Jane Morris and Anne Piggott were guests at the Capitol in Harrisburg as Governor Leader declared this week "Women in Aviation Week." Recognition is a difficult thing to get here in the East and we're pleased when we get any kind of notice. I opened my own little "Women in Aviation Week" yesterday by making the best grasshopper landing in a broken down Piper Cub you ever could see. Fortunately, the sage old hecklers on the airport fence didn't witness the event or I'd never hear the end of it.

Things are beginning to hum here at North Philadelphia for the terminus of the AWTAR. I'm still reeling from the shock of finding myself Director of Operations, Impound and Inspection. I do hope I'll be allowed to go home to sleep and to have lunch and that sort of thing.

Come one, come all to Philadelphia in the 1957 AWTAR. You'll enjoy the parties at Wanamaker's, Huntingdon Valley County Club, Playhouse in the Park and the banquet at the Franklin Institute. We're waiting to see you all and make your visit a real nice one.

WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

By Virginia Thompson



Charles Seibel, outgoing president of the American Helicopter Society is shown congratulating Jean Ross Howard, Assistant to the Director, AIA Helicopter Council. During their Annual Forum in May, she was presented an Honorary Fellowship to the Society in recognition of her outstanding work in the helicopter field. Other Whirly Girls present were: Barbara Kiernan, Evelyn Bryan, Ethel Sheffler and Marilyn Himes Riviere. One of the highlights for the girls was a ride in the French helicopter, Alouette II. They were also most interested in Arthur Godfrey's discourse on his experiences using the Bell 47G helicopter on his recently terminated safari into portions of French Equatorial Africa completely unknown to the white man.

Those attending the Armed Forces Banquet were: Jean Howard, Jan Norris of Colorado, and Betty Wallace. They were more fortunate than Lt. Usbeck Peterson who acquired a num-

ber of blisters from marching in the parade.

We know now how to get rain—just schedule a meeting at the home of Ann Ash. However, it neither dampened our spirits nor the delicious barbecue. Mr. Don Spears, of the Civil Defense Office, gave a most informative talk on the roll our organization could play in the case of a national emergency. Our business meeting centered around plans for the Convention in Texas and our fall Sectional.

Ada Mitchell, our Governor, Eleanor Davis and Blanche Noyes reported that the convention in Texas was most worth while. They greatly appreciated the efforts that had been expended in their behalf.

For being busy, Blanche Noyes and the bees have been running a good race. She has just returned from a three month's flying field trip for the C.A.A. to the middle west and south. She also has been on Jack Lescoulie's "Tonight" program; made an honorary member of the wives wing of the Aero Medic Association; and Mistress of Ceremonies at the 20th Anniversary Memorial of the take-off of Amelia Earhart at the Amelia Earhart Airport, Miami, Florida.

Blanche also played a starring role in Capital Airlines celebration of their first scheduled flight 30 years ago between Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Cleveland. She was the wife of the late Dewey Noyes, one of the first Capital pilots to fly this air mail route. Blanche rechristened the tiny Miss Pittsburgh, a Waco 9 biplane used in the first flight by her husband. After the christening, she flew to Cleveland in one of their ultra modern Viscounts.

Jean Howard's talk on helicopters before the Rotary Club in Leesburg, Virginia, was very well received.



FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Helen Mennitto

The long business agenda of our May 20 meeting was listened to attentively by infant Kathleen Cecilia King ("K.C." for short), the 24 3/4 of Marian Peterson King at whose home we were gathered. Convention delegates were chosen and the proposed amendments to the constitution were reviewed in detail.

Although I am writing this practically at press deadline, I can't report

our Amelia Earhart commemoration as a "fait accompli" but I can report that charter member Blanche Noyes will be the mistress of ceremonies on June 1 and that at least one other charter member will be present, Fay Gillis Wells of Fort Lauderdale.

We are looking forward to chatting with Blanche again at a reception in her honor at the home of Dolly Connett on Friday evening, May 31. The new Dade County Port Authority Director, George McSherry, formerly head of New York Port Authority, will make his first public appearance at the ceremonies, as well as Amelia's step-son, David Putnam.

Last minute race applications are coming in under the wire. The actual race termination point will be the same as last year, Varadero Beach, Cuba. The facilities are greatly improved, including a tower and gas. The new Oasis Hotel with the beach, two swimming pools and close by the airport, will serve as headquarters for the contestants. A day and a night in Havana will include shopping, reception at the Presidential Palace and dinner and show at the famous Sans Souci night club.

Members decided to have the July 15 meeting at the home of Chairman Barbara Erickson and to omit the June and August meetings this summer.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Georgiana McConnell

Sorry we missed one edition. Evelyn Bryan attended the Whirly Girl "Hovering" in Washington, D.C. She reports a wonderful time. From there she and her helicopter instructor went to Pennsylvania where they made a talk at one of the civic clubs.

Being Sara Shonk's co-pilot in the ship coming in second in the Skylady Derby was quite a thrill. The bad weather gave us a chance to get to know all the contestants.

You have never heard so much hangar flying. I hope I get to fly with Sara again in a race. She is a wonderful person and a good pilot.

We are glad to learn that Sarah Duke is on the road to recovery after an operation. We hope you are feeling fine now, Sarah.

