



The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

News Letter

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AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD — JUNE, 1960

SEE YOU IN WILMINGTON

President's Column

JUNE, 1960

The personal weather jinx which seems to have been assigned to me was busy again the last weekend in April when the North Central Section convened in Dearborn, Mich. But it takes more than foul weather to discourage 99's, and the many who attended thoroughly enjoyed the tours of Greenfield Village and the museum, as well as the luncheon-fashion show with Michigan 99's as most attractive models and the 49½'s getting out their check books to buy those outfits we "simply couldn't live without." Banquet speaker, our own Loma May, held us enthralled with her "Salute to Space" and graphic examples of the almost incomprehensible shrinkage of time in this space age in which we live. Sunday morning my jinx overslept and the weather was beautiful for the flyaways who had been able to arrive via their own wings.

Houston 99's hosted the joint South Central and Southeast Sectional with a "Festival of Flight" in true Texas style. The jinx was on vacation so, with Nell Brown as co-pilot, we left in "Flighty Lady" for Oklahoma City and a stop at headquarters. Then on to Fort Worth for the festivities in conjunction with the Fort Worth-Houston Air Race which began with a horse and sulky drive to the administration building, "serenading" by the local Jaycees, and culminated in a banquet most capably MCed by Delphine Bohn. In Houston it was hard to find time to visit the static displays of sail planes, the aviation exhibit, to visit with old friends, have the pleasure of meeting more 99's, to cruise down the ship channel and attend the business meetings, the poolside party and banquet. At the latter, guest speaker, Max Conrad, fascinated his audience with tales of his early flying and some of his experiences on his sixty-odd transoceanic flights.

We are most anxious to have every

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Program Schedule

Ninety-Nine International Convention and End of AWTAR 1960
HEADQUARTERS — HOTEL DUPONT, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

Registration: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Hotel Lobby, \$15
Contestants, Ninety-Nines, 49½'s and guests are welcome to attend all social activities on the program.

Monday, July 11

2:00 p.m. Swimming Party, Glory Hill. Cocktails courtesy of Dick Durham

Tuesday, July 12

2:00 p.m. Hagley Museum, Jitney Tour along the Brandywine
8:00 p.m. Tickets may be available for summer theatre

Wednesday, July 13

Noon Official End of AWTAR
2:00 p.m. Longwood Gardens, one of the nation's most distinguished show places
6:30 p.m. Hangar Party, New Castle County Airport
Cocktail Hour sponsored by Local Pilots
Buffet Dinner, \$5.00
Entertainment "The Electric Heart Blocks" (Dixieland Band)

Thursday, July 14

8:30 a.m. Executive Committee Meeting, President's Suite
9:00 a.m. Race Pilots' Meeting, Foyer of Hotel
Race results announced after meeting
10:30 a.m. Governors' Meeting with Executive Committee, President's Suite
Noon Delaware Park Race Track, \$5.50. Includes admission to clubhouse, program, luncheon and seat in reserved area.
7:30 p.m. Dinner to Honor WASPS stationed at New Castle Air Base during World War II, Gold Ballroom. Guest tickets, \$5.00
Speaker, Col. Emma J. Riley, Director of Women in the Air Force
Entertainment: "Remember Mamma?" Charles Rutledge

Friday, July 15

8:00 a.m. Delegates are Checked In, Nemours Auditorium
8:30 a.m. Convention Business Session, 99's only, Nemours Auditorium
12:30 p.m. Lunch, DuBarry Room
2:00 p.m. Convention Business Session Reconvenes
6:30 p.m. Cocktail Hour, DuBarry Room, sponsored by the Wilmington Businessmen's Civic Association
7:30 p.m. Convention and Awards Banquet, Gold Ballroom. Guest tickets \$5.00
Transportation will be provided between the New Castle County Airport and the Hotel duPont, and for all scheduled events.

Cottons and sports clothes will be appropriate for daytime occasions. Evening events are informal.

Sufficient beauty salon appointments have been reserved to satisfy the needs of the lady visitors.

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The 25th Of Each Month

CHATTER**From Headquarters**

Visitors at headquarters during the month of April were as follows: On April 4, Doris Weller, 4233 McKinney Ave., Dallas, Texas; on April 13, Ann Comfort, 823 Chataugua, Norman, Okla.; and on April 25, Dorothy Warren, 3511 Ridgeoak Way, Dallas, Texas and Lucille Hoffer, 4206 Middleton, Dallas, Texas. Dorothy and Lucille are frequent visitors to headquarters since it makes a nice distance to fly on Sunday afternoon, etc.

On May 9, Nina "Polly" Stoeher, 1990 E. Orange Grove Blvd., Pasadena, Calif., and Nellie Allender, 607 Otis, Dalhart, Texas, visited headquarters. Polly is a delightful person to know and thinks nothing of flying to Dalhart, Texas to pick up sister Nellie and flying off to New York, down the coast to Florida, to Oklahoma City via Memphis, dropping Nellie off at Amarillo, and hurrying back to Pasadena to get ready for a flight to Grand Canyon. All this in one week and at a very young age of 69.

On May 12, Hilda Hemmersmeier and 49½er, William, 2401 N. Ninth St., St. Louis 6, Mo., stopped over in Oklahoma City on what started to be a few days flying trip to Dearborn and Niagara Falls and ended up being a very leisurely trip covering a large portion of the country. Next stop: Denver. Nell H. Brown, 7212 Oak St., River Forest, Ill., visited us on May 12 while flying co-pilot with "Deedo" enroute to Fort Worth for the race to Houston joint Section meeting.

**New Executive Secretary**

May we present Mrs. Carol Joan Craig, our new executive secretary at 99 headquarters. Carol took over the duties at our office on April 18 and she's been busy learning all about taking care of our many records.

Carol is 5' 2", a brown-eyed brunette, weighing 90 lbs. She hails from Johnstown, Pa., and has lived in Oklahoma the past eight years. Her husband, Bob, is a machinist at Tinker Air Force Base. For relaxation they love water sports, especially skiing, and their enthusiasm is shared by nine year old daughter Joyce.

When Carol was asked for her outstanding impression of 99's, her eyes sparkled when she said, "It amazes me how the girls fly so far across the country and completely rely on their own knowledge and capabilities—independent of assistance from their husbands."

Exposure to flying through the 99 office work keeps her interest stimulated and has renewed her desire to actually learn to fly.

Other outside activities include membership in Delta Rho Delta, national sorority of business and professional women. Carol was recently elected secretary of this group.

AWTAR

Last call! Entries will close for the 1960 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race on June 20. If you are a late entry, please send your application by AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY to AWTAR, Inc., 2611 East Spring Street, Long Beach 6, Calif., so that the information will arrive in time to be included in the official program.

Again the dates: Impound at Torrance, July 6; take-off, July 9; deadline to finish, July 13.

And the route: Torrance, Needles, Prescott, Winslow, Albuquerque, Amarillo, Oklahoma City, Fort Smith, Memphis, Chattanooga, Johnson City, Roanoke, Wilmington.

The AWTAR board wishes to express their sincere thanks to all the Ninety-Nines who are working on the many committees at Torrance, Wilmington and all along the route. To those Ninety-Nines who will be participating in the race we wish good flying, good fun and good luck on your trip. And to Ninety-Nines everywhere, THANKS for your very fine support of the annual AWTAR.

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Gertrude Lockwood of the San Diego Chapter has been elected to membership on the AWTAR Board of Directors. Gertrude will not be here for the 1960 race as she and her husband are planning an extended trip by air up the St. Lawrence waterway and across Canada. She will be back in the early fall and ready to start work with us on the 1961 race.

AWTAR Board of Directors
Betty H. Gillies, Chm.

V-O-T-E DEADLINE JUNE 20

Coming Events**June 18**

Holman Air Derby, Round-Robin Handicapped Completion. For info write Holman Air Derby, 120 Administration Bldg., Holman Field, St. Paul 7, Minn.

July 9-13

AWTAR
Torrance, Calif., to
Wilmington, Del.

July 14-16

International 99 Convention
Wilmington, Del.

S ept. 2-4

Northwest Sectional
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Sept. 9

N. Y. - N. J. Sectional
Inauguration Dinner-Dance
Sleepy Hollow Country Club

Sept. 16-18

Southwest Sectional
Sacramento, Calif.
North Central Sectional
Cleveland, Ohio

Sept. 23-25

South Central Sectional
Garden City, Kan.

1961 AWTAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Chapters! Deadline for contributions to 1961 AWTAR Fund is July 1. Please make checks out to All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race and send to me or to the race office, 2611 East Spring St., Long Beach, Calif., so your chapter will be credited for the donation in convention report. Entries for the 1960 TAR have poured in—it will be a fine race.

Winifred Lovelace,
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee
1001 South Grand, Bozeman, Montana

President's Column

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Chapter represented by delegates at our business meeting July 15 in Wilmington. Names of delegates and proxies should be submitted to Secretary Louise Smith. There will be no proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws to be considered.

The Middle East Section has spent many months planning the Convention, and the best way to show our appreciation of their efforts would be the arrival of a monstrous flight of Ninety-Nines. Will I see you there?

As ever,

Deedo

Eugenia R. Heise
President

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V-O-T-E
Deadline June 20

Pilot's Briefing

Be sure to return completed ballots before June 20 deadline.

Check Long Beach Chapter report if you have "ancient" flight suits or have access to same.

Fee for reinstatement of former members is \$13.00. Send \$15.00 only if you desire an official 99 pin.

Amelia Earhart medals, which may be purchased from headquarters, make excellent mementos for those special occasions.

There will be NO issue of the Newsletter in July.

Have YOU sent in your questionnaire?

NOTICE: All WASPS stationed at the New Castle Air Base during WWII please contact Adelaide Tinker, 106 W. 42nd St., Wilmington 2, Del.

Correction! Please continue to send all NL material to headquarters. Wrong dope in May NL. Sorry!

TRANSFERS—Procedure for transferring on pages 101 and 102 of your Roster, these should be in headquarters, completely filled in and in triplicate before September 30, if you desire to be listed with another Chapter in the 1960-61 Roster.

PLEASE CASH SECTIONAL AND CHAPTER REFUND CHECKS, there are still some outstanding.



From Japan We Present . . . YAE NOZOKI

In 1939 I entered the Civil Flight Training School and studied the theory and technics of flight, and gained the second class pilot license. According to the pre-war Japanese Civil Aeronautics Law, the Japanese women were not permitted to obtain the license beyond the second class one. So, I couldn't become a first class pilot.

In 1940, I got a job in Japan Airways Co., as a cabin crew, but that company dissolved at the end of the war. Next year, I joined Civil Aviation Bureau, Ministry of Transportation.

In March, 1952, I was appointed as governor of Japan branch of Women's International Association of Aeronautics. Then on May 24, 1959, I organized the Japan Woman's Association of Aeronautics with air-minded women.

In 1953, I am a flight navigator (second class) and flight radio operator (third class). This is the first case for the Japanese women in our civil aviation history. This year I hurt myself by an airplane accident in training flight, but in 1955, I gained a commercial pilot license. After that, I became F.A.I. "C" class glider pilot and our association is training glider pilotage to the members.

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INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE RESULTS

1. Pilot, Edna Gradner Whyte
Co-Pilot, Joan Mondier
 Presidente Jose Maria Lemus Trophy
 Trophy of Aero Club of San Salvador
 Trophy of Florida Air Pilots Association
2. Pilot, Aileen Saunders
Co-Pilot, Emma Montenegro
3. Pilot, Margaret Callaway
Co-Pilot, Margo Callaway
4. Pilot, Virginia Britt
Co-Pilot, Jessie Bennett
5. Pilot, Margaret Hammon
Co-Pilot, Virginia Schumacher
6. Pilot, Dorothy Julich
 Thompson Trophy for Best Sport
7. Pilot, Ione Kiplinger
 Consolation Trophy
8. Pilot, Constance Poppenhager
Co-Pilot, Bertha Means
 Tail End Tony Trophy



Presidente's Trophy

In a stately hall with a mural in the background depicting the history of El Salvador, Presidente Jose Maria Lemus presented the President's Trophy to Edna Gardner Whyte, first place winner, and her co-pilot, Joan Mondier, of the International Air Race. Left to right: Aileen Saunders, Edna Gardner Whyte, Presidente Jose Maria Lemus, and Joan Mondier.

