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Meet You In Spokane, July 9-11

President's Column

June 1, 1959

Our 30th anniversary convention and the 13th AWTAR terminus is a combined affair this year. The Ninety-Nines of the Northwest Section have accepted a big responsibility in being hosts to both the convention and the race terminus, in Spokane, and the "red carpet" is being rolled out all the way, for us! You will be included in all the activities, whether you are a race contestant or going for the convention. Such a nice program has been planned for us, so do make a special effort to attend, and enjoy all the activities with Ninety-Nines from other sections and chapters, and the beautiful Pacific Northwest, this year.

We welcome two nice new chapters! The Midland, Texas Chapter and the Marfa, Texas Chapter each received their new charters this month. Through these new chapters, we have added a fine group of very enthusiastic members to our organization. We wish them all the success that we know is sure to come their way.

The Missouri Valley Chapter in their usual, wonderful way, were hosts to the South Central Section meeting in Omaha. The tour through SAC and Offutt Air Base was most interesting and educational.

May I remind all governors and committee chairmen to bring their annual reports to the convention. Ballots are in the mail, please do not forget to vote this year, and remember, deadline June 15th.

A copy of the proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws, together with the delegate cards and instructions to delegates are in the mail to each chapter chairman and governor. Please consider the proposed amendments at your next chapter meeting, and be sure to instruct your delegates.

I am looking forward so much, to the convention and to seeing all of you there.

Sincerely,

Bonita Lane Evans



CONVENTION TIME JULY 9-11, SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Program Schedule

Ninety-Nines International Convention And End Of AWTAR

Headquarters — Davenport Hotel

End of AWTAR, Noon, July 8 — Convention, July 9-10 — Tours, July 11

Land at Felts Field — Free Transportation — Free Tie-Downs

TUESDAY, JULY 7

Entertainment For Early Convention Arrivals

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

12:00 Noon

6:00 p.m.

Official End of AWTAR

Buffet Dinner at Spokane Country Club (Race Contestants and Early Arrivals)

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Convention Fly-In Day

8:00 a.m.-5 p.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Registration—Mezzanine of Hotel (Fee \$15.00)

Race Pilots Meeting—Hall of Doges (Race Results Announced After Meeting)

Executive Committee Meeting—President's Suite

Governor's Meeting with Executive Committee—President's Suite

Salmon Bake—Manitou Park. Transportation from Hotel—Entertainment by the Silver Spurs (Western Dance Group).

Additional Tickets for Guests, \$3.00

FRIDAY, JULY 10

Convention Business Sessions

8:30 a.m.-12 Noon Business Session—Hall of Doges

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The 25th Of Each Month

AWTAR

We 99's here in New England sure are looking forward to having you gals from all over the country come up here, get acquainted again and enjoy our northern hospitality. We've been having meetings, one after another, and we've been thinking of and planning lots of fun for you all to enjoy. We finally emerged triumphantly from the planning board with this list of goodies for all you race contestants:

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Start of 13th Annual All-Woman
Transcontinental Air Race

Tuesday, June 30

"Early Bird Party." Cocktail party at Ruth Bolten's, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. John Bolten Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hogan of Andover.

Wednesday, July 1

Swimming party and cook-out at Sara Hayden's, Little Island Pond, Pelham, N. H. Courtesy of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hayden.

Thursday, July 2

Combined Service Club luncheon, 12:00, sponsored by the Combined Service Clubs of Lawrence.

Cocktail party, 6:00-7:00, Yankee Doodle.

Take-off banquet at 7:00, Yankee Doodle, sponsored by the New England Section Ninety-Nines.

Friday, July 3

Pilots briefing, 3:00 p.m., council chamber, Mayor Buckley's office.

Cocktail party, 6:00 p.m., Colonial

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12:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Luncheon—Marie Antoinette Room

Resume Business Session

Cocktail Hour—Elizabethan Room

Awards and Convention Banquet—Marie Antoinette Room
(Additional Tickets for Guests \$5.00). Race Awards, Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award, Presentation of Past Presidents
Master of Ceremonies—Colonel Frank Frost

SATURDAY, JULY 11**Sightseeing**

Grand Coulee Dam, City Tour, Lake Coeur D'Alene
(Transportation to the airport will be provided for those who must leave on this date)

SUNDAY, JULY 12**Fly-Out Day**

Transportation Will Be Provided To Felts Field

For your convenience in locating Felts Field, Spokane, Wash. It is the only airport east of the city (proper), next to a river and hill (to the north). It has a 5,000 foot runway at 210 degrees.

Remember, all race contestants and convention delegates, bring your swim suit to Spokane, as the Davenport Hotel (convention headquarters) has a new (in 1958) swimming pool on the terrace (fourth floor) with a luncheon terrace in conjunction with it too!

Bring a sweater or light coat for the evenings—cottons and sports clothes will be appropriate for all occasions except the banquet.

BETTY JANE SEAVEY,
Publicity Chairman,
Race Terminus and Convention

Country Club, Lynnfield Center.

Saturday, July 4

Take-off breakfast, 6:00 a.m., Yankee Doodle, sponsored by the city of Lawrence.

Take-off, 0900 EDST.

**All-Woman Transcontinental
Air Race**

Entries close with June 15 postmark so it is "too late now" if you have not already sent in your application for entry. But there is a great deal that you can do to help the race. We hope that, if at all possible, you will be at one of the official designated airports on the route to lend a hand to the local committee and to greet the racers as they clock in.

Here again are the airports on the route: Lawrence Municipal Airport, Lawrence, Mass. (start); Broome County Airport, Binghamton, N. Y.; Youngstown Municipal Airport, Youngstown, Ohio; Kokomo Municipal Airport, Kokomo, Ind.; DuPage County Airport, West Chicago, Ill.; Lobb Field (municipal airport), Rochester, Minn.; Fargo Municipal Airport, Fargo, N. D.; Bismark Municipal Airport, Bismark, N. D.; Miles City Airport, Miles City, Mont.; Helena Municipal Airport, Helena, Mont.; Felts Field, Spokane, Wash. (terminus).

The race will start at 0800 Eastern

Standard Time, July 4. If weather permits some of the faster aircraft may be able to get all the way to Spokane that first day. However, most of the aircraft will be remaining overnight at one of the airports listed above. There will be a great deal of activity at these airports throughout the daylight hours with racing aircraft arriving and departing. The deadline for crossing the finish line at Spokane is 1200 Pacific Standard Time, July 8.

On behalf of the AWTAR Board of Directors, I want to wish all contestants a wonderful trip. We want to thank you for supporting the AWTAR by your participation and we want to wish you good flying, good fun, and good luck. We will see you in Lawrence before 1700 EST July 1 (im-pound deadline)!

To all Ninety-Nines who are working on the committees from coast to coast we want to express our most heartfelt thanks for the wonderful help and cooperation you are giving us. The race could not be operated without you.

And to Ninety-Nines, everywhere, our deepest thanks for your sponsorship and fine support which is what makes the race possible.

Betty H. Gillies, Chairman
Board of Directors
AWTAR, Inc.

What Ninety-Nines Can Do To Help Aviation Education

Aviation and education have always been closely dependent; today they are inseparable. We wouldn't think of aviation without education—but we are slower in bringing our thinking around to the point of not having education with aviation.

How are we to show children and parents and teachers the great rewards that lie ahead in aviation and scores of inter-related fields? By finding answers to this question, we will challenge them to take up the adventure of man's new frontier, the sky.

Three steps which will help to show our young people the great rewards, should be apparent to all of us, for they are topics of national concern and we must make these matters of personal concern, as well.

1. The first of these is a new and vigorous effort to identify and motivate young people of talent at the high school level in ALL areas of study, in ALL talents, not just science and mathematics.

2. The second is an equally new and vigorous effort to improve and enrich science and mathematics to all grade levels. Our own National Aviation Education Council has shown that one way this can be done is by the introduction of aviation into the curriculum.

3. The third and most important step is the renewed and new efforts to assist the school and college structure in America.

One of the most important ways which we can influence this national problem, is by furnishing scholarships and information—information now available through the National Aviation Education Council and the Academy of Model Aeronautics in Washington, D. C.—scholarships to encourage and make possible for able high school students to continue their education and for college students to finish theirs.

We are surrounded by opportunities to aid education—opportunities which are almost unlimited. Today, American youth stands on the threshold of the greatest era in history, an age of clock-stopping—speeds of unheard of ranges, of movement in space, of thinning machines, of super-human eyes, of amazing materials and chemicals and means of communication. Man's comforts and conveniences, even necessities, will be improved beyond measure.

These things will be accomplished. Not by supermen, but by normal, inspired youth who have prepared themselves for the adventure and satis-



PANEL MEMBERS of the discussion on "The Effect of the Jet Age on General Aviation," left to right: James B. Taylor III, vice president, American Flange and Mfg. Co., panel member and representing private flying; Miss Gloria Heath, 99, assistant to director, Flight Safety Foundation; J. Gordon Bennett Jr., special assistant to the administrator, Federal Aviation Agency; Robb C. Oertel, moderator, past president, National Pilots Association; Mrs. Peg Norris, governor, New York-New Jersey Section Ninety-Nines; Joseph B. Burns, president, National Business Aircraft Association; and J. B. Hartranft Jr., president, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association. (Credit—The Port of New York Authority)

Thirteenth Anniversary Dinner And Panel Discussion May 19

Let us begin with a few words of praise for our capable governor, Peggy Norris, for the great job she did in making our 13th anniversary dinner and panel discussion the success it was. The event took place on May 19 at the Wings Club in the Hotel Biltmore, here in New York City.

Modestly Peggy says she could not have done it without the help of the New York Port Authority, and all of the wonderful girls who helped unstintingly. We want to thank Broneta Davis Evans for her very thoughtful telegram which was read at the dinner. This excellent dinner was attended by some of our most prominent people in the world of aviation. The members of the panel were each selected for his or her particular role in the field which gave us a fine

faction and personal advantages afforded the engineers and scientists of tomorrow.

Arlene Davis
Co-Chairman, Air Age
Education Committee

cross-section of material for our subject of the evening, "The Effect of the Jet Age on General Aviation." Peggy Norris, our governor, introduced the moderator, Robb C. Oertel, past president of the National Pilots Association, who in turn introduced J. Gordon Bennett Jr., special assistant of FAA; Joseph B. Burns, president, National Business Aircraft Association; J. B. Hartranft Jr., president of AOPA; James B. Taylor III, vice president of American Flange and Mfg. Co., and our own lovely and bright Gloria Heath, of Flight Safety Foundation. Robb Oertel was an excellent moderator and conducted the program skillfully. With this expert group of panelists we were assured of the splendid show we had. After the panelists spoke, there was a question and answer period which was absorbing and informative.

