



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

# NEWS LETTER

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## President's Column

September 1, 1957

Contact! We are off into a new year.

I am very grateful for the opportunity you have given me to serve this wonderful organization. I pledge my best—my cooperation, my time and effort, and my Cessna 170. I will ask daily for Divine Guidance in all the ventures that we undertake. My every effort will be to serve you to the best of my ability. The girls whom I follow in this office have set a standard that I shall make every effort to maintain. I am looking forward to making many new friends, to seeing again those whom I know and enjoy so much, to working with you all, and to the many happy hours of flying this will incur.

You have given me top-flight officers for co-pilots, and together, there is no limit to the distance we can fly if you will just furnish the fuel (your sincere cooperation and efforts).

This year, together, I would like us to work toward a four point program:

1. A membership of 1500 or more.
2. A closer coordinated organization.
3. More flying and related activities with all chapters and sections.
4. More recognition of The Ninety-Nines and women in aviation.

I sincerely invite your suggestions and ideas to help put this program over and for the improvement of our organization. I would like nothing more than to hear from each and every one of you during the year.

For those of you who do not know—you have for your president this year, a farmer. After some 30 years in the business world, I have retired to just farming and raising polled Hereford cattle—and to serving The Ninety-Nines. All of you are most welcome to visit me here in Minco. I am only 30 minutes from International Headquarters, via automobile.

All the international officers, other members of the executive board, and those serving on the various committees, join me in wishing for all Ninety-Nines, lots of happy flying in 1957-58.

Sincerely yours,

*Broneta Davis*  
Broneta Davis



Miss Georgiana McConnell, Nashville, Tenn., winner of the 1957 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship.

## Official Challenge

We, who are known as the Abilene Unit of the Texas Chapter, South Central Section, do hereby challenge any other unit to match our record of new membership growth. In less than one year the Abilene Unit has doubled its membership. We also challenge any other unit to outnumber our membership representation this fall when we have the sectional meeting in New Mexico. Abilene, Texas Unit

Our membership as of September 1, 1957 was 1234, let's make 1957-58 the record year for 99 memberships in every state! WILL YOUR CHAPTER MEET THE ABILENE UNIT CHALLENGE? Here is a new unit going to town, and they are really having a ball—and they FLY. Keep looking for new members and give your chapter a boost for this coming year. More women are flying this year it's up to you as a 99 member to tell them about our 99 organization.

Lois Dobbin, Chm.,  
Int'l. Mem. Com.

SEPTEMBER, 1957

## Coming Events

Southwest fall sectional meeting, Bakersfield, Calif., September 28-29.

North Central fall sectional meeting, Milwaukee, Wis., September 20-21-22.

South Central fall sectional meeting, Albuquerque, N. M., September 27-28-29.

S.M.A.L.L. race to Traverse City, Mich., October 4-5-6, Paul Bunyan festival.

## Pilot's Briefing

Sectional and chapter treasurers—please cash refund checks.

Send dates of sectional meetings, races, etc., to NL editor for Coming Events section.

Send names of new section and chapter officers to headquarters at earliest possible date.

Remember to notify headquarters of any change of address or name.

Amelia Earhart medals are available at headquarters. \$3.50 each, and indicate when ordering, if plain or inscribed.

Membership renewals are now due and payable. October 1 is the deadline for (\$10) after which the \$3 penalty is effective, so check your checkbook and be sure your renewal is in the mail.

Be more than a 99 member, be an active 99 member, attend as many chapter and sectional meetings as possible, come and bring someone with you. Our membership as of September 1, 1957, was 1234. Let's make it 1500 for 1957-58.

## The Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp

Special to every member:

On advice from Washington, we must continue request letters to the postmaster, if we are to succeed in having a commemorative stamp to honor Amelia Earhart. If you have already written, ask a friend to write:

The Hon. Arthur E. Summerfield  
Postmaster General  
Post Office Department  
Washington, D. C.

requesting his serious consideration to issue, in 1958, a commemorative stamp to honor Amelia Earhart.



1957-58

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**Deadline For News**

The 25th Of Each Month

## Charlotte Sullivan Kelley First Woman To Serve On Mass. Commission

Mrs. Charlotte Sullivan Kelley of Hingham, the first aviatrix to break the sound barrier in the eastern part of the United States in a jet, was sworn in yesterday by Gov. Foster Furcolo as the first woman to serve as a member of the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission. She will serve for four years to fill out the unexpired term of the late Harry Kaplan of East Boston.

She is the wife of Attorney Leonard Kelley of Boston and mother of one son, Brian, four. She is a nationally-known aviatrix and has an aviation background of long standing, having worked in the aviation industry for air lines and in the educational field for aviation training schools in Boston and New York.

A pilot for more than 12 years, she has added a seaplane rating. Mrs. Kelley recently became one of 21 women in the world to acquire a commercial helicopter rating which made her an official member of the exclusive "Whirly-Girl" organization. Her piloting includes experience with jets, blimps, helicopters, seaplanes and conventional, fixed wing aircraft.

Mrs. Kelley recently broke the sound barrier to stress the safety of the pilots in the Air Force.