Evelyn Bryan and Mary Jane Quarles report that the convention was a great success. Cora McDonald went with them in Evelyn's Tri-Pacer. Since I was unable to attend, I was very glad that Evelyn accepted the 1957 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Certificate for me. I certainly feel honored to be the winner.

Mary Beth Sargent announces our next Tennessee meeting will be held July 14 in Nashville. Come to the picnic girls!

CAROLINAS CHAPTER**By Estelle M. Bradshaw**

Our regular meeting was held in High Point, N. C., May 5 with Louise and Herman Smith. It was lovely to have Dot Shackelford and Harry her 49½'er back. (We have missed both of you so much) bringing Caroline and Les Hembel in their Bonanza. Flying in from West Virginia was Jeannine Shoemaker and from Virginia Maxine Walker. Also, attending from Charleston, S. C., was Sara Shonk and Burnette Spencer from High Point.

We are all so proud of Sara Shonk and Georgiana McConnell from the Tennessee Chapter acting as co-pilot in the showing they made in the SKY-LADY DERBY. I'm sure all of you know they placed second.

We know Louise Smith and Maxine Walker were fourth to land in the International Air Race and anxiously awaiting to see how they placed.

Our next meeting will be held with Caroline and Les Hembel on Lake Murray in July. I know everybody is looking forward to a day in the boat on the lake and will attend if at all possible.

GEORGIA CHAPTER**By Emily Bourne Grigsby**

Swimming and box chicken dinners intrigue members and prospective members at Parkaire Field in Marietta. Kitty Nix, our chairman, has all the facilities and charm to be an enticing hostess. Our meetings and number of members and prospects have doubled in size: We feel encouraged about the status of the Georgia chapter.

Plans are being made to have a joint meeting with our 49½'ers July 11 for a moonlight chicken dinner, swim, and movie. This meeting will be mostly devoted to making arrangements for the Southeastern Section meeting to be held in September at Parkaire.

Members present were May Curtis, Betty Wallace, Evelyn Greenblatt, Dovie Robison, Deedie Brinkman, Kitty Nix and Emily Grigsby.

**NO. CENTRAL SECTION****EASTERN MISSOURI CHAPTER****By Adela Scharr**

Those of us who landed at the Grid-iron Dinner at the Chase Hotel on April 9, 1957, were: Sylvia Bloom, Mickey Clark, Virginia Duenke, Ruth Lake, Frances Merrill, Evelyn Neise, Adela Scharr, Laura Sellinger, Loretta Slavik, and Dorothy Wheeler.

Lyndia Dunn was grouped with the "Angels" for her research fun. Theme

of the program was "Fasten Your Seat-belts" and as drawing cards, four queens of the airways kindly attended to give sparkle to the occasion. They were Jacqueline Cochran, Arlene Davis, Olive Beech and Blanche Noyes. It's wonderful to see our ex-residents so honored. Arlene delighted us with her warm vitality.

INDIANA CHAPTER**By Jane E. Ackors**

Fort Wayne Municipal Airport was the scene of the May meeting of the Indiana Chapter, on the 19th. The rain came down in torrents and needless to say, flying was out of the question. Our governor, Becky Thatcher, and her loyal 49½'er proved their devotion to the Ninety-Nines by driving all the way from Saginaw, Mich., to be on hand for the meeting. Those who know the Thatchers (and there are lots of lucky people who do) know what really fine friends are and they are held in high esteem everywhere. This reporter truly regrets missing the meeting and having the pleasure of being with them again.

Margaret Ringenberg, a member of the TA Rthis year, was in charge of the program. Millie Jacobs, Girl Scout leader, spoke to the members and guests concerning her trip to Europe. Two Wing Scouts from Indianapolis were guests at the meeting and we hope they will be on hand another time when flying weather prevails.

Ruth Congram and 49½'er, Warren, of Monticello recently received a certificate of award from Gen. E. E. Partridge, commander, ADC, in appreciation of their 14,500 hours as Ground Observers. Their post was inactive only five days out of the two and one-half years it was on 24-hour duty status. Our congratulations to you too, Ruth and Warren, we're proud of you!

WISCONSIN CHAPTER**By Bernie Voelker**

An evening meeting, on Monday, April 22, was enjoyed by several members of the Wisconsin 99's. Preceding the meeting, a smorgasbord was enjoyed by all in the Strato Cruise Room at Gen. Mitchell Field, Milwaukee. Chairman Irene Moore of Delavan conducted the business meeting. On April 12, Mary Seymour and Bernie Voelker enjoyed having dinner with Blanche Noyes and Wisconsin State Aeronautics Commissioner Tom Jordan and Mrs. Jordan at the Simon House in Madison. We still are the top air-marking state in the union.

News of other members: Ruth Lembke took her class to the Boeing Aircraft exhibit at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Milwaukee. Justine Luebke will be married in June. Florence Toney sold her Ercoupe and now owns a Luscombe. Dora Fritzsche has been having such a serious tendency for flying that she and Genevieve Sharp left for the

spring sectional in Ohio, flying a 140 Cessna. Deedo Heise flew to Denver and was weather in for about two and a half days; she also was in Atlanta as well as Springfield, Ill., attending the Central Illinois and St. Louis meeting and lately took her doctor husband to Ohio for the sectional. Ethel and Don Christensen spend Don's spring vacation in Chicago touring pharmaceutical houses.

