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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

News Letter

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MAY, 1957

NEWS FLASH!

8th ALL-WOMEN'S
International Air Race
McAllen, TEXAS
to HAVANA, CUBA

Entry Chief Irma Price reports an unprecedented number of early inquiries about the eighth AWIAR and says that applications and checks are now coming in steadily. Don't wait until that deadline date of May 31. Send your application in now and get set for a truly exciting race. Maybe you'll be the LUCKY SEVENTH winner for whom we have a valuable, surprise award. Of course, if you place higher than seventh, we have good, old American coin in which to pay you off!

To recapitulate:

May 31—Entry deadline
June 13—Impounding deadline in McAllen, Texas
June 17—Take-off from McAllen
June 19—RON, Broward County Airport, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
June 20—Arrival deadline in Cuba

Visual check points have been established as Alice, Texas; Beaumont, Texas; Valdosta, Ga.; Key West, Fla., with a RON stop at Red's Aircraft Service at Broward County Airport, Fort Lauderdale. Handicapping will be individual and open and the purse of \$2,000, given by the Cuba Tourist Commission, will be split six ways (\$800 to top place). There will also be the handsome, gold President Batista Trophy for the winner and the LaBette Trophy for the runner-up, as well as the afore-mentioned "mystery" prize to the pilot in the number seven spot. Winner will also get a week's vacation on Padre Island, arrangement by mutual convenience.

Entry fee is \$30 to 99's and \$35 to non-99's. Entry blanks and further information can be obtained from:

Irma Price, Entry Chief
242 S.W. 8th Street
Miami, Florida



NOW HEAR THIS

A Texas - Size Program

Is Provided For The

ANNUAL 99 CONVENTION

Being Held In McAllen, Texas

JUNE 13 - 16

Thursday, June 13—

Fly-in Day, with an old time Texas Barbeque under the palm trees in Whelan Park that evening.

Friday, June 14—

Business Meeting, Luncheon, Cocktail Party and Dinner in Mexico, Floor Show and the works.



Saturday, June 15—

Trip to Padre Island, Texas's newest playground — do-as-you-like trip. Back to McAllen for cocktail party and Convention Banquet.

Sunday, June 16—

Fly-away Day for some — Meetings for the IAR girls with IAR Banquet that evening.

Monday, June 17—

IAR Breakfast and off to Havana.
Be Seeing You All.

AWTAR News

THE TRANSCONTINENTAL
AIR RACE

San Carlos, Calif., to Philadelphia, Pa.

Impounding Deadline . . . July 3
Take-off July 6
Deadline to Finish . . . July 10
Awards Dinner July 11

ROUTE: San Carlos to Reno, Elko, Salt Lake City, Rock Springs, Cheyenne, North Platte, Omaha, Moline, Fort Wayne, Akron, Harrisburg, Philadelphia. Total mileage: 2567 statute miles.

AWARDS: \$2,500 divided \$800, \$600, \$500, \$400, and \$200 for first five places with duplicate trophies for pilot and co-pilot. Leg prizes, \$100 cash for best score made by a crew holding license no higher than private grade (donated by Flying Magazine). \$50 cash and trophy for best score made by crew flying their first AWTAR (donated by the Michigan and Chicago Area Chapters respectively). \$25 cash for best score made by each make aircraft of which there are at least three in competition. A brand new GM series metal propeller valued at \$250 for the best score made by a single Piper aircraft (donated by McCauley Industries Corp.).

ENTRY FEE: \$25 for members of The Ninety-Nines, \$30 for non-members.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON JUNE 20. Rules and regulations and applications for entry may be obtained by writing to AWTAR, Inc., 2611 East Spring Street, Long Beach 6, Calif.

Flying the TAR is a very wonderful and thrilling experience. The route this year will take you over some of the most beautiful country in the United States. You will be cordially welcomed at each stop on the route and many plans have been made to make this race not only a valuable experience but also a magnificent vacation.

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Deadline For News

The First Of Each Month

Double Header

JAYCEE: The first "double header" in aviation is within your grasp this year. Fly East in the AWTAR and return West in the fifth JAYCEE AIR CRUISE.