We are just busting with pride for our talented Marion Lopez who not only scribed a scroll for each of the panelists, but with a sweet little speech presented them. She did a perfectly beautiful job.

Some of the guests in our very attentive audience were our charter members, Blanche Noyes, Fay Gillis Wells, and Ruth Nichols, also Herb

Fisher of the Division of Aviation Development of the Port of New York Authority and one of the judges for the Amelia Earhart Award; Gill Robb Wilson, editor of Flying Magazine; Adm. Rosendahl; Dick Whitcomb, of The New York Times; Dick Cook, of the Wall Street Journal; Clarence Chamberlain; Jimmy Jermail, of The Inquiring Photographer; George Weitz; Ansel Talbot, vice president of Flight Safety Foundation; Jerry Lederer, of the same organization; Farwell W. Perry, president of Western Newspaper Union; Gill Strohmier, public relations manager for Piper Aircraft; Lois Henry, editor of Skyways; Joe Harris, head of aviation for Shell Oil; Bob Wormald of Esso; "Ma" Chamberlain of WIAA; Erwin Casten of CAP; and Andy Stinis, veteran sky-writer. These are a few of our 150 guests. Look for an article in Skyway Magazine on our round table discussion. There they will tell you what I have missed.

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Coming Events

July 1 - 8

All Womens Transcontinental
Air Race.

July 9 - 11

International Ninety-Nine Con-
vention, Spokane, Wash.

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Aviation News

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23—A delegation of American aviation leaders left for Moscow yesterday to attend the 52nd annual conference of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

The delegation, which will represent the National Aeronautic Association of the U. S., is headed by Thomas Lanphier Jr., NAA president, and includes Gen. James H. Doolittle, retired.

Miss Jacqueline Cochran, as president of FAI, will preside over the conference in the USSR, which will start May 25 and end May 31.

Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev will address the conference at a reception in the Kremlin.

Did You Know . . .

1. FFA is conducting an "Aviation Activity Survey" throughout the United States from July 9 to August 2, 1959. This survey will cover general aviation, military and airline operations and will involve detailed interviews with pilots making flights during the above period. All 99's **please** cooperate with this survey, the results of which will probably be of great importance to all pilots in the United States.

2. Flight Safety Foundation advises: "A basic requirement for reasonable cost of airplane operation is to observe the operating limits established by the equipment manufacturer. Pulling excessive power for extended periods and running elevated cylinder head and oil temperatures not only brings about a threat of engine failure, but also causes overhaul to sky-rocket." This is wise to remember during race season.

3. Are you aware of the weight and balance limitations of your airplane? Where is the datum line? The center of gravity? And what are its forward and rearward limits? A Lodestar became an accident report last year because it was overloaded, experienced right engine failure at maximum single engine altitude in icing conditions and went out of control. Thousands of pilot hours, many of them in this particular plane, went too. These pilots had been known to overload on previous flights, but the once in a million chance of engine failure at maximum altitude with ice added, happened.

In another instance, a steep turn at low altitude with stall warner inoperative took almost 50 lives.

Do you know that the stalling speed almost doubles in a steep turn? If your plane stalls at 40 and you stand it on the wing tip don't feel to complacent because the air speed indicator reads 80.

Do you know that some recent four-place planes with all seats occupied and fully gassed are overloaded?

Get out the manual which was tossed into the baggage compartment. Read what the manufacturer has to say about limitations, stress, loading. If he says it shouldn't be spun he means that if the wings don't come off when you try a spin, severe stress has been placed on the structure. It will show up later, perhaps in strong gusty conditions; certainly when you least expect it.

A hard landing will do the same. If you drop in especially hard, be sure to have the plane checked.

The manufacturer built the plane. His do's and don'ts are priceless. Better get that manual out.

Our planes today are strong and reliable. They will always bring you home—but don't abuse them. All strength has its limits.

Peggy Borek,
Flying Activities
Chairman

Pilots Briefing

VOTE and return your ballot
by JUNE 15.

Have you bought yours yet?
One of those beautiful Amelia
Earhart Medals, I mean.

GOVERNORS, COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS:
Don't forget your report for the
international convention in trip-
licate.

NO NEWS LETTER IN JULY.

SEE YOU ALL IN SPOKANE,
so make your reservations early.



FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

By Roz Robinson

(My apologies for missing last month's News Letter. The flu bug and spring housecleaning hit simultaneously and floored me.)

First Canadian girls are looking forward to a good summer if the nice weather we have been having for the last little while keeps up. Before I forget, must remind all our girls, and any other 99's in nearby states who might be interested, that there will be a breakfast flight at the Ontario County Flying Club, Oshawa, Ontario, on Sunday, June 14. Oshawa is about 30 miles east of Toronto, and has three paved runways. Breakfast is free from about 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Rain date is the following Sunday.)

The only news I have received recently is that Audrey Trotter will be taking a trip home to England during the summer. Hope that doesn't mean that she will miss ALL our meetings during the nice weather.

Dorothy Rungeling reports that we are all set to start airmarking at Welland, Ontario, on the roof of a factory there. Susan Koch, meanwhile, is getting St. Catherines organized for the next paint job. Now all we need is a nice sunny weekend to get working.

Your reporter and 49½er Doug are in the midst of a transcontinental tour as this News Letter is written (date-line should be Edmonton, Alberta, but by the time it goes to press we will be in the middle western states somewhere. I have my 99 directory with me and hope to phone some 99's at our fuel stops and RON's.)

We spent a couple of days at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and met a couple of girls at the airport who were ferrying a Piper PA-18 from the factory to Anchorage. They were Ruth Hurst, formerly of the Washington, D. C. Chapter, and her sister, Mary Semple, a student pilot going along for company. The girls left for Edmonton ahead of us and must have left just before we arrived as we looked all over the airport and didn't find them.



By Anne Baddour

Was glad to see that Marion Burke was allowed to leave Panama, complete with plane and passenger and fly on to Venezuela. She was un-

molested by the fuzzy beard set, who held her for two days. She was ferrying a Cessna 180 to Venezuela when she stopped to refuel at a small Panamanian town. She and her son were taken under guard to a hotel and placed under house arrest. It seems that all foreign aircraft were being grounded because of the invasion of Panama. (Credit Cross Country News.)

There is a proposal before the powers that be, here in Massachusetts, that the current collection of tax on aviation gas be discontinued. It all came about like this: our own Charlotte Kelley, a member of the Aeronautics Commission, saw that the revenue collected from the sale of aviation gasoline was being used for Massachusetts highways and thought it ought to be used for aeronautical purposes. This was mulled over for quite a spell. Then the State Department of Corporation and Taxation recommended that the collection and refund of tax on aviation gas be changed to no collection at all. Now these are things that we like to read about. There are one or two more taxes we would like to see changed to "no collection at all." Think I'll get you to work on that, Charlotte.

Just heard that the administration building at the Lawrence Airport has been completed and the runway extension program is underway. So it looks as though Lawrence Airport will be in ship-shape and dressed in her Sunday best for the start of the AW-TAR.

Sorry to hear that Charlotte Kelley isn't feeling well. She is very much missed in the publicity department of this race. Shore do hope you're feeling better soon, Charlotte.

Just had a nice trip down to Bristol, Tenn., Dallas and El Paso, Texas, and home again, of course. Those southern airports and the people who run them are just plain friendly. Everywhere people said goodbye by saying, "Yall hurry back, ya heya!" Thank ya, we sho will try.



By Jeanne Spielberg

On May 2 Peggy Norris, Dorothy Julich and Kay Brick flew in Doris Renninger's Tri-Pacer to the opening of a new parachute center at Orange, Mass. Jacque Istel, who had invited the 99's to this event, promised the girls to be our guest speaker next season to keep the date he so unfortunately could not keep this year. On this same lucky date Wilhelmina (Willie) Hanzlik and her 49½er won first prize at the Trenton Air Show,



Left to right: Mrs. Peg Norris, governor, New York-New Jersey Section; Herbert O. Fisher (see above), 1959 judge for Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Awards; Blanche Noyes, charter member, past president; Ruth Nichols, charter member; and J. Gordon Bennett Jr., special assistant to the administrator, Federal Aviation Agency. (Credit Port of N. Y. Authority)

for the best antique plane, their good old 1927 Stearman. Willie, dressed in helmet and goggles was cheered by Kay Hilbrandt, who had flown down in a Widgeon.

May 16 saw Kay Brick, Peggy Norris and Doris Renninger winging their way in a beautiful Bonanza to the Suffolk Air Force Base to view the flying exhibition of F-102's on Armed Forces Day. They had a wonderful time.

Correction: June 14, Sunday, is the date for our picnic at Selma and Walter Cronan's home in Leonia, N. J. We always have such a grand time there. You must not miss it.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Louise Sacchi

Our members have been busy lately, doing rather fascinating things.

Jane Morris represented the "lady pilots" on a panel of pilots vs air traffic controllers, at an air traffic meeting.

Elsie McBride has acquired a multi-engine rating, good for her.

Kate Ornsen has been ballooning the last few weeks at Valley Forge Airport.

Connie Wolf is going to Germany, probably this weekend, to pick up a

new balloon, which is being made in Germany.

Helen Meyers is apparently in France, having a good time, we hope, as she sent a card to Kay Macario from there.

Judy Rich is now working at Turner Airport; taking care of the office, and enjoying it. Art Turner runs one of the nicest airports around, everybody friendly. He promotes mass flights now and then. Reminds me of the way flying was before World War II. Stop in if you want a warm welcome, a cup of coffee or Coke, or gas or what have you.

Gertrude Dennis is our new secretary, having consented to take over Jean Rutledge's unexpired term when Jean went to California.

Jean—PLEASE let us know what has happened to you at the other end of the country!

Marie Angstadt Apfelbaum, who left us for Miami Springs when she married, is home for a couple weeks on Marv's vacation. We are hoping to see her this weekend.

Just found out we have a new prospective member. Art Turner's daughter, who is a nurse, has just gotten her private. She is already thinking about next year's AWTAR.

Thanks to Western New York for the item about Abbie Haddaway. Have looked for her on a couple of trips to Buffalo, but she is always out; maybe next time.

I wish somebody else would put in some items about who is working in aviation, and doing what. My list is growing awfully slowly.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER By Virginia Thompson

A nation mourns—a guiding hand has been stilled. Although Donald A. Quarles, former Deputy Secretary of Defense, will no longer help to shape the destiny of our country, his principles and ideals will continue to light the way for those who follow. To his wife, one of our members, may we express our deep sympathy. Fran Nolde and Jean Howard represented our organization at the last rites.

