

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

News Letter

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AIR TERMINAL BUILDING — WILL ROGERS FIELD — MAY, 1961

99 Convention July 5-8 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

President's Column

Cross Country Contrasts: 2½ hours for the 65 nautical miles Milwaukee to Chicago through fog and sleet via Buick and then the warm hospitality of the Chicago Area Chapters awards banquet. 1200 nautical miles, Milwaukee to Padre Island, Texas near Brownsville via the 180 "Flighty Lady" with my 49½er—flying time 9:12, the air smooth as silk above the haze layers and occasional scattered clouds and below us, the last remains of winter melting into spring over the green wooded Ozarks, and Flight Following Service as unseen company advising as to wind and weather. Northish three days later with ground speeds of 91 to 110 knots, bouncing around in the turbulence at all altitudes up to 10,500 feet to Oklahoma City.

Two and a half days on the ground with the International Officers and Executive Committee members for our mid-year meeting, conducting business that could not be handled adequately by mail and telephone. Concentration, discussions, decisions all day—one hilarious evening with Jerrie Cobb (ask her to describe and show you how to fly a blimp)—another delightful evening as guests of the Oklahoma City 99's for dinner and the much needed opportunity to relax and visit and forget work.

Having made an all too rare near perfect landing in a 32 knot shifting cross wind at Oklahoma City on arrival, and not wanting to besmirch its memory for awhile, the decision that Dr. H. take the Cessna home while I found other means of transportation following our meeting had been an easy one. I also knew that Barbara Kiernan would be flying her Commander from Boston with Barbara Evans and Louise Smith as crew, which obviously left an empty seat and I had never flown in a Commander. Saturday, April 15, Barbara

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1961 AWTAR

Entries are now open for the 15th Annual All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race. If you have not already done so, write immediately for your copy of the Rules and Regulations and all entry material. Address inquiries to:

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

Entries will close June 15, 1961. Time is short—act now!

The dates are: Impounding deadline, July 3, 1961; take-off, July 8, 1961; deadline to finish, July 12, 1961.

Remember that the International Convention will be held during the pre-race activities. There will be activities for all from July 1 to 8. Whether you are a contestant or not, come early and enjoy the fun.

The route is 2709 statute miles (2354 nautical miles). San Diego, Yuma, Tucson, El Paso, Midland, Abilene, Dallas (Addison), Shreveport, Jackson, Montgomery, Greenville, Lynchburg, Hagerston and Atlantic City.

The awards are:

Overall purse of \$2,500 divided between the first five places. \$800, first place; \$600, second place; \$500, third place; \$400, fourth place; \$200, fifth place. Trophies will be awarded to both pilot and co-pilot in these five places.

"Leg prizes" will be awarded for the highest score made between each of the "designated airports."

Cash awards will be made for the highest score made by each category of airplane in which there are at least three in competition.

Flying Magazine award: \$100 cash will be awarded for the highest scoring crew whose combined total solo time is 500 hours or less.

Michigan Chapter award: \$50 cash will be awarded for the highest scor-

ing airplane with a crew who are both flying their first AWTAR.

AC Spark Plug award: Cash awards will be made by the AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors Corp. for the first five place winners if they are using AC spark plugs. \$300, first place; \$200, second place; \$100, third place; \$50, fourth place; \$25, fifth place.

Jeppesen and Co., Denver, Colo., will again provide each crew with a complete set of avigation charts for the entire race route with all latest radio information.

The amateur radio net will be in operation again this year with "ham" operators on duty at the start, terminus and all en route stops to follow the race and to forward messages for the operation of the race and for individual contestants. Chairman for the net is Mrs. Carolyn Currens, W3GTC, Norristown, Pa.

The finish of the race this year will be a very special event as the finish line will be out over the water in front of the headquarters hotel, the Ritz-Carlton. After a pass across the finish line, all contestants will proceed for a landing at NAFEC (National Aviation Facilities Experimental Center). Special information regarding the finish will be given all contestants at pilot briefing prior to take-off.

Board of Directors
AWTAR, Inc.

The coveted "Number One" position for take-off in the forthcoming All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race was won by Mrs. Virginia "Ginny" Graham, 260 Monte Vista Lane, Sierra Madre, Calif.

More than 50 persons flew into Montgomery Field, San Diego, to witness the drawing for race numbers of the 38 women pilots who had their entries postmarked on the opening date, April 20. All subsequent race numbers will be assigned by postmark as they are received in the Race Headquarters in Long Beach, Calif.

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DEADLINE FOR NEWS
The 25th Of Each Month

Coming Events**May 20**

New England Air Race
Tauton Airport
Tauton, Mass.

May 27, 28

All-Woman's International
Air Race
Fort Myers, Fla., to
International Airport, Nassau
Contact: Mary Barrer
Suite 508
First National Bank Building
Miami, Florida

June 8

Sky Lady Derby
Tulsa, Okla., to Little Rock
Ark. to Springfield, Mo.
return to Tulsa

July 5-8

International Convention
San Diego, Calif.

July 8-12

AWTAR
San Diego, Calif.,
to Atlantic, N. J.

October 7

Michigan SMALL Race
Jackson, Mich.

**Convention News**

If you have not already made your plans to be in San Diego during July 1-8 for the AWTAR start and the International Convention, we know you will want to start making your plans immediately when you know that you can be assured that Jerrie Cobb, our first female astronaut and member of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., whose hopes and dreams have always been in the sky, will be on the program the night of July 5.

She was "Woman of the Year in Aviation" in 1959 and has attained credit to both The Ninety-Nines and herself by setting speed and altitude records in Aero Commanders.

After eight days of tests at Lovelace Foundation in Albuquerque, Dr. Lovelace announced, "It now appears that women are not only capable of withstanding the stresses of space flight, but in some areas are more suitable than men."

Jerrie, with her panel, composed of twins Jan Dietrich of the Long Beach Chapter and Marian Dietrich of the Sacramento Valley Chapter, Joanne Alford, former Ninety-Nine with the Washington, D. C. Chapter, who is engineer and speaker with Convair at San Diego, and Dr. Emma Clark of San Diego will entertain you to the utmost we are sure.

The San Diego Chapter and the en-

tire Southwestern Section of Ninety-Nines are looking forward to your having a most memorable week in San Diego, so get your bags packed and send your reservations today!

Darline Sanders
Isabelle McCrae
Race Start
and Convention
Co-Chairmen

Pilot's Briefing

NOTICE: All Governors and International Committee Chairmen — be sure to have your reports in triplicate for presentation. Should you be unable to attend, appoint someone to give your report and so notify Secretary Barbara Evans, or send your report by June 15 to Secretary Evans.

Governors will meet with the Executive Committee at 2 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, July 5 in the President's Suite. Full report will be given at this time with condensed version presented to entire Convention July 6.

Karl Voelter, Disaster Control Planning Officer, Bureau of Flight Standards, Federal Aviation Agency, Washington 25, D. C., has offered to supply a speaker to explain the intent of the program and the projected plans for utilization of general aviation in the event of a national emergency. If it is possible to take advantage of this offer for spring sections, contact Mr. Voelter.

Ballots for the election of International Officers will be in the mail shortly. Don't neglect to vote.

**See
You
In
San
Diego**

BE SURE TO VOTE!

President's Column

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London and Ruth Deerman airlined their ways to Long Beach and El Paso respectively, Martha Ann Reading prepared to Tri-Pace south to Dallas, and the Commander had acquired a fourth crew member to be dropped off at Memphis to catch a commercial flight to MKE.

The forecasts of the night before had not lived up to their optimistic predictions. Two parallel north-south cold fronts which should have chased each other to the east coast leaving clear skies behind them had decided to slow up and join forces, but "weather" thought that we could make Memphis VFR. More trouble was brewing to the west so we took off. A little more than an hour later, from CAVU at Oklahoma City we had been pushed down to near minimums under a very gloomy overcast with decreasing visibility in rain, so decided to land for a council of war and a look at the sequences. Barbara requested that her tanks be topped. Upon reaching the weather bureau, we found that our two fronts were consolidating for an all out attack and brewing hail, ice, monumental build-ups, and gale force winds, but after two hours of watching teletypes and consultations with the weatherman it looked as though the activity would be beyond Memphis. Back at the plane we found a charge for 54 gallons of gas. Knowing that it would have been impossible to have used more than a maximum of 32 gallons, a search was made for a gas leak and finding none we asked for a recheck on the amount billed and of the meter reading. The attendant checked and said he had put in 54 gallons. There was no point in wasting time in argument so we paid the bill. The patches of blue sky which appeared as we took off did nothing to soothe our ruffled tempers. True—it might have been an honest mistake somewhere—but we fumed at the idea that we might have been "taken" because we were four women and weren't supposed to understand such technicalities as gas consumption. We soon had other things to think about. Memphis was deteriorating to marginal IFR. We could do a 180 and held back. Barbara could file IFR if needed, or we could change course toward somewhat better weather south. We took up a heading for Little Rock, picked up the Arkansas River and followed its twisting valley to the airport. With our radio equipped planes of today we get so dependent on needles, it's good occasionally to revert to pilotage and "thumb on the chart" navigation. The super service we received on landing and one short look at the weather picture and the many flash advisories instantly convinced us that three hours of flying

had been plenty for one day. The stuff ahead, impossible. Commercial flights north would have gotten me home at 3 a.m. with a strong probability of delay, and by making a reservation for the next day there would be four of us together that night, which is friendlier than three.