We had an attendance of nine with a prospective member present.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Our June meeting was held June 16 at Flying Cloud Airport. Rainy weather cancelled our spot-landing contest, so we saved our medal for next meeting. Marilyn and Frank Williams and son, Timmy, and Odile Tommy-Martin flew in from Rochester in the Williams' Bonanza with much detouring to avoid thunderstorms. Also, Pat Sullivan of St. Paul flew in in a Luscombe. About the time the contest was scheduled to start, a thunderstorm moved in, typical of our luck with weather.

However, weather didn't have a chance to spoil the rest of the well-planned program. Margaret Campbell served a very delicious luncheon in the Cessna showroom. It was such a pleasant place to eat, with the nice though rainy view through the show-windows. Ah, what a nice looking picture we made through the show-window, sitting under the wing of a new Cessna 182.

Following the luncheon and a brief business meeting with Florence Scriver presiding in the absence of Jane White, we were shown movies on low-level balloon flights by Mr. Lewis, who represented Winzen Research, Inc., one of three research balloon manufacturers in the U. S. It was especially interesting at this time since their company built the balloon and equipment that the air force used to climb to a record height of 18 miles. Mr. Lewis designed the balloon that was used in that flight. He has had much experience in balloon flight and research and was very kind to relinquish not only Sunday but also Father's Day to us. It was a most interesting and entertaining program.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

Visibility was nil as we met in May at the Grand Rapids Airport, and it was a small group due to the liquid sunshine. Mrs. Jimmie VanEtta was our hostess. Jimmie is sales manager for Northern Air Service.

Our guest speaker was Gerald Ehle, regional sales manager for Lear Inc., who displayed and explained the latest in radio and navigational equipment. He delighted all of the members with a poem he dedicated to the 99's.

Bernice Trimbel brought Annette Maicinkoski as her guest and future 99, and Babe Ruth reported that Millie Davis, ex-member, may soon return

to our organization. Millie is an aerial photographer. The 99's do have a monopoly on talent and ability.

Our June meeting had a beautiful flying day. We met at the Midland Airport where the Michigan Flying Farmers held their annual Dawn Patrol Breakfast. The Flying Farmers had been so cordial and helpful on the Michigan S.M.A.L.L. Race, the girls felt they wanted to endorse the breakfast meet to say thanks again for everything.

We adjourned to the Old Hickory House for our business meeting and Nellie Miller and Charles Henne hosted us with coffee and rolls with their compliments. Mary Clark conducted a brisk business meeting so the girls could be back at the airport for the drawing of the lucky number on the 145 hp Continental engine.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Vachout

This has been a busy time in our chapter. In addition to our regular meetings, we have had two extra ones, both of which were for the purpose of air-marking. Elburn and Sky Harbor have been air-marked, and Du Page Co. Airport is scheduled for marking in August. It is a lot of fun and we hope that all our members will be able to come to the next ones.

Eve Chilcoat and her 49½er have had a trip that most of us can just dream about! They flew to Paris, then went to Lucerne. From there to Mt. Palatus by cable car and on to Venice, Rome and Cannes. After a month's tour, they sailed home thrilled by all they had seen. Eve said the trip could not have been more wonderful—the scenery and everything was marvelous.

Nell Brown, Bea Siemon and Lois Cassidy were all fortunate enough to be able to attend the convention at McAllen, Tex. Lois and her family drove in order to stop and see relatives along the route. Bea flew to St. Louis accompanied by two of her children. There she picked up Nell; and the next day, they all flew to Shreveport, La., to pick up Bea's husband. They had head winds on the trip down, but tail winds on the return trip, so were able to make it home in one day. They all had a wonderful time, dining on delicious food, swimming in the hotel pool and in the Gulf, and shopping in Mexico.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Alice Pfantz

We held our regular meeting Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m. A delightful dinner was served at Johnnie and Kay's across from the airport with Joan VanArkel as hostess. There were eight members, one 49½er and two guests present. After dinner we went over to the office of Des Moines Flying Service, where Joan is employed, for our business meeting, after which we

were shown a film on thunderstorms. Iowa weather has been very unfavorable for flying this spring, but several of us had managed to get in the air for a few hours.

Our next meeting will be June 20 in Marshalltown with Leona Hertema as hostess.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose Andrews

We had planned a picnic-steakfry for our May meeting at Andrew's Longpatch, northwest of Champaign, Sunday afternoon, May 19. Much to Frank Andrew's disappointment, the weather was against us for a fly-in. (He had spent Saturday afternoon mowing, and generally "prettifying" up their runway.) We could hardly see past the first hill back of the barn by the time the supper was to have been served, so the "cook-out" turned into fried chicken and hamburgers in the house. (Don't let anyone ever try to tell you that Ninety-Nines can't cook. We know better, from having been present at so many potluck picnics.)

Mostly we "hanger flew" after supper and tried out the Andrew's new electric Wurlitzer organ they recently purchased from Florence Musser's Bob, who is in the business.

