

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

## NINETY- NINES



### NEWS LETTER

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Helen Anderson, our Vice President, is in Chicago this week representing 99's at the American Association of Airport Executives convention. We were invited to make suggestions to the airport managers for the betterment of airport operation from a woman pilot's point of view. If you have any suggestions on the subject, why not pass them on to Helen at her home address - she may want to follow up with some written suggestions from the membership at large.

I received a letter tonight from the director of the Colorado state aeronautics commission. I believe many of you who do considerable cross country flying will be interested in his idea, so here it is in brief: 'The plan as proposed to Western Union is similar to the "Travelgram" system which was discontinued during the war. For a nominal sum, a cross country pilot would wire only the word "Arrived" and his name back to the point of departure. Such action would not only save needless anxiety by relatives and friends, but also serve to expedite search and rescue in case the plane is forced down. In order that a concensus of nation-wide opinions might be mailed to the directors of Western Union, it would be appreciated if all state aeronautics directors and pilots would write this office (State Aeronautics Commission, State House, Denver, Colorado) and give their views on the proposed plan.' If you are interested, why not drop him a card to that effect. The rest of my column I would like to devote to information on the Miami Air Races.

Belle Hetzel  
Your President

The second Annual All Woman Air Show of the World which has national and international significance, is the only show of its kind in the world and will be held the first week in June this year on Amelia Earhart Field, Miami, Florida, marking the 11th anniversary of Miss Earhart's take-off from this airport on her last flight. The field was dedicated in her honor last fall with the Federation of Women's Clubs as co-sponsors with the Ninety-Nines.

The purpose of the All Woman Air Show of the World is to raise funds for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund which each year sponsors deserving women pilots to further training in aviation. (Miss Earhart founded the Ninety-Nines, international organization of licensed women pilots, in 1929 and became their first and most beloved president.) The show will be presented in such a manner as to cause the Mrs. Average American Housewife to become more air-conscious and realize the importance of the aviation industry to our national economy and security and that they have a place in the air world.

A Bill was introduced in Congress requesting and authorizing President Truman to proclaim the first week of June 1948 as National Air-Women's Week - calling attention to the All Woman Air Show of the World to be held in Miami as an outstanding example of women's participation in aviation.

National Air-Women's Week will be officially observed all over the country. Official opening of the week will take place in Miami on Amelia Earhart Field with a ceremony attended by dignitaries. In Los Angeles, California the



momentous occasion will begin when girls entered in the Transcontinental Race, (a handicap race) take off in their personal type planes of up to 250 HP, for Miami.

Fanwise across the United States five air derbies will take to the air at Dallas, Wichita, St. Louis, Detroit, and New York City and point the nose of their ships toward Miami as their participation in National Air-Women's Week. Also, along the routes that these flights will follow it is planned that women's clubs will be dedicating air marking projects which they have erected prior to the event in recognition of the importance of aviation to their local business and to the nation as the volume of personal plane travel increases. The project will be of a memorial nature to their native sons and daughters who contributed to the preservation of our American way of life through their service in the Air Forces. National Air-Women's Week citations will be awarded by the 99's to all persons entered in the air derbies and to the women's clubs participating in the air marking program. The flight in the Derbies with the largest number of planes entered will be awarded a Trophy and the State Women's Club erecting the most standard Air markers will be presented a beautiful Trophy.

In Miami on Amelia Earhart Field the girls will take further part in the week's calendar of events by participating in All Woman Air Show of the World on June 5 and 6. It is planned there will be demonstrations of precision flying by the country's outstanding women performers and beautiful sailplane exhibitions by champions. Also, scheduled are two light plane races of 65HP and 125 HP classes in addition to a Midget Race honoring the late Marge Hurlburt, world speed flier and builder of midget planes at the time of her death. Novelty and comedy demonstrations will thrill the crowds and girl jumpers will be popping their chutes to everyone's satisfaction.

Climax of the week of celebration will be the light plane cruise to Havana, Cuba on June 7. Everyone who wants to brave the overwater hop into a bit of the old country will be entertained in such a manner that will long be remembered for its pleasant and interesting experiences.

N I N E T Y - N I N E S  
SECOND ANNUAL ALL WOMAN AIR SHOW OF THE WORLD  
(sponsored by Florida 99s)  
AMELIA EARHART FIELD - MIAMI, FLORIDA  
June 1-6, 1948

GENERAL INFORMATION ON EVENTS & RACES

**TRANSCONTINENTAL RACE:** Limited to NC'd manufacturer's stock model personal type of airplanes of up to and including 250 HP. Race will start June 1st at Los Angeles, California and be handicapped according to manufacturer's advertised cruising speed - elapsed time to be figured on arrival at Amelia Earhart Field, Miami, Florida. Entry and \$10.00 fee must be filed and approved by Air Show officials in this race before noon of May 30, 1948. Winner of this event will receive a beautiful trophy and a \$1500.00 purse will be broken down as follows: First place \$500.00; second place \$450.00; third place \$350.00; and fourth place \$200.00.

**MARGE HURLBURT MEMORIAL TROPHY RACE:** A closed course race to be run on June 6 at Amelia Earhart Field. This will be a Midget Plane Race if enough entries are assured. Otherwise, plans are to make it an AT-6 race - definite announcement on this will be made at an early date in order that girls can get ships to fly. Entry and fee of \$5.00 must be filed and approved by officials in this race before noon of June 4, 1948. Winner of this event will receive a beautiful trophy and a \$1000.00 purse will be broken down as follows: First place \$500.00; second place \$300.00; and third place \$200.00.