Early Sunday the two Barbaras and Louise took off with perfect weather and a tail wind which gave them an average of 245 mph to High Point, N. C. Via several airlines, diversions to alternates, cancelled flights and a complete shutdown of the Chicago-Milwaukee area, I finally arrived home Monday night at 11:47 p.m. — total elapsed time 63 hours, 47 minutes. Total distance direct OKC to MKE 637 nautical miles—but, I've had a ride in an Aero Commander!

Four days later, via jet, to San Francisco and Palo Alto for the Southwest Section meeting. Time en route five hours. Hospitality and entertainment left nothing to be desired and Chuck Banfe, banquet speaker, captured his audience with his story of his recent record-breaking flight around the world. Business meeting was devoted to final plans for Convention and AWTAR start in San Diego in July. I urge each of you to make every effort to attend. There will be entertainment that only southern California can supply, excellent speakers, the opportunity to renew old friendships and form new ones, and learn at first hand of the activities of our wide spread chapters and sections and International Committees.

Be sure to appoint your quota of delegates or arrange for proxies so that you may be represented at the business meeting. Discuss the proposed amendments to the constitution and the invitation from NAA re: affiliation within your chapters and instruct your delegates how to vote. It will also be their responsibility to elect the three Executive Committee members who will serve with the newly elected officers next September 1.

Let's make this the best attended Convention ever!

Deedo

Eugenia Heise
President

Proposed Amendments To The Constitution

To be voted on at the annual meeting July 6, 1961.

Submitted by Santa Clara Valley and San Diego Chapters:

Change ARTICLE IV, Section 3—Transfer of Membership—to "A member who has changed her residence shall complete a form letter, "Transfer of Membership," send the original to International Headquarters and copies to the Chapter from which she is transferring and to the new Chapter to which she is transferring."

Reason: Transfer of membership can be accomplished in one simple operation and all parties informed promptly. The present system of sending forms to previous chapter chairman for signature, and finally to International Headquarters for recording is unnecessarily long and cannot be accomplished effectively in a prompt manner.

Submitted by the Committee to Study Dues of Overseas Members:

Change ARTICLE V, Section 3 of By-Laws—Dues for Overseas Members—to "Members resident in, and citizens of countries other than the United States of America and Canada, shall pay membership dues and initiation fee of one-half the amount of dues paid by members in the United States of America and Canada."

Reason:

1. To acquire more international members.
2. Rate of monetary exchange and low salary scales make the present dues too expensive for "eligible" members.
3. It is difficult for them to acquire U. S. currency to send in payment of their dues.
4. They only benefit by receiving News Letter and Roster, and in being a part of an International Organization of Women Pilots.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Alice Hammond
Permanent Trustee
Amelia Earhart Memorial
Scholarship Fund
1203 Gilbert Road
Meadowbrook, Pennsylvania

V-O-T-E

Deadline June 15

PR Hints

Use you friends. Especially when they're good photographers. Nothing like an attractive female pilot in, by or around an airplane to attract attention of a newspaper city editor. The March News Letter has two illustrations of this point—Dora Dougherty (P. 1) and Bunny Hembel (P. 10).

Such photos are eye-catchers in the first place. In the second place, and in that order, the editor will take time out to read what it's all about. Dora's feat made news nationally and internationally. Bunny's story is an excellent example of "local interest" news feature.

Remember what's not submitted can never be printed!



CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER Alice Stoltzner

Plans are progressing for the Chicago Area Chapter's annual air meet to be held on Sunday, June 11, at DuPage County Airport, St. Charles, Ill. Events will include a race, spot landing contest, and a taxiing obstacle course. As in past years, all 99's and



The ninth annual Achievement Award banquet of the Ninety-Nines held at Desplaines. Guest of honor Deedo Heise, International President; Mrs. Harold White, third place winner and Chicago Area Chairman; Mrs. Ray Kokesh, second place winner; Mrs. A. R. Basile, first place winner. Bill Donahue, manager of DuPage County Airport, presented the awards, given annually for outstanding achievement in aviation during the preceding year.

other women pilots and student pilots are invited to participate. For applications, write Air Meet Chairman Alice Kudrna, 3015 Euclid Ave., Berwyn, Ill.

June Basile and Helen Sailer have had their prayers answered. Tony gave them the Cessna 175 to use in

the AWTAR and they have found a sponsor. Russell Kott of Kott Moving and Storage Co., Inc., Berwyn, Ill., an agent for North American Van Lines, is the "angel."

Mary Beritich has been finding an excuse to fly almost every weekend. She either takes a friend up for a first small plane ride or flies with new pilots in need of a little confidence building.

Nell Brown, Sylvia Roth and June Basile met Wisconsin 99 Lydia Jensen when they flew up to Madison one Saturday.

Vern Walensky was referred to as a flying grandmother in "White Collar Girl" column of the Chicago Tribune.

Marge Raglin has been pretty much absent from the Chicago scene this winter. She has been on skis since the first snowfall. You don't have to go to Aspen, Marge, Chicago provided 4-6 inches for you last weekend.

Chicago Area 99's are looking forward to the first fly-in meeting next month. Hope the Chicago weathermen will cooperate.

ROCKFORD AREA CHAPTER Betty Riddle

We had a very interesting meeting with our Wing Scout troop this past meeting. Our meeting was held in the "Back Room" at Machesney Airport, with the main feature being the films on the theory of flight. These films were shown by Marion Moore, Lorna's 49½'er. Our great appreciation goes out to both of them for their help in securing and showing of the films. The Wing Scouts seemed to enjoy the films, and I am quite sure that our next meeting will be filled with questions, once they have a chance to think about them.

It is still cold here in this north Illinois area and we spent a short time with the planes with yours truly trying to answer questions and explaining a little about the function of the controls. While we were on the flight line, the girls got to watch a plane being started and several take-offs and landings. The girls are eagerly awaiting the day they have a ride and if the weather ever cooperates with us—maybe that day

won't be too far away—as I write this our pretty green grass is all covered with snow.

Leona is still ill and is being released from the hospital tomorrow. We are all so very pleased at her fine progress and hope she can be with us before too long.

Coffy is still away, oh! how lucky can a gal be. Maybe she will be home by our next meeting.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

The April meeting of the Michigan Chapter was held at Kellogg Field, Battle Creek, amid the worst snow storm of the season. April, indeed! Winds of gale strength and snow of blizzard depth greeted the hearty members who braved the elements. In the absence of the chapter chairman, our chapter treasurer, Velma Del Giorno, conducted the meeting.

Announcement was made of the details of the 1961 Michigan SMALL Race. This year's race will be held on October 7 at Reynolds Field, Jackson, Mich. The race board consists of the following members: Janey Hart, Velma Del Giorno, Jean Reynolds, Becky Thatcher, Bernice Steadman and Mary Clark.

Attending her second meeting was prospective member Susan Michner. Sue is already making plans to enter the SMALL Race, with an eye on bigger things later.

Sue Parish was present, looking brown as a berry after a skiing trip to Utah. Sue and her husband flew their Bonanza to Salt Lake then drove to their vacation spot. Some of you former WASP's may remember Sue from Sweetwater days as Suzanne Upjohn.

Announcement was made by Helen Wetherill of the winner of the Michigan Chapter scholarship. This scholarship is awarded each year to a Michigan teacher and covers room and board to attend the Aero Space Workshop at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. This year's winner is Jay S. Kleinert, principal of Michigan Center School.

After the business meeting, the members and guests were taken on a conducted tour through the SAGE operation. Jackie Markham of Battle Creek made the arrangements. Jackie is bubbling over the prospects of flying her first AWTAR this year.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

Janice R. Kuechenmeister

Sunday, April 16, meeting day was quite a windy and snow flurry day. The group met at Price Field and were served coffee by the hostesses, Frances Francis and Marian Betzler. A bus was used as transportation to Lockbourne Air Force Base.

We were greeted by Lt. Col. R. L. Francis who is deputy commander for Security and Law Enforcement. On the flight line was a KC-97 refuel-

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ing tanker which the group inspected. After this we saw a very impressive demonstration of the guard dogs and their handlers. The group adjourned to the NCO Club for lunch.

Members and guests present were Marian and Charles Betzler and sons, Rick and Nicke, Rosalie Bracht, Win Caughey, Jeri and Norman Crabtree, Martha Foley, Frances and Rod Francis, Marge Gorman and son, Margaret Hammon, Jean Hixson, Joan Hrubec, Autrie and Karl Lehr, Beverly Mather, Edy Maxim, Bonnie and Lee Miller, Martha Riber, Helen and Jim Sammon, Virginia Schumacher, Lavina and Robert Stolte, Kathleen Wood; prospective members Bessie Caton, Marilyn Miller, Kate Kohler and Ruth Eells; guests and children Mark Caton, Tommy and Ronald Miller, Dennis Naylor, Harry Franklen, William and John Schnell, Steve Stolte, Mixie and William Hickelman and Cindy Lamont.

Congratulations are in order for two of our Cleveland members. Arlene Davis has been re-elected secretary of the National Aeronautic Association. Edy Maxim has been installed as president of the Cleveland Women's Chapter of the National Aeronautic Association.

Just a reminder that the Greater Cincinnati Airmen's Race will be held June 25 this year. Start out early enough and stop at Bluffton Airport for their fly-in breakfast and then come on down to Cincy for the race.

