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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

News Letter

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President's Column

September 1, 1957

I appreciate so much, receiving invitations to attend six Sectional meetings during the month of September. All of them were held in three week-ends. I would have enjoyed attending every one of them, it was of course, impossible for me to do so. It would be well if, in some way, we could avoid the confliction of dates on these meetings. However, I realize that it is a difficult situation, since most of our Section meetings occur during the fall and spring seasons. In all fairness, I find it necessary to accept the first invitations that I receive. The meetings that I attended were so very nice, with good attendance, well planned programs, and wonderful enthusiasm. I am sure that those I was unable to attend, were equally as successful and I am truly sorry that I missed them. These meetings are a most important part of our entire Ninety-Nine program, please make every effort to attend your Sectional meeting, you'll be glad that you did.

Now, let us think seriously about Number One of our Four-point program — MEMBERSHIP! Our International membership chairman, and our chapter membership chairmen can not do the job alone. Unless each member assumes the serious responsibility of this membership increase, we will never attain our goal of 1500 members this year. It is very important that we start NOW. Unless we do, that new member will not receive the full value of her first year's membership. She should have the pleasure of attending and participating in all the chapter programs for the year, receive all the News Letters, and there is the listing in the roster to consider.

We should not delay in an all-out effort to reach our goal as quickly as possible. So . . . I hereby delegate each member, as a committee of one, to get that new Ninety-Nine. Why not make it two? Good hunting! Good luck!

Very sincerely,

Broneta Davis.

Broneta Davis



RENEW!

DEADLINE FOR DUES, OCTOBER 31 — HURRY!



Our executive secretary, Margaret Sweet, at work in headquarters office.



Another view of the working part of the office showing the membership files, addressograph and the mimeograph.



In keeping with the 99 colors the reception room is done in a soft blue and a white ceiling; the divan is a colorful coral and the chair white; the lamp, hand carved wood; the coffee table, made and donated by the Texas Chapter, is mosaic tile with a 99 inset in darker blue; the trophy is one presented to Edna Gardner Whyte by the Cuban government; one of the bronze plaques of Amelia Earhart is visible and we do hope you will come by headquarters to see the rest of the office and contributions. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.



Sign Up A New 99

1958 Membership Goal — 1500

The '58 Membership Campaign is now on, and our star saleswoman is YOU—each and every Ninety-Nine. No one can compete with the 99's for spreading the "word" of our organization, for you are our best representative.. Your goal A NEW MEMBER THIS YEAR.

LOIS DOBIN,
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The 25th Of Each Month

Amelia Earhart STAMP

September 5, 1957

Amelia Earhart Commemorative
Stamp Chairman
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Dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting the request for the issuance of a stamp to honor the memory of Amelia Earhart.

Many petitions for such a stamp have been submitted by various organizations as well as interested individuals. You are informed that these requests and yours will receive the careful consideration of the Post Office Department Stamp Advisory Committee in the development of the 1958 Commemorative Stamp program.

Kindest regards,

Cordially yours,
L. Rohe Walter
Special Assistant to the
Postmaster General

Membership Renewals Due Oct. 31

Be sure your name will be listed in the roster! Contact your prospective members immediately, so they too can be listed with your chapter this coming year. Let's all work toward increasing our membership to 1,500 for 1958.

AWTAR NEWS

The 12th Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race will take place next July. Start making your plans NOW!

The race will start at Montgomery Field, San Diego, Calif., and will terminate at the Municipal Airport, Charleston, S. C. Our hosts at the start will be the San Diego Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., and our hosts at the terminus will be the Charleston Chamber of Commerce and the Carolinas Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Rules and regulations and applications for entry will be available after February 1, 1958. Address all inquiries to the AWTAR, Inc. Headquarters, 2611 East Spring Street, Long Beach 6, Calif.

See you all again in July!

Betty H. Gillies
Chairman

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.

HEADING—Please head each report as to section, chapter and name of reporter.

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.

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Pilot's Briefing

Correction: The membership renewal deadline is October 31. Sorry we erred in September NL. Don't let this deadline catch you—renew today!

All Governors — Please send a report on your Section meeting to NL editor. Please include names of new Section officers and Chapter officers within your Section. A copy of the names of these officers should be sent to Headquarters, also, at the earliest possible date.

Watch for complete listing of committee appointments in next issue of NL.

Amelia Earhart medals are available at Headquarters. \$3.50 each.



Ninety-Nines at the Fourth Annual Aviation Education Workshop sponsored by the Civil Air Patrol at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, this summer. Left to right: Coral Bloom and Edna Long of California; Betty McNabb, Georgia; Mary Jo Janey, Montana, Betty and Mary Jo flew their planes to the workshop, were called Betty Tripacer and Mary Jo Navion thereafter.

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HOW ABOUT SOME NEWS FOR
THE NOVEMBER ISSUE?



By Pat Arnold

Ye annual meeting was held at Auburn-Lewiston, Maine, Sept. 8 in conjunction with the Maine Air Show. Lucille and Henry Dingley were our gracious hosts and entertained everyone royally with lunch, cocktails and swimming in their indoor pool. Jerry and Hank Gardiner (Waterford, Conn.) and Charlotte Kelley (Hingham, Mass.) came in the Gardiner's Bonanza. Barbara and Fran Kiernan (Andover, Mass.) brought Gladys Turcotte (Hopkinton, Mass.) in their Banana. Page Shamburger (Rover Girl) flew in from Fort Worth in her 170 and new member, June Douglas, arrived also in a 170. Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Horne drove over from Wolfeboro. Some of the gals had a ride in the Royal Gull arranged by Hans Gruenoff of Air Facts magazine. Our new officers are: Governor, Barbara Kiernan; vice governor, Chris Seaver (Needham Heights, Mass.); secretary, Ora Steven (E. Taunton, Mass.);

treasurer, Lois Wartman (Providence, R. I.). Congratulations to each of you. Our future is in good hands.

