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DEADLINE FOR NEWS  
The 20th of Each Month

## Editorial

GOOD GRIEF! Forsooth, I fear that our newly-elected President Ruth, may have made a grave mistake — she asked me to follow in the footsteps of Deedo Heise and Mary Lester! However, she made a good choice in appointing my associate editor, Dottie Young, thank goodness!

With fear and trepidation (synonym), which Mr. Webster defines as, among other things, "involuntary trembling," thus — I am — trembling, that is — I accepted. But with your help, maybe we **can** follow in our predecessors' footsteps, or tailwind, or whatever. They set up the present format last year and it has been welcomed by all. They have offered their help and have already done same. We will welcome any suggestions you may have and remember that it depends on you as to how good our magazine is. Don't forget that each reporter from each chapter must submit her information — let's see each of our chapters represented **each month**. Send us notices of special events, news items of particular interest to women pilots.

Send all material to me — with photographs (clearly identified), black and white glossies only.

The deadline will remain the same — 20th of each month, except October and June as there will be no Ninety-Nine News in November or July. The President will request committee reports.

Help us make this a good publication, please. It depends on you.

Best,  
Donna T. Myers  
11603 E. 6th Place  
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P.S. Sure and it was on the completion of this that the luck of the Irish visited me! The phone rang and 'twas that Deedo Heise on the other side of town — she and Herm had flown out to visit daughter and son-in-law — she asked if she could come to visit me. With a tear in my voice and the dining table piled up high with news material — I implored her to get here post-haste — which she did, and

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is the deadline.

## Coming Events

September 20, 21, and 22  
South Central Section meeting  
Sheraton-Fontenelle Hotel  
Omaha, Nebraska  
Missouri Valley Chapter  
hostesses

October 11, 12, 13  
Southeastern Section meeting  
Edgewater Gulf Hotel  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
Mississippi Chapter, hostesses

naturally, put her to work on this first effort. Altho she had sent fine written instructions, there is nothing like help first-hand.

One more thing — sorry this will be very late, but none of you knew that you should send me the material, and Deedo had to send it to me — which delayed things, then had to wait till I received her last copy to know what was in it. Thank you for your indulgence and we hope to make the deadline from now on. Transition, you know.

Donna

## Attention NEWS LETTER REPORTERS

### DEADLINE

By the 20th of each month, except October and June, no News-Letter in November or July.

### HEADING

Please head each page of report as to section, chapter, reporter and page number. This prevents mix-ups at the printer's shop with news from other chapters.

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By following the above procedure, you will make our task and the printer's a little easier.

Thanks a million,  
Editor





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RUTH DEERMAN



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MARTHA ANN READING

## President's Column

It is with mixed emotions that I write this, my first President's Column. I am deeply aware of the responsibilities that I must assume for the ensuing year, and I realize that the honor bestowed upon me is the highest that could be conferred upon any member of the Ninety-Nines. I want to thank you who have manifested faith in me. You have given me this great privilege of serving you and I give you my solemn pledge that I shall earnestly strive to be worthy of your confidence. I beg your indulgence of my shortcomings and your full cooperation in support of our objectives. With your assistance I am sure we will have a wonderful year together.

We have grown from a very small group of intimate friends into an influential organization of more than eighteen hundred members who are scattered all over the world. Any group, as it becomes larger, has a tendency to be dominated by a few. Dedicated members who have served in one office are almost automatically re-elected or appointed to another because they have shown their abilities in their previous jobs.

New members coming into such an organization might well feel isolated and even after a period of membership feel that they, and "the people who run things", are worlds apart. The very members who feel so isolated and apart, are actually the essence of our International Organization. Therefore it will be my primary objective, throughout my term of office,

to use this column as a direct line of communication to you Ninety-Nines who work so faithfully in your local chapters without office and without recognition. In doing so you accomplish the job that "we who run things" take the credit for. I hope my words in the President's Column will give you a little clearer picture of what is going on, when it is going on.

I have a "SUGGESTION FILE". I need your help. Please send me your ideas on what you want Ninety-Nines to be, and how our objectives may be furthered.

With the beginning of the new fiscal year membership renewals and new membership applications have been pouring in. Your 1963-1964 membership cards are being mailed out.

Local chapters who are sponsoring the Fall Sectional Meetings are eating tranquilizers hand over fist and slowly losing their minds so YOU will have fun at YOUR meeting. Don't let their work be in vain. Attendance at your sectional meeting will give you the feeling of belonging and being part of this unique organization, Ninety-Nines.

At this writing committee chairmen are being appointed, and will be announced as soon as the list is complete. How often have you used these chairmen in the past? Why not resolve to keep them busy this coming year?

Have you studied the proposed changes in our Constitution? Do you agree or disagree? Your reactions will

determine what Ninety-Nines will be in the future. Do let the Resolutions Committee know your desires.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Deerman,  
President.

## Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp

The celebration in Atchison — and the Ninety Nine First Cover has been a tremendous success—thanks to the Ninety Nines, and special thanks to the charter members, Fay Wells and the Fly-Aways. The program has brought world-wide recognition to women pilots and general aviation — and to the Ninety Nines.

It is impossible to give a complete report, but as of this date — all expenses, a total of \$5,257.66 have been paid. Reports are still coming in; Mr. Minkus and the stores have yet to report. From here on, we are on the way up — 100% for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. To assure a substantial increase in our scholarship award, the sale must continue. Leave a few covers at your local airports and book stores on consignment—always—carry a supply of covers with you, a —cover will make a very unusual present at Christmas. Keep your community aware of the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp. Keep reports and monies coming into headquarters. A final, final report will be given at the 1964 Annual meeting in Cincinnati.

—Louise Smith.



## Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

More Chapters and individuals gave more money than ever before, to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund this past year, and with the anticipated additional income from funds raised by the First Day Cover project, your Trustees are happy to announce that **two** Scholarship Awards of at least \$650 each will be offered for 1964. Inasmuch as the terms of the Trustee permit Awards to be made from income only, the amount could possibly be brought up some depending on our financial situation.

NOW is the time members wishing to apply for one of these should make their wishes known to their Chapter Chairman, so they can be considered as their Chapter's representatives in the Award contest. If selected by her Chapter, a candidate's name and address will be sent to me by the Chapter Chairman — and I will mail the application forms and complete instructions to the applicant.

Each Chapter is entitled to one candidate for each twenty members or major fraction thereof. Completed applications of Chapter candidates must be in the hands of the Section Scholarship Chairman **prior to January 15, 1964**. Section Scholarship Committees will select one candidate for each 100 Section Members, or major fraction thereof, to be sent to the Trustees **prior to February, 1964**.

An applicant must be an active member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc., have more than 200 hours pilot-in-command time since receiving her Private license, and give evidence that she will use the training or education acquired through the Award for at least two years. Any advanced flight training, or other technical training or education is acceptable if it will improve her skills in her chosen field of aviation.

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

It has come to our attention that it is not to the liking of many of us to be referred to by the press and sometimes some of our own members as "Ninety-NinERS" — Those of us on the mature side dislike the thought of perhaps belonging to the gold rush days! Remember, please, that we are Ninety-NinES.

Editor.



Admiral Edwin J. Roland and Mrs. Fay Gillis Wells — Official Coast Guard Photo No. CPI 081463

Admiral Edwin J. Roland, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, receives an official Post Office album of Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamps from Mrs. Fay Gillis Wells, Coordinator for the Ninety-Nines, Inc., an International Organization of Women Pilots with headquarters in Oklahoma City, in the movement behind the issuance of the stamps.

The gift is a token of appreciation from the Ninety-Nines, Inc., to the U.S. Coast Guard for the rebuilding and relighting of the Amelia Earhart Light on Howland Island, in mid-Pacific, on the occasion of the issuance of the Commemorative Stamp on July 24, 1963, honoring the sixty-sixth anniversary of the famous aviatrix who was first president of the Ninety-Nines when founded in 1929. Amelia Earhart named the organization for the original ninety-nine charter members. Today the organization has a membership of 1,800 women pilots from all over the world.

Amelia Earhart, with her navigator Fred Nocaan, was lost in the vicinity of Howland Island on July 2, 1937, while making an around-the-world flight. A light tower which was later built on the island in 1938 bore an Earhart Memorial Plaque. The tower served as a day beacon until it was almost completely destroyed by Jap-

anese shell fire during World War II.

It was rebuilt during the annual visit of the U.S. Coast Guard to Howland Island by the men of the Cutter Blackhaw, under the direction of Lt. Commander R. H. Wood. It now is a 20-foot high structure (32 feet above the water) marked with alternate red and white horizontal bands and topped by a fixed 140 candle power, white light. It was relit May 16, 1963.

The official U.S. Coast Guard film of the rebuilding and rededication of the light was shown for the first time, July 23rd, when the city of Atchinson, Kansas, where AE was born, honored the seven active charter members of the 99's at a ceremony in the 65-acre, nature-cooled cave used by the U.S. Army as an Ordinance Depot.

The official Ninety Nine First Day cover, with the 8c Airmail Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp, cancelled and postmarked at Atchison, Kansas, on July 24, 1963, may be ordered for \$1.00 per cover, (enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope) prepaid from:

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.  
Box 99,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.





Remarks of Mrs. Blanche Noyes, charter member and past international president of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., at the White House, Friday, July 26, 1963.

Mr. President:

On behalf of the more than 1700 members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. in memory of our first President Amelia Earhart, I would like to present you with this official 99 First Day Cover of the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp.

We are honored that our Government has authorized this Stamp in recognition of Amelia Earhart's outstanding contributions to aviation—she was America's First Lady of the Air.

As you may know, seven of us Charter member 99's flew these First Day Covers from Atchison, Kansas on July 24 (Amelia's birthday) to major airports around the country. At stops along their routes, other 99's in relays (like a modern pony express) flew the Covers to every State Capital. Commercial airlines cooperated in this 99 Flyaway and flew the Covers to Hawaii and to Capitals abroad.

The proceeds from the sale of these 99 Covers will go to the 99's Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund to provide additional aeronautical training to qualifying members.

I was privileged to fly these Covers to our Nation's Capital and am honored to present you this one today.

#### REMINDER FROM THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN AND THE CONVENTION BUSINESS OF LAST MONTH:

Please contact and work through your international committee chairmen, with copies of your letters to the president. **DON'T SEND ALL PROBLEMS TO YOUR PRESIDENT** — Look up your committee chairman first.

Please remember that November 15, 1963, is the deadline for comments on the proposed new constitution from all chapter chairmen.

## Powder Puff Derby

URGENT . . . Town and Country Magazine, which gave the magnificent cover story and picture pages of the Powder Puff Derby in their November 1962 issue, wants candid pictures of the 1963 Race!

Please RUSH any good action shots of any phase of the race to AWTAR Headquarters, Teterboro Airport, Teterboro, N. J. immediately! Time is very, very short.

The official results of the 1963 AWTAR were published in the July-August Ninety Nine News, but . . .

