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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

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President's Column

September 1, 1958

Our News Letter printer has asked me to convey his sincere apologies here, for his being so late in getting out the August issue. Circumstances beyond his control prevented his usual promptness, on this one issue. I am sure that all of you join me in accepting his apology, and in extending our appreciation to him, for the very good job he has done for us these past two years.

As we embark on another new year for Ninety-Nines, let each of us pledge now, to meet every challenge with enthusiasm and the determination to make it one of our very best! I am so very grateful to you for having given me the opportunity to serve you again, and I assure you that I shall spend the whole of many days and at least a part of every day, working in some way, for Ninety-Nines.

I would like us to consider again, for the year, our Four-Point Program:

No. 1. A membership of 1500 or more. (We need less than 300 additional members now, to reach this goal, every effort must be made to retain our present membership and a constant alert for those new ones.)

No. 2. A Closer Coordinated Organization. (A wonderful relationship within our organization already exists, we must work toward keeping it.)

No. 3. More Flying and Related Activities within all Sections and Chapters.

No. 4. More Recognition for Ninety-Nines and Women in Aviation. (This is a must! Much progress has been made, much more is needed.)

You will find a list of all Committee Chairmen and Committee Members in this issue of your News Letter. Be sure to keep it available, it is for your information and convenience, until the new roster comes out.

A copy of the condensed minutes on the National Convention in Montgomery, which includes a financial report of Ninety-Nines and the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, will be sent to all Governors and Chapter Chairmen, soon. Each member of the organization is entitled to read these proceedings, if she so desires. I would like to encourage all who did not attend the

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Scholarship Award Increased For 1959

The Trustees of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund are happy to announce that the amount of the award for 1959 will be increased to \$350, in line with increased earnings of the Fund and the advance in cost of ratings to which the award is usually applied. It is not too soon for Chapters to start thinking about which one of their members they will want to recommend as their applicant for next year's award. Each Chapter will have the opportunity to submit ONE application to its Section Scholarship Committee. The Section Scholarship Committee will then screen the applications from its Chapters and select the best ones to fill its quota. The Section quota is one application for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof, and each Section shall be entitled to at least one application.

Important: Each application must be accompanied by a one-page letter

of recommendation signed by the Chapter Chairman and Secretary, detailing the qualifications and aims of the applicant. This letter may be written on the back page of the application. Qualifications require only that the applicant be a member of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., who has had at least 200 solo hours.

Deadline: Applications from the Chapters MUST be in the hands of the Section Scholarship Committee by January 15, 1959.

Start giving the matter some thought now, so that by the end of the year—which is closer than you think—YOUR candidate can be selected and approved and she can get her application in to the Section Scholarship Committee before the deadline, January 15, 1959.

Marjorie E. Fauth,
Chairman-Trustee
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"Some people put on weight only in certain places; soda fountains, for instance."

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President's Column

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Convention, to do so. Know your organization better. I feel certain that the more we know about it, the more interest, enthusiasm and loyalty there will be within Ninety-Nines . . . and that is exactly what the organization depends upon for its very existence and success. One word of caution—I am sure that every one agrees that we should treat Ninety-Nine business as any other business, strictly within the organization, especially, anything concerning our finances.

Had lunch and a most enjoyable visit with Ninety-Nines in Omaha yesterday, came home with some valuable material for our headquarters, including publications by Ninety-Nines, dating back to 1930. Thank you, Belle Hetzel, all Ninety-Nines wish for you a most enjoyable three months, touring around the world.

I'm off for Elko, Nev., to attend the Southwest Section meeting there, then on up to Renton, Wash., to attend the Northwest Sectional there the following weekend. I'm wondering if my engine will go on "automatic rough" again this time, when I fly over the very first mountain. Any other Ninety-Nine have this trouble?

Happy flying!

Sincerely,

Broneta Davis Evans

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CHANGE QUICKLY

A lady decked out in the ultra latest came through Chicago the other day. She didn't know exactly what plane connections she was supposed to make, so she said to the information officer: "Ought I to change here?"

The gentleman looked her over. She was in a sack with an inverted mixing bowl for a hat. He nodded his head, "Yes lady, you should, unless you want to be mobbed at the next stop."

Marjorie E. Fauth



**Chosen Permanent
Trustee Of Amelia
Earhart Memorial
Scholarship Board**

The Executive Committee recently appointed Marjorie E. Fauth of the Bay Cities Chapter, Southwest Section, to succeed Jeannette L. Sovereign as Permanent Trustee for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Board.

Marjorie comes well qualified to take over the role of Permanent Trustee. Her daily work in the field of accounting and auditing. She was International Treasurer of The Ninety-Nines for two years, 1947-49, while the Scholarship Funds were still in the hands of the International Treasurer and she was an elected trustee for three years, 1953-56, and during the last two years of her term she handled the judging routine as co-chairman.

The present Board of Trustees are the two permanent trustees, Alma H. Harwood, who was one of the guiding hands in founding the Scholarship and has been continuously active in its growth to the present day, and newly appointed Marjorie E. Fauth, and the three elected trustees who are Cora McDonald, whose term expires August 31st, to be succeeded by newly elected trustee Marie Thompson; Alice H. Hammond, who term expires in 1959, and Donna Tracy Myers, whose term expires in 1960.

We are most fortunate in having such a capable person as Marjorie to take over this important responsibility.

"Some extremely odd things are related: for example; a man's head will turn when a woman's hips move."

"A neurotic is a person who builds castles in the air. A psychotic is someone who moves into them."

Coming Events

North Central Fall Sectional
Chicago, Ill., Sept. 26-28

S.M.A.L.L. Race
Sturgis, Mich., to Manistee,
Mich., Oct. 10-12

**New York - New Jersey
Fall Sectional**

Installation of Officers
Oct. 31

Jeanette L. Sovereign

We regret very much, the resignation of Jeannette L. Sovereign as Permanent Trustee of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Board. She has served so faithfully, and so capably, as Chairman of the Board for these many years, and has contributed so very much to its steady growth and success. The Scholarship Fund was created in 1940, to help deserving Ninety-Nines to further aviation accomplishments. The first Scholarship was presented in 1941, in the amount of \$150. The fund has now grown to \$350, the amount to be given to next year's winner. Jeannette has served Ninety-Nines in many capacities, to name a few—Governor of North Central Section, 1935-36; National Treasurer, 1940-41, 1941-42; and National President in 1945-46, 1946-47.