**65 HP LIGHT PLANE RACE:** (Method of start to be decided by Contest Committee). A closed course race to be run on June 5 at Amelia Earhart Field. Entry and fee of \$2.50 must be filed and approved by Air Show officials in this race before noon of June 4, 1948. Winner of this event will receive a trophy and a possible purse of \$300.00 will be broken down as follows: First place \$150.00; second place \$100.00; and third place \$50.00.

**125 HP LIGHT PLANE RACE:** (Method of start to be decided by the Contest Committee). A closed course race to be run on June 6 at Amelia Earhart Field. Entry and fee of \$2.50 must be filed and approved by Air Show officials before noon of June 4, 1948. Winner of this event will receive a beautiful trophy and a possible purse of \$500.00 will be broken down as follows: First place \$250.00; second place \$150.00; third place \$100.00.

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**NOTE:** Pilot Eligibility - Pilot must have CAA Private license or better and have at least 25 hours in type of ship entered in race by pilot. CAA Physical must be current.

Persons planning to participate in the light plane cruise to Havana, Cuba on June 7th following the show must submit notice NOT LATER THAN MAY 1ST in order that arrangements for clearing Customs and Immigration of ships and personnel may be expedited. No entry fees in this cruise. Men as well as women are invited to go on this tour which promises to be an interesting and delightful experience. All kinds of entertainment is being arranged to make this show the most unforgettable ever.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Gladys Pennington  
456 N.E. 29th St., Miami, Florida

By this time every 99er should have received information about the second annual All Woman Air Show. The show on June 5 and 6 will feature such well known pilots as Betty Skelton, Kaddy Landry, Caro Bayley and Beverly Whitfield in demonstrations of precision flying and there will be special novelty acts that will add humor to the show. Vivian Boyer Ropes, General Chairman of the show is certainly doing a grand job of arranging the show and we know that this is going to be one of, if not the most outstanding events ever presented to an air show audience. And everyone feels sure that through our show we are going to interest a lot more women in the aviation industry.

We are running five air derbies from Dallas, Wichita, St. Louis, Detroit and New York City. Contact has been made with girls in Chapters covering these areas. Since we had not planned cash purses for these Derbies, some of the girls at these starting points are arranging to get sponsors of a small purse for their individual derby and others are getting sponsorship of gasoline for the ships entered in their Derby. So, this should give some of you an idea to work on for your Derby. By the way, these Derbies are being staged to publicize "National Air Women's Week" which is the first week in June. Many will be interested to learn that there is a Bill in Congress requesting the President to proclaim this period as National Air Women's Week and invite women everywhere to participate whether they attend the show or not. Also, in this connection the women's clubs are being invited to erect standard airmarkers as their part in this program. In this way our show will have benefited not only our members but result in saving the lives of many of our pilots for a long time to come. Mrs. Blanche Noyes, Chief, of Air Marking for the CAA is giving us her full cooperation. A special effort will be made to see that these markers are put up along the routes that the Air Derbies will fly. All Derbies will take off on June 1st.

At our last regular meeting a motion made by Vivian Ropes was passed unanimously that the proceeds from this All Woman Air Show would be used to establish a Foundation for women pilots similar to the Actors Guild. Vivian stated that while we do intend to contribute to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund she feels that by starting a Foundation of this kind a greater number of our girls will have an opportunity to receive benefits, and that she feels she has been repaid for all the hard work entailed in staging a show of this kind when this program is established. The Florida Chapter would like the national organization to consider participating in this program which has already been started by taking out Group Insurance for flying activities of our Florida members. Eventually with the proceeds from the Show a building will be erected where 99's can come to Miami and stay if they are in need of rest. Full details will be available on this program as soon as



they have been completed.

The Alcazar Hotel, Biscayne Blvd., at 5th Street has been selected as Hotel Headquarters for the Show and arrangements have been made for special rates. Any persons wanting hotel reservations should write directly to the Hotel and mention that they are All Woman Air Show visitors and they will confirm them immediately.

The Aviation's "Man of Distinction" Contest is again included on our program with an Aviation Ball, Saturday evening June 5. The flight to Havana, Cuba will take off on June 7 and return June 8.

We are looking forward to seeing many 99's down and assure them that they are going to have lots of fun during the show and entertainment which is being planned for them. Let us be hearing from you and send in your hotel reservations. Remember, no men are allowed to fly in the show, races, or derbies. Women passengers are O.K.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: We feel sure that House Joint Resolution No. 292 which was introduced in Congress making the first week in June "NATIONAL AIR WOMEN'S WEEK" will pass without any difficulties, however, it would be appreciated if every member would write to your Congressman and urge them to pass this Bill when it comes up for consideration. Through passage of this Bill women pilots have an opportunity to make the nation conscious of the important part played by women in aviation. Let's be prepared to establish our position in the event we have another opportunity to serve our country in a "flying capacity". We'd be very unhappy if we found ourselves grounded to a desk and chair.

Dear Section Governors and Chapter Chairmen:

Hope you are all busy talking things over with your Section and your Chapter members, as to whom you would like to nominate for the National Offices, remember the deadline is - MAY 15, 1948.

As suggestions have reached me, to have a write up about each candidate in the July News Letter, I would appreciate it if you would send me a sketch about each of your candidates. Suggestions for this write up might be along these lines:

Length of time as a member of the 99's  
Offices previously held in the 99's  
Approximate flying time & ratings held  
Ownership of plane and any other flying history

Also I wonder, if it would be possible to receive the consent of your nominees for the office nominated, especially if she is from your Section or Chapter; and enclosing this consent with your nomination blank. I believe this would help things along when time is short.