FORT WORTH-HOUSTON RACE SCORES, FRIDAY, MAY 13, 1960



Lavonia Jewell, Winner

Pilot	Plane	Hdep.	Score
1. Lavonia Jewell,	Piper PA22 (Tri-Pacer)	125	1.0936
2. Johnnie M. Robertson,	PA-24 (Comanche)	183	1.0727
3. Joyce Wright,	Cessna 180	157	1.0452
4. Anita Reilly,	Cessna 120	109	1.0440
5. Dorothy Warren,	Cessna 310R	211	1.0434
6. Ruth Deerman,	Cessna 140A	111	1.0117
7. Eugenia Heise,	Cessna 180	156	.9897
8. Mary Kahak,	PA-24 Comanche	183	.9891
9. Cornelia Davis,	Mooney Mark 20A	162	.9877
10. Frances Pyland,	PA-24 Comanche	161	.9876
11. Verna Stubbs,	PA-22 Tri-Pacer	120	.9833
12. Hazel Corry,	Cessna 172	117	.9829
13. Tony Page,	Cessna 140	109	.9807
14. Laurien Griffin,	Cessna 180	155	.9684
15. Broneta D. Evans,	Cessna 170B	118	.9665
16. Delores L. Morris,	Luscombe 8E	103	.9621
17. Helen Simmons,	Cessna 180	156	.9340
18. Jean Williams,	Piper Tri-Pacer	121	.9157



By Nancy Bird Walton

The second annual meeting of the Australian 99's was held on Tuesday, April 5, 1960 at Broken Hill, New South Wales. It was an enormous success.

Vice-Governor Helen Blackburn flew up from south Australia in a Tri-Pacer, a distance of approximately 600 miles return, Freda Thompson came in from Melbourne by airline and Lord and Lady Casey flew the same route in their Cessna 180. Nancy Ellis Leobold flew a Comanche 1400 miles to attend the meeting, and I drove half and flew half that distance. Last minute building operations prevented Peg Kellman from attending and Gertrude Mackenzie was weatherbound. It was an admirable roll-up and we all covered great distances to be there.

Broken Hill is a mining town on the borders of the inland of Australia, over 700 miles from Sydney. It is also a Flying Doctor base and while there some of us were able to see the Flying Doctor Service in operation. Because of the great distances in Australia and the sparsely settled areas, which are due to the low carrying capacity of the country and the lack of water (not to lack of population) this Flying Doctor Service, which began many years ago, is a means of bringing to the out-back people closeness to medical aid in the event of emergency. However, it has now grown to be a daily service and two medical sessions are held each day on the radio when people hundred of miles away may speak with the doctor as we would do over our telephones. They, however, use radio. This system was originally devised from the pedal-radio set, known as such because the power was generated by using the pedals of a bicycle to operate the set, because there was no electric power in these far-fung parts. Nowadays most people have their own power plant which operates the set but in the early days the ingenious invention of the pedal radio was a type-writer that transmitted Morse, which spelled out the message on the type-writer keys, and as I have said the power was generated by pedaling as fast as one could. A three engined Drover aircraft is based at Broken Hill which takes the doctor out to a case when the need arises and also has regular clinic days at some of the tiny townships. There are 12 Flying Doctor bases throughout Australia, covering an area of approximately 2,000,000 square miles, mostly in the

out-back, and known by its founder, the Rev. John Flynn, as the mantle of safety which enables women and children to live in these places, with their menfolk.

While at Broken Hill we also saw the School of the Air. This is another unique Australian organization. The children are actually taught, and get their school lessons over the radio. We have had, for many years, correspondence schools for the children of the same people who need the Flying Doctor Service and the School of the Air now has four teachers and 42 pupils, who tune in each day to receive their instruction, which due to the isolation, they would not otherwise receive. Correspondence schools did take lessons to some of these people, but the weekly mail and often weeks without mail because of impassable roads and wet weather, made this form of education inadequate to bring a pupil up to a standard where he could be sent away to a secondary school.

Also while at Broken Hill we were guests of the North Mine and the Aero Club and an evening reception was given us by the Broken Hill Aero Club, and I was able to show the Air Race film of 1952 and the color film of last year's Air Race, taken for me by Ed Evans at Lawrence, Mass., for which I am most grateful to him and hope to add more of the girls and the aircraft this year. Eventually I hope to collect quite a long Air Race film. It has been greatly appreciated wherever it has been shown.

Considerable interest was aroused in the local press by our visit and we have decided to recommend to the Australian Women Pilots that their 1961 annual meeting should be held there.

Four applications have been received from South Australia, for Lady Casey left for America yesterday, April 27, and no doubt will be seeing some of you in New York. Lord Casey will take up his seat in the House of Lords on May 18, but they intend to live in Australia, we are very pleased to know, and visit England two or three times a year, when the House of Lords is sitting.



By Mary Lowry

Rae Tober called the weather bureau the day of our meeting at Orange Airport, stated that she was a single engine, VFR pilot and the forecast that she received was: "Lady, go back to bed." And that's just the kind of weather we had for most of the day. The only hardy souls who drove out

besides Rae were Jerry Gardiner, Pat Arnold, Chris Seaver and her daughter, Janet Warner, Anne Baddour, Betsy Fox and Mary Lowry. But the drive was worth the guided tour of the jump school conducted by Jacques Istel, president of Parachutes, Inc. We were treated to the complete lecture and films that first jumpers get with so much enthusiasm from M. Istel, that a couple of us were really considering jumping.

Estelle Gross couldn't make the meeting since she was busy with last minute plans for a trip to Florida with her husband in their new Tri-Pacer. Also congratulations to Estelle for passing her commercial written. Rae Tober and her husband have a new



Left to right: Anne Baddour, Rae Tober, Jacques Istel, Betsy Fox, Pat Arnold and Jerry Gardiner at Orange Airport for tour of parachute center.

Comanche 180. We have a hard time keeping current on just what planes the Tobers have at the moment since they trade so often. Rae says the Comanche is her favorite at the moment. Jerry Gardiner is organizing an art exhibit to be held in New London to show the local Connecticut talent. Sounds like it's a lot of work—hope that it's successful.

Wandering members: Lois Dobbin thumbed rides down to the sectional in Houston—and didn't that sound like it was quite the party! Isobel Blodget returned from the Bahamas with the report that she had a glorious time. If Usbeck Peterson's mother hadn't come to our May meeting, we'd still be wondering where Usbeck had gotten to this time. Currently it's Point Barrow, Alaska.

After our business meeting, we collected our guests in the Envoy Room at Logan International Motel for dinner and talks on survival by Don Conroy and Guy Nunzio who are survival instructors for the Air Force. They showed us films, gave us the ten commandments for survival, and a list of equipment to have "just in case." For those who missed the meeting, they suggested we all write the Supt. of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., for the Air Force manual.

The lives they may have helped to save are: Chris Seaver, Rae Tober, Jerry Gardiner, Mary Ann Lippit, Ora Stevens, Lois Dobbin, Charlotte Kelly, Carol Haller, Sara Hayden, Gladys Sackowicz, Alice Mansfield, Anne and Ray Baddour, Isobel Blodgett, Kathleen Rusk, June Douglas, Jim Beekman, Genevieve O'Conne, Grace Scott, Mrs. Peterson, Kathy Griswold, and Mary Lowry.

We held a drawing to give \$100 to one of our members racing in the AWTAR this year and the happy winner is Anne Baddour. We were all pleased to have Anne get it since she had done so much work setting up the meeting.

Our delegates to the convention this year are Rae Tober and Mary Lowry who is going to be one of the timers for the TAR. We're looking forward to meeting lots of 99's in Wilmington.



By Jeanne Spielberg

Our governor, Peggy Norris, has done it again. For the first time in the history of the 99's we have gathered together our past-governors for a celebration. We were able to corral nine of our "ex's" the first of whom served way back in 1937. We were unable to locate all of them since most of our girls are apt to be in any part of the world at any time. Our guests of honor were Helen Boudreau, Alma Harwood, Marjorie Gray, Kay Brick, Lois Fairbanks, Helen McChesney, Mennitto, Barbara Evans, Selma Cronan, Irene Keith. Each of them looked beautiful as she stepped up to receive the Amelia Earhart Medal award. The evening was sparked with a very poetic speech by Gill Robb Wilson, author, poet, pioneer in aviation and editor of Flying Magazine. He spoke of the great influence women have had in aviation, our need to look beyond and not back. He said we should never be content, always keep looking ahead. We loved having Mr. Wilson as our guest and hope that he will enjoy his life in California.

Another highlight of last month was the luncheon which was given to Jo Doolittle at the Wings Club. The 99's were well represented and enjoyed Mrs. Doolittle's talk on her trip to Russia with the general when they attended the F.A.I. Convention. Some of the members who attended were Gloria Heath, Connie Wolf, Marjorie Gray, Selma Cronan, Marion Lopez, Barbara Evans, Doris Renninger, Alma Harwood, Irene Keith, Avnell Pinkley, Willie Hanzlik, Bobbie Prestos, Jean Ross Howard, Capt. Kyung

O. Kim, Eileen Bristol, Helen Stone, Ruth Gwinn and Peggy Norris.

Foot notes: Just learned that our Louise Hyde is soloing her Bonanza in the Air Race. Kay Brick and Marjorie Gray just returned from the Aviation Space Writers convention in California. They saw the X-15 fly its 12th flight, the U-2 and the final test of the "Minute Man." Kay, who is the busiest gal I know, found time to give three talks on the Air Races to the Rotary, Lions and Studio Clubs. Two prospective members who attended our dinner are Mina Chapman and Julia Von Saal. Both of them will fly the Race in a 182 Cessna.

We welcome another prospective member, Agnas Haney, and a new 49½'er, Chris Winzer's hubby, Ted, of Pan-American. So many of us were pleased to see Prof. Spaulding of New York University our very delightful instructor who got us through our written exams. Haven't seen him in many years. Dorothy Julich flew her Mooney Mite (which she had completely renovated herself) in the International Races. That girl is something. She won the trophy for Best Sportsman.

We were so happy to have Alma Bristol, Ceil Hamilton, Gertrude Alcock, Louise Hyde and so many others who we so seldom see, at the dinner celebration of past-governors. Why not make it more often.

Don't forget to come to our installation of officers on September 9, if you expect to be in our part of the country. It will be held at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

On Sunday, May 15 (and the only clear Sunday in May) our chapter held its fourth and most successful annual Ladies Day at Wings Field, Ambler, Pa.

Due to the combined efforts of Elsie McBride and those who worked with her to promote publicity for the event, we had a large attendance of people all day waiting for rides. Planes were contributed by Piper, Cessna and Beechcraft dealers plus several planes from private owners. Jane Morris generously donated the use of her Cessna 175 which was flown the whole day.

Kept busy in the air were the commercial pilots Louise Sacchi, Anne Shields, Ann Piggott, Elsie McBride, Nancy Diemand, Kay Brick and Velta Benn (from the Washington Chapter). Velta brought a Tri-Pacer from Washington and was accompanied by her friends, Melvin Magee (Mac) and



Arlene Feldman (center) and Marie D'Alterio (right) weighed in first penny-a-pound passenger (Mary Ansel) on scale, for the fourth annual Ladies Day at Wings Field.