We salute you, Jeannette, and express here, or sincere appreciation for all that you have done, down through the years, for Ninety-Nines.



Please Note

The 1959 Roster has been designated as the "Thirtieth Anniversary Edition" and one that will be a little extra special. In order to do this, your Editor is going to need the cooperation of every member, chapter and section. So here goes.

If you are one of the following: Past President, 1959 International Officer, member of the Executive Board, or Sectional Governor, send a suitable picture for the 1959 Roster on or before September 15 to your News Letter Editor. However, if there is one in our file that has appeared in last year's Roster or News Letter, these can be used, if notified to do so.

All 99-sponsored articles for sale, please send in: new listings, prices, names and addresses, etc., to me. Only those received on or before October 15 will be included.

Be sure each Section and Chapter returns the form sent out by Hqs. regarding the names of the 1959 officers of their group. This info is vital in making our new Roster complete. Deadline on form. Let's have a 100 per cent listing of all our officers in this edition.

Your Editor

Pilots Briefing

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN, time to renew your membership in the 99's before October 31st.

WOMAN PILOT WANTED — With the following qualifications: Single, shorthand, typing and steno knowledge necessary. 500 hours with Commercial and Instrument ratings preferably time in Cessna 180 and 182, also Beechcraft and Bonanza time. This will be a permanent position. CONTACT Mr. James Dunnam, Bellevue Airport, Bellevue, Wash.

INCIDENTALLY, Aileen Saunders would like to have any of you who ordered AWTAR pictures in San Diego and have not received them to contact her. Give your TAR number, type of picture, whether COD or paid for and any pertinent data and she will follow through for you.

READ IT — Mary Fescer's delightful report on the start of the IAR under the All-Ohio Chapter report this issue.

CHAPTERS AND SECTIONS, have you returned that form sent by Hqs. concerning your new officers, etc.? If not, PLEASE do so as soon as possible.

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From The Public Relations And Membership Chairman

There are a great many women pilots who are not members of the 99's and we all need to try to interest them in our organization.

EVERY MEMBER can help in getting these women as members, if she will inquire about women pilots at the various airports where she lands. Get their names and addresses and if you do not know a member in that town who can help interest her in the 99's, send in the name and address and we will send her a letter and information about the organization and also we will notify the chairman of the local chapter so she can follow through and invite her to some of their activities.

Local chapter chairmen can obtain the names of other women pilots from the state department of Aeronautics in some states. Also check with your local CAA office and see if they won't give you the names of new women pilots on a periodical basis.

DON'T WAIT until she has her private license to contact her. Sometimes a woman student just needs a little encouragement and association with other women pilots to make her want to continue and to get her license. Invite these women students to attend some of your activities and she will be more likely to become a member when she does get her license.

Loretta Slavick,
Public Rel. Chm.
Laura Sellinger,
Membership Chm.



By "AJ" Starr

We have some lovely summer events to report — first of all Doris and Henry Renninger gave a cocktail party for Nancy Bird Walton at their home in East Norwich, Long Island. While Nancy was in the New York area Mr. Herb Fisher of The Port of New York Authority arranged a helicopter flight for her, Kay Brick and Selma Cronan. These three lucky gals snuggled into the Port's 'copter, took off from PNYA's New York office building roof and whizzled around the island of Manhattan. Their necks are a bit stretched from inspecting bridges from the underside but they report the thrill will never be gone. Highly recommended tour!

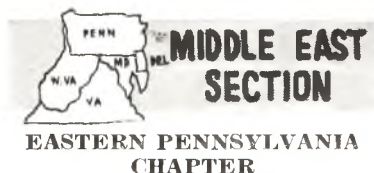
Nancy later was guest of honor at a luncheon at the Golden Door at Idlewild Airport after a tour of the new Arrival Building and Tower. Then she hopped over to La Guardia for a flight in Fairchild's new Propjet F-27. Back again to Idlewild and Nancy found time to inspect the newly opened International Hotel.

Selma and Walter Cronan gave a wonderful cookout on August 1st at their home in Leonia, New Jersey. Guests of honor were Broneta Evans and Nancy Bird Walton.

The 99's were invited by the OX-5 Club to a tour of the New York Stock Exchange, August 14th.

Lucile Wright of this Section was named Woman's National Aeronautical Association "Woman of the Year." Abbie D. Haddaway has been elected the first woman president of the New York Chapter of the OX-5 Club.

September 10th is the date of our next meeting at the 71st Regiment Armory and we will learn more details about our forthcoming Dinner-Dance scheduled for October 31st.



By Peggy Borek

Our July meeting was held at Nancy Diemand's home in Buckingham. New members Judy Rich and Emily Conway joined Louise Sacchi, Anne Shields, Kate Macario, Marie D'Alterio, Elsie McBride, Jean Rutledge (with 49½er Jack), Margaret, Sandra and Margo Callaway, the Diemands, Nancy, Buz and Deborah, and guests Ray Gulick and Ray Evans.

After a swim Buz Diemand chefed hamburgers; we inspected the almost completed airstrip with the ever pres-

MICHIGAN S. M. A. L. L. RACE

Final preparations are being made for the third Michigan S.M.A.L.L. Race, an efficiency air race for the lady pilots. With the capable assistance of the Michigan Department of Aeronautics handling the mechanics of the race, it will take off on October 11, 1958, from Sturgis, Mich., and terminate at Manistee, Mich., approximately two hundred air miles. The S.M.A.L.L. Race is being endorsed by the Chamber of Commerce at both Sturgis and Manistee.

The entry fee is ten (\$10.00, dollars, and if you are a licensed lady pilot you are eligible to fly the race. Your choice for co-pilot is optional. You may fly with male or female or solo. There is no limit set on the number of entries. Entries opened August 1, 1958, and will close midnight September 27, 1958.

Prizes And Trophies

First	\$200.00
Second	150.00
Third	125.00
Fourth	75.00
Fifth	50.00

For full details and application write to:

Margaret Windfuhr
3537 Tecumseh River Road
Lansing, Michigan

ent huge tree right at the edge; and even did some horseback riding. The 200 acre Diemand farm is located in the rolling hills of Bucks County. As soon as the CAA approves the airstrip you'll find it on the New York Sectional.

