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DEADLINE FOR NEWS
The 20th of Each Month

NOTICE

There will be no Ninety-Nine News in July. July-August combined for Post Convention issue. Deadline for copy July 20.



Seated from left to right: Mrs. Alexander Newton, transportation; Mrs. Roy Pemberton, chairman Bksfld. Chpt. 99s; Mrs. Stephen Wall, Inspection; Mrs. Glen Moody, hospitality and accommodations; Mrs. Virgil Dunham, impound; Mrs. Warren Thompson, race chairman; Mrs. Loren Witner, operations and deputy race chm.; Mrs. Priscilla Spencer, publicity, start.

Powder Puff Derby July 13 - 17

The much sought after number one position for take-off in the 1963 race was won by Mrs. Judy Wagner of Palos Verdes Estates, California, an 800 hour pilot who will be flying her second TAR solo in a K35 Beech Bonanza.

Second in the line-up for take-off will be Mrs. Bertha Haycock, resident of the start city, Bakersfield, flying under the banner of Kern County. Third to be flagged off will be Mrs. Alice Hammond with co-pilot Miss Irene Wirtschafter of Meadowbrook and Philadelphia, Pa., flying under the sponsorship of Luden's, Inc.

The thirteen entries postmarked April 25 were drawn in Atlantic City by their Official Hostess, Miss Maria Jacobs. Further numbers are being given as applications are received — June 15 is the closing date for entries to be postmarked. Nine states were represented in the initial group of entries.

The Start Headquarters is the Bakersfield Hacienda. The planes will take off on July 13 from Meadows Field, Bakersfield, and after crossing a scenic and challenging 2460 mile course will cross the ocean front finish line at Atlantic City opposite the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Terminus Headquarters, by noon of July 17.

Simplex Time clocks will be used

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AWTAR 17th Annual Powder Puff Derby

The Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the 1963 AWTAR, is planning an exciting program for the spectators who stay behind after the contestants leave on July 13 at 8:00 A.M. The Air Industry Review will begin with an air spectacular just as the Powder Puff Derby contestants are ready for take-off and will continue for two days after the women have left. Army, Navy, private and commercial air experts will be showing their competencies. The Blue Angels and the Shooting Stars are two of the best known groups to participate.

While the contestants' planes are impounded for the week preceding Take-Off, Bakersfield Chapter 99's has many events to entertain visitors. Allowing time for washing, polishing and worrying, there is opportunity for swimming, sight-seeing, banqueting and hangar flying.

Come to Bakersfield not later than July 6th. Stay for welcome parties, dinners poolside, 17th anniversary luncheon, receptions, banquets, and Take-Off Breakfast. Enjoy the Take-Off, the Air Industry Review, and then leisurely fly to the convention in Oklahoma City.

Priscilla Spencer,
Publicity Chairman
Bakersfield Chapter 99s



Mr. James T. Pyle



Mr. Frank K. Smith



Colonel Elizabeth Ray, USAF

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

The three wonderful people pictured here gave most generously of their time, thought, and judgment to select the 1963 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship winner from among the top three contestants submitted to them by your Trustees. These Honorary Judges are Colonel Elizabeth Ray, USAF, Director of the WAF; Mr. James T. Pyle, Vice President, General Precisions, Inc., former Deputy Administrator FAA; and Mr. Frank K. Smith, noted author, attorney, speaker and pilot. All expressed these thoughts: "This was really tough! Wish we had three scholarships to award, aviation needs people like these, etc."

Well, the sale of our official First Day Covers comes at a most opportune time for us to make the awarding of several Scholarships a reality in the near future — if we sell them all! Details are elsewhere and I am sure you are all familiar with the project and are taking orders like mad! This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

Meantime — do get your regular Chapter and Section contributions in for this year by June 30 if you wish them included in the Convention report. They are still acceptable for this year until 31 August, however.

And come to convention and meet the winner of our 1963 Scholarship — we know you'll be proud of your share in making it possible for her!

Alice H. Hammond, Chairman,
Amelia Earhart Memorial
Scholarship Trustees

President's Column

A busy time. Home again after three weeks. First a flight with Louise Thaden to Washington, D. C., to attend the preview of the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp and reception at the National Aviation Club. Afterward, we met far, far into the night with Fay Wells, Alice Hammond and Blanche Noyes to discuss the Fly-Away and sale of the Ninety Nine First Day Covers. The stamp is very exceptional — good in color and design. Our First Day Cachet will be a rare collector's item, as well as income for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund, investment for future sales, and perfect for any special award presentations. An opportunity that comes only once.

Then a flight West — Phoenix and breakfast with Melba Beard, Alice

MEMBERSHIP BARGAIN DAYS ARE NOW

Three months membership **FREE** to all **NEW MEMBERS**. Those who join as of July 1, 1963 will automatically have paid their dues until September 30, 1964. Let us make one final push for **NEW MEMBERS** to take advantage of this great bargain.

Greetings and a cordial welcome from all Ninety Nines to those who have become members since last September. We all hope to meet you in OKC. We know you will enjoy your association with our organization more each year.

Lygie Hagan, Domestic
Membership Chairman

Roberts and Olive McCormick, and more talk and plans about the Fly-Away. The trip west included a "first" — driving, not flying, thru the state of Oregon, and just happened to be in Grants Pass and was able to attend the Oregon Chapter meeting. Under the capable leadership of chairman Charlotte Dobson, they are planning the third Petticoat Derby. The chapter, chartered May, 1960 with only nine members, has today a membership of 51 — all active, congenial and enthusiastic Ninety Nines, a real inspiration to us all. May I quote Charlotte? "The Ninety Nines do things other than fly races and derbies — one main project is to cooperate with schools and airports in Aerospace Education Workshops for teachers and field trips for students. Wherever and whenever given the opportunity, Ninety Nines promote safety in aviation and impart knowledge of the scope and great part aviation plays in our every day lives."

HAVE YOU?—prepared all yearly reports for the annual meeting?

—made reservations for July 17-20 in Oklahoma City?

—filled application for the OKC Fun Flying Spree?

—ordered Ninety Nine First Day Cachets?

—made plans to be in Atchison, Kansas on July 23rd and 24th?

The Executive Boards of the Ninety Nines and the Transcontinental Air Race both regret very much that the dates of the annual meeting and the race could not be co-ordinated this year. Let's hope that the weather will co-operate so that some may be able to take part in both events.

See you in OKC! And keep flying!

Louise M. Smith



Oakland, Calif., International Airport, April 30, 1963—Betty Miller is interviewed by NBC Radio reporter prior to her takeoff for Honolulu on first leg of trans-Pacific solo flight. Husband, Chuck Miller, stands by.

Betty Miller Honored As First Woman To Fly Light Plane From California To Australia

By Lindy Boyes

The international organization of 99's proved its "organization" with members in Australia, Hawaii and California pitching in to assist with the publicizing of Betty Miller's record-setting solo flight from Oakland, California to Brisbane, Australia.

Olga Tarling in Brisbane, Dorothy Kelsey in Honolulu and your P. R. Chairman in Oakland helped to inform the press that Betty is a 99, that her near reverse course of Amelia Earhart's last flight tied into the fact that Amelia founded the 99's, and that we are a live and going international group.

In the letter that follows, Olga Tarling describes vividly the activity surrounding Betty's arrival at Brisbane. In Honolulu, our two 99's Elsie

Miyasato and Dorothy Kelsey, greeted Betty after her longest over-water leg. At Oakland, Ruth Rueckert, Hazel Miles and Miriam Brugh were on hand at Betty's now historical departure April 30.

98 Barlow Street,
Clayfield, N. 14.
Brisbane,
Queensland,
Australia.
15th May, 1963.

To Miss Lindy Boyes,
International P.R. Chairman,
The Ninety-Nines, Inc.,
517 Magnolia Ave.,
CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.
Dear Lindy,

At 12 noon yesterday ended three days of a most wonderful experience for myself and the other members of the Australian Women Pilot's Association, local Queensland group. Actually it all began on April 30th, when Betty departed Oakland on her epoch-making flight to Australia and worked itself up to a climax last Sunday night when she arrived in a blaze of glory at 8:20 p.m., at Eagle Farm Airport, Brisbane, Australia.

It was made all the more exciting for me, because the evening before the Queensland members of the Australian Women Pilots' Association held their annual General Meeting and I was elected, in my absence, Presi-

dent, for the ensuing twelve months.

I will now give you a graphic report on Betty's flight to Brisbane Airport, Australia, as seen and experienced by a fellow Ninety-Niner awaiting her arrival.

As you know, I am an Air Traffic Control Officer, stationed at Brisbane Airport, being one of only two women, employed in this capacity by the Department of Civil Aviation in Australia and its Territories. As such I was able to obtain first hand knowledge of Betty's progress on her long flight and pass the information on to my fellow women pilots.

As you will gather and probably already know from the enclosed Press cuttings, Betty had many delays on her trip due to adverse weather conditions. Still this all added interest to her wonderful and exciting adventure.

I feel the most thrilling moment came when Air Traffic Control were finally advised she had actually departed Fiji for Brisbane. At least !!! we had a definite ETA. . . .

In the previous week I had all the information I had on her flight to the Press, Radio and Television Stations. On one occasion I was given an interview by one of the Television Stations here in Brisbane, being most happy to discuss Betty Miller's forthcoming flight across 7,500 miles of ocean.

To continue with our story — Betty's last leg was not fated to be the straight forward episode we expected, which lent a great deal of excitement to some but to the Air Traffic Control Officers on duty that eventful afternoon, there were a few worried brows during the final four hours before ETA.

I reported for duty at Air Traffic Control, Eagle Farm Airport, on that never-to-be forgotten day, being extremely happy to see the crowd of people building up rapidly in anticipation of Betty's arrival, which at that

OKC Air Race Deadline Extended

Here's good news for those of you that can't plan too far ahead . . . Processing Air Race applications has been much more expedient than anticipated so we're **extending the Deadline for entry.** Now you, too, can join in fun flying in the flatlands! **New Deadline for the "OKC Fun Flying Spree" (Is July 1, 1963.**

Dottie Young, Chairman
OKC Air Race



But the race course instructions say it should be a RED roof!

time was 3:10 p.m. I was told that the switchboard had been running hot and almost 60 calls had been recorded during the morning shift for news on her progress.

Mrs. Nancy Bird Walton arrived at 12 noon from Sydney as representative for the Australian Governor of the 99's, Nancy Leebold. She and all the available Queensland Women Pilots, 12 in all, were at the Airport awaiting with great enthusiasm, the finale epic flight. Actually Betty would have arrived earlier only she had to divert to New Caledonia for a period due to abnormal radio communications, which set her ETA back approx. 5 hours. This latest development sent everyone up to fever pitch awaiting the next move. Then at 2:30 p.m. we received the news that she was again on her way, giving an ETA on flight plan of 8:53 p.m. — this meant a night landing and did rather put a damper on the anxious TV cameramen, who had hoped to fly out and make a film record of her dramatic arrival.

On receiving information of Betty's departure from New Caledonia, I took my position in the Plotting room at Operational Control and kept an up to date record of her progress across the 800 miles of ocean ahead.

My male counterparts teased me

OKC Fun Flying Spree

REMINDERS Deadline for entry extended to July 1, 1963.

.... Photographs are not required— They will be used for publicity if available.

.... Passengers may be added up through the pilot meeting Wednesday night, July 16th.

.... The race is set up on a "Rally" basis—no pre-planning of the course.

.... No full throttle flying required and fuel consumption is not a factor—your engine will love you.

.... No Gimmicks involved — Just sharpen up on dead reckoning navigation and Time/Distance computations.

.... Can't divulge "Classified" information but Air Race time will not be less than 1:03 nor more than 4:46!!!

.... 1st PRIZE \$250.00; 2nd \$150.00; 3rd \$100.00; A tail end Tony trophy plus numerous other awards!

.... All pilots and co-pilots will be guests at the Race Awards Dinner.

.... Check previous Newsletters for additional information.

.... Applications for entry available until June 20. Send 25c to: Dottie Young, Air Race Chairman, Oklahoma City 8, Okla. Entry deadline extended to July 1st.

TO GOVERNORS AND INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Prepare yearly reports in triplicate. Should you be unable to attend annual meeting, appoint someone to give your report, notify and send report to Secretary Martha Reading..

unmercifully, saying that I did not show as much concern or interest in all the male pilots flying around every day. Of course there was the usual back chat — Women Pilots-Women Drivers" etc. but it was all in fun and I know their hearts were with her all the way just as mine was. She actually arrived at 8:20 p.m. picking up 30 minutes as she experienced tail winds during the last part of the flight. My fellow women pilots were given a Position report to Position report description of her flight from the Ops. room.

All was progressing normally until approximately 4.20 p.m. when a report came through on International Aeradio Sydney that N4315Y (Betty's Apache) had notified "Experiencing a rough running motor port side, will advise". I will have to admit an icy hand clutched momentarily at my heart as the Alert Phase was declared. Immediately Search and Rescue Action was prepared in readiness for the worst possible event—a ditching in the ocean by night!! Very happily it was never required but all was in hand.

I immediately obtained all the shipping reports for the area from our Coastal Radio Station and plotted their positions for possible rescue action. I was then joined by another Controller and we prepared navigational charts for the Search pilots who had already been called on active duty. The crews were briefed and asked to standby for further action. Meanwhile the Searchmaster was alerting Radar services — weather information and possible aid from the Air Force. The Operations Room had never been so active. At this stage Betty came through with her "Operations Normal" call reporting that the faulty engine now appeared to be running smoothly once more. A wave of relief passed through the Ops. room. Though still concerned for her safety, we felt that the tension had eased. We then decided to lower the priority of the Search and Rescue

TO CHAPTER CHAIRMAN

Elect your delegate for International Annual Meeting, and notify the International Secretary. Send contribution to the Amelia Earhart Fund.

action to Uncertainty Phase, so that we could keep a watchful eye over her until she landed safely on Australian shores.

When discussing the whole situation at a later date with Betty, we had a jolly good laugh when I told her, if the worst had happened, she would never have hit the water — there were too many anxious men waiting around Operational Control, who would have shot into the air on their silver winged steeds at a seconds notice to rescue their "Lady in distress" One may be permitted to be amused at such statements when it was all over.

The next two hours progressed quite normally — we received regular reports from Betty and the excitement began to rise as the plotting chart revealed her approach to the Australian mainland. At long last she reported that the Brisbane rotating beacon was in sight!

ZERO HOUR WAS NIGH — NOW FOR THE COUNT DOWN As the word passed out that she was in the circuit area — I at last vacated my position with the permission of the Senior Controller — and dashed across to the International Terminal, to be on the spot for this very momentous occasion.