Delicious, delightful and full of surprises was our May meeting. Delicious was the wonderful buffet dinner provided by your hostess, Velta Been. Her bountifully laden table made the strictest dieter lose all will-power to resist. Delightful was the renewing of old acquaintances, the making of new and the great joy of all the pilots—the swapping of flying yarns. The surprise of the evening preceded the dessert. Our invitation had announced that a special speaker would discuss "Truth is Stranger than Fiction." Much to our amazement, in walked Ada Mitchell in an outfit literally and

figuratively "out of this world"—headphones and goggles of ancient vintage, turquoise pantaloons with red and white ruffles that reached the ankles, a red figured shirt that billowed on all sides and a blue blouse that literally hugged an over-sized bosom. Red boots and a huge purse completed the ensemble. This dissertation, similar to "This Is Your Life" but quite humorous and outlandish in spots, ended with the announcement that it was my birthday. A beautiful birthday cake with lighted candles completed the delightful surprise. After settling down, Dorothy Mitchell conducted our business meeting during which she read the well-written minutes by Peggy Borek of the spring sectional meeting in Philadelphia.

We were delighted to welcome back Barbara Ward Lazarsky who has been abroad for seven years in such interesting places as Guam, Japan and Burma. Being a former WASP, you can imagine how she missed flying in these countries since civilians were not permitted to do so. Her husband is with the State Department. They have a son, Christopher, who was born on Jan. 23. We are looking forward to seeing movies and hearing all about these far away places in the near future.

Under Jean Howard's chairmanship, the American Helicopter Society's annual forum is growing into quite an informative and festive affair. This year nearly 1,000 people attended the banquet. The Whirly Girls, Winnie Gronvold, Hollywood, Calif.; Alice DeWitt, Palos Heights, Ill.; Edna Gardner Whyte, Ft. Worth, Texas, and Jean Howard, were entertained at a luncheon and conducted on a tour through the senate by Sen. Philip A. Hart of Michigan. His wife is the 24th Whirly Girl. We are all looking forward to meeting her when she comes to Washington in September.

May seems to be the month of banquets. Jean Howard; Jean Pearson, aviation editor of The Detroit Free Press; Kay Brick, member from New Jersey; Tony Page, editor of Cross-Country News; and Lucille Hamilton, editor of Flying Magazine, attended the aviation writers annual banquet.

Connie Luehman and I attended the Armed Forces Day banquet where the Hon. James H. Douglas, Secretary of the Air Force, told of our military aims and the problems that face us today.

Our governor, Adelaide Tinker, attended the CAP regional conference here in Washington. Attending also was "Mitzie" Moore who was in charge of the women's panel discussion.

Connie Luehman recently attended

the opening of FAA's new facilities in Atlantic City. It was there that she had her first helicopter ride which has completely sold her on this mode of flying.

Jean Howard just returned from Williamsburg where she attended a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Aerospace Industries Association (formerly known as Aircraft Industries Association). The highlight of the evening was the speech by Vice President Nixon. Around 10 o'clock, he departed by helicopter from the rear yard of the inn. Jean reported that it was a most impressive sight to see his helicopter silhouetted against a full moon.



ALABAMA CHAPTER By Jan Warrick

It was a fine day for the Alabama 99's May meeting at Muscle Shoals. Grace Bailey came up from Birmingham in her brand new Caribbean and turned my eyes green . . . the two Minnies were up from Clanton in their 170 and I brought my twin along from Decatur in the 180 . . . that was the crop. Dinner and meeting was at the hotel in town and I had a chance to catch up (again) on the chapter news. We missed the other gals. They seemed to have business elsewhere er-sumpin. . . . Thought we were going to have some prospective members from the Shoals area as our guests but, alas, they didn't show.

I missed the April meeting at Anniston. Hear that the attendance and luck was a little better. Five Alabama girls were there as well as Dovie Robeson and Arden Hubbard from the Georgia Chapter. A new member was gained in Anniston and the application is on the way. Sorry I didn't get her name.

The March meeting was held in Tuscaloosa. Again I wasn't there but I did hear about it. The weather was misbehaving and everybody had their wings folded and went via automobile. That very nice Cessna dealer, Doc Carl of Dixie Air, Inc., was host to a beautiful luncheon at the country clubs and from all accounts, he "did us right" what with 99 decorations on the table and corsages for the gals. I always miss the nicest meetings—am going to change my ways—it says here.

The Alabama girls have been on the go—with more to come. Our high school gal, lil Minnie Wade, was in New York for a week on her senior

class trip. Come next fall sh'll be off for Troy State which, luckily, is not too far away that she can't keep up meetings with the chapter. Grace Bailey and Minnie Wade Sr. made a trip to Washington in March via Minnie's 170. They report a wonderful time, with the flying uneventful except for the stop in Winston-Salem which they won't discuss. They say the tower there wouldn't like it. Wonder what happened?

The Wades, Minnie Sr. and Jr. and Charlie, along with Grace Bailey are busy shaping up plans for that "real cool" trip to Alaska in June, with the convention stop-over on the way home. It's the Miami to Anchorage air tour, along the newest and longest designated airway in the world. They will be Anchorage on the Fourth of July to help our new state celebrate. I keep hearing them talk of such things as sleeping bags and bear repellent. Somebody told them they would have to rough it because of limited accommodations. They are taking all this, but seriously. My twin, Clara, and I will be off for our long awaited tour of Europe on July 12—will be gone six weeks. Going over on the 707 jet and returning by boat. Am really looking forward to that jet ride. For every hour it takes to get there, it will take us a day to get back—that's fast—enough for me. I hope to have the chance to contact some of our foreign 99's while there. Am taking the roster anyway.

Foy Halstead underwent surgery in March and is scheduled for more in the immediate future. He plans to be recuperated in time for him and Juanita to make the Miami-Alaska trip and the convention. More power to you and good luck, Foy, we all wish you a speedy recovery. Hear Juanita has been turning the nose of their 180 toward Clanton quite a lot. Bet she and the two Minnies have really been having some good 99 jam sessions.

Looks like Grace Bailey is going to be the successful contender for the first awarding of the "Margaret Barnett Trophy". She has really been logging the time and is WAY out front.

Our chapter will be hostess to the Southeastern sectional at Panama City, Fla., June 6-7. Minnie Wade is very generously opening their cottage "Wade Inn" to the 99's and is busily hunting up reservations close by for everybody. Charlie Wade will be offering accommodations at the famous "Daisy May", reached only by jeep—and don't say I didn't warn you girls. We are keeping our fingers crossed in hopes that our president, Broneta, will be there. She's promised to try to make it. Plans are in the making for a deep sea fishing trip followed by

scrumptious sea food eats, so better start thinking about all the fun you're going to miss if you aren't there. Reservation forms, etc., will be in the mail soon, so you Southeastern girls get with it.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Evelyn S. Bryan

At long last the Tennessee Chapter was fortunate enough to get good weather and be able to stage a fly-in meeting in Chattanooga. On Sunday, May 3, we met at Lovell Field. We were met by Sarah Duke who took us up to her office there on the field. Sarah is regional ISO for Civil Air Patrol and has a lovely office right there on the airport where she can be right in the midst of things evenings and weekends. Sarah is doing a wonderful job in her CAP work and the commendation she received recently was really deserved. Georgiana McConnell flew in from Nashville bringing with her a student pilot, Emma Rucker, who we hope will soon be eligible for 99 membership. They flew a Cessna 172. Evelyn Bryan flew to Chattanooga in her Tri-Pacer. With her she had Mary Jane Quarles, chapter chairman, and two of Evelyn's lady students, Janet Bailey of Knoxville and Mary Sawyer of White Pine. Janet and Mary both plan on becoming 99's as soon as they are eligible. Janet is working on her cross country so it shouldn't be too long until she will be eligible. An ex-99, Betty Anderson of Chattanooga, also met with us and of course we urged her to get back in with us—which we hope she will decide to do. Then Irene Flewellyn came rushing in saying that she had been unable to make arrangements for someone to look after her children until the last min. By the way, Irene and husband John, have just bought a new Cessna 175. It was decided that we would meet in Chattanooga again in August as Irene invited us to come to her home and spend the day in her swimming pool. Such an ideal day should look very inviting to all concerned and maybe for once every Tennessee 99 will be present. Anyway, at last we are happy that we can report a fine meeting. Those who didn't make it missed a nice time.

Georgiana McConnell and Sarah Duke both reported a lovely time in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., at the Southeastern regional convention. Since both are on the region staff they had to work rather hard, but managed to have fun anyway. Georgiana is due for a trip to Puerto Rico in the next few weeks in connection with her CAP work.

Had a letter from Constance Ohlinger a few days ago. She reports that she likes Maine very much and has

been doing quite a bit of flying of late. We always enjoy hearing from Connie as she is always doing something interesting.

GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Betty W. McNabb

Three times recently I have found myself engaged in some interesting activity with other 99's—and in an unexpected context of some kind.

First, coordinators for women from the eight Civil Air Patrol regions in the nation met concurrently with CAP communicators at Miami Beach. Five 99's were in the group. Alice Hammond, Great Lakes Region; Barbara Jenison, Great Lakes; Adelaide Tinker, Middle East; Mary Ann Reading, Southwest; and I, Betty McNabb, Southeast, were present. Alice is executive officer of her region, Barbara and Adelaide are coordinators, I was pinch-hitting for ours as my job is cadets and aviation education, and Mary Ann is CAP's only regional communications director, female type. Adelaide was representing Middle East for Louise Thaden, 99, who was in Washington on some more high-ranking business. I think it was CAP representative to DACOWITS. Most of this outfit are lieutenant colonels in CAP.

Alice, whose home is Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., went over to Naples, Fla., with 49½er John and son, Johnnie, in their Cessna 180, to the Sportsman's Pilot Association meeting. Also at that meeting was Jane Simmons, 99, of Indianapolis—and she turns up again in this story.

I went back to Georgia, gathered up my Tri-Pacer and my 81 year old father, and with five other planes set out island hopping from West Palm Beach to Grand Bahama's West End Club, to Rock Sound on Eleuthera, to Nassau, to Andros, to Bimini, and back to Fort Lauderdale. One of the six planes was the Navion owned and piloted by Jane Simmons.

We had a perfectly marvelous time and recommend the trip highly. In capsule form, we didn't care much for West End where tariff is high. Sunday customs prohibitive, service poor. But Eleuthera! Beautiful, lovely, wonderful spot, a grand club, marvelous service—we loved it! Nassau is, of course, Nassau—we enjoyed it. Fishing was fair at Andros and the Lighthouse Club reportedly as fabulous as ever. (I went on to Bimini instead of stopping over there.) Bimini was as charming as I'd always heard it would be, and the trip was, in short, perfect.