We were happy to have Clarissa and Max Holcomb with us. They have moved to Illinois from Westfield, Mass. where Clarissa was a member of the New England Section. We will be glad to see them often.

Marjorie Kelly, Helen McBride and their 49½ers were here from Mattoon, Helen Greinke from Bloomington, Florence and Bob Musser from Lincoln, Dixie Nightlinger and her fiancé, the family of Leah and Sam Warren and the Andrew four made up our group from Champaign.



MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Betty King

The Missouri Valley Chapter 99's met Sunday, May 12, at Red Oak, Iowa Municipal Airport. As it was Mother's Day and the weather had been showery only three members were present: Chairman Jan Munkres of Weeping Water, Helen Nestle of Omaha and the hostess, Betty King. Dinner was served in the Hotel Johnson downtown to a party of 17—Jan and Neil Munkres and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Starr, Leroy and Cherly, all of Weeping Water, Helen Nestle, Sandy and Susie, all of Omaha; Lester and Bettie King, Davey and Donnie and their guests, Ruby Shelley and Jim of Emerson, Iowa.

After a delicious dinner the group drove back to the airport where the business meeting was held in the CAP building. Jan asked for nominations on the sectional governor and vice governor. Helen Nestle told of plans in the making for the TAR stop in Omaha July 7 and 8. The chapter will also have charge of a stop in North Platte. Barbara Anspaugh was named delegate to the convention at McAllen in June.

While the business meeting was taking place the children and men enjoyed plane rides in Kings Tri-Pacer.

After the business meeting Ruby Shelley, pilot from Emerson showed many colored slides of a trip taken last November in Hawaii. The Shelleys won the trip as a door prize at the '56 Flying Farmers convention in New Orleans. We all enjoyed the pictures and wished we had gone along on the trip. We all thank Ruby for coming over and showing the pictures.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Alice S. Fuchs

Off to Europe on a planned tour for airline employees, Mary Wenholtz and Verna Christopher spent 21 days traveling around Europe. Fley Swissair to Germany, Denmark, Switzerland, Italy, then up the Riviera to Paris, on to London, Dublin and thence to Shannon.

Donna and Johnny Myers are off to Missouri, where they will join forces with ex-Denverites Dottie and Paul Young, thence by the Myers' Volkswagen bus will go to the Indianapolis races.

Back from a vacation in Arizona are Marilyn and Harold Nordstrom.

Blanche Noyes was in Denver for the Aero Medical Association convention and was honored guest at a luncheon early in May. Also in town for the convention was Deedo Heise, who flew in with her husband, Dr. Herman Heise.

At the April meeting at Donna Myers' home, the Colorado chapter voted contributions for the AWTAR, the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund and the International Convention to be held at McAllen, Texas.

We tried hard, but never got off the ground on our planned luncheon flight to Colorado Springs for the May meeting. Grounded by the weather, we ate lunch at Denver's Stapleton Field instead.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Dorothy K. Morgan

Broneta Davis and Wynema Masonhall attended the International Convention at McAllen, Tex., and brought home top honor—we salute our new international president—Broneta!

Broneta and Velma Woodward entered the AWTAR, being sponsored by Sky Service, Inc., and given a Cessna 182 to fly.

We are happy to welcome two new

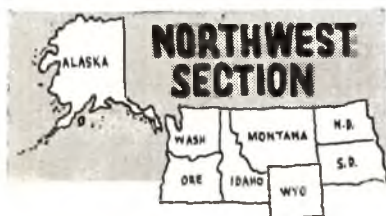
members to our chapter—Marie Ket-chum of Duncan and June Crosby of Oklahoma.

Our May meeting was held in Stillwater with Hoyt Walkup, airport manager, and Mrs. Walkup as our hosts. The chapter appreciated this courtesy by the Walkups.

We presented a trophy to the girl awarded the highest achievement score at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association meet at Stillwater in May.

We are very proud of chapter member Jerry Cobb, who set two international records this past month. Flying an Acro Commander she set a non-stop distance record and then an altitude record.

Random notes on members: Ruth Jones and Ida Carter are attending the University of Oklahoma this summer. Mary Francis has been in the East with her two daughters for some swimming meets. Broneta and Wynema attended the sectional meeting in Texas. We hear that Dorothy Young is now flying for Catlin's at Will Rogers Field.



MONTANA CHAPTER By Vivienne Schrank

Our June 8, 99 meeting met at Logan Field, Billings, and a picture of the group appeared in The Billings Gazette of Mrs. Frank Salisbury (Billings), prospective member; Inza Riedesel (Billings), member; Mrs. Clarence Anthony (Helena), guest; Ernestine Gore (Billings), member; Elsie Childs (Helena), chapter membership chairman; Audrey Jordan (Billings), member; Mrs. James Wagner (Helena), guest; Helen Dunlop (Helena), prospective member; Marge Rolle (Billings), vice chairman of 99's; Mildred Lynch and Vera Throssel (Billings), members. The group discussed the forthcoming annual Powder Puff Derby and also discussed a point system by which 99's will be judged for an annual award to be given next year to the woman found most outstanding in aviation activities.