INDIANA CHAPTER

Sophia M. Payton

April meeting was held at the Greater Madison City Airport with luncheon served at the Hillside Hotel in Madison, Ind. Winter still insists on staying around—I mean snow and more snow—so our hats are off to the following 99's who braved this weather to attend the meeting: Gloria Richards, 49½er and son Billie, Delia Sanders and 49½er, Rae Cawdell, Billie Smith, Peggy Coulter, 49½er and son John, Helen Graham and 49½er, Pat Patterson and 49½er, and our hostess, Betty Cull.

I might add that Madison, Ind., is somewhat of a historic center. Therefore, the girls and their guests found it a very interesting place and had an opportunity to visit some points of interest.

We are very glad to welcome another 99 into our chapter. Delia presented Pat Patterson her membership pin, card and a corsage. Last month our new member was Helen Graham—this month Pat. Gals, keep up the good work.

The Indiana Chapter has been asked by Aero Club of Indianapolis to put on their May program. So, the subject will be "Ninety-Nines". At which time the Indiana 99's will tell just what the 99's are, their projects, especially

putting emphasis on the AWTAR in hopes of future sponsorships.

There will be no May meeting. Instead we will file our flight plan to the spring sectional and our June meeting will be held at Bluffton, Ohio—joint meeting with Ohio and Michigan.

GREATER KANSAS CITY

CHAPTER

Carolyn Parish

Ole Man Winter threw us a curve this past month. We were lulled by the false sense that we lived in the midst of "resort temperatures." Surely the end of the bad weather is near.

Seems the travel bug has bitten several of our members this past month. Katie Bonnel went "holidaying" in Florida. This time of year lures many to that section—Mary Ann Noah and her 49½er also journeyed to Florida. Choosing the opposite direction, Ruth Stafford, husband Sheldon and sons pointed the Apache towards California, via El Paso. They reported a lovely trip; shared the "left hand seat" time, with Sheldon circumventing the snow flurries and Ruth relieving when fair weather appeared. The boys were eager to see Kansas City skyline, since Mom decided to cut the flying time by flying Albuquerque-Kansas City, NON-STOP, four and one-half hours!

We had a good business meeting in April. Was held in the lovely home of Laurien Griffen (she always comes to our rescue on short notice). Our guest this month was prospective member, Shirley Ray.

This month we held a "Garage Rummage Sale" Saturday, 22nd, and weather smiled on us for a change. Thanks to all the members' assistance and hard work we shall be able to add to our goal of savings towards the AE Fund, and of course, our Sectional next spring '62.

Laurien Griffen would be happy to supply entry blanks for anyone wishing to attend the WNAA affair "Sky-lady Derby"—Tulsa, Okla., the first of June. Questions and queries? Contact her, please.

No details offered on our repetition on couple of news items in the last issue—we're level-headed again.

We are looking forward to the sectional at Champagne, as we are certain most of you are planning to attend. We admit to sounding cocky—but put us on record for saying our chapter plans to "cop" the prize for percentage of attendance . . . we challenge you!

SEE YOU AT SPRING SECTIONAL.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Dorothy Ryan

Wednesday, April 19, saw the assembly of the 99's at the home of Florence Scriver. Florence lives in one of those grand, handsome family homes dating back more than half

a century and we had lots of fun enjoying her hospitality.

We discovered a full blown writer in our midst—Thora Kron, whose 165-page text, "Nursing Team Leadership," on group dynamics was published this spring. Congratulations to Thora! She had done us proud.

Avis Larson will be attending the spring sectional in May with Florence probably riding co-pilot. Florence has lots of other plans fomenting, including a trip to Alaska and maybe the Powder Puff later on. Rita Orr drove up from Faribault. She, as usual, has been busy but in January she and Burt winged (commercial) down to a surgeons' conference in Mexico City, and included in their itinerary a few days at Aca-pulco and Taxco. She reported a wonderful time.

Marian Champlin couldn't come to our meeting because of a last minute bout with laryngitis. She and Keith recently returned from their vacation trip to Fort Meyers. While there they flew the land route down to Key West and on the return trip got some marvelous photos of the Everglades from about 1500 feet.

Also vacationing in Florida this winter was this reporter. Miss Jinx was operating as usual so the Mooney stayed at home again.

Pat Sullivan has been doing a lot of flying. She is one gal in our group who practices our 1961 moto "Let's Fly!"

Here are some committee chairmen for this year: Ways and Means, Florence Scriver; Flying Activities, Margaret Manuel; Membership, Ardeth Carlson; Publicity, Avis Larson.

This means every committee chairman needs everyone's enthusiastic cooperation! We are even starting to lay plans for the 1965 spring sectional for which we will play host.

Ardeth Carlson came in from Rosemount. She and Art have been able to get in some flying this winter and are looking forward to the Holman Air Derby June 10, in which she participated last year along with Pat, Avis, Laura and Dorothy.

Thora has arranged for a fly-in at Otis Lodge May 21 and let's hope all of us will be there. Those of us who have been able to get to our meetings would be so happy to hear from all of you who can't.

IOWA CHAPTER

Tina Healy

Have you ever ridden in a police escorted bus, innocently that is, and been treated like royalty on both ends of the trip? The Iowa 99's had such an experience April 9 as guests of the Collins Radio Co. in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Our gracious host, represented for the day by Jack Raskoff, head of public relations; Jim Ong, Collins sales division; and Harvey Hop, di-

rector of flight operations, had prepared a most interesting program, complete with a personal welcome at the airport for all arriving planes and cars, which was covered by reporters and photographers from the Cedar Rapids Gazette, the Des Moines Register and Herb Sawinski, head of publicity and editor of the Collins Contact Magazine. Coffee was served on our arrival, followed by a tour of the hangar. Collins has no less than a Convair and four twin Beeches. Your reporter and Helen Flaherty of Fort Dodge made several imaginary long distance trips as pilot and co-pilot of a twin Beech without leaving the hangar. What a thrill to just dream of being in command of such a plane.

So many of us crowded around Mr. Hop as he explained the Collins radio equipment in the Convair that he had to suggest that a few of us retire to the cockpit to keep the darned plane from changing attitude on the ground! Madaline Johnson, our newest member and her husband, Kes, who flew their own plane from Callendar, Iowa, took a turn with the rest of us at being joyously confused with the complicated instrument panel. I'm quite sure our open enthusiasm was a little amusing to Harvey Hop, a retired Navy commander and veteran pilot of everything from carrier fighters to 707's.

"Back at the hangar"—the first portion of the program was concluded with questions, answers and a few spine-tingling stories of experiences Mr. Hop had encountered as a carrier pilot before his retirement from the Navy just a year ago.

Mr. Raskoff, with his lovely wife, Ann, had a busy day controlling the time schedule and gathering everyone up to board the bus at the moment the police escort had been requested to take us across Cedar Rapids to the Town House for lunch. Keep this place in mind. It's a good one!

With so much to see at the airport, this was my first opportunity to meet the many guests and prospective members who had turned out for this occasion. Peg Ong, who husband is with Collins, is transferring to our chapter from Denver, Colo. A petite, attractive mother of three children, Peg has a good deal of flying experience to her credit, ranging from air races to commercial ferry piloting. Welcome to the group, Peg! Denver's loss is our gain.

Across the table were Cliff and Kitty Hach who flew from Ames. As chairman of our group, Kitty dispensed with a formal meeting because of the planned time schedule, but urged everyone to be in Fort Dodge May 7 for our spot landing contest. Other prospective members present were Phyllis Barber, a student pilot from Marion, Iowa, guest of Jim and Peg

Ong; Glenelyn Risseman and her daughter, Stacie, from Maquoketa. Glenelyn has her license and will be a pretty addition to our chapter. Cleo and Bob Braught from Des Moines, both student pilots, flew to the meeting with Al Schell.

Verna Mae Prochaska and her husband, Marion, from Cedar Falls, finally made it to a meeting. We have encouraged Verna to join us for many months. We enjoyed having them and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Aip of Cedar Falls. Come again! Also on the guest list were Eric and Joann Swanson from Fort Dodge. Mr. and Mrs. Perry Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wagner came as guests of Edith Jensen and Virginia Koestner. All are members of a Webster City flying club.

Alice Pfantz flew her Apache from Des Moines with Danny Rosenfield and another prospective member, Mrs. W. C. Coleman of Traer, Iowa. They picked me up on the way and I was witness to an impressive piece of flying on Alice's part when she landed in Newton.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

Rose S. Andrew

The past two meetings we have held at the University of Illinois Airport, near Savoy, Ill. We find that we get down to business better and it is easier on everyone. If the weather is good all fly in that wish to and if the weather is bad, it is still a good place to gather.

We have had plenty of business to talk over lately with our sectional meeting coming up May 13.

In March we had only a few members present, since the day was so bad. Marge Kelly led the meeting, in the absence of Barbara Jenison. The following were in attendance. Marge Kelly, Mary Hendrix of Mattoon, Kathleen Hudson of Decatur, Leah Warren, Rose Andrew and Delores Adamson of Champaign. We were glad to have Delores' sister, Jan, as our guest, and while we were eating lunch another guest dropped in. She was Mary Foley of the St. Louis Chapter and is a graduate student here at the university.

The April meeting was held on the 8th, again at the airport, and consisted mainly of final plans for the coming sectional. Members present were Barbara Jenison, Kathleen Hudson, Leah Warren, Marge Kelly, Rose Andrew, Mary Hendrix, Jean Graber, Adelaide O'Brien, Virginia Meyer, Delores Adamson, Dee Holcomb. A guest was Mrs. Cherre A. Smalley from the Danville, Ill., area.