Sara Hayden (Metheun, Mass.) just got back from flight to N. C. in her new Stinson. Took hubby Frank and baby along. Congrats to Urchil Wales (Wenham, Mass.) on arrival of another baby boy in July.

Dolly and Bob Bernson (Golden Beach, Fla.) returned recently from a trip around the world! They hope to be in N.E. the latter part of Sept. and perhaps make our next meeting. We hope so too! Barbara (Rustie) Cloud (Boston) has been in the hospital again but is now on the mend. Chris Seavers is just back from an exciting summer in Europe. Stayed a month in Denmark with aunts and in the other three weeks managed to visit nine countries!

The best I've been able to do is to go to the Eastern States Exposition, Springfield, Mass., with two good looking men where I caught the Asian flu. The moral of the story probably being "you shouldn't be so damn greedy."



By Irene Keith

For the ending of the old and beginning of the new year our meeting in August was at the Newark Airport restaurant, the "Newarker," where after an excellent dinner nominations for the coming year were voted on for the ball and hanger flying of future activities consumed the rest of the meeting.

September 22 we were invited to a tea at Floyd Bennett Field at the Naval Officers Mess given by the WIAA with Mrs. Jessie Chamberlain as pilot. The WIAA annually gives the "Lady Hay Drummond Hay Trophy" each year to a woman who has achieved the most in or for aviation. We are proud to announce that our Manila Davis Talley received this award for 1958. As the 100th member of the 99's; as Lt. Col. of CAP and many other reason for deserving this honor. Former recipients at the tea were Viola Gentry, Kay Brick and a telegram from Marjorie Gray.

Sept. 23 we hangered in the Beaux Arts for our meeting with Capt. Sam Miller as guest speaker for Pan-American Airways on "American Technical Aide to Foreign Countries." As former chief pilot and divisional manager of the Atlantic Division and just back from tech. aide program in Ankara, Turkey, he described the work being done and its effects on the countries as a whole. Our special guest and 99 from Australia, Mrs. Richard

(Mae) Casey, who told us about the Reliability Race and other aviation activities in the country down under. We also presented her with an Amelia Earhart Medal inscribed to "Mae Casey with Admiration—NY & NJ 99's." Her son, Don Casey, who is a pilot, joined us. We were pleased to have as guest Viola Gentry; a French pilot, Tommie Martin; Mrs. Chamberlain; Miss Doolittle of WIAA; Dr. Clara Gross and many others.

We had a vote of confidence and this government is here to stay for another year with the skipper Irene Keith; the first one I talk to Phyllis Crouch; the one who does the pencil work Priscilla B. Wilson; and of course the purse strings Marion Lopez. The rest will be announced next News Letter.

In the next month or so a book, "Wings for Life" by Ruth Nichols, an autobiography published by Lipcoff with comments on the fly leaf by many among those will be Jimmie Doolittle and Gil Rob Wilson. Will keep you posted when it will be.

Betty Harris with a future pilot George Geoffrey Harris. Our gal who transferred from Canada married in Sept. now its Phyllis Spain Sproul. Our congratulations. Happy landings.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Virginia Thompson

"Oh, how I wish that I could have one." That was the response of the girls who experienced their first helicopter ride at Beacon Field during our fall sectional meeting on Sept. 22. The word "thrilled" seems inadequate to describe their enthusiasm, especially "Gussie" Roberts. The only sad note was Peggy Borak's and Betty Ward's unfulfilled yearning. They missed their ride. Weather precented their flying but four brave souls, Margaret Callaway, Elsie McBride (1957 International Race winners), Louise Hollinger and daughter, all of Pennsylvania, did brave marginal weather to join us by the approved "99" mode of travel.

We wish that all of you could have enjoyed the delicious food and beautiful view from the terrace of Allison's Little Tea House overlooking Washington. Amid this delightful setting, our governor, Ada Mitchell, presided at the business meeting. We were pleased to learn that all three sectional officers, Ada Mitchell, Adelaide Tinker and Jean Rutledge, have been re-elected for another term. Others taking part in the program were Blanche Noyes, "Mitzie" Moore, Dorothy Mitchell and Margaret Callaway.

Before the officers could "give the word," there were some worker bees

in the background who made the necessary arrangements. They were Jean Howard, Ann Ash, Eleanor Davis, Lamon a Cervenk and Dorothy Mitchell. With such a good committee, all I had to do was tie up the loose ends. It was you who came who made the meeting worthwhile. Otherwise all efforts would have been in vain. We hope that you had a nice time and will continue to buzz around our "99" beehive.

Newly elected officers for our chapter are: Dorothy Mitchell, chairman; Virginia Thompson, vice chairman; Ann Ash, secretary; and Eleanor Davis, treasurer.

We have a delightful new member, Betty McGlashan, who has invited us for a "fly-in" to her home in Churchhill, Md., on Oct. 13. Welcome Betty.

You should see how Blanche Noyes beams these days. The reason is a new Bonanza H-35 painted air marking colors: yellow, black and white. Not only is she sporting a new airplane but also a new title, that of vice president of the OX-5 International Organization.

Our other busy traveler, Fran Noble, is off to attend a SCAT meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo., and a NBAA meeting in Denver.

We were saddened to learn of the untimely death of one of our former "99" members, Johanna Busse.

Jean Howard has received many honors but none pleases her more than being a godmother to our former chairman, Nancy Moore's latest production model, Charles Francis Moore. Congratulations to you and Lee from all of us. Why not fly him down for a sneak preview?