Then Fort Lauderdale and the Galt Ocean Mile Hotel where I settled in for CAP Southeastern Region annual conference, along with 99's Sarah Duke, Georgiana McConnell, Clara Livingston and a few others. Sarah

is from Chattanooga. As region ISO she has just been named top information services officer in CAP in the nation. Georgiana, who is working on her instructor's and instrument ratings, hails from Nashville, is in regional operations in CAP. Clara, of course, is one of CAP's outstanding women—and 99, too. She is wing commander, Pureto Rico Wing, CAP.

Just thought you'd like to know what some of us are doing down here in Dixie.



NORTH CENTRAL SPRING SECTIONAL MEETING

At the spring sectional meeting of the North Central Section of the 99's, the 49½ers held a meeting and came up with a "Declaration of Independence."

Dr. Herman Heise, erstwhile spouse of "Deedo," seemed to be the prime mover of the revolution.

At the banquet, Dr. Heise read the preamble, then one by one the 49½ers came up to the speakers table and read a commandment.

Declaration of Independence of The New Order of 198's

PREAMBLE

We, the long suffering spouses of the once omnipotent 99's, do hereby cast from us the shackles of serfdom as mere 49½ers, and do now declare that we are the official rulers of the Roost, instead of the ruled Roosters, with an exalted rated of 2x99!

Accordingly, we the Hallowed Spouses, do hereby declare the following Commandments:

1. Thou shalt at all times respectfully address thy 198er as SIR, instead of "Hey You."

2. Thou shalt not steal the shekles thy husband has saved for that marvelous ADF, so that thou canst buy that gruesome mink stole.

3. Thou shalt not ever count the number of bounces thy Master makes when he lands the chariot, nor shalt thou display thy bruises resulting therefrom.

4. The female fledgling must never forget that ALL damages to the flying chariot is HER responsibility.

5. Thou shalt not fail to drain thy gascolator before embarking on a pilgrimage.

6. Thou shalt not embarrass thy 198er by inquiring "Who forgot to turn off the master switch?"

7. Thou shalt never forget that getting high refers to thy altitude and not thy usual attitude.

8. Thou shalt not emulate PEGASUS

until thou hast washed those dirty dishes.

9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's assets such as his 310 when all thy 198er can afford is a J-3.

10. Thou must not delude thyself into thinking that thou art an angel simply because thou art always up in the air about something, always harping about something, and about never having a thing to wear.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Elaine Morris

Our "event" of the season was our trip to the spring sectional held at St. Louis April 25-26. Seven of our 15 members were on hand, permitting us to bring home the attendance trophy. I wanted so badly to get a picture of all present but a bit of last minute shuffling sent us all in different directions. Needless to say, we all had



At Lambert Field, St. Louis, Mo., Marjory Farrell, Katherine Peck (with attendance trophy), and Elaine Morris, Greater Kansas City Chapter.

a wonderful time and are hopeful of being at the fall sectional with even a larger number of members. Those attending were Katherine Peck, Marjory Farrell, Sarah Gorelick, Laurien Griffin, Marie Kuhlman, Ruth Stafford, Elaine Morris, 49½ers Orville Kuhlman, Sheldon Stafford and Wm. Morris.

I can sympathize with our president, Broneta, about our small feathered friends. When on the following Satur-

day of our St. Louis trip, we were checking out the Tri-Pacer for a most miserable and the roughest flight of the season to Joplin, Mo., for the Missouri Pilots convention we also found a very comfortable bird's nest on the engine. I must say they do a very thorough job of it. We were of the few to brave the elements and fly, most took the easy way and drove to the convention. I am feeling a little bitter about the weather here in the middle west. It has been very cruel to us who are known as "the weekend pleasure pilots." Sarah Gorelick flew to Omaha the same weekend for the South Central sectional. I forgot to ask Sarah if that Comanche bumps as hard as the Tri-Pacer.

Our May meeting was held the 18th at the home of our vice chairman, Marge Farrell. Those attending were Katherine Peck, Sarah Gorelick, Laurien Griffin, Marly Ashly and Elaine Morris. After pie and coffee, a business meeting for the purpose of planning our future activities was held. A fly-out breakfast to St. Joseph, Mo., June 7 was set. Summer being the time for vacations and such, we leave it to the individual. We hope to have a get-together with the Kansas Chapter, a weekend trip to the Ozarks and a good attendance at the fall sectional. We did not leave out the national convention, it just seems most of our members can't get away for the length of time it would require.

We welcome two member to our group. Lucia Jolliff transferred to our chapter several months ago from Denver. Marly Ashby has just moved to K. C. from Des Moines and is transferring her membership here. We do hope you girls will like us and will soon feel right "at home."

Along the grapevine I hear that Verna Wilson is doing a bit of writing. Has had a story published in our University of Kansas City paper. Good luck, Verna.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

We will try and catch up on the news of the last several meetings.

We have had a number of new members join our chapter lately. They are: Dorothy Gorsfeld, who has her commercial and instrument and is currently working on her instructor rating; Mary Landis, owner of a Cessna 172 who is working on her A&E and currently planning a trip to Alaska with her doctor husband; Dana McKay, who owns the only twin (Cessna 310) in our chapter; and Lorraine Custin, who with her brand new pilot husband plan to do a bit of flying this summer.

Since we had reported, Jean Molholt entertained us in her beautiful home the day after returning from the Bahamas. In May, in spite of illness, Isabel Myrland arranged for

a fly-in and smorgasbord at her Sky Lodge resort in Montello, Wis. We were happy to have a prospective member, Dr. Anne Roethke, with us. She flew in in her Aeronca Chief, bringing Judy Olson with her. Since the sectional scrapbook chairman is in our chapter this year the books were on display. At the time Bernie Voelker was about to land, the cross wind on the single strip was just too nasty, so being a good sport, Bernie flew home to Madison and then drove the 50 odd miles back to the meeting. Jeanette Herrling was the first member of our chapter to buy some of our new place mats—have you seen them?

Two of our former members were guests at recent meetings, Caroline Mathison and Jean Henry. We were glad to see them and will have to get them back into the fold.

Now that good flying weather is with us again we won't be seeing much of Florence Tony who is busy, busy at her airport.

Deedo and 49½er Herman are going to Alaska in June with the Flying Physicians and we hear that she and Mary Landis are among the phone company's best customers these days comparing notes on preparations for the trip.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Jane Ackors

This month finds our reporter, Ethel Knuth, and her 49½er Rusty winging their way to Phoenix for a well-deserved vacation and visit with the pride and joy of their lives, namely their young granddaughter and, of course, her parents, Ron and Jody Knuth. So we are pinch-hitting until Ethel's return to Hoosier soil.

The Tippecanoe Country Club formed what was certainly one of the most beautiful settings we have ever had for a meeting. Located at Monticello, Ind., on the shore of Lake Freeman, it was a delightful scene indeed for our May 17 luncheon and business meeting. Nineteen members and eight guests were present and to add to the occasion, a 78 mile race from Muncie to Monticello was planned and set up by Jill McCormick, assisted by Peggy Culler. Based on ETA and terminating with spot landings, the honors of the day went to Sophia Payton and Rae Cawdell. Sophia as pilot and Rae as co-pilot. Sophia had to leave almost immediately, however, to catch a flight to Cleveland for a few days' visit with her sister and very new arrival from storkland.

The Indiana Chapter is a beehive of activity these days and the ideas and planning going on are something to keep us busy for some time to come, since July will find most of us at the Kokomo Airport to greet the AWTAR entrants and September will be the month we will hostess the North Central Section meeting. We are look-

ing forward with great anticipation to both of these events and our last meeting, as well as the next few, will be devoted almost entirely to the planning of same.

The Indiana girls have been quite busy, each in their own way, and some lucky few have been vacationing while others are involved in various projects. Our chairman, Delia Sanders, and her 49½er have purchased a new home and are moving in shortly. Rae Cawdell, our publicity chairman, is associated with Lake Central Airlines, and recently acted as coordinator and hostess to a group of 26 teachers on a flight in conjunction with Education Week in Indianapolis. The next meeting will be in Ft. Wayne and all Indiana members are urged to be present as there is much to do in the line of coming events.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By June Basile

It was a blast! Our teenage nephew didn't attend the St. Louis spring sectional, but he did supply the latest terminology to describe the good time the Chicago Area members had at the Chase Park Plaza. The Chicago contingent included Lois Cassidy, Eva and Harold White, Nell Brown, Bea and Verne Siemon, Nita Fineman, Louise and Ray Kokesh, Elsie Wahrer, Alice Kudrna, Mary Beritich, Alice DeWitt, and June and Tony Basile. After the Sunday fly-away, all but three of us stopped at DuPage to have a cup of coffee and "rehash" the fun we had. We all got considerable teasing about the additional luggage we were carrying on the return trip, but the teasing turned to "oh's and ah's" when we brought out the lovely gifts each of us had received from our St. Louis hostesses.

FLASH: Sunday, Sept. 13! Put this date down on your flying activities calendar for the Chicago Area All-Women Pilots airmeet. More details later.

Hurray for Sylvia Roth, she has finally become a weekend loafer. She has given up instructing and is currently flying a Cessna 310B for Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc. Doris Langher has been busy chartering to California and Florida, going to night school and taking care of her regular job. Eva and Harold White just returned from Sarasota in their 180 after two weeks rest. They waited for VFR conditions for the return trip and consequently stayed a little longer than planned. Good reason—good excuse. Welcome aboard to our new member, Irene Gabriel and a "we were pleased to meet you" to prospective member Ada Burch.

The May meeting was held in the Pilots' Lounge, Skymotive, Inc., at O'Hara Field. The co-hostesses for the day were Nita Fineman, Elsie

Wahrer, Virginia Rabung, Helen O'Hara and Janice Christensen. We all enjoyed the informal questions and answers program with Tom Farina, manager, Ground School Dept., Aviation Training Enterprises. After the meeting, we all caught up on our social visiting while enjoying the lovely luncheon served by the hostesses.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Maxine Loeffler

It was awfully nice to see so many at the spring sectional and we hope everyone made it home without too much trouble.

"How many lais do we have?" "How do I cut this palm leaf?" "Who wants to make more flowers?" These were just some of the questions asked at our May meeting which was held at Golly Miner's home with Golly and Fran Merrill as hostesses. You may have guessed that we are busily preparing for our Hawaiian party which is to be this year's fund raising event. After a short business meeting we all chipped in and finished making the palm leaves. Golly and Fran finished the evening by serving a delicious luncheon of strawberry shortcake and coffee.