We presented Anne Shields with the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Scroll and medal happily; and Margaret Callaway with a bouquet of flowers sadly, because the Air Force has transferred husband Dick to Dayton, Ohio and the Callaways will be leaving at the end of September for their new home, which we understand is a farm and has its own flight strip.

Officers were nominated for the coming year and election will be held at the next meeting on August 24 at Sky Manor Airport.

Emily Conway, one of our new members, became interested in flying when she went to the airport with her son who was taking instructions. The instructor suggested she ride around, too. She liked it so much she astonished her son by beginning flight instruction herself. She owns a Cessna 140 and flies from Turner Airport.

Judy Rich is employed by Ross Aviation at North Philadelphia Airport. She has just gotten her private license and is looking forward to racing in the TAR next year.

Did you know that Connie Wolf flew La Coquette around Paris as a publicity for Around the World in 80 Days? Connie holds one of the very few balloonist licenses in the country. We can really call her an intrepid aeronaut.

The results of the International Air Race will be announced just after News Letter deadline, so we have

nothing to report on our two entries.

Anne Waddell visited with Lois Dobbin on her way through to pick up a TriPacer at Loch Haven.

We find more and more women are learning to fly, with about seven future 99's on their way to private licenses in our area.

Louise Sacchi enjoyed (to put it mildly) 1½ hours in a Navy jet, and wrote an interesting article for a local newspaper about her experience. Some people are just fortunate, I guess. You either have to be a reporter or head of a protest committee against jet noise. Hmm — that last idea might work.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Virginia Thompson

Ada Mitchell and the weather seem to have an attraction for each other. Once again it thwarted her plans for finishing the Air Race in the manner intended. Knowing Ada, though, I am betting that she made it to the Bahamas one way or another and had a wonderful time.

Ada and Blanche Noyes seem to be our only "air minded" girls this month, the rest having been lured away by vacations or busy with just plain work. Blanche attended the Third Annual Convention of the OX-5 Club in Los Angeles, California.

Our "relaxers" include: Ann Ash and family at Hungry Mother State Park, W. Va.; Nancy Tier and family at some hide away lake; and Blanche at Ocean City, Md.

While they enjoyed life, others have been busy helping relatives enjoy their vacations by being baby monitors. These brave souls included Lamona Cervenka and Eleanor Davis. In fact, it has kept Eleanor so busy after of-

fice hours, she hasn't even had time to decide on her college subjects for this winter.

On the social level, "Mitzie" Moore was recently in charge of the C. A. P. International Cadet Dinner-Dance at Bolling Air Force Base. Jean Howard and Fran Nolde were guests at the reception given by Gen. and Mrs. Beau for the escorts of foreign cadets.

Jean also had lunch with Jean Pearson, Aviation Editor of the Detroit Free Press and an active "99'er".

We hear too that Dora Dougherty is now employed with the Human Factor Section, Electronic Dept. of Bell Helicopter Corp. Congratulations Dora. I am sorry though that we are having to say "good-bye" before we even had a chance to know you.

See you all at my house for the September meeting.



GEORGIA CHAPTER

A Ninety-Nine becomes the eighth woman to fly faster than sound— Betty Wood McNabb, Georgia 99, has been told she is number eight of the fairer sex to join the Mach Buster Club. With Col. John Haygood of the 31st Fighter Bomber Wing, Turner AFB, Georgia, she flew a Super Sabre, an F100F, to



BETTY WOOD McNABB, Georgia 99's, is the eighth woman to fly faster than sound. She made the flight with Instructor Pilot Col. John Haygood, 31st Fighter-Bomber Wing, Turner AFB, in an F100F Super Sabre.

an altitude of 41,000 feet to go through the mach in straight and level flight. They refueled on a KB50J tanker at 23,000 feet.

Betty has been flying her own plane among hospital consulting jobs since 1951; she had never touched aircraft controls until she decided the roads weren't safe any more and took to the air. Since then she has logged nearly 1000 hours in her own or air force planes, including three flights in T-33 jet trainers.

She is cadet director and assistant aviation education officer for the Southeastern Region, Civil Air Patrol, past chairman of Georgia 99's, and writes and speaks widely on aviation and paramedical subjects.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Constance Ohlinger

The girls who went to the Convention in Montgomery, Ala., gave a unanimous report—it was great!

Georgiana McConnell helped the Alabama girls with registration.

Evelyn Bryan helped the Carolina girls with inspections at the race terminus in Charleston, S. C.

Ruth Thomas has just completed her work with aviation workshop at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Ruth Mayes has traded her Aeronca Champion for a Cessna 170.

Georgiana McConnell and Sarah Duke flew to Dobbins AFB, Georgia, to participate in the Southeastern Region inspection of the Georgia Wing Civil Air Patrol. Both girls are on the Regional staff.

For her part in turning off the engine and rotor of the helicopter that crashed at the Morristown Airport back in April, Evelyn Bryan was awarded the Civil Air Patrol Distinguished Service Award. (The story of the emergency and Evelyn's skilled action was told in a previous writeup.) We are proud of our helicopter pilot!

Your reporter attended the new ANG Jet Base dedication at Toledo, Ohio, on July 19. In connection with the ceremonies there was a display of an XF 92, and the Base's F84F's. The former was a forerunner of the present delta-wing fighters. Parachutes were also displayed, most interesting of which was the jet drag-chute, with its very special kind of "dress-making." The Minute Men of Colorado ANG gave demonstrations of close-formation maneuvers—in three axial—and one centrifugal-flow, pets—rolls, tight 360's at low altitude, "Hawaiian 8's," "bomb - bursts" and "corkscrews" which filled the airknowledgeable with utmost admiration and left the lay crowd gaping. The men pulled 5 G's on some of their maneuvers, which were truly superhuman in skill and percision. The starting and warm-up of the jets was something few civilians had ever seen, as well as the special

flight-suits and equipment worn by the pilots. Most astounding of all was the information that the Minute Men were not "pros" but are full-time civilians with daily jobs or studies at the university.