Hazel Dwiggin, also a Washington Chapter member. "Mac" pitched in as relief pilot and was a great help. Kay Brick was transferred to and from New York by Selma Cronan and Kay Hildebrand in Selma's 172 and was in and out of a Tri-Pacer and a 175. Ann Piggott brought a Tri-Pacer from Lock Haven.

Hourly drawings for free rides were held and these were flown by Dr. Maggie Densmore who also had her secretary-nurse, Hannah Hughes, working all afternoon weighing the women for the penny-a-pound rides. Complementing the flying were those busy on the ground, selling the tickets, lining up the people for rides and loading the airplanes: Marie D'Alterio, Arlene Feldman, Peggy Borek, Hazel Dwiggin, Kate Macario, Judy (Rich) Hopkins, and Joyce Roggio who, with her Land Camera, sold pictures to passengers who requested them. Wing Scouts, too, were there escorting people safely to and from the airplanes. Hazel Fels and her family flew in in their twin Bonanza from Lancaster to join us, and Irma Keyes dropped in, via Erco, from West Chester to see how we were making out. Husbands, too, played a helpful part in the day's activities.

It was an unforgettable day with no mishaps and a net profit of \$470.39; 435 people were flown, 85 men, 233 children and 117 women (the women totaling 15,472 pounds in weight) and all well satisfied customers.

On May 14 Elsie McBride and yours truly attended a Zonta luncheon held at the Warwick at which Elsie gave a greeting from the 99's and Connie Wolf was a guest speaker. Connie had just returned from an 11 nation lighter-than-air race which took place over Holland; she was the owner-captain of the winning balloon. One of the four passengers in the little wicker balloon basket was Connie's good friend, movie star Joan Fontaine.

Pictures of this event plus many other colorful slides of her various ballooning experiences highlighted Connie's talk at the luncheon which was quite thoroughly enjoyed by the Zontians and their guests.

In addition to Nancy Diemand and her daughter, Debbie, we now have another member who plans to participate in the Powder Puff Derby, Dr. Margaret Densmore in her Bonanza with Dr. Constance Volk as her co-pilot. For all four it will be their first race.

Dr. Helen Myers of Lancaster experienced some hard luck with her newly purchased Mooney Mark, when a Bonanza, whose pilot lost control after starting it with the throttle wide open, ran into her plane which was parked inside the hangar, badly damaging both aircraft.

All of us in this Section are looking forward to seeing many 99's and friends in Wilmington, Del., in a few weeks.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Ada R. Mitchell

With the International Air Race over and another one coming up, there will be honor, prizes and much excitement. Girls will be making headlines, and I am all for it, but we often lose sight of the girls who are in our midst and are never noticed for some outstanding achievement. This month my orchid goes to Nancy Hopkins Tier. Nancy is a charter member. She can entertain you for hours with her flying experiences and with the wonderful hours spent with Amelia Earhart, who was a personal friend of hers. Nancy is the director of youth education for her church in the state of Virginia. It is necessary for her to travel over the entire state. This she does by flying to save time and also, she can cover a large area in a day's time. She is doing a wonderful job, and along with her religious work she is demonstrating the type of "women in aviation" that you will find in a wonderful organization such as the Ninety-Nines.

The Washington, D. C. Chapter has four of the out-chewinst gals in the United States. While enroute to the Sectional in Philadelphia, Dorothy Mitchell, Virginia Thompson, Laura Zrener and I stopped off at a Howard Johnson's for a hamburger and coffee. While seated at a table looking out toward Virginia's car, we noticed a fountain of water spurting out of the radiator. I don't remember paying a bill or eating the food, but I do know that all four dashed out to the car. Dorothy Mitchell purchased a package of chewing gum, then all four chewed the gum enough to plug up the hole in the radiator, and with a refill of water we were soon on our way to the Sectional. From that moment on we chewed gum all the way into Phila-

delphia and all the way back to Washington. We were even afraid to spit the gum out for a fresh stick for fear the radiator might spring a leak and no gum.

Velta Benn helped the Philadelphia Chapter fly the "penny-a-pound ride" activity and states that she enjoyed every minute of it, also that it was a huge success.

Our monthly meeting was held last night at Mitzi Moore's new home. And what a surprise we were given when Frances Nolde announced the marriage of Mitzi Moore and Gilbert Keller. We knew that the address was new to all of us but little did we dream that Mr. and Mrs. Keller were responsible for the wonderful buffet supper served before the meeting. And Fran was so cute in the way she announced it. We are so happy for Mitzi and our new 49½. Our best wishes go to both of them.

We were so happy to have Betty Bohn and Bertha Gourley from Baltimore, Md., Gerry Storm from Pennsylvania at our meeting last night. They are all now in the process of becoming new members. And what a nice surprise to have Elizabeth Warneck attend our meeting. Sure a lucky group to have Nancy Lynam transfer to our chapter from San Diego. Now Helen Murphy will have company when she comes into Washington from the Patuxent, Md., base. Adele E. Cotton was a visitor and we were mighty happy to have her also.

Sure am looking forward to seeing all of my friends from other chapters all over the United States at the convention.



CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Louise M. Smith

Rained out again! We were going to meet with Myrtle Thompson Cagle in Greenwood, S. C., for our May meeting.

The Carolinas Chapter is trying out the idea of "taken turns" in writing the News Letter. We'll see how it works out, and if we can get more news this way.

My news—is scouting and more scouting. Just returned from a primitive camping trip—and it was primitive! Right now we are cooperating with an Air Explorer troop in airmarking, and hope to have High Point on the map soon.

This and that: Frances Miller is flying the AWTAR this year, Carolinas only representative.

Maxine Walker is in Richmond, Va., control tower.



Wing Scout Troop 15, High Point, N. C. Left to right, top: Nikki Saunders, Julia Stamey, Rhonda Knight and Brenda Riley. Left to right, bottom: Betsy Price, Tully Crockett, Linda Smith and Neal Arnfield.

Burnette Spencer is spending all her time at the new Spencer Flying Field.

Louise Thaden stays busy assisting 49½er in a new project.

The Smiths, Louise and Herman, Linda and Randy, had a nice flight to Key West with the Carolina Aero Club.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Dorothea M. B. Vermorel

The meeting of the Florida Chapter was held at the home of Jane Kochmit. Taking advantage of a beautiful evening we gathered around the pool and saw films taken by Lee Averman and Connie Poppenhager during the course of the International Air Race and of San Salvador and the surrounding country. We just felt sorry for our girls who missed out on a most wonderful trip. Had reports of the race and find that several of the Latin countries are now vying for the race terminus. Trust we get a definite commitment soon so that we can start planning next year's vacation. Entertained several prospects and were so glad to see Marie Thompson, our wandering member. Irma Price just returned from a quick trip to the Virgin Islands. Your reporter is going to Washington, D. C. to a legal convention in a few weeks and will have a meeting with Mr. Guggenheimer of NAA who has been most helpful to us. Lola Haas, another of our long absent members, joined us last night. I think we should have more movies and races for we had over 20 at the meeting, intent on hearing of the trip. Next meeting in Hollywood. Come join us!

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

By Evelyn Bryan

Welcome to our newest member, Gail D. Johnson of College Grove, Tenn. Gail is a stenographer-bookkeeper for the state of Tennessee. She and her father received their private licenses on the same day. They fly a

club plane from Bomar Field in Shelbyville.

The Tennessee Chapter has several members who are very active in Civil Air Patrol. Sarah Duke is region information officer, and a more active I.O. you will find nowhere. We are all proud of the job Sarah has done in her work with Southeastern Region.

Then there is Georgiana McConnell who is Southeastern Region coordinator of womens activities. Both of these girls have spent most of their weekend time going places for CAP and are doing splendid work for CAP. By the time this comes to print we hope to have Betty Anderson back in our Chapter and Betty is also active in CAP, as she serves as assistant I.O. for the region. Other Tennessee Chapter members active in CAP are Mary Jane Quarles who serves as fiscal officer for the Morristown Squadron CAP and Evelyn Bryan who is flying safety officer for Group IV, Tennessee Wing CAP. We wish every member of our chapter would cooperate with CAP in becoming members. Address of the Tennessee Wing is P. O. Box 7066, Memphis, Tenn., why not contact them and join up now?

We were sorry to hear of the death of Cora McDonald Fraser's father. Although he had been ill for quite some time, it is always a shock to lose a loved one. Our sympathy goes out to Cora.

Georgiana McConnell is going to Europe with the Ninety-Nines. She says she is getting quite excited about it and is delighted to see many familiar names on the list of those going on the tour.

Irene Flewellyn flew up to Morristown from Chattanooga one Sunday recently and put our new member, Mary Sawyer right to work. She brought along two cases of candy for us to sell and in less than a week, Mary had sold every bit of it. Proceeds of our chapter candy sale are to go toward helping with expenses at the race steps in our state this summer. With three stops in Tennessee we are going to have to hustle to try to make them interesting.

Eddie Lee Griffin promises that she is going to rejoin the Ninety-Nines next month and we will be happy to see her one of us again.

ALABAMA CHAPTER

The weather was wonderful on Sunday, May 8, except for rather high winds and so we had a good turnout at the Talladega Airport right outside of Anniston. Both Minnie Wades flew in from Clanton. Grace Bailey flew over from Birmingham, Jan Warrick and her twin sister came from Decatur, and Jaunita Halstead and her 49½ flew up from Montgomery. Since this is my stamping ground, naturally I was there and almost on time, for

a change! We had a picnic lunch, carried out a little business, talked about plans for attending the Festival of Flight in Houston, and then went about our individual paths. The most important single thing accomplished concerned establishing who was to have the tray for the most solo flying during the last six months of 1959. Meredith O. Ward, Tuscaloosa, is the second recipient of the honor, and I hope she will have the tray by the time this letter is circulated.

Attending the Festival of Flight at Houston, Texas was wonderful. Those Texans surely gave us a good time! From the Southeast Section were Lola Haas and Marie Thompson from Florida, Kitty Nix and Arden Hubbard from Georgia, and from Alabama Grace Bailey, Jaunita Halstead, the two Minnie Wades, and yours truly—yes, I made it in my Cessna 175!



OZARK CHAPTER

By Jean Raby

The Ozark Chapter held its first meeting on May 21 at Weiss Airport in St. Louis County. Present at this meeting was Hazel Matz, chairman, and Jean Raby, vice chairman. Previous commitments kept the other members from attending. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Greater St. Louis Chapter and all those who attended our charter banquet in Springfield for their valuable assistance in making this social function a success.

The presence of Loretta Slavick at this meeting helped us of the Ozark Chapter to become better acquainted with some of the activities of the 99's. A welcome visitor to our meeting was Marilyn Collette of Akron, Ohio. Dorothy Rumsey of the Greater St. Louis Chapter also dropped by to offer her assistance to our newly formed chapter.

INDIANA CHAPTER

By Billie Smith

Our May meeting was held at the summer home of Billie Smith. We had a fine writeup in the local paper covering activities of the 99's and publicity on the AWTAR. Local residents were ready for a good turnout at the airport to see the girls fly in, especially the AWTAR entrant Ethel Knuth who is being sponsored by "Fantasyland," in Gettysburg, Pa. Ethel's co-pilot is Sophia Payton. Weather report was for a beautiful sparkling day so by daylight clouds were rolling in and by 9 a.m. the rain

started. Result—everyone flew in on wheels!

During our meeting, reports were given on the sectional at Detroit. The Michigan girls turned on the hospitality as they always do. We enjoyed every minute while there. These girls set a pace that is hard for the rest of us to top.

ON THE GO: Nellie Alger some place in Mississippi. Tanny Schlundt going to New York over Memorial Day. Marty Wilde in Canada for two weeks. Jill McCormick in Denver bowling in the Nationals and Virginia Maggart is flying co-pilot in the AWTAR.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Rose S. Andrew

Four of our members made the trip to the Sectional meeting in Detroit. We were glad that they could get there. The weather was not at all cooperative.