For the sixth year Mickey Clark will represent our chapter in the TAR. Her co-pilot, flying her first race, is Golly Miner. Sponsoring their entry is Bank Building and Equipment Corp. of America. This company designs and constructs bank buildings, with offices in New York, San Francisco, Chicago, Atlanta and home offices in St. Louis. Malcom Jacobs Company of Ballwin, Mo., is furnishing the plane they will fly in the race.

We are also quite pleased with the good number of girls we have flying in this year's Sky Lady Derby.

On May 16 a group of 23 99's and their 49½ers flew to Harlan, Iowa, to have cocktails and a lovely dinner as guests of Erma Jaco and her 49½er Garrett. Everyone had a most enjoyable time until we started home on the 17th when the weather turned so bad that some of us ended up driving home.

Dorothy Rumsey and her 49½er Mike recently returned from their trip to Mexico.

Mickey Clark, Sylvia Bloom, Dolores Whelan, Ruth Lake, and Dorothy Wheeler drove to O'Fallon, Mo., to represent the 99's at "Aviation Night" being presented by the Wing Scouts. They dedicated this evening to the women in aviation and presented a number of skits on cute flitting incidents in everyone's flying life.

Jay Lawrence, our member now living in Berwick, Pa., reports she had been kept quite busy last winter with the small little theatre group but finding, however, a little time to visit the airport at Bloomsburg.

Erma Jaco reports having heard from our 99, Pat Tulley, a lieutenant in the USAF, stationed at Truax Field at Madison, Wis., saying how very much she would like to have been able to see everyone at the Jaco's in Harlan but was unable to make it.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Mary J. Fecser

If the Ohio Chapter ever gives a trophy for diligence in news gathering and distribution, over and above an individual's line of duty, it would have to be shared by my "colleague" reporters, Janice Kuechenmeister and Virginia Schumacher. No matter where Virginia goes (and her feet tread many a path to 99 activities), she is never so busy as to forget to keep me posted about our Ohio gals. That goes for Janice, too. Much of the news you read has been compiled from the jottings of these two grand reporters. If anything is left out, it may be because you failed to keep me informed. You are all doing wonderful things, or you would not be 99's. What is a 99? She is a many-splendored bit of "femininity" who does everything just a little bit better. Her entire performance in any activity is motivated by the same kind of conscientious effort which she invested in learning to fly, to develop further aeronautical skills in her search for added ratings. Although modestly and self-effacement are more kindly regarded in society than braggadocio, it is also understandable, that in order to make good copy for a publication such as this, the more names mentioned, the more successful the news. I should really like to write about every Ohio 99, if you would send me a three-cent post card with a quickie news item about you and yours. Hence, my deep appreciation of Janice and Virginia's wonderful cooperation!

Regarding the April meeting at Columbus, Janice writes that the new facilities at the airport are excellent. The terminal is modern in every respect; the restaurant is superior. The members had free parking passes. Helen Venskus conducted the girls in a tour of the control tower and radar room. Although most of the gals flew low along the road, because it was one of those drizzly days, Jane Powell and guest, Jean Corr, did fly up from the Dayton area. The others who attended were Marquene Taylor, Marion Betzler, Doc and Jean Bonar, Rosalie Bracht, Edna Calbeck and 49½er, Winnie Caghey, Marilyn Collette, Marge and Jim Gorman, Marge Hammon, Jean Hixson, Joan Hrubec, Mary Scheafer, Beverly Mather, Virginia Schumacher, Martha Walter, prospective member Jeri Parker, and congratulations—new member Kathleen Wood. Welcome to the Ohio 99 airways!

UNA MEZCLA: Rosalie Bracht is the winner of the Sales Tax Stamp contest. The prize was the amount of the registration fee for the St. Louis sectional. Marilyn Collette was second; Ione Kiplinger, third; and Jean Bonar, fourth. Have you seen Rosalie's "stuttering" 99 on her license plates? 999! Dr. and Jean Bonar left on June 1 for a trip to Russia.

Martha and Jim Foley 170'd to Washington, D. C. for a long weekend in April. When leaving Washington International, it took them 30 minutes to get off the ground. Buzzy. Ione Kiplinger is now a member of the Ohio Air National Guard, 145th Aero Medical Education Sqdn., based at Akron-Canton. One weekend a month is spent in aero-medical mock-ups in C-119's and cross-country flight. Martha and Jim Wilcox attended NAFEC at Pomona Air Base, Atlantic City, N. J., on May 9. Mary Scheafer was in an auto accident at the end of May and spent considerable time at Medina Hospital in a traction for neck injuries. Bonnie Miller is working on her instrument rating. Marilyn Collette will serve as treasurer for the AWTAR stop at Youngstown. She will handle all the finances connected with the race stop and a financial statement will be given after the race. The girls handling the race stop need financial help and prizes which they want to give the race participants. Make out checks to Marilyn Collette. All types of donations will be appreciated.

All-Ohio members who attended the sectional were Martha Walter, Marge Hammon, Ione Kiplinger, Edythe Maxim, Joan Hrubec, Mary Scheafer, Marilyn Collette, Rosalie Bracht, Virginia Schumacher, Janice Kuechenmeister and Mrs. Kuchenmeister, and Dr. and Jean Bonar. Every member won a prize.

By the time this issue goes to press, Ohio 99's will be on a wing-ding in Put-in-Bay, that fabulous island for vacationing in the waters of Lake Erie. The July meeting will be in Mansfield, and will be hostessed by Marge Gorman. Come, join us!

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

Several of our girls made it down to St. Louis for the spring sectional. Barbara Jenison of Paris, Helen Greinke of Bloomington, and Florence Musser of Jacksonville.

Marge Kelly and her 49½er Fred flew to Birmingham, Ala., for the Mother's Day weekend with their son and his family.

Barbara Jenison flew to Texas a few weeks ago and ferried home a new Mooney Mark 20. She will be flying her 49½er back to Washington, D. C., early in June.

Sue Hassler and Arden Hubbard have asked for transfer of member-

ship recently to the Georgia Chapter.

"Babs" Wilford has joined the Women's Air Force upon her university graduation and will soon leave for her training in the South. We are very proud of her. She is quite a personable young lady and will make good in her chosen profession.

Leah Warren, little David, Barbara Jenison, Helen Greinke, Rose Andrew, 49½er and two sons enjoyed a picnic in the shade of a hangar at the Univ. of Ill. Airport on May 9 and watched some of the finals of the inter-collegiate flying meet which was held here this year. A banquet was held that night and our chapter of 99's gave a trophy to the highest scoring girl pilot. Florence Musser, our chairman, presented it to Mary Alice Funk of Oklahoma.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

Visibility was approximately ten miles, and there were light rain showers on our 99 meeting day as Marge Sanders flew my 49½er and myself to Lansing. What began as a clammy morning, changed as only Michigan weather can, and by the time we were transported from the tie-down area to the new airport terminal building, the sun was already beginning to shine through.

Fran Meyers was hostess of the meeting, and her guest list totaled 59. After brunch, Pat Russell, chapter chairman (just back from Europe the day before), announced that the scholarship contest committee had selected the winner of the Aviation Workshop Scholarship. Helen Wetherill made the presentation to Mrs. Esther Stein of Alpena, Mich. Mrs. Stein said this was a "big day" in her life, winning the six weeks course at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and taking her first airplane ride. Bob and Carol Welch had flown her to the meeting in an Apache.

Jane Hart reported that the start and terminus of the fourth Michigan S.M.A.L.L. Race had been set. It will begin at Bay City, Mich., and terminate at Benton Harbor, with a mystery dog-leg course. The race is October 3.

James D. Ramsey, director of the Michigan Department of Aeronautics, was our guest speaker. He spoke to us of the active part in aviation of organizations such as the 99's and of forth-coming legislature which will aid and promote it. He pointed out the necessity of each flier knowing, and being familiar with all things that affect aviation and promote it. It was with great pride that he welcomed the 99's as a very outstanding organization in promoting aviation, to the lovely new terminal building. Mr. Ramsey, assisted by Neil Blackstone, manager of the airport, conducted us all on a tour of the building. The

individual flier was very much in mind as plans for the building were made. There is a special pilots' lounge for transit fliers where they can relax and rest up a bit while waiting perhaps for a favorable weather report. We can use more of the same all across country. Modernistic in design and accommodations, it is equipped to handle all types of air travel and travelers. It represents the trend of the future.



SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING

By Sandra Scheppers

The spring South Central Sectional meeting was held May 1-3 in Omaha with Nebraska's Missouri Valley Chapter as hostesses. The Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel served as headquarters for the 40 or more 99's and several of the ever-welcome 49½ers who came along. The gals and guys flew in from New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri. Our international president, Broneta Davis Evans; our international vice president, Deedo Heise; past presidents, Edna Gardner Whyte and our own Belle Hetzel, honored us with their presence.

Our banquet speaker was the very charming Major W. G. Hynds of Offutt Air Force Base, who very ably entertained and enlightened us about SAC. Earlier that day we had been privileged to tour and learn first hand of the general lay-out of America's First Line of Defense headquarters; its fabulous underground city, its plans, equipment and methods to be employed in keeping ready and able for the worst, should it ever come.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was Omaha's delightful Lyle DeMoss, who kept the show going in high style. We were pleased also to have Mike Meyers of the Nebraska Aeronautics Board attend our 99 get-together. Our chapter is very thankful for the invaluable help transportation-wise given us by our loyal friends, the Civil Air Patrol. We were especially glad to get a load of the sweet smiles and southern sunshine brought this way by our good friends and fellow flyers.

All in all, this sectional meeting was "big fun" and we look forward with great expectation to the fall meeting—wherever and whenever it be.

ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER

By Randy Sutherland

At our monthly meeting we had a very good turnout to hear Mr. Blount,

a controller at the tower here. He gave us some pointers on how to mix with jet traffic and some procedures used here that are different than most fields. We had 24 attending including our 49½ers. The hostess was Wanda Sawyer with Mary Turney helping her.

It is so good to have Harriet Nye back with us again after being out so long due to illness. Lucky girl, she and her husband leave in June for a six-weeks stay in Hawaii.

Randy Sutherland and a student pilot, a future 99, Mrs. Velma Wood, made the sectional at Omaha. We had a wonderful time while there, but what headwinds coming home.

On Sunday, the 24th, a breakfast was held on the airport at Grants. This was arranged by Betty Burritt for the girls and their families. Hear they had a good time with some 40 people attending. The breakfast was cooked right on the ramp good old western style. From this Betty received names of five prospects, two already pilots and three students.