Thank you all for your co-operation.  
Remember the DEADLINE IS MAY 15, 1948.

Elsie V. Peters, Chairman  
1948 Nominating Committee

ALL INQUIRIES AND REQUEST FOR ENTRY  
BLANKS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO MRS.  
VIVIAN BOYER ROPES, GENERAL CHAIRMAN,  
ALL WOMAN AIR SHOW OF THE WORLD HEAD-  
QUARTERS, 456 N.E. 29TH STREET, MIAMI,  
FLORIDA.

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NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY SECTION

By Kay A. Brick  
"Brickaero", Norwood, N.J.

The recent spring weather brought out our members like the jonquils - close to 50 at our Easter Dinner Meeting.

MR. LOUIS L. DE JEAN read from his book of aviation verse. His "Tribute to the Ninety-Nines" delighted all the girls. Thanks Blanche, for introducing us.

VIOLA GENTRY CAMERON followed a detailed announcement of the Miami All-Woman Air Show plans with an appeal for ALL of us to get busy getting advertising for the program and to find sponsors for some of the races. LET'S GET BEHIND AND PUSH! Contact her at: Town & Country, Park Avenue, New York City, N.Y. Volunteer 5-5641.

We were delighted to have our invalids back with us - FLEUR LOESCH with a leg all mended; SELMA CRONAN minus an unnecessary part; and MARY REIFSCHEIDER with a cured throat. MARGIE WHITE is back from a trip west in a twin-engined Beech. 491'er Lowell is recovering from an illness and all our sincere wishes go to both for his rapid recovery. TINY GODDARD is still "wintering" in California. And ALMA HARWOOD is enjoying California and Phoenix. By now she is toting Charlie around those mountains in their Stinson 150. MURRAY HAKE has been flying with Colonial Airlines on business to Canada and Bermuda. ANN TINGLEY PIGGOTT is back in Jersey with daughter Sue. JIMI FOSTER was with us from the Miami 99's and FRANCES SCHLOSS is transferring from Des Moines. A hearty welcome to you-all!

Please note: One Kay Menges is now Mrs. Frank R. Brick and lives at "Brickaero", Norwood, N.J. Governor "K" and her new 49½'er want to thank their many 99 friends for their kind wishes and wonderful gifts. They look forward to entertaining you at "Brickaero", Norwood, N.J. after they get settled.

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\* MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION \*  
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WASHINGTON D. C. CHAPTER

By Margaret E. Vaughan  
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On February 15th, the Washington Chapter gave a Tea in honor of the Civilian Air Patrol Cadets, Wing and Air Scouts in the President's Room of the Administration Bldg. at National Airport..

After the groups were received, Jean Wadlington of the Wing Scouts and George Ackerman of the C.A.P. Cadets presided in cutting the cakes decorated by Eleanor Davis in their respective colors.

Chairman Jean Howard introduced Mrs. Blanche Noyes, who addressed the group on their air-marking projects and encouraged them of the need for these markers.

The film "The Bell Helicopter" was shown by Margaret Vaughan. Many of the later uses of this machine were pictured and greatly lauded by the audience.

SPRING IS HERE!!  
Visited several of the local airports and the pilots are really "eager beavers" for the air!!

Our last meeting, March 10th, met with our Chairman Jean

Howard. A short business session was held and a letter of appreciation was read from the Civil Air Patrol Cadets, Wing and Air Scouts for the enjoyable tea held in their honor. The Cocktail Party to be in April was postponed until a later date. Margaret Vaughan-Chairman, Jan Warren and Jeanne Hunt were named as a committee to determine the time, place and make a survey of the number of people for such a dance.

Congressman Claire Engle was the guest speaker on the social agenda. Following an introduction by the chairman, Congressman Engle spoke informally to the group on experiences he has encountered as a private flyer. We practically lived his flight across the Rockies and were highly amused with the 'turbulent weather' flown enroute to Washington via Skyway Number One. He strongly advocates the air marking system and Skyways for private pilots. Later he touched on the Congressional Air Policy Report and what representation of the private pilot is made in Congress.

After hearing his talk as one of the light plane pilots, the chapter unanimously selected him as 49'er!

Off with a breezy start! The "Hanger Flying" Program started last Wednesday. These meetings are being sponsored by the Ninety Nines Organization, Civil Aeronautics Club, WASP'S and Women Flyers of America.

Charles Planck, Director of Current Information Service in the Civil Aeronautics Administration, started the hanger flying with some swell stories but Mr. Paul E. Garber, curator of the Aircraft Exhibit in the Smithsonian Institution followed with some mighty interesting stories and movies on Man's Desire to Fly, Early Birds and other famous aircraft and historic flights.

Later Mr. Planck presented door prizes, a model F9F and a water painting of the "Sky Streak."

This week Mr. Garber is opening the Smithsonian Institution and the groups will see these famous planes, as he relates incidents of interest about the flights. The following meetings will deal in modern Navigation and Meteorology and will be conducted by the Science of Aeronautical Navigation and the United States Weather Bureau.

The next Ninety Nines meeting will be an invitation to the other aviation groups to meet in the Department of Commerce Auditorium April 22nd, for the showing of "Flight to the Sun," a colored travelogue movie. Further plans are being made.