#### DID YOU KNOW

That only one of the ten girls in the top five planes is a professional pilot?

That the crews of the ships placing first and second each had a combined pilot-in-command time of less than 800 hours?

That the crew of the third place ship won the Flying Magazine Award of \$100 for the crew with a combined time totalling less than 500 hours with the best score?

That the crew of the fifth place plane's combined time equalled less than 1,000 hours?

The 47 entries which qualified for the 1963 Race came from 20 states. 43% of the contestants were participating for the first time, including 11 new first pilots and 24 new co-pilots. Of these nine were completely novice crews.

A LOOK AHEAD . . . The 18th Annual Powder Puff Derby will take off from Fresno, California July 4th—Impound by June 30th — and finish at Atlantic City, with the Hotel Dennis as Headquarters. Following the finish, contestants will participate in a World's Fair Day in New York with transportation furnished by the City of Atlantic City. To be eligible to race, aircraft must be built after January 1, 1954 and have between 145 and 400 horsepower. Pilots with a Private and Instrument or Instructor's rating need have only a 3rd Class physical.

From:  
Alice H. Hammond,  
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Meadowbrook, Pa.  
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## 1963 - 1964 Roster

The 1963-64 Roster will be in your possession in November this year, but in order to do so, Headquarters will need to have **PRIOR** to September 30 the following:

1. A picture of each NEW section governor, international officer and member of the executive committee. These should be at least 1½" x 1½" or larger in a glossy black and white.

2. Complete listings of section and chapter officers and membership chairmen, meeting dates, etc. Please return forms to Headquarters as soon as possible. Let's make these 100 per cent this year.

3. Notification of any changes of address or name not previously given. Some members are not receiving their Ninety Nine literature and mail because we are unable to obtain their correct mailing address.

4. The names of any deceased Ninety Nine members effective this past year.

5. Any changes, additions or deletions in the "Articles For Sale" section of the Roster.

Thanks again to all of you for your wonderful cooperation this past year and don't forget to renew your membership prior to September 30.

Headquarters.

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Janet Ferguson, Ninety-Nine from England, has been in the States for several years, has now gone back to England. She has been a teacher in this country — has been an instructor in both countries. She was also a ferry pilot. The following is her version of this year's AWTAR:

### HOW I BROUGHT THE GOOD MORRISEY FROM BAKERSFIELD TO ATLANTIC CITY

(With apologies to Robert Browning)

I sprang to the Morrisey, switched on the mag.  
And taxied, and waited, then down went the flag.

"Good speed," cried Jack London — I gave her the gun;  
"Speed" echoed the air as I turned into sun  
And climbed through the haze. To the mountains I flew,  
Passing Beech Musketeer and Cherokee too.

Then on to Death Valley and over the top  
Of the ridge to Las Vegas, for there I must stop.  
I hurtled downwind and then landed On Nine  
And turned off and taxied right up to the line.  
The clock was a hundred-yard sprint from the plane --  
I clocked in and then started breathing again.

Twas lunchtime at Vegas, but no lunch had I  
For on through the turbulent air I must fly.  
I passed the Grand Canyon and headed for Page  
And there with cold Pepsi my thirst did assuage.  
Remain overnight was the message I sent,  
And dinner at Page was a pleasant event.

At dawn the next morning I readied to go;  
From there to the next stop I flew rather low.  
At Farmington Pat and Marg told me the news  
Of the twister that gave their fine Cessna the blues.  
Then on to La Junta in rarefied air

When an oxygen mask was the right thing to wear.

The wind wasn't helping as much as it should,  
But otherwise weather conditions were good.  
The next stop was Great Bend—in Kansas no less,  
And Donna Lee Shirley was there as hostess.  
I gobbled a sandwich and dashed to the plane;  
The dear little Morrisey started again.

En route was a shower though rain was quite light;  
When I reached Kansas City, I stopped for the night.  
There Sarah and Jackie and all of the crew  
Bestowed on us door prizes, food and drink too.  
On Monday the forecast said winds would be strong  
From Fairfax to Springfield they pushed me along.

I landed at Springfield, then made my mistake:  
I taxied in quickly and stepped on the brake.  
Released it too soon and when downwards I hopped  
The plane was still moving—it had to be stopped.  
So race rule was broken as clear as can be,  
I certainly had what was coming to me!

But winds were still good and to Dayton I went  
And landed downwind with the Tower's consent;  
Checked weather and filed a new flight plan perforce,



Then clocked out and took off and turned onto course.  
The tops of the clouds were at ten, so I flew  
At eleven point five — I was legal I knew.

The clouds became "broken", I dived through a hole  
And headed for Cumberland—that was my goal.  
So joined I the pattern and clocked in once more  
And paused for a minute to check on my score.  
Then hot on my heels came the Colt with Yvette,  
(At each of the previous stops we had met).

But on to New Jersey the plane did I steer,  
And looked for the Ritz and the hole(s) in the pier(s).  
Then over the finish line scurried apace  
And said to myself as I finished the race,  
"To Gus and his Morrissey—great little ship —  
I offer my thanks for a wonderful trip."

Janet Ferguson  
Bay Cities Chapter



#### PHOENIX CHAPTER By Melba Beard

At the August meeting at the home of Louise Boyd, attended by Chairman Pat Lambart, June Kaiser, Trudy Murphy, Juanita Newell, Alice Roberts, Melba Beard, Marjy Crowl, Bev Periman, transferee Norma Cassidy from Oregon, and prospective members and guests Jo Ann Winterline of Utah and student Tye Nakagawa, reports were heard on the Oklahoma convention from Alice Roberts, newly elected International Vice President, and Chairman Lambart, Marjy Crowl and Trudy Murphy. Juanita presented to the chapter the proclamation signed by Arizona's Governor Paul Fannin, proclaiming "Women In Aviation Week," which it certainly was, including the other three weeks in July. She also touched briefly on the activities at the AWTAR stop at Page, and the fine cooperation of the individuals and groups in Page.

Melba Beard and Juanita Newell reported on their flight to Atchison, Kansas, for the first day covers and stamps honoring Amelia Earhart, the reception held at A. E.'s birthplace, the evening events at the "Cave" where were shown the movies of the A. E. stamp unveiling in Washington, D. C., and a movie of the rebuilding of the Earhart beacon on Howland Island. Along with the other "Flyway" charter members, Melba received an A. E. medal from Felicity Burnelli, was made an honorary member of the 381st Strategic Missile Wing by Col. George W. Von Arb, and was

presented a commemorative folder by the Post Office Department containing a sheet of the new air mail stamps. The Cessna 310 furnished by J. H. Welsh and Son, Contractors, and sponsored by Frances Wood of the Sun Valley Air Service in Phoenix, left Atchison early on the 24th, and stopped at Coronado Airport, Albuquerque, where Melba and Juanita were welcomed by airport manager Mr. Edinger, city officials, and the Albuquerque Ninety-Nines, all recorded by TV news. After a delightful lunch, the group saw Donna Downey on her way to Santa Fe where Governor Jack M. Campbell of New Mexico was presented a cover, and autographed and time stamped the N. M. envelopes.

On the Phoenix for the official arrival, recorded by TV and where the 2,500 covers carried were turned over to coordinator Trudy Murphy and her team of volunteers for processing what is thought to be the largest order of prepared covers, almost 550. Chairman Pat Lambart welcomed the dignitaries assembled, and Phoenix Chapter then presented covers to the following: Wesley Bolin, Arizona Secretary of State, Phoenix Mayor Sam Mardian, James Vercellino, Director of the Arizona Department of Aviation, and Raymond Schnepf, Chairman of the Board, Airport Manager William Ralston, Phoenix Postmaster W. J. Mason, Scottsdale Postmaster O. C. Wilson, and to J. M. Chemi for the state's philatelic society.

Trudy Murphy reported on the covers handled stating that they are still available from her, P. O. Box 192, Tempe, Ariz., for \$1 each, plus your return stamped envelope. These covers carry a special cachet stamp indicating that they were flown by

Melba and Juanita from Atchison to Phoenix on July 24th, and are autographed by the two, and signed and dated by Postmaster Mason of Phoenix, making them of added value to collectors. Trudy then told of Arizona's own "Flyaway" and thanked all who had taken part in the event. There was our newest member Beverly Horley of Yuma who flew covers and stamps to the Zontas there; the Tucson Chapter members, Dorothy Jenkins and Chairman Virginia Edwards, and Pat Gilbert who flew covers to Tucson and Ajo; Bev Periman who flew to Chandler in a Ginn airplane provided by Amos Flying Service and met there by a large crowd of enthusiasts; Mary Weaver to Mesa; prospective member Helen Lawrence of Flagstaff carrying covers for Sedona and northern Arizona. Trudy thanked Betty Condon and Norma Cassidy for their help, and the many who brought welcome refreshments for the members and guests present, and to Alice and Louise for the work on stamping and stuffing several hundred covers for the "Flyaway" bags, and to Frances Wood for her help and encouragement in making the flight possible. Thanks too to Pat Lambart whose smooth handling of the many VIP's put everyone at ease, and to the Welsh Co. for letting their 310 and pilot Juanita take three days off, and to Juanita herself for the same.

Chapter News: Congratulations to our first member, to get a helicopter rating, Marjy Crowl, who put her time to good use in Oklahoma City, instructor was Dottie Young. Lois Bartling and Dottie Saunders of San Diego, who were among the many going to Atchison following the 99 convention, flew into Sky Harbor for the official arrival of the first day covers, and to rest a bit after all the activities. Members admired the section trophy won by Phoenix for the most flying hours, and Louise Boyd requests that pilot, co-pilot and airline time be turned in to her by Sept. 1st. The new chapter arm patches have been well received, those who still owe for theirs should send \$1.25 to Trudy Murphy. Pat passed out copies of the proposed Constitution for all to study, and a committee will report later. Juanita flew the new 1964 Cessna 320B, carries luggage in the engine nacelle, says it is really something. September meeting is a swim party at June Kaiser's new home in Glendale.

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

Pat Stouffer and Myrtle Wright, from Redwood Empire Chapter, and Ruth Rueckert, Bay Cities Chapter, flew to Oklahoma City for the International Convention. While there, we visited with our members Hilda Casey





**Ruth Reinhold, Ninety-Nine, Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section, receiving Gov. Paul Fannin's proclamation honoring Women in Aviation Week from Jim Vercellino, director of the Arizona Department of Aeronautics. Ruth acted as one of the Arizona hosts for the AWTAR, July, 1963.**

(Photo courtesy The Arizona Republic)

and husband, Pat. I am happy to report that Hilda is going on with her flying and since they live on the airport at Mena, Ark., she has some wonderful opportunities. Any 99's getting down that way stop in and say hello to the Caseys. They would love to see you and they are real nice people.

There was a very good attendance at the Convention this year. I believe this was partially due to the central location. More people could make a little shorter trip.