3,000 people hailed her arrival! Cameras clicked and Televisions, Radio and Newspaper representatives were well to the fore. The general public broke the barriers and Betty and her beautiful plane were literally "Mobbed". I can assure you that Betty received a thunderous and enthusiastic welcome to "Down Under", and I feel as a result that the female of the species will receive a greater vote of confidence in the future of their flying capabilities.

There is really little more to tell— Betty was interviewed, televised, showered with bouquets and given a

FUN FLYING IN THE FLATLANDS & GREEN STAMPS TOO ! !

The "OKC Fun Flying Spree" has a first to end all firsts! GREEN STAMPS TO EACH ENTRANT! Courtesy of Lloyd Catlin, of Catlin Aviation Co., OKC. Collect your entry fee Green Stamps at impound registration. Wow! Everybody wins — it's impossible to go home empty handed!!

rousing welcome from the Australian public during the next two hours—then a very tired but happy lady pilot was rushed off to her flower bedecked hotel suite for a well earned rest. I am quite sure that as she drove past Smithy's old Southern Cross enjoying her last resting place in a Memorial glass case at Eagle Farm Airport — ghostly whispers may have been heard and if one had watched carefully the gallant plane may have dipped her wings in salute to a brave young woman pilot in her hour of glory.

The next three days rushed by with Cocktail Parties given by the Lord Mayor and another by the Queensland Women Pilots, Dinner with the Piper Agents and numerous other official welcomes, described vividly in the enclosed news cuttings.

Betty departed Archerfield Aerodrome (Brisbane's Light Aircraft field) at noon yesterday, flying a Comanche aircraft to Sydney, before she leaves Australia by Airliner for home. We were all very sorry she could not have stayed longer to visit our country but we do hope to see her again someday on a more leisurely visit.

The Queensland Women Pilots and myself, Veronica Versace and Peg Kelman also as 99'ers, were very proud and happy to be on hand to welcome Betty Miller on her famous flight, being the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific, California to Australia. We found her a very interesting and charming woman, and were delighted to make her acquaintance.

As a fitting conclusion to the occasion, I dashed over to the Control Tower as Betty was taxiing out, and was given permission to give the following instructions as she requested "Ready" . . . "Delta Juliet Alpha this is Archer Tower, Clear for take-off, Safe Journey and Happy Landings always".

Yours very sincerely,
Olga Tarling.
President, (Queensland).
Australian Women Pilot's
Association.

May 15, 1963

**TO: GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER
CHAIRMEN
FROM Fay G. Wells, Co-Ordinator
SUGGESTED PROCEDURE TO
CANCEL FIRST DAY COVERS AT
THE STATE CAPITOLS**

As a historical record of the 99's Flyaway, during the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp celebration, beginning July 24th, we want pictures of our official First Day covers, clear-

ly showing the date of the counter cancellation by the state postoffices. It is feasible that, barring adverse flying weather, they will be cancelled before midnight, July 25th.

For example, when the charter girls touch down at a capitol to refuel and drop off First Day covers only, such as Betty at Denver, Nancy at Springfield, Blanche at Indianapolis and Louise at Little Rock, no plans should be made that require them to leave the airport which might upset their ETA at their overnight stops.

Every effort should be made to get the postmaster to handstamp the one special First Day cover at the airport; also have the Governor, or Lt. Governor or one of the State Senators on hand so she can present another First Day cover to him — for the State aviation museum, or the state historical society or to the Governor personally.

If this can't be worked out, the girl in charge should arrange for a 99 to carry from the airport to the post-office an official 99 cover and have her photograph taken with the postmaster, clearing showing the cancelled cover, before midnight of July 25th, if possible.

This cover should be sent by registered mail to the 99 headquarters in Oklahoma City.

A picture also should be taken later when another First Day cover is presented to the Governor.

Where there are stores cooperating with the 99s in the capitols — Rich's, Atlanta; Lazarus, Columbus; May D & F Co., Denver; G. Fox, Hartford; Talhimer's, Richmond; Woodward & Lothrop, Washington; it would be wise to seek their advice as to the best procedure for the benefit of all.



Wow! That's really the "New Look" in conventions!

Where it is necessary to relay the covers from one plant to another in order to reach the capitol destinations, the schedules will have to be worked out on the basis of the charter girls' ETA at her first touchdown the assigned girls will be ready in their planes to takeoff as soon as the covers are transferred to their planes—for distribution to each capitol.

Charter touchdown points to be co-ordinated with each section, so the local girls will be alerted and ready to fly to the state capitols not covered by the charter girls. These details should be discussed and worked out and co-ordinated immediately.

NORTH CENTRAL SECTION

Michigan—Lansing
**Ohio—Columbus—Nancy Tier
*Indiana — Indianapolis — Blanche Noyes
*Kentucky — Louisville
*Illinois — Springfield — Nancy Tier
Wisconsin—Madison
Minnesota — Minneapolis—St. Paul
Iowa—Des Moines
Missouri—Jefferson City

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

*Arkansas — Little Rock — Louise Thaden
Louisiana — Baton Rouge
Nebraska — Lincoln
Oklahoma — Oklahoma City
Texas — Austin
*New Mexico — Santa Fe — Melba Beard
**Colorado—Denver—Betty Gillies

NORTH WEST SECTION

North Dakota—Bismark
South Dakota—Pierre
Wyoming—Cheyenne
Idaho—Boise
Oregon—Salem
Washington—Olympia
Alaska—Juneau

SOUTH WEST SECTION

Utah—Salt Lake City
*Arizona—Phoenix—Melba Beard
Nevada—Carson City
California—Sacramento

NEW ENGLAND SECTION

Maine—Augusta
New Hampshire—Concord
Vermont—Montpelier
*Massachusetts — Boston — Teddy Kenyon
*Connecticut—Hartford
Rhode Island—Providence

NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY SECTION

New York—Albany
New Jersey—Trenton

MIDDLE EAST SECTION

Pennsylvania—Harrisburg
Maryland—Annapolis
Delaware—Dover
West Virginia—Charleston

*Virginia—Richmond
**D.C.—Washington—Blanch Noyes
SOUTH EAST SECTION

North Carolina—Raleigh
South Carolina—Columbia
Tennessee—Nashville
Mississippi—Jackson
Alabama—Montgomery

**Georgia—Atlanta—Louise Thaden
Florida

AUSTRALIAN SECTION

Nancy, Silver anniversary winner
of the AE-99 Scholarship
award (1954)
(Nancy Leebold)

*A state capitol covered by either a
fly-away girl, or has a cooperating
store.

**A state capitol that is covered by
both a charter fly-away girl and a co-
operating store.

For Pre-Order Official 99 First Day Cover Through Chapters And Sections

1. Have buyer self address business
size envelope with adequate post-
age affixed, state number of cov-
ers ordered on lower left corner
of envelope, and retain envelope.
2. Collect \$1.00 for each cover, send
monies to Broneta Evans, Treasur-
er of A. E. Fund, Minco, Okla.
**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO
AMELIA EARHART STAMP
FUND.**
3. First day covers cancelled in Atchi-
son, Kansas will be flown by chart-
er members to Major points of the
country. Chapter Chairmen or
Governors are responsible for the
pick-up and mailing of covers in
their area.

Suggest that one member be respon-
sible, retain envelopes, receive money
and send one check to Broneta Evans
covering all orders. Recommend
Chapters and sections order covers
for future sales and special awards
and to cover any possible "mix-up".
Careful records should be kept so
there will be a minimum of such mix-
up on final accounting day.

Orders should be in as soon as
possible, so as to estimate number of
99 First Day Covers to be printed,
but will be accepted for Flyaway de-
livery through July 20th.

**For Pre-Order through Co-operating
Stores:** Check listing in May 99 News,
and contact designated store in your
area for procedure of purchase.

Any questions, contact:

Fay G. Wells, Co-Ordinator
210 W. 55th Street
New York, 19, N. Y.
Phone: CO 5-5584
Louise M. Smith, President
421 Edgedale Drive
High Point, N.C.
Phone: 888-4931



**OK - OK - Here's half of the Green
Stamps — Now please get us back
on course!**

Coming Events

June 27

Sky Lady Derby
Contact: Mary Burke, Tulsa
Chapter

July 13-17

Powder Puff Derby
Contact: AWTAR, Inc., Teter-
boro Airport, Teterboro, N. J.

July 16-20

International Convention
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
Contact: Elizabeth Sewell,
Oklahoma City Chapter

July 24-25

Amelia Earhart Commemora-
tive Stamp Celebration
Atchison, Kansas
originating point.

August 4-17

Ninety Nine Tour of Brazil,
Trinidad and Curacao
Contact: Irene Keith, Greater
New York Chapter

August 16-18

Michigan Small Race
Kalamazoo, Michigan
Contact: Maisie Stears,
Michigan Chapter

Sept. 13, 14, 15

North Central Fall Sectional
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

September 8-9-10

Northwest Sectional Meeting
Anchorage, Alaska
Contact: Marion Zaegel,
Alaska Chapter

Air Age Education Spotlight

Perry Robinson

Suggested Air/Space Age Educa- tion Projects

This month's spotlight features the
Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the
Middle East Section with a report
submitted by Marie D'Alterio and
Erma D. Keyes.

Some chapters choose to specialize
in one or two aerospace education
activities, but the Eastern Penn. 99's
prefer to plan a more comprehensive
program thereby enlisting every
member's interest, time and talent in
one or more action areas.

The following condensed report ac-
tually constitutes an excellent guide
list of projects which any chapter
might carefully and fruitfully con-
sider when planning an aerospace
education program for the year. The
activities listed show a variety of
planning and accomplishment in fos-
tering an increased awareness and
sympathetic understanding of aero-
space implications in the modern
world, especially in orienting youth to
the air/space aviation age.

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Wing Scouts: Anne Shields' Troop
participated in a parade in Norris-
town, and towed a Cessna 150 on a
float through the streets. Anne has
worked with this troop for five years.

The Langhorne Wings assisted this
year by helping to escort passengers
to the planes on the Penny-a-Pound
Rides for Women. This troop is work-
ing on various badges.

The King of Prussia girls helped at
the Atlantic City Terminus by being
messengers, and cutting and pasting
the newspaper articles for the scrap-
book. They worked two days and paid
all their own expenses.

Louise Sacchi has started a new
Wing Scout Troop with eight eager
girls.

Civil Air Patrol: Alice Hammond
has been on several Air Search Res-
cue Missions, and has been flying the
cadets on orientation flights.

School Work: Erma Keyes, as a re-
sult of her attending Temple's Aero-
space workshop, has stimulated in-
terest in the Downingtown High School
along the lines of air/space educa-
tion, which included taking children
and the principal for a ride in her
Aircoupe.

Lectures: Speakers for the Philadel-
phia and the Camden Zonta's an-
nual Amelia Earhart Commemora-
tive dinners were: Peggy Borek,
Marie D'Alterio, Alice Hammond,

Elsie McBride, Arlene Feldman, and Beth Sturtevant.

Joyce Roggio and Marie D'Alterio spoke to the Upper Darby Rotary Club, and a prominent Women's Club.

Aerospace Research and Engineering: The Sectional Meeting was held at the Philadelphia Naval Air Material Center. The Air Crew Laboratory, where the development of the pressurized suits, safety apparel, etc. is carried on, was visited. A film was shown on seat ejection tests using dummies in jet aircraft.

Penny-a-Pound Flights: The Chapter flew over nine thousand pounds of women in the Penny-a-Pound for Women Day.

"We feel this too, is in line with Air Education, because we are creating interest in flying by introducing many women to their first plane ride."

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The foregoing aerospace action program shows an integration of aviation education materials in interesting areas appropriate to the aims of the 99's; such as, sponsorship of Girl Wing Scout Troops, lectures to adult civic groups, aviation workshop scholarships for teachers, and orientation flights at the local airport.

Congratulations to the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter! We thank you for an inspiring report.

The annual aerospace reports are due; please mail to:

Pearl M. Robinson, Chairman, International Committee of Air Age Education; The Ninety-Nines, Inc.; 1922 38th Street, N.W.; Washington 7, D.C.
May 16, 1963.

Attention all governors and chapter chairmen! Don't be left out! Be sure you are represented in the "OKC Fun Flying Spree"! Could be — there's **SPECIAL** recognition for the section and/or chapter having the most air race entries! Applications available until June 20. Entry deadline extended to July 1.

Hear the unbelievable sounds of the "Fabulous Flying Flat Tones Chorale". See dancing dolls in cute costumes. See OKC's Sky Follies in July!



I don't care if you did drop your pencil—get back up here and navigate!

Powder Puff Derby

(Continued from Page 2)

en route to record arrival and departure times. IBM equipment will compute the final score.

FAA Administrator, Najeeb Halaby, will be the Awards Banquet speaker.

Even if you can't race this year, come out to any of the stops, the start or the terminus to lend a helping hand, or to just enjoy the fun of seeing fellow Ninety-Nines.

You will be able to attend the Awards Banquet with all its excitement and glitter, hear Mr. Halaby and still attend the Convention business meeting and banquet in Oklahoma City even though you don't have your own private jet. Space is still available on the charter flight from Atlantic City to Oklahoma City the morning of July 19. Contact Barbara Evans, 40 Stuart Place, Manhasset, N.Y. for a reservation.

Have you contacted your chapter chairman to let her know how many race programs you want?



INDIANA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Smith
and Muriel Dykema

Our big Sectional Convention weekend finally arrived and I must say none of us were disappointed. The weather was beautiful. We had 19 airplanes at the Muncie field and over 100 registered for the banquet Saturday night. From the reception committee of Flo Newman, Fern Rinker and Virgil Ozbun in the sporty Fords at the airport to the Continental breakfast Saturday morning, it was just lots of fun. Each registrant received a beautiful scarf donated by Ball Stores with the 99 compass etched on by our two artists Gloria Richards and Verda Brittingham. The hospitality room manned by Billie Smith and her crew never stopped buzzing. Jill McCormick's ground school Saturday morning was a real brain teaser and seemed to whet our appetites for more of the same. We almost kept her there right through lunch. Is there any subject more absorbing than flying? We all thank you, Jill.

