



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

News Letter

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President's Column

March 1, 1958

Keeping the Pace! I often wonder if you too, find that time seems to fly faster with each day, week and month.

I am seriously concerned about how many of us are taking time to keep up to date on our radio procedures, flight regulations, and other data that has to do with our being good pilots. With each safety meeting and flight clinic that I attend, I realize how uninformed we can become, within such a very short time. I sincerely believe that every member of this organization should attend a flight clinic in the near future. These clinics are being sponsored by flying organizations and some colleges in every state, and you will be most welcome to attend any of them. We owe it to ourselves and to the reputation of our organization as a flying organization to take advantage of every opportunity to broaden our knowledge, thus improving our flying. Are we keeping the pace?

I was guest of the Girls' Flying Club, Stephens College, Columbus, Mo., where I had the opportunity to acquaint them with Ninety-Nines. Such an enthusiastic group of fine young women pilots, who in time will be eligible for membership in our organization.

It is again time to nominate those you will choose for national officers. This is one of your important responsibilities, so please give it your serious consideration. It is time to consider also, any amendments to the constitution, and to prepare any resolutions that your chapter wishes to place on the agenda at the national convention. Please remember the deadline dates on these!

It is so nice to have so many chapter reports for our News Letter this month. My sincere appreciation and thanks to all of you chapter reporters for your grand cooperation in writing the reports and getting them in on due date. The only improvement that could possibly be made would be to have a report from ALL chapters. Could we?

Sincerely,

Broneta Davis Evans

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AWTAR Awards

San Diego, Calif. - Charleston, S. C.

A purse of \$2,500 awaits the winners of the 1958 AWTAR. This purse will be divided among the first five place winners; \$800 for first place, \$600 for second place, \$500 for third place, \$400 for fourth place, and \$200 for fifth place. In addition duplicate trophies will be presented to the pilot and co-pilot of the first five winning aircraft.

Leg prizes will be given for the best scores made between each designated airport on the route. Twenty-five dollar cash awards will be given for the best score made by each make and/or model aircraft of which there are at least three in competition.

Watch this column for additional information concerning awards.

The dates:

Impounding
Deadline 1700 PST July 1
Take-off 0800 PST July 4
Deadline

To Finish 1200 EST July 8

For your copy of the rules and regulations and your application for entry write to:

All-Woman Transcontinental
Air Race, Inc.
2611 East Spring St.
Long Beach 6, Calif.

(Please send 25 cents to help defray cost of mailing.)

Entries open on May 1. Mail your application for entry then and get a low race number.

Betty H. Gillies,
Chairman,
AWTAR, Inc.

Wanted STENOYPIST

The Alabama Chapter would like to know if any qualified 99 will provide stenotypist service at the 1958 Convention in Montgomery. If so, please write

Cora McDonald
2928 Pass Road
Biloxi, Miss.

Deadline for your bid: April 1, 1958.

Important Reminder

Be sure to get your chapter's suggestions for 1958-59 nominees for international officers to me postmarked not later than April 10, 1958. Candidates must be active members, qualified for the office, and must indicate their willingness in writing to be a candidate, and serve in the office if elected. Their acceptances and a brief sketch (not over 40 words) of their Ninety-Nines and aviation history must accompany your submission of their names to the nominating committee.

Nominations are requested for president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and one nominee for the 1959 nominating committee from your section.

Doris Langher, Chm.,
Nominating Committee,
Ninety-Nines

NOTICE

In accordance with the constitution of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., which requires that any proposed amendment to the constitution and by-laws be submitted in writing to all sections and chapters thirty days before the international meeting, the resolutions committee requests that you send in such proposed amendments to me, postmarked not later than April 1, 1958, with the copies being sent to the other members of the resolutions committee.

Send in all proposed amendments or suggested changes to the constitution and by-laws, or any suggestions as to changes in the policy or practices of the Ninety-Nines. Each suggestion or proposed amendment must be accompanied by explanation and reason for the change, not to exceed 200 words.

Patricia Gladney,
Chairman,
Resolutions Committee

AWTAR — San Diego, Calif., to Charleston, S. C., July 1-10.

International 99 Convention, July 11-13, Montgomery, Ala.

IAR — Welland, Ontario, Canada, to Grand Bahamas, BWI, August 14-23.

S.M.A.L.L. Race — Sturgis, Mich., to Manistee, Mich., October 11-12.

1957-58

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Deadline For News
The 25th Of Each Month

**COMING
EVENTS**

Executive Board meeting at the home of Broneta Davis Evans, Minco, Okla., April 20-22, 1958.

North Central Sectional meeting, Des Moines, Iowa, April 25-27, 1958.

Southwest Sectional meeting, Tucson, Ariz., April 25-27, 1958.

South Central Sectional meeting, Oklahoma City, Okla., May 2-4, 1958.

Southeastern Sectional meeting, May 17-18, Tullahoma, Tenn.

The 7th annual "Skylady Derby" June 12, starting at Topeka, Kan.

PILOT'S BRIEFING

Deadline, April 1—Resolutions or amendments to the constitution for the coming year to the resolutions committee chairman.

Deadline, April 10—Nominations for national officers to nominating committee chairman.

Please cash your refund checks for sectional and chapter members as soon as possible.

When ordering your Amelia Earhart medal, please specify plain or inscribed obverse side. These medals make wonderful gifts as well as awards for outstanding service. Order one today.

Chapter chairmen, please encourage your chapter reporters to send in reports to the News Letter as often as possible.

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**IT TAKES A 99
TO SELL A
99 MEMBERSHIP!**

It takes a 99 to sell a 99 membership! Public relations for the 99's organization depends on YOU — spread the news of your chapter and activities at every opportunity, and you'll soon have leads to new members.

Sign up YOUR NEW MEMBERS NOW!

Lois Dobbin,
Membership Chairman



FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

In addition to being the First Canadian Chapter, one of our members, Dorothy Rungeling, has just finished an instrument course and has obtained her Class 1 Instrument Rating, which is the FIRST and ONLY one held by a woman in Canada. In Canada instrument rating work is divided into two classes: Class 1 means being the pilot and Class 2 entitles you to ride as co-pilot only when on instruments.



By Alice-Jean Starr

Will be unable to report on the February meeting until next issue as it's being held late this month.

Sabiha Gokcen, our 99'er from Ankara, Turkey, arrived unexpectedly in New York the afternoon of the 3rd and was scheduled to leave for Paris via Pan Am's B377 at 6 P.M., Thursday, the 6th. That gave us very little time to set up a get-together party but we managed and happily quite a few 99's and friends could get there. It was held at Barbara and Ed Evans' home in Manhasset. Eileen Bristol did the honors of seeing that our guest of honor arrived at 8 p.m. and returned her to Manhattan for a special tour of the night clubs that had already been arranged for her. Sabiha was a very busy girl! Those present were Barbara and Ed, Walt and Grace Mallet, Helen Boudreau, Eileen Bristol, Capt. Sam Miller, Doris Renninger, Dorothy Julich, Peggy Norris, Herb Fisher, Marion Lopez and Irene Keith.

In January, as a guest of the Miami Air Show, Sabiha was greatly impressed by the pusher-type, early vintage airplanes that were flown there and thought it quite funny the way they had to start them. Then she was a guest in Washington, D. C., and had a flight in a jet.