As a member of the oldest aeronautical organization, the Aero Club of New England, she was one of the first women elected to its board of



**OATH OF OFFICE** is administered by Gov. Foster Furcolo to Mrs. Charlotte S. Kelley of Hingham, appointed by the governor to the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission.

**To All****News Letter Reporters**

**DEADLINE**—In editor's office by the 25th of each month, Wynema Masonhall, Minco, Okla. Do not send News Letter reports to headquarters.

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**CONTENTS**—Type double spaced, full width of regular size typing paper, if report exceeds more than one page, number paragraphs in order of importance.

**PICTURES**—Do not write on backs, but attach names and occasion to the bottom of the picture by means of Scotch Tape, for removal during printing. Plan for your best and most noteworthy pictures.

Good news and picture hunting.  
Your Editor

directors and has since been the first of her sex to be the secretary and vice president of the club. She is the vice governor of the 99's, an international organization of licensed women pilots, founded by the late Amelia Earhart. Mrs. Kelley has a bachelor of science degree and a master's degree in education and is a member of the National Aviation Education Council as well as the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

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By Pat Arnold

Sorry, fellas, that there was no column last month, but I just couldn't track down one member. Whatever you all were doing, I hope it was legal. Lois Wartman (Providence) came out in the open last week long enough to advise she is off for Scandinavia for three weeks, the lucky gal! I inquired where she was last month and Lois advised she's been working like mad to get an instrument rating and was probably under the hood when I came snooping around.

I can now account for another member too. I saw Mary Ann Lippitt (Providence) in Flying Magazine, being congratulated upon completing the 180 degree rating course at the University of Illinois. Mary Ann was the second woman pilot to achieve this distinction.

We all must know by now that Gov. Barbara Keirnan (Andover, Mass.) and co-pilot Jerry Gardiner (Waterford, Conn.) placed third in the AW-TAR. Belated congratulations! Jerry (who lives on the Conn. shoreline) has decided to rest on her laurels and has traded her husband's new Bonanza in on some pretty snazzy skin diving equipment. Jerry says she wants to settle down now and get to know her neighbors better. The whole thing sounds fishy, doesn't it?

Our annual meeting was held Sept. 7-8 at Lewiston-Auburn, Maine. Lucille and Henry Dingley were our hostess and host and it couldn't have been more perfect, but more on that next month.

Well, if you're looking for me I'm off to Virginia again. We haven't had any rain there in three months either, and I'm going to try to talk our 200 sheep into going on a diet, or else!



By Irene B. Keith

Sorry our reporter was temporarily grounded due to illness but we're glad to report she is back on the flight line. I'm speaking of Manila Talley, who is on vacation to completely recuperate.

Well this section did a real buzz job of the country; starting in May the 99's were invited to a tea given by AWA (American Woman's Association) to honor women who promote air education and to commemorate Amelia Earhart's anniversary. Amelia Earhart medals inscribed on the back

by the givers were given to several school teachers and to three 99's, Marilyn Link, Gloria Heath and Dora Dougherty. Mrs. James Doolittle and F. J. Schwammle of Delta Airlines were the speakers.

In June we had a delightful outdoor meeting at Selma and Walter Cronan's beautiful place in New Jersey. There we were able to tell about the convention which Marjorie Davis, Ruby Sadtler, Barbara Evans and Irene Keith were delegates. We are proud that Barbara Evans was selected treasurer and Marjory Gray to the nominating committee.

On arrival from the convention changed clothes and attended the charter banquet of the New York OX5 Club as a guest. Ruth Nichols, Abbie Dill Haddaway and Manila Talley as members and Avanell Pinkley, Doris Renninger and I as guests.

Still in June Marjorie Gray and myself attended the New York Wing convention of the Air Force Association, both members.

Kay Brick, Selma Cronan and Marion Lopez from this section joined the Pennsylvania group for an audience with his honor, Gov. George Leader of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who issued a proclamation for Women in Aviation Week, July 7 through July 13, 1957.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER  
By Virginia Thompson

Here it comes girls—our fall Middle Eastern sectional meeting. Keep Sunday, Sept. 22, open for a "fly-in" get-together. The "welcome mat" will be royally spread. We are even trying to get helicopter rides for all who wish. Meet old friends, greet new and add your bit of wisdom. We are counting on you. Full details will be forthcoming after our meeting on August 25 at Ada Mitchell's apartment.

On August 3 more than 500 women met outstanding air force women and heard our famed aviatrix, Jacqueline Cochran, speak on aviation, its vital importance and the need for greater appropriations for the air force. At this function, a citation of honor awards was presented to Jo Ann Alford of Martin Aircraft, who has traveled 30,000 miles on a speaking tour. Her subject usually dealt with one of America's greatest problems, "the technical man-power shortage."

Blanche Noyes was heard on radio for the Continental Air Defense Command in connection with the 50th anniversary of the air force.

While some have been soaking up the sunshine at neighboring swimming pools or the beach, others have been traveling hither and yon. Our "jet

streak," Blanche Noyes, moves so rapidly that it is always hard to keep up with her. Besides attending an OX-5 meeting in Bedford, Pa., she, as national vice president, is presenting a charter to the Texas Chapter of OX-5 Clubs located in Mineral Wells, Tex.