Luncheon was very profitable for us all. The fashion show by Margaret Petty's Ball Stores was very inspiring . . . inspiring us all to diet and exer-

cise, that is, so that if we ever were fortunate enough to acquire any of those beautiful clothes, we might look a little more like the lovely models! Oh well. Mid Cassidy and Sarah Gorelick from Kansas City saw that no one left empty handed. For a while we thought Sarah was going to give all the prizes to Indiana. Mid was changing color with every Hoosier name. The gifts were just fabulous. Ethel Knuth won the nine band radio and the Paul Schlundt family ran away with the stuffed animals. Transistor radios, stack tables and canned goods. Flight bags, insulated picnic bags and even cookies. What fun! Then the business meeting was called to order and everyone became serious. It was a real experience for this first-timer to sit in on a meeting of this magnitude, hearing the officers of the Sectional and listening to reports from the nine states in our group. Did you know that ours and the So. Central are the two largest in the U.S.?

We turned into a gay crowd again at the cocktail party preceding the banquet. This was the opportunity to meet our sister 99's from other states. Rae Cawdell's bingo cards with names provided just the right mixing ingredients. The banquet of roast beef was delicious and the speaker, Paul Rodgers of Ozark Airlines, gave a very absorbing account of flying today. He was then whisked away to home in St. Louis via Cassidy Airlines . . . for which we all thank you, Don. The entertainment for the evening was very professionally handled by Soph Payton and Dorothy Smith. I think we all felt well qualified to wheel and deal at Monte Carlo after Soph's grinding ground school!

In all it was exciting and stimulating from beginning to end. We received a nice note from our able president and organizer Peg Coulter thanking us for our cooperation. On behalf of the Hoosier 99's. I want to publicly thank her for the wonderful full time job she has ably filled for the past few months. It was smoothly run and enjoyable in the last detail. We all thank you Peg! And just a word to all North Central 99's—see you in ZINZINNATTI in '64!

Notes from Indiana Chapter meeting May 19th, Gary, Indiana:

Helen Hine and Joan Williams acted as hostesses. The other Gary girls provided transportation from the airports to the meeting place. Delia Sanders bowling team took second place in their League. Sophia Payton won the most improved bowler award for the L.C. A-F.A.A. League.

Sophia Payton and Dorothy Smith will fly the I.A.R. this month in a 1962 Cessna Skyhawk. Margaret Ringenberg will fly the AWTAR.

DeLories Achreiber is now Co-Manager at the Griffith, Indiana, airport. Indiana Fair Race will be held in Kokoma June 19th with Alma Hartman as race chairman.

Purdue University held a 360 degree Clinic for the AOPA May 16-17-18. Jill McCormick tried to get the Indiana 99's to take this course. Only one signed up. Margaret Petty of Muncie. Jill was an instructor in the Clinic and the Aviation Department set up an excellent ground school for those pilots attending while waiting their turn to fly. It is extremely well planned course and Jill recommends it to all pilots even those with an instrument rating who do not use it a lot.

Guests at our meeting were Patricia Bridegroom, Harriet Saxe, Charlene Falkenberg and Jeannie Liezice.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

A special invitation extended to the local chapter by Capt. Don Johnson of Chanute Field brought out Dr. Bob and Bonnie Ferrell, Ed and Jane Brantlv, Jean Read with Jeff and Jane, Leah Warren with David, Eula Schmidt, Barbara Jenison, Rose Andrews and Jane Schmidt. Then we had Bernice Wilson, Margaret Coy, Maxine Zeuermann, Ruth Howell and Connie Gernon as guests. Pancakes upon early arrival were enjoyed by some and all were glad to relax in the atmosphere of the Chandellette Club for lunch. The latter part of the morning and early afternoon was spent touring the many exhibits with time-out for exercise of looking up at the sky as different types of planes were overhead.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 16 at the airport at Olney. A noon meeting with lunch at the restaurant there on the field. Our final plans for the Springfield racestop will be made at this time.

After three months of no reporting, we have to catch up. The April meeting was held at Streator with Jean Read and La Verne Lentman hostessing at Jean's home. Lunch on the patio was enjoyed by all. The unusual part was that all present flew in. Leah and Sam Warren, Clarissa Holcomb, Ralph and Evelyn Farley, Jim and Helen McBride, and Connie Gernon and daughter as guests. A short business meeting was held. The beautiful way a Navion can be maneuvered was enjoyed by all. And Sam Warren enjoyed the first of getting his head sunburned of the season.

We were sorry to hear that Bonnie Ferrell was having trouble from a former tooth that day and not able to be with us. She made the May meeting in good shape.

Now to March. Everyone drove to this meeting. We had rain storms, dust storms, and just plain March weather. The meeting was in the new dining room of the Hotel Woodorth at Robinson, Illinois, with Jane Schmidt hostessing. Bonnie Ferrell, Sam and Leah Warren, Delores Adamson, Barbara Jenison and Connie Gernon drove down to meet Eula Schmidt and husband, Mary Woodworth, and Jane Schmidt. We made nominations for sectional officers. The amount of our donations for AWTAR and A. E. Scholarship Fund was decided, and we decided to investigate the possibility of a Penny-a-pound day. Bonnie will represent the Central Illinois 99's at the NIFCA Air Meet at Carbondale Southern Illinois University to present the award to the Outstanding Woman Pilot.

Sam and Leah Warren made the Sectional at Muncie, Indiana, and report a wonderful time was missed by all the rest.

Delores Adamson is in Missouri this weekend, May 5, completing plans to fly the AWTAR. We have two other possible teams, Helen Grienke and Ann Grimm of Bloomington, and Eula Schmidt and Barbara Jenison of Robinson and Paris, respectively.

Maybe if you've seen one circus, you've seen them all — but whether this is your first, or thirtieth, Ninety-Nine Convention—you'll never forgive yourself if you miss being in Oklahoma City July 17-20. It's the "New Look" in conventions! It will be instant fun! Different — Refreshing — Imaginative — Entertaining! It's the premiere of Oklahoma's rollicking review!

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER **By Sarah Gorelick**

Continuing our Air Age Education Program, Ruth Stafford and Sarah Gorelick gave orientation rides to winners of a Model Airplane Contest sponsored by the Aviation Club at Bingham Junior High School. The entire group toured the Control Tower and facilities at Fairfax Airport. Seems like the questions we get asked get more interesting all the time.

Flying to Muncie for the Sectional were Marilyn Dickson, Elaine Morris, Shirley Ray, Mary Ann Noah, and Sarah Gorelick who came by way of Omaha with Belle Hetzel. We all

had a wonderful time and, in fact, we were having such a good time that it is strongly suspected in some circles that the weather man decided to co-operate and let us stay even a little longer.

Among our vacationing members is Stella Lehmann, who has been spending some time in Arizona. Mary Ann Noah has just returned from touring the East. Sarah Gorelick, along with Belle Hetzel, attended the South Central Sectional in Galveston. We Mid-Westerners get a big charge out of seeing all that water. Had a lot of fun at the gathering.

Mary Ann Noah and Stella Lehmann are busily making plans for the International and Powder Puff Races. Ruth Stafford, Sarah Gorelick, Marilyn Dickson, Elaine Morris, Shirley Ray and Betty Simpson are showing interest in the Sky Lady Derby. We are looking forward to the Oklahoma City Race and Michigan Small Race.

Looks like we have a busy summer ahead. In addition to our other activities, we will also have our Penny a Pound Airlift in June. We will be hostesses for the termination of the Sky Lady Derby June 27. In July, when the Powder Puff comes through, we are all busily working to make this the best stop along the route.

And, if anyone has any extra time, let's get to work on those extra ratings!

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By Rosamond Joly

Chief Leo Loftus, PIO, United States Navy Journalist, was speaker of the evening at our May meeting held at the home of Mickey Clark. Chief Loftus covered the subject "Operation Deep Freeze" complete with colored movie and first hand verbal description of this "cold" Antarctic project. Prospective 99 Jo Meisenheimer attended the meeting, as did our usual standby Irene Rawlings, student pilot. Business discussed generally centered around 99 activities during 40th anniversary of 110th Tactical Fighter Squadron of Missouri Air National Guard. St. Louis Chapter 99's will have a booth set up in National Guard hangar showing photos of all St. Louis 99's and World Map showing with colored pins 99 chapters and/or members. Another activity of the anniversary will be the "Classroom in the Sky" program with Del Scharr as hostess of at least 40 passenger commercial airliners donated for our purpose of orientating women to air travel, the passengers to be chosen from various social organizations and must

qualify as never having flown before.

The weekend of May 4 was an active one for 99's. Loretta Slavick, Dorothy Rumsey, Laura Sellinger, Sylvia Bloom, Ruth Taksel, Dorothy Haupt and Rose Joly all attended Missouri Pilots Association Annual Meeting in Springfield, Mo. This same weekend Amy Laws and husband attended Elks State Convention in St. Joseph, Mo. Marian Kirtz and husband flew to and attended Kentucky Derby.

Congratulations are due Jane Noyes and husband Frank who recently won North American Bridge Championship Tournament. They played first—over 700 couples competed.

Other flying notations — Betty Smallev flew with friend to Jefferson City to attend Missouri Dental Assistants Board Meeting on April 21. Ruth Lake and Fran Henke flew chartered trip to Chicago to ferry back to Ft. Leonard Wood three soldiers on their first leave home—they say they witnessed a few tears. Golly Miner and husband flew to Monroe, Michigan, and ferried back to their home their 5 and one half year old granddaughter for a two week visit. Much less exciting trip home was by commercial jet.

Ruth Taksel took her mother-in-law for her first airplane ride. Also of note, Ruth and Loretta Slavick will attend Aviation Space Writers' Association Convention in Dallas during week of May 20.

Student pilot Irene Rawlings and husband, out for a Sunday jaunt, flew into Quincy, Ill. Seems as if they were greeted by Chamber of Commerce, Mayor of Quincy and various news reporters—all making them feel very welcome, until they turned around and found Governor Kerner of Illinois had arrived in Aero Commander at approximately same time and the Rawlings had been mistaken for a member of the Kerner party.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Nita Fineman

A dedicated group of 99's arrived at the Holiday Inn in Aurora amidst torrential rains and tornadic winds to attend the April meeting. Following the business meeting, hostess Irene Campbell showed the film "Song of the Skies" which stressed man's progress in uniting people all over the world through aviation despite native customs and language barriers. The photography was excellent, the scenery very picturesque and the aerial shots spectacular. We all enjoyed the film and the coffee and cake which followed.

And on this same subject of bring-

ing peoples of the world closer, we are proud of one of our newest members who not only believes in this but does something about it. Michele Russman, who is the only pilot in the family, flew her husband, Dr. Burton Russman, down to southern Baja, California in a Skylane with medical supplies that will treat 500 needy persons there. The Russmans discovered this need on a fishing trip to the Santiago and La Paz area a year ago. The supplies were donated by 17 pharmaceutical companies from the Chicago area, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Russman. Michele visited briefly with Ruby Keaveny, chairman of the San Diego Chapter, and the warm reception was most gratifying.

Irene and Adam Gabriel with daughter Amy flew their Comanche to Osage Beach, Mo., on Lake of the Ozarks during spring vacation. Chairman Irene has been quite a busy lady since then. She became a grandma for the third time and has been helping with all the little ones in between working diligently on her multi-engine rating in an Apache. She and Adam leave soon via airlines to attend a convention in San Francisco. Good luck with that rating, Irene.

Tracy Pilurs is spending every spare moment working on the mini-plane she is building. She hopes to have it finished before the experimental aircraft show. Tracy may have to forego the AWTAR this year because there is just not enough time since she is also working on her instrument rating.

Air travel is really getting to be practical as was proven by Marylou Schleifer. She boarded her Debonair at Elgin Airport, brief case in hand, flew to Meigs Field to attend a meeting downtown, accomplished her mission, flew back, and alighted looking as though she stepped out of a bandbox. Who sez busy flying ladies can't be efficient and beautiful, too?

A fine report of the North Central Sectional in Muncie was given by Alice DeWitt at the May meeting. Those who were able to fly down Indiana way to attend included the Gabriels in their Comanche, the DeWitts via Tripacer, Alice Kudrna who went solo in the Club Cessna 170, and Virginia Coffeen and Dorothy White who accompanied Louise and Ray Kokesh in their Bonanza. Marv Baretich, Marge Raglin and Helen Sailer drove down and everyone enjoyed it immensely — especially the lovely prizes and gifts! The May meeting was held in Dallas Sutton's home where we were able to take care of

many business items before summer and vacations take over. Our thanks to Dallas and to hostess Evelyn Jerman and her committee for their hospitality.

ON THE FLIGHT LINE . . .

ARCH and JANE DEWEY accompanied by GARTH and SUE ROSCOE flew in their Cessna 182 to the Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

VIRGINIA and GEORGE COFFEEN made a spring trip to Janesville, Wis. in their club's Skylane.

LOUISE KOKESH had a checkout ride in the new Cessna 205.

DOLORES MOSHER and DOROTHY WHITE had an opportunity to take up the Business Men's Flying Club Cessna 120 on a local flight.

MARIE and MIKE CRONIN and their two daughters flew their family Tripacer with four other airplanes in the Suburban Aviation Association trip to the Smoky Mountain area in the Carolinas. On another trip, MARIE flew under the hood all the way to Louisville.

NORMA FREIER and her family flew to Benton Harbor for a flower festival held there. Lately, NORMA has been flying her Taylorcraft from the strip next to her house.

ALICE DeWITT, flying a Tripacer, was the only woman pilot to land at Glenview Naval Air Station during the recent Armed Forces Day Open House.

EVA and HAROLD WHITE enjoyed a 3-week Florida trip via their Cessna 172. They stopped at Marietta, Ga. and visited with 99 Kitty Nix who with her husband Walter own and operate Parkaire Field in Marietta. The WHITES flew on to St. Petersburg and Naples before returning home.



But this IS the shortest route to OKC.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Ginny Mayer

Our fly-in meeting day at Rochester, Minnesota, airport greeted us with a changeable overcast sky, ceiling averaging a bit above 3000 ft., clear visibility, and high north-west winds. So, members with the real light planes just had to drive autos to the meeting. Several members did fly-in though, and were greeted at the airport by other members, with cars, to take-off for lunch and meeting in town. We thank our Rochester

friend, Marietta Sonnenberg, for preparing this meeting.

Our meeting opened and the matters brought up through reading of last month's meeting minutes, by secretary Joyce Johnston, were again our main subject. Yes, the plans for the Pennies-per-Pound day, Sunday, July 28th, at Anoka County Airport, are in progress. We hope the weather cooperates and that this will be a success so that our chapter may well contribute toward the Amelia Earhart scholarship air lift. Our Ruby St. Onge and Bernice Johnson will take care of having posters and other printed matter taken care of. Dorothy Ryan will bring the scales. Follow-through and proper distribution and advertising will be handled by other members, of course, including the leadership of Helen Masterson, Rita Orr and others helping hands for organizing plans for this day. It was decided to have our next month's meeting at the Anoka County Airport — fly-in (bring along a picnic and we'll eat together outdoors).