ALL-OHIO CHAPTE R

By Mary J. Fecser

EVENT OF THE MONTH: Start of the International Air Race from Welland, Ontario, Canada, to the Bahamas. Your reporter had the good luck to take in the fun and excitement of the wonderful program preceding the take-off, and then, to be part of the actual take-off to customs clearance in Buffalo.

Flying from Cleveland to Welland with Joan Hrubec in her Piper Tri-Pacer, the Pee-Wee, Chairman Edie Maxim and your truly made the trip in one hour and 46 minutes. The flight along Lake Erie was beautiful, and we had good weather from the time we left on Wednesday, until the take-off on Saturday, Aug. 16.

The Pee-Wee was slick as grease on a tile floor after having been rubbed over with four coats of wax. She was bedecked with two top-and-bottom rotating beacons, gift of her sponsor, the Grimes Manufacturing Co. of Urbana, Ohio. Your reporter noted (from within Marge Hammon's Cessna 170, in which I thumbed a ride to Buffalo, and was able to observe from inside position all the movements of the take-off) that while taxiing and taking off, Joan had turned on the rotating beacons, and they were a pretty sight as they flicked on and off.

Our Friday night banquet programs listed the following statistics about our Ohio contestants:

Number 5: Virginia Schumacher, Uhrichville, Ohio (Pilot); Co-Pilot: Joan Hrubec, Cleveland, Ohio; Aircraft: 1953 Piper Tri-Pacer, 135 h.p.; Sponsor: Grimes Manufacturing Co., Urbana, Ohio. Virginia holds a commercial pilot's license and has flown in four International Air Races. She has 780 hours flying time and in 1957 was awarded the "Woman Pilot of the Year" trophy which is competed for on a point system in the State of Ohio. She has three children and lists herself as "full time mother and wife." Joan has flown the IAR three times, the TAR twice and the SMALL race twice. She also won the "Ohio Woman of the Year" trophy. She holds a private pilot's license and has 700 hours flying time, mostly in her own Tri-Pacer. Her occupation is production manager.

Number 12: Pilot: Helen Weidwald.

Cleveland, Ohio; Co-Pilot: Jean Hixson, Akron, Ohio; Aircraft: Cessna 172; Sponsor: Ansul Chemical Co., Marinette, Wis. Helen has a private license and 225 hours. She is a secretary. She learned to fly in 1955 and entered one race previously. Jean—no history (modest, as usual!).

Number 15: Pilot: Margaret Hammon, Dayton, Ohio; Co-Pilot: Jane Howell, Fairborn, Ohio; Aircraft: Cessna 170, 1954, 145 h.p.; Sponsor: R. B. Motors Co., Volkswagen Dealer, Fairborn, Ohio. Margaret is an engineer technician. She holds a private pilot's license and has 180 hours. This is her first race. Jane also holds a private license and has 80 hours. She is a high school teacher.

Last, but not least, Number 23 (last to enter): No facts other than that Dottie Anderson of Bluffton, Ohio, was the pilot of a Piper Comanche. Not listed, but your reporter was there and knows, that Ione Kiplinger, Toledo area, was co-pilot.

RESUME OF FUN: By now you may have added us up to ten—eight race participants and two guests, Edie Maxim and your reporter. Hence, it developed, that we were the largest representation from all the chapters. On Thursday evening, the Ohio girls held a cocktail party for those contestants who had flown in by then, and those wonderful friends from the Welland Chamber of Commerce and the Welland Flying Club. Thursday had us at a most elegant luncheon at the Sheraton, a Royal Connaught Hotel in Niagara Falls, in a penthouse dining room that commanded a superlative view of both the American and Canadian Falls, and the very same place where Princess Margaret had been tentertained about a week before. After that we (yours truly, Ada Mitchell, Pauline Jones, Gini Richardson, and Delores Hall) were driven by our good pal, Ross Clemens of the Chamber of Commerce, to Table Rock House, where we all donned oilskins and rubber boots, and were whisked via elevator several hundred feet to the base of Horseshoe Falls. It was all an unforgettable experience!

Friday found the contestants out early at the Welland Airport, polishing their airplanes and attending to the run-up of their engines. The briefing in the afternoon disclosed that there was bad weather over the mountains—a stationary front, and that Hurricane Cleo was starting her antics out in the Atlantic, far off the Florida shore. Nevertheless, we looked forward to the Sherry Party, courtesy Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, which preceded the Civic Banquet at the Barclay Hotel. The dinner consisted of an elaborate smorgasbord which topped all others, and was given by the Corporation of the City of Welland. Your reporter found out later, that it was

prepared by a French Chef, and we must say it was tres magnifique!

Rising on Saturday began at 6. By 7 a.m. the cars were already picking the girls up at the hotel to whiz them out to the airport. The Welland Airport Flying Club certainly saw to it that the girls were well fortified for their forthcoming stint—orange juice, fried eggs, bacon, coffee, jam, and a huge basket of rosy peaches for each aircraft. Another weather briefing took place, and again there was that possibility of being held back for awhile in Buffalo. Then, out we all went to the planes, and, at 10 a.m. sharp, Dottie Rungeling (the one and only, and splendid coordinator of the race start activities, and a better gal hard to find) and diminutive Susan Koch started taxiing Ship Number 1 to the take-off area. Other ships followed at safe intervals. Yours truly was in Marge Hammon's ship with Jane, and we followed through, taking off at 10:11.

At Buffalo, Marge landed that Cessna 170 like a floating feather. We cleared American customs quickly and bade the girls adieu and good luck. While I was arranging for an American Airlines flight home, Edie met Gus Miller, operator of Miller Airport, North Benton, Ohio. She hastened to the terminal where I was waiting for her and announced the remarkable news that Mr. Miller would fly the two of us home, right to our doorstep, at Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Don, his nephew piloted the Beechcraft Bonanza and it was a perfect flight. How lucky can one get?

It had all been quite wonderful. Let's pass out a couple of orchids to some more of those Welland people who made our stay so much fun: Harold Cudney, who saw to it that every wish was answered; Crown Attorney Tobias F. Forestell; William Yaeger; E. Edwards; Tom Brooke; Art Phillips; Gordon Clemens; Ross Clemens; Peter Clark; Sue Koch; Russ Meade; Mayor McCrae; R. Tambouli; Alice Howey; Abbie Haddaway; William Pessler; and the very patient and thorough weatherman, Ted Wiacek; Earle Donohue, and, of course "Moe" Louch, who was ever so concerned about that CAA telegram, but later was happier than all of us put together when all doubts were cleared about the race's taking place. The girls will never actually know how close they came to not flying that race because the prize money did not get to the bank early enough on the American side!