Our list of visiting firemen is increasing and we are pleased. In addition to Ena Ayers and Lindy Boyes of the Bay Cities Chapter, and Phyllis Livermore of the New England Section, we have two newcomers—Marilyn Link of the Washington, D. C., Chapter and Helen Minnitto from the Florida Chapter.

Several of the gals were guests of

the Wings Club at their Women's Day luncheon. Connie Wolf, Philadelphia 99'er, balloonist and pilot, who did technical work on "Around the World in 80 Days," gave a very interesting talk. Admiral Rosenthal, president of the Wings Club and former commander of Lakehurst, introduced the 99'ers present who were Marge Gray, Phyllis Crouch, Peggy Norris, Doris Renninger, Irene Keith and Gloria Heath. Former member Cecile Hamilton also was there as were "Ma" Chamberlain and Clara Adams. Clara, by the way, has been signed up by Pan Am to be on their first jet flight around the world!



WASHINGTON, D. C., CHAPTER

By Virginia Thompson

Washington has many outstanding visitors but none more so than Madame Sabiha Gokcen, credited with being the first woman military pilot in the world.

Her life is quite an interesting one. She became one of the first girls in Turkey to receive her "wings" as a glider pilot. In 1935, she was assigned as lieutenant pilot to the air regiment in Eskishehir. During her tour of duty, she participated successfully in two maneuvers and accomplished dangerous bombing missions in a minor uprising in eastern Turkey.

In 1936, she completed a "Balkan Friendship Tour" in a single seater, single engine plane. She has been decorated not only by her own government but also those of Greece, Bulgaria, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

In 1938, she returned to civil aviation as the chief instructor for the Civil Aeronautic League. Today she continues to train new male and female pilots for Turkey.

She was in the U. S. once before, in 1953, as guest of the U. S. Air Force and Civil Air Patrol, when she escorted a group of teen-age Turkish glider pilots. At that time she was made a member of the Ninety-Nines by Jacqueline Cochran. Our chapter has always felt a closeness to her because of her previous visit. Needless to say, we were delighted to see her once again.

Several highlights for her included her first jet ride, a tea given by Jean Ross Howard, and a reception and luncheon at Andrews AFB Officers Club, hosted by Gen. and Mrs. Yost.

To get down to our local level, Lamona and Frank Cervenka's cabin-in-the-woods proved to be a popular place for our recent 99 get-together. After much to-do with cantankerous

projectors, we were rewarded with two informative films, "Flight Decision" and "To Save a Life." This led to the ever popular past-time for pilots—hangar flying. Not only was it enjoyable but profitable. Nancy Tier came up with an excellent idea for our meeting at her home in April. This is fair warning girls—come dressed in "ye ole flying togs" and be prepared to spin yarns of "days gone by." What a hilarious affair this should be.

Jean Howard and I were fortunate in being able to attend the luncheon in honor of the 1957 winners of the Harmon International Trophies on February 3 at the Hotel Mayflower. Lt. Col. Frank K. Everet, Jr., USAF, received the aviator award for outstanding pioneering and experimental piloting in rocket aircraft during the years 1957. Lt. Cmdr. Malcom D. Ross, USNR, and Lt. Cmdr. Morton L. Lewis, USN (Ret.), received the aeronaut award for outstanding contribution to the science of aeronautics in jointing planning and piloting a manned space laboratory balloon flight. No one was the recipient of the Aviatrix award this year. The challenge rests with each and every one of you—what can I do to help advance aviation?

In the tid-bit news: Mrs. Quarles received her second lieutenant bars in the Civil Air Patrol. Nancy Tier took her grandson, Peter Oxford, for his first airplane ride. Ada Mitchell met recently with the Philadelphia Amelia Earhart Scholarship committee. Dora Dougherty made an excellent speech on space at the recent meeting of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences in New York. Ann Ash is in Fort Belvoir Hospital for an operation.

Remember the second national conference on aviation education meeting, Hotel Mayflower, Washington, D. C., March 13 and 14.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

Winter is very much in evidence with five degree and minus temperatures, and snowdrifts making streets and roads impassable. You hear comments of "The old winters are coming back again" and "The atom bomb is doing it" etc. All I know is that I can't get to the airport because I can't get my car out of the garage. It will have to be rescued either by spring or a snowplow.

Talked to Kay Macario about arrangements for the March meeting and could hear the five little Macarios making a din in the background. Margaret Callaway is taking advantage of being snowed in by bringing her scrapbooks up to date.

Attended first session of Louise Sacchi's ground school and found Margo Callaway and Jean McKaig

Rutledge there, too, anxious to get airwise. Also found a prospective 99, Dorothy Walsh, who has 16 hours. Louise is a wonderful instructor; really gets information into our heads.

Experimented with Omni at night in a Tri-Pacer about two weeks ago. Was so interested in the needle got myself a bit into the overcast. Immediately concentrated on keeping level and getting down again. Clouds make things a little eerie (from inside an airplane from inside a cloud, that is) and I hastened down to my fly by see element. Instruments are no place to be without a rating.

If Sgt. Preston of the Yukon ever gets through to us, we'll be able to get out and get some news.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Louise M. Smith

On Sunday, Feb. 9, Charleston rolled out the red carpet! Actually, on stepping from planes there was the red carpet. An omen of things to come. The welcome and hospitality waiting for every one at the terminus of the AWTAR in July at Charleston, S. C. Terminus headquarters will be at the Francis Marion Hotel, and quoting W. E. Gaty, manager, "... a modern air-conditioned hotel, yet retaining its aura of elegance and historical beauty—the Francis Marion is famed for its hospitality in historic Charleston—the city of 18th and 19th century charm." It is not too early now to plan to be in Charleston July 9, and on July 10 fly on to Montgomery for national meeting.

Charleston, S. C., to Montgomery, Ala. Heading: 260; mileage: 375.

Present at the meeting were Sara Shonk and Emgee Williams, Charleston; Neta and Gene Hudman, Charlotte, N. C.; Maxine Walker, Richmond, Va.; Louise and Herman Smith, High Point, N. C.; and one new member, Martha Caldwell, High Point. Sara, chairman, reported progress of plans for the terminus, and introduced J. F. Brenner of Charleston Chamber of Commerce. Things are looking up! The chapter will be busy, come July—and every one should have fun.

Maxine is wearing a diamond! The lucky 49½'er is Jim Baker of New Orleans. The wedding will be sometime in the fall.

Next meeting: Sunday, 11:00, Municipal Airport, Charleston, S. C.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Constance Ohlinger

The chapter has a new member, Delma Van Hooser, of Smithville. Welcome!

Olivia Browne of Memphis, who received her commercial pilot's license quite some time ago, now owns a Cessna 140, and flies regularly, when she's not occupied with her TV and radio programs, and her newspaper column. She's a gal of parts, and we are fortunate to have her among us.

Evelyn Bryan made a flight in January to Baltimore for the Brooks Mortuary. She flew their Beech Bonanza ambulance plane. The first week of February she participated in the CAP air search for the two Navy boys who went down on February 2, somewhere in the vicinity of Tri-Cities. At date of reporting, no results.