Planned ahead is the meeting date — Sunday, June 16th. Again we will have a fly-in meeting at Anoka airport on Sunday, July 14th, but this time we'll have our lunch in town and then meet to let the final plans be known to all members so they may make their plans to be on hand the day of Pennies-per-Pound. At present the exact number and types of ships to be used is not definite.

It was suggested that the Ninety-Niners check with the Minnesota State Aviation as well as the national chairman of air marking, to see placing of painted signs on top of buildings in towns indicating town, airport, and arrow.

After the meeting we went back to the airport and were toured through the airport facilities, I.E., administration building, tower, weather room, and, of course, we stopped at the fine restaurant for coffee and pie. After all, we needed the energy to struggle back to Minneapolis bucking that strong NW wind.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Ruth C. Lembke

Wisconsin Chapter of the 99's and the Wisconsin Chapter of the Flying Physicians held a combined meeting at Fond du Lac, Sunday, May 19th. Brunch was enjoyed at the Dartmoore Motel just north of the Airport on Hy. 41. The joint fly-in was most appropriate since Chairman Anne Roethke is also a physician and 49½'er's Jewel Huebner and Herm Heise are also members of the Physician group.

In spite of the high wind which kept some of the lighter planes grounded, a goodly number assembled. Ramona Huebner, Anne and Ehren Fath have passed the writtens for their Instrument Ratings. Others in the 99 section were Deedo Heise, Dora Fritzke, Dot Parks, Marie Mitzenheim, and Nancy Steiner.

Deedo, Dora, Anne and Dot plan to attend the pre-Convention rally and the National Meeting this summer. Considerable time was spent laying the ground for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Stamp Campaign.

The winds simmered down and the flight home was smoother. The next meeting will be June 30th, at Timmermann Airport. Deedo Heise is in charge of the arrangements.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Marge Gorman

The April meeting was held at Akron Municipal April 21st with Rosalie Bracht as hostess assisted by Jean Hixson, Ruby Menching and Lee Best.

Prospective member Pat Hange and Harriet Wladyka from Jefferson took home the very usually beautiful Spot landing trophy. It was a beautiful day to fly and we had a large turn out.

Helen Sammon, Marilyn Collette, Virginia Schumacher, Mary Scheafer, Ruth Theiss (who just moved back to Ohio) Marion Betzler, Miller Miller, Marilyn Beringer, Trudy Stough, Jean Hrubec, Edy Maxium, Kathleen Wood, Connie Jones, Ruth Love, Ione Shelton, Autrie Lehr, Bette McMahon, Bonnie Miller and Marge Gorman were present. Guests included Evelyn Arnatt, Arline Miller, Robert Netzlev. Dinner was served at the Brown Derby restaurant while Jean Hixson showed the actual film of Friendship Seven. This is a must see for every 99! We missed having Dr. and Jean Bonar with us. Doc is off the very active list for the next 6 to 8 weeks. Somehow contacted Infectious Hepatitis.

Ohio was proud to bring home the attendance award from the Spring Sectional. Clara Tharpe, Autrie Lehr, Bette McMahan, Virginia Schumacher, Marilyn Collette, Mary Scheafer, Joan Hrubec, Edy Maxim, Janice Kuecheumeister, Marge and Jim Gorman, Doc and Jean Bonar and Winnie and Will Connolly. This was our first opportunity to meet Will. He and Win were married in Ann Arbor in April and took a Tri-Pacer honeymoon. We certainly hope to see more of the "happy couple."

The May meeting was held on Armed Forces day at the Officers

Club on Wright-Patterson AFB. Clara Tharpe was a wonderful hostess and arranged for overnites at the B.O.Q. for the Saturday arrivals. It was interesting to hear about their good time on the base and made the Sunday arrivals very envious. Bette McMahan, Trudy Stough, Ruth Theiss, Bunny Foley, Janet Gibbs, Connie Jones, Autrie Lehr, Janice Kuecheumeister, Helen Sammon, Jean Bonar, Edy Maxim, Pat Roger, Joan Hrubec, Margaret Hammon, Virginia Schumacher, Martha Walters, Ione Sheldon, Jean Hixson, Marge Gorman and guest Pat Hunt of Bowling Green were present. Everyone enjoyed the tremendous air show at the field after the meeting.

Ohio has the following entering the IAR: Marion Betzler, Dottie Anderson and Marilyn Collette, Joan Hrubec and Edy Maxim, Jean Bonar and Pat Rogers. We wish them all the best of luck and will be waiting to hear of their interesting experiences at the June 16th meeting in Cincinnati.

We guarantee an evening of memorable entertainment July 20 at Oklahoma's rigorous, rollicking, riotous review of 1963!



WASHINGTON, D.C. CHAPTER

By Jean Ross Howard

The official design of the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp was unveiled by the Postmaster General, the Honorable J. Edward Day, at a 6 to 8 Reception at the National Aviation Club on April 25.

About 200 attended — and the 99's were there in force. Our international president Louise Smith was in the receiving line with the Postmaster General. Mrs. Morrissey (Amelia Earhart's sister) and Senator Carlson of Kansas.

We were very proud to have three charter members there — Blanche Noyes, Louise Thaden and Nancy Hopkins Tier and her 49½'er Irving.

And very happy that Alice and John Hammond flew in — just in time for Alice to announce our plans for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund First Day Cover. After the program, she was the busy one taking advance orders for our Cover. (Note: The more advance orders we get, the better — so, alert your friends and relatives to send their dollars now!)

After a few introductory remarks

citing the outstanding achievements of Amelia Earhart. General Day drew the curtain and displayed the lighted color transparency of the stamp design. Cameras flashed, TV lights were on, there was appreciative applause! Everyone there who knew Amelia agreed it is a lovely likeness and we can be justly proud of the stamp.

Other 99's present were: Velta Benn, Virginia Thompson, Mitzi Keller, Ruth Freckelton, Nona Quarles, Bea Wilder, Betty Bohn, Frances Nolde, Jean Ross Howard, Ellen Bateman and Ruth and Buriel Barclay. From New York came Gloria Heath and Fay Wells, our coordinator for the AE Stamp and from Massachusetts, our international Vice president Barbara Kiernan.

Chapter Chairman Velta Benn is off again—instructing the AOPA 360 degree course in Reading, Pennsylvania. Laura Zerener is out of the hospital — and feeling much, much better.

About 700 attended the annual banquet honoring the winners of the Federal Women's Award. David Brinkley of TV Huntley - Brinkley fame, was the MC. FAA Administrator Halaby presented Blanche Noyes with her award. In so doing, he commented that Health, Education and Welfare had their doctor, the Department of Labor had their lawyer — but the Friendly Aviation Agency had their slick chick Blanche Noyes! Earlier in the day, the six women awardees were received by President Kennedy in the Rose Garden. Blanche's comment "He's a Doll!"

The May 25th meeting of the chapter will be at Virginia Thompson's home—8 p.m. The guest speaker—no other than the well-known pilot-author Frank Kingston Smith. Frank is now associated with Bill Weitzel at the fabulous Flying W Ranch in south Jersey.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA **By Irene N. Wirtschafter**

Congratulations to Alice and John Hammond — and much good luck to their daughter, Barbara. By the time you read this, Barbara will have been Mrs. Norman Sepenuk for almost three weeks. Norman is an attorney with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. With all this excitement, Alice has found time for many aviation activities, including attendance at the ceremony unveiling the Amelia Earhart Commemorative stamp in Washington. Because of a conflict in dates, Nancy Diemand had to wonderfully took over in Alice's

place on the FAA panel at International Airport here recently.

And — this year, again, LUDEN'S coughdrops will sponsor the Hammond - Wirtschafter team in the AWTAR. It was great news finding out that we had drawn Number Three. At this time there are no other area entries, but we are banking on one or two more.

Last month I had the terrific experience of flying a military jet. There's something to that power steering! Also got a big kick out of meeting with Clara Thorpe, Autrie Lehr and Bette McMahan in Ohio. And then bumping into the von Saal's from the N.Y.-N.J. Section when we were all grounded in Florence, S.C. It's really great being a 99.

Elsie McBride has been having a very busy spring—like, after attending the executive board meeting in Oklahoma City, she flew up to Schenectady to pick up some house guests. She also attended the weather seminar sponsored by the Princeton (N.J.) Flying Club.

Peggy Borek and Connie Wolf made points for this chapter at the AOPA 360 degree rating clinic in Reading. They both came thru with flying colors—the blue seal. Congratulations. Our Ann Piggot was one of the instructors.

Left out in the last newsletter were the names of those who braved the high winds to fly in the sectional meeting at Bridgeport airport: Merle Chalow and her father, Rudy; Ann Piggott; Dot Julich; Bea Wilder; Velda Benn; Virginia Thompson; Marv Meyers; Joyce Roggio; Marie D'Alterio; Nellie Jackson and her FAA husband; Nancy Tier; Jean Ross Howard; Barbara Evans; and Pat Arnold and Louise Hyde in Pat's helicopter.

The 99's are being well represented in local newspapers, radio and television programs to publicize the Pennv a Pound Day and the Powder Puff Derby. Among those in the spotlight have been Nancy Diemand, Ann Shields, and TAR No. 3 (listed above).

All this month we've had a whole 99 chapter engaged in all kinds of no-rain-on-the-26th witchcraft for the no-rain-date-pennv-a-pound-day. Results in the next issue.

Many thanks to Beth Sturtevant for stepping in and writing the last column.

Why go to Las Vegas? Come to OKC in July and see the 99's own Follies of 1963! (with apologies to our Las Vegas members).



By Betty Wood McNabb

Fair skies and tail-winds favored Ninety-Nines and their guests as they assembled for the Southeastern Sectional at Bush Field, Augusta, Georgia, 18-19 May. The host group selected Bush, the "Red Carpet Service" airport, because it is a pilot's airport. Everything a pilot could desire, from a putting green to an A&E, from a swimming pool to a conference room, can be had right on the field.

Joining Ninety-Nines were members of the Birmingham Aero club, four of whose wives are 99s, plus guests from Augusta including members of the Augusta Aviation Commission, Mayor Millard A. Beckum, Louis C. Harris, editor of the Augusta Chronicle and Herald, and representatives from Daniel Field.

An honorary "99" enjoyed the festivities. She is Mrs. George Wallace, wife of Alabama's governor and courtesy member of Alabama 99's. She is a student pilot. Another guest was Colonel George Welch of the C130 detachment presently on the field. Interesting people were many, among them Mr. Glenn Messer of Birmingham, a man who has flown 52 years continuously.

Cora McDonald, Section Governor, presided at the business meeting held Saturday afternoon, and at the steak cook-out dinner party around the pool in the evening. At the business meeting the group was pleased to see real progress being made in the Southeastern Region with new members, new projects, and accelerated interest being evidenced.

Dinner speaker was "Bevo" Beverly Howard, famed aerobatic pilot, holder of many national and international precision flight records. But Bevo did not talk about flying. He spoke of the crying need in our nation for a socialist trend reversal if individual freedom is to survive. He traced the history of the free enterprise system and pointed out that our political system can be returned to its original freedoms only by action at the precinct level, and he warned us that WE must be the ones to make the changes. It was a thoughtful and well accepted presentation which left us all realizing that we, as Ninety-Nines, progressive, aerospace-minded women of our country, have it in

1963 International Convention

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Calendar of Events

Tuesday — July 16

Arrival and Registration of OKC Air Race Contestants. Impound for Air Race aircraft continues to 3:00 P.M. Transportation will be furnished from Catlin Aviation hangar on Will Rogers Field to the Skirvin Hotel. A Pilots meeting for participants in the OKC Air Race will be held in the evening at the Skirvin Hotel.

Wednesday — July 17

An exciting day of fun for all is planned for the day of the OKC Air Race. Take-offs from Will Rogers Field will begin at 8:30 A.M. and the finish deadline for return is 4:00 P.M. Visit 99 Headquarters, right on Will Rogers Field, before you are taken downtown. A reception and dinner will be held in the evening to present winners with their awards and silver trophies.

Thursday — July 18

This is the rain date for the OKC Air Race but we have ordered fair weather for the entire week. Convention Registration opens at the Skirvin Hotel and transportation will be furnished for Convention arrivals from Catlin Hangar, Will Rogers Field, to the Skirvin Hotel. There will be a activities of interest all day, including swimming at the Sun Suite, an Instrument Training Film for Blue Seal rating, an Aviation Seminar and "Swap Shop" of ideas on how to sell aviation to your non-flying friends. You can rendezvous with your friends at the Sun Deck Lounge to Sit 'N Sip, overlooking the swimming pool. In the evening, enjoy a radio procedures film and talk by an FAA Air Traffic Control Instructor.

For those desiring to go to the American Indian Exposition at Anadarko, Oklahoma, we will organize a bus trip for Thursday evening. Bus would leave hotel about 6 P.M. and return around midnight. This is an all Indian show, famous for its color and pageantry.

Friday — July 19

Convention Registration continues and transportation will be furnished all day for late arrivals. The first tour of the FAA Aeronautical Center and Civil Aeromedical Research Institute, Will Rogers Field, will be in the morning. A second tour will be conducted, beginning at 2:00 P.M. The Governor's Meeting is scheduled for early afternoon followed by the Executive Board Meeting. There will be a one-hour City Tour later in the afternoon. Fun in the evening will be a Big Western Party at the Patio of the Lone Star Brewery with Texas-size portions of barbecued beef and all the trimmings.