Members of Sacramento, San Juan, Santa Clara, Bay Cities and Redwood Empire Chapters had a joint meeting at the Metropolitan Oakland International Airport on Saturday,

Aug. 10th. Mr. Carol Aronovici spoke to the group about the California Council of Aviation Associations. Girls, this association is 100 per cent for general aviation. They certainly offer a helping hand where one is badly needed. I hope more chapters of the 99's will look into this and give their support. We are working for more airports and CCAA is working to save existing airports that are about to become lost to us.

Jacqueline Joo, of Santa Clara Chapter, flew her helicopter in for this fly-in, drive-in meeting. We also had Nancy Lynam of Washington, D. C. Chapter, who was second place winner in the Powder Puff Derby this year.

On Sunday, Aug. 11th, Redwood Empire Chapter held their regular meeting at Hobergs resort in the mountains of Lake County. Beautiful country!

I just received an invitation to an open house at the Coddington Airport in Santa Rosa. Our member, Phyllis Cantrell, is opening a flight school and charter service under the name of "Empire Airways." Nice going and best wishes from all of us. Much success to you.

#### **TUCSON CHAPTER**

**By Frances Francis**

We welcome two new members to our chapter. Norma Romisch of Tucson, and Gerry Whitton, of Las Vegas, and Patsy Brooks of Tucson. Our chapter is growing nicely, we proudly claim 24 members now.

In June, Pat Gilbert of Ajo hosted our meeting and 11 of us managed to fly and drive over. Pat had arranged a tour of the Radar Interception Site there through the courtesy of Lt. Col. Charles R. Agee, Commanding Officer. He had appointed Lts. Ernst Johnson and Al Lundy as our very capable guides. It was a most fascinating and informative tour. Later we all enjoyed lunch at Pat's home, co-hosted with Marilyn Schoof. Also in June, members Rosemary Gallon, Pat Nolen and Fran Francis tackled the commercial written and are happy to announce they passed!

July was a busy month, despite the heat. Meeting was held at Francis' abode. Meg Guggolz brought her house guest, Earla Martin, who is with the FAA Flight Service in Albuquerque as a Training Officer. Also a guest was new pilot Patsy Brooks.

Maggie Schock has done a wonderful job of compiling information and recommendations for the scholarship our chapter is anticipating giving to someone from the areas of our Air Age Education Program. First one will be presented after our penny-a-pound airlift this fall.

Pat Gilbert, with daughter Sherry as co-pilot, flew to Oklahoma in their trusty Tri-Pacer for a visit with Pat's parents.

Shirley Marshall and Pat Nolen reported a wonderful time on their trip ferrying Viola Gentry with the Amelia Earhart stamp covers. Things got a bit hairy around Idlewild but the welcome they received made up for it. Both relaxed afterward for a few days at the seashore.

Jean Reynolds, instructor and commercial pilot at Freeway Airport, hosted our August meeting.

Gertrude Gelderman was our only member who made it to the International Convention. She made the trip with Pat Lambart and Trudy Murphy from Phoenix, in Pat's a/c and re-



ported to us on the activities there. Then last minute details for our AW-Tour were settled. It is in progress as I write this column so will save the details of the good time had by all for next month's column.

We wish to extend congratulations to our new International President. And to our member, Shirley Marshall, who has been appointed International Chairman of the Air Age Education Program . . . and has also been elected to the board of the National Aero Space Education Council for a three year period beginning this past July.

#### **SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER** **By Darlene Marsh**

Oakland International Airport was the scene of our August meeting with a full banquet table of members from various chapters. In addition to our own chapter were Stockton, Redwood Empire, and Bay Cities. Florence Breen piloted her Tri-Pacer with Darlene Marsh aboard; June Devine touched down on runway two-niner with passengers Ruth Wagner and Helen Mace; and Marianne McDonald was in the left seat of a Mooney with student pilots Veja Berry and Emma McDaniel. It was a beautiful day and what a view of San Francisco skyline across the bay from the new terminal.

A day of picnicking, fishing and boating was spent by Florence Breen, Carol Hammond, Darlene Marsh, Claire Raley and guests recently at Trinity Center, 130 miles north of Sacramento near Lake Shasta. Sunburned noses and tired legs were very much in evidence when the group returned at the end of a pleasant day.

Cleo and Chet Merrill and their two handsome sons enjoyed a brief holiday in Disneyland in southern California, flying there in a Cessna 182 Skylane.

Florence Breen is still having a ball piloting their twin Lonanza and it looks like the red and white Tri-Pacer has been forsaken for the airliner (it looks like one to me). Florence reports, "The bigger they are the easier they are to fly"—she's just being modest!

Picture postcards being received indicate that Joyce and Hugh Evans and sons are logging lots of hours in their new C-182 Skylane; the most recent card being postmarked Las Vegas, Nev.

June and Jim Devine surprised the group picnicking at Trinity Center by dropping in on their way home from a two weeks' vacation in the northwest and Canada. There's a real goin' couple and they're now trying to figure a way to take their Bonanza to Europe in October.

It was a tanned and rested Beryle



**At Sacramento Municipal Airport, July 25, 1963 — left to right: Ruth Keller, Zonta International Chapter President, Florence Breen, Sacramento Valley Ninety Nine Chapter Chairman, Postmaster Kenneth Hammaker, and Barbara Graber, member of the Sacramento Valley Chapter who flew first flight covers from Oakland.**

and Art Eissinger who recently returned from a flight in their C-182 to Calexico with their son and daughter.

A hearty welcome to our newest member LaRue Brown, who recently received her private pilot's license. LaRue and her husband promptly took off with a group of other flyers for a breathtaking flight to Alaska. That's really a cross-country flight!

Fire trucks and the brass band were on hand, literally, when Claire Raley touched down on runway two zero at Sacramento Municipal the afternoon of August 9 in her new Cessna 182 Skylane, 3574 Uniform. Claire (accompanied by co-pilot Darlene Marsh) picked up the new plane at Wichita and they flew the southern route via Phoenix (so they could shop at Scottsdale for bathing suits). The heartwarming reception was planned by the staff of Patterson Aircraft for Clarabelle II's arrival and there wasn't a dry eye in the house as Tom Raley

broke a bottle of champagne on the landing gear to commemorate the occasion. The plane was on the ground only a few days when Tom and Claire departed for a week's vacation in Santa Barbara.

#### **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER** **By Trixie-Ann Schubert**

Betty Malone, Donna Fisher and Janet Hardin flew with over 100 Icarians who landed 33 planes with special permission near San Simeon for a day at the fabulous Hearst Castle. Betty checked out in the Musketeer and flew co-pilot in the Navion and Comanche. Audrey Schutte flew to Bakersfield and various cross countries with her students. Florence Dittmar and Mary Kemper terminated the TAR with a trip to Bermuda. Florence currently is vacationing with her family in Canada. Adrienne Nater and Marina Calergi (the latter's mother, Countess Lilly Coudenhove-Calergi, was first woman pilot of Hungary were guests at the August meeting.

TAR contestants Lois Miles, Florence Dittmar gave lively accounts of the 1963 transcontinental.

Trixie got her Commercial License (not without blood, sweat, tears and nerves, and after 20 years of being satisfied with a Private License). Lois,

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Trixie and Norma Wilcox of San Gabriel Chapter lectured at the Los Angeles State College Aviation Workshop of Dr. Marshall Laikin, ex-Navy jet pilot. It paid off handsomely with a day aboard the U. S. Aircraft Carrier Yorktown and a cruise out to sea, watching the DA4D Skyhawk jets precision approaches and catapult takeoffs followed by squadrons of Grumman S2F Tracker landing and takeoffs. The anti-submarine warfare carrier, known affectionately as "The Fighting Lady" (movie by the same name) dined in state and contributed immeasurably to our aeronautical knowledge.

Liz Crowley is just back from Mexico City and Acapulco . . . drove down, jetted back. Millie Ow, who was officially pinned a 99 at the August meeting, spoke of her flight to Canada to a ranch reached only by plane. The stories she told about the fish they caught are whoppers . . . the stories that is, Jeanine Ceccio and Shirley Thom were the only two to show up at this month's Santa Barbara fly-in. Too many mid-summer vacations had the rest scattered. Shirley Thom flew up to the deer country but will not be stocking her larder with venison this winter.

Gladys Hogins has been relaxing with some water skiing, and not relaxing preparing for college exams . . . all of which she passed. It has been a sad summer for Gladys with the illness and death of her Dad.

And so we set trim for Alisal ranch where the Santa Barbara Chapter is hostessing the Fall Sectional.

#### **SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER** **By Sally Matson**

Our August meeting was held at the home of Dottie Dancer. We had a refreshing swim before getting down to business.

July was a busy month for the Barkers. Harryette's daughter, Susan, a ham radio operator, spent four days with her mother in Bakersfield operating in the cross country radio net for the Powder Puff Derby. A sixteen day cross country trip for the whole family was next in their 172. They visited friends and relatives in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

The Haags have not flown any longer since participating in a trip to Alamos, Sonora, Mexico with the Flying Farmer group. They flew a short quickie trip to Fish Lake, Utah over Memorial Day weekend. They are looking forward to a trip to Calexico August 10 and to the San Francisco area August 17 to attend the Westcon show. Vacation plans are not yet formulated says Jane but the Pacific Northwest is beckoning and she leaves us with a "Happy Flying Everyone!"

On June 30 the Grahams flew to

Youngstown, Ohio, on business. They then took off and flew around New York City and the Statue of Liberty. It was a beautiful day so they went on up the St. Lawrence River to Montreal and Quebec. The country was beautiful and the people charming. After four days they flew on to North Bay and flew the iron compass to Armstrong and stayed all night. It was very interesting to visit this primitive country. Winnipeg was next and then North Dakota, Montana and home. This was all done in two weeks. All airports in Canada were great as were the people.

Rose Ann Ford and June Denny flew in Rose Ann's Cessna to Bakersfield to watch the start of the Powder Puff Derby. A wonderful time was had cheering on the participants. The Bakersfield Chapter deserves a big hand for their hospitality. The ride in the Hughes helicopters was a thrill they'll long remember.

Ginny Graham flew the Aztec with passengers Shirley Gilmore, Rose Ann Ford and June Denny to the luncheon at Santa Monica to meet Betty Gillies and pick up our first day Amelia Earhart covers. Weather from Santa Monte to Santa Monica was delightful as usual but, had a VFR controlled approach and having four pilots in the plane only got misplaced twice. Shirley saved them from landing at Hughes, just a slight detour from a straight in to Santa Monica.

Norma Wilcox will resume flying as soon as she gets her niece married the end of this month.

#### **LONG BEACH CHAPTER** **By Carole B. Dunn**

Fran Bera hosted our August meeting at which time three new prospective members were introduced: Myrna Shanfield, a new private pilot; Imogene Dye, now a student pilot; and Doris Lockness, No. 55 of the Whirly girls. There were 22 members at our meeting this month plus a guest, Dell Hauk, a member of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter now living in our area.