Margaret Vaughan and Tom Huff (Civil Aeronautics Representative) were guest speakers on Jean Howard's radio program "Aviation Forum." The Hanger Flying Program was under discussion.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Jessie Jones Eckhart  
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We heard wedding bells in the slip stream at Baltimore, Md. on March 9th when Mary "Sandy" Saunders married Thomas Wilson. Both the bride and the groom are flight instructors for Pan Maryland Flying Service at Baltimore, Municipal Airport.

At long last we are going to see Dot Leh of Allentown, Pa., who is a charter member of our 99's. Rumor has it that Dot will be the auctioneer for our "Sight unseen auction" to swell our chapter treasury a bit, at our next meeting April 18th at Patco Airport. Should be fun. Be there Dot, don't disappoint us.

Our much traveling chairman, Francis Nolde of Reading, Pa. is planning a very interesting trip. She is flying a Beech Bonanza to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - and all alone - She'll leave from Kansas and hit Miami, Fla., down the Keys and over to Cuba, Virgin Islands, and so on. Frannie is leaving this spring -- Have a good trip!!

Bettie Townson and 49'er George are now in the Helicopter business. The Helicopter Engineering Research Corp. at Boulevard Airport, Philadelphia 14, Penna. George is treasurer and test pilot - Bettie is "girl Friday." Bettie says if you want any information or pictures write to the above address. Also any 99ers who hold a helicopter rating or have time in any, get in touch with her. She would also like information on any 99ers holding an Aeronautical Engineering Degree..

The nice weather has us all shaking the frost and snow from our wings and like fledglings trying our luck at defying the laws of gravity. Ain't it grand!! Saw Vi Delp in her Navion Sunday, the Richards' in their Luscombe, Helen Jones in her L-5, the Eckharts' in their Taylorcraft.

Leona McElroy and Catherine Slocum have sent out 116 notices of invitation to join the 99ers, to different Airport managers to post on their bulletin boards for all women pilots to see. We are really having an "ALL OUT CAMPAIGN" for members this spring.

Where are you 99ers from Delaware - please write or show up or something.

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\* NEW ENGLAND SECTION \*  
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NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER

By Alma Gallagher  
16 Messer St., Laconia, N.H.

Christian Born, president of Air Markings, Inc. of Boston came to our March 8 meeting at the 99 club, 99 State St., Boston to tell us about the national skyways and show pictures of roof top markers which his company is doing in enamel in New England. Skyway 1, according to Mr. Born, will soon continue from Washington through Boston to Caribou, Maine.

Governor Judy Short has appointed Rose Abbott as chairman of a dance committee to look into the feasibility of having a 99 dance in May.

Judy promises fly-in meetings if it ever stops snowing. In the meantime sectional meetings are held the second Monday' of each month at six at the 99 Club in Boston. Secretary Mildred Morey writes that memberships in the club are still available.

The Northern Chapter invited private and student pilots, feminine gender, to a first guest night at the Rumford Coffee house in Concord, N.H. March 23 Julie and John Williams, Manchester, N.H., radio and husband-wife flying team, gave their impressions of their recent 48-state air tour in their Piper cruiser, the Starduster. Special guests were State Aeronautics Director Russ Hilliard and Mrs. Hilliard.

Betty Condict who did much in planning the party told the visiting petticoat fliers the whys and wherefores of the 99's.

Next chapter meeting will be April 27 at the Weirs Hotel, Weirs, N.H., at 6:30 with Bill Champlin of Skyhaven, Laconia Airport, showing the film "Wings for an Angler."

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\* NORTH CENTRAL SECTION \*  
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CHICAGO CHAPTER

By Patricia L. Hitchcock  
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Chicago Ninety-Niners are looking forward to the sectional



meeting here at the Edgewater Beach Hotel on Memorial Day weekend. We hope to see a lot of the gals who don't get up this way very often.

Cards will be sent to Ninety-Niners which they will fill out and mail directly to the hotel for reservations. Transportation is being arranged for those flying in. Further information on tie-downs and hangar space at Douglas Airport will be forthcoming. The assemblage promises to be an interesting one if the zeal and enthusiasm displayed at our March 24 business meeting are any indication.

Chicago members are planning to attend a benefit party sponsored by the Women Flyers of America and the Chicago Pilots Association for Winifred Jung who was critically injured in a plane crash some months ago. The party will take place at the Edgebrook Country Club on Friday, April 9th, at 8P.M.

The Chicago chapter is sponsoring a rummage sale on May 1st to swell the chapter coffers. Further planning of this will take place at the April 15th meeting at 19 S. LaSalle.

We are proud to report the addition of new members Irene Leverton, Sally Dolke, Leotta Cook, Mrs. Ellen Mayo Hill, and Kay Ferris.

President Betty Morgan is in Florida for five or six weeks at the prescription of her doctor. We hope to see her back hale and hearty, at our May meeting in the Cloud Room at the Municipal Airport.

#### INDIANA CHAPTER

By Charlotte Darlington  
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The March meeting was held at Purdue Airport, Lafayette, on March 21. Future meetings are as follows:

April 11 - Bunker Hill, Indiana  
May - Night Meeting LaRues, Indianapolis, Ind.  
June 20 - Mt. Vernon, Indiana  
August - Rochester, Indiana

Got a card from Loretta F. Teeple of Ft. Wayne and she hopes to get to our meetings soon.

Virginia Voyles flew to Miami in their Bonanza in January for the air show. She is from Petersburg, Indiana, which is down around Vincennes so we will probably see her at the meeting at Mt. Vernon in June, but we hope she will be able to get to some of the meetings before then.