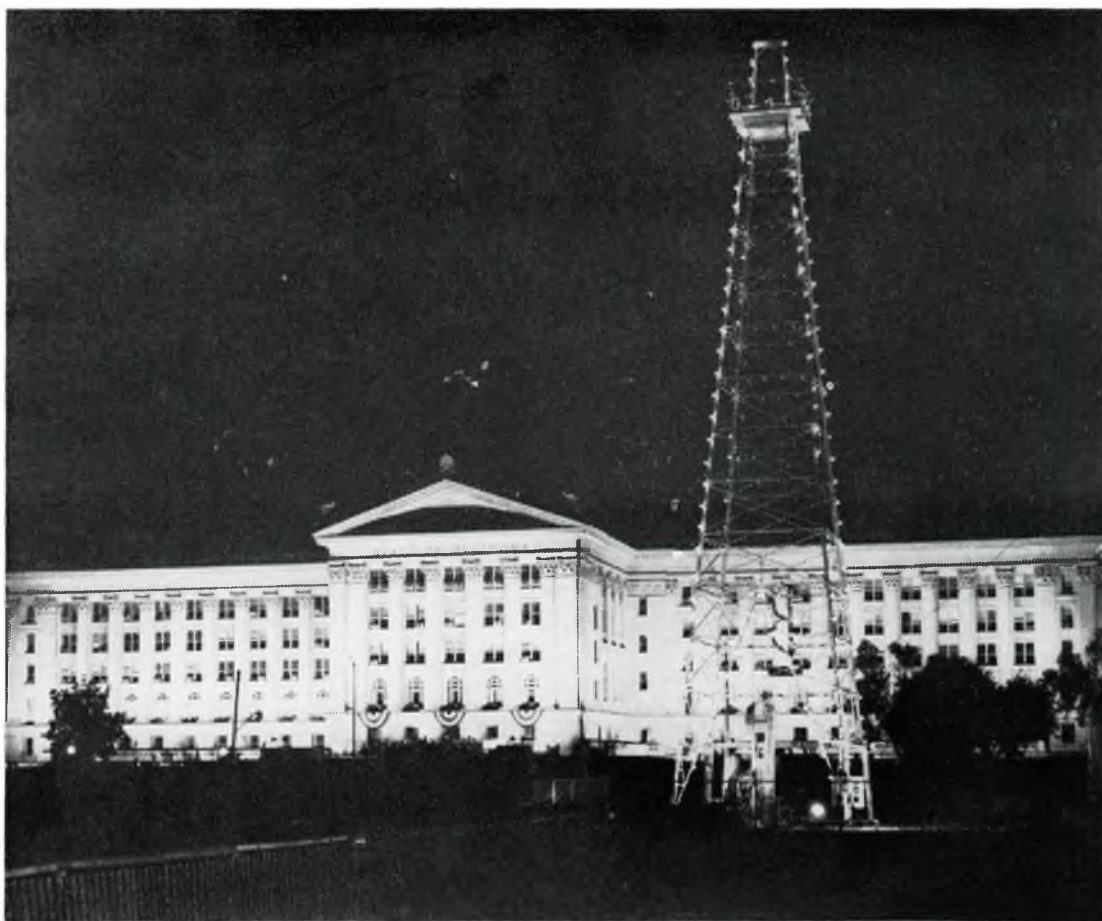
Saturday — July 20

This is the day for Convention business and a luncheon is planned that you won't want to miss. Final highlight of this year's Convention activities will be the Convention Banquet with a cocktail party preceding it. This will be an evening of entertainment for all.

Sunday — July 21

Transportation every hour on the hour, or by appointment, from the Skirvin Hotel to Will Rogers Field will be furnished. A conducted tour to Indian City at Anadarko, Oklahoma, will be planned, provided enough wish to make the trip.

Elizabeth V. (Susie) Sewell
Convention Chairman



Unusual setting of the State Capitol Building in Oklahoma City can be viewed at night with lighted oil wells on the Capitol grounds.



The Catlin Aviation Co. on Will Rogers Field is the official facility to serve you and your aircraft. Special preparations are planned to provide transportation for you and your passengers from this hangar.



Oklahoma City Air-Race Entry Number 1, is Ruth Deermom, pilot and Win Griffin, co-pilot from El Paso, Texas



Oklahoma City is "Mighty Pretty." This aerial view shows the heart of the city, looking southwest.

our hands to help maintain the American way of life.

Awards were made to pilots with the highest efficiency in time, distance, and fuel; Beth Marquardt of Linden, Alabama, won the 99 award. (Beth has recently passed her instructors' rating and is already busy with students—brought on with her, in fact.) Aero club members had a separate trophy which was won by Henry Yessick.

There were door prizes and favors from Delta, C&S Bank, Armour and Company, Parcaire-Atlanta, Standard Oil, and several other companies which added a fillin to the occasion.

Local arrangements were handled by Virginia Kleebe and her daughter, Fred, of Augusta, assisted by Student Pilot Marv Shriver; Frances Peacock, Georgia Chairman, Atlanta, Betty McNabb, Albany, and Jean Voyles, Atlanta.

Honor guest at the dinner party was International President Louise Smith of High Point, N.C.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

By Marilyn Morrison

The members of the Memphis Chapter have been going at such a fast pace and have kept me so occupied in my spare time, that this will be my first entry in several issues.

Our big news is our first entries in the Powder Puff Derby. Polly Duncan, our flight-instructor member, will pilot, and Bonnie Whiteleather will co-pilot. Polly is our Vice-Chairman, and Bonnie, our Chairman. They are being sponsored by Memphis Aero Corp., the local Piper distributor, and will fly a Comanche 250. The rest of the chapter is so proud of them, we are doing everything possible to publicize and promote their flight.

Another project that is keeping us quite busy is the dedication of the new jet-runways and multi-million dollar terminal building at Memphis Municipal Airport. We have been asked to have a display at this dedication and at present plan to have a booth with pamphlets about the 99's, an easel-type billboard with pictures and other information of our members, and the Comanche 250 to be raced. Adlai Stevenson will be the guest speaker, along with Governor Clement of Tenn., and we feel quite honored to be included with such distinguished guests.

In connection with these two events, we have several projects going. We have all decided to wear blue skirts and white blouses with the 99 shoulder patch at the dedication, and the department store from which



I know you sent \$10—but you must enter an AIRPLANE to get in the race.

they are being purchased is donating a window display on Main Street to advertise the 99's and the airport dedication. We will have a manekin dressed in our dedication costume along with pictures and information of our members.

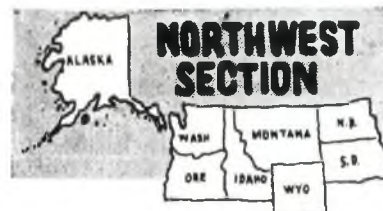
A local bank is donating the printing of several thousand brochures on the 99's to be given away at our booth. A pilot-friend of June Edwards, our whirly-girl-member, is donating his time and talents to designing and building our bill-boards, and we hope to find an artist-pilot to do the lettering on the plane for free.

Also, The Zonta Club is joining with our chapter in sponsoring a contest to name our plane. The contest is open to all girls 16 or over in a 25 mile radius of Memphis, and the prizes are hours of flight instruction. First prize is 5 hours flying time, second is 3 hours, and third is 2 hours. Memphis Aero has also donated a portable TV to be given away, but, of course, we're more interested in the flying time to encourage more girls in our area to fly and become 99er's. So far the names have ranged from cute to ridiculous. Some of those suggested are "Cotton Belle," "Princess Atwiakana" (appropriate for a Comanche), and some Greek mythology names such as "Oedepus Rex," etc. We're having a lot of fun opening mail lately.

We have arranged newspaper and TV coverage. We will have the front page color article in the Sunday paper in June, and hope to have TV coverage of the girls leaving for the race. Wednesday, May 15th, six of our girls were on a radio broadcast from a local restaurant explaining our organization, the race, and the contest. They plan to be back again this week for more of the same.

I could write on and on about our plans for the race, airport dedication,

etc., but will close with mention of one last plan. More than anything else, we are looking forward to sometime in August, **after** the race, **after** the dedication, **after** the contest and publicity, to a "collapsing" party, where we will do nothing but enjoy having nothing to do — until next time, that is.



ALASKA CHAPTER

By Lavelle Betz

The majority of our activities this past month has been devoted to jelling the plans laid out for the Northwest Section Convention to be held here in Anchorage September 8, 9, and 10th. Each member in this section should have received your brochures by now and we hope your schedules will allow a good attendance. We have some real fun things planned for you "Cheechakos" and enthusiasm is running high among the Sourdoughs of this chapter. We hope each one of you who have never visited this biggest of states will take this opportunity to do so. Please return your reservations to Marion Zaegel, Box 3464, Anchorage, Alaska, by mid-July so we can assure you of adequate accommodations.

Ruth O'Buck is back with us after spending three weeks outside visiting her parents and friends in Michigan where she picked up a brand new truck with all kinds of shifts in it!

Pat Moore spent some time in the hospital this past month and we are glad to see her on her feet again.

Doll Booth was outside for several weeks for hospitalization and is back again with us. We gave her a housewarming combined with our regular meeting in May. (makes the meetings more fun that way!)

The ice is off our lakes and those of us who have floats are heading for the distant lakes and cabins, and fishing of course! After 6 months of no float flying it will be great to get in some float time.

It's bye for now and don't forget those reservations!

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Maxine Fancher

Our April meeting was held in the interesting living room at Jay Lawrence's Seward Park Avenue home in Seattle. Jay has added her lovely an-

tique things from her former homes in the East to her newly-acquired, history-laden home in Seattle. The most enthusiastic participant at the get-together was Rastus, who we understood was the Lawrence's successor to Rufus, both members of the canine clan.

Terry Kellogg's hubby, Dave, had some fine teasing pictures of Alaska from the air and ground. Northwest Section members, don't forget to plan your trip to Anchorage for the Sectional on September 8, 9, and 10. Terry gave a report on the plans and preparations the Alaska Chapter is making for the meeting and it will be a dandy. Many plan to go up Sunday, be there for the festivities Monday, the meeting Tuesday, and the tours Wednesday and Thursday. Terry met with the Alaska Chapter at Pat Gilda's in Anchorage a week or so ago.

Terry, governor of the section, was to entertain the members of the Far West Chapter at her home on Lake Washington last Wednesday.

Pat McGee delightfully informed us of her new venture as a full time free lance reporter and photographer which she can combine nicely with her flight instructing. Her effectiveness is reflected in her recent acquisition of a sponsor for herself and Ilovene Potter in the Powder Puff Derby through one of her clients. They are entry number 4.

It would be hard to equal Ilovene in the flight activity department. She gave me a ride in her helicopter yesterday, and remarked casually that she had gotten her multi-engine rating the other day. I asked her what she was going to do next and she said, "Go home and clean house."

Some additions and subtractions of interest: Jay Lawrence and Helen Appel both shed some integral parts of their anatomies via the surgeon's knife last month. Each took the occurrence in stride and report feeling worlds better. Kay Parkinson adds the news of her engagement to Pete Showdy from Seattle. Kay has been doing a bit of float-flying. Pat McGee succeeded in keeping her commercial instructor's rating while wearing contact lens after a lengthy disagreement with the FAA. Nick Andrews, Gini's husband, should have had the addition of wings and a prop when he took off from 20 feet up as a ladder tilted. Three broken ribs partially describe his landing attitude. Helen Appel is minus her 49½er, Gene, as Boeing transferred him to Minot, North Dakota, and they suffer commuting problems.

Well, as you read this, the big ad-

venture of the Western Washington Chapter of the 99's for 1963 will be history. Under Marion Mortan's leadership we have given five 15-minute TV shows on Air Education. Launching the series was Maxine Fancher with the topic of "Aviation in Today's World." Next Terry Kellogg discussed "Modern Flight Schools." Betty Curran had "The Principles of Flight," Ilovene Potter was assigned "Pre-Flight Planning," and then Pat McGee took the audience on a mock flight. I can't speak for the other gals, but frankly, I haven't been swamped with fabulous TV offers. (P.S. We're glad it's over, but it was some adventure, and the station is even still on the air.)

Winnie Blythe, Chapter Chairman, Ilovene Potter, Lipstick Derby Chairman, Terry Kellogg and Maxine Fancher attended the meeting of the Aviation Committee of the Renton Chamber of Commerce last week, and were assured full cooperation of that group in the preparations for the race Saturday, August 12, 1963. ALL GIRLS — COME. It is the week-end of the Sea Fair Celebration in Seattle, and the 49½er's would love the week-end with the Longacres Races, and the Hydroplane Races on Sunday. The race begins at Renton, with a flyover at Kelso, a must landing at Shelton, a must stop at Bellingham, and back to Renton. Nice trophies, well-ordered weather, and the festive week-end should make this a must plan for your summer. Watch for the mailings on it. Don't forget!

FAR WEST CHAPTER

By Margaret Layton

April 17th Terry Kellogg invited us to her home for our April meeting. We were most grateful for this opportunity to be able to ask questions during our meeting. Terry, as always, was most helpful to us, not to mention the wonderful lunch she served.

May 4th Dick and I flew over to Wenatchee to the Apple Blossom Festival. It truly was one of the most beautiful parades I've seen. During the drive back to the field we received word that the passes were closing. Needless to say, our visit was extended. That night we attended the musical "Guys and Dolls" with all local talent. It was a wonderful performance.

May 8th a special meeting was held to plan our decorations for the Fly-in at Port Angeles May 19th.

Elene Duncan was our hostess at her home in Sequim. She served a delicious lunch and showed us slides

she had taken of the Powder Puff Derby last year.

Mary Lou Fairchild was our "special" guest. She not only helped us plan decorations, but is helping us make them.

May 13th was a beautiful day and I decided to fly to Port Angeles and see if they were also having trouble making some of the decorations.

Barbara LaRue and Mary Kackanek came out to the field, and we decided to finish our paint job. Mary Lou Fairchild grabbed a brush and helped us. When we had finished, Mary Lou served lunch in celebration of one project completed.

We are hoping to have a no-hostess luncheon in Port Angeles Saturday, June 1st.

EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER

By Helen R. Crum

At last a break in the weather and a most enjoyable May 11th luncheon meeting at the Spokane Country Club. Lygie Hagan, Millie Shinn and Virginia Harper were at the airport in their cars to transport us, along with Barbara Thisted and Chairman Marie Reynnells who seemed relieved to have so many together again in the same place. Helen Dewey, whose application for membership will soon be processed, had flown in the day before from Omak in her Navion. Minnie Boyd and her 49½er arrived in their new Cherokee 180 looking more than pleased. Ethel Wikstrom and her husband brought Kathleen Hitchcock and me in their Aztec.

Lygie reported that the April meeting was a "bust." Marie drove to Pendleton in her pickup expecting someone might make it on instruments but found herself alone. With the chairman and vice chairman absent a few Spokane girls held a rump session during which they proposed chapter nominations for sectional officers.

Treasurer Millie wants to remind all those who have not sent their \$5 checks for AWTAR to do so as soon as possible, and reported a balance of \$61.08 on hand. It was decided to give \$10 from the treasury to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

All those expecting to attend the sectional meeting in Anchorage in September should make their own reservations according to the instructions which have been sent each one. Several expressed the desire to fly their own planes.

Lygie was made a delegate to the July 99 convention. Marie and Minnie also hope to attend.

Our air tour scheduled for May was postponed until August 10th and the

route will be the same as planned — Walla Walla, Spokane and then to Wenatchee. The meeting will be held the same day.

Barbara said that a newer building has been selected in Ione for October airmarking.