Congratulations, Shirley Kay. She passed her flight test early Saturday morning for her private ticket. Then Sunday morning took two passengers to the breakfast. So now we have another new 99.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

By Cornelia Davis

The San Diego Chapter had their regular meeting at the Dobbs House April 5. We had invited the members of the various chapters over the state to join us in a dutch treat luncheon and get-together. We were very pleased to have so many fly in to be with us. Those present from our San Antonio Chapter were Betsy Hogan, Marian Burke, Ama Lee Jameson, Mary Ann Greer, Stella Priest, Johnnie Robertson, and Cornelia Davis. Cornelia had as her guests three prospective members: Evelyn Woltjin and Lucille Warren of Del Rio and Janet Allison of Uvalde. From Abilene we had Ann Nell Hooks, Patsy Talliaferro, and Marilyn K. Schulz. Dallas brought us Pat Jetton, Jerry Sloan, Mildred Bishop, Joyce Wright, Luciene Moore, Dorothy Warren and Virginia Holmes. Flying in from Ft. Worth were Lavonia Jewell, Mary O. Kahak, Verna Stubbs, Frances Pyland and Ruby Hollyfield. Corpus was represented by Veda Tennet, Louise Clarkson, Ardath McCreery, Merle Dunman, and Pauline Glasson. Accompanying the group from Corpus were the following prospective members: Pat Ingle, Patti Bird, and Sally Sullivan.

We will not have a May meeting so our first meeting will be the first Sunday in June.

Marian Burke has had quite an experience that we are all interested in. She was ferrying a plane to Vene-

zuela and when she landed her plane in David, Panama, she was held in a hotel under guard. It seems that due to jitteriness over the invasion by the Cuban rebels all plans of foreign registration were grounded. Marian is supposed to be on her way home now and we are anxious to hear the details.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

By Frances Pyland

We are delighted to report the birth of a son to Marge and Walter Gray. Statistics are as follows: Name, Stephen Erwin Gray; weight, six pounds and 10 ounces; height, 19½ inches; birth date, May 12, Harris Hospital, Ft. Worth. Walter reports, "He is the best baby in Texas," and says I may quote him as saying so! Congratulations, Marge and Walter, on this happy occasion.

News from Edna Gardner Whyte is that she has been travelling extensively from Denver, Colo., to Washington, D. C. introducing Pennington Channelcromium to all engine overhaul shops. She reports business has been good. She attended a South Central Section meeting at Omaha and won a Zenith portable transistor weather radio for pilot having most ratings. This radio was donated to the 99 by Chuck Badger of Gregory Aviation, Piper dealer of Omaha, Neb. Edna is most happy with her useful and lovely prize.

She flew on to Washington, D. C., and enjoyed the Whirley Girls meeting which was held with the American Helicopter's Society, inc., forum. They were guests of Senator Hart, who is incidentally, the husband of 99 member Janey Hart of Michigan. Edna reports they dined with and met many senators while there.

She was weathered in a couple of days with Margaret Callaway in Willmington, Ohio, on her way home. These flights have given Edna the opportunity of meeting many licensed women pilots who are employed at local airports, several of whom are not as yet 99's.

I am told this is the last news report until August, and with that thought in mind may I say that we in the Ft. Worth Chapter wish for each and everyone of you a very happy summer wherever you may be.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

To write a "bit" about our fabulous tour of the Air Academy is simply impossible without using pages but I'll try to hit the high spots. First of all the trip down for the nine of us who went in Donna's Volkswagon bus, was a ball! The Academy grounds greeted us as a natural setting—the hills and vales utilized to their fullest extent . . . even saw a herd of deer grazing along the road. We met our host and hostess, Bill and Alice Fuchs,

at the Officer's Club. Alice introduced our distinguished guide, Capt. Gail Poulton, special assistant to the superintendent of the Academy. Capt. Poulton is a "chopper" pilot among other things and has three helicopter rescue records to his credit, some 6,000 hours of flying time, 3,000 of which are chopper and 300 are jet, and is one exceptionally interesting fella to talk with. He showed us several briefing films and then we proceeded to actually tour the establishment. The buildings and physical set up is extraordinary. Seems that everything has been thought of. It just has to be seen to appreciate it . . . and incidently, it is open to the public 24 hours a day with the exception of the cadet living area.

We motored back to the Officers' Club for a wonderful dinner followed by dancing and socializing. Those lucky enough to make this wonderful get-together besides the Fuchs and co-arrangers, the Wenhols, were the Dennises, Mayfields, Longbrooks, Frenzels, Ongs, Frances Warner, Pat Moss and Cadet Stephen Holt, Helen Choun, Verna Christopher, Mugeles, Nordstroms, Donna Myers, Betty Stackhouse, Trinders, Colletts, Maxsons, Jameses and Lyons.

MARFA CHAPTER

By Jane Stover

On May 17, 1959, we were presented our charter by Broneta Davis Evans at a noon barbecue at the Marfa Municipal Airport. There to help us celebrate the occasion was Martha Ann Reading, our governor, Netta Adcock and Velma Lee Copeland of the Midland Chapter, Cornelia Davis of the San Antonio Chapter, and Ruth Deerman of our sponsoring El Paso Chapter.

We were so proud of our 49½ers, Oscar Travland, who is our airport manager, Claude Lee, Dr. Walt Stover and Billy Shurley, the "barbecuer" for the day. The mayor sent his representative, Clyde McFarland, and our president of the chamber of commerce, Fox Parker, came to let us know how pleased Marfa is to have the Ninety-Nines among its organizations.

Ray Hegy, former mapping pilot, talked to us about his little (448 lb.) home built biplane. We used it as our "centerpiece" and then after lunch was over he flew it for us.

On Sunday, May 16, Jane and 49½er Dr. Walt flew their 182 to Midland for the charter presentation there. Jane Shurley went along and Margaret Blackman came back with them from Odessa so she could be at our festivities on Monday.

We have lots of flying planned and several prospects not too far from licenses. We have our eye on one young student, Martha Ann Gearhart



Marfa, Texas Chapter receives its charter. Pictured left to right are: Jane Shurley, membership; Marinell Lee, treasurer; Melba Travland, chairman; Jane Stover, secretary, News Letter; Martha Ann Reading, governor, South Central Section; Broneta Davis Evans, International President; Margaret Blackman, vice chairman.

who is hoping to do as Margaret Travland Blackman did—solo on her 16th birthday and license on 17th.

Thanks to the 99's for making us feel so welcome, all of you who made our chapter day a success by coming, especially to Broneta and Martha Ann and to our big sister, El Paso Chapter.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Sally Broyles

After a two hour, 40 minute flight, eight Oklahoma Chapter 99's and two 49½ers breezed into Omaha for the spring sectional. Those attending were Broneta Davis Evans, Beth Smith, Velma Woodward, Dolores Scott, Sally Broyles, Wally Funk, Arlene Walkup, Nema Masonhall and 49½ers, Beth's Smitty and Delores' Taylor. We all had a wonderful time and felt privileged in being able to visit SAC. The Missouri Valley girls did a bang-up job in hosting all of us and most of us came home with one of those wonderful door prizes. BUT, the trip home, well that was a different story, twice as long and more than twice as rough.

The next weekend was the National Intercollegiate Air Meet in Champaign, Ill., with several Oklahoma 99's participating. Gene Nora Stumbough, Colorado Chapter, was named the outstanding woman pilot and Wally Funk won the 99's Achievement Award presented by the Illinois Chapter for the most contributions to and progress in aviation for the past year and was named one of the top five women pilots. At the recent Wings Award banquet at Oklahoma State University, Linda Cudd and Wally received very lovely trophies as outstanding women pilots.

On May 24 the weather failed to cooperate and our air-marking at Minco didn't materialize as well as

planned. However, 10 did take to the perils of the highways and in addition to our old standby, there were June Welling, recently of the Alaska Chapter and now one of us, Gene Nora Stumbough, Colorado Chapter, and prospective members Donna Shirley and Nan John, wife of WKY's Dick John who Broneta inspired to become a pilot after a Flying Farmer tour on which she piloted him.

MIDLAND CHAPTER

By Joy Butts

Well, it's official! The Midland Chapter of the Ninety-Nines received their charter on May 17, 1959. The charter was presented by our International President, Mrs. Broneta Davis Evans, with our section governor, Martha Ann Reading of Dallas, present also. The chapter has 12 charter members due to the fact that Mary Erwin of Midland County received her license recently, just in time to be included on the charter. We are proud of all our girls.

At the May 17 event, we served luncheon to about 50 and were happy to welcome ladies from the El Paso Chapter, the San Antonio Chapter, the Marfa Chapter and the Dallas Chapter. Ruth Deerman of El Paso flew in and we were honored to have with us the aviation director for the city of Midland, Earle Taylor. After ceremonies, several of the group went over to Midland Airpark and visited the area headquarters of the Midland Chapter. Anyone flying or driving through the area is invited to stop by, relax and have a cup of coffee on the house.

Velma Lee Copeland and Netta Adcock were able to make the sectional meeting in Omaha and report having a wonderful time. Gertrude Howard of Bryan flew up with them in Velma Lee's Bonanza. They left Gertrude in Lincoln, Neb., on the return trip and Velma Lee and Netta made the rest of the trip by themselves. My hat is off to them.

Velma Lee and Netta also accompanied Broneta and Martha Ann on to Marfa May 18 and were present for the presentation of Marfa's charter. Congratulations and best wishes to the Marfa Chapter from all of us with the Midland Chapter and an invite to come see us.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Evelyn Wasser

A delightful day and a delightful time was had by all who attended the luncheon on Saturday, May 16, up in Ruidoso which was given by Billie Callahan and Liddy Weaver at Billie's cabin. Understand the food was sumptuous. Ruth Deerman, Juanita Burdick and Ruby Tatman flew up and were joined by Alice and Jim Strickland who arrived overland.

Seems like just a few are making

the flying headlines in our chapter again this month. Ruby and Dick flew to Omaha to the South Central Sectional meeting and Ruth Deerman flew up with Frances Slape as her co-pilot. I understand Frances came back with a huge box of spaghetti which she won as a prize.

Ran into Lela Carwardine at the El Paso International Airport. She was with her three handsome grandsons and all shining like bright new pennies. Lela is always shy of publicity and has often stopped me from entering some interesting gossip about her. This time I said that I would make no promises and anyway everyone would be interested in hearing of Lela's anticipated plans to fly to Alaska in June. This will be a solo flight for Lela, but after her trip to the Bahamas last summer, it should be easy for such a veteran.

An unconfirmed report that the McConnells are flying to Europe with the Flying Farmers.

TIP OF TEXAS CHAPTER **Valley And Corpus Christi** **Elaine Needham**

Downtown Palacios and the Palacios Airport are sporting two new air-markers.

It is the sincere hope of the Corpus Christi 99's that some lost and lonely pilot will fasten his eyes upon those big ten-foot black and yellow letters.