The May meeting of our group was held on the 21st at Bloomington, with Helen Greinke as hostess. We carried sack lunches and sat at tables in a room on the second floor of the Administration building at the Airport. A business meeting was held and then Helen gave us all a good lesson in reading weather teletypes. For some it was a good refresher, and for people like me it was a fine learning experience. Thirteen "girls" were in attendance.

Jo Chernoff, Ann Corkhill and Teri Gruner, who are members of the intercollegiate Flying Club went to the recent meet held at Ohio State, Columbus, Ohio. They were thrilled to hear a talk by Gill Robb Wilson of FLYING, as well as other outstanding people in aviation.

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Adela Scharr

Nostalgia in one gay event! Out of trunks came the helmet and goggles, middy blouse and gym bloomers, foot-long cigarette holders, celluloid collars, straw cadies and blazers, headache bands trimmed with baubles or feathers, the fringe, the monkey fur, the marcel curler, shapeless too-short dresses with their lowered waistlines.

Added to the whimsey were the false eyelashes, French berets, phoney mustachios, tight slit skirts, long ropes of beads, ca'cimined complexions. Those of us old enough to have weathered the times of the first Lindy Hop enjoyed reliving those zany days, I think, more than those who saw this scene for the first time. We charlestoned and black-bottomed and there wasn't a wheeze out of anyone!

Half of Arrowhead hangar was New Yorkese and the other half was Parisienne. Authentic, too. Dot and Don Wheeler, as Paris habitues, won the

costume prizes. Food was a delight and the music most danceable, with revivals of all the 1920's tunes. We say it was a success; 130 reservations proved it. Our CanCan dancers . . . Olevitch, Lake, Duenke, Stoneberg, O'Connell, and Miner . . . showed us why they'd complained previously about sore muscles. They even showed the muscles. Under cover — decorated pillowcases — the Charlestonians from Mars (Whelan, Sellinger, and Loeffler) showed us how it's done in outer space.

And now, 33 years after, everybody's hopping. Fran Merrill to Lockhaven for a Comanche 250 and back the same day! Edith Olovitch and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er, same place, ferrying a Tri-pacer. June and Ed Evers via Cessna 140 to Texas and New Orleans, and June moving to the right side with Dot Rumsey for the Sky Lady Derby. Dot Rumsey, just back from Excelsior Springs where Missouri Pilots Association named her to Board of Directors. Loretta Slavik, MPA Secretary, was reelected and named the workingest aviation booster in the organization. Sylvia and Lack Bloom took the 172 to Kentucky Dam Village Airstrip at Kentucky Lake while Ruth Lake and Mickey Clark flew their 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers in the Lake Tri-pacer. The Bloomsma de a quick return for their children, Barbara and Lack, Jr. It must have been good fishing.

Marilyn Stoneberg left her Bellanca in Houston for relicensing and brought her sister back from Big H. Hilda and Bill Hemmersmeier left on a three day flight that stretched over 25 states for two weeks.

Bill just likes to fly with Hilda as his pilot.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By June Basile

Some time when I am looking over my back issues of the NEWS LETTER I have the feeling that all I reported was a monthly weather report. I really tried to avoid it this time, but all that comes to mind when I reflect on the Michigan Spring Sectional is, we had a busy, fun weekend in spite of the weather. Our only two fly-ins were Alice DeWitt and Corrine Hallgren and their 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers. Lois Miller, Louise Kokesh and their 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers flew as far as Chicago Heights, did a 180 and drove from West Chicago to Dearborn. Nell Brown, Lois Seketa and Alice Kudrna also drove. Eva White, Harold, Tony and I were lucky to get last minute seats on the 707. We all know how efficient and composed airline stewardesses are, but have you ever seen the look of dismay on their faces when the captain announces that flight time will be 33 minutes instead of the scheduled 53 and they have to serve a planeload of breakfasts? I think I would have convinced every-

one that this was the time to start that long put-off diet.

Helen Budwash, Bess Weyan, Alice DeWitt, Irene Fox, Louise Kokesh and I had the fun of planning the April meeting. Twenty six Chicago Area 99's became even closer friends when they had to squeeze into my not too spacious living room. After the formal business meeting, we enjoyed seeing the movie of the 1958 AWTAR. My committee would like to thank Eva White for procuring the film and her sister-in-law, Dorothy White, for acting as projectionist. We were delighted that our two newest members, Corrine Hallgren and Verne Walensky could attend the meeting. We want to welcome them into the Chapter and look forward to the day when our four prospective members, June Rigler, Dolores Mosher, Dorothy White and Charlotte Boggs will become members. Alice and Bernard DeWitt donated the raffle prize for the evening. Bee Siemon will have to get out her flying togs because she won the prize. A ride in a Stearman biplane with Bernard at the controls.

At the beginning of this year we mentioned that this happy little typewriter would be sending out congratulations to our members who are earning new ratings. We have just learned that Irene Gabriel passed her instrument written months ago and she's working on the practical now. She and her husband did take some time to fly their Tri-Pacer down to Florida and after a short stay at home, took off for Colorado Springs by Jet. Another very important thing that happened to her was becoming a grandmother. Kay Buckley has decided to try something a little different, she has been very busy taking acrobatic lessons in a Cub Pacer. We're always so proud to be able to pass along the news about the accomplishments of our members, but as every News Letter reporter will tell you: Ninety-Nines are very modest ladies. If I may, I'd like to make a plea for all the reporters, every member in every chapter should consider herself a reporter and pass along any news she may have about herself or any other 99. Just learning what our friends are doing can be an incentive to take another step forward for another member.

ALL OHIO CHAPTER

By Marilyn Collette

After a horrible month of March with snow, snow, snow, the Ohio 99's are on the move again. I had the pleasure of accompanying our Governor Joan Hrubec in PeeWee to the Charter Dinner of the Ozark Chapter at Springfield, Mo. What fun to meet with our new chapter, and to get acquainted with their eight members.

The weather man cooperated for once, even to giving us a tail wind home. We enjoyed meeting Mr. and Mrs. King who had lived in Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. King was head of the aviation department at Ohio State University for a time. It was also a pleasure to hear our own Arlene Davis, as guest speaker at the banquet. She gave us an excellent talk on her trip to Russia with the FAI, and then gave us some details about her recent flight over the north and south Atlantic in a Travel Air.

The same week-end the All Ohio chapter had it's regular meeting at the Tri City Airport, Coshocton, Ohio. Over 50, including members and guests, were in attendance at this meeting. The Airport folks, and the Chamber of Commerce went all out in hosting the fly-ins and drive-ins to a wonderful meeting. They had a bomb dropping contest, and prizes were awarded to the members. Everyone had a wonderful time, and are looking forward to returning some time in the future.

The following week-end found us at Dearborn for the Sectional meeting. Many thanks to Lois Wilson and her committees, for planning and giving us such a wonderful time. Two events at this sectional stand out in my memory, and I think many of you will agree first of course, was the opportunity of hearing a Michigan 99, Loma May, speak at the banquet. Her wonderful sense of humor with a point certainly was a joy to hear. The second high point of the week-end was the fashion show put on at the luncheon with the Michigan 99's doing the modeling. How well you all looked in your outfits. Thank you Michigan for again providing us with such wonderful hospitality, and you all come to Cleveland in the Fall, and we'll see if we can't reciprocate.

OVERHEARD ON UNICOM; Marge Gorman talking to a friend while at 9,000 feet over Zanesville, Ohio enroute to the Bahamas with hubby Jim. Hope to hear more about this trip next meeting. Jody and Drex Scott, grounded again after selling their plane.

Jody and Drex are going to Europe on the 99 tour. Congratulations to our IAR gals, Margaret Hammon and Virginia Schumacher 5th place, Margaret and Margo Callaway 3rd place; Ione Kiplinger 7th place. I hear a pretty rough race. Edy and John Maxim vacationing in Hawaii, Jean and Doc Bonar planning on going in July. Jean Hixson driving a new Impala these days. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Nickell (Bernita) on the arrival of their prospective 99 who weighed in a 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ pounds. Prospective 99 Bonnie Rich has recently acquired her Private License, get that

application in gal. Martha Foley and her 49½ Jim just returned from a 3 week flying trip which included attending a convention in San Francisco, and home via Mexico City. Sounds wonderful Martha. New 99 Mary Brandman is working on her commercial license with Dottie Anderson as instructor. New member Frances Francis with rer 49½ and 22¾ Sherry enjoyed a 2 week trip to Marathon Keys, Fla. over Easter in Lockbourne Aero Club's Cessna 175.

Our May meeting was held in Columbus, Ohio following the NIFA meet May 15th at the Fort Hayes Hotel. Most of the meeting concerned the forthcoming Fall Sectional and the outcome of the NIFA. The 99 trophy which was awarded to the member (female) who had achieved the most in her flying and participation in her club events. The trophy was presented by Chairman Mary Fecser to Mary Wallace Funk II of Oklahoma. Mary has a commercial license, and very active in her flying club. She is a student of Oklahoma State University, and is also a 99 belonging to the Oklahoma chapter. She is indeed a very deserving winner, and we are so happy to have her in the 99's. Our many thanks to the gals who put out so much effort to help make the weekend a success, Beverly Mather, Jerri Parker, Marion Betzler, Martha Foley, Joan Hrubec and Virginia Schumacher.

At this writing we are indeed looking forward to our next meeting which will be a tri chapter meeting, All Ohio hosting Indiana and Michigan at Bluffton, Ohio June 7th. Anyone in the neighborhood, you all come.

IOWA CHAPTER

By Louise Swift

Finally, we had a beautiful day for our May 15 meeting in Davenport—so perfect a day, that some of the gals must have gone fishin' instead. Sorry Dannie Rosenfield, our brand new member, was unable to make it—we'll roll out the red carpet at the June meeting in Des Moines with Evelyn Grandquist.

Arriving in their Apache, the first to land, were the Dalbeys. Irene and Lloyd, with Alice Pfantz taking a back seat—must add that she was pilot in command on the return trip, tho. Joann and Guy Fortier, flying their Tri Pacer, picked up Tina Healy in Newton and landed at Davenport shortly before Jim Swift and son, Fred, from Maquoketa. Fred, now 16, was at the controls during the entire 15 minute flight in the Tri Pacer. Good thing his mother, Louise, the hostess, had driven down earlier, because Doc Swift had to fly right back to deliver a baby that didn't arrive 'til 5:00. He missed a good dinner at

El Rancho, and an excellent, tho very brief program by IFR pilots Guy Fortier and Lloyd Dalbey on Pointers on Instrument Flying with which 99's might be unfamiliar.

Table talk centered around various flights made by members whenever winter weather permitted. Dalbeys and Swifts spent 2 weeks in Ft. Lauderdale — at separate times — Dalbeys in the Apache, and Swifts in their Bonanza. Pfantz's flew on to Atlantic City from the Spring Sectional in Dearborn. Fortiers picked up a plane at Lock Haven just before Christmas, and made it a vacation by going on to New York City. And the reason Kitty and Cliff Hach couldn't attend this meeting — a business trip to Florida in their Cessna 175.

During the business meeting, Alice Pfantz was elected delegate to the International Convention. She also reported on the Spring Sectional meeting. Incidentally, we had a report on the "branch" meeting of same in Joliet, where the Hachs in their 175, and Joann Fortier and Evey Riden in Evey's Comanche, were all weathered in until Sunday when they returned home without ever setting down at Dearborn. Guess they had a ball in Joliet, tho.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Ryan

On a beautiful spring evening, just made for flying, the following members arrived by car (!) for the April 13 meeting at Wold-Chamberlain: Avis Larson and her friend Inez, who makes wonderful coffee, Jean Scheifley with prospective member Pat Osman, Pat Sullivan with guest John Benson, Ginny Caspersen, Marion and Keith Champlin, ye olde reporter, and quite unexpectedly, Jo Chernoff of the Illinois Chapter who flew in commercially and say our meeting notice in the paper. It was awfully nice having her.