Both she and Jean Howard lent their talents for speaking engagements. Blanche spoke at the National Flying Club Association in Denver, Colo., and Jean at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Kiwanis Club in Maryland.



TENNESSEE CHAPTER  
By Georgiana McConnell

We had a very nice August meeting in Tullahoma, Tenn., arranged by our very good CAP friend and prospective 99 member, Mrs. Lillie Harrell, who is also an employee of Arnold Engineering Development Center. We were met at Northern Field. Flying in were Evelyn Bryan, Mary Jane Quarles, Ruth Thomas and our very lovely new member from Powell, Ten., Ruth Mayes. Groundlings were Sarah Duke, Mary Beth Sargent, Georgiana McConnell and three guests. After lunch we were taken to AEDC and furnished a room for our business meeting before the tour.

New officers elected at the meeting are Mary Jane Quarles, chairman; Evelyn Bryan, vice chairman; Ruth Mayes, secretary-treasurer; and Constance Ohlinger, reporter.

The tour of AEDC began with slides, film strips and explanations regarding the organization, test facilities, etc. After this interesting and educational start we saw the actual test areas. We were certainly very fortunate to be able to make a tour of one of, if not the, outstanding aviation development centers of the world.

ALABAMA CHAPTER  
By Jan Warriek

July meeting was held at Juanita Halstead's home in Montgomery. We were invited to bring our bathing suits and try out the beautiful new swimming pool. Brought out suits alright but had so much business to work on that there was no time left for swimming. Next time we'll make it, I hope. Had as our guest Mr. Asa Rountree, director of aeronautics, or should I say that we were his guest as he was host to lunch at the Maxwell Field Officers' Club after the business meeting, confusing huh? Anyway, we will be eternally grateful for his able assistance to our convention plans. Just hope we didn't talk his ears off—he was outnumbered. We also had as our guest Jean Ballard of Montgomery



who has generously offered her experience and talents to serve as publicity chairman for the convention. Jean has been our guest many times.

Rain failed to put a damper on the August 17 meeting at Birmingham Municipal. Six members were present and much business was in order—the '58 convention and election of chapter officers being foremost. Although Grace Baily was on vacation, she had arranged for us to use her office for the meeting. After the meeting we joined our four guests for lunch at Dobbs House. Were happy to have Cora McDonald, our Mississippi member, at this meeting. She reported a rough ride from Biloxi via airline. Seems that nearly all members are planning to attend fall sectional in Marietta, Ga., September 7-8 at Parkaire. Sounds like Burdette has planned a wonderful program. We are all looking forward to it.

### GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Betty Wood McNabb

There were eight 99's on deck during the fourth annual National Aviation Education Workshop, sponsored by Civil Air Patrol and USAF this summer at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Flight instruction was considered a minor phase of the workshop—but when over a hundred workshopppers signed up, flight director John Sims and his assistant, Georgia 99 Betty McNabb, had to scrounge up planes and instructors from unplanned areas—such as the workshop student body and staff.

Visiting the workshop only briefly was California 99 Coral Bloom—but she spent every moment of her time giving flight instruction and soloed workshop director Mervin Strickler and his assistant, Charlie Webb.

Pulled out of her classes was 99 Pearl Laska, Alaska's contribution to the flight instructor roster. She could be found in the Blue Cub the rest of the workshop, teaching or trying to study between students.

Another 99 visitor was Clara Livingston, commander, Puerto Rican Wing, Civil Air Patrol.

Deep in curriculum and testing was California's Edna Long; busy flying orientation and studying too was Mary Jo Janey of Montana.

At Oxford for Ohio's SARCAP, held at Miami Airport for the benefit of the workshopppers, were Lt. Col. Alice Hammond, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., and Capt. Peggy Nicely of Cincinnati.

A luncheon for prospective members attracted all of the 41 students in the flight program.

### CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Estelle Bradshaw

Our chapter meeting was held aboard "The Spent Rooster" on Lake

Murray July 28, as guests of Caroline and Les Hembel. Betty and Jim Hamilton flew in from Charlotte in Betty's TriPacer. Louise and Herman Smith flew in from High Point in Louise's Bonanza bring with them their daughter, Linda, and Burnette Spencer. Sara Shonk and her mother drove up from Charleston, S. C., bringing a new member, Mrs. Arthur Williams. Dot and Harry Shackelford and Frances Miller were there from Columbia. Frances brought a 99er from the NY-NJ Chapter, Beatrice S. Hyman, who is a control tower operator.

"The Spent Rooster" was sparkling when we went aboard about 11 a.m. Able-bodied seaman, pilot, navigator, engineer, etc., Les Hembel delivered us to a lovely spot where a delicious meal of barbecued chicken and corn-on-the-cob was waiting. We were adequately primed, having enjoyed cocktails on the sun deck during the voyage. Swimming and a brief business meeting proceeded dinner.

Congratulations to the Hugh V. Walkers (Amalie Stone, our former vice president) on the birth of a daughter, a future 99er we hope.

Hope as many as possible will attend the Southeast sectional meeting to be held at Marietta, Ga., September 7 and 8 with Kitty Nix.



### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Vachout

The B&M Aircraft hanger at Elgin Airport, Elgin, Ill., was the scene of our meeting on August 18. Hostesses for the meeting were Harriet Magee and her two lovely little daughters. We all certainly enjoyed their company. Harriet and her husband moved B&M to Elgin Airport about six months ago and are very happy about the move. On August 19 and 20, Du Page Co. Airport was airmarked; and Bea Siemon, our airmarking chairman, is very busy lining up other projects for us to do.

Next month is an exciting one for us, as our air meet will be held on September 8 (rain date, Sept. 15) at Du Page Co. Airport. In addition to the fun of the events themselves, we look forward to seeing a great many of our friends from other chapters.

As the summer is drawing to a close, many of our members are coming back home. Hazel and Grover Peterson have returned from a wonderful vacation on Lake Vermillion in northern Minnesota. Bea Siemon and her family vacationed at Sun Valley, Idaho and enjoyed the outdoor ice skating. They returned home via North Platte,

Cheyenne, Rock Springs and Denver. For contrast, they spent the weekend following their home-coming in New York on business; but they managed some sightseeing there, too.

Alice Kudrna has also seen some of the West. She has just returned from a flying vacation to Denver and Aspen, Colo., and Taos, N. M. Dallas Sutton and her family spent their vacation at Asheville, N. C. Nita Fineman and family station-wagoned to Sayner, Wis., and were thrilled to see wild deer for the first time. My family and I spent most of July boating on the east coast of Lake Michigan, visiting harbors and loafing.

### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Jane E. Ackors

The August meeting was held at the farm of Billie Smith and 49½er, Crown Ranch, North Vernon, Ind. The weather was questionable, to say the least, and as a result only one member flew in. Eleven members were present, as well as several guests, to enjoy a fine dinner which is the high point of any meeting at Billie's. The annual election of officers was held, with the following results: Delia Sanders, chairman; Ethel Knuth, vice chairman; Agnes Gallatin, secretary; and Helen Ganes, treasurer. Congratulations, girls, and much success in the coming year. Our thanks to the outgoing officers for all their work and effort for the chapter in the past year. Since I missed this meeting, much to my regret, my knowledge of news in general is pretty sketchy.

Virginia Maggert and Dorothea Hendricks have been on the sick list. Tannie Schlundt has been to Georgia for a visit with her family and Ethel Knuth took off to Milwaukee for a wedding. Mildred Hurt has been entertaining her daughter, Doris (also a 99 from Texas) and family. Sophia Payton and 49½er are happily planning their vacation with Hawaii as their destination. How lucky can you get? As a surprise treat from Billie and Savage Smith, when the 99's were ready to leave Crown Ranch, they were each gifted with a bushel of peaches from the ranch orchards which are famous for their quality products in this part of the country. Thank you, Billie, for making a lot of people very happy. There will be no meeting in September, due to the fall sectional meeting in Milwaukee. See you all there, I hope.

### CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose Andrew

Our new officers for the coming year are: Chairman, Florence Musser, Lincoln, Ill.; vice chairman, Helen McBride, Mattoon, Ill.; secretary, Rose S. Andrew, Champaign, Ill.;



treasurer, Joan Sanders, Champaign, Ill.; and News Letter, Rose Andrew.

On August 3 the phone in the Andrew household rang about 4:30 in the afternoon and a voice said, "Hello, this is Dora." It was Dora Dougherty, who was on her way to the West Coast on a business trip. Her mother was with her, too. We hurried to the airport for them and were so happy to have them eat supper with us and enjoy a good visit for even a short time. Hope she does it real often.

Chairman Florence Musser and her mother drove to Bloomington the evening of August 23 to be with Helen Greinke and our new Ninety-Nines president for a while. It is mighty fine to have the chance to meet the outstanding women who lead our organization. They are an inspiration to those of us at home.

Our regular monthly meeting was held this time at Mattoon with the girls there acting as hostesses for a five o'clock Sunday evening dinner at their country club. Helen Greinke gave the convention report. Members and guests attending were Barbara and Ed Jennison of Paris, Florence and Bob Musser of Lincoln, Leah Warren of Champaign, Helen Greinke of Bloomington, and Helen and Jim McBride, Mary and Joe Hendrix, and Marge and Jim Kelly of Mattoon.

The next meeting will be September 29 at the Andrews' "Longpatch" near Champaign. Do join us, won't you?

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Helen Flaherty

The Upper Iowa Chapter of the Ninety-Nines held their monthly meeting Sunday Aug. 25, at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Koestner, near Duncombe, Iowa. Several of the members flew in and landed on a mowed field on the Koestner farm while your reporter waited for them at the Municipal Airport in Fort Dodge. Following a delicious chicken dinner served by our hostess, an election of officers was held and the following members will serve the coming year: Chairman, Miss Betty Barton; vice chairman, Miss Marie Blank; secretary, Miss Helen Flaherty; treasurer, Mrs. Sylvan Hugelen.

The chapter discussed plans to sponsor air age education in the schools for this coming year. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Hugelen plan to fly to Kansas City on September 7 and attend the second annual convention of the OX-5 Club. The OX-5 Club, a national organization, takes its name from the water-cooled engine that powered many planes until the 1930s. Betty Barton is secretary for the Spencer Flying Club and reported that it had received honorable mention for four consecutive years in the national safety contest.