Helen Greinke, Bloomington, writes that she has two more pamphlets ready for the student market. The titles are "Air Traffic Rules and VFR Flight Procedures" and "Aircraft Radiotelephone: Facilities and Com-

munications Procedures." Be sure to ask for them when you go to your airport.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Lydia Jensen

Dora Fritzke, membership chairman, was to have been the hostess for our April fly-in at Oshkosh. She made all the necessary arrangements but since we are all in our right minds no one either flew in or drove in. It turned out to be one of the worst days of the winter (yes, it was winter in Wisconsin in spite of being April 16—with high winds, blinding snow and low ceilings). Better luck next month, Dora.

No doubt many of you already know Dora, who has been a 99 for many years. The average person, meeting quiet and unassuming Dora for the first time would be astounded to know what a competent pair of wings she commands. Dora has both a commercial license and an instrument rating. As a matter of fact, she was the first woman in Wisconsin to get an instrument rating. During the war Dora, who was already a pilot, was in service as Army airport control tower operator.

Chairman Mary Landis and husband Dr. Charles have recently become the proud parents of a boy, Matthew Sands Landis — no wonder Mary has stars in her eyes these days. Nancy and Dan Steiner of Fond du Lac were expecting, too, about the same time I understand—they were expecting delivery of a Fairchild plane, however, which has now become a member of the Steiner family. They had been grounded ever since the Fond du Lac Flying Club airplane was put out of commission some weeks ago. You can imagine how thrilled they are to be flying again, especially in their own plane.

Good luck to Bernie Voelker and her bowling team which, as this is being written, is participating in the national tournament of the Women's International Bowling Congress at Fort Wayne, Ind. Bernie says half the thrill connected with this event is the trip to the tournament and back by air. Each year she has to make it alone while the remainder of the team drives, being, so far, the only air-minded member of the team.



ALABAMA SECTION

Gertrude C. Luther

Since the first of the year, we have had the worst flying weather ever. Guess we aren't living right. Nobody

made it to Mobile again on April 9. Then on April 13, I took off for Gulfport, Miss., for a one-day medical meeting on the 14th, and I had to leave my plane there and come back by rent-a-car. It's almost indecent, I know, to return by car, but I had with me another doc and his wife—both student pilots by the way—and both he and I felt Anniston could not get along without us any longer. Let's hope we see some weather soon and especially on Sunday, May 7, at the Talladega Airport at Eastaboga, Ala., around 11 a.m. for our May meeting, and I'll be on hand to greet you one and all. En route to Gulfport, I deposited a friend at Mobile and saw Helen Grove there. It sure is good to see a 99'er when on a cross country trip.

Let me tell you just a bit about my trip with Betty McNabb (Georgia Chapter). She's one great pilot and real fun to be with. I flew my Cessna 175 to Albany on Wednesday, March 22, and after a good night's rest as Betty's guest in her lovely home, we took off in her Bonanza, since it was faster than my plane and had all the necessary radio equipment, for our trip to Port-au-Prince, Haiti. I had made the 180 miles in my plane in one hour and 40 minutes. I shall not give you the time leg by leg but from Albany our route went with stops as follows: West Palm Beach, Nassau, Inagua, Port-au-Prince, and then after a three day stop there on to Jeremie—a total of 1309 air miles in nine hours and 30 minutes. Betty has made the trip on two previous occasions and the second time in February with two doctors. On this trip a young man, Dr. E. Archer Dillard Jr., who is with Medicos and who plans to spend a year or more in Jeremie, joined us at West Palm Beach and I had to relinquish my post as co-pilot to him since he is ever so much better than I am, and I in turn became navigator. The weather was good both going and returning and we only got in trouble with wind and low ceiling and rain after getting to Fort Lauderdale on our return. There was a good bit of the time, however, between Port-au-Prince and Nassau on our return and I was co-pilot all the way back when we did not have a horizon and no spots of land. There is nothing as blue as this water, and Haiti is another thing! You really have to go sometime, or for details of our trip, read Betty McNabb's column in the Albany, Ga., Journal called "Flying High" beginning April 6, 1961. She even has the mood in her writing. We got back to Albany on Saturday afternoon, April 1, and because of headwinds, I accepted Betty's hospitality again for the night, and took off for Anniston Easter Sunday morning with headwinds still high—about

35 knots. As I was getting ready to take off we saw Nita Fineman, Chicago Area Chapter, who was en route to Sarasota. She was having a bit of radio trouble and there is nothing worse than having radio or plane trouble on Sundays.

Let's hope for good weather from now on for a while.



NORTH LOUISIANA CHAPTER Hazle Nealey

Success and fun, yes, that's all that it was last Friday evening, April 21, in the beautiful hangar of Currey Sanders Aircraft Co. at Downtown Airport.

Our chapter is very rich now, however, not just because of the big wad of Confederate Green that we collected for our kitty, but because we came through our first task of putting on a big deal. Forgetting the hours of hard work and panicky moments, we gained more experience and a very rich warm feeling in our hearts for each other.

Without the backing, cooperation and help that we received from our base operators, our friends and 49½-ers, our hangar dance would not have been a success. We are eternally grateful to all these wonderful people.

Many of you received Vol. 1, No. 1 copy of the Ark-La-Tex Aviation News shortly after April 1, 1961. Well, we are still celebrating the birth of this aviation newspaper, because our very own 99 member, Pat Ward, is the editor. Pat's father (Reggie) is the publisher and her brother (Reggie Jr.) is the staff photographer. The Wards as a team have only you, the private pilot, in mind, so it's up to you to make the paper a success, so let's all send a nice ad along with our subscription request. Honest, it's truly great.

The AWTAR race contestants are on the move. Shirley Marshall of the Tucson Chapter, landed at Shreveport's Downtown Airport late Wednesday, April 21, and of course her little PA22 (Desert Honey) was all dressed with its TAR sponsor's name "The Sea Spray Inn," East Hampton, N. Y. Shirley had flown the entire AWTAR race route and was returning to Tucson. I was the happiest gal in town to have Shirley as my overnight guest.

Cleo Morrison and Myra Greer of

the Long Beach Chapter made a brief stop here last week, both of these gals were flying new Piper Colts which they will fly in the AWTAR.

Chatter: Betty Lyons makes several trips each week to Dallas, visiting her mother who is ill.

Dorothy and Clark King drove to Hot Springs, Ark., for a weekend of sightseeing before their transfer to Europe in June.

Mildred Carney enjoyed a weekend visit with daughter and family, Drs. Bobbett and Jene Anderson in Houston, Tex., recently.

Dottie Wilson will have those blast-landings down perfect before the Skylady Derby time gets here.

Dot Ports and Helen Hewitt can't seem to decide whether the Cessna 175 or the Bellanca would do better in the Skylady Derby race.

Pat Ward keeps busy around the airport as a free lance instructor. Pat will fly a Bellanca 260 in the Skylady race.

Plans are all set for several from our chapter to attend the North Central Sectional in Stillwater, Okla., May 5, 6 and 7, so will see you there.

TULSA CHAPTER Agnes Hellman

Oklahoma, being famous for it's inconsistent weather, is living up to it's reputation. The wind (invariably a cross-wind) has been blowing a gale for days and days now. However, we are an optimistic lot and are confident that it will be a nice calm night on May 13 so we can park those planes outside the hangar and have the dance we are planning for that night out at Harvey Young's Airport.

Our April meeting was highlighted by the talk given by Royce McKissack of Tulsa Radio and Flight Service Station. He not only gave us many good pointers, he truly entertained us with his clever witticisms and sincere good humor.

Lois Martin informed us that we'd better come to her house for our next meeting because they hope to sell their present abode and get out there where they have all the plans laid to build that new home with the garage-hangar combination and the runway where your alley is. How exclusive can you get? Well, look out Lois and Virgil; we'll be making use of that runway when you get it finished; you never had so much company.

Mary Helen Burke is still going to ground school for that instrument rating; and Charlene Doyle is checked out in a Comanche now. That covers it for this time.

COLORADO CHAPTER Donna Meyers

Two new members were voted in at the April 7 meeting—Thelma Barber of 2533 13th Ave., Greeley, Colo., and Gwen Craven of 1810 12th St.,

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Greeley. We are delighted to have them with us.

Marilyn Nordstrom hosted the chapter at her home with Donna Myers as co-hostess and reporting in besides the two new members were Jane Nettleblad, Mary Frenzel, Thelma Thomas, Helen Choun, Mary Wenholz, Grace Longbrook, Grace Mayfield, Elinor Millet, Lynn Pfleeger, Jo Dennis, guest Carol Gosney, and Marion Tankersley dashed in late from a CAP meeting.

Chairman Longbrook had much, much business to present: An invitation from the Kansas Chapter to join them for lunch this month; an invitation from Peg Ong to come to Cedar Rapids and go through the Collins Radio plant; she reported that there were spare AWTAR programs for sale.

Treasurer Choun reported a nice amount in the treasury—and also brought along the new chapter stationery—real pretty, plus personal stationery for the members to buy, equally as pretty. Jo Denis and Mary Frenzel advised that things are going well for the May 9 rummage sale, proceeds of which will go to swing the September sectional meet here in Denver. Speaking of meets—seems like there will be several going from here to the Oklahoma Chapter sectional in May—present plans may be that three shiploads will fly down.