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

The Middle East sectional was a success in some ways and a miserable failure (for Betty Ward and I) in other ways. We wanted to fly down and planned to leave no later than 9:30 a.m. to reach Washington, D. C., in time for the promised, exciting ride in that strange animal known as the helicopter. Weather was some ridiculous thing like 700 feet with 1000 feet to see by, promised clearing by noon. We gnashed our teeth and took the train, missed one and arrived too late for the helicopter ride anyway. Margaret Callaway and Elsie McBride waited until noon and flew down, arrived late but enjoyed the flying more than the entraining I'm sure. Jean Rutledge arrived grandly by airline.

It was so good to see everyone and pleasant to talk to the history makers. Blanche Noyes told us briefly how the 99's were born. How wonderful it is to hear names like Amelia Earhart, of aviation in the '20s, the Cleveland Air

Races, etc., and know that the people you speak to were there and did these things.

Ada Mitchell gave a rundown on her first practice forced landing in a cow pasture, indicating that her Texas nose led her right to the cows. Ada begins her second term as governor with Adelaide Tinker as vice governor and Jean Rutledge as secretary-treasurer. Ann Ash's prize winning floral arrangement graced the table under the aiken trees at charming Allison's Little Tea House on a bluff overlooking Washington.

Margaret Callaway told us about the IAR, the trophies, and the dinner at the president's palace. She urged everyone to take part in the race, saying that even a little experience was sufficient.

Washington Chapter has planned some interesting meetings, which we hope to take part in, including a talk to be given by the pilot of the jet which recently made the fastest coast to coast flight; and a tour of that fantastically busy place, the tower at National Airport.

Mitzi Moore drove us to town and we boarded the train for Philadelphia (gnash, gnash).



SOUTHEASTERN SECTION MEETING

By Kitty Nix

It was my pleasure to be hostess to the Southeastern Section meeting at Parkaire Field, Marietta, Ga., Sept. 7 and 8.

We had 14 99'ers, four 49½'s and seven visitors present. The weatherman was kind enough to give us nice warm sunshine for Saturday's swimming party and the cocktail party the Piper dealers of Georgia gave for us; however to ask for sunshine on Sunday too was just too much and we had the usual low clouds and drizzle Sunday morning which kept some of the girls from coming in.

We had one of the best and most interesting business meetings we have had in some time. Most of the "thank you notes" I have received have mentioned how much the section meetings mean to our girls and the fact that we always have so much fun at these get-togethers that we find it difficult to understand why more of the girls don't make a greater effort to get to them.

Our governor for the coming year is Burnette Spencer from the Carolinas Chapter. Our vice governor is Verna Burke from the Florida Chapter and secretary-treasurer is Kitty Nix from the Georgia Chapter.

We are already looking forward to the spring section meeting and hope that each chapter will make a greater effort to get all of their members to this meeting.

NORTH FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Betty Wertz

The joint meeting of the Florida and North Florida Chapters met at the home of Phyllis McBeth in Ft. Pierce for a lovely luncheon and good fellowship. It is the first the North Florida girls have been together in quite a long time but we hope to get started with new ideas and new members to add to the wonderful present members. Members present were Betsy Collins, Elaine Mogelvang, Alma Parker, Betty Wertz, a transfer from the All-Ohio Chapter, Barbara Ellis of Cocoa, to be transferred from the Florida Chapter, and Phyllis Clifton, a prospective member from Cocoa.

The new officers elected were: Alma Parker, chairman; Betty Wertz, acting secretary-treasurer, with the vice chairman to be elected at a later date.

The next meeting will be held in Orlando at the home of Elaine Mogelvang, Oct. 6. All members, prospective members and 49½'ers are invited.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Constance Ohlinger

Ever return home after a long absence to find your mailbox stuffed with magazines? Usually they get stacked up to await a day of reading. But not my News Letters! What new and high honors have been achieved by 99's from various parts these last three months! Made suddenly realize again what worthy successors there are to Amelia Earhart.

Of course we are sincerely proud of Georgiana McConnell, who writes that she is practicing for that instructor's rating flight check. Georgiana was the only Tennessee member who made the recent section meeting at Marietta. She says the hospitality there was outstanding, thanks to the generosity of the Walter Nix's, the Georgia Chapter and the Piper dealers.

Mary Beth Sargent and her 49½ participated in a Group IV SARCAP in Greenville, Tenn., Aug. 24-25. Evelyn Bryan also, but briefly, as she had students waiting.

Your reporter let Northwest Airlines and UAL do the piloting in August. Winged to Billings, Mont., thence to Portland, Seattle, and B. C. At Seattle took a look-see at the imposingly situated Tacoma-Seattle Airport, as well as at the famous Boeing plant. Returning east, UAL and the weather gave us a magnificent view of snow-covered Mts. Rainier, St. Helens, Adams and Hood. Arrived at Willow Run to find that its ad building had had a remarkable and quite stunning face-lifting. Wanted to phone Dona Myers from Stapleton Field, Denver, but didn't have time.



WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Bernie Voelker

Everyone in the chapter has been so busy scurrying around preparing to hostess the North Central Section meeting that regular chapter meetings fell by the wayside. In spite of the worst weather that the meteorologist could stir up, the faithful (49 strong) struggled in via train, car and boat save for three brave souls who managed to fly including our international president, Broneta Davis. We love you all and really appreciate the effort each of you made to be with us.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

The morning air was as fresh as a "clean clothes smell," and visibility unrestricted as Sammy McKay pointed her Cessna 172 toward St. Clair for the 99 meeting. My guest, Pat Edge, and I rode with her. It was the kind of a flying day that makes one feel humble and grateful for the privilege to share The Creator's view of the world around you.