Our chairman, Mary Jane Quarles, has had an unpleasant time with a bad ankle and is waiting for a better general physical condition before doing a lot of flying again. She writes that the weather also hasn't been too friendly toward fliers in her section of the country. That's been true of the area south of Chattanooga, too. We've had heavy snow flurries and plenty of hard freeze.

Your reporter did go up sightseeing on a clear, crisp day in the little "fresh-air" plane, only to have the doors spring wide open and be greeted by a terrific blast from Old Man Winter himself. Down to the hangar for remedial attention, then off again over a country of gray-brown hills and frozen lakes.

The next chapter meeting will be in Chattanooga in April.

The Southeast Section meeting will be at Tullahoma, May 17-18, 1958.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Dorothea M. B. Vermorel

Chairman Irma Price asked me to report this month as I seem to be the only one whose fingers are not completely frozen!

Our Christmas dinner meeting was the last warm one, and since we are busy preparing for the 1958 International Air Race—Welland, Ontario, Canada, to Grand Bahama, West End, Grand Bahamas. Dot Rungeling will be Canadian chairman again and she already has banquet, breakfast, and sightseeing arranged. We are hoping to have approval of the dates August 14-23. At our meeting Monday night, at the new home of Louise Kidd, we welcomed new member Muriel Hansen, Fort Lauderdale. Muriel and Carl came from Indiana and have a Tri-Pacer (two dogs, too).

Call Irma "Miss Sewage Disposal". She landed next to the sewage plant, located on Virginia Key, during a violent storm that came from nowhere, without a scratch to self or

plane, and now can't figure out how she got in or out (even the birds were grounded).

As an advance to those who will be interested we are going to experiment this year on a change in handicapping and computing, and we will welcome suggestions, especially from those with mathematical ability.

Remember, visiting 99's, we meet the third Monday evening of each month and hope to see you all.



IOWA CHAPTER

By Alice Pfantz

The Iowa Chapter had a "fly-in" meeting in Ames Sunday, Feb. 16. The weatherman, however, turned it into a "drive-in" instead. It was a beautifully clear day. The only catch was the thermometer was way down below the zero mark. Joan Fortier, Maggie Adkins and her daughter, Suzie, drove in from Des Moines. As did also Evelyn McDonald, her 49½'er and two little boys. Helen Holton and her 49½'er drove in from Chariton. My 49½'er and two children and myself drove from Des Moines. We joined Kitty Hach, her 49½'er and children at the Solar Inn for a delightful dinner. After dinner we went to the Hach home for our business meeting. Of course, our main item of business was the spring sectional in Des Moines.

Several of the girls in the Iowa Chapter are making plans to fly in the Sky Lady Derby this year. Des Moines being one of the gas stops. Yours truly is making plans to fly in the TAR again this year. Flying in a TAR certainly whets your appetite for more, so this year it is a "must." Maggie Adkins is kept busy one week-end putting into use her newly acquired instructor's rating. She is giving flying lessons at Prairie City, and I understand has at least one prospective 99'er for a student. Helene Holton, a teacher in the Chariton public schools, has been very active in the air education program. And yours truly is enjoying teaching ground school almost as much as flying.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Nellie P. Jackson

Something new has been added! On February 1 Sophia Payton, chairman, with committee members Ethel Knuth, Rae Cawdell and Tannie Schlundt presented to Indiana Ninety-Nines the points contest. Score sheets must be turned in not later than September 30 and prizes for the top three will be



IOWA CHAPTER plans Spring Sectional. The girls are, left to right: Joann Fortier, Des Moines; Margaret Adkins, Des Moines; Kitty Hach, Ames; Alice Pfantz, Des Moines; Helen Holton, Chariton; and Evelyn McDonald, Des Moines.

presented at the October meeting. Sounds exciting and like a lot of fun! Hope we have 100 per cent participation.

Our charming secretary, "Barrie" Smith, and her oldest daughter are flying to Orlando, Fla., the third week in March for vacation. They will be joined later by husband Lester and their son for two weeks. Barrie plans to spend a week with her mother who owns a large cattle ranch near Sebring, Fla. Happy landings, Barrie, and have fun!

Martha Ozbun and husband, Virgil, of Muncie have announced that they are the lucky parents (by adoption) of a lovely baby daughter, Janet Sue, who came to live with them on January 23. Janet Sue was just one month old that day. Congratulations to the happy parents. We wish you much joy and happiness in this wonderful addition to your family.

Flora Mae Newman (Muncie) flew the new 1958 Comanche recently. She says it handles easily and has wonderful stability in rough air.

The weatherman wasn't very kind to us on February 16 but in spite of the cold, wintry day and the trouble 99's had starting their airplanes, we had good attendance at our regular meeting, which was held at Halsmer Field, Lafayette, Ind. Jill McCormick of Purdue University was in charge of arrangements and provided a wonderful fried chicken dinner, with delicious pie and a big urn of hot coffee, to which we all did ample justice. Chairman Delia Sanders very ably conducted a lengthy and productive business meeting. Our officers and

committee are taking their jobs seriously and doing an excellent job. Let's all show our appreciation of their hard work by attending the meetings and doing everything we can to assist them.

Just received a flash that Rae Cawdell was injured in an automobile accident on the way to work. Said she broke the windshield with her head, got a sprained ankle and a torn ligament, and hurt her hand, but fortunately no cuts, and it isn't too serious—just mighty uncomfortable. She says these automobiles are really dangerous and we better stick to air travel! Sorry about the tough luck, Rae. Shouldn't happen to such a nice gal. Hurry and get well and may all your luck be good in the future!

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER By Ruth Lake

Snow and cold breezes ushered in our February meeting—most enjoyable despite the weather. Hostesses for the evening, Dolores Whalen, Jay Lawrence, and Maxine Loeffler, held at Hill Behan Lumber Co., employer of Dolores and Maxine, to whom we wish to again extend our thanks for the use of their beautiful paneled offices. Our speaker for the evening was Lt. Barton, chief pilot for the Missouri State Highway Department, who gave a most interesting talk on his work for the department. The department has several 182's which they use, patrolling the highway for traffic offenders and locating wanted criminals and escapees. He told us about the recent manhunt in Kentucky for two men who had captured a highway patrolman and held captive for

several days. He stayed for cake and coffee and good old hanger flying, as all good pilots do. Maxine baked a delicious cake and decorated same, complete with 99 insignia and flying machines. Our chairman, Mickey Clark's, idea of having three hostesses plan the meetings each month is a real sharp one. Each group really knocking themselves out to have a standout meeting. That old spirit of competition.

We enjoyed having Rose Ann Murin as a guest this month. Rose Ann has been flying for a number of years and holds many ratings. She has an exciting position with McDonnell Aircraft, being their radio operator and daily weather forecaster.

We were also honored to have Deedo Heise and her husband at this same meeting, and enjoyed Deedo's movie "Flighty Lady," and Dr. Heise's talk. We were so very happy that we were able to have these three on our program for the evening. The Aero Club had the largest attendance that evening that they have ever had and most generously have given credit to the 99's and their guests.

Our most heartfelt sympathy goes to Lorette Slavick on the death of her husband and 49½'er, Lee. We will miss Lee and his wonderful disposition and hospitality.