The Anderson Ninety-Nines got quite a write up in the Anderson Herald on March 26, with front page picture and a long article about the history of the Ninety-Nines and about each of the six Anderson girls, Dorothea Hendricks, Fern Rinker, Irmyl Retherford, Joan Ferguson, Martha Hunter, and myself.

Our next meeting at Bunker Hill will be most interesting if the weather is favorable as the Flying Farmers are also going to be there that day. We will all go swimming in the United States' largest indoor swimming pool.

#### UPPER IOWA CHAPTER

By Virginia Vinsand  
23 $\frac{1}{2}$  South 8th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa

Our March meeting was held in Fort Dodge with Win Eno and Beulah Frotscher as hostesses. A delicious dinner was enjoyed at the Fort Dodge Room of the Hotel Warden. Mrs. Elsie Williams of Spencer, was with us as a guest, also our 99'er from Spencer, Mrs. Fern McKinnon. All members of our chapter were present with the exception of Inez McAllister of Decorah and Verna Mae Prohaska of Waterloo. We were sorry to hear that Inez has undergone a major operation and will not be with us for the next few meetings.

To clear the way for our April meeting (to be strictly a

social one as guests of the Standard Oil Co. in Mason City) we completed all necessary business. Our list of candidates for the election of National Officers was prepared. As our chapter is growing now, we elected Beulah Frotscher to the membership chairman post. Our secretary, Millie Burt, is rather busy with her night club in Storm Lake, and I have taken over the job of reporter for her.

Mr. H. C. Kirkberg of Kirkberg Jewelers of Fort Dodge presented our chairman, Bernie Eno, with a beautiful silver tray with our 99 insignia engraved on it. This tray will be a trophy earned by the furthering of our flying time, air marking project, increasing our membership, etc. We have appointed Betty Barton as chairman of our contest committee. She will be assisted by our other Spencer girls. During each meeting the tray will be awarded to the girl who has earned the most points during the preceding month. Her name will be engraved on the tray. At the end of a six month period, the member who has achieved the most points will take possession of the tray for the remainder of the year. We think it's a wonderful goal and the girls are anxious to begin rolling up their points.

Cards and letterheads with our 99 insignia were donated by Bernie Eno. We are ordering some of those clever 99 match books also. All proceeds from these sales will go to our savings for the Amelia Earhart Fund.

Our next meeting, dated for April 18th, will be held in Mason City as guests of the Standard Oil Company. We are undoubtedly in for a very pleasant time. The following meeting will be back in Fort Dodge on the third Sunday of May.

#### MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Helen Pelto  
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The Wayne County Airport Control Tower deserves a citation for the courteous service they gave our pilots and guests who arrived there to attend the March breakfast and the meeting at Ray Baker's Restaurant. Not only that, they are a witty group too! When Martin Wagner reported his plane to the tower, the tower operator commented coyly, "My! What a low voice you have for a 99er!"

To all flyers who patronize airport where excellent food is available, it's the Wayne County Airport for you.

Alice Hammond was hostess at this meeting. Gloria Lynch arranged through "Beauty Counsellor" to have for each member and guest as a favor a container of hand lotion.

The Michigan Chapter each year seems to devise different methods of building up that Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. This year girls in different towns are contacting the responsible person in the Sears store offering them the service of a courtesy shopper. Whatever salary is paid to the 99er for this service will be thrown in Michigan's quota for the AESF. If you Michigan members did not attend either the March or April meeting, please notify Barbara Credit and Alice Hammond. They can tell you what Sears stores have been contacted. In this way perhaps Michigan can again be among the top Chapters donating to the AESF.

Don't forget to send Eloise Smith for her personnel file a photograph (full face) approximately 4x5 or 5x7 that could be reproduced in newspapers and also that history form she requested.

JEAN PRINS has her Commercial Pilots license now and is working on her Instructors Rating----BETTY GROHMAN is in Florida vacationing----MARY CREASON and her Wing Scouts took a trip to Milwaukee----BECKY THATCHER certainly has a "turnover" of automobiles. She rolled over a Buick Roadmaster. Now she has a 1948 Buick Convertible. LEAH HIGGINS took the airlines down to New Orleans for the Easter Holidays----BETSY ORR took a train to New Orleans. From there she took the Great White Fleet to Cuba and Guatemala. Betsy says that Cuba is the spot but go to Guatemala because it makes the trip longer and is scads of fun----THELMA LINDZAY extends a courtesy to your reporter that is appreciated. Any time she hears of news, she jots it down on a postcard and sends it to me.

Here is a list of a few of the books that we have in our library. Should you wish to borrow one, write to Bernice Trimble and she will see that you receive it as soon as possible. You may keep the book for one month.

- Last Flight - By Amelia Earhart
- Listen, The Wing - By Anne Lindbergh
- High, Wide and Frightened - By Louise Thaden
- Thru the Overcast - By Assen Jordanoff
- Heroines of the Sky - Adams and Kimball
- Airmans' Odyssey - Antoine DeSaint

Schedule of meetings:

- May - Saginaw (also Sectional meeting in Chicago)
- June 13 - Belding
- July 11 - Alpena
- August 8 - Kalamazoo

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER

By Dorothy Morris  
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Most of the Ohio girls flew in Saturday for the March 21 meeting which was held at Vandalia. That evening we had a deluxe dinner and an open house which was very successful. Our thanks to Louise Clark for showing us a grand time.