Our new officers for this year were announced: Betty Faux, Chairman; Judy Wagner, Vice Chairman; Lee Title, Secretary; Margaret Ross, Treasurer; Claire Walters, Membership Chairman; and me, Newsletter Reporter. Plans were made to have a Halloween fund raising party at Mary Pinkney's house, with our 49½ers in charge of games and entertainment while we slave serving food and drinks, all for a nominal fee per member.

Betty Faux has recently been giving Southern Californians the weather report on Channel 4 news at 11 p.m. in color! We all think the weather has been just grand since she started predicting.

We think we did a pretty good job in the Southwest Section selling

the Amelia Earhart Stamps—our chapter sold 146 covers prior to Betty Gillies' flight and since we now have the covers to show prospective buyers we are going great guns selling more. Emma McGuire and 49½er Ralph donated part of their weekly grocery ad to advertising the sale of the stamps and sold 60 covers that way. When Betty Gillies and Barbara London flew in to Santa Monica Airport, the mayor and city manager of Santa Monica plus Mr. Fitzgerald, airport manager, and another prospective member, the mayor's wife, Doris Minter, were on hand and members of the Los Angeles, Orange County, Santa Barbara and San Fernando, San Gabriel and Long Beach Chapters were on hand for the welcoming crowd and luncheon afterward. Betty Gillies gave a marvelous impromptu speech on the value and significance of the First Day Covers. The Long Beach Chapter then went to Los Angeles International Airport to put covers aboard United Flight "99" (how appropriate they had a flight No. 99) to Honolulu to be presented to the Governor of Hawaii and the Mayor of Honolulu.

#### **SAN DIEGO CHAPTER** **By Pat Osmon**

That new red and white Apache, 3004 Papa, is Terry Vasquez's, who reports ruefully five hours dual in the practice area and a trip to Spider's fixit shop. Lois Bartling and Thelma Bishop went on the 1963 AWTour. Marian Jepsen flew co-pilot with Gini Richardson on the AWTAR, placing fourth in a 182. Gerry Vickers and Stella Hardin gleeful over 20 minutes free dual in a Hughes 259A copter at the AWTAR takeoff in Bakersfield.

Betty Gillies, Ruby Keaveny, Marian Jepsen, Gerry Vickers, Stella Hardin, and Thelma Bishop attended the Fall Sectional hostessed by the Santa Barbara Chapter Sept. 13-15 at the Alisal Country Club in Solvang. Did the chuck wagon breakfast really include a whole horse? Oh, you RODE it!

The May Company was the scene of a luncheon honoring Charter Member Betty Gillies, who flew first day covers in from Atchison to San Diego, where they went on sale by the chapter members and May Co.

The chapter sponsored a hangar dance June 29 at El Cajon Flying Service, with over 150 people joining in a barbecue, dancing and showing of Capt. Tucker's films of acrobatic flying in the Starduster. Some of our more suggestible guests showed definite signs of vertigo following those very realistic sequences taken by Tucker with his cockpit camera. Ooog!

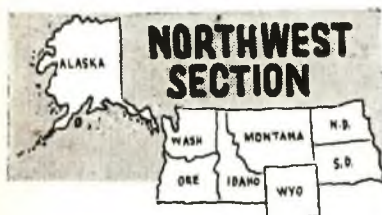
Elsie Watson, Ed and Mr. Murphy (that big Irish setter who used to be Crownair's greeter) did six weeks, 16 states, and 6,000 miles the hard way, in a 43-passenger bus, converted to



camper. Their itinerary included the Carlsbad Caverns, boating on Lake Superior, flying over lower Michigan and Indiana in a borrowed Tri-Pacer, and the Rocky Mountain National Park. They succumbed to the call of air-conditioning only when the temperature hit 115 degrees in Mesquite, Nev. That was outside the bus; inside, it was 120 degrees.

This month's letter writer spent two weeks at a Physical Education Workshop at Cal Poly, where Betty Hicks and Jan Wood were teaching the golf portion of the course. Betty flew in daily in her Debonair, making her regular E'TA over the archery range right on the nose.

Our July meeting, a potluck, was held at Skippy Powell's, and the August meeting at Gerry Vicker's. The September meeting will be a white elephant sale, with each member auctioning off her own treasure for the good of the chapter. Which reminds me: Why does the elephant wear her scarf in a bow knot? To keep it from catching in the rudder, of course! (This anecdote is born of insomnia and in the trust that the memory of it will keep the writing of the newsletter entrusted to steadier minds.)



#### ALASKA CHAPTER By Lavelle Betz

Our August meeting was held in the home of Pat Moore. Officers for the coming year were elected with the following results: Pat Gilda, Chairman; Pat Moore, Vice Chairman; Pat McGee, Secretary-Treasurer; Lavelle Betz, Newsletter; Marion Zaegel, Historian; Marlene Hardesty, Membership Chairman. Other members present were Ruth O'Buck, Helga Bading, Lois Knapp, Teresa James, and Jo Edwards. Guests present were Jan Randolph from South Naknek and new student pilot Shiela Gilda. Our congratulations go to our newest member, Carol Kennedy, who was just voted in during this meeting.

The convention committees are hard at work on the section meeting. Helga and Marlene, who are in charge of the favors, reported in with some mighty interesting things! Helga even gave a demonstration on how to work an Eskimo yo-yo.

Well, we now have another qualified float plane pilot in the person of Pat Moore. Congratulations, Pat! We know how thrilled you are with this new rating.

Marion Zaegel recently returned



Left to right: Evelyn Rackleff, Gini Richardson and Ginny Andrews smile over their trophies at the finish of the "Lipstick Derby" held on August 10th by the Western Washington Chapter. The trophies were well distributed, as 1st place winner Gini Richardson (center) came from the Eastern Washington Chapter to enter; Evelyn Rackleff (left) third place winner, came from the Portland Chapter, and 2nd place winner Ginny Richardson represented the Western Washington Chapter.

from outside after the death of her father. She is section meeting chairman. Good luck, Marion.

Pat McGee was also outside for several weeks when her father was very ill recently.

#### EASTERN IDAHO CHAPTER By Mary Kilbourne

Eastern Idaho Chapter 99's met on August 19th at the home of Mrs. Jack VanderCreek, Blackfoot, Idaho, for a swim and a business meeting.

Annual elections were held and the following ballot approved: Chairman, Betty Storrs (Mrs. Charles L.); Vice Chairman, Onita Hoff (Mrs. Mark);

Secretary, Betty Jo Wayne (Mrs. William D.); Treasurer, Selma VanderCreek (Mrs. Jack); Membership, Virginia Huidekoper (Mrs. James); News Reporter, Mary Kilbourne (Mrs. W. Grant). Meeting date, monthly.

Next meeting will be held in Pocatello, Sept. 13th. Mrs. G. D. Stone, hostess. Following the program "Operation Smart" started last spring, a study session will be held covering the subject "Map/Chart Reading."

On September 28th, the 99's together with the Flying Farmers are sponsoring a meeting on Medical Aspects of Altitude Flying, with a doctor as the main speaker. Invitations to 200 will be mailed.

#### EASTERN WASHINGTON CHAPTER By Helen R. Crum

Minnie Boyd with Marie Reynells as a passenger, Gini Harper and Barbara Thisted, Alice Kennedy and a prospective Wing Scout, Kathleen Hitchcock in her plane with Ethel Wikstrom and Helen Crum as alter-

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nate pilots, flew to Walla Walla Aug. 10th on the first leg of our air tour. Betty Jane Seavey had made arrangements for an early morning breakfast for which Georgia Connick joined us.

We were fortunate to have Alice, our new secretary, with us. She selected a spot over the airport to run out of gas and arrived for breakfast by truck from mid-field.

At the meeting following breakfast, Gini Richardson was congratulated (in absentia) for winning fourth place in the Powder Puff Derby. The day of our tour she won first place in the Lipstick Derby held by the Western Washington Chapter.

Lygie Hagan, still in Colorado after attending the national convention, is on the Executive Board for the coming year. Speaking of conventions, Minnie Boyd had just returned from a solo flight to the Flying Farmers regional meeting in Rapid City, S. D. Phyllis Franz and husband were also there.

Our new chairman, Barbara Thisted, appointed the following committees: membership, Southeast area, Marie Reynells; Spokane area, Millie Shinn; Western third, Kathleen Hitchcock; program chairman, Gini Harper, air activities and achievement award, Gini Richardson; air age education, Lygie Hagan; public relations and publicity, Millie Shinn; hospitality, Betty Jane Seavey; Ninety-Nine News, Helen Crum.

Lygie Hagan's name will be submitted at the Northwest Sectional meeting in Alaska as our candidate for the achievement and inspirational award. Minnie, Marie, Betty Jane and her mother plan to attend the session in September.

A building selected by Barbara, Minnie and Millie, in Ione, will be air-marked the first weekend in October with the second weekend as an alternate date.

Our chapter will co-sponsor a fly-in and pilots' clinic in Spokane September 21 and 22. The same dates the Oregon 99's are sponsoring a four-state two-day similar seminar on Flight Safety and Aviation Weather. Betty Jane from our chapter will be mistress of ceremonies at the banquet during the Portland session.

After the Walla Walla meeting we flew to Spokane for lunch. Because of the hour and the prediction of thunderstorms the tour terminated in Spokane.

Three Seaveys have checked out in their Cherokee and their new runway at the ranch. Ethel Wikstrom caught a 36 pound salmon, which was a record, on a flying trip to the coast in July.



## COLORADO CHAPTER

By Grace Longbrook

What a busy month this has been for the Colorado gals! The Derby! The International Convention! The A. E. Stamp! In fact, we have dispensed with the August meeting because everyone is suffering with complete fatigue! But these things were all very worthwhile. The Amelia Earhart First Day Cover was supported admirably in Denver. Betty Gillies and Barbara London were greeted upon their arrival by KOA-TV, KLZ-TV, KBTB-TV, the Denver Post and The Rocky Mountain News. Mr. John Bell from May-D&F's stamp department donated rolls and coffee. The display of Amelia Earhart envelopes autographed on her various flights was through Mr. Bell's efforts. The rare envelopes are owned by Sam Schlesinger, a prominent Denver stamp collector. We had such dignitaries present as John Vaughn with FAA; our assistant postmaster, Pat Tyer; Mr. Bell, May-D&F; Sam Schlesinger; Vern Foster and Bob Pope, United Air Lines; all the men from the tower who could get away for a few minutes; Lydie Hagan, 99 from Seattle, who is one of our new Executive Board members; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ong, Marion, Iowa (formerly Colo. Chapter); plus a number of Colorado 99's including Gwen Craven who flew 20 covers back to Greeley. Both newspapers carried articles and pictures Monday in regards to the covers. Donna Myers and Grace Mayfield were interviewed live on Bill Barker's KOA radio program, 10:30-midnight. Helen Choun was on KLZ radio Wednesday night on the "Denver at Night" show. I'd call that pretty complete coverage.