Mickey Clark recently returned from Ross School in Tulsa, having successfully completed her written instrument course.

Fran Merrill left for California for a months vacation, after obtaining her commercial license. Hilda Hemmersmeier spent the holidays in Florida with her son, who is attending College in Miami. Virginia Duenke no more than came back from the Caribbean and then left for another two weeks in Florida.

Our congratulations go to the winners of our achievement awards contest, which awards were made by our international president, Broneta Evans who did us the honor of flying in to the meeting of the St. Louis Aero Club, at which meeting the 99's were honored by this organization. Winners were Mickey Clark, Virginia Duenke, Dorothy Rumsey, June Evens, and Fran Merrill.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER By Mary J. Fecser

February 16, Akron Municipal Airport. Hostess: Rosalie Bracht. Did you know that Akron Airport enjoys the distinction of being one of two locales in the United States for the purpose of fostering the flying activities of the National Lighter-Than-Air Society? The All-Ohio Chapter had the rare privilege of getting information about this unusual phase of flying right from the mouth of the chief instructor of balloon flying himself. James A. Kaufman spoke and showed slides on

"Blimps over Ohio" and "The Ohio Story of Balloon Operation." The girls enjoyed it very much and pelted Mr. Kaufman with questions, which he answered to everybody's satisfaction. We were also happy to have with us A. H. Swanson, president of the society, and a few members of the Alliance Flying Association.

It was truly a most worthwhile meeting, well attended despite the blizzardy weather. The following girls attended: Rosalie Bracht, Mary Brown, Marilyn Collette, Helen Sammon and 49½'er, Jean Hixson, Joan Hrubec, Edythe Maxim, Mary Scheafer, Alice Schlott, Virginia Schumacher, Martha Wilcox and 49½'er; prespective members, Harriet Wladyka, Marguerite Bennington, Winifred Caghey, and Lee Best; and guest Violet Funk.

In addition, Shorty (Mr. Akron Municipal Airport) Fulton gave us pictures of the AWTAR stop for our scrapbook. Thanks a million, Shorty, we always enjoy coming in at your airport!

Jean Hixson urges our Ohio 99's to work with Wing Scouts and help them to earn their aviation merit badges.

Mary Brown, recovered from her illness, looked bright and chipper at the Akron meeting.

Alice Puller reports having had a fine get-together with Martha Walters in Florida, just after Christmas. She airlined to Tampa, from where Martha drove her to Sarasota, where they met another friend. Martha has been in Florida almost all winter due to her mother's illness. We'd like to wish her mother, at this time, a speedy and complete recovery.

Fort Lauderdale also crooked a beckoning finger at Jody Scott and her 49½'er, Drexel. They winged their way in the 140, the latter part of January. They attended the air show in Miami, and now Jody is the proud owner of the autographs of the flying "Thunderbirds." How close can we come to you, Jody?

Helen Wiedwald and 49½'er, Elmer, enjoyed a flight to Florida and Cuba in their Navion. "It flew like a dream," says Helen.

Arlene Davis was re-elected to serve as the national secretary of the NAA for the fifth consecutive year. Congratulations, Arlene, they know a good gal when they see one!

Edith Friedrich was appointed secretary and librarian of aviation education of the Greater Cincinnati Airmen's Club; Meg Berning was appointed director of public relations and News Letter editor of the same organization.

The nearest big item on our flying agenda is the North Central Section meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, April 18-20. We're looking forward to it!

Reading over Martha Foley's account of "I Became a Lady Bird," in which she says, "I don't believe I can remember how my interest in flying was aroused. It seems to go back to early childhood days when flying was a privilege for only a few. It wasn't until I was nine years old that I announced at the family dinner hour that I had realized the fulfillment—of knowing how it felt to fly." Reminded me of how I went ahead on my own decision to buy my little Ercoupe, without consulting my family (I was scared that they'd say, "No"). I went about for two weeks like the cat that swallowed the canary, until one day the bubble burst when my brother came right out and said, "We know all about it—don't think we haven't known right along." It seems that a highly-trusted friend spilled the beans. However, the family never discouraged me in any way. It was ever so much fun!

Bernita Nickel has been selected by the panel of judges to be the All-Ohio Chapter candidate for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. Good luck, Bernita!

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Lee Best, who lost her father a few weeks ago. In addition to this sorrow, Lee's mother is very ill in the hospital. We wish her mother God-speed recovery.

Lee presently holds the rank of sergeant in the newly-formed Akron Civil Air Patrol, for which she also serves as news editor. She is diligently working toward her private license and looking forward to the air races this summer.

Edythe Maxim, our All-Ohio chairman, is busy these days serving as publicity chairman for the national model plane exhibit at Higbees'.

Last, but not least, we wish Marilyn Collette "flying colors" success when she takes those CAP examinations! Knowing you, Marilyn, we are sure you'll be among those at the top!

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Justine Mills

February 23 dawned with perfect flying weather for Wisconsin Chapter 99's meeting at Madison. Please note, also, that for the event Dora Fritzke piloted Deedo Heise over. (A turn about). They also won the first arrival prize—having dinner cocktails paid for—and were transported to the Cuba Club via Mary Seymour's Volkswagen. Jean Herrling, hostess, Bernie Voelker and Dottie Faust, also attended.

A former member, Isabel Myrland of Montello, now in Phoenix, was reinstated in the Wisconsin Chapter and will be back with us in May.

Current news flashes: Isabel Kress is vacationing in Florida. Deedo Heise flew to St. Louis the end of January.

Bernie Voelker is still stirring up the air above Madison with her prop and getting assistance from Jean and Mary. We are proud to report a \$10 contribution to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund from the Zonta Club of Milwaukee. It was accepted by Deedo Heise at their last meeting after she had spoken to them on "Women in Aviation."

A possible box lunch is being planned for Oshkosh on March 16, by Dora. Hope to see more members about.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Rita Orr

Our chapter lost a charter member last September. Virginia Shaw, who had been active in the 99's since the early 1940's, and active in aviation for many years, died very suddenly, leaving her husband, Bill, and two teen-age children. We shall miss her a great deal.

The February meeting was held Wednesday night, Feb. 19, in the manager's office at Wold-Chamberlain Airport. T'was good to have Laura Black with us again; her class in preparation for a ham radio operator's license has been held Wednesday nights, so she's been unable to come to our 99 meetings for a while. Also attending were Shirley Iverson, Betty Johnson, Avis Larson, Helen Master-ton, and Jane White. Betty was appointed to draft some by-laws for discussion in March; our contribution to AWTAR and the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund were discussed, and then Avis presented the program, two sound films from Piper, "Adventure in Africa" and "The Story of How an Airplane is Made." Both were excellent and run off smoothly; our thanks to Avis for a first rate program.

Marilyn and Drex Henderson had a future 99'er, Kim Allen, on December 22, 1957, and Jane and Walter White adopted a future 49½'er, Michael David, born September 12, 1957. Congratulations to them both.

Our March meeting will be held on the 19th at Wold-Chamberlain Airport, with Shirley Iverson in charge of the program.



KANSAS CAPTER

By Lois Dobbin

We've been unreported for several months, but the gals have been hustlin' 99 work nevertheless. Sorry to have missed, but illness and death of my mother made time of the essence.