Sunday morning some of the girls were up with the birds to fly a (you won't believe it) bounce-proof Cub. The gear on this airplane is experimental, but it must be the thing from all reports. Those who went to the field tried all sorts of landings and the ship clung to the runway each time. Hope all the men won't say, "Here's proof of success." However, it is heartily endorsed by this chapter.

We had two prospective members besides our own 20, Betty Detwiler, and Jerry Recknagel of Toledo. After the meeting Ann Heisler showed movies of her trip to Key West in her Bonanza last month which certainly were entertaining. Marge Newcomer and Lillian Kokas went with Ann and their descriptions and experiences had us all with big ears. Very exciting.

Plans were made for our next three meetings. I wish to apologize for and correct my error in the last News Letter. The April meeting will not be held at Columbus, but at Springfield on April 25. The 24th is dedication of Skyway No. 1 at Vandalia so we expect to be there Saturday and fly on to Springfield the next morning. All 99's are invited and this promises to be a very interesting week-end. The May meeting will be at Cleveland Municipal Airport, and in June we shall have an overnight meeting in Columbus. Definite date will be in next month. See you then!!!

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER

By June Walsh  
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New airplanes take the spotlight this month in St. Louis. Lucy Fletcher has a radio equipped Cub at Meramec Airport. June Appell has a new blue Stinson hangared at Ross Airport. Mary Jeffords is casting an eager eye at the new Piper Vagabond.

Del Scharr and Burnette McNamee has temporarily forsaken Mac's Stinson for Gurda Petty's Seabee. And we'll have to mention that Del finally got her new Ford. It won't fly but it does help her get to the airport. Mary Jeffords took Tarzan, her twelve year old "sheep-poodle" for an airplane ride last Sunday. Evidently Tarzan doesn't share all of Mary's enthusiasm for flying, he was just plain scared. Rae Sullivan is back at the old stand for Universal Flight after a spring vacation. Mary Jeffords and June Walsh are planning to attend engine classes at Brayton School of Aeronautics the latter part of May. They don't expect to become A&E experts but they do hope they'll know what makes the darn things run!

The chapter is planning to fly to some of the meetings of

the other chapters in this area. The St. Louis Ninety-Nines are making plans to attend the sectional at Chicago in May. We are very pleased to have the National at Kansas City since most of us will be able to attend.

Meetings: April 5 - Forest Park Hotel 8 P.M.  
May 3 - Forest Park Hotel 8 P.M.

WISCONSIN CHAPTER

By Elsie V. Peters  
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Our March monthly meeting was held a week earlier due to the East Holidays, but our next month's meeting will be held the 3rd Sunday in the month again, which will be April 18th and which will be held at the home of our Chairman, Caroline Feiling. Any Ninety-Niner near Milwaukee at the time, be sure and phone Caroline, as I know she and all of us would be happy to see you.

We are all happy to welcome Mrs. Gertrude Faust as our newest member. Congratulations Jeanette. We are proud to announce that Jeanette Kapus has passed her written tests for her Instructor's Rating. Dorothy Christenson has been trying to get the group to fly to Minneapolis to help form a chapter there. Just how many will be able to go, I can't say.

The whole chapter is planning to go to the North Central Sectional Spring Meeting. Hope to hear definite plans as to when it will be. We are also talking about the National Meeting, and making our plans for then. See you all soon.

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\* SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION \*  
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OKLAHOMA CITY UNIT

By Yvonne B. Warfield  
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The Unit convened at Municipal Airport on Sunday, March 14 for breakfast and regular meeting.

We had as our guest from Tulsa, Mrs. Ruth Banfield. We are very happy to have her with us again since her illness in January.

Irby Keen, Chairman, returned from a vacation in Honolulu with her husband, Dr. Keen, just in time to be with us at the meeting. Irby had many things of interest to tell us about her trip. She did contact some women pilots but none of them were Ninety-Nines. Perhaps someone should sell the idea of a chapter in Honolulu.

The State Wide meeting will be held in the home of Yvonne Warfield with Delrose Sieber and Hazel Raines as co-hostesses, on Sunday April 4th. Luncheon will be served at 11:30 followed by a business meeting.

Your correspondent and Mrs. Velma Woodward struck a bit of bad luck on March 11. The Hangar in which our airplanes were kept caught fire about 2 A.M. and destroyed 31 aircraft.

COLORADO CHAPTER

By Marilyn Nordstrom  
and  
Donna Myers

Well, Yipee, Ki, Yee! We're kinda busy rounding up odds and ends for the W.N.A.A. 99 dance Friday night, April 9th. We're a gonna be cowboys that night.

Here's a brief resume of the happenings of the Colorado:



Pat Urling presented us with a new 24 3/4'er, Harry Fisher Urling II, on March 12, two days before Pat's own birthday. Consequently she did not attend the last meeting at the Tiffin Dining Room. Among the guests that night was Lt. Goins, WAC officer.

Ed Jones, 49<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>'er of Margaret Scribner Jones, and manager of the Snow King Valley Ski Area at Hot Sulphur Springs, has just wrapped up a couple more ski trophies. Scrib is recuperating from an appendectomy. Marilyn and Harold Nordstrom attended the Ice Hockey Finals at the Broadmoor at Colorado Springs, a couple of weeks ago.

Dot Young has been substitute instructing at the Akron, Colorado airport until a few days ago, when she underwent an operation. We have it on good authority that she is on the road to recovery.