The La Junta stop for the Derby was under the capable leadership of Ethel Freize and her committee including Pauline Meighen, Marge Dunn, Janie Oesch, and Muriel Leland. We are real proud of Ethel and her committee for having everything so beautifully coordinated. Pardon me, Gloria, I missed your name there. Gloria Arnold who transported the girls to the motel Ethel presented the town of La Junta with a plaque thanking them for their part in the race which was accepted by Mr. Roberts.

Colorado was well represented at the International Convention, too. Several of our gals entered the Fun Flying Spree. Among them was Marion

Tankersley, pilot, Mary Franzel, co-pilot; and Gwen Craven, co-pilot in Marion's "Snojet." I understand they came in sixth! Also entered was Mary Wenholtz and Fredda Turrill in Fredda's plane. Air sickness was the order of the day in this craft as well as many others. The poor co-pilots with their heads in their laps computing, recomputing and disputing! Understand Betty Pfister entered and came in ninth! Congratulations all of you! Everyone reported a wonderful time in OKC and we were especially proud of our little governor, Donna Myers.

Grace Longbrook is entertaining the Colorado Flying Farmers and Ranchers at her home next Saturday for a pot-luck supper then to Cinarama. Francie Tepper entertained the Shrine Patrol at her home last Saturday and it was a wonderful affair. They also attended the Shrine Convention. Francie and Ed are also the proud grandparents of a baby girl, their fourth grandchild but first girl.

Fredda, I forgot to mention, got her Instrument Rating just the day before she arrived in OKC and it looks like Larry is going to have to shoot her down out of the clouds! Congratulations, Fredda.

## DALLAS CHAPTER

By Lucille Hoffer

The Oklahoma girls are to be congratuated on an excellent job on the convention in July. From start to finish it was very well done and was evidence of much thought, planning and cooperation.

The Dallas Chapter was represented by Martha Reading, Olean Sellers, Jo Allison, Pat Jetton, Joan Huckeba, Rowena Burns, Ramona Upfield, Doris Weller, Marge Barr, Dorothy Warren and Lucille Hoffer. We were all proud of Pat and Joan for winning the air race. It sounded like lots of fun and a real challenge. Pat is working on a multi-engine rating now to add to her accomplishments.

Dorothy Warren flew to Oklahoma City to pick up the Amelia Earhart Stamp covers for the Dallas Chapter and sold quite a few at our last meeting. The Dallas Chapter is pleased to be a successful bidder on one of the 99 autographed covers.

We are all looking forward to fall and lots of flying and are still inspired by the convention.

## EL PASO CHAPTER

By Eunice Dickey

Words can't express how proud our chapter is of our new International President, who is our own Ruth Deermom. Ruth is a wonderful person and certainly deserves this honor. We'll be backing you all the way, Ruth.

Our chapter held its election meeting on Saturday, Aug. 10th, in the home of Ruby Tatman. Our new state



of officers includes: Chairman, Mary Frances Seidl; Vice Chairman, Evelyn Wasser; Secretary-Treasurer, Lela Carwardine; and Newsletter Reporter, Eunice Dickey.

The International Convention must have been an outstanding one, from all the comments heard on it at the last chapter meeting. Ruth and Win Griffin made a fine showing in the OKC race and Mary Fran Seidl and Juanita Burdick at least tried. That must have been some race. Our chapter may have a mock race using the material furnished to the contestants. This will be "hangar flyin'," of course, but sounds like fun.

Our chapter's July meeting was held in the home of Mary Fran Seidl, who also gave an official report of the convention. We were so glad to have three of our newest members present. They were Cherie Mullens, Pat Martin of Las Cruces and Polly Preece. Also attending were Juanita Burdick, Ruth Deerman, Lela Carwardine, Dottie Blackham, Win Griffin, Ruby Tatman, Marge Beard, Lois Hailey, Mary Fran and Eunice Dickey.

More congratulations are in order for Ruby Tatman who has just earned her multi-engine rating. She says she's through taking instruction for awhile.

Vacationing 99's: Dottie Blackham and family went to the Six Flags Over Texas and Oklahoma City. Highlight of their trip was a helicopter ride. Pat Martin, her 49½er and their baby flew recently to Salt Lake City. Pat said she was pilot-in-command all the way and also navigated. Lois Hailey spent a week in Reno, Nev. Lela Carwardine stopped in Las Vegas, N. M., on her way back from the convention. Ruby and Dick Tatman flew in their Bonanza to Rogers, Ark., then on to San Jose, Calif.

Win Griffin and Ruth Deerman fly on breakfast flights nearly every Saturday morning; joined by other El Pasoans. Their latest flight was to Alamogordo.

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

#### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

With the International Convention, everyone is enjoying complete relaxation!

Conventions are WORK, but they are so rewarding. All of the Oklahoma Chapter extends sincere appreciation to those who attended, and to those who flew our little pre-convention race. It was real fun seeing all of you again, and meeting those we did not know. We trust that everyone enjoyed our convention as much as we enjoyed having you with us in Oklahoma. Our sincere thanks and appreciation go also, to all of the chapters in the South Central Section, for their able assistance, not only finan-

cially, but in so many other ways. We realize more than ever before, that Ninety-Nines are the GREATEST. Wynema Masonhall and Broneta Evans attended the Amelia Earhart Stamp celebration and fly-away in Atchison, Kansas. They flew all of the orders from Oklahoma and Texas to Oklahoma City where they were met by an interested and cooperative postmaster and some photographers, also Dorothy Warren, who flew the Texas orders on to Dallas. Ruth Jones and "Skip" Carter are off to Canada and Maritime provinces.

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Velma Woodward is off on a tour of Canada and Alaska.

Elizabeth Sewell and Broneta Evans attended the International Flying Farmer Convention in Rapid City, S. D., where they had a very enjoyable time with not only other Flying Farmers, but with so many Ninety-Nines who are members of the Flying Farmers organization also. They were fortunate in arriving in time for the charter presentation to the new South Dakota Chapter. Terry Kellogg, Section Governor, presented the new charter with 11 names listed. Congratulations and a big WELCOME to a grand new chapter of Ninety-Nines who have joined our ranks.

#### HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Sue Collins

Louise Bickford was again elected chairman at our August meeting. Vice chairman was a tie between Ginny Anderson and Frances Castleberry which will be voted on next month. Marilyn Stoneberg is our new secretary; Mary Able, treasurer; and Alice Seaborn, membership.

August 25th several girls will fly to Austin to meet with prospective 99's in hopes of starting a red hot chapter there. San Antonio Chapter has been cordially invited to join the sales talk.

Five Houston 99's with two 49½ers flew and trained to OKC for the convention. Marilyn Stoneberg flew her 310 in the race afterwards, was charged to miss a time check point and be disqualified, but had fun, anyway. Joanne Throneberry and Mary Abel got quite a bang, riding with Marilyn. The girls' registration fees were paid by Houston Chapter, a policy we've

started, to encourage convention attendance.

Scholes Field (Galveston) manager "Rusty" Mullins has asked us to inform all South Central 99's who attended the Spring Sectional that tie-down fees should not, repeat NOT, have been collected May 10, 11 and 12th. Write Rhoades Aircraft, Scholes Field, GLS, for refund, or wherever you tied down. And, please accept the apologies of both "Rusty" and the Houston Chapter for the SNAFU.

Mary Coale and Rhea Allison flew Mary's 35 Bonanza in the Derby, placed 25th, and landed first at Las Vegas, so were presented with the key to the city by the mayor, the whole bit. Since then Mary has accompanied her husband on a two-week business trip to Venezuela and the West Indies; Mary flew the 560 Commander the whole trip! The following trip to Calgary, Edmonton, and points west, Mary says she won't even help navigate or file flight plans . . . she'll be strictly a passenger, and rest on her laurels.

It's been fun, this past year, reporting 99 activities. I'm on my way to Lauderdale for two weeks.

#### KANSAS CHAPTER

By Gene Nora Stumbough

Lots of flying activity to report with the Kansas Chapter in the thick of convention doings and the TAR stop. Those who helped out at Great Bend caught the racing fever. Mildred Early and her 13 helpers did a wonderful job coordinating and keeping the planes moving in and out smoothly.

Pat McEwen and Mary Aikens flew the TAR in Pat's Travel Air while we all cheered for them. They also flew together in the Skylady Derby in a Musketeer. Mary has raced along in other areas too—she has just finished up her commercial. Pat just returned from Minnesota picking up some of the children at camp. Mildred Early sent cookies up via Pat which seems to me the ultimate in something—air-mail special delivery cookies!

The Kansas Chapter was well represented at Convention in Oklahoma City. Grace Brown and Esther Isaacs flew the pre-convention race in a Comanche, and Marilyn Copeland and a potential 99, Charlotte Peters, flew a Cherokee. From all reports, the "race" was wild and a navigator's nightmare, but lots of fun. Nine other Kansas members, including our loyal Mary Jane McKillip of Little Rock, attended the convention.

We have some more new ratings. Sandra Callaway received her multi-engine rating in a Baron. Grace Brown and Esther Isaacs have both gotten their multi-engine ratings in the new Apache 235. Grace has since checked out in the Aztec too, and has been doing quite a bit of traveling. Esther,

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who has been a pilot since 1951, attended her first 99 meeting as a member and we're especially happy to have her in the fold at last. The Browns and Isaacs have Ken-Mar Air Park and are the Piper dealers for the Wichita area.

There was quite a turnout at Atchison for the Amelia Earhart commemorative stamp fly-away. It's a shame that some of the activities were cancelled but it was fun seeing old friends and other 99's. Pat McEwen and Mary Aikens flew over and flew some covers out the next day. They made a presentation of 200 stamps to O. A. Beech in Wichita. Gene Nora Stumbough flew over with Suzanne Beech Lyons (a potential 99) on a dual cross country. Grace Brown and Esther Isaacs were most cordially received and entertained in Atchison by Marjorie Paris formerly of the Kansas Chapter, and Lucille Wright. Penny White manned the Topeka operation.

Mary Lou Owen took a jaunt to Minnesota with her children. Joyce Case Funsch spent three weeks in the Great Lakes area and midwest demonstrating the Musketeer and put 75 hours on the airplane in that length of time. I'd say she was working. Gene Nora Stumbough just completed similar duty for a month's duration in the south central United States.

Betty Parks remains in contact and wants to be remembered to everyone.

The Kansas 99's have been participating in Air Age Education work at the Friends University Aerospace Workshop. Margaret Ann Yourdon, who graduated in June with honors from Friends, was the coordinator. Those who participated in addition to Margaret were: Marilyn Copeland, Pat McEwen, Mary Aikens, Sandra Callaway, and Gene Nora Stumbough. The 99's hostessed the teachers at a coffee at Ken-Mar Air Park and icing on the cake was free airplane rides for all the teachers.