St. Clair Inn had a quaint "Old English air" about it, and we enjoyed a view of the lake as we breakfasted and chatted with fellow members.

Pat Russell took up the gavel from Mary Clark, and conducted her first meeting as chairman. The S.M.A.L.L. Race was the main topic at our meeting, and a general run down of last minute details. By the time you girls read this, I hope we may have had the pleasure to have met you in Lansing and Traverse City.

Leah Higgins had just returned from a wonderful trip to the St. Lawrence Seaway, Lake Champlain, and the Adirondacks. Sue Hickman reported traveling 6,741 miles by car into NW Canada and British Columbia. She had fun riding the chair lift in Baniff, and reported seeing many wild animals such as bears, buffalo, elk and moose. Jeanette Sovereign and her husband are in the Northwest on vacation, so she will have much to report also.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Helen Sammon

Our most heartfelt thanks to our wonderful neighbors, Michigan, for their most gracious hospitality at the combined August meeting at Austin Lake.

Dottie Anderson of Bluffton Airport has passed her written instrument and is working on her flying for the flight test.

Martha Wilcox of Alliance has received her commercial rating and we are all proud of her. Marie Ambus of

Sandusky has been spending her spare time sailing her boat on Lake Erie this summer. Finds it difficult to choose between boats and planes.

We'll miss not having Betty Wertz in our chapter as she has asked for a transfer to the North Florida Chapter. She's become the best of friends with Betsy Collins (thanks to Edie Friedrich for bringing them together). They plan to attend the Florida Chapter meeting in Ft. Pierce on Sept. 8.

Mary Otzel of Norwalk, Ohio, has been busy this summer recruiting volunteers for the new hospital that is to open in October or November. Glad to see her active in our chapter again. Mary also become a grandmother this summer, congratulations! She got quite a bang out of Ann Ash's (Washington Chapter) recent visit. What with Mary a new grandmother and Ann a new mother, quite a lot to talk about.

Gerry Larkin of Toledo has been spending her vacation in Canada. She's to enter the hospital very shortly.

Good to hear that Jody Scott, Marilyn Collette and Martha Foley have checked out of the hospital and on the road to recovery. Hurry and get well as we miss you all.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Rita Ann Orr

If a good start signifies a good year ahead, then our chapter should be in for an excellent year. September found us participating in the third annual Air Fair at Wold Chamberlain Field. Pat Sullivan and Betty Johnson, co-chairmen of our booth, did a wonderful job on the display — and a special "thank you" to Pat's friend, Jean Thurmer, for the magnificent art work. Hope Jean will join us in the near future, she is our kind of gal.

Once again we tried our luck at the "penny a pound" airlift and with those hard-working girls, Pat Sullivan, Helen Masterton and Jane White manning the three aircraft allotted us, we once more scored a "hit." To all the rest of you who served on the ground crew — seeing what had to be done and doing it without hesitation — our thanks. This is the kind of cooperation that makes or breaks a project but I really wasn't surprised, I have yet to see a poor turnout when you are needed.

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Ruth Lake

Although we have not been heard from for several months, it has been a busy summer for our chapter and we have participated in many activities.

Our fund raising project for the year was in May. An old fashioned box supper was held at Arrowhead Airport, a private field owned by Virginia and Burton Duenke. Supper was followed by square dancing, complete with sound system and professional

caller. Credit for the success of the project goes to Ginny, Evelyn Niese and June Evers, who all base their planes at Arrowhead and chairman Dorothy Rumsey, and of course to our many, many friends who participated.

June meeting was a joint meeting with the Central Illinois Chapter held at Springfield, Ill., with our gals all flying in to the meeting and luncheon. Highlight of the meeting was the showing by Deedo Heise of her movie, "Flighty Lady."

In July, ten of our members participated in a fly-in to Grain Valley Airport at Kansas City, where we were the guests of the Kansas City Aero Club for lunch. Ginny Duenke was accompanied by a photographer from the St. Louis Globe Democrat, resulting in a four page picture story, stressing the safety and fun of flying for family transportation.

Last month, nine of our members participated in a 400 mile efficiency race, sponsored by the St. Louis Aero Club. Other members assisted in timing and scoring at the various stops. Fran Merrill was declared heroine of the race, flying a J-3, and came in in 16th place out of 27 entries. 49½ Burton Duenke was the winner and 49½ Paul Clark placed third. Dolores Whalen was co-pilot in another one of the first five place winners.

Our September meeting was held at the lovely home of June Evers. Mr. Waldhauser of the weather bureau was our guest speaker. Business for the evening was the election of officers, with the following results: Mickey Clark, chairman; Sylvia Bloom, vice chairman; Virginia Duenke, secretary; Dolores Whalen, treasurer. Appointed as New Letter reporter, Ruth Lake; and membership chairman, Maxine Loeffler.

Mickey Clark represented our chapter in the TAR this year and also the Sky Lady Derby with Helen Sanderson as co-pilot in the Sky Lady Derby.

We are glad to welcome home Pat Tully. Pat has been attending Purdue U. and we have missed her. Another long missed member at the last meeting was Sue Parks. Our new member is Dorothy Henke. Dorothy is the wife of August E. Henke, operator of St. Charles Airport, where many of our members base their planes. Dorothy is the mother of four, proving that anyone can find the time to fly. This now makes 25 members for our chapter. Loretta Slavick has devoted much of her time in recent months organizing and participating in safety meetings conducted over the state of Missouri. We are happy to report that her 49½, Lee, has recuperated after several months of illness.

We are proud of our families who continue to up-grade themselves via new ratings. Recent rating went to Lackland Bloom (instrument), G. J.