**All-Ohio Chapter** — Lunken Airport: Front row, left to right: Rosalie Bracht, Bonnie Butler, Joan Hrubec, Jean Bonnar (chapter chairman), Ruth Geenther, Edith Freidrich. Back row, left to right: Janice Kuechenmeister, Ione Kiplinger, Virginia Schumacher, Nancy Sitler, Margaret Berning, Martha Walter, Margaret Hammon, Edythe Maxim, Le's Lynn, Virgil Thomas and Lotte Redmond.

#### ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Edith Friedrich

The All-Ohio Chapter held their July 21 meeting at Lunken Airport, Cincinnati, members flying or driving. Breakfast was served in Margaret Berning's hangar. The hangar is equipped with picnic tables, refrigerator, lawn chairs and all incidentals that go with outdoor living, including a grill. Breakfast was served between 9 and 11 a.m. At 11 we had our business meeting and afterwards drove in a caravan to Art and Marcy Crowley's home where we swam and visited around the pool. Marcy is a former 99 and we hope to get her back in the organization.

Members came from Cleveland, Toledo, Mansfield, Akron, Zanesville, Dayton, Uhrichsville and Cincinnati for the meeting.

#### MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Marietta Sonnenberg

The Minnesota 99s are very happy and proud of their highly successful "Penny-a-Pound" airlife, August 18 at the Fairbault Airport. Held as a special project to raise money for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, the airlift grossed \$708 with gas to be paid for out of this figure. Fourteen pilots using 13 planes flew more than 500 persons, including a high number of young children, for a charge of a penny a pound of their weight. Donating planes were several private individuals and Triangle Aviation of Northfield, Gopher Aviation of Rochester, Lysdale's Flying Service of South St. Paul, Willmar and Owatonna Airports. The pilots were Don Gardner, Harry Hoffman, Hugo Humphrey, John Rice, Glen Degner, Henry Vogel, William Ostrum, Dr. William Furlew, Stu Shaft, Abe Merrill, Gordon

Campbell, H. Hitchcock and 99s Jane White and Pat Sullivan. Merrill and Shaft flew the latter's seaplane from nearby Robert's Lake. Bill Kummer of Fairbault also pitched in by flying the 99s in an army helicopter, the first such trip for many of the girls. About 12 99s, plus several of their friends, worked mighty hard in the hot sun, but it was worth it all. It is figured that at least 200 persons had to be turned down for lack of time or planes.

The Fairbault Jaycees had a lunch stand at the airport. 99 Rita Orr was the very efficient chairman and even arranged for a lovely barbecue afterward.

Next project for the Minnesota girls is participation in the annual Air Fair of the Minneapolis Jaycees at Wold-Chamberlin Field in September. Another penny-a-pound air lift is being talked about too.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

August and Austin Lake go hand in hand. The combined meeting of Michigan and Ohio Chapters at Eloise Smith's home was fun for all. Business matters were brief and to the point leaving lots of time for the sumptuous banquet, boating, swimming and seaplane riding.

The new officers for the chapter were elected: Mary Ellen (Pat) Russell, chairman; Elsie Ferich, vice chairman; Alice Davis, treasurer; and Betty Crook, recording secretary. I know I may speak for all the new officers when I say we are thrilled by the honor and will do our best to fit the footsteps of those treading the path before us.

By now the S.M.A.L.L. Race bulletins should have reached you girls, and we are looking forward to seeing you in Lansing. If you will pardon the expression, "You All Come."

This efficiency race offers much fun for all, and girls, you have the opportunity to have husband, boy friend, son or girl friend act as your co-pilot if you wish. The choice is up to you. The evening of October 3 offers a dinner and cocktail party with a chance to make and meet old friends and new as you speculate on the race. Then October 4 there is the pilots briefing and we are off to the Great North Woods. There will be the excitement of the race awards, meeting and joining the Paul Bunyan clan. The famous fish plank dinner and moonlight dance will all add up to a memorable, pleasurable weekend. Don't miss it!

Opening date for applicants 8-23-57; closing date 9-23-57, and the entry fee is only \$10. Write to Michigan Chapter 99, S.M.A.L.L. Race, Box 322, Lansing, Mich.





### KANSAS CHAPTER

By Lois Dobbin

The August meeting was held in Augusta, converging at Al and Hazel Guy's airport, then for a swim at the motel. Marie Engleman flew in from Hill City to have morning coffee with Hazel, and Lucile Dienst and family flew in from Lakin, Anne Waddell drove in early for shopping. Local gals were Margaret Yourdon, Julie Snowhill, Dorothy Speer, Mary Mc-Killip, Hazel Guy and Lois Dobbin.

Susie Cheetham tangled with some trees on take-off in San Jose, Costa Rica, in June, and has been knittin' in and out of the hospital ever since. Susie was ferrying a PA-18 sprayer to Venezuela at the time of the accident. We feel Susie was very lucky to escape with two broken ankles and one broken wrist. She has been maneuvering quite well with both casts, with or without crutches, till they decided to put a pin in the right ankle. She is recuperating at 1860 S. Minnesota, Wichita.