While in Wenatchee lately Ethel contacted Mollie Frese who thinks there may be some prospective 99's there, and one or two may want to be reinstated. Ethel, Minnie, Bonnie Henson, Phyllis Franz and their husbands flew to the recent regional meeting of the Flying Farmers in Boise.

Gini Richardson who was not present on account of a spraying contract in Oregon plans to be in three races this summer—the International, May 26th with Iola Nelson of Seattle, her 10th Powder Puff Derby in July, accompanied by Pauline Glasson of Corpus Christi, Texas, and the Lipstick Derby in August sponsored by the Western Washington Chapter. She was co-chairman for a most successful airlift at the Yakima Municipal Airport May 5th to help finance two summer classes for Yakima area retarded children.

Alice Kennedy's, Millie's and Lygie's Wing Scouts in Spokane have finished their Analyst rating. The next one will be their Travelers rating, and in June they will have an overnight camp out to practice survival.

We hoped to become better acquainted with Kam Hitchcock this summer but she will be in England for the vacation before returning to Stanford.

Our newest member—and fortunately enthusiastic—Helen Dewey has graciously offered to let us have the June meeting at her farm—Sky Acres in Omak—either the 16th or the 23rd. It will be a potluck and there will be swimming.



SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER **By Sally Matson**

In April Shirley and Carl Gilmore made a two weeks flight in Mexico stopping at Mazatlan, Puerto Vallarta, Guadalajara and Guaymas. Weather conditions were ideal at all times. They had interesting experiences working with the "Comandantes" on Mexico style flight planning.

Norma Wilcox and a granddaughter

flew to Oakland for a two week visit. It rained most of the time. The flu bug caught her so she didn't get much time to visit old friends. It was a nice trip though before returning to work out the final plans for the Spring Sectional.

Between April's rainstorms, Harryette Barker, Virginia Wegener and Jean Sugden flew to Fox Field and Hesperia in the Barkers' 172. The Unicom operator at Fox Field offers a cup of coffee to any 99er's who have time to stop. At a latter date Harryette, her three daughters and her mother flew to the mountain community of Jacumba on the Mexican border for a two day visit.

At our April meeting held at the lovely home of Ginny Graham, we were very happy to welcome Virginia Wegener and Ruth Ehr as new members.

We had a very good representation of members from California and Arizona attend the Sectional here. We were pleased to see the Governor and honored to have Charter Members Betty Gilles and Achsa Holfelder. Jane Haag was very happy to win the expense paid weekend in Mulege, Baja, California. The Devans, a five member group from the Mt. San Antonio College music department sang for us and were enjoyed by all. Don Downey showed us a film on the ghost towns of Arizona and Nevada, Baja, California and Alaska. Our MC was Mr. Leo Martin of Aerojet General.

Nine chapters participated in the contest for the non-professional flying trophy. First was the Phoenix Chapter with an average of 58.6 hours, then San Gabriel Valley with 57.4 and Long Beach with 53.9. For this contest all pilot time counts full, co-pilot 1/3, and passenger time 1/6. The total hours of a chapter is divided by the number of members active and inactive to find the average hours for the chapter.

Five chapters entered their professional pilots time for that trophy. Long Beach was first with five professionals, 843.6 average; then San Fernando with 3 participants, 842.7 and El Cajon's one professional pilot had 505 hours. The next contest ends in the fall. Let's have a lot more chapters enter their flying time.

Jane and Roy Haag flew to Alamos, Mexico, with the Flying Farmers. Jane reports they had a really fabulous time. On the way back they stopped at San Carlos. The four on their fishing boat caught thirty-three yellow-tails in two hours. They were gone a week.

At the convention I was very pleased to win a Flight Guide donated by Cable Claremont Airport close by. Now I will be all set when we get another airplane. It was really great meeting so many of you at the airport when you flew into Brackett.

LAST CHANCE — next Newsletter will be too late! Better get that entry in for the "OKC Fun Flying Spree".

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER **By Darlene Marsh**

Ruth Wagner and Darlene Marsh represented the Chapter at the recent Spring Southwest Sectional meeting in Pomona, flying there in Ruth's Comanche. They reported flying at 500 feet to get under the "stuff" and to 13,500 to get over the "stuff"—a most interesting flight.

Florence Breen and husband Jack flew to the northern part of the state in their twin Beech but unfortunately were involved in a serious auto accident as they were driving away from the Eureka airport with friends. Jack's numerous broken ribs and Florence's bruises caused their cancellation of the trip to the Sectional.

And Gerry Michelsen was "under the weather," recovering from surgery and therefore missed the Sectional meeting—which she rarely has missed in the past.

Marianne McDonald departed Sacramento recently for a three-week flight to the Midwest. She'll stop over in Salt Lake City, Wichita, St. Louis, Louisville, and Milwaukee, and will return via the northern route in her C-172. An ideal way to spend a vacation.

Clare Raley is shopping for a new plane (although her Tri-Pacer looks quite adequate) and she has flown the Piped Cherokee as well as several Cessna models. Whatever she selects it will be with the thought in mind that she'll pick it up at the plant — thereby getting in a nice cross-country trip as well.

Elaine Lancaster and husband Burt recently made a flight to Blythe (in southern California) in their C-182 to visit Elaine's sister.

A recent Lady Bug flight to the Madonna Inn in San Luis Obispo included Carol Hammond in the C-182 with passengers Anna Marie Ball, and Carol's mother-in-law; Florence Breen, in her Tri-Pacer, with daughter-in-law (Joy Breen), and Dorothy Williford, student pilot; Clare Raley, in her blue and white Tri-Pacer; and Elaine Lancaster in the C-182.

It was nice to see Betty Boggess recently at the Cessna show at Nut

Tree where the new Skymaster was on display.

Beryle Eissenger and Art are awaiting word that their Navion is ready to be picked up at Calexico where they left it during their recent trip to Mexico. Art's a member of the "gear up" club, but states he'd just as soon not be. They didn't let that spoil their vacation though as they continued via commercial airlines and returned with friends in other aircraft making the group flight.

I've bored everyone in the Chapter with the details of my flight to S.F. International in a Bonanza one Sunday morning and getting to ride with a friend-instructor the same afternoon in a C-310—so I won't even mention it again. (P.S. I was thrilled for days!)

We're all looking forward to meeting with the Redwood Empire Chapter and Bay Cities Chapter at the Napa Airport at our June meeting.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Trixie-Ann Schubert

Globe girdling Cooper's re-entry from outer space coincided with the arrival back in Los Angeles of Betty Miller who, with her solo trans-Pacific flight from Oakland to Brisbane, re-created the spirit of adventure and accomplishment of the Lindberg-Earhart era and proved that there still are prop plane pioneers in the space age.

SFV Chapter 99's add our congratulations to those coming from everywhere and go on record with the Southwest Section in requesting N.A.A. and F.A.I. to consider Betty as recipient of the Harmon trophy award. Eight chapter members attended the spring sectional hosted so magnanimously (prizes for just about everyone) by the San Gabriel Chapter in Pomona . . . delegates were Minnie Morgan, Shirley Robinson, Lola Ricci, Audrey Schutte, Mary Kemper, Virginia Hall, Florence Dittmar, and T. A. Schubert. We were delighted to see our SFV trophy for flying time go to the Long Beach Chapter.

Flights this month took Betty Malone to Site 6, Shirley Stephenson to Modesto, Ellen Trindle to Las Vegas and Wichita, Janet Hardin to a Lockheed Pilots Club fly-in at Aqua Dulce, Jeanine Ceccio to Yucca Valley and New Cuyama, Audrey Schutte to Mojave, Ardie Trendholm, Mary Kemper, and Florence Dittmar to Puerto Vallarta in Mexico; several to a fly-in at Palomar where Betty Gillies

TO ALL MEMBERS

Be sure to vote, return ballot before the deadline.

was hostess at her ranch home for swimming, tennis, luncheon; and to fly-in at Pismo.

Lois Miles flew her boys to the family vacation trailer at Site 6. The boys don't just say "There comes an airplane," they specify, "Hey, Mom, here comes 55 Poppa in for a landing." You gotta expect this advanced air age education when Momma is a flight instructor.

Sky Roamers, to which Lola Ricci belongs, bought a whole fleet of new Cessnas and Beeches, a quarter million dollars worth, all with a SR designation. Proudly, one pilot (not Lola???) called for a landing, using only the letters SR instead of Sierra Romeo; to which the tower replied, "O.K., Sears and Roebuck, call on downwind leg."

If there's new sparkle and slant to General Aviation News, published in Los Angeles but with national circulation, it's the initiative of Shirley Robinson shining through. She has been made managing editor and advertising manager of the paper. Shirley flew both the Champion Lancer and the Meyers recently and covers the coast by plane regularly on story assignments and advertising sorties.

Gladys Hogins introduced her sister Goldie Wilson at the May meeting when Goldie arrived by jet from Japan. Mayetta Behringer writes from South America that she, Bill and the quartet of kids flew their 180 to Valparaiso, Chile, and that "flying in South America is better than flying in Mexico or Central America. Airports were good, always a tower and an operator who spoke English . . . of a sort." Mayetta has at one time or another affiliated with 99 chapters up and down California wherever the Navy stations her Cmdr. husband. Present address is "U.S. Naval Mission to Chile, Casilla 141-V, Valparaiso, Chile, South America."

Our May meeting terminated with a Cessna 205 orientation night flight for five of us over the spreading and spectacular metropolitan area of Los Angeles and environs. In June we'll meet for dinner at the tea room in Bullock's new Valley Fashion Center. Powder Puff Derby talk and hangar flying will be the fashion.

PHOENIX CHAPTER

By Melba Beard

The April meeting at the home of Virginia Hash was interesting and informative. Our lawyer member held

her "maximum capacity" guests fascinated by her discourse on The Legal Aspects Of Flying. Virginia, we need to hear more on this. We were delighted by the presence of visiting 99's Shirley Marshall of Tucson, Viola Gentry of Long Island and Florida, and Ruth Shimon of Iowa. At the May business meeting at Marjy Crowl's home, members had the pleasure of viewing movies and color slides of soaring and other activities of the soaring society, shown and narrated by Jean Doty, who has flown only the powerless craft and holds a Private Glider rating, and thus eligible for membership. Chapter chairman Pat Lambert, and Marjy Crowl both hold their Commercial Glider ratings. We were extended a cordial invitation to visit the association's gliding area at Deer Valley Airport.

Chapter members attending the SW Sectional meeting at Pomona report a wonderful time from beginning to end. Chairman Pat Lambert, Virginia Hash, and Alice Roberts flew planes to California, with passengers Trudy Murphy and June Kaiser. Pat proudly brought home the "Flying Time" trophy for Phoenix Chapter. Louise Smith and her husband were in Arizona in May on the Sportsman Pilots' flight to Litchfield Park. Treasurer Alice Roberts, and Melba Beard enjoyed a breakfast at the Wigwam with our charming national president, discussed activities pertaining to the release of the A.E. airmail stamp.

Those members in on the preliminary planning are feeling the excitement of preparations for the July 24 release of the A. E. Commemorative Airmail Stamp at Atchinson, Kansas. 99's can indeed be pleased that such a fitting tribute is being arranged to honor our first president, Amelia Earhart, and benefit the scholarship fund in her memory. As one of the seven active charter fly-away girls, Melba is proud that she will assist in flying the special A.E. Scholarship Fund Cachet envelopes to various points in the U.S. Her route is the Santa Fe Trail, with stops so far scheduled for the capital cities Topeka, Kansas, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Phoenix, Ariz., where others will pick them up for further distribution. Melba would have liked to fly the 99 cachet in her 1929 Bird, but realized that "the mail must go thru", at least in the same month, and so Frances Wood of Sun Valley Air Service, state Cessna dealer at Sky Harbor Airport, Phx., is providing a new Cessna 310 for this flight, being interested in

stamps as well as the 99's and the Scholarship Fund. Melba has asked Juanita Newell to fly with her, because of Juanita's experience on this type craft, thus the special cachet will make the route in good time. Exact route and contacts are being planned now. Trudy Murphy has been named by Chairman Lambert as Arizona coordinator. All requests and orders for the \$1 special cachet should be sent to Trudy as soon as possible, so we will know how many to order. Each order should be accompanied by a self addressed return, stamped envelope, and \$1 for each "cover" wanted, and into which will be placed the special 99 cachet upon its arrival in Phoenix on July 25th. The cachets will be flown by others to Tucson and other cities. It is requested that 99's and stamp collectors in Topeka, Kansas, in all of the state of New Mexico, and all of Arizona desiring these cachets, please write Melba Beard, P.O. Box 728, Scottsdale, Ariz., or Trudy Murphy, P.O. Box 192, Tempe, Ariz., at once, so as to be included in the plans. The Cessna 510 can carry a good load. Remember, proceeds go to the A.E. Scholarship fund.

Pat Lambert commutes to California every weekend. Rick is working there, and each Friday at close of school, Pat heads for the Coast in their 180. Bev Periman made a fast jet trip east to visit her parents in Michigan, had a bus - man's holiday stopping at every airport in the Chicago area. Juanita flew the new Cessna Skymaster, on its factory tour thru Arizona, says it is just alright. Wheels are beginning to roll on local preparations for the 1963 AWTAR. Ruth Reinhold is firming up the job on plane inspections at the Bakersfield start, assisted by Melba, and Juanita has arrangements fell under way for the stop at Page Airport at Glen Canyon Dam. Other chapter members are equally busy on their many flights and projects, we being an active group. Phoenix Chapter has followed with pride the flight of 99 Betty Miller to Australia. Even with modern aircraft and good navigational aids, its successful completion is a commendation of the pilot's ability, including making decisions, and her determination to succeed. Want to bet, the shadow of a certain Lockheed flew wingtip?

UTAH CHAPTER

By Alberta Nicholson

The Utah Chapter just returned from Nephi, Utah, a couple of hours ago with the most vivid sunburns and

gnat bites, result of a very successful Air Marking project just completed. A couple of telephone calls to the City Mayor and the State Road Commission and the State Aeronautics Commission and with the cooperative effort of all, we were finished in two hours. The Road Commission sent their street liner, the City their compressor and a man to "man" the spray gun and the press was there taking pictures so that the town folks will know what is going on. The Mayor and a Councilman were there during the entire morning, a man from the State Road was there and I am very happy to report that fifteen 99's and friends were there. Dean Walker and Walt Nicholson who superintend our air marking said this was the best crew they have had. Sally Wells flew in from Cedar City (with prospective member) where she and her husband manage the airport. Maureen Shurtleff flew from Ogden, Virginia Riedel, Louise Morrison and yours truly from Salt Lake City and Lucille Christopherson from Provo. Because we seem to have several fatal plane accidents each winter in this area, we are hopeful that this marking might save someone's life.