Jennie Tscheop and prospective 99'er Margo Condon flew to Kansas this week to visit Jennie's family, and Dorothy Thompson was about to take off for Glenwood Springs with two passengers the other day when we met her at lunch. Marion Wurster is taking off from work to fly down to Tucumcari, New Mexico to pick up Kati Kelly and bring her back for the dance.

Colorado has a new local aviation magazine, called the Colorado Aviation News, and we are proud to announce that the feature article was written by Bobbie Taflinger, and a picture of Bobbie, Maxine Redless and Phil Bjornby graced the cover - and inside the pages we found Dot Thompson and the above gals gathered around a motor - in a picture - not the real gals!

That about wraps it up for this time - more and better report next month.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Helen Bass  
Malvern, Iowa

Our March meeting was strickly a Drive-In-Affair. We had postponed it a week trying to find better weather but the weather man just wouldn't cooperate.

We met at the Administration Building at the Omaha Airport and were served a very enticing buffet luncheon in the offices of the Airport Manager. After the business meeting (and after Belle had sold as many tickets to the Kansas City Dance, which several of us intend to attend) we were taken over to the Weather Bureau where we became acquainted with several new pieces of equipment. One operator gave us a very interesting explanation on the Ceilometer, its Pressure Celebration Chart etc. also took a Radio-Sonde apart for us and even though I'd hate to try to explain it, we all enjoyed trying to understand it. Then on up to the Control Tower for a session with the Operators and a listen to the Big Boys, who were the only ones flying that day.

Belle gave a glowing report on her trip to Kansas City and of the nice time had by all at the Bill Ong Airport. Another very personal announcement was made but "me and Winchell" will have to keep it secret for a few months. (Taint me) Thanks to Laura and Jane for planning a nice day. We fly to Sioux City April 11.

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CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Sara E. Payne  
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The next meeting of the Carolina's Chapter, scheduled for April, has been postponed until May. Inasmuch as this April meeting has been postponed, Mrs. Lucille Greenwood,

129 Alabama Ave., Asheville, N.C., requests that any Carolina's member send any name she wished to propose to the Nominating Committee for National Officers to her by MAY 1ST.

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BAY CITIES CHAPTER

By Jan Moffat  
562<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> 27th St., Oakland, California

The Bay Cities Chapter of the 99's met at the Hotel Leamington, Oakland, Friday 27 February for dinner and the monthly business meeting. The guest of the evening was Lt. Cass, U.S. Army, who gave a brief speech on what the peace time Army has to offer the young people of today. He and his assistant presented the movie, "The Memphis Belle," which was enjoyed by everyone. Prospective members, Helen Dozier, Helen Johnson, Elinor Wagner and Grayce K. Daddino, attended and were welcomed.

A letter has been received stating that our first food package had been received by Maryse Bastie in France. Each member of our chapter is contributing food, clothing, or incidentals for other packages to be sent to Maryse in the future.

On February 15, several members of the 99's and their friends put on their old clothes and wielded paint brushes to paint our first air marker. The words "Morgan Hill," in ten foot letters, the direction and number of miles to the airport, and the latitude and longitude were painted on the roof of the Clara-Val Packing Co. Bldg. This is the first air marker of our project to complete many more for the year. Reports have been received from those who viewed it from the air and it appears to be very successful. On February 8, members met at Sherman Field, Walnut Creek, to view a recent air marker on a hangar. Al Hart operated his Culver as a means of observing the marker, and several girls had the pleasure of flying in Al's plane.

For information to any 99's visiting this area and who might like to attend our meetings or parties, it has been suggested they contact Ruth Hueckert, Lombard 6-6356.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

By Dodie Aspell  
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March has strictly been a business month for our group. I guess it must be the lull before the storm, for April is chock full of social events. March turned out a lot of work though. Our meeting was called to order at 2000 on the 8th at the Hollywood Roosevelt. (You should have seen our Chairman, Helen Hooper blush when the letter was read about how the arrangements were made for that room. You, who know her must ask her about it sometime. We all got a big charge out of it) The minutes and correspondence were read by our secretary Helen Thomure. We were sorry to hear of Grace Poew's resignation. However Martha Lundy wrote and asked about joining. We would like to have her with us. The Air Policy Conference extended an invitation to us to join their group. The Conference is being held the 13th, 14th and 15th of April. On Tuesday night there will be a room set aside for the Women's Aviation Groups of Los Angeles on the night of the 13th. Mardo Crane is on one of the panels for the Conference. There is a gal that is really going places in this aviation business. Grace Stevenson of the Bakersfield Chapter wrote and thanked us for entertaining them in January and extended us an invitation to the Spring Sectional up there being held on April 17th and 18th rather than the 3rd and 4th as originally planned.



SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Mirriam Edelman  
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As the business progressed it was decided that escorts would be invited to our May meeting being held on the week-end of the 15th and 16th, at Gladys Hill's at Big Bear. The National Skyways Association invited all of us to their week-end flight to Del Mar on the 10th and 11th of April. The American Legion is also sponsoring a flight to Bakersfield on the 17th and 18th of April and wanted to recruit pilots to fly their disabled members to it.

Pictures were shown of the flight to Diana Cyrus ranch last year. Incidentally where have you been Diana?

Our air-marking project has finally started. On the 3rd of April, in conjunction with the Boy Scout Group at El Segundo, we are putting up a marker at the western terminal of Skyway Number one. It will be placed on the roof of the Air-research Aviation Service Hangar at the Los Angeles Municipal Airport. We believe it is the largest of it's kind with the letter being 35 feet high. On Air-marking, Mardo Crane and Helen Hooper had lunch with Blanche Noyes, who is in charge of this air-marking project. The question was raised why the longitude and latitude should be put on each marking. Miss Noyes replied that these markings were being put up not only for us or in the United States but were being planned to cover the earth. Longitude and latitude was universal in establishing position. A very good thought I might add.