Bobbe Slade Flight Scholarship for 1957 is being offered to Wing Scouts or to a deserving and interested girl who is sponsored by a Kansas 99. The contest essay is to be titled "Private Flying in the Business World." Ann Clark, last years winner, is ready for her flight test, and we hope to welcome a new 99 real soon.

Plans for the July guest day were kaput—thunderstorms played tag over central Kansas all day—and Wichita had the deluge of the year in the afternoon. The previous guest day brought on a snow storm, so we are planning other approaches to the membership problem.

Marie Engleman soloed from Kansas to San Francisco, via Salt Lake, also via Ercoupe. Outside of a flat tire on landing at Rock Springs, the trip was wonderful, and we'uns admire her for the solo effort.

Hills, stopped at Rapid City, S. D., and saw our Montana 99 member there, Dorothy Lee, as well as a prospective 99, Miss Tough. Both are busy gals at CAA communications at airport there.

Stopped at Billings on way home and got to see Marge Rolle who was also very busy at the airport so aviation must be booming—huh?

Dorothy Sabo wrote that the 99 meeting August 4 at the Livingston Fish Derby was quite informal with the following 99 members attending: Dorothy Sabo (Bozeman), chairman; Norma Wingfield (Billings), secretary; Eleanor and Joan Greening (Laurel); Jimmie Kuhn (Missoula); and Ernie Gore and Millie Lynch (Billings) or seven in all. Millie's sister-in-law was the lucky winner of the blanket raffled by the 99s at Livingston—a car blanket in a case.

So far, Pud Lovelace is the only sure one going to the fall NW sectional at Walla Walla, Wash., but by the time you read this—let's hope that many more of our members will help Pud fill up her Cessna 170 space for company as well as other members flying in their own planes.

Dorothy flew over and landed at Jordan and your reporter is so sorry she was gone at the time on her vacation "cuz" she has never gotten to see that nice Bonanza Dorothy flies.

As I read further in Dorothy's letter I find that Dorothy and Pud Lovelace flew to the Livingston Trout Derby in Pud's Cessna 170 and arrived just as the National Jets from Great Falls were making their passes over the Livingston field. They had to circle around town, away from the airport for about 15 minutes while the jets performed and the ceiling was low over town so it was a bit exciting trying to keep track of the jets as they circled above and between the layers of clouds. Gosh! Jets frighten me if anywhere near in CAVU conditions while I'm flying so it must have been an experience for them—long to remember.

### IDAHO CHAPTER

By Margaret Gigray

Idaho 99s postponed their August meeting with Gayle Evans at McCall in favor of a possible fall meeting with 49½ers included. The regular August meeting was held at Bradley Airport in Boise, thanks to Helen Higby whose 40½er, Glenn, manages Bradley.

Items of discussion include an invitation to visit the Strategic Air Command base located approximately 45 miles out of Boise at Mountain Home; the Northwest sectional meeting at Walla Walla planned for the 6th and 7th of September; a civil defense first aid course; some advance training for our Wing Scout group; and plans for orientation work on civil air regula-

tions at the forthcoming meeting.

Visits to SAC are wonderful occasions which Idaho 99s have enjoyed before. It brings one to a complete awareness that the peace we enjoy is being constantly guarded and protected . . . and how much we owe to so many. It also points up the value of the "Ralph Cordiner" report and takes it out of printed form into an actuality, when you see the many technical jobs, the man-power needed, and the rate of replacement of trained personnel.

Members present at the August meeting included Eula Logsdon, Doris Atkinson, Joyce Morcom, Cleone Berry, Helen Higby, Millie Shinn, Laura Conner and Barb Hornback. This reporter hated missing a meeting, but the removal of tonsils in her three year old son definitely cancelled all flight plans to Boise that Tuesday night. Information on the meeting was given via telephone by Barb Hornback who said she expects to have her "load organized in three weeks," or at least before the next meeting.

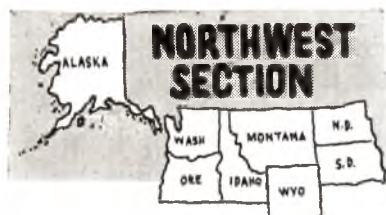
Some of our members have made interesting flights lately. They include Gayle Evans of McCall who got up recently at 3 a.m. to take a four-hour observer flight on a timber spraying operation around Big Creek. (In Idaho this is quite a job as all the timber in the state is sprayed for bud-worm.) Millie Shinn flew a Civil Air Patrol Super Cub from Grand Junction, Colo. minus quite a few instruments. Joyce Morcom did some flying on fire partol a week before her son Jimmie was born. Barb Hornback made her last back country flight and is staying in Boise until her baby is born.

### EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Evelyn Waldren

The Eastern Washington Chapter welcomes a new member, 17 year old Caralee Henson. (Yes, it's spelled with an "e") of Prosser, Wash., daughter of a Horse Heaven wheat rancher. Caralee started taking flying lessons when she was 14, as her daddy was already a pilot and owned a family plane. Caralee now flies their Tri-Pacer the 20 miles from the Henson ranch to the Prosser airport, to pick up groceries and what-not in Prosser. In late August she is scheduled to go to the Flying Farmers convention in Chicago, on which trip she will be the pilot, to receive an award of a gold trophy from the Piper Aircraft Corp., who customarily give these trophies to all women pilot members of the FF's.