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Vachout

Our August meeting was a combination business meeting and picnic. The day was ideal for both, and Sky Harbor Airport was the perfect place. We are happy to welcome a new member to our Chapter. She is Cleo Over-

ton of Aurora, Ill. Cleo has her own plane and her own landing strip right behind her home. However, we are unhappy at losing one of our members, Carol Veris is moving and transferring to San Francisco, Calif. Carol has been working hard this summer and has obtained her Commercial Rating.

Bess Weyant had a wonderful flying trip to Pickle Lake, Ontario, Canada. She and her family flew there to fish and spend their vacation. Alice Kudrna spent her vacation flying to California. Enroute, she had a visit with Leah Liersch in Elko, Nev., and also spent a day with Olive Tuttle in L. A. Alice says that she saw the scenery and the mountains through the viewfinder of her new stereo camera. We all hope to see her pictures.

Lois Cassidy is mighty busy these days preparing for her daughter's wedding, which will take place on Oct. 20th. Lois has just purchased an Ercoupe, but has been having a hard time trying to find the time to fly it! Eva and Harold White flew to Curtis Wright Airport to see the Experimental Plane Show. They were able to see the new tricycle gear plane that Steve Wittman had just completed.

One of the high spots of our Fall Sectional will be Steve Wittman. We are, indeed, fortunate to have him as our guest speaker. Wes Howard will be our MC. One of the door prizes will be a Zenith Navigator Radio; so come one and all, and join the festivities at the Bismark Hotel, 9-26-28.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Ruth Lake

SMORGASBORD FLY-IN! Ever try one? August 17th brought perfect CAUV weather for our fly-in to Kirksville, 13 planes participating. There were 33 of us including members, 49/ers and seven student pilots. A wonderful reception awaited us at the airport provided by the manager of the Traveler Hotel (who incidentally served a wonderful smorgasbord), the Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees who furnished us with transportation. Perfectly wonderful time was had by all. The city of Kirksville is trying to obtain assistance for improving the airport, which seems to be a



SMORGASBORD FLY-IN by the Greater St. Louis Chapter held at Kirksville, Mo., August 17.

difficult thing to obtain in the state of Missouri, so they were quite enthused about our fly-in.

Two of our members, Virginia Duenke and Evelyn Neise, had a most unfortunate experience in Canada recently while vacationing with their families. The seaplane in which they were being flown back to the airport to pick up their planes, collided with another seaplane coming in for a landing and their plane was forced down and went underwater. They were so very fortunate in that neither of them was injured, but understand it was quite a hair-raising experience. Virginia and her 49½'er are off next week for Europe. Our Aero Club efficiency race was held on August 23, and was open to both male and female pilots. Our own Mickey Clark finished in 4th place flying a Piper Comanche, Margaret Brickley, student pilot and prospective 99, as co-pilot. They also took home the Piper trophy for best performance of a Piper plane and the 99 trophy for the best woman pilot. Fran Merrill took 5th place with her co-pilot being Carl Henke, the 13 year old son of our 99 Dorothy Henke. Dorothy's husband, Auggie, operates St. Charles Airport, so you can see why Carl would make a real sharp co-pilot. June Evers and her 49½'er placed 6th. Ninety-Nine members who participated in the race included Mickey, Fran, June, Dot Rumsey, Erma Jaco, Sylvia Bloom, Hilda Hemmersmeier, and yours truly. Laura Sellinger and Ginny Duenke worked long and hard on the race committee.

Another wonderful day of flying and good fellowship.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Shirley Iverson

Jane White served as hostess at her beautiful home at Wayzata for the August 10th meeting of Minnesota 99's. Those present were Marvis and Juanita Leach from St. Cloud, our good friend and member Audrey Baird and husband, Le Roy, from Dickinson, N. D., Jean Scheifley and Marilyn Williams (our IAR contestants from Rochester), Shirley Iverson and sister, Mrs. Doris Pavsek from Lambertson, and Margaret Campbell, Avis Larson, Pat Sullivan and Virginia Casperson from the Twin Cities.

Jane White presented our IAR contestants with various and token gifts that they will "appreciate" during the race.

After cocktails and buffet supper, we got after the business at hand—the recapitulation of our successful Penny a Pound Airlift held July 13th at St. Cloud Airport. We gave 917 rides and again turned down many people. Pilots and airplanes were donated including two Piper Apaches during the morning.

New officers elected are: Chairman, Shirley Iverson; Vice Chairman, Betty Johnson; Secretary, Avis Larson; and



JANEY BRIGGS HART, wife of the Lt. Governor of Michigan (Philip A. Hart) and mother of eight children, is now the 23rd member of The Whirly-Girls, international association of women helicopter pilots.

Mrs. Hart, who is qualified as a multi-engine airplane pilot, became Michigan's first woman helicopter pilot on June 4, at Detroit City Airport. This tall, attractive, aviation enthusiast, is also a member of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., and serves as Captain in the Civil Air Patrol.

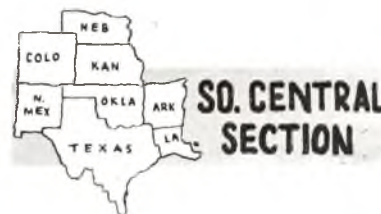
Lt. Governor Hart was her first passenger in the helicopter. He plans to campaign by 'copter—with Janey at the controls—during his campaign this Fall as the Democratic nominee for the U. S. Senate.

On June 24, Mrs. Hart and six of her children are flying to France. While there, she hopes to meet France's two Whirly-Girls, Madame Jacqueline Auriol and Dr. Valerie Andre.

Treasurer, Pat Sullivan. After the tremendous job Jane did as Chairman, it leaves quite a space to fill.

The Jaycees have asked us to again have Penny a Pound Airplane Rides at their Air Fair at Wold Chamberlain Field in September. However, we have been so fortunate to have such wonderful cooperation from pilots, plane owners and airport managers in the past that we don't want to push our luck too far and wear out our welcome by asking them to donate twice a year. But still, it is such a good opportunity to advertise 99's that we hate to turn them down completely.