Chairman Lucille Dienst flew in



THE KANSAS CHAPTER'S annual presentation of the Bobby Slade Flight Scholarship Trophy was made by Captain D'Mario, assistant base operations officer, McConnell AFB, Wichita, Kan., to Loretta Jean Seitz, winner, in the presence of Mary Jane McKillip, Kansas Ninety-Nine.

from Lakin to hostess the "social hour" for the visiting 99's and women pilots attending the Flying Farmer regional meeting. We were glad to have Prexy Broneta and several prospective 99's join us.

The \$300 Bobbe Slade Flight Scholarship awarded to Jean Seitz, 16 year old Wichita girl, for the winning essay on "Private Flying in the Business World." Second place of 10 hours of flight instruction awarded to Charlotte Purdom of Atchison, and third place of five hours to Norma Peterson of Wichita. At the presentation in January, Capt. D'Mario of McConnell AFB spoke on "Air Age Education" and presented the awards. This project attracts increasing attention each year, and approximately 60 people attended, with TV movies yet, Mary McKillip was responsible for planning a successful affair, in spite of inclement weather.

Kansas Airport Trades Association received the Ninety-Nines "word" at a luncheon meeting attended by 50 operators. Anne Waddell, Margaret Yourdon, Mary McKillip, and Lois Dobbin chatted on 99 history, Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund, Wing Scouts, airmarking, races, and a brief resume of individual Kansas 99's. The program was well received and KATA sent us \$50 for our 1958 Memorial fund. Hazel Guy, Betty Parks and the 1957 flight scholarship winner, Ann Clark, were also present.

Two new members are welcomed

to the chapter, Mary Morgan, Topeka, and Marjorie Brightup, Wichita.

Our chairman, Lucille Dienst, has been recuperating from major surgery since late December, and we surely hope she will soon be back in good health. Temporarily, Marie Engleman, vice chairman, is assisting with the chairmans duties.

"Penny a Pound" earned \$1500 in one flight day at Ken-Mar in Wichita, using approximately 25 airplanes, money was donated to the Capper Fund for Crippled Children. Margaret Yourdon and Mary McKillip flew passengers part of the day, and represented the 99's. With a strong cross wind, our gals did us proud.

Braving 10 degree above weather (and what's colder than an airport), a demonstration ride in the new Comanche was enjoyed by Anne Waddell, Mary McKillip and your truly. After which Mary took us for a ride in her Tripacer (replacing Stinson) between snow flurries.

DALLAS, TEXAS CHAPTER

By Pat Jetton

Our February meeting found our members winging their way to Abilene, Texas, for a meeting with the Abilene Chapter. Our members, Gerry Sloan, Marceline Todd, Martha Ann Reading, Rowena Burns, Mildred Bishop, and Pat Jetton, had a very delightful meeting with those West Texas 99's. Those girls have been flying so much lately that our group came home fired with enthusiasm and

determination to fly, fly, fly. Our chapter chairman, Marge Barr, tried to make the meeting in her Cessna but first time out, she lost her electrical system, back to the airport, repairs made, she tried again. This time, about five or six miles out, she heard a terrific noise, then a lesser noise (but still not usual). Back to the airport, found out she had thrown a cylinder. She tried to contact other girls going, but one plane had already left, other was loaded (with people, that is). Don't fret, Marge, there will be other times.

Gerry Sloan just returned from a trip with husband to Las Vegas . . . hope it was profitable. Doris Weller recently went on a wing-ding of a trip making New York, Washington, other points and was finally weathered in in Missouri.

Texas' own flying grandmother, Josephine Allison, recently traded her Cessna 170 for a 180. Her sister-in-law (who lives in Alaska) is coming to Texas next month to learn to fly. Jo is already making plans to take her back to Alaska after the private ticket is received.

Martha Ann Reading has been putting some time in in a Beech Mentor. Several of the Abilene Chapter flew into Dallas for a trip through the Love Field tower, radar station, communications, etc., and some of our members met them for lunch. Olean Sellers, who has to drive some 40 miles into Dallas, and who our members see entirely too little of, was among those present. Also a prospective member, Terry Moore.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Mary Wenholtz

The last couple of days the weather here has been so beautiful I'm getting spring fever and almost forgot to write a column. The Colorado gals are having themselves a time going thither and yon, both for business and for pleasure. Among those lucky gadabouts are Alice and Bill Fuchs who headed for Florida. Haven't heard how they like a snowy and cold Florida. Helen and John Maxson are touring California and Mexico by plane I think. Thelma Thomas is flying to Chicago to see her son in a concert and then on to New York City. Donna and Johnnie Myers have just recently returned from California and Phoenix. The Ed Mugeles are planning to spend spring vacation in sunny Phoenix.

Besides our own gals traversing the continent, we here in Denver have had a couple of most welcomed visitors—same being our honorable and loveable president, Broneta, who was just passing through but because of weather at the end of her run, had to spend the night with the Myers. I ran over for a minute to say "hello". Then this past week Betty and Donna both had

the privilege of meeting, by phone, a Kansas visiting fireman, I mean pilot, Phila Knitig of Rexford, Kan. We certainly do enjoy talking to any and all visiting firemen.

Our February meeting was strictly for business and we put our noses to the grindstone and waded through a lot of work so that we may have the future for play. Those on the firing line were Betty Stackhouse, Grace Longbrook, Jane Nettleblad, Darlene Gray, Pat Urling, Marilyn Nordstrom (who by the way went to the hospital the following day for surgery, but we are happy to report all went well and she is back home taking it easy), Thelma Thomas, Helen Maxson, Mary Collett, Donna Myers (who was our most gracious hostess, serving delicious and fancy sandwiches with all the trimmin's at the end of our slave period), and yours truly. Our March meeting will be a pot-luck at Darlene Gray's and is to be a guest night. This is the meeting we give our prospectives the business. 'Till next month here's to all those using the Lenten season as one for thinning down.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morgan

Pity the plight of the poor News Letter reporter. She begs, she pleads, cajoles and threatens for items of interest—what happens? Oh, someone goes here or someone goes there, but nothing spectacular! Now, if one of the chapter took off for the moon, say in a Cessna 170, or even joined the Explorer in its travels—that would be news and a joy to write—well, a reporter can dream, can't she?

The February meeting was at Beth Smith's, after we had to cancel out on going to Duncan on account of weather. Committees reported on progress toward the sectional meeting to be held here May 2, 3 and 4. The food was delicious—cherries jubilee, no less! I always mention the food because I like to eat. It seems others do too. Those participating were Wynema, Ruth, June, Beth, Rita, Susie, Emily, Broneta, Ida, and Dorothy. Velma blew in—orchid trimmed—and out, on her way to another meeting, I guess. We announce a new member, Betty Black of Duncan. Seems someone gave the wrong name last meeting. So pardon me, Betty, for the error and welcome to the Ninety-Nines.

Marie Hall and 49½'er, Brewer, took a trip to Miami, Fla., in a chartered Convair, and from what I heard, they really lived it up.

Velma flew down to Ada and picked up the Princess Caradja of Rumania, bringing her to Oklahoma City for her speaking engagement here.