Betty Jean Brink is back from Greeley, Colo., where she attended college and she ran into Vivienne Schrank who gave her a short ride in the Cub over Miles City before flying the Cub back to Jordan. Vivienne plans to return to Miles City in a few days to fly the late Ralph Robertson's (pilot) plane home for the family who have a ranch near Sand Springs—the plane to remain in the family hanger until sold.

Orpha Dann (Watkins) flew into

Jordan in the rain and spent the night with Vivienne enroute to Billings where Orpha is attending Normal School.

Pud Lovelace returned recently from San Francisco, Calif., where her son, Jackson, graduated from Stanford U. and was commissioned an ensign in the navy. And by the time you read this, Jackson will be married to a Lewiston, Idaho, girl. Congratulations! (Pud is our treasurer—home in Bozeman.) And our chairman of Bozeman, Dot Sabo, attended the graduation of her daughter, Sally, from the College of St. Catherine at St. Paul, Minn., recently. Sally and a girl friend will make a two month tour of Europe. Probably there by now. Lucky girls.

IDAHO CHAPTER By Margaret Gigray

A patio potluck picnic for Idaho 99's and their 49½ers was held at Edna Hettinger's beautiful home with a breathtakingly tranquil view of the Boise valley and mountains. Approximately 32 were present to consume the delicious food, do some hanger flying, and play a few games; everyone had a wonderful time. The 49½ers are all getting well enough acquainted now to look forward to such occasions.

Selma Misczuk (Eastern Idaho Unit chairman) and Marie Hansen, both of Blackfoot plan to enter this year's Powder Puff race. Onita Hoff of Idaho Falls and Esther Stone of Pocatello have tentative plans to co-pilot with Utah 99's, but this reporter was unable to get definite info. We have been asked to help on the TAR at Elko and Reno, Nev. Georgia Myers and Doris Atkinson both plan on being there.

Cur 99 sponsored Wing Scout Troop, "The Sky-Lites," were awarded their wings by the state director of aeronautics, Chet Moulton, at a luncheon held at the Strato Room of the Boise Municipal Airport. Thirty-one were present. Pictures were taken of the Scouts by Director Chet and they appeared in the June issue of Rudder Flutter. President Doris Atkinson received a candy dish in appreciation of her services and those of the 99's. Plans are being made for an overnight camping trip into some back-country airstrip as a climax to the troop's Wing Scout course.

Our July meeting may be held at Payette Lakes, McCall, Idaho, if 99'er Gayle Evans has her way, since she has invited everyone to come. Idaho is such a mountainous state with several miles between towns, that transportation, even to a flying organization, is quite a problem.

The Eastern Idaho unit was entertained by Onita Hoff at Hoff's Rainbow Ranch in Idaho Falls early in June. Onita's 49½er, Mark, is the new president of the Idaho Flying Farmers. Georgia Myers and President Doris Atkinson combined a business

and social trip and were able to attend.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER By Evelyn Waldren

We missed the June issue, so we're way behind in our news. The last meeting of the EW Chapter was held in Wenatchee, April 28. Six members, Betty Seavey, Mary Drinkwater, Minnie Boyd, Ardis Sherman, Mary Ann Kurtz and Lidgie Hagan attended. Betty Seavey was accompanied by her husband and two children; Mary Drinkwater brought two of her daughters, and Ardis Sherman and Lidgie Hagan were accompanied by their 49½ers. The meeting was held at Pangborn Field, with the Wenatchee girls (future 99ers) as hostesses and the highlight of the day was a visit to the Ohme Gardens.

Gini Richardson has been globe-trotting again. First she made two trips to Wisconsin to attend to some matters regarding forest spraying, then she took off for Hayward, Calif., where she entered the Hayward-Tucson Race, and at the present writing she is back in Wisconsin, supervising a spruce budworm spraying operation.

The last sectional meeting was held in Boise April 27. Four Eastern Washington girls, Gini Richardson, Minnie Boyd, Betty Jane Seavey and Evelyn Waldren attended. Most of the Idaho Chapter was represented. It was decided at this meeting to hold the next sectional meeting, a major one, in Portland, Ore., in September.

The July meeting of the Eastern Washington Chapter will be held in Yakima on the 7th, with a picnic and swimming part at Lyons Park. The Western Washington girls will be special guests. Minnie Boyd will report on her recent trip to Texas, the International Convention and the IAR. Gini Richardson probably won't be there to report on the same trip, as she will be gone on the AWTAR.

A welcome to our newest member, Helen Ernsdorff of Yakima.



SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By Edna Penners

San Diego Chapter extends congratulations to our new national officers. Helen Dick, Betty Gillies and Lois Bartling did an excellent job of representing our chapter at the national convention in McAllen, Tex., and report glowingly of the nice town, wonderful hospitality, accommodations and entertainment. Betty also represented the Sacramento Chapter.

Mayetta Behringer, as chairman of our 11th annual Aviation Ball, reports it a big success financially; and I would like to say for myself and to

echo comments from the large crowd, it was a success in all ways, the music was excellent and the decorations were outstanding. One wall of the ballroom had a huge gold sequin path marking the race route plus pictures of the local contestants. A big thank you goes to Gertrude Lockwood, chairman of decorations and her committee, Harriet Allen, Millie Carlson, Evelyn Briggs and Jerry Vickers. Mac Huntington and Harriet Lewis won the \$100 sponsorship from the San Diego Chapter.