As the finale to a delightfully busy evening, Walter White brought up a bottle of champagne for four reasons: 1. Because Jane has finished her term as Chairman; 2. toasting the new officers; 3. good luck to IAR contestants; 4. because HE is so glad she's through with the job.



DALLAS, TEXAS CHAPTER

By Pat Jetton

By the time this comes out the SC Sectional will be a thing of the past, but right now it is still uppermost in the minds of this Chapter's members. Will let you know next month the results of the Dallas Doll Derby.

July found Martha Ann Reading and Gerry Sloan flying the AWTAR and both girls came home wild with enthusiasm for the race. They report they learned a lot and met some very nice 99's from all over the country.

Our July meeting was at the home of our Chairman, Marge Barr, where convention reports were given and Sectional plans made. Our August meeting will be at Mildred Bishop's office to complete plans for the Sectional and to send out last minute notices of same.

Rowena Burns is still in Wisconsin with her husband, who files for Chance Vought. They are on temporary duty there but we expect them home soon.

Gerry Sloan has passed her Commercial written and is making plans to take the flight test. Good luck, Gerry. Josephine Allison has been flitting around so much it would be easier to say where she hadn't been. Suffice it to say that we are looking forward to seeing her when cooler weather gets here.

Virginia Holmes, a guest at our June meeting, has turned in her application for 99 membership, which we are very happy about. Virginia operates a nursery and dancing school in Dallas and used to instruct in San Antonio. Right now she is awaiting the birth of her third child. Glad to have you, Virginia.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Faye McConnell

El Paso Chapter 99's met July 27 at Anne Duthies and elected the following new officers: Chairman, Jaunita Burdick; Vice Chairman, Ruby Tatman; Secretary-Treasurer, Francis Slape; Representative, Delo Kimmel. Ruby Tatman called in from Santa Fe, said she couldn't make the meeting as she was heading north. Juanita and Tex Burdick flew three local children to the Lion's crippled childrens camp at Kerrville where they will stay for two weeks.

99'er Faye McConnell and husband, George, will hold their annual Labor Day breakfast for all their 99 and Flying Farmer friends. El Paso has

six prospective members who will be invited to breakfast too.

Your reporter is off to the National Flying Farmer Convention in New York. See you later.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER **By Frances Pyland**

Edna Gardner Whyte left Ft. Worth this week to enter the International Air Race—of course, our best wishes are with her. Good luck, Edna.

Mary Kahak and Frances Pyland are attending ground school classes for their instrument ratings. From where I stand it doesn't look easy by any means. Mary flew a new Tri-Pacer to Ft. Worth from the factory in Lock Haven this week.

Hope to have more news next time.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER **By Dorothy Morgan**

The members at Duncan were hostesses for the August meeting of the Chapter—our thanks to Fern Yount and Betty Black for an enjoyable meeting. We were happy to have as guests the following members from the Abilene Chapter: Amber Cree, Ann Nell Hooks, Ruby Caldwell and Patty Taliaferro. Oklahoma members attending were Nema Masonhall, June Crosby, Broneta Evans, Beth Smith, Rita Eaves, June Welling, Ruth Jones, Ida Carter, Fern and Betty. Other guests present were 49'ers Cyril B. Smith and Bill Brosby, and Dorothy Morgan's daughter, Sharon.

We learned that Betty's 16 year old daughter, Carol Wayne Black, is doing most of the traveling for the Black family this summer. She has spent the summer in Norway with two different families, will return to New York by boat and then fly to Duncan via commercial airline.

Broneta flew to New York with Arlene Walkup and 49½'er, Hoyt, to attend a Flying Farmer Convention. Enroute they visited Eloise Smith, International Secretary. Billie Tunes (we hear she is the only woman to be President of a Flying Farmers Chapter) also attended this meeting. We also learned that Billie was the "lost" plane during a CAP search and rescue mission recently. Glad they found her!

Mary Francis has left for Canada to pick up daughters, Sperry and Marcia, who have been attending camp. They will return via Indianapolis to participate in a swimming meet near there.

Ruth and Ida spent their vacation in St. Louis at the baseball park (?)—at least that's my understanding.

I am wondering if Velma and son, Neil Jr., have in mind establishing an "airline" from Oklahoma City to Chicago. From the number of round trips Velma has flown, it might be a reasonable assumption.

NOTICES: There is to be a fly-in breakfast at Duncan, Okla., on Sept.

28. All Oklahoma Chapter members are invited. Our September meeting will be in Stillwater on Sept. 21. Time of this meeting will be announced later.

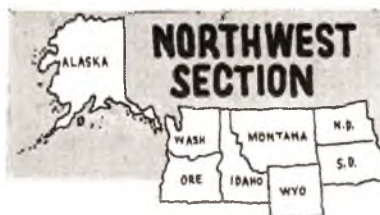
SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER **By Betsy Hogan**

This has been a really busy summer for most of our group, particularly our Chairman, Marian Burke, who has devoted most of her time to the air races. Congratulations on 6th place in the AWTAR, Marian, and best of luck in the coming IAR. Wish we could all participate and enjoy the race and vacation in the Bahamas. Believe me, if I wasn't waiting for the arrival of a future pilot in our family, I'd be right down there myself.

June found us meeting in Bandera at the Flying L Dude Ranch for lunch and swimming while our July meeting was a delightful luncheon at the home of Marcia Snip, here in San Antonio. Unfortunately, I missed both meetings but members attending reported both were most interesting. Seems I always plan a cross country trip that coincides with our meeting date but Mexico lured me away and who can resist that leisurely way of living?

Our September meeting should be an exciting one, especially for one of our lucky members who will win an acrobatic flight in a T-6, or even a speedy hop in the P-51 we have available through Marian's school. We're also looking forward to details on Gertrude Smith's trip to Europe.

Hope to see a lot of 99's turn out for the South Central Sectional meeting next month and the Dallas Dolls Derby, and that Texas Air Tour will be coming up later in the fall. Why not plan to come on down and see some of our "Great State."