Betty Jane Seavey is her usual busy self. We've never seen her any other way. Besides flying her Tri-Pacer, her recent activities include driving the fire truck to farm fires and working the mobile phone, helping with the wheat harvest on the Seavey ranch, planting flowers and evergreen trees in the yard, looking after a Persian



### MONTANA CHAPTER

By Vivienne Schrank

Just returned from a family vacation in Denver visiting our daughter, Cherub and family. Also telephoned Donna Meyers and Alice Fuchs (99s) while there. And while in the Black

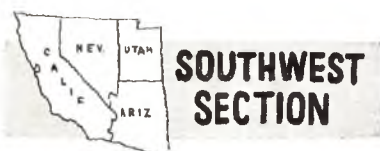


kitten and beagle puppy, taking the two Seavey kids to their swim lessons and attending the Seattle Seafair.

Minnie Boyd recently flew to Banff, Alberta, with teachers as her passengers, in connection with the air age education program held at Central Washington College, Ellensburg.

The second 1957 Northwest sectional meeting was held in Walla Walla, Wash., September 6, 7 and 8.

Gini Richardson has another cup to add to her collection of racing trophies, having won fifth place in the AWTAR. Gini also won a lap prize in the same race, for making the fastest time between Reno and Salt Lake City. She flew her much-traveled silver, red and black Cessna 170.



### SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Our "bombshell of the month" is really atomic in nature—Betty Knier is now Mrs. Jack Slater! The lucky fellow is a handsome lad whose family resides at Lake Placid. Saguaro Chapter members had a chance to meet Jack at the surprise shower given by Juanita Newell in her home for Betty. A luncheon at the Encore honored Betty with yours truly as hostess, one of several affairs planned for the bride. New address of the attractive couple is 302 West Coolidge, Phoenix.

A swimming and barbecue party in honor of Alice Roberts and Iris Critchell was held in the home of Jimmy Lou and Frank Shelton. Unfortunately Iris was unable to attend, as planned. Those present were Wilma and Bill Bland, Doris and John Glina (with Dawn in tow), Juanita and Elgin Newell, Alice and Charles Roberts, Mary McNeil, Marjy Crowl and Jimmie Lou and Frank Shelton, who also had Jimmie's sister, Merry Gay Loberg and her husband, M. G., from Cape Girardeau, Mo., as house guests.

Doris Glina was hostess in her new home for the August business meeting. Attending were Melba Beard, Jimmie Lou Shelton, Wilma Bland, Juanita Newell, Bonnie Fugitt, Alice Roberts and Marjy Crowl. Melba appointed Doris Glina as chairman of the nominating committee with Betty Knier Slater and Wilma Bland completing the circle.

Melba Beard has been named "Mrs. OX-5 of Arizona" and will attend the OX-5 convention in Kansas City and the Antique Airplane Association meeting at Ottomwa, Iowa. She just returned from another trip to California. Jimmie Lou and Frank Shelton visited Disneyland and were at Las Vegas twice since last report—planning to return again soon—must be profitable!

Jim says she makes a point of taking these trips to help out my news for this column (because of her experience in this capacity) and her efforts are certainly appreciated!

Due to a definite faux pas on my part we were omitted from the last issue of the News Letter. The stickum on the stamp wasn't sticky enough, so copy was returned. Might still have made it if had "been on the ball"—but just wasn't. No excuse.

Highlights of some were: Phoenix visit of Alma Harwood, whose presence we thoroughly enjoy. Alma was here for the meeting held at Juanita Newell's home with Melba Beard, Juanita Newell, Betty Knier Slater, Wilma Bland and Marjy Crowl also in attendance. Alma, Melba and 49½er Bill enjoyed luncheon at Sky Harbor. The Arizona heat didn't seem to faze Alma, she seemed constantly busy during her brief stay in the Valley of the Sun. Come again soon!

### TUCSON CHAPTER

By Doris N. Choiniere

Sincere sympathy is extended to Bea Edgerly in the tragic death of her son, John, in a plane crash near Pittsburg, August 23.

Missed the July deadline, so for a quick recap of activities here in the Old Pueblo.

We are very happy to announce Shirley Marshall has become a member of the Ninety-Nines. Shirley and husband, Art, have two children, a boy and a girl. Both hubby and wife fly and are the proud owners of a new Tri-Pacer. What a pretty plane it is too. Red and cream with red and black upholstery. Welcome aboard, Shirley.

TAR and JC races are over for another year. Bea Edgerly and Helen Grinkle won a Piper award in the JC. Wonderful, gals we're real proud of you-all.

Lorraine Chandler and I sure had a ball in the TAR even if we didn't set the racing world on fire. The experience is priceless, and though we won't mention what place we ended in, we learned more than we could have in years of local flying.

Lorraine, 49½er Bill, with Lorraine's parents are vacationing in Florida, via the Navion.