Your reporter, as chairman of the September sectional, and co-chairman Nordstrom, presented a "package" to the gals concerning our meeting—place to stay, menus, prizes, etc., and bless them, they bought it without a murmur—backed us up all the way. Makes it a real pleasure to go ahead with plans. Lynn Pfleeger came thru with the nicest announcement—she can arrange for a friend to do all the printing for the sectional meeting notices, etc., which has been a real problem lately, who with my duplicator going bad and the new editors of the "Crosswind Chatter" farming out the printing of it, AND FREE.

Chapter Chatter: Unfortunately, Gov. Randa Sutherland, having planned to come up for the April meeting, couldn't make it—hope she'll plan again; when Jane Nettleblad and Thelma Thomas were asked to serve on such and such committees for the fall sectional, Jane said that if their plans work out, she, Swede and 24½ers Chris and Bill will be driving south to South America in their camper—and Thelma hopes to be in Tahiti about that time! What a sneaky way to get out of working on committees (and how envious we all were). Wonderful news—our Betty Stackhouse has decided to return to Denver to live. Welcome home, Betty.

Another important item of business was the voting on our yearly contri-

butions to the AWTAR and the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

So busy with business—didn't collect any flying news of the members. Will next time.

HOUSTON CHAPTER

Nancy Jameson

The April meeting was helpful to all of us courtesy of the Houston Radio "In-Flight" Service. J. R. Shadden and Joe Byrd brought films on "Thunderstorms" and "Flight Following" Service.

The National Intercollegiate Flying Association meeting is to be held at College Station April 27, 28 and 29. The Houston Chapter has been asked to present the Woman's Achievement Award at the banquet Saturday night. We have also been honored with a request to escort "Miss Transportation" of Houston to Austin on May 9. Governor Daniels' proclamation of National Transportation Week in Texas, May 7 to 14, will be made.

A big turnout is expected from Houston for the 99's sectional meeting in Stillwater. PRAY for good weather!

June 24 we are planning a boat ride (believe it or not) for our membership and prospective members. The trip is to be down the fabulous Houston Ship Channel on the boat "Sam Houston."

We would like to extend an invitation to any of you flying through Houston to call one of us in the membership book and say "hi". We will treat you to coffee or lunch if we can—or help out any way we can.

SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER

Marian Burke

The April meeting for the San Antonio Chapter was held April 9 at the attractive home of Betsy and Bill Hogan in San Antonio. The group enjoyed a delicious luncheon served by Betsy and later discussed the possible entering of the AWTAR by some of the members.

Marian Burke plans to fly the TAR and Margaret Gale thinks she has a sponsor, and if so she will fly the family Cessna 172. It would be fun to see three or four entries from San Antonio this year.

Not much news this month. Hope to have more to report next month.

FORT WORTH CHAPTER

Edna Gardner Whyte

It gives me real pleasure to see the women pilots out and exercising their planes—and to see new women students in the different flying schools as I fly around the country.

Mark Kahak delivered a Tri-Pacer to St. Louis the weekend the blizzard and snow came to Chicago. It was high winds and severe turbulence—the safety belt could make you black and blue! I personally, know because that weekend (April 16) I had to fly to Des Plaines, Ill., on business. At Pal-Waukee Airport the snow plow

was busy clearing the runways. Everything was so white I could hardly find the field.

Dr. Dora Dougherty will be honored for the world records at the seventh annual hovering of the Whirley Girls. Three big days in New York and Washington are planned for the group.

Theta Sigma Phi Sorority has chosen for their yearly breakfast to honor women in aviation at the Texas Hotel May 6. Tony Page will moderate a panel at this year's breakfast featuring Jerrie Cobb, Dorothy Horton, Dr. Dora Dougherty and Edna Gardner Whyte. Each of the panelists is known for a different phase of aviation.

The Experimental Aircraft Association had for its guest speaker Edna Whyte at their Dallas meeting April 6. The theme was to introduce women in aviation to the wives and mothers of the members. Several of the guests expressed a renewed desire to learn to fly after the dinner program.

Martha Wright and I flew in the Cessna 120 to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for re-handicapping of the plane—in preparation for the IAR.

Wynema Masonhall and husband were house guests of Ann Atkeison.

Don't sell aviation to each other—sell it to someone new. Keep girls flying.

EL PASO CHAPTER

Louella Gilderbloom

We met March 25 at Westside Airport with the following present: Billy Callaghan, Lydia Weaver, Lela Carwardine, Alice Strickland, Frances Slape, Ruth Deerman, Mary F. Seidl, LaVerne McAuley, Pricilla Duncan, Louella Gilderbloom, and guests Elizabeth Gillett from El Paso and Jean Stroud of Deming, N. M.

Congratulations to Frances Slape, winner of this month's spot landing contest. After the contest, a business meeting was held and plans made to have the next meeting and contest at the Deming, N. M., airport inviting the husbands and their friends to participate in the contest. LaVerne McCauley was the April winner; and the pretty trophy donated by Frances Slape was won by Mr. Pringle of Silver City.

It was truly a pleasure to have Shirley Marshall and 49½er Art of Tucson spend a night with me after being grounded by high winds on her return from East Hampton, N. Y. She will be flying in the AWTAR this summer sponsored by the Sea Spray Inn at East Hampton, N. Y., with Viola Gentry as her co-pilot. Lots of luck, Shirley.

TRAVEL: Lela Carwardine flew to Phoenix for Easter.

Myself and husband John flew to Lubbock for the Easter weekend.

Billy and Murray Callaghan, Lydia and Campbell Weaver attended the

fly-in at Carlsbad and spent the weekend in Lubbock.

Eunice Dickey and her family are leaving for an extended tour of the West and Northwest. Have a good trip and let us hear from you, Eunice.

Up-wind, down-wind, cross-wind—the challenge of our spring enemy is being met with a smile by our 99'ers who have so often heard "The birds are grounded."

KANSAS CHAPTER

Mary McKillip

Sorry but we didn't get any news in last month—the "E" key on the typewriter was broken and I found it rather difficult to type anything.

We have lots of news and shall begin with the Kansas Chapter's 10th birthday party held in March. Ten whole years and we felt it called for some sort of celebration. Weather was lousy but turnout was good. Kansas girls worked hard and those attending were Margaret Yourdon, Helen Chandler, Hazel Guy, Ann Hall, Dorothy Speer, Phila Knitig, Joyce Case, Mildred Early, and Mary McKillip—all 49½'ers were present too. Prospective 99's were Mrs. Pat McEwen, Mrs. Pat Clarke and Mrs. Diana Pennington. Our guest speaker for the evening was Marshall Claybourne, president of the Kansas Soaring Ass'n. Mr. Claybourne gave a very interesting talk on soaring followed by slides of various sailplanes. All seemed to have a good time so maybe we ought to do it every year.

April meeting was held at the Knitig ranch at Rexford, Kan. Rexford is about 225 miles northwest of Wichita and for three years straight, we have had terrible weather and Phila and Fritz have a steady diet of chicken and biscuits for several days. But this time we made it—windy but we made it and that is a major triumph. Two planes from Wichita carrying Hazel Guy, Helen Chandler and Mildred Early in a Tri-Pacer and Ann and Skip Hall took a Cessna 172 with Mary McKillip and Justin Snowhill. Irene McDonald and prospect from Syracuse in a 170. Donna Shirley of Arkansas City and guest from Norton in another Tri-Pacer. And guess what—the person living only 50 miles from Rexford was the last to arrive—the one and only Marie Engleman in the "Fire Ball" Ercoupe. We all left at the crack of dawn so by lunch time there were many starved people. As we all remembered, Phila went all out, Barbecued hamburgers which several of us are very anxious to find out what she did to them—out of this world. And of course her home made rolls. All planes were over weight on return trip. It was a lovely trip but one unfortunate accident kinda spoiled the fun. The wind was blowing, but not bad, however, we neglected to remember the dear little dust-devils

they have in western Kansas. Right at the beginning of the meeting Fritz came in and informed us that one of the planes was up on its nose—everyone had a small heart attack and as it turned out, Mildred Early's beautiful blue and white Tri-Pacer was not on its nose—it was on its back. Having never seen a plane in that situation, it was pretty sick. Mildred's husband sent up an Apache after the girls so all returned to Wichita one way or the other. That Sunday, we climbed out to about 7500 feet and the ground speed in the 172 was 195 mph. Now that's fast moving in anyone's book. It was too bad that unfortunate accident had to happen on such a wonderful day.

From the early returns, it looks like six of the Kansas members will attend the sectional at Stillwater . . . so we hope to see more of you there.



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Shirley Robinson

The Bay Cities Chapter girls, celebrating their 29th anniversary, were such nice hostesses at our Southwest Sectional April 21-23 at Palo Alto. Door prizes included five helicopter rides, five subscriptions to Pre-Flight magazine from Editor Bob Blodgett, five bottles of champagne, a sports outfit, and a computer (what a set-up for a rousing weekend!)

Dinner guest speaker was Chuck Banfe, round - the - world-in-a-Super V-pilot, and PAA captain. Chuck has 17,000 hours in "everything from Cubs to 707's", can be considered "current", and made us feel better about check rides when he said he requested 39 hours for checking out in the Super V. We chuckled at his remark about when he was planning his round-the-world flight — charming Mrs. Banfe thought it was a lot of nonsense, that he should stay home and build some more cupboard shelves for their five children. Sound familiar?