ALASKA CHAPTER

The regular monthly meeting of the Alaska Chapter was held at the home of Ann Pollom. The meeting centered about plans and preparations for the fly-in picnic to be held at Willow Air Strip, August 17. Members present were Pat Gilda, Doll Booth, Marian Zagel, Ruth O'Buck, Liz Krakau, Ann Pollom and guest Betty Loomis from Fairbanks.

The Willow picnic was well attended. Approximately 40 planes from the surrounding area arrived. Guests were served chili and the usual picnic fare. The weather was beautiful for a change, and several of the members proudly displayed sunburns the next few days. A Winchester Model "70"

30.06 was raffled off, and the new owner claimed it just in time for the beginning of the moose hunting season. The only dark spot of the entire day was the experience the Polloms had in learning about the lack of roads and of road signs in Alaska. They had elected to drive up with most of the picnic equipment, and learned after several hours of being stuck in heavy mud that the roads to Willow were impassable. They did manage to get the plates, etc., to us, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the picnic.

We all want to congratulate Ruth O'Buck, who is now an instructor.

Helen Sheffer (Eastern Pennsylvania) arrived here in Anchorage with her husband. They had flown two Cubs from Lockhaven. We were glad to have met her, and especially interested in her impressions of Alaska flying. Sorry you couldn't stay longer, Helen!

Hope to see some of you at the conference in September. And by that time we hope Alaska is the 49th State!

MONTANA CHAPTER **By Vivienne Schrank**

This is Jordan News Station to 99M (Montana). Come in please!

But first may we congratulate the Montana 99 members who will serve during the next term of office and who are: Chairman, Winifred Lovelace; Vice Chairman, Nora Kuhn; Secretary, Suzanne Ward; Treasurer, Marge Rolle; and News Letter Reporter, Dorothy Sabo. Good luck to all you nice gals! And now we will resume broadcast!

Orpha Dann has been a busy one—handing out Air Education material to interested parties as well as having her nose in the air in connection with Audio-Visual Class and hurrying to get through so as to be free to attend Indian Workshop. Orpha also manages a ranch. Orpha! How do you do it all? And while at Billings Airport the other day Orpha got to see 15 "whirly birds" and at Logan Field from Fort Riley enroute to Alaska. And by the time you read this — Orpha no doubt will have a new plane to help her shuttle back and forth to her various "busy life" duties.

Our Vera Throssel says that other than her routine flights to Cody and Casper, Wyo., and Pasco and Ephrata, Wash., things are more or less in a rut for her but is getting lots of experience as co-pilot in the twin Beech.

After Mary Jo Janey and 49½'er J. D. directed Aviation Workshop at Billings and Missoula they went back to Princeton, W. Va., to relax. Then to Columbus, Ohio, Detroit and upper Michigan and northern Minnesota to do some fishing before returning to Montana to teach at Glendive again.

Dorothy Lee just returned from Iowa—visiting relatives. Also a check-up at Rochester, Minn. Dorothy in-

tends to resume flying now that her ears are healed. She's real happy about the results of her ear operation. Dorothy has a nibble of a new prospective 99 member—Georgia Gip (flight instructor)—so let's hope that Georgia will join us soon.

Joyce McDowell was sorry to have missed the 99 meeting at Missoula but was out on a "pack" trip at the time.

It's been so much fun writing about all of you and I want to thank you one and all for your fine cooperation. Keep up the good work—only give your position and destination (news) to your new News Station by tuning in: Mrs. Dorothy Sabo (News reporter), 8 West Harrison, Bozeman, Mont.

Over and out!



WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER **By Mickie Gilman**

Plans for the Northwestern Sectional meeting, Sept. 12-14, are near completion. This year, beautiful Gaffney's Lake Wilderness Lodge will be home base with the gals from Western Washington Chapter hosting the event. The girls will fly into Renton Airport and will be taken by car to the lodge. An interesting side trip will be a tour through Renton's Boeing where the famous Boeing 707 is being built. All in all we hope everyone has a grand time including the 49/ers.

The Aviation Workshop held in Ellensburg was a huge success. Three planes from our Chapter participated in the Coulee Dam Area and a teacher with a cast on his leg provided a space problem but everything worked out fine after some jiggling around. Our thanks go to Gladys Parker, Van and Bill Adderson and Hugh Fancher for taking the time and donating their airplanes.

Our Airmarking program is coming along fine with Renton finished and Auburn next in line. Credit goes to Van Adderson for the fine work she has done getting this program rolling.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER **By Margaret Gerhardt**

Our July meeting was held at Jean Kaye's new home in Palo Alto. We enjoyed a most delicious dinner and Jean promised to ask us back when the swimming pool is ready. There was much Air Race talk and a report on the national convention. Members present were Marilyn Anderson, Betty Clinton, Miriam Brugh, Maxine Carlson, Margaret Gerhardt, Geri Hill, Jean Kaye, Gail Lane, Hazel Miles, Margaret Topping Roberts, Eleanor Wilson and Ruth Rueckert. Guests were Mary Fields, Marion Barnick and Faye Liddon of the Santa Clara Chapter.

A Lake Tahoe weekend interfered with my attendance at the August meeting at Hazel Miles, but thanks to Gail Lane and Ruth Rueckert I can report. Those present were Marilyn Anderson, Maxine Carlson, Geri Hill, Jean Kaye, Gail Lane, Hazel Miles and Ruth Rueckert. We are pleased to have Mary Fields as a new member. Ruth told of her trip to Santa Maria to see the Amelia Earhart momentos.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER **By Hazel Bertagna**

The August meeting of the Redwood Empire Chapter was held the 10th at the Napa Valley Country Club, husbands and guests were invited for a luncheon and swim. It was pretty disappointing—about 12 were expected and five showed. Anna Brenner, Nellie Palmer and guest June O'Donnell enjoyed a swim and Pat Stouffer and Hazel Bertagna fixed lunch. June and Pat did most of the work and those there enjoyed themselves.

Our meeting was short and sweet. Chairman Shirley Blocher not being present due to mumps in the family, no important business other than the coming sectional in Elko was discussed. Hazel Bertagna was elected delegate and all the others are planning to attend. See you there.

We have another grandmother in our midst. Anna Brenner's lovely daughter, Marguerite, gave birth to a little baby girl. Don't spoil her—much.