Jaco (multi-engine), Paul Clark (commercial), Harold Whelan (instrument), Bob Lake, 24¼ (private), and your truly the 180', which I recommend. They are doing a wonderful job at the U. of Ill., which Leah Warren can also verify, as she had just finished getting her rating when I was there in May. Mickey Clark has her instructors rating and is now instructing at St. Charles Airport and also ferrying planes for the St. Louis Flying Service, here at Lambert Field. She recently had the pleasure of going through the Piper factory and was given a preview showing of the new Comanche and was very much impressed.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose Andrews

Our September meeting is being held late this month, not until the 29th in the afternoon at the Frank Andrews' at Champaign. The secretary has sent cards to as many prospects as possible, asking them to join the members for homemade ice cream and cake. We set the hour for the afternoon hoping that many will fly in.

Leah Warren and her hubby have been in the southern states for the past few weeks. Their little Davy is along with them but the older youngsters are in school at Champaign and Cincinnati.

Our chairman, Florence Musser, and her husband are headed Milwaukee-ward this weekend for the sectional. Don't know who else is getting there, but I hope we are well represented.

The McBrides at Mattoon are on a trip to the eastern states this month.

Doris Layson Bullock is not teaching at the University of Illinois this semester, but taking some time out for study.

Joan Sanders, who is also a P.E. teacher at the Univ., finds herself with a larger job in the department, but we know she will be doing it well.

Wish I had had a chance to talk to more of our members this month so that I could tell you of their activities. Betty LeCompte is a new clerk at the University of Ill. Airport. Be sure to make yourself known to her if you stop in at any time.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Vachout

The weather cooperated beautifully on Sept. 8, so we were able to hold our air meet on schedule. Here are the results of the day: X-C race, 1st place, Kathy McHugh pilot and Connie Graves co-pilot; 2nd, Donna Giles pilot and Marge Raglin copilot; spot landings, 1st, Hazel Peterson, 2nd, Carol Cooper, 49½'er Pete Akerlund; bomb drop, 1st, Eve Chilcoat pilot and Helen Sailer co-pilot, 2nd, Carol Cooper pilot and Lillian Ravel co-pilot. Kathy McHugh won the outstanding pilot trophy and the perpetual trophy.

Our congratulations to all the winners. The Minnesota Chapter donated the outstanding pilot trophy, and we all wish to express our thanks to them.

One of the highlights of the meet was a model plane flying exhibition put on by Norm's Hobby Shop of Geneva, Ill. The maneuvers they put the models through had us all gasping. Several times it seemed as though they would surely hit the light poles, but they didn't. Again this year, we want to say "thanks" to Bill Donahue and the gang at DuPage Co. Airport for their help. They relieve us of a lot of detail and make the whole affair a pleasure for all. They also seem to enjoy the day as much as we do and make us feel so "welcome."



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

The Oklahoma Chapter was entertained in the home of Rita Eaves, chairman, for the meeting on Sept. 15. The meeting was interesting and informative. Elizabeth Sewell gave a report on the August meeting held in Enid, Okla. Broneta Davis, our international president, gave a talk outlining her four-point program for the coming year. A resolution was passed to the effect that the Oklahoma Chapter would help her in all ways possible to achieve her goal. Before being served delightful refreshments, the group went down to the Eaves "south forty" to observe the work Rita and her 49½'er, Leonard, are doing in building their airplane.

We were more than pleased to have our three new members present: Marie Ketchum and Fern Yount of Duncan, and June Crosby of Oklahoma City. Others there were Emily Frost, Broneta Davis, Wynema Masonhall, Beth Smith, Ruth Jones, Susie Sewell, Rita Eaves and Dorothy Morgan.

Emily Frost reported a nice vacation trip to Buffalo, N. Y., her home town, and Boston. Skip Carter and Ruth Jones took a quickie trip to Texas and New Mexico for a change of pace after an arduous summer at Oklahoma University.

Next meeting will be at Will Rogers Airport on Oct. 20, at which time chapter officers for 1957-58 will be announced.

TEXAS CHAPTER

The Texas Chapter was well represented at the fall sectional in Albuquerque. Martha Ann Reading and Doris Weller in Martha's new Tri-Pacer from Dallas; Ann Nell Hooks, Ruby Caldwell, Sue Bowen, Tolly Petty and Mary Ann Lippott from

Abilene; Gov. Ruth Dearman, Frances Slate, Juanita Burndick, and Ann Duthie from El Paso; Cornelia Davis from Del Rio, and Ama Lee Jameson from Bracketville. It was a wonderful meeting and the weather cooperated beautifully, naturally, how else, in the Land of Enchantment.

Your sectional and international conventions can mean so much more to you, for it is here that names become people and people become friends. Hope you all caught Jo Allison on Saturday's Monitor, Sept. 21. We are real proud of our "flying grandmother." Congratulations, Jo.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Mary Wenholtz

Our September meeting was a luncheon hosted by Mary Collett at Valley Country Club followed by a visit to a charity fair staged by the Denver Aid League. Our new officers are: Betty Stackhouse, chairman; Thelma Thomas, vice chairman; Grace Longbrook, secretary; and Pat Urling, treasurer.

We are working on a rummage sale to be held Oct. 10. Anyone with rummage who might be coming our way, just give us a buzz and we'll meet you with open arms. We are also working on plans to get several of our members to the South Central Sectional at Albuquerque the 27th, 28th and 29th of September. See you there!

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Randy Sutherland

All of us here have been busy as little bees getting ready for the South Central Fall Sectional here in Albuquerque. We are hoping for a large turn-out so we shall have a chance to show our western hospitality.

The meeting this month was held at the Municipal Airport with Ruth Dearman and Delo Kimmell of El Paso joining us for luncheon.