You know, air-marking does have its woes and Palacios was no exception. Have you ever painted on extra coarse sandpaper? We painted Palacios call letters, PSX, on the airport roof, which proved to be a bed of barnacles.

Anyway, we spent hours on those three letters and ended up somewhere in the night by flashlight and car lights. The ends of our fingers and bristles of our brushes are now at least two inches shorter, also our tempers.

Air-marking isn't all that bad tho. Veda Tennent recently unveiled some of the secret joys of such work. She sports permanent socks after each trip, a real savings to the family budget, no doubt. No washing either.

In case you're planning any dare-devil flying, consider the story about the pilot who said: "It won't happen to me," and a few weeks later we read about him in "Famous Last Words" or if he survives in "Believe It or Not."

Bye 'til next time.

DALLAS CHAPTER **By Dorothy Warren**

All the talk here these days seems to hinge around the Sky Lady Derby and it looks like Dallas will be well represented with four planes entering. Included are Jerry Sloan and Doris Weller in Cessna 175, Joyce Wright and Jo Allison in Cessna 180,

Joan Huckleba and Marge Bunch in Ercoupe and Pat Jetton and myself in Piper Comanche.

Race Chairman Martha Ann Reading was piloted around the course recently by Pat Jetton and reports that all arrangements are in order at all the stops. Now if the weather man will just bless us with a bit of VFR weather we will be real happy.

After hearing of the wonderful time Jo Allison, Doris Weller and Martha Ann Reading had attending the sectional in Omaha we were all doubly sorry we didn't get to attend. They were certainly impressed with the tour through Offit Air Force Base and assured us that the defence situation is well in hand.

Jerry Sloan and Pat Jetton Comanché to Oklahoma City for lunch recently and while there visited national headquarters.

Dallas 99's were hostesses to a group of Gainesville Wing Scouts last month and took them on a tour of Love Field facilities. We also took our Dallas group on a tour of Red Bird Airport.

Joyce Wright has invited members and families to her home for a swimming and barbecue party for our next meeting and we are all anxious to dig out the swimming suit and get them initiated for the season.

So far no reports of anyone here flying the AWTAR this year or planning to attend the convention, so will be looking forward to August News Letter for reports on both.

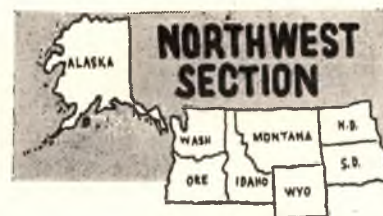
HOUSTON CHAPTER **By Alice Seaborn**

Our May meeting was held on the 18th at the home of Joyce Brooks. Those present were Joyce Brooks, Marceline Todd, Gertrude Howard, Sally Gauss, Merle Boitnott, Virginia Williams, and Alice Seaborn. This was Sally's last meeting with us as she is moving to New Jersey. We can't afford to lose her, either, but she pointed out that she will be convenient to the airport if any of us fly up that-a-way. And the day after the meeting, Sally went out and snagged a nice, new, shiny instrument license.

Our new slate of officers will be Marceline Todd, chairman; Virginia Williams, vice chairman; Gertrude Howard, membership chairman; Joyce Brooks, secretary-treasurer; and Alice Seaborn, reporter-historian.

Gertrude Howard made a very interesting report on the recent South Central Sectional meeting in Omaha which she attended.

We had scheduled Saturday, May 23, for air-marking but you should see (have seen) the weather. An all-day long gully-washer practically everywhere! But I can use the time for a 99 project just the same—writing this column.



NORTHWEST SECTIONAL MEETING

The Northwest spring sectional meeting was held in Spokane, Wash., May 23-24 to finish up convention and race terminus plans. Nineteen 99's were present for an all day meeting Saturday, with many staying over on Sunday to conclude preparations. All the girls are doing a wonderful job and this should be a most successful convention.

MONTANA CHAPTER **By Dorothy Sabo**

The first Sunday in May was the scheduled date for the 99 meeting in Bozeman. The weather was not too propitious but Sunday morning brought Jimmy Kuhn from Missoula and Inza Riedesel and Russ with Marge and Ken Rolle in the Riedesel's new Apache. We all enjoyed a luncheon at Pud Lovelace's. The 99's were busy with race stop business and convention luncheon planning while the men were conveniently engrossed in the baseball game on TV.

The MPA convention in Great Falls attracted four 99 members: Orpha Dann, Jimmy Kuhn, Gladys Chapman and Marge Rolle. The theme of the convention was Hawaiian and was carried out with appropriate costumes and all 300 guests were wined and dined in Hawaiian style amid a setting of palm trees and paper flowers. The lua-type buffet, complete with stuffed pig, was served to the diners seated on bright cushions on the floor while dancers furnished the entertainment.

Orpha Dann was honored at the convention by being named "pilot of the year" for her air-age education activities in spite of the hardships she has suffered to stay in the flying business.

Marge Rolle has a number of 99 visitors at her convenient office in the administration building in Billings. Sue Ward drops by frequently when she is in town shopping and last week our member from Wyoming, Georgia Japp, stopped to see Marge. Georgia is a flight instructor working with the weather bureau at Lander, Wyo., and is hoping to be able to help at Miles City at the race stop. We will be looking forward to meeting her.

ALASKA CHAPTER **By Pat Gilda**

We had our May meeting at Marion Zaegel's house and a former Ninety-Nine who will be rejoining our group in July, Montana Johnson. We'll be

glad to have her. We have so few members here in the largest state and they are spread from Fairbanks to Juneau, with the majority here in Anchorage. We found that we made money on our fly-in breakfast at Palmer and we certainly had the weather for it. Present for the meeting were Marion Zaegel, Helen Stoddard, Ruth O'Buck, Jo Wilson, Pat Gilda and guests Montana Johnson and Liz Krakau.

The 99's were guests of the 80th Transportation Unit at Fort Richardson on Armed Forces Day and had a wonderful lunch. All the fixed wing and helicopter demonstrations were wonderful. We 99's and our families were taken to one of the helicopter hangers afterwards and the intricacies of the big bird were explained to us by a very patient sergeant.

On May 17 most of the 99's flew to Willow Air Strip for a fly-in picnic of the Alaska Airmen Association to which the 99's all belong. We even had a few ants and the rain started just as we were leaving.

Blanche Booth got back after almost two months of traveling around the states and Hawaii.

Ann Pollom leaves the day school is out for Colorado and her vacation.

We are all up and flying in the beautiful weather and we'll read you in the August issue.

EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER

By Esther Stone

Shortly after the joint meeting with Idaho Chapter in Twin Falls we took off for the World Congress of Flight at Las Vegas. As reported by others, there were many 99's present. Elaine and Mike Loening, Virginia Huidekoper and her 49½er and Esther and Galyn Stone were present from the Eastern Idaho Chapter. Our heads are still whirling from the many sights and displays.

Thunder storms, rain and snow marred our trip up to Salmon on May 3, when Elaine and Mike Loening hosted our May meeting. Betty Brown and Esther Stone got there and with three of us there, elected the officers for the chapter for the coming year. They are: Esther Stone, chairman; Elaine Loening, vice chairman and scrapbook; Onita Hoff, treasurer; Betty Stores, secretary; Betty Brown, membership chairman; Selma Van Dercreek and Virginia Huidekoper, co-News Letter reporters.

On April 17, Selma Misczuk married Dr. Jack Van Dercreek of Blackfoot. Jack is learning to fly. We wish great happiness to both.

With the wires down on the south end of their strip and a new hangar built, the Hoffs are fixing up the "flight line" at Rainbow Ranch. We no longer chew our nails when sitting down there for a cup of that good hospitable Hoff coffee.

The trip up to Spokane May 23-24 for the northwest workshop, was one of the finest this reporter has ever had. Two co-pilots/navigators, Laura Conner and Millie Shinn from Boise, clear blue skies and a tail wind. We never had it so good! After listening to the various reports and plans for the AWTAR terminus and international convention, am sure you'd better be planning to see us all in Spokane.



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

By Louciel Freeman

Our April meeting was held in Orsine, Calif., in the home of Estell Stacey, and we must say it was a wonderful fly-in. Estell's home sits out on the end of the Alta-Dinuba Airport. You park your plane, walk over and visit. We all had a fish fry, but the deal was you had to catch a fish first, before you could eat. Everyone caught their fish except one 49½er. He received a can of sardines for his troubles. Ask Ev Hendley, she'll tell you who the 49½er was. The Staceys home has a large pond setting in the front of their home and it is well stocked with fish. It was wonderful, Estell and Al. Members that flew in were Elva Victorino and 49½er Eddie, Ev Hendley and 49½er Walt, Laura May Crawford and 49½er Gene, and Dorothy Koebel and Louciel B. Freeman flew together in Louciel's Stinson.

Our May meeting was held one week earlier, because of Mother's Day, so Louciel chose her meeting a fly-in to the Wonder Valley Dude Ranch. Those flying in were Dorothy Koebel and 99½er Doc in their Navion, Eve Hendley and 49½er Walt in their Stinson 150 Voyager, and Laura May Crawford and Ethel Heiland flew in with Louciel Freeman in Louciel's Stinson Voyager. Estell Stacey and her 49½er Al drove down in their station wagon, being they live near by. We all ended up having family style chicken dinner, also had a short business meeting. We all seem to have enjoyed ourselves. On our flight home from Wonder Valley, Louciel, Laura May and Ethel landed at Chandler Field and visited with Irene Levertson. Irene seems to be doing fine, and we wish her a lot of luck at Chandler Field.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

By Katherine Wagner

Our chapter celebrated its first anniversary at the home of Penny Swope in Glendora. The celebration was complete with cake (baked by Penny) and one candle.

We were very pleased to have Ruth Downie of the San Fernando Valley Chapter as a guest and also welcomed prospective new member Jane Haig who will have her private license shortly.

Virginia Graham was kept home by measles in the family but reported that she is still working on her instrument rating. She and Virginia Hall of San Fernando Valley Chapter are flying in the AWTAR together.

Penny Swope and Norma Wilcox are planning on flying in the AWTAR, in the Wilcox Tri-Pacer.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Genevieve Hall

The Southwest sectional was thoroughly enjoyed by our attending members Gerry Michelson, Florence and Jack Breen, Leah Liersch, Genevieve Hall, Hialeah and Harry Reilich. This reporter was much impressed on the trip down and back by little Miss Eileen Reilich who is an excellent air traveler. Friday evening Gerry, Genevieve, Florence and Jack Breen joined the group for dinner and show at the Moulin Rouge with Jeanne Strahl transporting us to Hollywood in her red convertible. Saturday's luncheon-fashion show pleased us all and also gave Hi and I a chance to chat with Leah Liersch from Elko and June Raybould from Salt Lake, who sat at our table. The rain failed to dampen our spirits and that night at the banquet Gerry won a tank of gas for being the first aircraft to land at Van Nuys; Hialeah won a "spray of roses" set for being pilot of aircraft with lowest No., and a set of glasses as door prize; her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Albright, also won a pilot's map case as a door prize. Our congratulations to the San Fernando Valley Chapter on a very nice sectional.