The Caesar Bertagna's arrived home from a flying trip to New Hampshire just in time to make the meeting. At Salt Lake City Airport at Thompson Flying Service, I met one of our 99's, Jane Andreason. She was very kind and helpful to us.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER **By Hialeah Reilich**

In July we had a terrific meeting at Betty Haynes home in Arbuckle. Five planes flew in to newly finished "Haynes" field and two into nearby Schutz. Those present were Carol Bloom, Doreen Brandley, Margaret Farkas, Patricia Johnson, Nelsyne Jones, Helen Mace, Ruth Ossier, Ruth Wagner, Claire Raley, Hialeah Reilich and Thelma Syrek.

For months we have been following Claire, Doreen and Patty through the toils of student pilots and at this meeting all three were brand new private pilots. It gives me great pleasure to report they are also new 99's.

August meeting found us winging our way into the most lovely little airport of Quincy, Calif. You leap out of your plane, take your lunch across an earth-fill dam to a pretty picnic area in the trees, swim all you please (cold tho'). All this within 100 yards of the strip. Flyers only may camp overnight. We plan on doing so soon.

Betty and Joe Haynes came with their son, John, and a friend of his. Ruth Wagner brought her son, Greg, a buddy of his and Jan Kapus. Helen

Mace brought her mother, baby Kip, son Kim and a buddy of his. Wilma Gross, student pilot and guest Barbara Mathis rode with Harry and me. Our Eileen was the only girl child and she loved it.

SAGUARO CHAPTER **By Marjy Crowl**

Doris Glna was hostess for the August business meeting in her new home. Members present were Melba Beard, Doris Rowe, Betty Slater, June Kaiser, Juanita Newell, Alice Roberts, Doris Glna and Marjy Crowl. Guests were Mrs. Hazel Crowl and prospective members Helen Dockery and Hazel Roe. A letter from Alice Roberts thanking the Chapter for its contribution to the AWTAR fund was read. Following usual reports Alice gave a resume of the AWTAR and the convention. Melba and Juanita gave a terrific account of Melba's trip to Los Angeles in her Bird to attend OX-5 meeting. In addition to usual gaiety there was extra hilarity due to a little mystery regarding certain items submitted to the News Letter which remains unsolved at this writing since current issue has not been received. Never occurred to yours truly that some of our visitors might not realize that all our teasing was friendly until someone later mentioned that we wouldn't want anyone to misconstrue anything said at the meeting. My guest made the observation after the meeting that she thoroughly enjoyed the informality and found our good-natured ribbing refreshing.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER **By Ruby Keaveny**

The 1958 AWTAR is now a pleasant memory and no small part of it is the pleasure the San Diego Chapter had in being hostess to so many fine gals. It is good to continue to hear so many nice things said about those of you who were here. We missed so many of you who couldn't participate this year and look forward to seeing you another year.

The San Diego Wing Scouts who worked so unceasingly with us on the race start were our hostesses for our July meeting at the Girl Scout Headquarters. What a nice place to meet and such good cakes, cookies and coffee. Chris Christensen, the Girl Scout photographer, showed pictures she had taken of the start, then the fun of hearing the experiences of the San Diego girls in the race, all 17 of us which incidentally does not comprise our membership—it amounted to all of our officers plus some past officers and members. Just for the record, our membership is now nearing fifty.

Our August meeting was strictly social. A beach party for 99's and 49½ers. Jack and Ruby Keaveny were the hosts. A big beach fire, hot dogs and stuff and about 40 congenial people made for a most pleasant evening.

We are looking forward to the fall sectional meeting. Not sure as yet how many or who will be able to attend, but we hope to have a good representation.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER **By Katherine Wagner**

The August meeting was held at the El Monte Airport. The usual business was taken care of including election of our new officers. Dorothy Dancer provided coffee and cake for refreshments.

Penny Swope is flying to Omaha in her Piper Clipper the early part of September.

Norma Wilcox and 49½er Nat are flying to San Jose in their Cessna. Norma recently moved to Hawthorne but still commutes to attend our meetings in the San Gabriel Valley. Norma also donated a hand-tooled leather wallet with the 99 insignia on it to the chapter to be raffled off at a later meeting for the benefit of our bank account. Thanks a million, Norma.

Our first new member Virginia Graham is vacationing at Santa Catalina.

Our real traveling member Barbara Stewart reports from Paris, France

that all their luggage was stolen from their car while they were viewing the Eiffle Tower. Barbara also had a chance to do some soaring while in Switzerland. Lucky girl!

TUCSON CHAPTER **By Mary A. Martin**

The Tucson Chapter has officially delegated all responsibilities for the 1958-59 season. At the wheel is our new Chairman Dorothy Jenkins, assisted by co-pilot Donna Johnston. Lorraine Chandler having successfully kept us unstalled financially, was re-elected treasurer, and the new secretary is Shirley Marshall. Doris Choiniere is now program chairman, while Gertrude Gelderman will take charge of the air-marking program. Mary Martin is News Letter reporter, and last, but far from least, Bea Edgerly Macpherson is keeper of the scrapbook. All in all, it looks like a successful flight for the year ahead.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

Our August meeting was held in Gustine in Dorothy Koebel's lovely backyard complete with swimming pool. Her 49/er, Floyd, charcoal broiled a huge beef roast on a spit and we

brought the salads and dessert. The dessert was home made ice cream made by Norma Norton and hand churned by the nice strong 49½ers and was delicious. The roast was absolutely perfect. The swimming was delightfully cooling on a typical San Joaquin Valley hot afternoon. Members attending were Estelle Stacey and 49½er Al from Orosi, Ethel Heiland and 49/er Bob from Merced. Norma Norton from Riverbank, Laura May Crawford from Turlock, Ev Hendley of Modesto, Louciel Freeman of Gustine, and Fran Dias from Newman. Guests were Dr. and Mrs. Tom Hagen from Escalon.

Our big project for the fall is air-marking, starting with the repainting of two markers, the one in Gustine and the one in Newman. Ev told us of her fine flying trip to visit the Paul Mantz Air Service at Orange County Airport in Santa Ana. The Mantz flight engineer and the co-pilot spent the entire afternoon taking Ev and 49½er Walt on tour of the complete operation. They saw the planes used in the picture "Spirit of St. Louis" and the plane Paul used in flying for Cinerama.

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