Broneta reported on her recent trip



THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER busily made plans for the South Central Sectional meeting, May 2-4, at the home of Beth Smith. Front row: Blondie, the Smith's Cocker; second row: Susie Sewell, Rita Eaves, and Wynema Masonhall; third row: Broneta Davis Evans, Emily Frost, Dorothy Morgan, Ruth Jones, and Beth Smith; top row: Ida Carter and June Crosby.

to Pocatello, Idaho. She enjoyed the hospitality of Esther Stone at Pocatello, Alberta Hunt in Salt Lake City, and Donna Myers at Denver.

Broneta, Velma, and Emily flew up to Columbia, Mo., on the 17th. Broneta was guest speaker at Stephens College on "The 99's." Then they attended a panel discussion on "Safety" at the Missouri Pilots Association meeting, at which time Broneta was introduced and given credit for bringing the girls from Stephens who attended the meeting.

Susie attended the Piper dealers and distributors meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, held February 25 and 26.

The next regular meeting of the chapter will be on March 16 in the home of Elizabeth Sewell, 1700½ NW 17th, Oklahoma City. All members are requested to attend, if possible, to assist in the plans for the sectional meeting.

TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER

By Elaine Needham

Tip o' Tex Chapter held the February 99 meeting at Victoria Airport. Beautiful weather permitted us to fly for a change and it was good to stretch the ol' wings skyward.

A 140 from McAllen brought Ardath McCreery and Ada Toland; two 170's flew from Corpus Christi with pilots Pauline Glasson and Merle Dunnam with navigators Rooky Tromm, Veda Tennent, Louise Clarkson, and Elaine Needham. (With all those "sure shot" navigators we hit Victoria on the nose.)

A nice surprise awaited us as we taxied up to the hangars—Gertrude Howard (99) and Lela Mae Jeffrey (prospective member) from College Station were there to meet us. So, it was a cheery day with ten present and

off to a lively meeting with discussions varying from how to build your own satellite to the finer points of making music on piano wires.

Regret the girls from Houston were unable to meet with us. To all those who hold N2767N close to their hearts, listen carefully:

"The Broom," as Pauline's little blue and white 140 is affectionately named, has recently met with misfortune.

With Pauline and a student, The Broom taxied out the morning of January 24. The day was perfect and pausing momentarily off the side of the runway for mag checks, a 195 appeared—taxiing toward the runway intent on takeoff. It suddenly made a sharp turn into The Broom's tail section and demolished the fuselage to just back of the wings.

As you all know, Pauline employs a special guardian angel for all such emergencies and, of course, true to her long tradition, all is well and no one was hurt.

Need advice on insurance? Don't ask Pauline.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Faye McConnell

Ninety-Niner Juanita Burdick and husband packed in nothing flat and made a jaunt with the Champneys, in their 310 to the international Cessna meeting in Mexico City. Juanita enjoyed every minute of it except right after takeoff she noticed the gas beginning to blow out of one of the tanks (this was homeward bound from Mexico City). They returned to the airport. The operator offered apologies, more gas free and a tighter twist on the gas cap. Otherwise it was a heavenly trip.

Ruby and Dick Tatman are off to La Paz in Baja, Calif., for some of that fabalous fishing.

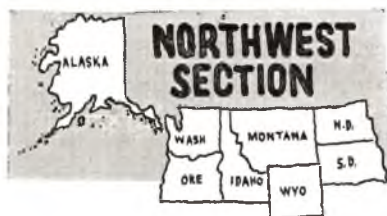
Ruth Deerman has been in the hospital but is feeling fine again.

Doris Smith was out at the International Airport flying the new Skylane. She was so enthused over it. Probably owns it by now.

Holly Ziler is teaching science and aviation at Dell City this year. Also doing a little flight instruction on the side.

Ninety-Nines met at Anne Duthies this month. Lots of gab, coffee and doughnuts. Ruth Deerman will be chairman of the El Paso committee for the TAR. El Paso 99's are planning a get-together for all local interested pilots, 99's, CAP, cadets, etc., to show the film "To Save a Life and Flight Decision." Next meeting will be "Bring a Guest."

El Paso 99's received their usual Christmas card from the weather bureau, very attractive and appreciated.



IDAHO CHAPTER By Georgia Martin

Glowing from our success with the annual 99's "Hangar Dance," this year held at the Miramar Ballroom, we met for our regular meeting, Thursday, Feb. 20, at the home of Claire Justad. The dance having netted our treasury some \$160, we discussed the theme, "Why not two dances a year?" One in the summer too, when "fly-in" in this part of the country is more certain. We ended our meeting on a more sober note with the showing of the film "The 180 Degree Turn." Two of our out-of-towners were able to attend, Gail Evans of McCall and Margaret Gigray of Caldwell.

We were all sorry to lose Barbara Hornback to Yuma, Ariz., for six months of each year. Her move necessitated her resigning as the governor of the Northwest Section.

Those of our members who braved weather to attend the charter presentation of our Eastern Idaho Chapter, on Sunday, Feb. 9, were Laura Conner and Mrs. Ray Kimbro, in the Kimbro's Cessna 140, Millie and Shirl Shinn in the CAP Cub, Lucille and Jiggs Taylor in their Luscombe. They report a grand time, complete with dinner flowers, the presentation of a gavel by our chairman, Laura, to their chairman, Selma Mischuk, and the presence of Broneta Davis Evans and acting Northwest governor, Minnie Boyd and her 49½er.

Our fund raising project, a Northwest Section cook book, is progressing. We'd like to make it unanimous, with at least one recipe from each Northwest member. Come on girls, get them in.

Claire Justad and her 49½er now own a Beech Travelaire, so now Claire is headed for her multi-engine rating.

Our News Letter reporter, Joyce Marcom, has headed for their Owhyee ranch via plane.

Idaho's record breaking 68 degree clear weather is producing a record amount of flying for this time of year in Idaho.

MONTANA CHAPTER By Vivienne Schrank

A 99 meeting was held at Wong Village, located east of Billings, on February 1. Those present were Chairman Dorothy Sabo and Treasurer "Pud" Lovelace (Bozeman), Northwest Sectional Chairman Arpha Dann (Busby), and Vice Chairman Marge

Rolle, Secretary Norma Wingfield, Vera Throssel and Betty Jean Brink (all of Billings) and guest Suzanne Ward (Clyde Park) our latest 99 prospective member. Luncheon was chosen from a Chinese menu and after luncheon Al Gillis of Gillis Flying Service supplied an aviation film, "Spirit of the Raptor," showing the Piper brothers delivering an Apache in Africa while

Safety Agent John Doster was the movie operator.

Louise Butcher and 49½er Milt flew to Denver to see the livestock show. Eleven states were represented by Flying Farmers who sold tickets for matinee for afternoon and banquet at night at Tiffin's. When they introduced the 99's Louise stood up and represented the Montana Chapter. Other 99's there were from the Colorado Chapter.

Mary Jo Janey received her commercial license, according to her 49½er, J. D., who landed at Jordan from Glendive on way to Helena to ferry back a plane for the CAP. J. D. was to call Jordan UNICOM on the trip back if his plane had high frequency radio in it but your reporter who operates the UNICOM in her home received no call. This giving a fixed position via UNICOM is very interesting: The other day a pilot called Jordan UNICOM who was flying a Cessna 170 from Texas to Fairbanks, Alaska. Our Montana Aeronautics Commission has put in 44 of these UNICOMS in isolated spots throughout the state and already the Jordan UNICOM has received 18 calls since it was installed just recently.