Donie Boone with hubby and two guests flew to Las Vegas, Nev., for a weekend and reported having a wonderful time.

We also have two new members to be proud of. New comer number one is Muriel Guggolz, or Meg to us, who is a nurse at Sandia Base. The other one being Betty Burrett, who is going to be a real inspiration to all of us in our flying. She has a commercial and just recently got her instrument rating.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Moore

Four Nebraska women were flown to Philadelphia, Pa., by the CAP to present the \$250 leg prize, furnished by the Nebraska Aeronautics Dept., for the best time in the TAR between North Platte and Omaha. The ladies making the trip were CAP Capt. Mollie Campbell and 99's Helen Nestle, Rosemary Phelps and Florence Dunlavy. Helen Nestle, 99's South Central Section secretary, presented the \$120 first prize to Doris Eacret flying a 140A

Cessna; second prize \$80 to Betty Lambert flying a Mooney Mark 20; and \$50 third prize to Pat Gladney flying a Cessna 180.

The TAR made two stops in Nebraska with the Missouri Valley Chapter of 99's taking care of the stops in North Platte and Omaha. Thirty-five planes stopped in North Platte and many of them spent the night there. Marguerite Durbin supplied the breakfast for the overnight guests at North Platte. The North Platte Chamber of Commerce served a banquet Saturday evening for the contestants and many firms and ham radio operators helped with the stop. Mr. and Mrs. John Clinch of the Clinch Flying Service and 99's Marguerite Durbin, Martha Jacobson, Florence Dunlavy and Pauline Hawks helped at the airport.

Twenty-nine planes stopped in Omaha and 15 spent Sunday night in Omaha where the members were treated to midwestern steaks at the Town House. The Omaha Chamber of Commerce, radio, TV and press cooperated with the 99's to help make the stop-over operate smoothly.

Those helping in Omaha were Rosemary Phelps, Helen Nestle, Barbara Anspaugh, Belle Hetzel, Jane Bay, Laura Russell, Bettie King, Helen Moore, Jan and Neil Munkres, Helen and Roy Simmons, Ida Moore, Dorothy Broadfield and Dorothy Higbee. Eight firms and organizations helped sponsor the race through North Platte and 27 in Omaha.

All Ninety-Niners attending the Sept. 8 meeting at Abilene, Kan., thoroughly enjoyed a sight-seeing trip through the Eisenhower Museum and booby-hood home. For those who are unacquainted with this exhibit, we offer the following information: The Eisenhower Museum was formally dedicated in November, 1954 by Pres. Dwight Eisenhower, and contains a vast collection of the president's mementos, trophies, medals, souvenirs and personal tokens of honor valued at more than \$1,500.00 The museum, but at a cost of \$400,000 is located next to the boyhood home of the president at Abilene. Murals donated by the National Academy of Design and painted at a cost of more than \$50,000 cover the four walls of the museum lobby.

After leaving the museum, we were taken to the handsome new home of Helen and Roy Simmons where we were treated to a delicious buffet dinner and basked in warm Kansas hospitality. Thanks, Helen and Roy! It was a real privilege to visit your home.

Those flying in were Pauline Hawks and Mildred Johnson of Bruning and Hebron, Neb., Helen and Ida Moore of Beatrice, Belle Hetzel of Omaha and Olaf Johnson of Harlan, Iowa. Those arriving by car were Barbara Anspaugh and husband of Lincoln, Neb., Bettie King and family of Essex,

Iowa, Helen Nestle and husband of Omaha, Neb., Marion Hardman of Downs, Kan., Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Taylor of Abilene, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Munkres of Weeping Water, Neb.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Lois Dobbin

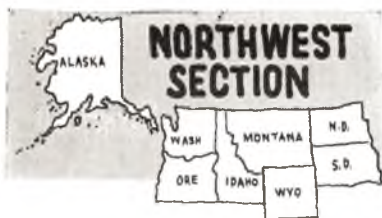
The September meeting was held at Mary McKillup's new home in Wichita and it is beautiful. Marie Engleman and Nina Montgomery Ercoupe'd from Hill City, and Marge Paris and guest, Betty Marlatt, flew in from Atchison. Local gals were Julie Snowhill, Helen Chandler, Dorothy Speer, Margaret Yourdon and Lois Dobbin. Other prospective guests were Betty Parks, Judy McKneeley, and Beth Crosley.

New officers for Kansas Chapter are: Chairman, Lucile Dienst; vice chairman, Marie Engleman; secretary, Dorothy Speer; and treasurer, Julie Snowhill. We are looking forward to a very active year for the chapter.

Airmarking "paint spree" planned for Oct. 12-13, and hope to get 10 or 12 airmarkers. Members from Wichita and Garden City will converge at Medicine Lodge for airmarking in conjunction with their Indian Peace Pageant. After airmarking, meeting and party will follow. Both groups will paint airmarkers enroute home Sunday.

Our recent transfer to Western Washington, Ruby Mathis, was in town on vacation, and we enjoyed seeing her again, and hearing of the "Great Northwest."

Kansas chapter plans membership drive this year on an "individual contact" basis, and hope to give the Abilene, Texas Chapter a run for their challenge.



MONTANA CHAPTER

By Vivienne Schrank

First of all congratulations are in order to our new NW Section officers. Barbara Hornbeck, Governor; Minnie Boyd, Vice - Governor; Millie Shinn, Secretary and Pud Lovelace, Treasurer. We are proud to serve under you.