It was a pleasant surprise to have Deedo Heise, our intl. president, attending the sectional; also past intl. president Geraldine Nickelson, Southwest Section Governor Alice Roberts officiating, and foreign country guest pilot, Aileen Saunders' friend Emma Montenegro from Baja, Calif. We enjoyed talking Penny-a-Pound with Jean Kaye Tinsley, and airmarking with Miriam Brugh. It doesn't pay to miss these Spring Sectionals — you

have to go in self-defense to see what everybody's AWTAR plans are! Attending from our chapter; Lorraine Parro, Gladys Hogins, Audrey Schutte, and Sandbag Shirley in Audrey's 170.

Our gals active back in the San Fernando Valley — Virginia Kahse to Nut Tree and SFO; Marge Frenzel instructing Sky Divers; Norma Day dreaming up beautiful Cessna paint jobs for the Whiteman Airpark shop, like lavender, aqua, and white; Kay Mead moved to Long Beach since her husband Jess is now flying the Catalina run; Janine Ceccio to Borrego Springs twice lately; Donna Fisher had a ride in the 1928 DeHavilland Gipsy Moth; Gena Rodda and friend Sally to Hesperia; Lois Miles chartering and pleasure ride-piloting for Valley Pilots; Irene Leverton chartering Apache and 310 style for Gunnell, Santa Monica; Minnie Leigh Morgan proud new owner of an Aeronca (spot landing contestants, look out now!); S. Robinson new Airmarking chairman for Southwest Section, so let's do some.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Dorothy Jenkins

April was a busy month for us in the Tucson Chapter. First, congratulations are in order for Mary Armstrong, who received her promotion to Major in the WAC just last week. Mary is stationed at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

Jane Griese, now of Alaska, is due here any day now, and she and Pat Nolen are going to fly Jane's Stinson up to Alaska. That should be a really interesting trip. They should have some yarns to spin after this one.

Then, a business associate of Shirley Marshall's sponsor had her take him back home to Easthampton, Long Island, after spending the winter in Tucson. She covered the race route on the way, and reports a "fabulous" trip. On the way back she visited 99's in several towns, including Hazle Nealy in Shreveport, Marilyn Schulz and Amber Cree in Abilene, and Louella Gilderbloom in El Paso. Shirley says "Thank you, thank you, thank you—" to these lovely gals.

Laura Bohannon and I, along with non-pilot Mildred Morgan of Tucson, took in the SW Sectional Meeting at Palo Alto, and had a ball. Mildred has relatives in the area and they rolled out the red carpet. We got the rapid but deluxe tour of San Francisco. It was so wonderful we came near missing the Sectional. The prize for coming the longest distance to the meeting was a radio microphone, and we won it! And do you know, on the way back our mike quit working, and the new one took us nicely home. What if I'd won the Champagne!

On the way home we were privi-

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leged to meet Rhoda Thompson, of the Bakersfield Chapter, and her husband Warren, who were wonderful to us. They proved once again, as so many others have done over the years, that, in flying, you certainly meet the finest people!

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

By Peggy Archer

It's raining outside — we are nestled in our room here at Rickey's Studio Inn after a flight from Bakersfield in sunshine to Palo Alto in overcast rainy weather. The trip was fine and very little turbulence across the pass. Rhoda Thompson and yours truly were the first to arrive here in Palo Alto for the spring sectional and although we arrived early Helen Kelton, Miriam Brugh and Mary Messersmith gave us a hearty welcome and some badly needed hot coffee. We flew up in my Cessna 120 and the little plane did itself proud. All the time we gained from tail winds in the valley we lost after we crossed the range into the Salinas Valley and arrived at our destination within two minutes of our ETA.

We would also like to extend congratulations to the Bay Cities chapter for receiving the bid for the 1962 start of the AWTAR. Bakersfield may have lost out this year but we will be in there fighting for the next start from the West Coast.

Penny Ashworth and Peggy Archer attended the Wing Scout meetings these past two months and it is quite enlightening to see these young high school girls interested in the different phases of flying and that they are able to ask intelligent questions instead of the silly little questions asked by many adults. We are looking forward to a grand relationship with the Wing Scouts.

From the flight line: Ardene Roed, our member from Visalia, went and got herself married to Sol Sweet, the airport manager at Visalia — Jennie Burbeck is back in the hospital trying to get her foot and leg all healed up — Welcome to Alma "Jo" Dunham, another new member for our chapter — Penny Ashworth checked out in a new Comanche the other day, seems as though she'll fly anything anywhere as long as she isn't charged for the plane — Hialeah Reilich and her partners have another plane, a '59 Skylane this time and on a recent trip to San Jose she visited with "99" Patty Johnson and her husband and then on to Sacramento where she met Jan Deadrich reading the 99 News Letter at the airport.

Edna Long and Priscilla Spencer drove to Los Angeles to attend a C.A.P. Wing staff meeting and then that evening they attended the air youth dinner at the Aeronautical

Science building where they watched the boy Edna sent to the air youth education conference win the \$4,000 Northrup Aeronautical scholarship.

Irmyl Fitzgerald was awarded a lifetime membership in the Porterville area pilots association (incidentally she is the only female member) and is spending much of her time now working on the Porterville Moonlight Fly In. The date of the Fly In is June 24 and 25 so mark your dates for this event girls. Bertha Haycock and Rhoda Thompson are flying with the Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce on their industrial tour this year. Bertha is flying her own plane and taking the Wasco chamber president and his wife with her — Florence Moody has gone from the skies to the sea and is spending a lot of time with her new boat at Balboa.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Elsie G. Watson

We are busy as bees and plans and arrangements for the National Convention and start of the AWTAR are getting well underway. We again wish to remind contestants who have sponsors who wish to advertise via favors or items for "Goody Bags," Convention Banquet, etc., to get in touch with Marian Jepsen or Dottie Sanders.

Dottie Sanders, Isabelle McCrea, Betty Gillies, Marian Jepsen, Terry Vasques, Lynn Briggs, Stella Hardin and Ruby Keaveny plan to fly via three or four planes to the Southwest Sectional at Palo Alto.

Our congratulations to Clara Aldrich who has added a multi-engine rating to her license.

Our congratulations to Aileen Saunders for winning the efficiency race from Las Vegas to Borrego, sponsored by the Borrego Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Borrego Springs Air Show.

The personal projects for money raising have been interesting and varied. One member crocheted yarn slippers, another made homemade bread, etc. The profits from sales went into our treasury fund for Race and Convention.

Our April meeting was held at the home of Ruby Keaveny. Spring Dance Chairmen are Harriet Allen and Ruth Propsner, who promise us an evening of fun and frolic on May 13th.

UTAH CHAPTER

By Lucile Christopherson

Here's news from the Utah scene — the "Crossroads of the West."

On Saturday, April 15th, the monthly meeting was held at the lovely home of Jo Waddoups. An interesting meeting was held, featuring Major S. W. Isaac who is in the Air Force Reserve (also a pilot on Frontier Airlines), instructing the gals on omni-

navigation and giving instrument helps. Time ran out so that our next monthly meeting will be a continuation of this instruction. The next meeting will again be held at the Waddoups' home; the date will be advised by mail. Those attending: Virginia Riedel, Eunice Naylor, Alberta Nicholson and Jo Waddoups.

Of interest to the Utah chapter and to other friends about the country, is the recent marriage of Peggy Wharton — now the new Mrs. Edward T. Johnson (Colonel retired) on Tuesday, April 4th at Santa Fe, New Mexico. (Their new address: 2525 Sycamore-Broadmoor, Colo. Spgs., Colorado.) Our best wishes to you, Peggy, this is wonderful news!

Recent happenings about the state: Eunice Naylor, Jo Waddoups and George Cooper visited in the Bryce Canyon area last week. The main purpose being to activate a new CAP squadron and to give a talk on "Aviation Education" in the Panguitch High School. Eunice, as you may remember, is a Lt. Col. in charge of Aerospace Education in the CAP and just the person for the job.

Last Sunday Jo Waddoups and her husband, Max, flew to Blackfoot, Idaho, to visit.

Ruth Walker flew to Missouri last Thursday to be with her father who is gravely ill.

June Raybould, secretary of the F.A.A. is doing a wonderful job as a secretary and mother and in addition is taking care of her own mother who is very ill.

This weekend Alberta Nicholson and Virginia Riedel plan to leave for the Ninety-Nines sectional meetings.

Jane Andreason, secretary of Thompson Flying Service, located on Salt Lake's main airport, is still doing a wonderful job with her Air Scout organization.

See you next month!

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jane O. Haag

The regular meeting of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter was held on 13 April at the Pilot's Lounge at Brackett Field, LaVerne, Calif., with Polly Phelps as our hostess. There was a total of 24 members and guests present, 11 members, four 49½ers, and seven guests. Of the seven guests present three were new applicants for membership and one was a "sister 99%", Shirley Robinson of the San Fernando Chapter who provided our program for the evening.

Shirley brought us movies of antique airplanes and a pictorial history of the progress of aviation. We were pleased to share our program with the members and guests of the Pomona Valley Pilots Ass'n. who were

also having a meeting at Brackett Field, and, they in turn invited the 99s and their guests to view their program later in the evening, a film of the X-15 and a film on last year's Jim Long Memorial Trophy Race which their Ass'n. sponsored.

The Dovers hope their Cessna 170 will be majored by race-time! Sounds like Georgia expects to take part in the TAR this year, doesn't it?