Kansans were also out in force for the Flying Farmers Convention at Rapid City, S. D. In attendance were Helen and Roy Simmons, Grace and Joe Brown, Esther and Ed Isaacs, and Gene Nora Stumbough flying demonstrations.

The August meeting was hostessed by Garnett Hastings and was a box lunch combined with meeting by the pool. We all got in a good swim, and sunburn, too. Several new members were present including Betty Merriwether from Smith Center who flies a Cessna 172, Neola Matson of Smith Center who flies a Bonanza, and Kay Tiller of Wichita who flies a Cessna 182. Other guests included Pauline Ottaway, Jo Buettgenback and Pat Coslett, all of Wichita, and Vera Lyster of Beirut, Lebanon. Eleven regular members were in attendance.



**Left to right — Helen Sammon, Vice Chairman, All Ohio Chapter, welcomes Blanche Noyes, Chief Air Marking Staff, at Cleveland Hopkins Airport, upon her arrival for the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp Dinner on July 24, 1963.**

Current activities include election of chapter officers for the coming year, getting national dues in, and arranging to attend the South Central Sectional.

#### **MIDLAND CHAPTER**

**By Pat Barbee**

Our chapter met in Midland July 27 to hear a report from those lucky girls that got to go to OKC. Those attending were Mary Erwin, Velma Lee Copeland, Suzy Linthicum, Mildred Goodson, Pat Barbee, Hettie Currie, Lil Lurting and Betty Ray Clifton. Velma Lee Copeland, Charlotte Hunter, Barbara Speed, Nancy Brumlow flew to Oklahoma City for the Convention and the Air Race. The girls report that the Convention was lots of fun and the "Texas Mosquitos" that our chapter made for the luncheon had no trouble finding homes!

Our very own Nancy Brumlow won the Amelia Earhart Scholarship and we are so proud of her. She will use this to obtain her instrument rating. In addition to charter flights, student instruction, and running an airport, Nancy is ferrying airplanes now for Cessna and Piper. She is one busy person. Congratulations, Nancy.

Betty Henry, Odessa, was in a car wreck July 5 and was seriously injured. She writes that she is getting along fine and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Our next meeting was held August 17 to complete plans for our fourth High Sky Derby. It will be a proficiency race from Midland to Del Rio, Texas and return. It will be held September 14 in conjunction with the annual Jaycees Air Show September 15. The "Golden Hawks," a five-piece demonstration team of the Royal Canadian Air Force will present awards and act as master of ceremonies at our banquet. Del Rio will spread the red carpet for us with a luncheon, door prizes and hospitality. So COME ONE, COME ALL! Fly in to Midland September 13, fly High Sky Derby September 14 and see the "Golden Hawks" September 15. Hoping to see you in the land of the HIGH SKY.



#### **ALL-OHIO CHAPTER**

**By Marge Gorman**

Connie Jones and Janet Gibbs were hostesses for the August meeting in Painesville. It was a 99 weekend for some of the girls that flew in on Saturday and attended the hangar dance at Concord Air Park. Clara Tharpe flew the 175 with Bette McMahan and



Bunny Foley, prospective member Millie Klayman and husband in a Muskeeter, all came in on Saturday.

The drawing for the Scotsman VHF portable radio was held Sunday during the luncheon and the winner was a private pilot from Mansfield. He purchased the ticket just as Pat Rogers and I were ready to leave for Painesville on Sunday morning. It was a thrill to fly the radio home and present it to the gentleman. We certainly will be able to sell any drawing tickets here in the future. Autrie Lehr,

Joan Hrubec, Edy Maxim, Janice Kuechenmeister, Helen McConnell all flew in on Sunday and we had a wonderful dinner-luncheon at the Hellriegel's Inn.

Ohio is proud to send competition on the SMALL race. Dottie Anderson, Connie Jones, Jean Bonar, Pat Rogers and Autrie Lehr all plan to enter. Mary Foley received her commercial rating this summer. Congratualtions.

News from Ione Shelton, "Just spent two weeks at Clinton County AFB. Had the delightful opportunity to be on an air refueling mission—KC97 refueled F100's from Lockbourne over Kentucky."

Our next meeting will be in Cleveland September 22.

Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp Dinner took place at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio, with members of the 99's and Zontas acting as hostesses. Our own Loma May, Detroit 99 and Zontian, was master of ceremony. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Donald Patrick, airport commissioner; Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Sundermeier, postmaster; Mrs. Walter Halle, wife of the president of Halle Bros. Co. of Cleveland, who sponsored the First Day Cover sale at their store. Many of the 99's were present from Mansfield, Painesville, Akron and local members. Activities for the day included a welcome at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport, cocktail party and dinner. Blanche Noyes spoke about "Women in Aviation," mainly told about the life of Amelia Earhart, which was very interesting. After the dinner Blanche Noyes autographed the First Day Covers.

Columbus, Ohio, also held a buffet luncheon at the Lockbourne Air Base, which was a great success.

July 24th will indeed be a very important day to remember in the history of the Ninety-Nines.

## CAPE GIRARDEAU AREA CHAPTER

By Millie Limbaugh

Ninety-Nine Tower — this is Cape Girardeau Area Chapter—Request permission to return to June so we can bring you up to date on our Flight Plan.

On Sunday, June 23rd, at 9 a.m. we

checked the mags, set the trim, gave one notch of flaps and with pounding hearts bravely "took off" on our first money making project.

We were asked by our local Aircraft Owners and Pilots' Club to be co-sponsors of the Fourth Annual Aviation Day. This is a day when we show the public samples of all the activities that take place on our airport during a year, concentrated into one Aviation Day.

We did our pre-flight planning with the HELP of our 49½ers, who are a tremendous asset to this organization. I enlisted my attorney husband to probe the legality and red tape connected with the local group giving scenic passenger rides over the city for a fee. This was accomplished in short order by the invaluable assistance of John Seesing and John Godwin, owners of Cape Central Airways. John and John are also the local Cessna dealers and they had a wonderful display of new Cessnas. My husband and I were given a demonstration ride in the Sky Master and Alice Godwin with her "Bird In Flight" hair-do had her first helicopter ride.

Since we couldn't hop all the passengers ourselves, we contacted more capable pilots to assist. It was the first ride for 75 per cent of our passengers.

After a long, beautiful, hot day, it was estimated that 12,000 people came to view our local airport facilities. So, with tired feet, aching backs and limp with perspiration, we concluded this perfect day with these words from all concerned: "Job well done."

We contributed our proceeds from this venture to the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

Since we were up in the air trying to make our first public showing spectacular, we also put up a Ninety-Nine display. Bill Herron from the FAA, who draws as a hobby, kindly consented to paint a large sign for us that created much comment. Mary Evans, our accredited flower show judge, donated a floral arrangement in keeping with the Aviation Day and "99" motif, blue and white.

## CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Nita Fineman

This exciting past month was initiated with the long awaited date of July 24, Amelia Earhart's birthday. On that particular day of 1963, a distinguished group of lady pilots flew First Day Covers of the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Airmail Stamp from Atchison, Kansas, our founder's birthplace, to the various state capitals. Chairman Irene Gabriel flew down to Capital Airport in Springfield in her Comanche to pick up our chapter's covers. Irene's passenger was a non-flying lady friend who enjoyed the flight very much. Doris Mullen took Virginia Coffeen in the Bonanza

and Doris filed IFR in the murky haze and smoke conditions which prevailed. Bonnie Ferrell, chairman of the Central Illinois Chapter, her 49½er and many dignitaries of the Illinois State Government were on hand for the ceremonies. "Small Fly" and I flew down for the occasion and we were all so delighted to lunch with Nancy Tier of the Washington, D. C. Chapter who had flown our covers in from Atchison. Lois Seketa was in Lincoln, Nebr., that day for the celebration and very much enjoyed visiting with two 99's from that area who flew to Atchison to pick up the covers. It was a memorable day and a perfect time for us to stop and contemplate the accomplishments and aims that A. E. exemplified for all of us.

We rarely take an opportunity to congratulate a chairman on conducting a meeting, but Irene Gabriel deserves such honors for a beautiful job at the July meeting. Many excellent reports and discussions were enjoyed by 30 members and guests in a brief half-hour period in the lovely living room of Eva White's new home. Eva graciously opened her home and beautiful swimming pool to us for the meeting and cook-out and even the scattered showers in the area didn't dampen the spirits of everyone including husbands, guests and Naperville Wing Scouts. The White's back yard is the Naperville Air Strip and now we understand why Eva and Harold have been so enthusiastic about their new surroundings.

Nicest surprise was seeing Dolores Mosher at the meeting after a long absence. Dolores is now married to "Bart" Bartizal and they are expecting their first addition in October. Special guest to arrive in a neat Muskeeter was Joyce Case of the Kansas Chapter. A charming gal who flies for Beech, Joyce took three very thrilled Wing Scouts for a ride as well as Norma Freier, Marge Raglin and Doris Mullen. Corrinne Hallgren, 49½er Ted and Alice DeWitt also flew in for the meeting.

Marge Raglin, who is radiant when describing her summertime apartment and job in the near north section of Chicago, gave Helen Sailer's excellent International Convention report. Helen first assisted at the Kansas City AWTAR stop and reported much activity and fun. Greater Kansas City had the stop set up beautifully. Following the AWTAR, Helen was our delegate to Convention in Oklahoma City where the Oklahoma City girls and other chapters of the South Central Section entertained royally.

Virginia Coffeen flew the Cessna Skylane with husband George as copilot to Springfield for the AWTAR stop there. Twenty planes landed and 18 stayed overnight. Virginia helped



on the timeclock and enjoyed the whole experience so much she would like to do it again next year. She met Mr. Hicks, oldest pilot in Illinois, who is now working with CAP. Incidentally, Virginia is this year's Air Meet Chairman and announces it will be held Sunday, Oct. 6, at Lewis Lockport Airport.

BERNICE MALMANGER checked out in a four-place Mooney at Mitchell Field, her first experience with a retractable gear. ALICE DeWITT soloed the new 180 h.p. Cherokee at Howell Airport. The KOKESHES and GABRIELS flew their Bonanza and Comanche to St. Louis for an enjoyable weekend together. IRENE and ADAM also flew out west via jet and in nine days stopped at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver, Colorado Springs and then home. They flew from Denver to Colorado Springs via DC3, and said the hop was most fun after all the jet speed, but still wished they had had time to take the Comanche!