Avis has arranged a most interesting program in the person of George Holley, State Safety Commissioner, who over the past six or eight years has built an impressive slide file of light plane accidents which, accompanied with his analytical narration, have a telling effect on the viewer. Accident statistics, we discovered, are rather hair-raising and although Minnesota figures are slightly more than half of the national average, they are still far too high.

Avis had brought her hot plate, coffee pot, etc., and we all enjoyed Inez's brew during the discussion on the promotion of safer flying.

For our May 11th meeting Northwestern Bell had lent us their weather film, "Unchained Goddess," which we all enjoyed, especially the tornado and hurricane sequences!

Jean and 49½er Chuck Scheifley had Bonanza'd up from Rochester with their 29¾'s Nancy, Charlie and Susie. Helen and neophyte pilot 49/er George Masterson, Avis Larson, Dorothy and 49½er Rocky Ryan attended, along with three brand-new prospective members: Thora Kron of Floodwood, Ardith Carlson of Rosemount and Muriel Summer of St. Paul. Thora had driven 180 miles to attend our meeting— isn't that terrific. It was wonderful meeting them and we hope Thora, Ardith and Muriel will be with us again in June. The new statewide aviation publication, "Minnesota Flyer", for which Avis has been writing a most interesting column, has brought us in contact with many women pilots throughout our state.

The Holman Air Derby will be subject, object and predicate of our June meeting. Avis has worked like mad ferreting out handicaps for the St. Paul Jaycees, and both Pat Sullivan and this reporter have done some typing, but when June 18th comes we'll have a chance to work—as race entrants or ground crews!

Everyone was too busy to attend the Spring Sectional in Dearborn. Jane White and Jean were all set to fly the International but poof! their plans evaporated when Jean simply could not get away. Hope when summer comes we all will have time for hours of happy flying!



FORT WORTH CHAPTER

By Edna Gardner Whyte

With the fast fleeing of time the Fort Worth to Houston Air Race is history. Our growing 99 Chapter will pull 90 degree of flaps to be able to slow up to a pace that we may enjoy the memories of the many nice guests we had the privilege of entertaining in Fort Worth. With the western welcome, good-looking real cowboys, and Junior Chamber of Commerce all in cowboy dress, real western square dance band, lot of good looking horses even the Cowtown Posse was there to welcome our guests. (The horse that fell down in Meacham lobby keeping time to the band will be all right for the sake of those who were so worried.)

Lavonia Jewell and Mary Kahak had charge of the decorations for the banquet. I can not take credit and want to give credit to the girls who worked so hard while I was away flying the International Air Race to San Salvador, Central America. I have

never walked into a prettier ballroom. The pink balloons and crystal chandeliers at fabulous exclusive Shady Oaks Country Club, was just beautiful. I have always said when a group of 99's go to work things formulate that are hard to beat. To all who came to Fort Worth we were honored to have you and will always remember you as the best.

I have never flown an easier course in any race than the white sandy beaches on the Atlantic side then 110 miles through the pass to the Pacific side of which the highest part was 1000 feet. I never went over 1500 feet on the entire course until we reached a few miles out of San Salvador had to go up to 3500 feet because the airport elevation is 2044 feet. Flew the beaches down the Pacific side. When we came near the two mountains that have been active volcanoes, the beaches were black with white waves, a sight I will never forget. It was easy flying and lots of new experiences with other languages, money, customs, airports and nice people. I am unable to tell you in this space of all the generous hospitality extended our women pilots by Central America, especially El Salvador. We were entertained by the Air Force, Dress Review, Air Show, and all, by the American Embassy, and by the San Salvador Aero Club. Cocktails and dinner at the beautiful club on the lake, reception by Presidente Jose Maria Lemus of El Salvador, a charming, friendly man. Cocktails and banquet by the Intercontinental Hotel, champagne party by Col. and officers of the Air Force. I will never forget the trip to mountains and part where nature had done her best for real beauty, the beautiful unusual luncheon in the mountain park with two bands, and all the trimmings, true native. The Guatemala Flying Club even flew down to invite the American women pilots to Guatemala for more entertainment. You have never met such kind friendly people. I was proud of all our women pilots and know they did a good job of improving the relationship between our countries. A lot of credit goes to the Florida Chapter for a good job done on very short notice, proving again when the 99's go to work the job will be done well.

Fly safe and have fun.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER By Rose Stehno

The enclosed picture was taken after nearly 24 hours of flying. About 5:00 one morning we'd left Lock Haven, Pa., for Norwood, Mass., where we spent a couple hours working on the radios; then to Boston where several hours were spent checking out the pilot of Dr. Tom Dooley's Apache, checking weather, going thru customs, etc., etc. By late afternoon, we left Boston and 14 hours later landed on

Santa Maria in the Azores; after eating and refueling we flew five more hours 'till we got to Lisbon, Portugal. I don't know how either of us had energy to smile.

One the left is one of the most interesting people I met on the trip—26 year old Isabel deMello Rilvas of Portugal. She belongs to the 99's, soloed in a Tiger Moth in '53, flies gliders, and is also a Sky Diver. She went to jump school at Centre National Biscarosse in France and at the time



Isabel Rilvas, 99 from Portugal, Rose Stehno, Missouri Valley Chapter 99, and Max Conrad, world famous pilot and record holder.

had made 66 jumps. She and her father are good friends of Max Conrad.

It's hard to know what to say about the flight (I've given about 10 talks to local clubs here and have no trouble talking 30 minutes, but putting it down on two pages is a problem).

One of the most memorable things, I suppose, was watching the sunrise over the Atlantic. There was a solid cloud layer below and scattered clouds above and in all directions. During the dark night these were invisible; but when the sun came up—and it did so with amazing rapidity—the sky became splendor in moving color. Golds, pinks, reds, purples, blues, changing from one to the other like nothing I've ever seen.

Another happy thing was spotting Santa Maria through a hole in the clouds—one and one-half minutes off Max's estimated time of arrival. (The weather map showed either the northern or southern route to be equally good . . . why he chose the southern route, I don't know . . . either it was because he knew I'd never been to Portugal before, or else he thought the water would be warmer there.)

From Lisbon to Paris it was 100 percent instrument weather. In Paris took out two 80 gal. tanks and re-installed back seats. Flew then to Saarbrücken and Baumholder, Germany, where we spent Christmas with two of Max's children. Katy is a model in Paris and was vacationing with her

sister, Jana, who ran the service club on the Army base there.

Katy came with us on the next leg which was to Hamburg. Then Copenhagen. From Copenhagen we flew again, mostly instruments, northward and sure enough, Max found Vaasa, Finland, some 250 miles northwest of Helsinki, and about the same distance from the Russian border. In Vaasa we were treated to many parties, sleigh rides and tremendous hospitality. I even got to fly a J-3. (This was the first plane delivery direct from the U.S.—was bought by a Swede named Helge Edstrom who planned to use it for charter work.)

Max flew back TWA, Katy went to Switzerland via SAS, and I came back a few days later after calling old friends from Czechoslovakia to London on PAA, making it back 11 days after take-off, covering some 16,000-18,000 miles (maps differ).

The number on our Apache was OH-PIA (Oscar Hotel, Papa India Alpha). (Got to be mighty familiar with that mighty plane.)

It was Conrad's 68th delivery (I think) to Europe; first to Finland.

One particularly delightful episode was a radio conversation with the guys at Radio Station Delta, somewhere in the Atlantic. They couldn't figure out what a young lady was doing up there; told them I was hunting for eligible bachelors. They answered "affirmative" when I asked if there were any. They played some Christmas music for us.

TULSA CHAPTER By Agnes Hellman

Our May meeting did us proud in that there were nine of our 12 members present; and we had four guests. Cheryl Johnson of the Oklahoma Chapter and Gay McCauley, Mary Krutsch and Erlene Varney as prospective new members.

Pat Bauer and Jean Thomas assured that they are all set and raring to go in the Sky Lady Derby. Our best wishes go with them and you'll all know how they fared before you read this.

Agnes and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er Paul Hellman took four days away from the work-a-day world to delight in a Florida vacation. Sunday, May 22, Lois Martin, Pat Bauer, Faye Gilstrap and Agnes Hellman were guests at the Oklahoma Chapter meeting at the new Tulakes Airport in Oklahoma City.

End of school activities prevented any of us from attending the Sectional meeting in Houston and from the glowing reports we know we missed a wonderful time. Hope that never happens again.

HOUSTON CHAPTER By Alice Seaborn

It was really wonderful that so many of you could make it to Houston for the Spring Sectional. We hope you

enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having you and that you will come back soon and often.

I'm a defeatist. I said Virginia Anderson would be our newest member at the sectional. Well right after that Rhea Hurrle graduated two more and we prodded them right out to our meetings and loaded all of them with work. The last two members are Dee Morris and Nancy Jameson. Dee flew in the Fort Worth-Houston Air Race and she was up against some real experts. But everybody said it was a very fine race. And we hope all of you were impressed by the number of new members we had to introduce to you at the luncheon.

Our parachutist, Judy Simpson, was scheduled for a jump near the Shamrock Saturday, May 14, and again Sunday, May 15, but the wind was blowing a gale and both jumps had to be cancelled. However the sun was shining and the wind was in the right direction for those pilots who were flying in northerly directions so we shouldn't complain.

Those attending our last regular May meeting were Gertrude Howard, Celia Parrish, Frances Castleberry, Judy Simpson, Dee Morris, Virginia Anderson, Merle Boitnott, Jean King, Rhea Hurrle, Nancy Jameson, Helen Booker, and Alice Seaborn.

NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER

By Hazle Nealey

My thanks to our chairman, Helen Hewitt, for writing the May News Letter for me while I was at the bedside of my very ill 49½er. Bet all your pennies, girls, that you will find the best 'ole gals in the world right in your 99 chapters and WNAA units. I could fill the News Letter with wonderful things these girls did for me at the very time I needed them most. My 49½er is up and about now and insists that I continue with my plans to fly the Skylady Derby. The race will be history by the time you read this, too bad. I can't warn you of a green Cessna 150 you might see doing the Eagle Rock, cause that will surely be me. Shreveport and Bossier City are bubbling over with excitement about the Skylady Derby terminating here and the WNAA National Convention being held in Shreveport.

Dorothy King and 49½er Clark, a captain in the Air Force at Barksdale, have joined the Barksdale Area Club. I had the pleasure of attending one of the club meetings. I am sure Dorothy and Clark will enjoy being members.

Pat Ward, our 19 year old pride, now has her instructor's instrument rating, she is a real bird. Can't ever reach her at home, only get an answer she flew either north, east, south or west today. Must mention Pat's father who is a reporter on one of our local newspapers, and has handled

our publicity on the Skylady Derby. We have had wonderful publicity and every line reads just right; our thanks to you, Reggie Ward.

Mildred and Bob Carney drove to California for a month's vacation. Bob returned by car leaving Mildred behind who will fly home in a couple of weeks. We missed having Mildred at our May meeting.

Betty Lyons looks fresh and new as spring. If you can't catch her at home just call the Downtown Airport. Bet someone there can tell you which direction her Bonanza went. Would be nice to see Betty fly in the AWTAR.

Helen and Whitie Hewitt flew to Houston on May 13 with Dottie and Bud Ports in Dottie's new Skylark to attend the South Central Sectional meeting. They reported a wonderful time. I hear that Whitie and Bud sat in the lobby trying to catch another glance at some of our 99 beauties.