Our Montana 99s met September 14 at Billings for a luncheon and 99 meeting at Marge Rolle's EL ROLLE RANCHO (a beautiful rambling home that lives up every bit of its clever name) and Marge's lovely mother was there to help Marge hostess a delicious buffet style menu with all the trimmings. Card tables were set and



Rehanging the Russell Merrill plaque are these Alaska Chapter, Ninety-Nines. Left to right: Pat Gilda, Lois Wise, Arla Cumbie, Helen Stoddard, Marion Zaegel, Chairman Doll Booth, Vice Chairman Pat McGee, and Liz Crakau.

your plate matched the table setting—a clever idea, not forgetting the vanilla ice cream dessert with the chocolate 99 written on each vanilla slice.

Election of officers was the main order of business and it was decided to vote in last year's officers for another term. Twelve members were present at the meeting: Dorothy Sabo, Pud Lovelace (Bozeman); Jimmie Kuhn (Missoula); Orpha Dann, (Watkins); Gladys Kreider (Sand Springs); Eleanor Greening (Laurel); Mary Jo Janey (Glendive); Vivienne Schrank (Jordan); Betty Jean Brink, Ernie Gore, Norma Wingfield and Marge Rolle, all four of Billings. Betty Jean Brink who was gone all last year attending college at Greeley, Colorado, is now a teacher in Billings and we are so glad to have her back with us.

Pud Lovelace and Jimmie Kuhn were the only two members who reached the Northwest Sectional in Walla Walla, Washington, and were forced to land at Superior until ceiling raised sufficiently to go thru Mullen Pass and arrived a bit later than planned. They gave a report at our meeting saying that around 24 attended despite weather conditions.

The most exciting news Pud and Jimmie reported was that Spokane, Washington, is definitely the site of the 1959 ational Convention, to be in the Spring, perhaps June but the exact date will be decided and announced later in your NEWS LETTER.

IDAHO CHAPTER

By Margaret E. Gigray

September has been an active month for Idaho Ninety-Nines, the Northwest Sectional meeting was held in Walla Walla the first week in the month; the Strategic Air Command base at Mountain Home invited Idaho Ninety-Nines and their husbands to a tour of the base on the 14th; and the 22nd the month Gayle Evans of McCall entertained at a garden picnic.

Barbara Hornback, who was responsible for helping form the Idaho Ninety-Nine Chapter (and who just yesterday gave birth to her second daughter), was elected governor of the Northwest Section; and Millie Shinn was elected secretary at the Walla Walla convention. The Eastern Idaho Unit received best wishes at the sectional meeting towards their pending recognition as a separate chapter.

Five planes flew into Mountain Home Municipal Airport and received a well planned tour of the Strategic Air Command base, including a quick visual checkout in the KC-97 and the B-47; lunch at the new NCO Club, a tour of the base, including the tower, their riding academy, and the golf course SAC is weaning away from the jack rabbits, sagebrush and desert land. Esther and Gaylen Stone, Betty Brown and a Wing Scout flew up from Pocatello to make the tour.

Ninety-Nines and families who attended Gayle Evans' garden picnic include Doris Atkinson, chapter president, Millie Shinn, Edna Hettinger, Eula Logsdon, Helen Higby, Cleone

Berry, Laura Conner, Georgia Myers and Hubert Martin, and Lucille Taylor who made a solo cross-country flight in her Aerona.

Chapter officers were elected at Sunday's picnic. They include: Laura Conner, president; Edna Hettinger, vice president; Helen Higby, secretary; and Margaret Gigray, treasurer.

ALASKA CHAPTER

By Pat Gilda

We had our September meeting on a very rainy night but we got a lot of business taken care of. We finally got the bronze plaque of Russell Merrill, pioneer Alaskan bush pilot for whom Anchorage's Merrill Field is named, hung in front of the CAA building. It looks beautiful and we took a lot of pictures for our scrap book.

Yours truly had her first helicopter ride last month and think it's the greatest and here to stay.

We have changed our meeting day to the first Tuesday in the month because some of us are taking courses at Alaska Community College. Nothing like a little learning for these long Alaskan winters. It's definitely fall here and we have had more than our share of rain. It interferes with flying no end.



LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Ruth Gay

We are all very proud that Iris Critchell was on the team that placed first in the AWTAR this year.

Our August meeting was at her home and the race was the main topic of conversation. Among our guests were Nina Stoehr and Penny Swope, who are San Fernando Valley 99s. Also Beth Given and Nellie Allender who is Nina's sister.

I have not been able to keep track of all the vacation trips this summer, but learned that Ruth Nitzen and family took a fishing trip to Canada; Iris Critchell and husband and daughter Sandy went to Glacier National Park via Seattle; Hilda Reafsnider and her 49½ Wayne plan to leave October 5th for Hawaii.

Our September meeting will be at Rita Gibson's home on the 24th. It will be chiefly a business meeting, but we hope to top the evening off with some movies of the race.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Ruby Potter

Our September meeting held in the lovely home of Betty Lambert was a most eventful meeting. Not only was

it election of new officers but, we also learned that our bid for the start of the 1958 AWTAR had been accepted.

New officers elected for this "fully packed" new year: Marian Craver, Chairman; Ruby Potter, vice chairman; Jerry Vickers, secretary; and Lea Hanlon, treasurer. Good luck gals!

Margaret Lang has been appointed as Chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, and is really buzzing with ways and means of raising the necessary money for the start of the race. For the first such an event Eileen Saunders loaned her spacious patio for a pot luck dinner for Ninety-Nines, 49½'ers and friends. It was a beautiful evening, excellent food and 49½'er Walt had waxed the patio floor to perfection for dancing. With the charge of \$1.00 per person for dinner, raffeling a box of candy and a "broom dance" we netted \$55.25. Now only a few thousand dollars to our goal.

Eileen and Walt are now on a hunting trip at Menache Meadows in the High Sierras.