It was nice to see Pinky Brier again. I do believe this is her first meeting in a year or so. With her was Susan Hickman Wagner of the Michigan Chapter. Claire McMillan informed us that she is now at East Los Angeles Airport instructing on the G.I. program there. Helen Thomure is stopping work for a little gardening at her new house. Besides she hasn't had time to enjoy the new car either. Helen Hooper is flying the Stinson available to her to the Aviation Breakfast Club's flight to Palm Springs on the 14th of April. The Chairman of the three active Women's Aviation groups held a conference with the head of the Wing Scouts, Mrs. Cardozo on sponsoring Wing Scout groups and acting as leaders. Everyone is quite enthused about the project. 'Nuff for this time.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Coral Bloom  
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The Sacramento Valley Chapter of Ninety Nines took advantage of a beautiful spring day on Saturday, March 20th with 14 girls and five 49ers attending the luncheon at the Commissioned Officers Club in Stockton. Leah Johnson, Vice-Chairman, was hostess and is to be complimented for an outstanding meeting.

For those "flying-in" West Lane Airport was headquarters and Dorothy Krovoza, one of our newest members, operates this field. Vivian and Bob Dalton of Williams and Leila and Dick Pittman of Upper Lake flew down in the Dalton's Stinson. Ruth Price, prospective member, and her husband flew their Aeronca Champion from Williams. Geraldine Mickelsen came in her Bellanca. Marjorie Fauth came over from San Francisco and Eleanor Verkuyll from Lodi in their Cessna. Coral and Art Bloom and their 24 3/4er drove down from Oroville. We were very pleased to have the following guests and prospective members from Stockton present: Mrs. Val Wright, Mrs. Frances Coolidge, Grace Gruo, Leona Herceg, Betty Bevilacqua and Beverly Wilson.

After a delicious luncheon and informal "getting acquainted and hangar flying session", a short business meeting was held. A permanent "Meeting Committee" was appointed to determine dates and locations of future meetings. Those appointed were Eleanor Verkuyll, Vivian Dalton, and Louise Benna. It was also decided to hold a special election at the April meeting for a Vice-Chairman and Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be "Brunch" at Red Bluff with Louise Benna as hostess on Sunday April 11th. This should prove to be a big day as it will be the scene of the All Western Air Show. Any visiting or prospective members in the vicinity are welcome.

Working clothes, mops, scrub buckets and brooms were the order of the day when the San Diego Chapter met in the Lounge of Gillespie Inn at Gillespie Field, March 14. Business of the day: to do a job of spring cleaning on our new "Headquarters", which consists of three Dallas Huts (Navy buildings) which have been joined to form one large room. Cliff Adams (A&E at Gillespie) has promised to paint the outside, and we are going to apply the "woman's touch" to the interior. We hope that by Summer, it will have all the comforts of home, so if you are out San Diego way this summer, drop in (no pun intended, honest) and say hello.

Guest at the business meeting was Mr. Al Miller of the La Mesa Lions Club, who announced a County Fair and Air Show, to be held at Gillespie Field, June 4th 5th and 6th. Many interesting exhibits and events are being planned; climax will be a Breakfast flight Sunday morning June 6th, sponsored by San Diego 99's. There will be a prize for the person flying in from the farthest point..Should be a lot of fun, and all 99's are invited.

Secretary-Treasurer, Julie Hale announced that we are substantially on the black side of the ledger, as a result of the Dance, held February 28, in the Gym at Gillespie. Evelyn Briggs, WNAA Chairman, reported on a new money making idea -- very handy little return address stickers, 250 of them in a plastic container for \$1.00, and a nice profit goes into the treasury.

The business meeting was adjourned, and we were off to our headquarters and work!

NAMES IN THE NEWS: Betty Lambert, and Edna Steidley were 'sketched' in Ruth Elder's Aviation column in the San Diego Daily Journal last week. Betty is busy filling orders for her book "Meteorology Practice Problems for Pilot Certificates". Edna, who is a former WAVE, will soon receive her Commercial Pilots License at Gibbs Field.

DANGER--WOMEN AT WORK: Armed with paint, brushes, and scrapers, the "work committee" Julie Hale, Evalyn Briggs, Amelia Changnon, and Mirriam Edelman and 49er Bob Changnon started work on our new Headquarters. Painting is fun, but we've decided that the painter's union needn't stay up nights worrying about competition!

To the NINETY-NINE

They were girls who could not sit beside  
The hearth and let go by  
All the joy and pride and thrills that ride  
With rovers of the sky.

They were girls who dared to pioneer  
New Heights on heaven's tide:  
As men made records year by year,  
They matched them, stride for stride.

So we drink a toast to those whose name  
Will blaze within the shrine  
Of Aviation's Hall of Fame--  
We drink to the NINETY-NINE!

Louis DeJean  
November 10, 1947

YOUR EDITORS ARE SORRY NOT TO HAVE BEEN  
ABLE TO PUBLISH ALL THE NEWS LETTER COPY  
RECEIVED THIS MONTH. WE KNOW YOU WERE  
ALL INTERESTED IN THE MIAMI AIR SHOW SO  
HAVE SACRIFICED LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FOR THIS  
OUTSTANDING EVENT.