Our May meeting was held in the attractive home of Bess Goodwin on Addison Street in Shreveport. After reading in the newspaper of our newly organized chapter, Bess invited us to hold our meeting in her home. She has a daughter living in Arizona who is a 99 member. The evening was spent listening to Dottie Ports and Helen Hewitt's report on the Sectional meeting in Houston. Congratulations to the Houston Chapter for your success as hostess to the joint sectional meeting. Our gracious hostess served little cake squares and pamonice cream with hot coffee. We are so grateful to our new friend, Bess Goodwin.

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Dorothy Warren

Orchids to the Fort Worth Chapter for the lovely pre-race festivities on the Fort Worth to Houston Air Race. More of same to the Houston Chapter for a Sectional long to be remembered. Dallas was well represented at the sectional with 10 members present. They included Marge Barr, Hazel Corry, Lucille Hoffer, Pat Jetton, Jo Allison, Martha Ann Reading, Doris Weller, Rowena Burns, Joyce Wright and myself. Also had Pat, Lucille and Rowena's 49½ers present.

We are happy to welcome Helen Wilkie to our chapter as our newest member. She is a new private pilot and the proud owner of a Bonanza that she and her doctor husband fly off of Redbird Airport.

Another new plane owner is Lorraine Hardin who recently purchased an Ercope which she also keeps at Redbird Airport.

Congratulations to Lucille Hoffer on her brand new instrument rating. Lucille got her private last August 13 and is certainly to be commended for getting her instrument rating just eight and a half months later with a

total time of 172 hours. Lucille's 49½er Temple also got his instrument rating in May.

Sue Connally and I attended the fly-in breakfast at Tulakes Airport in Oklahoma City on May 22. The Oklahoma Chapter and the Tulsa Chapter were having a joint 99 meeting that morning and Sue and I were invited to attend. We certainly enjoyed meeting all the girls and hearing of their many activities.

As I write this Pat Jetton, Joyce Wright, Sue Connally, Joan Huckleba and Marge Bunch are on their way to Nashville to fly in the Skylady Derby and then attend the WNAA convention at Shreveport at the end of the race. We wish them all luck and good flying weather.

CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPTER

By Ardath McCreery

Meetings delayed because of weather, but finally Ada Toland and Ardath McCreery, McAllen, and Rooky Biehn, Portland, Bonanzaed and Jaguared into Corpus Christi for a luncheon meeting then a visit to Louise Clarkson's new home . . . dance floor right on the roof top. Plans for rummage sale already carried out—'tis quite a chore having to tote rummage the 150 miles to McAllen. Plans for the summer: Merle Dunnam to Europe with 99's. Louise Clarkson to Copenhagen for geological convention, she and 49½er will visit other parts of Europe in their two months stay. Elaine Needham to Wheaton, Ill. Veda Tennent to the convention in Wilmington and the rest of us will sweat it out in South Texas. Patti Bird home from North Texas College for the holidays. Patti always manages to get in a little flying when she is home; she will be working at the county auditors office again this summer. Pauline Glasson is up and at air marking again; she and Veda have been scouting as well as having completed 14 markers with the help of the Wing Scouts. Pauline believes in supplying us with future 99's and of course air marking helpers. She has eight women students. The girls in Corpus really did enjoy a pleasant surprise when all but one of the International Air Race planes were grounded there because of weather two and one-half days. We hope the girls enjoyed their stay as much as we enjoyed having them. Merle Dunnam and Veda Tennent attended the South Central and Southeastern Convention — reporting those Houston girls certainly did a lot of planning. A most enjoyable time. Rooky Biehn yanked out the grass in her front lawn and there placed white gravel. Why, we asked, and Rooky quickly answered, "when the future 99 arrives I'm going to be in the house caring for her—not out there mowing the lawn."

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By June Crosby

The "red carpet" was rolled out at the Spring Sectional in Houston, Tex. The Houston Chapter showed us some real Texas hospitality. The weather cooperated by being bright and sunny. The girls all agreed that the word for this sectional was "plush." Gene Nora Stumough reports the highlight of the trip for her was "checking out" a new Cessna 210 over the city at night. Jean Williams brought home the "Tail End Tony Trophy" in the Fort Worth to Houston Race. You know the old saying, start at the bottom and work up. Speaking of trophies, Wally Funk won the "Intercollegiate



Jean Williams (left), winner of the TET Trophy in the Fort Worth-Houston Air Race, and Wally Funk, two-time winner of the 99 Trophy presented by the All-Ohio Chapter of 99's to the outstanding 99 woman pilot competing in the NIFA meet in Columbus, Ohio.

99's Trophy" for the second time at the NICA meet at Columbus, Ohio, presented by the Ohio Chapter of 99's. Congratulations to Jean and Wally.

Spring has really sprung here in Oklahoma. The day was perfect for our May meeting at Tulakes Airport. Tulakes had a fly-in breakfast and a dedication ceremony dedicating the "Tulakes tower". Our meeting had girls from Tulsa and Dallas. Those attending from Tulsa were Pat Bauer, Lois Martin, Faye Gilstrap and Agnes Hellman. The girls from Dallas attending were Dorothy Warren and Sue Connally. Our chapter had 19 girls present and one prospective member, Dorothy Fox, Susie Sewell, Mary Lester, Broneta Evans and Nema Mason-hall all gave good reports on the AWTAR. The girls seem to have everything under control. The Tulsa girls are to be in charge of the Fort Smith "stop." The Tulsa Chapter has

invited us to Tulsa for our June meeting. Everybody come!

Sorry to hear that Velma Woodward's husband, Dr. Woodward, is in the hospital. Hope he is feeling better.

Glad to report that Rita and Leonard Eaves are up and around. They have started to rebuild their airplane and hope to have it good as new.

Mary Lester, husband and three children are flying their Cessna 172 down to New Orleans, then to Miami Beach, Fla., for the American Medical Association and the Flying Physicians Association meetings. From Miami Beach they will tour the East Coast to Maine, for a very pleasant vacation.

Congratulations to Donna Shirley, she has now soloed the "glider." Ann Comfort's papers are being processed from the Colorado Chapter but we don't know how long we will keep her in Oklahoma. She is sporting a diamond on that left hand.

See you in Tulsa.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Peg Ong

When those southern gals say "ya'll come now" that's just what they mean . . . the southern hospitality certainly was well proven this past weekend at the sectional! When ya landed at Fort Worth, they greeted ya with a cold Coke in one hand and the registration papers in the other. After getting all signed up for everything, there was western music and square dancing to enjoy. The evening affair at the Shady Oaks Country Club was dreamy . . . and what a place! This reporter just doesn't have the vocabulary to describe it properly. Friday, the 13th, found us at Houston (after transmitter failure — and the southern hospitality showed up again — they let us into International with lights) and then more luxury at the Shamrock. It was such fun getting to meet so many of the gals that I have read and heard of (my first sectional) but know that the gals who have been 99's for some time thoroughly enjoyed renewing old acquaintances too! Me thinks that the Texas gals really deserve lots of credit for putting on quite a sectional! We all sweat out the Atlantic crossings with Max Conrad and I for one was glad I wasn't with him—know I would have hit the panic button many times. Those from the Colorado Chapter who attended were Alice Fuchs, Francie Warner, Helen Choun, Verna Christopher, after many, many difficulties Mary Wenholz, and 49½'er Jim and I. Oh yes, I presume Gene Nora Stumbough should be counted with us since she is still officially accosiated with our chapter but is in the process of transferring to the Oklahoma Chapter much to our dismay. Really the climax of the southern hospitality was our rescue by Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis Foster when we got fouled up with

weather in Wichita Falls, Tex., on our return flight. They provided us with food, drink, shelter and transportation—oh how I love these 99's and their wonderful 49½'ers!

The regular May meeting was hosted on May 4 by Alice and Bill Fuchs down at the Air Academy. We were unable to attend but am grateful to Donna for the info. They met for cocktails and a fabulous dinner at the Officers Club. They entered the planetarium at 8 p.m. and saw the program entitled "Stars from the Springs" . . . the constellations and stars as seen from this region. Apparently it was most enjoyable and educational. The planetarium is open to the public at specific times so those of you who might be in the area on vacation this summer should check the time schedule because it is very worthwhile. Much to our regret we will be bidding Alice and Bill farewell shortly. Major Bill is to be an exchange officer in the RCAF and stationed in Ottawa, Canada. Those able to participate in this wonderful 99 evening were Helen Maxson, the Nordstroms, Verna Christopher, Betty Stackhouse, the Frenzels, the Warners, and their guests Dorothy and Bill Harnsom, the Longbrooks and their guests Dottie and Bill Emery, Grace's sister and brother-in-law from Wilmington, Del., Lynn Pflieger and her guest John Voros, the Jameses, the Mugueles, the Wenholzes, Thelma Thomas, Grace Mayfield, and Donna Myers.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

By Marian Burke

The April meeting of the San Antonio Chapter was held at the Dobb's House dining room at International Airport in San Antonio. The chief topic for discussion was the 99 fly-in "dutch" picnic to be held June 12 at Marian Burke's. Check with your chapter chairman for location on map, pack up a picnic lunch and come join us. We will have ice cold drinks and plenty of good desert to eat.

International Air Race third place winner Margaret Callaway stopped in San Antonio for a visit on her way back to Ohio. She was just returning from San Salvador and said her Central American visit was real fun. Congratulations on being one of the winners, Margaret!

The May meeting for the San Antonio Chapter was cancelled since everyone felt that it may interfere with plans for those attending the Sectional meeting at Houston. Capt. "Meg" Guggolz and Cornelia Davis in Cornelia's Mooney Mark 20 attended the Sectional meeting. They were accompanied by Cornelia's 49½'er E. A. They all enjoyed the hospitality of the hard-working Houston Chapter. Cornelia said Max Conrad's speech was excellent!

Now let's talk about air races. It's

getting to be that time of the year. The San Antonio Chapter had no entree in the International Air Race but we were represented in the Fort Worth to Houston Race. Cornelia and E. A. flew the Mooney Mark 20 and said it was lots of fun. Johnnie Robertson flew a Comanche in second place. Marian Burke is making plans to enter the TAR. Don't know for sure yet if we will have an entree in the Sky Lady Derby. All of you gals better polish up those planes, plot your courses and head for the Air Races. It sounds like fun.

ABILENE, TEXAS CHAPTER

By Beverly Tarpley

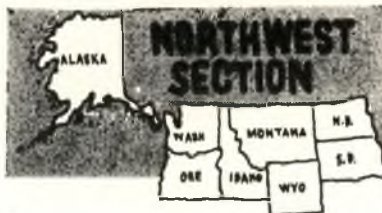
First, a great big "thank you" to the Houston Chapter for a wonderful spring sectional meeting at the Shamrock Hilton. Only Marilyn Schulz, her 49½er and your reporter were able to attend from our chapter, but by now the rest of the chapter knows what a good time they missed. The high point of the convention was the address by Max Conrad, and now I'm sure that we all feel a little as though we had accompanied him on those long trips.

We closed out our spring air marking project by marking the new airport at Abilene "Butterfield Trail." The paint brushes are now cleaned and put away for the summer, but as soon as the weather gets cool enough in the fall, we have lots of towns in mind that are to be marked. The weather has stopped us from marking, but not from planning for it. We had the soft drink concession at the grand opening of the Butterfield Trail Airport on May 22, and all our profits are going into the paint fund.

Since our last report we have had some wonderful "drop in" visits from 99's Alice Roberts of Phoenix, governor of the Southwest Section; Lois Bartling of San Diego, member of the TAR committee; and Edith Denny of Canada. We always enjoy hearing from those who come through Abilene. We have a roster of members posted at the airport and we hope you will call any or all of us when you are in town.

Speaking of the TAR, we are hard at work on arranging the Amarillo stop, but we are having some problems since our homes are 260 miles from the stop. If you know of any women fliers in the area, we would welcome their names, or any other assistance.