The Haags are anxiously awaiting the return of their Cessna 170 from "Vaeth's Plane Hospital" where a rebuilt motor is being installed by major surgery! Dr. Vaeth expects 2496D to be up and about again in time for a breakfast flight to Apple Valley on April 22nd.

Rose Ann Ford, Shirley Gilmore and June Denney are the three new applicants for membership in our Chapter, congratulations girls, we are happy to welcome you to the 99s and even happier to welcome you into our Chapter. Rose Ann is an "old-timer" at flying having had her license for quite some time, Shirley had her check ride April 6th and June took her ride April 7th, both passed! A few days later Shirley flew June and Betty Humble to Nan Nuys where Betty treated the girls to lunch and then they visited the tower.

June Denney's first flight as a private pilot was to take her husband and children to Santa Barbara for a picnic on the beach.

Penny Swope is selling Hi-desert property via plane. She's one busy gal these days in her new field of real estate, and wouldn't you know that Penny would find a way to incorporate flying into her new work!

"Polly" Stoeck soloed her H-35 Bonanza on April 13th. She hopes to attend the Sectional meeting at Palo Alto and will fly to Kansas on business the latter part of April.

As the Newsletter reported for the San Gabriel Chapter I have developed ears somewhat the size, shape and proportion of a jack-rabbit and it sounded to me as if the San Gabriel Chapter will be well-represented in the Powder Puff Derby!"

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER

By June O'Donnell

Sorry about the gaps in news but there are times when there just isn't any news to report.

This is an open letter to Dorothy Branzhof, a member of the Redwood Chapter of Ninety-Nines, Inc., who is now living in Ankara, Turkey. I erroneously reported sometime back that Dorothy was a "former member" of the Redwood Chapter. A letter from Dorothy has since been forwarded to me saying, and I quote,

"next to pledging allegiance to our Nation, I should never consider dropping my affiliation with Ninety-Nines, Inc." Such loyalty could only come from a true member of long standing and Redwood Chapter is proud to claim her. Forgive a badly informed fledgling Dorothy, and I hope you will give me and the other new members of your chapter a chance to meet you on your next trip to the United States.

Member at large, Madelet Royal of Turkey, is a close friend of Dorothy Branzhof. In fact I had just written my report including the accomplishments of Madelet only to read it in the News Letter. One interesting fact left out is that Madelet is one of two girls selected by the Turkish government for Jet training. She is visiting in the United States now and plans to take out U. S. Citizenship so we will be hearing more about Madelet.

Pat Stouffer, Hazel Bertanga, and June O'Donnell attended the Southwest Sectional at Rickey's in Palo Alto. Even though the weather did not cooperate those that did make it through will agree with me their hospitality more than made up for the weather. We had a most informative and entertaining week-end. I thought their conference room service especially nice. And — that lucky Pat Stouffer won one of the helicopter rides.

SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

By Helen V. Nelson

On Sunday, April 12th, Mayetta and Bill Behringer, Jennie and Dave McElhatton, Patty Sherwood, Margaret Standish, and Pat Gladney flew up to the Nut Tree fly-in restaurant and shopping center, located near highway 40 between San Francisco and Sacramento, for lunch. Besides the miniature train always on hand at the airstrip to take those arriving by plane for the one mile trip to the restaurant, this particular weekend there was an added attraction—Cessna's exhibit of most of their latest models. The exhibit attracted over 300 planes and a mobile control unit to facilitate the landings and take-offs.

Our hostesses at the Spring Southwest Sectional Meeting in Palo Alto were the gals from the Bay Cities Chapter. The chairman, Jean Kaye Tinsley, had a most unexpected and pleasant surprise for us—a genuine hula dance done for us by a friend of hers from Tahiti! And the San Fernando Chapter intrigued us with a plan for having a 99 float in the famous annual Rose Parade which is held

each New Years Day in Pasadena, California. This float would be seen by 100 million viewers on TV and would be a fabulous way to publicize our organization on a national scale. Our Powder Puff Derby winners and 99 Astronauts could provide new personalities each year to glorify our float — and this type of publicity could appeal to many current and potential members throughout the country. Someone has to get the ball rolling for this extravaganza and it seems logical to me, that our section be the first one to back this first float — simply because the Rose Parade is held in our part of the country. The price of this to the entire Southwest Section would be \$5000, a sum requiring a voluntary contribution from each member of \$15.00.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Mace

Elaine Lancaster got our April meeting off to a good start by serving a delicious luncheon promptly. Then we whisked through our business meeting which included voting for a contribution to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship and AWTAR and then we were treated to some wonderful movies Ruth Wagner borrowed from Ninety-Nine Headquarters of the Women's Transcontinental Air Races. "Cleared for Take Off" was excellent in sound and the ones in color made the Wild Blue Yonder even bluer and we all caught the excitement that it must be to fly in one of those "Powder Puff Derbys". It was with mixed feelings that we watched Betty Haynes and Nelsyne Jones in "Inspection At Impound" in color taken at Lawrence, Massachusetts in 1959, checking over the Comanche.

Everyone has been busy—Florence and Jack Breen recently returned from their flight to Lincoln, Nebraska; Ruth Lummis enjoyed a trip to Death Valley with the Sierra Club; Gerry Mickelson wondering what to do with her sick engine on the Bellanca; Joyce Evans, our guest, has been working hard on her flying (nice work if you can get it) and soloed a few days after our meeting; Edith Hammer says the food was worth waiting for after a flight to Napa Easter. June and Jim Devine are in Mexico.

Ruth Wagner presented the trophy to Audrey Schutte March 25th when she and Genevieve Hall and Hialeah Reilich attended the San Fernando Valley Chapter "Woman of the Year" award banquet. It seemed everyone enjoyed the speaker, Al White, Chief Test Pilot of North American Aviation and the movies of the X-15. This meeting also gave Ruth and Hialeah a chance to make further plans for

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going on the AWTAR this year and it was voted to give them something more than a moral boost. We'll all enjoy the race more knowing they are in it and hearing about it through their experiences.

Elaine has been looking forward to checking out in the Beech Debonaire if she can ever properly juggle plane and instructor availability, baby sitter for her cuddly four month old son, and the weather.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Mary Fields

The Bay Cities Chapter 99's was the honored hostess chapter to Southwest Section 99's and 49½ers on the weekend of April 21-22-23 in Palo Alto. Your reporter was unable to attend the Friday night festivities due to an ailing 49½er, but I understand that there were 67 persons present at the wine tasting and scallop dinner at L'Omelette's. A good time was had by all, and the scallops were scrumptious.

Although the weather was not the best, seven planes managed to get through to us on Friday. The visibility was good, but those driving rain showers could have been done without, and no one would have complained a word! Except, perhaps, one person! Ev Hendley and her 49½er drove from Modesto precisely to wish the weather ill and wet so it could perhaps save their peaches.

Saturday beamed about the same as Friday, with intermittent rain showers and gusty winds, but eight planes arrived with 99's aboard. The shore meeting in the Executive Conference Hall was attended by 100 persons. Alice Roberts, Governor, presided over the meeting and items for the convention and air race were discussed. Deedo Hise, our charming and capable International President, attended, and was asked to say a few words, but she declined on the grounds that we have to listen to her at the big meeting and that should suffice.

Preceding the meeting, door prizes were presented; amongst them being four helicopter rides, a prize for the first plane to arrive, one for the second plane to arrive, one for tail end tony, a prize for the pilot with the newest private license, a prize for the pilot with the most ratings, one for the 99 to fly the longest distance, and one for the shortest flight, and door prizes for persons whose names were drawn at random.

The tickets for the banquet were almost oversold! Chuck Banfe was the guest speaker for the evening, and each and every person attending, enjoyed his talk immensely! We got a big kick out of his presentations, upon landing, of the "Fresh Leis, a

Jar of poi, and the K-poi bumper-stickers". I would like to get a glimpse of that camel wearing the K-poi bumper-sticker!

The takeoff on Sunday was made in the same weather as the two previous days, and we wish to apologize to those poor girls who had to push their airplanes out of all the mud on Palo Alto airport.

Vice-Governor, Geri Hill, we are sad to hear, is leaving us in a few months. She has accepted a position in Torrance to teach school. We will all miss Geri, a very valuable member of the chapter. In Geri's absence Ruth Rueckert becomes the new chairman of the 1962 TAR. The start of the race will be held in Oakland next year, and Ruth will start training very soon, to fill the shoes formerly occupied by Geri. However, we know that Ruth is the one to do the job.

To all our committee chairmen, gift donors, 49½ers, and all those wonderful girls that made the weekend successful, congratulations! on a job well done. Also, the 49½ers were the best and we couldn't have done as well without you. See you in San Diego in July, and then in Oakland in 1962.



By Jeanne Spielberg

Early in April, Marion Lopez, our Governor, called a special meeting at her home to discuss and assign our posts at our big Wing Ding at Atlantic City — July 8th to 15th. Our schedule is terribly exciting and I would love to tell you all about it here but I believe the program will be in your hands by the time you read this. Since Atlantic City is a delightful playground and our headquarters are at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel you are bound to have loads of fun and have a wonderful time. We know you will not want to go home so "plan to stay an extra day." We are looking forward to seeing all the girls from near and far and we want to keep you with us as long as we can.

Marion Lopez, Selma Cronan, Marge Gray and Kay Brick joined the Eastern Pennsylvania girls at their No. Philadelphia Airport meeting in March and had a very interesting time.