Louise Morrison made an interesting trip to Cedar City in their Luscombe a couple of weeks ago. The trip took almost four hours so she stayed overnight with Sally and then on to Tucson via the Grand Canyon and Prescott. She came home the same route cutting two hours off the time because of tail winds.

Two Aerospace Education Workshops for teachers sponsored by the College of Southern Utah at Cedar City and Weber State College at Ogden, Utah Wing, CAP and the Air Force will be conducted in June. Eunice has been working with the directors and will be teaching at both. She has been guest speaker at three Parent-Night programs in CAP to explain the program, and to the Salt Lake squadron Air Force Association group.

She has been selected as Senior escort to II Rocky Mountain Region girl cadets on an exchange program with Great Lakes Region in July.

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Frances B. Francis

Cooler on and iced tea nearby, I'll try to catch up on recent activities of the Tucson Chapter — Seems like its been go, go, go lately. Laura Bohanan's monthly news letter (Tucson Tale Winds) in our chapter is a de-

light and boost in the search for news.

Back in April we held our monthly meeting on a Saturday a.m. at Free-way Airport. Took over the greater portion of their small but friendly coffee shop, consuming donuts and coffee during meeting. Dear member, Gertrude Gelderman, picked up the tab out of the kindness of her heart. We had as guest, student pilot Michele Hokin, and it was good to see Mary Martin again after presenting another future pilot to the world. Pat Nolen and Shirley Marshall had been busy with the details of our fly-out to San Carlos Bay, Mexico, meeting with Senor Raphael Caballero, of Guaymas and Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, an owner, philanthropist, etc.

Four a/c and 12 gals managed to make this marvelous trip, leaving April 23 and returning April 25. Shirley had Meg Guggolz and Laura Bohanan with her in "Desert Honey" — Dot Jenkins had as her two passengers Ella Tweed and Mildred Morgan. Tucson non-pilot citizens — Maggie Schock's passengers were Ruth Roberts and Betsy Livingston, also of the non-pilot variety. All charming gals and loads of fun having them along. I flew co-pilot for Pat Nolen in her Commanche and we had future pilot (maybe) Diane Agers in the back seat. The landing strip at San Carlos is O.K., but it keeps the dull out of flying. Runs slightly uphill toward the "hills" with the bay at the other end and a continuous cross wind, so you "takes yer choice" on landing but all leave downhill and over the water. It's truly a beautiful spot and well landmarked by "Nanny Goat" mountain — named such for obvious reasons.

We stayed in the Casas Noviles and every minute was pure enjoyment for all. Fishing, beachcombing, boating, etc. Believe it or not some of those gals caught the first fish of their whole lives while there! Sr. Caballero was there during our stay and joined in our fun. Hosted us at cocktails one evening so we hostessed him to dinner in Guaymas the next evening, and such delicious food at the Las Playitas. So many fun incidents occurred during our stay . . . too many for this column . . . truck rides . . . reservoirs with big rocks in the center . . . tipping sailboats. Everyone beat the bad weather back to Tucson except us in the Commanche—it was such a nice morning for clam digging—but we high-tailed it out when the sky started looking like a mackerel. Having been detained refueling at



AWTour Planning—Left to right around the chart showing this year's Awtour route are Dot Jenkins, Fran Francis, Pat Nolen, Laura Bohanan, Pat Munson and Shirley Marshall, AWTour chairman. It begins in Palm Springs, August 17th, with overnight stops at Las Vegas, Bryce Canyon, Flagstaff, and ends in Tucson.

Hermosillo we met the curtain of weather at Nogales, Sonora, and that's as far as we got that day—by air. Being 65 miles away from home and weathered in was "funny" — so we continued by stagecoach and fetched the a/c next day . . . That poor confused customs man . . . never a dull moment!

Saturday, May 4th, brought forth the majority of our members at a luncheon in honor of General Frank P. Lahm, Retired, who has been wintering in Tucson. How much history he has lived! Did you know that he was one of the 1st three Army Student pilots of the Wright Brothers? And won the 1st Bennett Trophy?

Byrd Granger hosted our May meeting on the 5th. Guests were Norma Remisch, new pilot and prospective member; Mary Gladden, who came along with Jo Fulkerson and is a student pilot; and t'was very nice to see member Pat Gilbert over from Ajo. Pat will be hosting us for lunch in her home in Ajo for the June meeting. We're planning to fly over on Saturday the 8th. Shirley informed us that with the Air Education program, Tucson Airport (International now!) now gives out the book "The Airport" to all visiting school classrooms.

Virginia and Lum Edwards, Bea MacPherson and Mac, Dot and Charlie Jenkins, Shirley and Art Marshall, and Meg Guggholz all reported

a fine weekend at the Southwest Sectional on May 11 and 12. Were so delighted with their souvenirs, light weight wooden, painted white wheel chocks, with blue 99 imprinted. These were given to all the pilots who flew in. Isn't it a marvelous idea and so practical.

We're getting ready to put our noses to the grindstone for the 2nd Annual AWTour which has been named the Bob Schmidt AWTour this year in his memory. Beginning August 17th, stops will be Palm Springs, Calif.; Las Vegas, Nev., the 18th; Bryce Canyon, Utah, the 19th; Flagstaff, Ariz., the 20th; and into Tucson on the 21st. Since the date is earlier this year we hope the number to enjoy the tour will double that of last year. We're looking forward to a heap-o-fun and sights — dining and sipping — hangar flying and resting — with following rules applying: All women 9-99; each pilot responsible for her own a/c (airworthiness, insurance, etc.); each girl responsible for her own expenses — and — all required to have a good time!

Dot Jenkins is thinking up another "navigational problem" for the last leg if you wish further info for now, contact Shirley Marshall, 4032 Calle Chica, Tucson, Arizona.

A very exciting item of news is the fact that Pat Nolen and Shirley Marshall, in Pat's Commanche, will be flying to Atchison, Kansas, on July

22nd to fly Viola Gentry from there to New York on the 24th of July. Viola has the honor of carrying the Amelia Earhart stamp covers, first to Purdue University and then into Idlewild Airport. The stamp, in commemoration of Amelia, will come out on her birthday, which is the 24th July. They will certainly have an enviable flight!

. . . Happy landings . . . be reading you.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Doris Purdy

Our May meeting was held at the new apartment of Doris Purdy—four miles from Oakland International Airport. (A fortunate neighbor in the building runs a helicopter school at the airport and flies back and forth.) Present were members Helen Kelton, Ruth Rueckert, Lindy Boyes, Hialeah Reilich, Deby Byram, Janet Ferguson, Ruth Magill, Hazel Miles, Gail Lane, Elly Jones, Ethel Schaffer, Miriam Brugh and Mary Fields. Judy Willis was a guest. We are happy to say that she and Jenette Adams will become members soon.

Hazel Miles, Ruth Rueckert, Jaunda Bigelow, Lindy Boyes and Miriam Brugh arose at 4 a.m. on April 30th and saw Betty Miller depart from Oakland Airport.

Our June meeting will be a fly-in at Fallon, Nevada.

Congratulations to Hialeah Reilich who passed her commercial check ride. She and Elly Jones flew to Oregon recently and missed some geese and some jets missed them at Klamath Falls airport.

Janet Ferguson ferried a Cherokee back from Florida.

Deby Byram had a dinner for Viola Gentry, charter member. Ruth Rueckert chatted with Viola.

Judy Willis and Doris Purdy flew toward Salinas in a 140, but turned back due to bad weather.

EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER

By Dottie Sanders

After a long absence, we welcomed Aileen Saunders back to the fold at our April meeting, with Mac Huntington as our hostess in the home of Barbara Hill. Aileen told us of her recent three-week trip to Europe for which she had two days' notice to pack and be ready. She went via S.A.S. over the North Pole and Greenland, and was in Copenhagen in 13 hours. There she obtained a Denmark flying license, and was very excited about having flown a 205 to other islands and to see all of the castles from the air.

She spent five days in Denmark and Sweden, four days in Paris. On her visit to England, she saw the Changing of the Guard and Windsor Castle, spending three days there. And, what do you know — no fog.

She was most gratified with her visit to Rome and other parts of Italy, probably because of the gracious hospitality of Grazia Sartori in driving her to various beautiful places there. Aileen spent one day at the Vatican and had an audience with the Pope. Your reporter was too busy listening to Aileen's story to make note of all of her experiences, but Aileen assured us it was the fastest three weeks she had spent, and was only sorry to have to return so soon. However, the lights of Los Angeles on final approach made her feel good that she had returned HOME.

A tribute to 49½'ers, John Tucker and Bob Sanders at the San Diego Air Games April 20 and 21. John entertained the crowd with acrobatics and a "Zeke Jones" act, and Bob won second place in over-all points in the Air Games, comprised of XC race, spot landings, balloon busting and bomb dropping.

May 5 was dedication of the new airport at Oceanside, Calif., and Anne Bledsoe arranged for our part in helping to register and serve pilots for a fly-in breakfast. Such hospitality of the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce: FREE breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, sweet rolls and coffee, together with various prizes for visiting pilots and a tour of their newly developed harbor. On duty for the El Cajon Valley Chapter were Anne, Isabelle McCrae and Dottie Sanders. The biggest and most pleasant surprise of the day was a wonderful ham luncheon served by Anne and 49½'er Jim at their home overlooking the Oceanside Airport to Ninety-Nines attending. Besides those from our chapter were Lois and Harv Bartling and their guests, the Boots, Marian Jepson and Margaret Lang of San Diego Chapter. Her home is filled with beautiful decorations and furniture made up of "keep-sakes" from the various travels of Anne and Jim, from all over the world.

Barbara Hill and Dottie Sanders represented our Chapter at the Southwestern Spring Sectional meeting May 10-12, hostessed by the San Gabriel Valley Chapter at Pomona. With Dottie's 140, '36C, getting a new engine, they went by Ford, but the hospitality and wonderful plans of the

San Gabriel Valley Chapter made it worth even driving for, and it was good to see old friends from other chapters. The weather was beautiful for flying and the turnout was bountiful.

Our congratulations to Betty Miller who has completed her solo flight to Australia!!!!

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER **By Myrtle A. Wright**

Our March meeting was postponed a week, so on April 21st we met at Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa. The weather was good enough for flying, so Anita Conley, Bette Smith and Myrtle Wright flew over. Pat Stouffer, from Napa, Fran DeHaan, from San Rafael, Phyllis Cantrell and Betty Shunn and Didi DeGolia from Santa Rosa, and Becky Lightfoot from Healdsburg, all drove in.

Coral Bloom, of Sacramento Chapter with her 49½'er had dropped into Sonoma County for lunch so Coral stopped by to say hello.

GIRLS!!! Did you know the Powder Puff Derby has had a male in the race? This distinction is claimed by the Redwood Empire Chapter. Our Betty Shunn, who was co-uilt for Phyllis Cantrell in the 16th was expecting at the time and she has a fine healthy baby boy now. Congratulations, Betty. The boy is five months old already, but better late than never with news, so—now our secret is out.

After our lunch and meeting adjourned, the 99's visited the Control Tower. FAA controllers Ted Rydberg, Al Gemoets, Larry Hagen and Dale Emens gave us some interesting information about Air Traffic Control. If there are any pilots in our organization who still feel the men in the Control Tower are ogres, I urge you to visit a tower and talk to these people. A lot of them are pilots too and they are anxious to help you.

Anita Conley has her Ham Radio license now. Congratulations, Anita. Any contestant in the PPD knows what you "Hams" stand for. Anyone wanting to call Anita, her call letters are WA6 WNO. Didi DeGolia is no longer a Little Sister. She got her license on March 5th and of course is making application for membership in the 99's. We are happy for you, Didi.

As Bette, Anita and myself were returning to Napa, we decided the sky and clouds were too inviting. We were on top at 7500 feet. The temperature was 22 degrees F. We flew over Oakland and San Francisco

at 10,500 and the temperature dropped to 18 degrees F. THIS IS SPRING????

Keep your wings straight and level and stay out of the ice.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

By Doris Johnson

We held our May meeting at the home of Norma Ojstedt in Fullerton. Those present were Emilie Smyth, Ilene Winchell, Hilda Reafsnnyder, Edna Stennett, Ruth Phillips, Thon Abbott, Hazel "Bitsy" Rettew, Joanne Koepfer, Madine Parsel, Betty Farrell, Doris Johnson and Jackie Sepulveda, a guest from the Long Beach Chapter. We were all very disappointed because our guest Betty Hicks could not make our meeting to show us her slides on Alaska and Mexico. We will be looking forward to seeing them at our next meeting. The business meeting was very short which gave all of us time to chit chat over our recent flying trips as we enjoyed the wonderful refreshments provided by our hostess.

We have had several weeks of wonderful California weather which finds several of our girls catching up on their flying. Ilene Winchell is still grounded since having the tail of her Comanche 180 devoured by a run away Tri Pacer. Madine Parsel and her 49½'er have a leisure trip to Mexico planned for the 15 of June. Ruth Phillips had the pleasure of meeting Helen Murphy, a 99 from Mankato, Minn. They took a flight over the surrounding area so Helen could see some of Southern Calif. from the air. They also met with Edna Stennett for lunch and enjoyed very much their visit with a 99 from across the states. Ruth and her 49½'er had a nice flight to El Mirage field when they took their relatives flying recently.

A wonderful time was reported by all who were able to attend the Southwest Section Conference held at the Brazilin Inn in Pomona. Hilda Reafsnnyder, Edna Stennett, Thon Abbott and Madine Parsel along with Jackie Sepulveda from the Long Beach chapter said they were treated very warmly upon arrival at Brackett Field. Some of the entertainment included a wine tour Friday night — Saturday a real fine luncheon along with a fashion show and then on to a fabulous banquet Saturday night. Hilda won a beautiful portable radio. Thon and Madine won an aviation flashlight.



HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Sue Collins

Aftershoots: "It was real great," declared Alice Seaborn, about the convention in Galveston . . . "I enjoyed every minute!" Others reported trips to the local brewery (so that's how they do it!) the historic Seawall, cat-fishing this long, and on their way, now to Oklahoma, barbecue sandwiches poolside. During the business meeting Houston Chairman Louise Bickford, svelte new Mother, presented the 99 pin to brand new member Martha Aikin . . . glad everyone was pleased with the souvenir fish ash trays . . . Edna Whyte and Tony Page breezed in Saturday . . . Jean King's cordial welcome Friday at the airport, and her competent publicity job in the GLS papers . . . Ida Ross's sandwiches on the boat last Friday evening . . . we tried, but there was moonlight only for the last half hour . . . the NASA film on Gemini . . . the Luau and dancing . . . and most of all, the sixty-six 99's who made the trip! Omaha is welcome to our list of SNAFU's, but now we're gonna REST!