Our new chapter officers, elected at our May meeting to take office in October, are: Chairman, Beverly Tarpley; vice chairman, Marilyn Schulz; secretary-treasurer, Gloria Puckett; News Letter reporter, Peggy Hawes; membership chairman, Ruby Caldwell; air marking co-chairmen, Mary Beth Crutchfield and Maxine Elam.



EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER

By Betty Storrs

Plans for the Northwest Sectional, September 2-4, really got rolling at the Eastern Idaho meeting last May 15. Seven of our nine members attended the meeting in Blackfoot, a real record for such a widely scattered group. The sectional sounds like lots of fun for the 49½ers as well as members, so plan to bring the family, girls.

Esther Stone piloted her Tri-Pacer up from Pocatello. It was a real thrill to see her in the air again. Congratulations on such a wonderful, fast recovery from your accident, Esther. Also making the trip were Virginia Huidekoper and her 49½er from Wilson, Wyo., Mitzi Hutchinson and Selma Van Der creek of Blackfoot, Onita Hoff, Carole Gillespie and Betty Storrs of Idaho Falls.

Next meeting is set for Jackson, Wyo., June 5 for lunch.

Onita's son, Bobby, passed his flight check for his private license in May, becoming the fifth pilot in the family, with two to go. Dick has soloed and hopes to be ready for his license shortly after his 17th birthday in July. And those boys handle a large part of the ranch work, too!

Selma took her Tri-Pacer to Dallas and Omaha, where her 49½er attended dental conventions. She had a wonderful five days in each city, including a grand visit to SMU.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Marie L. Reynnells

A hearty welcome to our new Oregon Chapter of 99's. Enthusiasm and good fellowship reigned at Troutdale May 21 during the organizational meeting. Thirteen charter members signed up and several interested pilots will be joining soon. Governor Minnie Boyd, Chairman Betty Seavey, Lygie Hagan, Marilyn Knowles, Arlene Trotter, Mollie Frese and Marie Reynnells represented Eastern Washington Chapter with five Western Washington members adding to the activities of the day.

The Oregon mist rolled (let's face it) CHARGED up and down the Columbia gorge all day but attendance was good, our mission is accomplished and that enthusiastic group of Oregon women are off to happy flying with our wonderful 99 family. VIVE LES GIRLS! Their first meeting is set for PDX International Airport June 4 with a no host luncheon.

Lygie and Cornie Hagan left Trout-

dale en route to San Francisco where Cornie is attending the Pacific Coast Otolaryngological meeting. (Note: even Lygie had to slow down while she spelled this one.)

Attending the Wenatchee meeting April 24 were seven members and four prospective ones. A luscious buffet luncheon at Carol Radewan's was the highlight of the day. The Oregon meeting was carefully planned during the day. New members Mollie Frese and Arlene Trotter were welcomed. Mollie's 15 year old daughter, Joan, is a student pilot and just waiting for that happy day when she too can join us. Marilyn Knowles now has that commercial rating.

Jean Carbon is still living it up in Honolulu, is a proud grandmother, with an ETA of June 1 in sunny Spokane.

Elaine Moe of St. Maries, Idaho just returned from a month in Europe. We are expecting a report from her at our meeting June 26. Fly your planes, bring your families, and fill up the picnic basket.

Dorothy Dailey of Priest River, Idaho, reports she is managing Priest Lake Lodge at Coolin Bay and hoping to get an airstrip there. We hope you do too!

Charts are flying, computers clicking, and the girls are looking for special clothes for the AWTAR. Minnie Boyd and co-pilot Marion Owen had their picture taken at the Troutdale Airport, Gini Richardson plans to enter and Lygie Hagan is getting zeroed in. It all sounds exciting and none of us want to stay home.

Forecast: Fall sectional is to be in Idaho Falls, September 3, 4 and 5 with Eastern Idaho Chapter as hostess.

Barbara Thisted reminds us that all active chapters need a project if they are to progress. This air marking of towns seems to make sense and will take a lot of helpers. Isn't it great to fly over and see that name in big letters?

Thought for the month:

"They serve indeed who stand and wait,

But better serve, who PERCOLATE."

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Ruby Mathis

On May 15 our chapter departed from the usual monthly meeting and went to Snohomish to learn about sky diving. Helen Appel, Vanecia Adderson, Terry Kellogg, Maxine Fancher, Ginny Andrews, Winnie Blythe, Pat McGee and Louise Smith attended. They were shown how to pack a sports chute, which is more maneuverable than a regular one, saw spot landings, free fall jumps and were given instructions on the correct way to fall.

Terry reported their Beech is getting new tip tanks. She spent four

days in Anchorage recently—bet she was spoiling the new grandchild.

Sunday, May 21, Ginny Andrews, Terry Kellogg, Marion Owen, Ruby Mathis and guest Darlene Crawford flew to Troutdale, Oregon to help support the reactivation of the Oregon Chapter. There were 13 eligible prospective members ready to sign up and several student pilots on hand. Looks like they will have a "going" chapter shortly. Was nice to visit with the other NW 99's who arrived. Hope they had better weather going home than they did coming down. Winnie Blythe and Van Adderson couldn't get thru and were sorry to miss the meeting.

We are all looking forward to the sectional at Idaho Falls on Labor Day weekend.

With all the chatter about the race, convention, etc., sure makes you want to attend and not miss out on all the fun. Sounds like there is going to be a good turn-out from this section.

MONTANA CHAPTER

By Jeanie Brink

Norma Wingfield, chairman of the Montana Aviation Council, presided over the recent meeting in Great Falls on April 10. The council is comprised of the five aviation groups in Montana: Flying Farmers, 99's, CAP, Base Operators, and the MPA. The main project at their dinner meeting was legislation on the personal property tax as it affects aviation. Chapter president Pud Lovelace of Bozeman and Betty Herrin made it all the way to Great Falls by hitch-hiking in a 210.

The Missoula Hangar chose three of our 99's for the three top positions in the organization: Jimmy Juhn, president; Norma Rossignol, vice president; and Elsie Hartley, secretary-treasurer.

Patty Orsby will have 40 students at Harve ready for private license check rides this month. This represents hours of work for Patty and we know her students have been well taught.

Dorothy Sabo is getting ready for a June wedding for her daughter. She left by commercial airlines for San Francisco in May where she helped her daughter pack and drive home to Bozeman where the wedding will be held.



LONG BEACH CHAPTER

By Fran Bera

Our May meeting was hostessed by Jean Clark at her Whittier home. After our business meeting we had the

most delicious strawberry cake baked by Jackie Sepulveda. We had many new members and prospective members and guests present. Of course our main topic again was the progress on the AWTAR plans. Things seem to be very well under control under the capable leadership of Chairman Rita Gibson and her committees. We voted to impound the planes of chapter members racing on July 3, or a ten dollar fine. This will leave our members free to work when the others arrive. More contestants entering from our chapter are Betty Faux and Carroll Dunn in a Tri-Pacer, Betty Miller and Dana Rawding in a 172, still others trying for sponsors and planes.

Welcome new members Betty Jane Farrell and Carroll Dunn, also prospective member Edna Bower received her private license this month.

Edna Stennett (our flying realtor) is now owner of a Tri-Pacer and has a new office on the Fullerton Airport. Two of her salesmen also have planes and she has a contract to sell Salton Sea property. So anyone interested can just fly in and buy a parcel of real estate from Edna.

Claire Walters is still flying the freeway patrol for radio station KDAY. She gives all the traffic conditions as they happen. If you really want to get in a traffic jam just drive down the freeway Monday morning between 7 and 8 listening to KDAY.

Betty Hicks flew to Fort Huachuca for a golf tournament.

The members attending the Southwest Section reported a very good time, even if the weather didn't cooperate.

Fran Bera, Edna Bower, Mary Clark and Maxine Powell flew to the Grand Canyon with "Holiday on Wings". They rode mules to the bottom of the canyon, an eight hour ride, it was a beautiful trip and worth all the aches and pains. We also saw Hilda Raef-snyder at the Canyon and some 99's from other chapters.

Our sincere wishes for a rapid recovery to Myra Dudley Greer who underwent major surgery on the day of our meeting. Dudley is hoping to be well enough to participate in the AWTAR with her daughter as planned. H E L P -- In preparation of the 1960 AWTAR the Long Beach Chapter would like to obtain out-dated flying suits or costumes which women pilots have worn since women have been flying for use in a brunch fashion show which the Long Beach Chapter and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce will sponsor July 8. If anyone knows of any such outfits, we would like to borrow them for this event, or the owners model them themselves, if they plan to be present at the pre-

race activities. We would like information about these outfits concerning size, description, year of wearing, type of plane flown while wearing and anything pertinent to the clothing.

All letters of reply should be sent to:

Mrs. Mary Dougherty
4413 Paseo de las Tortugas
Torrance, California

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Katee Braithwaite

It's high time we make an account of ourselves. Our regular reporter, CHRIS WARREN, is very much involved with her new dance studio. Shouldn't be any excuse to neglect our flying activity.

The first day of May found a good turnout to our Yucca Valley fly-in, planned and executed very nicely by Virginia Showers and hosted by Mr. Haskell, who supplied us transportation to the various activities available in this small valley—horseback riding, swimming, and golfing were indulged and luncheon at each ones leisure.

Our May meeting was again held at Elsie Smith's Club Room. We had the honor of a visit by our own Wing Scouts, "The Blue Angels." A very attractive group of girls 15 and 16 years of age, full of aviation enthusiasm in every phase. Mary Ann Craig and Mrs. Anshen are working very diligently and the response will be mutually beneficial.

The Powder Puff Derby just around the corner finds four of our members teaming up, Mary Ann Craig and Vivian Thompson and Katee Braithwaite and Fritz Haney each flying Skylanes. The round of activity supplied the entrants before and after the race is staggering—but it's certainly impressing to know and have so many groups behind this race. You've just got to go!

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Shirley Robinson

Former chapter chairman Trixie-Ann Schubert, in Germany with husband Dell, who is teaching psychology to the Air Force boys, writes: "Extending to 99's on the European tour an invitation to Air Force entertainment at its choicest." Wiesbaden 5-22474 is the magic number by which the Delwyn Schuberts always can be located. This isn't easy—"So far I've covered, at some leisure, Spain, France, Africa, Portugal, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg. To Scandinavian countries in June. Boning up on Russian language, will go to Moscow if military clearance comes thru. Next Christmas in the Holy Land. La Scala opera at Milano, art galleries in Florence, smelly canals in Venice; ill at Madrid bullfight; Africa with its strange sights, smells, Kasbah; Assisi on Good Friday. Good (plush) life of

military at our recreation centers of Garmish, Berchtesgaden, Chiemsee. Will meet Polly and Fred Stoehr in Wiesbaden (after Polly's AWTAR). Joined German soaring club. Woods full of tech. reps. from Lockheed, North American, etc. Will return to U. S. in fall of '61."

Meanwhile, back in the states—(oh, no) Lola Ricci and hubby to Yucca Valley for L.A. Chapter fly-in; she gnashing her teeth for teaching him to fly—said he has let her make only one landing since then! Lola and Virginia Hall to Desert Air and Long Beach; Winnie McLean to BFL and Apple Valley; Bonnie Meacham passed commercial written; Irene Leverton passed ATR written, also reports a phenomenal tail wind from Mexico City to Mazatlan; Lois Miles (formerly Zdenek) reports same from Fresno to Van Nuys (1 hr. ? ?); Audrey Schutte with a bad case of Navion fever (loves 'em), flying to Lake Havasu for water skiing, also Palm Springs; Liz Crowley flying an Apache 310, working for her seaplane ratings; Jan Wood and her 170 to the Phoenix Sectional, took Liz, Renee Brown and a prospective 99. Thanks to Jan, a near-pro golfer, for this duffer's first golf lesson at beautiful country club at Phoenix.