We welcome Ann Bledsoe, a recent transferee from the San Fernando Chapter and hope to see her often.

Many non-racers are planning extensive trips this summer: such as, Mayetta Behringer, while her husband is on duty in the Far East, will tuck her three little girls into her 170 and take for Florida, Michigan and Minnesota to visit with relatives and friends, taking about six weeks for her trip. Lea Hanlon, who recently returned from a vacation in La Paz, Lower Baja, Calif., will fly, with her husband, Bill, in their 170 to Salt Lake City, Detroit, New York and Chicago later in the summer, and Lea will remain in the East until her daughter presents her with a new heir that is expected in October.

Jean Cousins and her husband spent their vacation driving up the California coast, camping and relaxing in the beautiful state parks and spent a few days "doing" San Francisco.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER

By Honey von Goerken

You all know that the Southwestern Spring Sectional held here April 26, 27 and 28 was a real turn out. We even had attendance from Boise, Idaho. It was a treat to meet and talk with new and old friends and we hope you had as much fun attending as we did hosting. That seems a perfect cap to a business year which drew to a close at our meeting of May 28. Sorry to say our chapter has no entries for this year's AWTAR but we are all standing by with great anticipation for news of the race. Meantime, we're off to our holidays so we may have lots of news next fall. Have fun yourselves and don't fail to call on us anytime you may be in Las Vegas. Bye till fall.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Lindy Boyes

Geri Hill and Irene Leverton will represent this chapter in the AWTAR. Both have promoted sponsors—lucky gals! By reading time, the race will be a thing of the past date-wise but not talking-wise.

Final meeting before the AWTAR start was held at the home of Ann Gardyne and 49½er Bob. Even weight-conscious racers consumed the French pastries in happy quantity. An interesting film procured by Dottie White-man on weather, produced by Pacific

Gas and Electric Co., was enjoyed by all.

A flight instructor rating was awarded this writer June 20 by CAA examiner Jim Leckie of the Oakland safety office.

A select group of the chapter membership re-airmarked the San Mateo County Airport in order that race contestants, and other fliers, would/will have no trouble spotting same.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By Dorothy Banzhaf

Members of our chapter met at the Napa County Airport, the regular June "brunch." Shirley Blocher, pilot of the Chief, accompanied by her 49½er from Ukiah, Nellie Palmer flew solo from Santa Rosa, Pat Stouffer and Gerry Schick of Napa and Vallejo, attended the meeting.

Pat Stouffer will be "on deck" as timer during the AWTAR stop at Reno, July 6. This writer regrets to inform her chapter members and '58 AWTAR contenders that the Banzhaf Bellanca is for sale—the pilot will be grounded in Ankara, Turkey, temporarily; 49½er now flying a DeHavilland Beaver and maintaining the plane, spelling Pilot Jack Stackpool during a three year contract with Tidewater Oil Co. I will remain a member of Redwood Empire Chapter with pride, retaining the memory of all the projects and aviation goodwill promoted by our chapter during my years as a member. Having accepted this writer as a member of Aviation Writers Assoc. (they took my money) we (Lindy Boyes) attended a meeting at the Press Club in San Francisco, where we were guests of General Electric at dinner in the Board Room. From this beginning, hope to write of aviation and related subjects from Ankara to my 99 friends as well as my paper, The Ukiah Daily Journal. Lindy Boyes will depart our shores for Spain, July 11.

The R.E.C. will have met at the Nut Tree the second Sunday in July at this printing. The Southwest Sectional may be a flyin to Albuquerque or Bakersfield. Lois Bartling's invitation to hold a joint meeting with the South Central in Albuquerque meets with my approval, but will no doubt, mournfully munching shish kebab in Iskenderun or Ankara.

Preparing for the overseas jaunt to Turkey 49½er Bob Banzhaf accompanied Commander (navy) Stackpool and former San Francisco Airport Manager George Dixon (now Bob's boss, with Tidewater) to the Alameda NAS this month, where Bob logged Link time, and also a check ride in the Jet Link Trainer (oooooh, what a dive, showing on that slaving compass, good for laughs); I counted 20 instruments on the panel.

Regret that I will not see as much of Margy Crowl as I had hoped but

anyone of the Ninety-Nines please write: Mrs. Robert Banzhaf, Tidewater Oil Company, Kumrular Sokagi No. 6 Daire 7, Yenisehir Ankara, Turkey.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Doris N. Choiniere

Our gal Dotty Jenkins is mucho busy these days with a new job, sooo I will try to keep the ball rolling.

Mary Johnston is leaving us and going to Riverside, Calif., at least for the summer and possibly to live there. John, her 49½er, is working out there so we have to lose a real hard-working Ninety-Nine. Riverside girls, please let Mary know, via the News Letter, which chapter she should contact.

Looks as tho summer has finally arrived at the old pueblo and with it's arrival we have been busy as bees. Shirley Marshall, our prospective '99, invited us all out to her "casa" for a barbecue and swim in honor of visiting Governor Lois Bartling and her 49½er Harry.