Ora Mae Boswell passed her Private flight check in her 175 four days too late to enjoy the convention, but as a 99 and co-pilot she'll navigate on the IAR next week. Maybelle Fletcher will pilot, and sneak in a bit more instruction along the way. What frosting on the cake it would be to have the chapter's sole entry place in the Top Ten! Watch 'em . . . they're loaded for Bear!

TULSA CHAPTER

By Gay McCauley

A big vote of thanks to the Houston Chapter for a fun Section meeting. Tulsa Chapter was represented by Jan Mauritson, Mary Krutsch, Jean Williams, Dorothy Rice, Colleen White, Gay McCauley, Freda Guild and 49½er Dr. Carl Guild, and we all had a ball.

Congratulations to our Chairman, Jan Mauritson, who received her instrument ticket May 16. In addition to check-riding in her Cessna 195, she also has been practicing up in a new Musketeer which she, with co-

pilot Mary Krutsch, will fly in the Skylady Derby on June 27.

Jean and John Engler in their twin, Bruce and Jean Williams in their Tri-Pacer, and Jan Mauritson with Mary Krutsch all flew on Sunday over to the Abbott Ranch near Oklahoma City for a joint meeting with the Oklahoma Chapter. They report having a lovely brunch, much social chit-chat, and a little practice with Jean Thomas on the very secret entertainment to be provided for the Convention in OC.

49½er Jim White has been hospitalized in Tulsa and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Mary Burke hosted our May meeting at the Conference Room at Tulsa Municipal. Nine members were present (I didn't make it) and guests Imogene Arnot and Walt Plummer, Chief Air Traffic Controller at Tulsa Municipal, who had interesting comments on new control regulations.

Our June meeting (and last for the summer) promises to be a lot of fun. Agnes Hellman and Colleen White, who both have cabins on Lake Fort Gibson, have invited us to fly-in for lunch, swimming, and the ever-present business meeting on Sunday, June 9, 49½er's, family, and all.

In today's mail I received a card from a girl friend visiting Denmark, and from a cousin visiting Tahiti, so know it is time for my own years-postponed tour of Europe and I am leaving June 17. Hope too meet some 99's along the way.

Have a nice summer.

KANSAS CHAPTER

By Mildred Early

Our fly-in to Concordia, Kansas, with the Missouri Valley Chapter on April 21st was a big success and lots of fun. Pat McEwen, Joyce Case and Mildred Early flew up in a Travel Air; Marilyn Copeland "soloed" in a Cherokee; Garnett Hastings and Gene Nora Stumbough in a Musketeer; Edna and John Calbeck in Sky-lane; Helen and Roy Simmons?? (sorry, neglected to catch this one) and Penny White drove in from Manhattan.

The 99's are invited to fly in to Manhattan on May 30th for the dedication of the new runway and airport facilities. The Blue Angels will perform that afternoon; and, also, in conjunction with this, the Tuttle Creek Dam will be dedicated.

Our girls are all busy — Penny White is active in her teaching and doing research on children's folk music and with AUW and Wesley Foun-

dation. Joyce Case is now Mrs. Jack Funsch, as of May 4th—wish all of the 99's could have been here—beautiful bride and a beautiful wedding! Joyce and Jack are back in Wichita setting up housekeeping after a honeymoon at Sea Island, Georgia.

Congratulations to Gene Nora Stumbough on her Instrument Rating! Here is one busy gal—Gene Nora presented the Beech trophies at the National Intercollegiate Air Meet, Southern Illinois University, spent one week in New York and one in Philadelphia showing the Musketeer. She just returned yesterday from Musketeering all over New England.

Pat McEwen flew daughter Coe to Colorado Springs; Mary Aikens flew her three children to Colorado for a short vacation; Margo Calloway ferried a Musketeer to Rochester, N.Y.; and, Marilyn Copeland is still giving a helping hand in husband John's office (he specializes in children's dentistry).

Mildred and Port Early spent the last weekend of April in Boston, visiting their daughter, Karen, who is a sophomore at Wellesley. The trip was made via Jet, as their own plane is still in the shop for repairs.

We are all busy getting ready to man the TAR stop at Great Bend, looking forward to the Convention in Oklahoma City and taking orders like mad for the Amelia Earhart First Day Covers.

We had an excellent turnout of Kansas 99's at the Galveston Sectional: Pat McEwen, Mary Aikens, Garnett Hastings, Marilyn Copeland, Anne Waddell, Mary McKillip and Mildred Early and we all had a ball! See all of you in Oklahoma City!

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Elinor Johnson

Our April meeting was a long planned and re-planned trip to Fort Worth Center, and well worth waiting for. Everyone was most helpful, letting us watch, explaining what they were doing, and interpreting the blips on the radar scopes. We had two guests, Blanche Philcox and Doris Allen. Blanche is working on her Private and Doris has had hers about a year and works for Trans Texas Airlines. Nancy Graves has also been a recent guest.

Rowena Burns and family, including dog and cat, went to Oklahoma City over the Easter holidays in the club Bonanza.

Dorothy Warren and Pat Jetton went to the Aviation Trades meeting in Oklahoma City in Pat's 180 Chero-

kee recently. They attended the Small Business Management Seminar and have graduation certificates to prove they are authorities on the subject now.

Kathy Long passed the commercial written exam, so her husband gave her dual instruction toward the Commercial rating as a Mother's Day present.

Jerry Sloan is working on a Sea-plane rating in a Lane Rivièrs at Lake Texhoma.

Ruth Stults and her husband Carl flew their Skylane to New Orleans to join the Texas Private Flyers on an especially arranged tour of Cape Canaveral. They were met at Melbourne airport by a NASA man who conducted the tour. While there they had dinner at the hotel where the astronauts live, saw Shepard and Carpenter, and met and shook hands with Glenn, Schirra, and Cooper. Ruth says she was more impressed by that than the very interesting and comprehensive tour of the Cape.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Eunice Dickey

Hearty congratulations to Ruby Tatman who recently earned her instrument rating in their Bonanza. An interesting note was her cheering section who apparently paced the ramp waiting for her to finish her check ride, the "rooters" being her 49½er Dick and her instructors.

We had a nice turn-out for our April meeting held at the Moon Garden Restaurant. Those attending were Priscilla Duncan, La Verne McCauley and her sister-in-law, Lela Carwardine and Eunice Dickey — all from Dona Ana County, New Mexico. Billie Callaghan, Lydie Weaver, Margie Beard, Evelyn Wasser, Ruby Tatman, Mary Fran Seidl, Ruth Deerman and Win Griffin were the rest, I hope.

A big welcome to Win Griffin, our newest member, who has recently become a private pilot, licensed, that is. She flies a 150. We know you'll be a big addition to our chapter to our club, Win.

Ruth Deerman and Lela Carwardine had lunch awhile ago with Alice Roberts, a Phoenix 99 and Sylvia Roth (Chicago Area Chapter) who has been visiting in Phoenix the past month.

99's on the Go—Mary Fran Seidl flew to Dallas recently to take a friend to the dedication of Navarro Dam. Mary Fran and Evelyn Wasser have been flying in medical supplies to Mexico. Liddy Weaver flew to Phoenix for a golf tournament.

Lela Carwardine has just returned from a flying trip to Chihuahua, Mexico.

Many thanks to Marge Beard who single-handedly made favors for our share in the International Convention.

That's all the news for now. Good flying to you all.

MIDLAND CHAPTER

By Pat Barbee

WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME IN GALVESTON! Our Chapter was well represented. Velma Lee Copeland flew down with Charlotte Hunter and her 49½er. Lil Lurting and family from Big Spring flew down in their Comanche. Mary Erwin was there with husband and baby. Mildred Goodson and Pat Barbee flew down on Saturday morning in time for the business meeting. Our thanks to the Houston Chapter for a wonderful Spring Sectional.

We plan to have a fly-in for our next meeting June 8 at Charlotte Hunter's cabin at Lake Brownwood. By then we will be making plans to go to OKC in July.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Broneta Evans

Busy! Busy! . . . Convention and Race plans continue to take up all our time when we meet.

Velma Woodward has been in the air most of the past month, with a flight to Los Angeles to attend the Woman's Auxiliary of the International College of Surgeons, via Phoenix where she visited with friends, then on to Kansas City to attend the Mid - Western Hospital Auxiliary meeting and on to Chicago to spend weekend with son and family but weather, including snow storm April 30th, extended the visit to almost a week. A quick flight to Ft. Smith on business, immediately following return to OKC, rounded out the month.

Ann Waddell of Garden City, Kansas, spent the nite with Broneta Evans enroute to the Section meeting in Galveston. Marie Ketchum, Arlene Walkup, and Tricia Smith attended the Executive Board meeting of the Oklahoma Flying Farmers at Lake Texhoma.

Members attending the South Central Section meeting in Galveston were: Jane Abbott, Broneta Evans, Mary Lester, Nema Masonhall, Elizabeth Sewell, Carol Waddell, Arlene Walkup, Jean Williams and Dottie Young.

Arlene Walkup and Carol Waddell, and their 49½ers went fishing Saturday afternoon in Galveston and Arlene caught her first fish. They

caught 49 to bring home. Donna Myers (our South Central Section Governor) visited Dottie Young in OKC before and after the meeting.

Beth Smith reports that she was sorry to miss the Galveston Sectional, but happy to have been at home Saturday to spend the day with Ruby Tatman of El Paso, who was marking time in OKC while her 49½er attended a Shriner affair in Tulsa. It was a real pleasure to be with Ruby for a day.

Wah - Leeta Steele, our newest member from Fairview, received the Oklahoma Flying Farmer newest Lady Pilot Award . . . Nema visited Jimmy Kolp in Electra and former 99 Randy Hapgood, Henrietta, Texas . . . Ketchums have a new Air Strip about ½ mile west of their home now. The hangar hasn't been moved as yet but they hope to get it done soon . . . Carol Waddell and 49½er have purchased an interest in a Cessna 172.

Jean, Chuck and Chuck, Jr., Thomas flew to Louisville, Ky., for three days at Easter time. Jean and Chuck also flew to Chadron, Nebr., to visit with Jean's parents. She's been busy, busy, with the surprise entertainment for convention. She hopes everybody will be there!

Jo Petropoly and Judy Hellmon (Tulsa) returned from the National Intercollegiate Airmeet in Illinois with few trophies but with many wonderful and unforgettable memories of a grand time.

Jane Abbott was presented a Cessna 140 by her husband for an anniversary present. We all looked it over when we met on the Abbott's landing strip and were guests of our Comanche Jane and her 49½er. Convention committees reported and some slipped away for a short preview of some of the entertainment to be enjoyed at convention. Breakfast was great, as usual, and we were happy to have several girls from the Tulsa Chapter join us. Ominous weather caused the Tulsa members to depart early but those of us who could stay enjoyed lunch with members of the Aviation Club and Soonairs, in the Abbott's hangar. We really appreciate their hospitality.

Judy Hellmon (Tulsa) was awarded a trophy for the Outstanding Female Pilot of the Flight School and Jo Petropoly was awarded the trophy for the Outstanding Female Pilot of the Flying Aggies and the Alfred Lee Alder III Memorial Trophy. All

this took place at the Annual Wings Award Banquet at O.S.U. Congratulations!!

See you all in July for the OKC Air Race and International Convention. We are all looking forward to a big meeting and a grand time in OKC.



EASTERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Lois Auchterlonie

As this goes to press, members of this chapter are busy "practicing" for the AWNEAR to be held in Keen, New Hampshire, May 25th. Entries have been received from as far as San Diego, Florida and North Carolina. Both AWNEAR activities and Section meeting will provide a full and interesting weekend.

At the April meeting, a fly-in to Providence, Rhode Island, 13 members attended. The AWNEAR books went like hotcakes. race route remains top secret, but everybody is guessing. Mary Ann Lippitt arranged for a speaker, George Langdon, from the FAA Control Center at Quonset, who presented the services available to the private pilot, and proved very informative.

At our May meeting held at Lawrence, Mass., Isabel Blodgett and Chris Seaver arrived in Isabel's 172; Evelyn Cataldo flew in with her new Cherokee 180 with Frankie Sutton and guest Addie Hood; Fran Porter and Lois Auchterlonie landed in Fran's Navion; and Rae Tober 172'd from Springfield. Guest Dorothy Ross provided transportation to Charley's Steakhouse. Those driving were Shirley Gentile, Millie Doremus, and Mary Warford, who arranged for the showing of Sanderson's Navigation Film. The AWNEAR was the main topic of conversation, and a full report was given of plans up to that date.

One ear was tuned for latest news of Barbara Kiernan's Trans - Atlantic crossing—and it was good news when Zimny let us know she had landed in the Shetlands.

Barbara Kiernan's hop to England in a Riley Rocket (converted Cessna 310 with supercharger) proved to be anything but dull! Taking off from Gander with 11 hours of fuel onboard. Barbara's ETA to Shannon was 8:45. Winds aloft forecast at Gander, were

reconfirmed at first weathership Charley as 270 degrees at 30 knots. Half-way across, Barbara lost the use of both ADF navigation radios and ran into severe icing conditions, which broke off the HF radio antenna. So without communications, she was on "dead reckoning" a la Lindberg. A 90 degree shift in winds of 65 knots (discovered in weather bureau three days later) accounted for the 600 mile deviation from course. Using OMNI at 800 feet she homed on a TVOR station in the Shetlands, which had just turned on their test pattern 15 minutes before she landed! The flight took 11:45, and she landed with 20 minutes of fuel remaining! The Riley outperformed the radio equipment—which would be a great assist for a Trans - Atlantic crossing!

Janice Wood, our nurse member, is now stationed at the Logan Airport Medical Station, which is the first to be run by a hospital. Jan finds that the assignment offers a diversified type of nursing which is exciting and educational. They cover cases from the occupational health field for airport employees, to emergency cases of passengers and visitors with everything from airsickness to fractured hips. She finds it highly interesting, except for the long quiet hours on the night shift when "nothing happens." In her "spare" time Janice is working on her commercial and spends her weekends as dispatcher for New England Flyers at Beverly Airport.

The travel-bug department reports Frankie Sutton to Atlanta in a new Comanche; Lois Wartman returned from Switzerland temporarily quarantined, but reports the skiing was good; Isabel Blodgett spent three weeks with her daughter in England. June Douglas and Jerry Gardiner planning to fly the IAR via the AWNEAR.

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