Newly elected treasurer Lea Hanlon and 49½'er Bill are on a months vacation, flying their 170 (of course) with their destination Chicago.

Marian and Noble Craver flew their 182 to Las Vegas, Nevada, last week, for a few exciting days. They saw some good shows and indulged mildly in the common sport of that fair city.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Hialeah Reilich

Following our pleasant custom of having fly-in meetings in good weather, we met at Vivian Dalton's home on the Dalton Airport, Williams, Calif., for our September luncheon meeting.

Helen Mace and I flew in from Sacramento. As we neared the airport we saw Coral Bloom's green and white 170 descending and Ruth Wagner's red Navion overhead. We landed one, two, three.

Coral and guest, Betty Boggess flew from Buchanan Field, Concord, Calif. Ruth brought Jan Kapus and guest, Ruth Lummis, from Sacramento.

Waiting for us was our hostess and two members-to-be from Arbuckle, Nelsyne Jones and Betty Haynes. They flew all the way from Schutz field — about five miles. That's flying enthusiasm for you.

Mary McFarland flew the farthest, from Yreka. She is a very busy gal and we enjoy her rare visits. Mary, jokingly I'm sure, said we were welcome to come help with the fall brand-

ing. Those poor cows would probably get branded in some pretty funny places.

It was a very noisy and most hilarious get-together and all too short to cover all the news.

Election of officers for the following year was held and plans made for next month's fly-in meeting to be held at Chico, Calif.

Ruth Wagner, Gerry Mickelson and Jan Kapus are looking forward to seeing many friends at the fall sectional.

SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Monahan

September the business meeting was held at Eleanor Wortz in Los Altos. Amelia Carmen was a guest, and is also a member of the Moffett Aero Club. Member attending from the greatest distance was Helen Murphy, who flew up via sports car from Monterrey. Plans for attending the Fall Sectional at Bakersfield were discussed. Those planning to attend are Marian and Herm Barnick, Pat Gladney, and Patty Sherwood.

The vacation season has kept our members buzzing from home port. Pat and Jack, Gale, Gladney, water skiing and, hunting, fishing. Patty Sherwood flew to Burbank. Jackie and Loyd Petty are on a hunting trip. Dorothy and Pat Monahan flew to Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm.

Eleanor and Jim Wortz drove to Pinecrest, back to San Francisco unable to find a place to stay they return home and in one day over 350 miles.

The McElhattens just returned from their vacation.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Officers for the coming year were elected at the September business meeting held at Wilma Bland's home. Reelected to offices were Melba Beard, chairman; Ruth Reinhold, vice chairman; Wilma Bland, treasurer and Marjy Crowl, newsletter correspondent. Our excellent secretary, Jimmie Lou Shelton, declined this year due to personal and company business and travel — cheers for a job well done (as anything she does). Doris Gline was elected to this important position, and this dependable gal will fill Jim's shoes as well as possible.

Melba Beard wasn't present at this meeting. She missed the educational and entertaining program presented by Jim Vercillino, Director of the Arizona Aviation Authority. However, attending the OX-5 Convention at Kansas City, Missouri, and Antique Airplane Association meeting was quite

a fling—and she brought home enough booty from contests held to prove it!

Bonnie Fugitt resigned her position with Anderson Aviation in favor of going to college in the daytime rather than night school. Thelma Biegert is busy decorating and furnishing the new home they bought in Scottsdale. Juanita Newell and 49½er, Elgin, are "holding down the fort" at Sky Harbor Air Service while Martha and Mike Mitchell are in Albuquerque. Elgin just earned his multi-engine ATR. Ninety-Nines attending the Flying Farmers wingding at Prescott were Thora Schnepf, Agness Hollingshead, Louise Lantis, Jimmie Lou Shelton and their families.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

The summer months have come and gone without mishap and with most of our vacations behind us we will all be on hand at the Fall meetings to recount our recent flying adventures.

If the Glendora newspapers can headline one of its lovely and prominent citizens we feel she at least de-

deserves an honorable mention in our column, especially if the afore-mentioned is Mrs. Laura Penney Swope. Penney, one of our most active members and a former art teacher in the Citrus High School, recently entered her plane in the efficiency race from Brackett Field, LaVerne, to Phoenix, and return. Instead of soliciting for a sponsor in the AWTAR and the Jim Long Race Penney had her choice of Glendora firms who had contacted her and were eager to pay all expenses. Penney calls her plane the Spirit of Glendora.

Our September meeting at Dottie Dancer's home in El Monte was an eventful one and ended with a new staff of officers for the coming year. The members voted Dottie in the office of Chairman to succeed Trixie Ann Schubert; Virginia Hall, vice chairman; Penny Swope, secretary; and Barbara Stewart, treasurer.

We welcome to our chapter Virginia Kayse who transferred from Sacramento.

Major "Babe" Story is receiving congratulatory notes from her many

friends around the country. She recently received her majority in the Air Reserve.

BAY AREA CHAPTER

By Maxine Carlson

Eight members enjoyed accepting the ever-ready hospitality of Norm and Fran Grant at our September meeting. Ruth Rueckert, Gail Lane, Miriam Brugh, Geri Hill, Hazel Miles, Mabel Zehr, Helen Kelton and Maxine Carlson first visited, then held the business meeting, and finally visited again over coffee and dessert.

During the meeting officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Marian Anderson, Secretary; Gail Lane, Treasurer; Hazel Miles, Vice Chairman and Maxine Carlson, Chairman.

We are sorry to lose Lindy Boyes to the East Coast, but her new job with an aviation magazine sounds interesting.

Geri Hill has moved to Berkeley and is enjoying a new job there in the public relations field.

Ruth Rueckert, Miriam Brugh and Geri Hill attended the Fall Sectional.

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