Our May 9 picnic-lunch meeting was attended by Hialeah, Harry and Eileen Reilich in their Cessna; Helen Mace and her two older boys in her Piper; Claire Raley and Ruth Lummis in Claire's Tri-Pacer; Mary McFarland and daughter flew down from Reno in her "170"; and Betty Haynes and Nelsyne Jones and their sons flew from Arbuckle in Betty's Comanche.

Ruth Lummis leaves for Lake Tahoe the middle of June to work during the summer, returning on Labor Day to Sacramento. Usually a passenger in Claire's plane, she reversed the procedure this week and flew Claire up to Marysville and back. Ruth also gave two fellow teachers their first small-plane ride which they enjoyed very much.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Fran Bera

The May meeting of the Long Beach Chapter was held in the lovely home of Mary Pinkney in Palos Verdes.

After our business meeting we were entertained with an amusing and very informative talk given by Miss Dennis, who works in the flight assistance service of Los Angeles Area Radio. Miss Dennis was presented with Mr. Riley, also with LAX. After our program we had refreshments furnished by Ruth Nitzen and Cynthia Gilkinson. We were pleased to see Carolyn West who has been a long-time member, and Carolyn brought her daughter, Jackie, a prospective 99. Jackie has about two more hours to go before her license. Doris Eddie flew to San Francisco for some foreign car parts, she also flew to Lake Mojave in their 170. Ruth Nitzen flew to Fresno for a two day visit with her sister, then off to Las Vegas in her Bonanza. Jackie Sepulveda is looking for a 170, and Annette Castle and 49½er John have become the owners of a Cessna 180. Our newest member is Judy Wagner.

We enjoyed the sectional meeting in San Fernando, although rain kept a few away. Everyone is talking of the air race and trying to get sponsors. Claire Walters is flying with a girl from Germany. Cleo Morrison and Dudley Greer are flying together. Iris Critchell has gone to Spokane for a week. Will have more news next time.

UTAH CHAPTER

By Alberta Hunt Nicholson

With yours truly a little slow with the April report, we have lots to report this month. Congratulations to San Fernando Valley Chapter on the spring sectional. It was great fun. You did a wonderful job. In addition to our governor, June Raybould, and Alberta Nicholson were there from the Utah Chapter. We had to swallow our pride and drive since the weather man promised we would never make it home—and he was right. The rains were almost more than we could drive through. When we took Doris Eacret and Leah Lirsch to the airport Sunday about 6 a.m. there were a couple of openings and Doris writes they made it out between layers and VFR on top part way and then by a low circuitous route from Bishop on. Am anxious to hear how the rest of you made out.

At our April meeting at Jane Andreason's mountain retreat, we were glad to have present, among others, a prospective member, Mary Lou Densley who is about to get her license and become one of our group.

We were glad to see Lucile Christopherson along with Ruth Walker from Provo at the meeting held at Cora Grote's—in fact, the Provo area had 100 percent attendance. Bobby McDonald also surprised us and came.

Of interest to all is news that Doris Eacret has moved to Reno where her husband has joined the firm Virginia-

Truckee Transit Co. as director of the Avis Car Rentals with headquarters at the Reno Airport. The company also includes the Nevada Scenic Tours operating under the Grayline franchise with scheduled tours to Virginia City, Carson City, Lake Tahoe and Pyramid, Reno Ski Bowl and Squaw Valley. So, in case any of you are going out that way, get in touch with Johnny.

SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Monahan

Business meeting May 5 was held at Jackie Petty's home in Mt. View. Those attending were Natilie Bossio, Ruby Fielding, Jeannie McElhatton, Carol Veries, Margaret Standish, Pat Gladney, Marian Barnick and guest Patty Johnson, Mayetta Behringer and Dorothy Monahan. (Our first entry for TAR is Jeannie McElhatton and Carol Veris flying a 175 Cessna. Sponsor is Coro Costume Jewelry. It is Jeannie's first race and a repeat for Carol.) Jackie Petty and Marian Barnick were our only members able to make spring sectional. Due to unsettled weather, Natilie Bossio and friend were weathered in at Paso Robles. Pat Gladney with Patty Sherwood, Marge Standish, and Vivian Essler were grounded at Santa Maria—but we tried.

The hostess served delicious refreshments of coffee, cake and candy.

Fly-in May 17 to the Antique Airplane Show at Merced. Those flying in from our chapter were Jackie and Lloyd Petty and the McElhattons. Pat Gladney, Marge Standish, Eleanor Wortz, Mayetta Behringer, with Ruby and Ralph Fielding, Carol Veries, and Mabel and Otto Zehr.

The "This Is Your Life" program featuring Zaddie Bunker of Palm Springs as a flying great-grandmother was of great interest as we also have one in our chapter, Mabel Zehr. If there are any others in the 99's who would be interested in getting together with these two gals, please contact them.

Mabel's daughter and three children have moved from Indiana to Redwood City, Calif., to be near them while husband is in Marines.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

No more rain this year in southern California! That was the prediction we received in February when we planned our sectional meeting. However, no less than 50 guests were on hand to refute this forecast. In spite of the weather's lack of cooperation and a four hour power failure which left us literally in the dark we all managed to have a most wonderful time renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. We haven't seen Doris Phillips since our Las Vegas

sectional two years ago. She hasn't lost any of her charm. Florence Breen and Margaret Gerhardt shared Jack and John with 18 other girls during an evening at the Moulin Rouge. They were delightful escorts.

Virginia Kayse and hubbie left for New York in their Apache. A business trip we understand.

Shirley and Bill Robinson had a forced landing in their Navion while on their way to Oxnard, Sunday. A minor cockpit problem—apparently one of the children aboard kicked the gas position switch to "off". After a quick check and correction they were on their merry way.

Your reporter and family will be flying to Holloman Air Force Base in a Cessna 172 for a holiday visit with friends.

We won't be chatting with you again until after the race. So may we wish all of the participants the very best of luck and happy landings.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Aileen Saunders

Martha Mullen was hostess to our monthly meeting. Guests were Ruth Propsner, Nel Grant, Marie Ross, all prospective members, and Mrs. Wingo, Wing Scout leader.

The prime topic of discussion was the I.C.A.O. convention (International Civil Aviation Organization) which is to be held at San Diego during the month of June. Gertrude Lockwood, who is co-program chairman, outlined plans for a 99 sponsored tea for visiting delegates' wives at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club with a tour of the city to follow.

Dotty Sanders gave a report on the Southwest sectional. Those attending were Marian Jepsen, Jerry Vickers, Clara Aldrich, Betty Gillies and Aileen Saunders. Everyone had a wonderful time. After the fashion show the S. D. girls decided to go shopping in spite of the pouring rain.

Drawing for the AWTAR positions at Long Beach was attended by Marian Jepsen, Betty Lambert, Thelma Bishop, Jere Cassell and Aileen Saunders. Take off places of participants from S. D. are: No. 3, Terry Vasques and Anna Christensen flying a Tri-Pacer; No. 8, Dotty Sanders and Marian Jepsen flying a Cessna 140A; No. 12, Thelma Bishop and Betty Lambert flying a Cessna 182; No. 28, Aileen Saunders and Jere Cassell flying a Cessna 172. Other entries from S. D. are Carolyn Huntington and Frances Goodwin flying a Bonanza, and Martha Mullen and Jo Ann Kloepper flying a Comanche.

A surprise luncheon and film shower was held at the El Cortez Hotel for Ruby Keaveny who with 49½er left for New York and Europe via airplane for a six months vacation. They plan to purchase a car in Dublin, Ire-

land and tour Europe. Sounds like fun. Marian Jepsen and husband left for a flying vacation to Mexico City and Guadalajara, Mexico. Lois and Harry Bartling returned from a wonderful vacation. They flew their Bonanza to Key West, Miami, St. Petersburg, and New Orleans.

Congratulations to Clara Aldrich who just received her instrument rating.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

Our regular meeting was held at Jean Kay's home in Lalo Alto on the evening of May 15. Jean, in the past, has earned the title "the hostess with the mostess," and again served a delicious dinner to members Miriam Brugh, Maxine Carlson, Marjorie Fauth, Geri Hill, Helen Kelton, Gail Lane, Hazel Miles, Ruth Rueckert, and guests Annette Anderson, Gerry Mickelsen and Eleanor Wilson.

A brief business meeting was held. Hostessing a naval function kept our secretary, Doris Phillips, from the meeting, and Annette Anderson, member-at-large, volunteered to be secretary for the evening. Annette has been attending our meetings for several months. She is a delightful

person to know, and a "gold mine" of aeronautical statistics. Hope you all met her at the sectional.

Treasurer Mary Fields was also absent, but a telephone inquiry resulted in the news that she, and prospective member Dixie Lusk have been using the weekends for flights to Calistoga, for swimming and suntans.

The first order of business was the presentation of a large costume 99 pin to Maxine Carlson, present for the first time since the Christmas party, in recognition of her 1957-58 term as chapter chairman. Reason for her absence? Elaine Sarlson, born Jan. 31, and who also attended our meeting because of inflight refuelings!

The report of the World Congress of Flight was given by Ruth Rueckert, our delegate to the congress. She and Gerry Mickelsen flew in Gerry's Bellanca to Las Vegas on April 12 and attended meetings and the demonstrations. Gerry flew in from Sacramento to attend our meeting and help with the report, staying overnight with Jean. Ruth's report covered six pages. She also brought fooks, data, maps and souvenirs from the Congress. She

again thanked the chapter for defraying part of the expenses of the trip.

It is hoped our chapter will have entries in this year's AWTAR. Plans are shaping up for both Geri Hill and Jean Kaye. Jean was also hoping Marj Fauth, Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund chairman, would have some news as to this year's winner, as Jean had entered as our candidate. Marj only admitted that entries were of the highest type, competition stiff, and results not yet final.

Miriam Brugh is recovering from her illness, which hospitalized her, but is literally sifting the ashes of the fire which burned a \$100,000 hole in her pride and joy, Golden Gate Products of Berkeley. Sincerely hope this is the last of Miriam's troubles which have beset her this year. She was so busy she could not attend the Southwest sectional at Encino, and she was missed by all.

A special thanks to the hostesses of the sectional from delegates Margaret Gerhardt, Geri Hill, Doris Phillips and Ruth Rueckert. It was a beautifully run sectional—in very convenient accommodations.

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