For the Jean Rose branch of our chapter—she and prospective 99 Lorraine Parro flew a new Rose Aviation Cessna 150 in from Wichita; Ruth Ling graduated from the ranks of student pilot on March 26; Leda Sachnoff checked out in a Cessna 175 and is studying math at UCLA for her Ph.D.

Each member of our Wing Scout Troop, Flight 80, was recently rewarded for months of work in completing 12 requirements for the first rating, "Analyst," by receiving their little silver wings. Also, one of our Wing Scouts, Jan Coppedge, was elected president of the Burbank Senior Girl Scouts, quite an honor.

UTAH CHAPTER

By Alberta Nicholson

The Phoenix Chapter was certainly the "hostess with the mostest" at the recent Southwest Spring Sectional, Ruth Walker and Eunice Naylor made it by surface and commercial transportation and report a wonderful time. Jo Waddoups, her 49½er and friends winged away from Salt Lake Airport early Friday morning hoping to make Phoenix by lunch time, but were weathered in at Richfield, Utah for three days. Better luck next time, Jo.

For the past six months, members of the Utah Chapter have been anxiously awaiting a planned fly-in to the Dugway Proving Grounds at Dugway, Utah. The big day arrived May 7 with perfect flying weather. Seven members of the 99's and their 11 guests toured Dugway's facilities, including the new radiation test center

and Michael's AFB. A delicious lunch was served at the Officer's Club. Lt. Max E. Newman, PIO for the base, conducted the tour. Those attending the fly-in were Chairman Eunice Naylor, Ethel McDermott, Vern and Jessie Carter, Max and Jo Waddoups, Louise Rice, June and Linda Raybould, Ruth and Dean Waller from Provo, Alberta and Walt Nicholson, Margaret Loy, Rosalie Jorgensen, David Bates, Woody Walton and Hugh Monson.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Claire Raley

Gerry Mickelson did a lovely job of entertaining our chapter at our May meeting in her home. Gerry served a delightful buffet luncheon, at the end of which we had a surprise stork shower for Jo Eddleman whose first hint of the event was when she was invited to cut a beautifully decorated cake inscribed with "Welcome Wee One." Jo, who expects the new arrival in September, received many beautiful and useful gifts.

Those attending the meeting were Genevieve Hall, Hialeah Reilich, Ruth Wagner, Florence Breen, Ruth Lummis, Claire Raley, Helen Mace, Jo Eddleman, Gerry Mickelson and Mary Dunson and Nan Giroux who flew over from Reno in Nan's 210. Visitors were Elaine Lancaster, Edith Hammer, Edith Brewer and Irma Wiles from Lodi.

Most of our business meeting was given over to a discussion of ideas for the fall sectional to be held in Sacramento, so to all of our members who were not present, please start doing some heavy thinking on ideas for raising money and otherwise and be sure to present them at our forthcoming meetings.

We haven't seen Nelsyne Jones or Carol Bloom in a long time now, please come back we miss you.

Mary McFarland and her 49½er are now living in Klamath Falls, Oregon, where he is working in the FAA office in communications.

Hialeah Reilich piloted her 172 to the Phoenix sectional, with Genevieve Hall, Mary Moore of Concord and Gladys Haney of Redwood Empire who has a brand new license, going along as passengers. Hialeah says they had a wonderful time in Phoenix, the only unpleasant part of it all being a severe wind and sand storm on the desert but the return trip she says was beautiful.

Gerry Mickelson made several attempts to get to Phoenix but was finally forced to cancel entirely because of weather.

June Devine and her 49½er just happened to be spending a few days at the "Flying E Ranch" near Wickensburg so she hopped in the Bonanza and flew in for a visit with some of the girls.

Ruth Wagner along with her hus-

band and son also attended the sectional, flying over in their 180.

Florence Breen and 49½er, Jack, just returned from another of their trips to Lincoln, Neb., this time they brought their daughter, Joyce, home with them for a good long visit.

That's all the news for now, see you next month.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Terry Vasques

Our May meeting was well attended giving me a good opportunity to catch up with many of our members. At Edna Penners' home, after the business meeting, I talked with Gina Chatfield Pournelle. She tells me her husband is wandering around the Ituri Forest in the Belgian Congo looking for a female Okapi to send back to our famed San Diego Zoo as companion to the only Okapi in the U. S. there. (Okapi are related to the giraffe.) Dr. Pournelle was on that first Pan American flight inaugurated from New York to Leopoldville.

One more crew from San Diego for the AWTAR — Martha Mullen with Clara Aldrich as co-pilot, in a Comanche 250. I hear they're planning to do a bang-up job of advertising for their sponsor — Teller of San Diego.

Speaking of TAR, San Diego Chapter will "man the clock at Needles." Many thanks to Ruby Keaveny and Ruth Propsner who have volunteered to brave the heat and miss the thrilling start of the race. Ruby, incidentally, is just back from Colorado and Nebraska, logging passenger time on 707, DC-7 and DC-3.

Jessie Ostrander has also logged passenger time. Her trip to La Paz with Milford Ellis' painting class was a success. Now her watercolors are on exhibit along with those of other outstanding members at the San Diego Public Library.

Lois Bartling has returned after experiencing much snow, rain, hail, dust and even a tornado during her trip to and from Florida last month.

Clara Aldrich's 49½er, Leon, has been commuting to his job in Redlands since the first of the year via the family Tri-Pacer, confining Clara's flying to weekends.

Gertrude and John Lockwood will be leaving via Cessna 175 on their annual extended vacation. Plans are to stop and visit everyone they know on their way East — then to swing north through New England, to Nova Scotia and the Gaspe Peninsula. They will investigate the St. Lawrence waterway before heading west across Canada with a stop at Banff and Lake Louise. Then a respite at Blakely Island before returning to a very busy year in San Diego. Gertrude is on the AWTAR, Inc. board now — and this means work.

Ann Bledsoe is getting closer to

San Diego. She and 49½er are building a "base of operations" in Carlsbad on a lovely hill overlooking the ocean amidst 115 avocado trees. It sounds delicious, Ann.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER By "Polly" Stoehr

May 12, at Brackett Field Pilot's Lounge, San Gabriel Valley gals and friends heard Don Downie narrate his film "The Cumulus and You". It was very interesting and brought many questions.

Ruth and Don attended Aviation Writers' Convention in Los Angeles recently. Had trip to Vandenburg Air Base—saw missiles and pads, also U-12 and X-15 at Edwards Air Base—plus many other new type planes.

Polly and Boyd Phelps flew DC-8 to Hawaii last month for a 12 day vacation. While there they flew a Comanche sightseeing to Island of Oahu. On May 6 they flew their Navion to Desert Air for the Navion race. Logging X-C time, Polly flew the Navion up Reno way for a weekend.

Jane Haag loaded her Cessna 170B and took off for Phoenix sectional April 22. Penny Swope and Norma Wilcox were already there. The Phoenix 99's were the most wonderful hostesses in the world. Penny and Jane each won a prize: Penny a pair of Ray Ban sun glasses, and Jane a desk set for carrying the most human weight into Phoenix. (I knew

my husband and son were heavy for some good reason.)

Betty Humble and chief pilot husband Arnold flew over for a couple of days to Las Vegas in April. Also flew the Comanche out to Brackett for the May 12 meeting. Arnold and some friends practiced night landings that delightful evening while the others attended the meeting—and who could blame them? (I was envious.)

The next morning early "Polly" and Fred Stoehr were among the 150 flying enthusiasts who participated in Annual Holiday on Wings at Grand Canyon, May 13, 14 and 15. Yes, "Polly" received a prize. For what? She's not sure. Best landing? or the most landings? Anyway the gift is most acceptable—a set of lovely parafait glasses with famous aircraft designs on each of them.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Mary A. Martin

Latest member of the Tucson Chapter is Pat Nolan, who obtained her private ticket in March. The April meeting, at Shirley Marshall's, was held in her honor, and sharing the spotlight was a beautiful "welcome Pat" cake decorated with forget-me-nots. Truly Nolan, Pat's 49½er, is a well-known southern Arizona exterminator.

With the advent of another summer, all thoughts have been turning, natch, to Alaska. The March meeting at

Bea Edgerly's, besides the wonderful refreshments, featured Al Hudgin with his travelogue and slides of their flight to Alaska. The pictures were excellent, well-arranged and had a tremendous scope of interest. Al, as usual, explained everything thoroughly without ever being boring. I have a hunch most of us thought the trip entirely too short.

The May meeting, scheduled at Dorothy Jenkins, was switched at the last minute to Shirley's when the flu bug bit Dottie. Again we were fortunate in seeing more slides of Alaska, this time Jane Griesse's. Arnold, Jane's 49½er, having received his doctorate in education this spring, the Griesse family will be migrating back to Alaska this September where he will be associated with the university near Fairbanks.

The Alaska bug having bitten the Martin family several years ago, also means pulling up stakes for your reporter. This summer should see the Kenai peninsula's overpopulation problem increase.

Dorothy, recovered nicely from the flu, has been doing some instructing for the Sky Cats. Gingerly feeling her bruises, she is beginning to wonder if instructing is all it's cracked up to be. We are also happy to report Lorraine Chandler back on her feet after a bed session due to overwork and assorted virus such as flu, strep,

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etc. At any rate, she was SICK and we are glad to see her back in the land of the living.

Our two co-eds, Shirley and Gertrude Gelderman, have been tearing their hair over exams, but, secretly, we think they've got it made. This summer's trips should make them forget their troubles; the race for Shirley, Europe for Gertrude.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By June O'Donnell

The Redwood Chapter is back reporting again. Reading through the News Letter your reporter wasn't the only 99'er basking on the beach at Waikiki. Nice to be back catching up on all the news.

Congratulations to our Gladys Haney who now has her private ticket, and also to her husband, Clarence, who beat her by one day. Some recognition should be given to "Bozo" their wee Chihauhau who has been thru it all and never missed a flight.

Redwood Chapter will be represented in the AWTAR this year by Myrtle Wright, pilot, and Pat Stouffer, co-pilot. They will fly Myrtle's Cessna 170. This will be Myrtle's first race and Pat's second. We are all hoping to be in Torrance to see them

off.

March meeting was a joint meeting at Sacramento Airport with Sacramento, San Joaquin and Bay Cities Chapters. I hear it was more social than business with a good turnout.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Gail Lane

Our April meeting was held at Mary Field's apartment in San Francisco. Ruth Rueckert, Hazel Miles, Dorothy Gibson, Jean Kaye, Mary Messersmith, Eleanor Wilson, Marge Fauth and Gail Lane attended and we had Virginia Fahey as guest.

Dorothy Gibson flew a Bonanza to Palm Springs and encountered bad weather and had to land at Quartz Hill Airport near Palmdale.

Dixie Lusk also had to land at Quartz Hill and waited there two hours on account of sand storms when she flew her Cessna 140A to Phoenix. She reports that she had a pleasant sojourn at the Desert Air Strip at Palm Springs.

Mary and Harold Messersmith are going by airlines to see airports in Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, Miami and New York. Harold attended the American Association of Airport Executives convention in New York on

May 15-18.

Doris Phillips and Hazel Miles flew to Hollister in a Tri-Pacer.

SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

By Eleanor Wortz

Our bingo party went off on schedule and added to the coffers of the group so we can contribute as usual to the Air Race, etc. The biggest surprise of the evening was that your reporter—after years of attending the party—finally, with the help of my Jim, managed to win two jack-pots and the Texas fifth. What a night to celebrate! Those of you who couldn't make it missed a fun evening.

Dave McElhatton announced over his radio program the other day that he and Jeannie were joining the Gardynes and were flying to the Antique Air Race that weekend. That has been my closest contact with our "northern valley chapter members" via public radio. Hope they made it and had as much fun as we did last year.

Mable Zehr sent a note in just after I had mailed the last News Letter in saying they had just returned from a driving thru Ohio, Indiana and back thru Iowa amid blizzards, thunderstorms, etc., and for once were glad they weren't flying.

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