We are sorry to report the passing of a dear friend to the Chicago Area Chapter. Gean Burson's husband Mike passed away on August 1st due to a heart attack. Mike, who thrilled our chapter with his parachute jumps during many of our air meets, will long be remembered and Gean, we share your sadness and your loss.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER By Muriel Dykema

Well, Amelia certainly had an exciting commemorative birthday in Indiana. Some of us 99's were really challenged trying to attend all the activities on her behalf. Indianapolis had a whirlwind program revolving about charter member Blanche Noyes who flew in from Atchison in a Comanche. She was welcomed by representatives of the governor and mayor, Jim McManus, Indiana Director of Aviation, Postmaster Charles Boswell, Ed Petro, Weir Cook manager and old friend Roscoe Turner, Tannie Schlundt, with help from the Zontas, brought the short visit off smoothly. Mid Cassidy flew the first day covers to Lexington in a Debonair with Esther Berner and Mildred Hurt. She delivered them to Judy Short who then helicoptered them to the governor. After a short intermission on to Lafayette where Jill McCormick had arranged a most impressive program in a hangar on the Perdue Field. Charter member Viola Gentry arrived in a Comanche with 99's Pat Nolan and Shirley Marshall. They were welcomed by Dean's Helen Schleman and D. R. Mallett of Perdue and West Lafayette Mayor Willis and Lafayette Mayor Gettings and Postmaster Pyke. Jill was a wonderful m.c. and everyone had fun—right up to the hangar dance that evening when

we all learned the Earhart Hop. It had been recommended that Tannie, Jill, Mid, Delia Sanders and Rae Cawdell receive the Amelia Earhart service medal for their devoted participation in this program. Delia took capable charge of the sale of first day covers in Indiana and Rae saw to it we had ample publicity. Thank you, ladies!

Billie Smith's picnic meeting in North Vernon was delightful in every way. Margaret Petty won the spot landing contest in her Cherokee and Virginia and Noel Maggart came in second.

We were happy to welcome as guest Doris Hurt Powers, former Indiana 99 who is spending the summer on Blue Lake and is now living in Ft. Sill.

Jill McCormick flew her Cherokee to the meeting picking up air hikers Sop Payton, Verda Brittingham and Esther Berner in Indianapolis.

Billie Smith and Ethel Knuth flew to Knox, Ind., for an overnight stay with a shut-in friend.

Nellie and Evan Alger made a fast trip to visit Evan's brother in Morris, Minn., and Nellie's mother at Algona, Iowa.

Tannie and Paul Schlundt and Peg Coulter flew the Comanche to OKC for a very enjoyable International Convention.

Virginia and Noel Maggart have a new Comanche and spent last week-end in Cincinnati.

That cute little Katie Sage soloed her Tri-Paced out to Denver in 9:47 with three coffee stops, then took United to Boise for a visit with her brand new "beautiful, charming and intelligent" (and first) granddaughter!

For the second year, Major Ruth Congram, CAP, commanded the Civil Air Patrol summer encampment. This was a joint encampment between Indiana and Kentucky Wings, with over 250 cadets attending the ten day period at Bunker Hill AFB. In a few months Ruth will have completed 20 years service in CAP. She says, "I came home from camp two weeks ago and have had a lot of work to catch up. Wrapping up an encampment requires an unbelievable amount of paper work. A 20-page report goes to commanders of both Wings, one to Region Hqs., one to National Hqs., one to BHAFB and one to SAC Hqs. Then I make extra copies—one for me, my administrative officer, the Base Project Officer and our CPA-USAF liaison officer. Once the work is done, there's nothing more to this encampment and the planning starts on the next one along in Feb. Although I worked 20-hour days for 10 years, I enjoyed most of it. I declined the orientation rides this time; after riding a troop carrier once a

week last August and the K-135 in 1961, I'll wait for a chance in something different." Wish Ruth could make a few more of our meetings!

Oh, yes, Muriel Dykema got her commercial license—thanks, Soph, almost forgot! See you all in Muncie this month. Happy landings!

#### IOWA CHAPTER By Helen Flaherty

Iowa Chapter met in the Sky Room at the Des Moines Airport Sunday noon and this was the last pre-flight briefing before blast off of Project FEMINI. By now, this will be a thing of the past and all those who helped orbit the big one will have a happy and memorable time and Project Femini will be a never-to-be-forgotten occasion. The entire chapter, under the fine direction of Peg Ong and Phyllis Barber, will have chalked up another "hit." Election returns were announced and all incumbents were reelected. Cheers!

COMMERCIAL: Flight bags are the "going thing" now and ours are sparkling white with 99 insignia and compass rose in blue. They are irresistible once you see them and since they have already had pretty far distribution by Irene Griffiths, our administrator in Flight Bag Control, you will probably get to see one and realize you cannot do without same. They are for \$2.95 and may be ordered individually or in groups by Chapters, thus saving our postage department some dough. Contact Mrs. Richard Griffiths, 4439 Ovid, Des Moines 10, Iowa, for immediate delivery. You will love them and we will love you.

Cliff and Kitty Hach flew to Miami to attend a Water Conditioning Foundation Convention. Bea Jobe flew to Oklahoma City. Helen Jane Webster flew to Washington, D. C., and New York City. She is also an instructor for Des Moines Flying Service and also flies charter. Bernice Malloy has a new Forney Ercoupe and has a slight tendency to stick her feet thru the floor. She will either have to master this inclination or sooner or later tack plywood over those holes in the floor where the plane used to be. They had to do this plywood bit in a J3 I used to fly but I think they were caused by an instructor who used to stamp his feet. Dinny Phipps is president of the Cherokee Flying Club and invited us to their flight breakfast Sept. 8th. Ninety-Nines and 49½ers flying their birds to this meeting were Cliff and Kitty Hach, Mrs. Paul Healy, Ward and Len Hunt, Rich and Irene Griffiths, Ray and Lois Grange, Jim and Peg Ong, Dean and Edith Foley, Nat and Dinny Phipps, Bernie and Dawn Miller, Harold and Phyl Barber, Haz Zickerfoose, Bernice Malloy, Alice Bauman, Arnold and Helen Jane



Webster, Bea Jobe and Eli Roseman. Imogene Sparlding and Jack, Betty Johnston and then there were Edith Jensen and Helen Flaherty who flew in, via ground, in Helen's new Sport Fury, the Poor Girl's Thunderbird.

## MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Toni Kent

Wow whee! Whata race . . . what an air show . . . what a precise group of pilots. That was the Michigan annual SMALL Race held August 17th in Kalamazoo.

Even though the weather for the three-pylon race was threatening minimum requirements, this group of 52 entrants with three-fifths of them being from out of the state, was able to take off and all return before the commencement of the largest airshow in the country this year.

Trophies and cash prizes were as follows:

First place, Mary Ann Noah of Mission, Kan.; co-pilot, Stella Lehmann of Kansas City, Mo.

Second place, Autrie Vell Lehr of Xenia, Ohio; co-pilot, Conrad Gerdes of Dayton, Ohio.

Third place, Patricia Arnold of Hebron, Conn.; co-pilot, Anne Baddour of Belmont, Mass.

Fourth place, Dorthy Rungeling of Fenwick, Ontario, Canada; co-pilot, Betty Pfister of Aspen, Colo.

Fifth place: Sophia Payton of Indianapolis, Ind. (last year's winner, flying solo).

A beautiful new trophy given this year, the "Charlotte R. Connelly Trophy," was awarded to Elizabeth Schucker of Royal Oak, Mich., who made the top scoring this year with just a private license.

Immediately after the race the air was filled with stunt planes, wing-walkers, skydivers, balloons, and jet planes commemorating "180 Years of Flight."

In the evening we had a dinner and ball with all the personnel who took part in the huge airshow and also present was our own illustrious Jerri Cobb.

Sunday morning brought us rather bleary-eyed to our regular chapter meeting before taking off for home. This was an important one too, election of new officers who are: Chapter Chairman, Summy McKay; Vice Chairman, Velma DelGiorno; Secretary, Lillian Snyder; Treasurer, Alice Davis.

Our retiring chairman, Addie Binsfield, is going to Europe for three wonderful weeks via 707 jet. She'll be visiting France, Italy, Germany, Holland and England.

We were honored by the presence of our Sectional Governor, Tannie Schlundt.

Those of us who were recently in Detroit for the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp ceremony were pleased to meet Teddy Kenyon, 99 charter member.

Our fall sectional meeting is scheduled for Sept. 13, 14 and 15 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We'll be rested by then and hope to see you all there.

## MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Ginny Mayer

This chapter's members have put forth with fine summer months flying and get-together news.

On Sunday, June 16, the Anoka County Airport was "cased" with the putting up of 99's posters for our pennies-a-pound day on July 28. The committee chairman, Helen Master-ton, arrived in her newly recovered J-3 Cub, which was eyed fondly by all. Jane Reeves brought along a possible member, in her Taylorcraft which is kept at Chrystal Field, Marsha Wayner. In too, on the planning for the Amelia Earhart pennies-a-pound day were Ruby St. Onge, Audrey Baird (Dickenson, N. D.), and guest Ruth Bromley, ye ole reporter, Rita and Burt Orr with their family, et al. Just back from the International Air Race is Jane White, who finished seventh! Marge Cushman is relocated in Yuba City, Calif., and has transferred to the Sacramento Chapter, where we know she will be most welcome.

A special meeting was held on July 24 to work out some details for the pennies-a-pound day on the 28th. The day arrived—all started out with putting up more posters along roads to the Anoka County Airport, getting set up in the hangar with scales, tickets, etc., and having ships and pilots ready. Yes, a J-3 Cub (flown by Helen Masterton), a Cessna 170 (flown by Jane White), a Mooney Mark 21 (flown by Audrey Baird), and Terry White from the Chrystal Field had a Mooney Mark 21 available too for our use. By the way Audrey Baird flew in from her home base (with her son), picked up friend Kay Vogel in Bismark, N. D., and reported being held overnight in Thief River due to weather. Ninety-Niners present this day were Jane Reeves, Dorothy Ryan, Laura Black, Ruby St. Onge and Ginny Mayer. During the afternoon all ships and member pilots were kept busy with passenger flights, mostly parents with their children. Our day was quite successful.

Our next meeting will be a fly-in on August 18 at Faribault, Minn. (Rita Orr's) at 1 p.m. September 8 meeting will be at the Stanton Airport (Margaret Manual's and 49½ Mal, airport, from which another member, Ginny Mayer, is based with gliding and soaring club operations).

Here's some added news—a "Rummage Sale" shall be prepared and run by this Minnesota Chapter of the 99's on September 21 (Sat.), 1963. Any information, contributions, etc., will be welcomed. Contact Mrs. Helen Master-ton, 3228 48th Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn. 55406.

## WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Dora Fritzke

Ramona Huebner invited us to fly to Oshkosh for our July meeting, and suggested various interesting bits of information for the tower operators to use when the girl called in. They crossed her up, but did address all "gal driven" planes as Flighty Lady—wonder why?

We can brag a bit this month. Both Anne Roethke and Ehren Fath have their instrument ratings — just like that! Also we have two new members. Marie Bannister flew in to tell us she had her brand new private license, and then invited us to have our September 29 meeting at her Lake Geneva home — private strip, swimming — the works. Anyone "just happening" to be near at that time—come. The other new member, Reba Couch, was unable to attend the meeting. You will meet her and her Comanche at the Michigan SMALL race.