Bea Edgerly MacPhearson tells me she is entered in this year's TAR, and has number 29, the same as last year. Bea will have Helen Greinke of Bloomington, Ill., again this years as her co-pilot. This is Bea's fifth race and fourth race as pilot.

Lorraine Chandler and hubby, Bill, have a new plane just in time for the TAR too. It is a Navion and Lorraine is having a ball checking out in it. I have the pleasure of going as co-pilot. This will be our first AWTAR and are we excited!

Plans are being made by Gertrude Gilderman, Shirley Marshall and Dorothy Jenkins to attend the annual convention at McAllen, Tex., next month.

The June meeting will be held at Bea Edgerly's studio where you can be sure there will be loads of TAR talk. See you all next month.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Christie Warren

If you have missed us the past two months, our reporter, Marijane Brown, has been very busy with plans for a trip to London with a group of other lawyers. She has asked me to pinch-hit for her.

Wing Scouting has been our big project and our Wing Scout chairman, Elsie, has done a fine job. At an impressive ceremony at Hawthorne Airport in April, 30 Senior Scouts from Girl Scout Troop 725 were inducted into our Wing Scouts. On hand to present the girl with their Senior Scout pins and wing insigna were Christie Warren, chapter chairman, Elsie Smith and Jean Parker Rose, who with the cooperation of Progressive Flying Club gave the new Wing Scouts their first airplane rides. Norman Smith, 49½er, rolled out his Bonanza and helped Jean with the rides so they



At far right: Christie Warren, Anne Wolff, Marijane Brown, and Elsie Smith with 24 of the 30 Wing Scouts inducted recently. At extreme left, standing, is Troop Leader, Mrs. Pat Carpenter.

could finish before the fog moved in. The girls have found an enjoyable project in washing and polishing planes at Hawthorne, learning and having fun at the same time. Many of them are saving for their first flight lessons.

An airmarker is being completed by our chapter in Anaheim on the Gelvatex Corp. building. Of gravel composition and on two levels, it is no easy project. We are also repainting the Hawthorne Airport marker.

It has been decided that our meetings in the future will be held at some flying field or other places of interest to pilots and will be on Saturdays instead of evenings. Only the executive board meetings will be held on our regular meeting date, second Mondays.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Our June meeting was a fly-in luncheon and swimming at the Queen Creek ranch, home of Thora Schnepf. The 3,000 foot strip is situated nicely between a barn and the swimming pool attests the Shelton family with whom Mary McNeil Apached in, Alice and Charles Roberts with whom Ruth Reinhold Bonanzaed in and Melba Beard who Cessnaed a 140 in. Wilma and Bill Bland and Doris and John Glina with baby daughter, Dawn, drove down as did Y. T. with son, Chris. Thora and Ray Schnepf greeted their guests on their lovely covered patio by the pool. We brought salads and sandwiches and Thora had soft bottled drinks, fruit punch, lemonade, relish dishes, home made ice cream and cake. Good thing most of the swimming was before lunch—most of us would have surely sunk to the bottom of the pool afterward! Welcome to Hazel Wakefield and family—her third meeting!

The Wing Scout Flight our chapter sponsors held an impressive ceremony in the conference room at Sky Harbor Airport, where they received their wings and badges. These were pre-

sented by Juanita Newell, who is 99 Wing Scout coordinator, and Art Bethancourt, respectively. They were further rewarded when Juanita took them for 30 minute rides in the Cessna 195 she flies for Welch Plumbing Co. Congratulations to Juanita and the girls and to their leader, Mrs. Mae Finley, who organized the troop last September, after just moving to Phoenix from Cleveland, where she gained a wealth of experience as leader of Wing Scouts there.

We now have three members of our chapter who have flown jets—Doris Glina flew a T-33 with her 49½er, John, who is a jet jockey at Luke AFB, through her work with the CAP. Alice Roberts and Ruth Reinhold are the other two lucky gals. Mary McNeil is checking out in the prototype of the Baumann-Brigadier, a twin-engine four place pusher. She is very enthusiastic about its performance.

Melba Beard, who flew to 99 convention and back, at this writing is off to California for the big charter meeting of the California Wing of the OX-5 Club. She received an invitation from Jimmie Mattern to sit at the head table. Melba, Ruth Reinhold and Juanita Newell have been working on arrangements for the charter meeting of the Arizona OX-5 at the Hotel Adams.

Jimmy Lou Shelton and family and Thora and Ray Schnepf participated in the Flying Farmer flight to Hollywood, itinerary of which included the new Cinerama, Marineland, Lawrence Welk show and Louis Armstrong at the Moulin Rouge—sounds like fun! Although Bonnie Fugitt is employed at Anderson Aviation she retains her club membership in the Piper Pacer at Paradise Airport and recently flew up to Flagstaff. Camille Shapley and 49½er, Coop, sold their Ercoupe. Mary McNeil flew a Luscombe to San Francisco. Ruth Reinhold is sorry she has now nothing of interest for this column—too busy flying charter all over Arizona, New Mexico and California to do anything!