Lucky Gladys Kreider (Sand Springs) is still honeymooning in sunny California. Gladys also sent a card from Old Mexico before her recent card from Knott's Berry Farm in California.

MAYDAY! Standing by for news for next month from our 99's. Over and out!



SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne McElhatton

We're still getting news of last year's activities from our well traveled members. Natalie Bossio turned grounding and entrained for Bloomington, Illinois for the Christmas holidays to visit her sister and family (including twin girls) whom she had not seen for four years. She chose the train as a means of transportation because she wanted to catch the beautiful scenery from a close up stand-

point (her camera isn't trained for aerial photography). The first week was balmy and so much like good old California that she was rather disappointed. But she wished a little too hard for snow and consequently was almost quick frozen the second week her stay. She is now reiterating the old proverb "There's no place like home!"

Speaking of snow, Dorothy and Pat Monahan made a trek to Squaw Valley (site of the 1960 Olympics) to enjoy some of the white gold. They had quite a time according to all reports.

Dave and Jeanne McElhatton have enjoyed several weekends in the winter wonderland this year also. With their "gremlins" Terry and Rusty (3½ and 2½ respectively) clowning around on their miniature skis it is quite a sight. They were the front end of a rear end collision on their last trip, however. Jeanne is now wearing a plastic cervical collar, and the poor Volkswagen will never be the same again. Air craft type seat belts helped to prevent more physical damage.

Two more chapter gadabouts are Jackie Petty and her husband who left on Valentine's Day to visit friends in Tucson. They took off in the family aircraft as Pat Gladney and Patty Sherwood waved a farewell.

Active Mary Ann Wetherby is now officially a member of our group having been fully transferred from the Western Pennsylvania Chapter. Welcome, Mary Ann.

More news of Natalie Bossio. She is our chapter's candidate for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. She would like to use it toward her instructor's rating. We feel she is a very capable pilot and would put the scholarship to good use.

Weather has curtailed our planned activities this month. That seems to be the patterns so far this year. But our meeting scheduled for February 27 should make up for previous disappointments. Fred Drinkwater from Ames Laboratories at Moffett Field will speak on Aeronautical Research Test Flying.

An so another month rolls by. Time flies and so do we; see you next month.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

by Trixie-Ann Schubert

Pizza and palaver were the order of the evening at our Valentine meeting which yours truly had the pleasure of hostessing. The 26 present included guest speaker Betty Gillies from San Diego who gave a rundown on the AWTAR to the new and prospective 99s interested in racing; Fran Bera and Cleo Morrison from the Long



SAN FERNANDO NINETY-NINES take helicopter indoctrination ride. Back row, left to right: Joan Ferguson, Kay Wagner, Renee Brown, Penny Swope, Norma Wilcox, Barbara Stewart, Dot Dancer, and Shirley Robinson. Front row, left to right: Jeanne Strahl, Babe Story, Virginia Hall, Trixie-Ann Schubert, and Louise Robertson.

Beach chapter. We reviewed plans to split the chapter since our members encompass an area including Lancaster, San Gabriel Valley and San Fernando Valley, and some of L. A.

Plans also are in the offing to join the L. A. and Long Beach chapters for a tri-chapter meeting in March, and to join the Women's International Aeronautical Association for a May meeting when author-pilot Ruth Nichols will be in the west as the honor guest.

Representatives from our chapter were invited to attend a Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce session to discuss aviation education in this high density air traffic zone. Ninety Nines will be included on a lecture bureau roster along with transport pilots and other aviation interests and industries.

The chapter had a white elephant sale this month which netted enough to keep up in the pink . . . well, anyway, out of the red.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Jackie Sepulveda

The fly-in on January 18th at Ramona Airport was a huge success, for, beside the 99's attending, 180 other pilots showed up for breakfast and 60 more for pot luck lunch. The unexpected crowd necessitated calling out the C. A. P. to park visiting airplanes and the local Deputy Sheriff's with their survival equipment to cook

breakfast. Everyone had fun and many thanks extended to Hilda and 49½ Wayne for being such delightful hosts.

Our February meeting was held at Betty Loufek's home in Anehiem. Business at hand included a talk by Mr. Allen of the CAA on the proposed changes in flight rules and plans for our annual Flight Safety Clinic, which will be held this year April 12 at Fullerton Airport.

The fly-in Feb. 23 at Desertaire Park, near Palm Springs was a ball for those attending with swimming, good eating and watching a polo game being the events of the afternoon. Next scheduled fly-in is Sunday March 23 at Santa Barbara.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

Alice Roberts returned from Caribbean Cruise in time to hostess Valentine party in her new home on Orchid Lane. Enjoying the business meeting, "eats" and especially the color slides shown by 49½er Chazz Roberts and narrated by both Alice and Chazz were chapter members Melba Bland, Marjy Crowl, Doris Glina, Juanita Newell, Jimmie Lou Shelton and guests Beverly Davis and June Kaiser.

Only Juanita Newell, Melba Beard and June Kaiser able to make the flight to Tucson for tour of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base as guests of the

Tucson Chapter. They were very impressed and thrilled with all they saw and did there--will not give details as Tucson reporter can do better job than I. Every time I even think about it am just seeek, seeek, seeek that I didn't go! At beginning of week couldn't see the risk of a sinus headache, but it would have been worth it! Put it down to physical condition up to now (since last April) that inability to think and write is outgrowth of lack of oxygen--and please forgive mistakes in Newsletter contributions. Now that am among the living and don't mind the fact, don't think can forgive myself for not going to Tucson! Surely hope the opportunity arises again in the future. Congratulations to Tucson Chapter for their terrific program.

Juanita and Melba enjoyed flying the Commanche, and Juanita and Ruthie enjoyed the Beech Travelaire. This trio of 99's who also belong to OX-5 Club deserve credit for activities in both organizations--and for their efforts to coordinate flying organization by planning a get-together for all, which needs support from all groups to be successful. Louise Lantis has been selected Queen of the Arizona Flying Farmers this year--congratulation! Sure there's more news, but am pressing deadline this month--adios!

UTAH CHAPTER

February saw the chapter "flying blind." Five of the gals, Eunice Naylor, Ethel McDermitt, Connie Lietz, Margaret Loy and Beth Goodsell, spent the evening at the local Civil Air Patrol link room.

Alberta Nicholson has accepted the job of chairman of the Chapter Air Marking program and from the hints she has been making, it looks as though we are really going to be daubing the paint around this year.

Our March meeting will be held March 22. We are trying, through Beth Goodsell and 49½er, to be allowed by the Air Force to tour Hill Air Force Base at Ogden. If all goes well and the approval comes through we shall have a wonderful time.

TUCSON CHAPTER

Doris N. Choiniere

First of all let me thank everyone who came to Tucson for our tour. We were joined by girls from California, Texas, and Phoenix and as guests of the Strategic Air Command toured Davis Monthan Air Force Base here in Tucson.