Virginia Hall visited her sister, Mrs. J. M. McRae, here in town this month. The ladies invited the chapter to a lovely luncheon. Good to see Virginia again—she was in San Mateo to hand us log books at the start of the race. Luncheon was real yummy and of course we talked and talked. Had a wonderful time and sure would like to see Dale McRae learn to fly.

We called a special meeting as Mary Johnston was in town. Voted in the same officers for another year, showed some TAR pictures. The meeting was held at the home of Dotty Jenkins. We are having an open meeting next

month for women interested in aviation and prospective members. Sure was nice to see Mary Johnston, she is so very interested in the Ninety-Nines and has worked very hard to make the Tucson Chapter a success.

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Edna Penners

Joan Bishop's new modern home, situated high on a hillside with a magnificent view was the lovely setting for our August 23 meeting. We were very happy to have two prospective members present, Gina Chatfield, a new pilot, and Kit Carroll from Illinois who has had her license a long time. Both lovely girls would be an addition to our chapter.

We want to extend a welcome to Dottie Schultz, who recently returned from Japan. Hope to see her at our meetings, too.

Good luck, Suds Stortz, in your new teaching assignment in Europe.

Our schedule of events are: Regular business meeting September 20 at Betty Lamberts, 4272 Altamirano Way; regular business meeting October 18 at Jean Cousins, 5105 Plainview Road; rummage sale November 23, National City.

There isn't much news this month so will make this short.

### SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Dorothy Monahan

August dinner meeting was held at "Sakura Gardens," Mt. View. Hostess, Jackie Petty. Had fun of dining in an authentic Japanese Tatami Room. Those attending were Jackie and Lloyd Petty, Eleanor and Jim Wortz, Pat Gladney, Natalie Bossio and the Collins, who are starting a flying vacation around California. Eleanor and Jim Wortz ditto by surface. Natalie Bossio has joined the Palo Alto Flying Club.

### UTAH CHAPTER

By June Raybould

Our membership list is really showing signs of our renewed recruiting activities the last few months. Our ultimate goal is to double chapter membership as of last year. Our latest recruit is Connie Lietz, Utah State Aeronautics Commission secretary. Connie's private certificate goes back quite a few years but she has just recently become active again so we are glad to welcome her into the chapter and also back into the air. Already she has been a great help to us with our plans for the AWTAR stop in the 1957 race.

Busy Doris Eacret traveled home from the AWTAR terminus as participant in the Junior Chamber of Commerce race, placing fifth we understand. With all her various awards, bet she has quite a collection by now. Anyhow, congratulations on another fine race, Doris.

Both our July and August meetings

were devoted mainly to post-race discussions. In July Eunice Naylor hosted members at an evening meeting in her heavenly cool back yard which felt wonderful after our near-100 degree heat wave. Just back home from the race, both Beth Evans and Alberta Hunt filled the evening with an account of their exciting and interesting race experiences. Elko stop clockers, Bill and Cora Grote, presented the movies Bill had taken during the height of activity at Elko. Extra special guest was member June Kaiser from Moab, Utah. Although June has been a member of our chapter for several years, this is her first time in attending our regular monthly meeting and we thoroughly enjoyed getting to know her for she is an interesting and enthusiastic pilot. Also visiting as guests were two ex-Wasps, Frances Kari and Eleanor Gudmundsen. Eleanor is a new CAA ARTCC controller just moved into the area and Frances has been too busy with her housewife duties to do much flying but we are hoping that now they are acquainted, they will be our next two new members. Climax to the evening was a wonderful fresh raspberry

shortcake with gobs of whipped cream. And the berries were all handpicked a few hours earlier by our hostess.

Previous plans interfered with my attendance in August at the meeting and was very sorry to miss all the interesting things planned. Highlight was presentation by the state aeronautics director of the movies taken during the AWTAR stop in Salt Lake. Beth Evans was hostess at their new home and from reports, everyone had a wonderful evening filling their eyes and minds with the movies and hangar flying and satisfying the "inner man" with all sorts of tasty (and fattening) tidbits.

#### SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

Had our first communique from Trixie Ann Schubert and family who are vacationing in Oshkosh, Wis. It isn't easy to keep the machine in motion without the spark plugs and Trixie Ann has certainly been missed these past several weeks. They will be returning to Los Angeles soon.

Penny Swope and Nina Stoehr were on hand at our August meeting to tell

of their experiences flying in the TAR. Now Penny has her eye on the trophy for the Phoenix race. Both Penny and Nina "Polly" were 64 when they soloed and flew the TAR this year at the age of 66. So don't be discouraged if your immediate plans upset your flying schedule—Penny and Polly are having the time of their lives and cover more territory now than they ever did before.

Your writer and hubbie took the Cessna 172 through every thunder storm between California and Illinois. We had forgotten what bad weather could be like—living in California so many years. We no sooner touched down at the airport in Peoria when we received a call to return to California because of a death in the family. As hectic as it was we are starting now to formulate plans for a return bout with the weather.

Joanie Ferguson winged to San Francisco last week (courtesy Slick Airways). Had the entire 88 seats to herself.

Louise Robertson cannot get enough of this soaring game. She recently journeyed to El Mirage for a bit more dual time.

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