Alice Roberts "in a stew" between getting her son back to Milwaukee for school, her daughter off on her Hawaiian vacation, helping move their office, shop, etc., to Paradise Airport and get ready for the AWTAR! Wilma and Bill Bland took their granddaughters to the Coast—for a vacation? Doris Glina's new address is 3049 West Mariposa, but by the time you read this they will be driving their air-conditioned station wagon back to Pennsylvania on vacation. Helen Van Court must still be in Japan. Betty Knier can't seem to make up her mind what she will do on this year's vacation—too many opportunities. Our new member, Thelma Biegert, is in Orange, Texas. Dorothy Banzhaf—where are you? Adios!

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

Received a card from Polly Stoehr from Boise, Idaho, where she and her 49½ were combining business with the pleasure of flying their Navion. It must have been a short trip because next we read in the local paper that Polly was participating in the "Holiday on Wings" caper to Phoenix.

Norma Wilcox is planning a long cross country trip soon—destination Connecticut. Norma will fly her Cessna 120.

Dottie Dancer fulfilled one long-standing desire May 25 when she and Don flew to Desert Air in Palm Springs to attend the annual Luau. Dottie has always missed this affair in previous years but circled this date far enough in advance to make it.

Renee Brown's little plane is again AOCIP. CAA could hardly put a flashing red beacon on a three-foot obstacle but to Del, Renee's co-pilot and 49½, it was definitely a hazard. Renee and Del moved into their new home which will be just one mile from the Van Nuys runway as soon as the extension construction is completed. Van Nuys Airport headquarters a very active ANG Jet Wing.

Congratulations to Shirley Robinson for winning a trophy while participating in the eighth annual Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Air Meet on May 4. Shirley won the award for 360 degree overhead spot landings.

Our May meeting was a very interesting as well as profitable one. Lola (Perkins) Ricco took time out from a very busy schedule to join us. Trixie Ann Schubert's suggestion of a White Elephant sale after the usual business and aviation education meeting was a tremendous financial success.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Dorothy Monahan

The June business meeting was held on the 6th at the Starfire Restaurant in Los Altos. Guests were Irene Leverton, Amelia Carman and Helen Kelton who told us about the TAR pre-race activities. Pat Gladney was appointed delegate to the convention. Eleanor Wortz was hostess; 20 members were present.

Barbara and Chet Hector vacationed at Disneyland with the small fry, and then a fly trip to Portland.

Marian Barnick reports they are having drag races at their airport in San Jose every other Sunday. For those who like to fly on the ground.

Pat Gladney, Patty Sherwood and Marge Standish from Burbank, flew to the convention in the Gladney's new Cessna 180.

Pat Gladney with Marge Standish as co-pilot is our entree for the TAR race.

Ardell Hauk announced the birth of Gail Denise on June 6 to her daughter, Carol, which makes for another future mother and daughter race team.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER **By Hilda Reafsnyder**

No meeting in April. Our May meeting was held Wednesday eve, May 8, in Bellflower with our chairman, Donna Chilcote, and Jean Clark serving as hostesses. This was a serious meeting with only business on the agenda. Convention proposals and candidates were discussed pro and con and delegates appointed.

May 22, we held our Tupperware party in the community room of the Bank of Belmont Shore. The object was to get a 50 cup coffee maker. There were enough sales to go over requirde amount so now we will not have to worry about having enough coffee at our meetings.

New officers will be elected at our next meeting sometime in June.

We all were saddened by the loss of one of our members, Pauline Booker who went down with her plane in the Pacific Ocean on Sunday, April 14. Her husband, Ted, and another couple were in the plane also.

UTAH CHAPTER **By June Raybould**

Quite a few members took advantage of the weather to fly down to the spring sectional at Las Vegas where they had a real fine time, according to reports. Doris Eacret flew down from Elko, Nev.; Jane Andreason, Eunice Naylor, Ethel McDermitt, Beth Evans, and assorted friends, made the flight down from Salt Lake. Illness caused Alberta Hunt and your reporter to cancel out at the last minute so we have had to be content with verbal reports.

You can really say that spring is finally here with all the urges one gets to push the airplanes out and be off to see the country. Alberta Hunt, chapter chairman and 1957 TAR entrant, is getting in quite a bit of local and cross-country flying lately to become familiar with the Cessna 180 she will pilot in the race, courtesy of one of the local flight operators.

Another sign of spring is the start (and we hope completion soon) of our first airmarker. After talking about it for years, we finally made arrangements with the state aeronautics commission who are providing paint and

stencils and a small amount of assistance and moral support.

Chapter charter member Lucile Christopherson was gracious hostess to a group of members who traveled down to Provo recently. The Christophersons, who manage the Provo, Utah, airport, just recently moved into a lovely new home near the airport.

Jane Andreason, who has taken over the job of supervising a group of Girl Wing Scouts, has been using all her free weekends in giving orientation flights. We think she deserves a special pat on the back for devoting so much of her time to this activity which started last fall and has run through the winter with meetings at least once a week.

Of paramount interest at present are plans for TAR participation is one of the "must" stops. Alberta Hunt has met several times with the Chamber of Commerce aviation committee and Salt Lake Municipal Airport manager to discuss details. We have had several monthly meetings devoted to these plans with another one scheduled the third Wednesday of this month. There's lots to be done yet before July and the race.

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