The girls had the chance to fly into a SAC base, an unusual opportunity indeed. We were met by a base bus and the first stop was RAPCON, then



TUCSON CHAPTER Ninety-Nines and guests being briefed aboard KC 97 at Davis Montham Air Force Base by Major Turk, aircraft commander. Left to right are: June Kaiser, "Tex" Burdick, Anna Naylor, Junita Newell, Junita Burdick, Doris Choiniere, Byrd Granger, Charmine Gainer, a crew member, Betty Loomis, and Major W. R. (Dad) Turk.

lunch at the Officer's Club. Mrs Leslie Westberg wife of Base Commander, was a guest at the luncheon and Col. Scheffer welcomed us to the Base. Following lunch we visited the Historic Section and saw the plans that dropped the second Atom bomb on Hiroshima, the first B24 to land in Africa and a captured German Folker. Next we visited the KC 97 Squadron. Major W. R. "Dad" Turk, Aircraft Commander showed us through his plane and plane and explained air-to-air refueling. Our final visit was to the 15th All Weather Fighter Squadron and the Ready Hangars.

Guests of the tour were June Kaiser, Junita and "Tex" Burdick of El Paso. Faye Douthitt, Tig Rye of El Centro with friends Betty Loomis of Fairbanks Alaska and Phyllis Wescot of New York City, Jan Gagnier and daughter, Charmaine, of Tucson my Mother Mrs. Anna Naylor of Kingston N. Y., Shirley Marshall, Gertrude Gelderman, Dorothy Jenkins, Lorraine Chandler, Betty Gagenheimer Byrd Granger and friend, Pat Udall, and yours truly.

Attention Southwest Section: As you all know by now Tucson has been chosen for the spring sectional, April 25, 26 and 27. We have big doing planned—there will be horseback riding, swimming, sunning, fashion show,

barbecue, and plenty of hangar flying. So come on, gals, make plans now to be here in April for loads of fun. Transportation to and from the airport. Shirley Marshall is program chairman and believe me that means we will all have a wonderful time.

We are happy to tell you all that Byrd Granger is joining the Ninety-Nines. She is very active in aviation. I am sure you have read some of her articles in Air Facts and other aviation publications.

This is all for this time. Once again let me remind you to come to the Old Pueblo in April for the Southwest Sectional.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

by Hialeah Reilich

Those present at our February meeting were Carol Bloom, Margaret Farkas, Rita Hart, Betty Hedsyne Jones, Helen Mace, Hialeah Reilich, Thelma Syrek and Ruth Wagner. Student pilots, Dorreen Brandley and Ruth Loomis, were guest, both of these gals are close to the "private license stage." We hope to announce them as full-fledged 99s soon.

Irene Levertan, on a x-country with a student, joined us for lunch in the Municipal Airport.

Gerry Mickelson is visiting in Old Mexico, but her husband "Mick" on

his way to Reno with a group of advertising people, stopped a few minutes to chat.

Helen Mace and family attended the Experimental Aircraft Assoc. Meet in Riverside. Helen having a nice visit with one of our far-from-home members, Dorothy Grive.

Betty and Joe Haynes are taking another couple on the Flying Farmers Air Tour in March. They are taking early in order to spend a couple of day in Las Vegas. sunbathing???

After our usual "hanger-flying", which consisted mostly of moaning about the non-flying weather we have had lately, we discussed plans for a Spring-Time Air Event. More details in the next NL, but tentatively it will be held in early May.

REDWOOD CHAPTER

Hazel Bertagna

The most interesting news we have this month, outside of our regular meeting, is a letter Pat Stouffer received from Dorothy Banzhaf of Ankara, Turkey, formerly an active member of our Chapter at Ukiah. She writes of meeting Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, daughter of the first president of Turkey, who is a delegate to the Naval Forces of Turkey and is being feted by the U. S. government in Miami and Washington, D. C., this year. She is the first woman pilot

"Skylady Derby"

The 7th annual "Skylady Derby" air race for women pilots sponsored by the Women's National Aeronautical Association and staged each year in the mid-west, will be held June 12, this year.

The women fliers will take off from Topeka, Kan., and fly to Grand Island, Neb., thence to Des Moines, Iowa, and return to Topeka, a total distance of 640 statute miles.

The race is for light, stock-model aircraft of less than 300 hp, and the winners are chosen on the basis of fuel consumption and speed with relation to the manufacturer's claimed performance for each type of aircraft. By this method, the most skillful pilot has an opportunity to win regardless of the size and horsepower of the airplane.

Six hundred dollars in cash prizes will be awarded, as well as trophies, and other prizes. Entrance fee for the race is \$15.00 per plane, and all planes must be in Topeka on June 11, the day preceding the race.

Entry chairman is Ruth Nickell, 904 Nickell Road, Topeka, Kan., and entrance forms and rules may be obtained from her.

Entrance closes May 25, 1958.

in the world in action of military rating as an officer. Also Edibe Subasi and Sabiha Gokcen, who are members of our organization and were in this country in 1950 and 1953. Edibe has recently recovered from a near fatal crash of her Foche Wulf tow plane. A student pilot allowed his glider to enter the critical position above the tow plane and they crashed.

Dorothy and her 49½'er, Bob, are member of the Turkish Flying Club and are looking forward to an interesting summer. They have flown to Antalya on the Mediterranean and Iskender on the Sea and are enjoying the beautiful scenery.

To get back to our meeting--Pat and I had to drive to Santa Rosa and Shirley and Duane drove down from Ukiah in the storm. Nellie was on deck as usual but no sign of Anna. Don't know what happened to her--guess it was too wet. We couldn't fly---but the weather didn't stop us from hanger flying and we all felt better after that. Our next meeting will be held in Ukiah the 2nd Sunday unless it rains, then it will be the 3rd one.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Marijane Brown

Mary Kitson Prendergast has a baby boy — Dennis Gerald — who arrived the day before our February meeting.

We had a combination meeting and baby shower at the home of your reporter. Valentines were used as the decor of the evening. Inasmuch as Mary couldn't be present, we forwarded the presents to her unopened. If the gifts were as pretty as the wrappings, I am sure the shower was a success.

Mary Ilgen (an Engineer at Douglas) has joined with nine other flyers to buy a Luscombe, which they have pulled apart and are going to put together again.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Margaret Gerhardt

Our first business meeting in several months was held Friday evening, Dec. 21, at Marilyn Anderson's in San Carlos. The backlog of letters was read by secretary Anderson and action was taken on national nominations and other matters. Treasurer

Gail Lane reported on money matters and our air race contribution was discussed, and \$25 was voted for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Mabel Zehr, our membership chairman brought an application and check from a new member and spoke of several other prospects.

We were happy to welcome back to the Bay Area, Rosemarie Gehling Blake, who has been living in Las Vegas. Others present were Miriam Brugh, Maxine Carlson, Margaret Gerhardt, Geri Hill, Hazel Miles, Ruth Rueckert & Eleanor Wilson.

San Francisco members, Gail Lane, Ruth Rueckert and Margaret Gerhardt will make arrangements for our 26th birthday party in March. We plan to have a dinner meeting with movies including 'Cleared for Take-Off', the building and first flight of the Wilson's Stits Playboy and one other aviation film. In April we will meet at Geri Hill's and we plan a picnic in Half Moon Bay for May. We hope to have several ships from our chapter in Tucson for the spring sectional at the end of April.

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