We are hatching plans for our May 20th week-end at Montauk, Long Island which will coincide with the New England Flv-In. Marion, Selma and Chris Winzer flew out to the end of the Island on April 15th to check on arrangements. We are also planning

to inaugurate a new Chapter at the Eastern tip of Long Island.

Barbara Evans flew out to a Board meeting at Oklahoma City with Louise Smith and Barbara Kiernan. They had a terrific trip on their return, flying 710 miles in 3 hours and 3 minutes. Good practice for the TAR. When the weather closed in at Philadelphia Barbara Evans hurried home by bus to be with the kiddies since 49½er Ed is on "location" in Morocco, North Africa, where he is shooting film on a very interesting assignment.

We are looking forward to having Jerri Cobb as our guest speaker at our May 2nd dinner meeting.

Bobby Prestas is winging her way to Europe with the very famous Max Conrad. From the very scanty information I received they are delivering a plane from Lock Haven Airport. More details next time.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the "Land of Salt-Water Taffy."



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

We want to congratulate Arlene and Arnold Feldman who had a BOY born March 9th and Judy (Rich) and Bob Hopkin who had a GIRL born on March 17th; both are proud parents for the first time.

Our Sectional meeting was held at the New Castle Airport on April 22nd. Arrangements were well prepared and carried out by Barbara Bonnett, Program Chairman for the occasion. The meeting was held first, at the Airport, and the luncheon at the Lynnhaven Inn, across the highway from the Airport, afterwards. A total of 44 (16 of whom were men) attended the luncheon and following it, returned to the Airport for the film and tour of the Grumman "Gulfstream" at Atlantic Aviation where the aircraft comes to be completed for executive use, according to its buyers taste and requirements. Mr. Don Redpath, Vice President at Atlantic Aviation was responsible for this most enlightening afternoon and for the lovely door prizes of Grumman tie clasps and Beechcraft cuff links, to name only a few, that were given out at the luncheon.

We were so pleased to have Alice and John Hammond take time off from "getting settled in their new home here in Phila." (after living for 24 years in the same house in Detroit) to join us for this Sectional. We consider ourselves honored to have

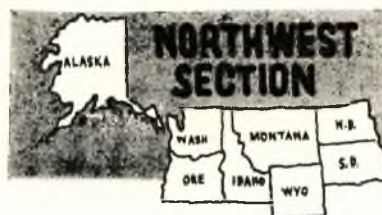
Thompson, and Dorothy Mitchell from Washington . . . and the third by Commander Don and Nancy Lyman, also of Wash. Another prospective member, Rowena Slusher of Roanoke, Va., flew in the day before in a 172. She holds a commercial license and does quite a bit of flying.

Muriel and Rudy Chalow flew in with their daughter, Merle, who soloed a 170 just after her 16th birthday, and newcomer, Alice Meisenheimer from Haddonfield, N. J. Alice and her husband also have a Navion and she has been flying out of Bridgeport Airport in N. J. . . . Peggy Borek and Irene Wirtschafter flew in together; they're considering entering the race as a team. . . . The D'Alterios and the Roggios came via Cessna and Debonair, respectively . . . Ada Mitchell and Marty De Loatch with her duplicate daughter, Cynthia, drove up from D. C. . . . Marcia and Carl Musson brought Jean and Len Gezon as their guests. (The Gezons are from Springfield, Pa. and their Comanche is at Echelon Airport). Marcia became a member recently, and Carl acquired his multi-engine ratings not too long ago; another of our "flying couples" . . . The Wilmington members, Gloria Durham, Adelaide and John Tinker, and Barbara and Dr. John Bonnett with their two very well-behaved children were present . . . Hazel Fels and Naomi Noll drove from Lancaster. We hope John Fels is well enough to join us next month; the Florida sun should do him some good . . . Anne Shield made it to New Castle and was only 5 minutes late after driving back to her job at N. Phila. Airport for the 4 o'clock shift . . . Kate Macario and Elsie McBride plus Andy Nonnemacher of New Castle tower, Charles Retlinski of Atlantic Aviation and George Grote of Grumman rounded out the group.

Reasons for two of our members missing the Sectional: Nancy Diemand who happens to be in Europe at the moment and Kate (Ornsen) Barcus who is preparing to leave for a trip through Greece, Italy and the Mediterranean countries with her husband . . . Cecilia Stetser and her husband, Dr. Leland Stetser, flew their Comanche to Florida last month and met Nancy Diemand and her two children at the Charleston, S. C. Air. Alice became a member of our chapter.

Three Navions arrived with members and guests: one flown by Irene and William Skinner of Rockville, Md.; this was Irene's first 99 meeting . . . the second, flown by Velta Benn with "Mac" Magee, Virginia

port; she was also enroute to Fla. in their 175. Be sure to send me news of any trips, vacations, tours that you take and/or ratings that you acquire.



ALASKA CHAPTER

Helen Stoddard

Marion Zaegel and her 49½er have returned from a two months vacation in Arizona and California. We all envied her beautiful sun tan. She reported to us about her glider flight. They were just off the ground when the tow rope broke. Would you call that motor failure on take off? They returned to Alaska by driving up the highway in a new Mercedes Benz.

Ruth O'Buck had the misfortune to have motor failure in a 210 on landing at Fire Island where one does not come in motor dead. Each landing on that strip is a spot landing. The nose wheel gave way and extensive damage was done to the front end but Ruth was not hurt. She managed to get the ship to the beach before it hit.

May Fields is leaving our chapter and is moving down to the San Francisco area. You girls watch for her down that way. She will be a credit to any 99 chapter. Lucky the chapter that gets her. We all hate to see her go. She and her husband are flying to San Francisco in their Comanche.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

Marie L. Reynnells

Our March 25 fly-in at Yakima was a fun-filled day and night. Arrangements were capably handled by Ethel Wikstrom and Mary Drinkwater. The Noland Decoto Flying Service greeted all comers with cake and coffee. Appointments were in blue and white, our 99 colors. A luscious cake decorated in a "flying" motif complete to runway, tiny planes and tetrahedron was served by hostess Velda Noland. A social hour and dinner at the Chinook Hotel preceded the evening business meeting.

The highlight of the evening was supplied by Dorothy Hardy who treasures a close personal friendship with Amelia Earhart. Dorothy shared many of the aviation experiences Amelia had with us. She brought two framed mementos Amelia carried with her on two trans-ocean flights, a small silk flag of the U. S. carried across the Atlantic, and a letter from Honolulu carried across the Pacific. You may be sure the spirit of Amelia

Earhart seemed close and personal to all of us.

"Wik" Wikstrom, member of the Washington Aeronautics Commission, gave an interesting talk on the state organization, its policies and plans, and supplied some ideas on airmarking projects.

Rogers High School aeronautics students took a 220 mile round trip flight from Spokane to Lewiston Sunday, April 16, to learn navigation skills. Three girl class members rode with our Carla Aldrich. The Spokesman-Review had a picture of Carla and her three passengers checking maps prior to the flight. Twenty local pilots donated time and planes to help the students with practical in-flight navigation.

Gini Richardson, Yakima, was at Fairchild AFB recently, where she attended a one and one-half day course in physiological training and altitude survival. This is a 12 hour course given normally to only military personnel and consists of classroom lectures, films and special tests. Gini went in the altitude chamber for varying pressure tests, including a decompression test. She learned that at 32,000 feet without 100 per cent oxygen she lost consciousness after five and one-half minutes. Gini earned her altitude card and will share her experience with us at a future meeting.

Here and there: Minnie Boyd is taking instrument time. Lygie Hagan is vacationing in California. Joan Rorke and Helen Crum, Yakima, are new chapter members. Dorothy Hardy and Helen Ernsdorf, Yakima, are reinstating. Kathleen Hitchcock, White Swan, is transferring from Western Washington Chapter.

Ethel Wikstrom is enjoying a fully equipped Apache and working on her multi-engine rating. She will probably complete this project while "Wik" is on a State Department sponsored "People to People" tour in Europe this month. Helen Crum plans to join Ethel in some training flights.

April 29 we have a fly-in at Martin's Field in Walla Walla. This is a business meeting and we plan to get zeroed in on our Warden airmarking project. A no-host luncheon and program will complete the day.

MONTANA CHAPTER

Aileen Gray

The Montana 99's met at Jorgenson's in Helena for their February meeting. After the luncheon meeting they attended an afternoon session of the legislature.

Vivienne Schrank and her 49½er Milton were in Glasgow making plans to join the Alaskan-Canadian Air Tour being planned by the Montana Chamber of Commerce. This flight will originate May 29 at both Glasgow and Great Falls. It has created a

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great deal of interest and sounds very exciting. I wish we were all participating in it. Vivienne reports while in Glasgow she met Bebe Sult and Bobby Kramer, both prospective 99's. They are working very hard to get their tickets by M.P.A. Convention time in Glasgow May 26.

Had a nice note from Dorathy Sabo telling of a marvelous vacation in New York and Washington, D. C. Dorathy and her 49½er flew to New York via Northwest Electra. They visited their son, Dick, who is at Cornell Medical School in New York and daughter, Sally and husband in Washington, D. C.

Mary Jo Janey stopped in Billings en route to Washington, D. C., to attend a session on aviation education. Mary Jo is now director of Montana Aviation Education with offices in Helena, and is a most busy 99'er planning her summer workshops.

Inza Riedesel and husband Russ returned last week from a winter of fun in the sun at Palm Springs.

Marge Rolle and Ken are off this week by Beech Bonanza to attend the airport executives convention in Colorado Springs.

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