We were glad to see Jean Molholt at the meeting; hope she can attend more frequently in the future.

For the benefit of those unfortunates unable to be in Oklahoma City, a rehash of the convention was given. Five of us — Deedo Heise, Anne Roethke, Dot Parks, Ramona Huebner, and I were lucky enough to be there to get in on the fun. The hostess chapters really worked.

Then we got down to business and elected: Deedo Heise, Chairman; Ruth Lembke, Vice Chairman; Dot Parks, Secretary; Ehren Fath, Treasurer. Ramona was reappointed membership chairman as she did such a good job last year, and by contrast, I was made news letter scribbler.

A day after returning from the convention Deedo and Anne flew to Atchison, Kansas, to pick up the Amelia Earhart first day covers for this entire area, and distributed them before returning home. Good workers. those two.

Anne in her own right, and Deedo and Ramona (also Reba Couch?) as wives of physicians, will attend the Flying Physicians' meeting in Aurora, Ill., the week of August 19. If they pick up enough aspirin samples our chapter may be able to distribute more at national and sectional meetings.

We'll have some nice news about Tony in the next newsletter.





### ALABAMA CHAPTER

By Nancy F. Beeland

The August meeting of Alabama 99's was held in Birmingham August 11, with Birmingham members Betty Farrell, Grace Bailey and Gerry Chase as hostesses. Beth Marquardt had driven to Birmingham on Saturday to do a little pre-school shopping, most unusual for Beth to be driving. Minnie Wade and Minnie Jr. flew in from Clanton. Juanita Halstead flew in from Montgomery bringing two guests, Lucille McIninis and Ethel Everett. Nancy Beeland of Greenville flew by way of Marion to pick up Bennie Peters and guest Rickey Thatcher. Chairman Jan Warrick of Decatur presided at the meeting. Beth Marquardt gave a most interesting report on the International Convention. Juanita Halstead gave a report on the sale of Amelia Earhart stamps and of hers and Jan's flight to Atlanta to pick up Alabama's stamps. Election of officers for the coming year was held. Jan Warrick, Grace Bailey and Bennie Peters consented to retain their duties as chairman, co-chairman and secretary. The entire chapter regrets that we will partially lose Minnie Wade Jr. as she will teach in Georgia (flying as well as school). Beth Marquardt will take over her duties as treasurer. Max Gilmer and Roy Bridges of the Birmingham Aero Club, Jeff Beeland and Lew Chase, 49½'s, and Theo Strickland joined us for lunch. After considerable weather checking, we flew homeward dodging thunderstorms.

### FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Vera M. Bratz

The Florida Chapter of the 99's has been buzzing lately. Marie Thompson attended the Convention to represent the girls and we are certain she did an intelligent job there. Then Virginia Britt and Lee Winfield went on the Powder Puff Derby and, to their surprise, but not to ours, came off the top winner. Then came another member, anxious to show that, though she is the newest member, she is expecting to be among the most active. Miriam Davis agreed to fly to Panama City or Tallahassee to pick up the First Day Covers from Betty McNabb. Weather intervened and Delta agreed to carry the covers to Miami. Here was the scene of probably the shortest air mail hop in history for Miriam, Lee Winfield of Powder Puff fame, Freda Gokey and this reporter

flew from OpaLocka — in the pattern of International, almost, to International Airport in Miami and received the packets from the Delta captain. We talked the man into flying back to Tursair, at OpaLocka, for a very delicious luncheon. This luncheon was arranged by the 99's for the occasion with an invitation to the Florida Women Pilots and the Grasshoppers from the entire state. It was a huge success and as a result we have had to request more first day covers from the governor.

Virginia Britt is preparing to leave for the FAI tour of Europe. She and Grace Harris are the sole representatives of the United States attending the tour. She will have some wonderful tales to report when she arrives home. We'll share them with you in the next issue of the Newsletter.

### GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Betty W. McNabb

Instead of relaxing after hosting the Southeastern Section, Georgia 99's have been more on the go than ever. Summer meetings were held in Athens, hostess Helen Crosby; Parrott, hostess Carolyn Kennedy, and Valdosta, hostess Frances Nichols.

All three of these meetings were simply delightful; your Georgia news editor can vouch most enthusiastically for the August meeting at least, having missed the others. In Valdosta we had lunch at the lakeside home of Frances' sister and brother, and the doughty ones even water skied!

Georgia Chairman Frances Peacock did a terrific job with the Amelia Earhart stamp project, meeting and greeting Louise Thaden when she came in with the first-day covers, delivering a cover to Governor Sanders, getting wonderful news media coverage, speeding Juanita Halstead and Jan Warrick on their way back to Alabama — in fact I think everybody delivered their stamps in person except — me. Severe weather tied up not just flying but even telephones and miles of driving to and from available phones didn't help a bit. Finally I mailed Governor Bryant his personal cover! Helping Frances in Atlanta was Evelyn Greenblatt, one of Atlanta's most outstanding women in aviation, long-time member of 99's, former WASP.

Lady Astronaut Myrtle Cagle has been in the news and we are all so sorry that she lost her little future astronaut.

Ruth Miller has her instrument rating, has spent the summer in the air — New York, Canada, Dog Island, points NESW. Jean Voyles has passed her instrument written, is almost ready for her flight check. Betty Cones passed her commercial written and was doing her airwork when the Turner AFB Aero Club, with which she

flew, closed down, so she is out shopping around for another place to finish up. Betty McNamm, representing Civil Air Patrol, was the first woman to be enrolled in the Federal Aviation Academy's National Aviation System Course, says it is absolutely fabulous. (Second woman is also a 99 — CAP'S Jessie Miller of Mississippi.)

Jean Voyles and Virginia Kleebs represented Georgia at the 99's Convention. Betty McNabb did get to attend the Oklahoma race briefing but had to fly out the next morning.

Two new Georgia members attended the meeting in Valdosta — they were Mary Fender, Augusta, who learned to fly in 1940 but took some time out for awhile; and Dene Hadden of Panama City, Fla., who is an instructor and ground school instructor at Sowell Aviation.



### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

By Irene I. Wirtschafter

Those lazy, hazy days of summer proved to be anything but for the 99's of this area. The Powder Puff Derby, the Convention, the Amelia Earhart Stamp activities, the picnic meetings at Nancy Diemand's and at Hazel Fel's hangar, our entry in the Michigan SMALL Race, the numerous vacations, turn-outs and fly-ins.

This chapter was proud to have four planes in the AWTAR (three of the crews were first-timers) Alice Meisenheimer and Merle Chalow; Yvette Hortman and Betty Dedmon; Gay Maher and Eleanor Echols; and Alice Hammond and Irene Wirtschafter. Both Yvette Hortman and Alice Meisenheimer worked feverishly to get their commercial ratings just in time to compete. Congratulations to you both.

And, then, the next week off to Pittsburgh to meet Nancy Tier bringing in the Amelia Earhart First Day Covers. Our carry-on couriers were Elsie McBride (the very able chairman) and Toni Rafferty (and also the publicity aide) to Harrisburg; Nancy Diemand to Philadelphia; Marie D'Alterio and Beth Sturtevant to Dover, Del.; and Peggy Borek and Irene Wirtschafter to Wilmington. Georgetta Dix of Pittsburgh, with the help of the Aero Club, made the visit to Pittsburgh most enjoyable. Ann Piggott, Nancy Yaudes, Helen Sheffer and Marge Gorman (Marie's sister) rounded out our chapter representation.

Alice Hammond luckily was in Atchison when word was received that Teddy Kenyon would not be able to get further than Detroit, so she and Kay Brick very ably substituted to Detroit



on the first run, Alice was also at the White House when the First Day Cover was presented to President Kennedy.

We had all kinds of instances here too. Marie, on her way to Pittsburgh in her 175 developed engine trouble over the Alleghenies. A very fortuitous 180 brought her to Altoona — for future repairs. So, Nancy Diemand, already in Pittsburgh, went to the rescue in her Bonanza. The next day Nancy delivered Marie and Beth's plane, prior to her delivery stop in Philadelphia. All went well, until arriving on time in Philadelphia, Nancy found no one immediately on hand to meet her. An obliging FAA man, on being aware of her stop to leave off passengers, had taken it upon himself to extend her already well-planned flight plan. However, once the time element was solved, all went according to plan.

Beth Sturtevant had a problem in Dover explaining that this was not a facsimile of the first air mail runs when the door to her 140 fell off just as, surrounded by dignitaries, they were preparing to leave Dover AFB. And, then, as Peggy Borek and this reporter were greeted by Mayor Babierz of Wilmington, he asked if they had had a good flight. In unison, Peggy said "no" and I said "yes." So, all the preplexed Mayor could ask was "you two WERE in the same airplane, weren't you?" Oh, well!

As usual, the annual picnic at Nancy Diemand's was great! Swimming, hamburgers and all the fixings! The chief chef, Buzz Diemand, was in fine form. Fly-ins to Nancy's strip were Alberta Barringer, George Peterson, Louise Sacchi, Kate and Tom Macario, Joyce Roggio and son, Beth Sturtevant and daughter, Alice and John Hammond, and Irene Wirtschafter. Erma Keyes brought her mother and her niece, and Barbara and John Bonnett and their children DROVE all the way from Wilmington. We also welcomed a prospective member, Libby Duval.

Else McBride and Alice Hammond were at OKC. And Alice filled us in on the events of the Convention, as well as telling us some wonderful stories on her to and from Atchison trip.

Just about the time Alice and John decided that their plane's tail wheel had been too badly damaged to go further and had tied it down for the night, the clouds spewed their great accumulations. Luckily, right at hand was Peggy in her trusty four-wheeler waiting to get us back to North Philadelphia. However, all is now well as Alice and Kay Brick are on their way to the Michigan SMALL Race.

When the writing of this column is

finished, we shall be off to Hazel Fels' hangar in Lancaster for a joint meeting with the Aero Club. That report shall be given by your next newsletter reporter.



## WESTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER

By Terri Pirrung

On July 24th we had a delightful luncheon and swimming party at the Brookfield Country Club thanks to the invitation of Lois Rinck. The weather was perfect and the water just right. A good time was had by all.

We were happy to have Willa House and Doris Culp with us as prospective members. Ethel Fedders brought two guests and I am most grateful for the swimming lesson former instructor, Mrs. Dickey gave to my six year old. Peg Wahl had to drive up from Fredonia even though the weather was CAVU—husband Al took over her airplane while his was up for major.

Since this meeting Willa House has become a member of the 99's, Willa, we are glad to welcome you to our chapter. Besides being an active pilot with over 300 hours, mostly in a Tri-Pacer and a Taylorcraft, she also has a two year old Tennessee Walking Horse which she is training herself. Doris Culp presently has 35 hours and we hope she will become a 99 on receiving her private.

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