AWTAR: Margaret Calloway, chairman, terminus committee for the AWTAR, reviews a few plans for your comfort and pleasure. The Warwick Hotel is HQ. A fleet of Buicks will again transport you. Entertainment-wise: An outdoor barbecue and swimming party at the beautiful home of 99er Connie Wolf; luncheon at the world-famous John Wanamaker Store in the lovely Crystal Tea Room—Mr. Wanamaker himself will be host; a relaxing day at the Huntington Valley Country Club—swimming, a diving exhibition by the Vesper Swimming Club, cocktails, buffet supper and dancing; a sightseeing tour of historic Philadelphia and an evening jaunt to "The Playhouse in the Park." The climax—the Awards Banquet, preceded by a cocktail party, will be held in the candlelight of unique Franklin Hall. This rotunda, with its Corinthian columns, is completely constructed in white marble. And if you don't think that Benjamin Franklin winks at his guests, then join the party and see for yourself.

Kay Brick

"A trusting wife is one who finds a lipstick in her husband's car and thinks he has been out with a cosmetic salesman."

President's Column

The purpose of this organization is to provide a close relationship among all women pilots and to unite them in a movement that may be for their benefit or for that of aviation in general.

This last month I had the pleasure of meeting with and visiting our members from four sections. In so many ways they proved the close relationship among all women pilots. Great strides have been made by many of our members and our Ninety-Nine committees to advance aviation in general. THEREFORE we are abiding by our constitution as relayed in the first paragraph.

Your executive board met April 25 and 26 in Akron, Ohio. We took care of 39 pieces of business which took the best part of two days in hard work. The minutes will be read to you in June at convention, another good reason for you to be there.

We are getting many new members and from now on it would be best to give each one a choice of joining now with membership for three months or dating the application July 1 and receive 14 months of paid up membership.

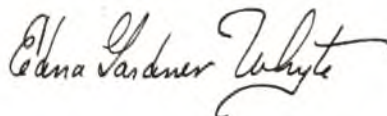
Texas has everything bigger and better but they did not have to prove it with all the big floods and tornadoes we have had the last three weeks. This morning the radio news cast relayed that a Texas farmer had caught six large cat fish in his cotton patch.

We are happy to have as a new member Mrs. Silvia Scotoni of Switzerland.

VOTE FOR WHOM YOU PLEASE
BUT PLEASE VOTE AND PLACE
YOUR BALLOT IN THE MAIL.

Neglect has ruined many a noble purpose.

Sincerely yours,



Edna Gardner Whyte

New Member Market

Spring is in the air—and so are new women pilots! Let's do a little spring cleaning about the local airports, and see if we can't unearth some prospective 99 members! Lots of gals getting the flying fever this year, and there is no reason your chapter should not increase its membership—except the apathy of your present members. Chapters do not progress without new blood — so give yourself a spring "transfusion." Make a membership drive one of your summer projects. Just remember YOU have to go to THEM, they don't come to you!

Lois Dobbin
Membership Chairman

Pilot's Briefing

Every Ninety-Nine member has the power and right to control this great organization by VOTING and INSTRUCTING YOUR DELEGATES your pleasure on the 1957 proposed amendments and new policies that come up each year during our annual meeting.

We are trying to complete the records of our organization and find we are missing some of the very early ones. If anyone has them in their possession or knows of any one who has some stored please write our international headquarters in Oklahoma City, Okla.

All Ninety-Nine ground instructors please send your name and address to Helen Grienke, Hotel Rogers, Bloomington, Ill. You will receive some very helpful information.

If any of our members would like to join an ALL NINETY-NINE sight-seeing air cruise around the world write: Belle Hetzel, 126 Drake Court, Omaha, Neb.

Beautiful Brownsville Valley on the Mexican border will be a very interesting place to enjoy fully our 1957 Ninety-Nine convention. Make your plans now.

Man your airplanes and cars.

Edna Gardner Whyte

Coming Events**May 23**

SKYLADY DERBY Efficiency Air Race, Mineral Wells, Texas, to Wichita, Kan. Write Ruth Nickell, 904 Nickell Road, Topeka, Kan.

May 31 - June 1

Hayward-Tucson Air Race. First place, \$1,000. Write Michael Hodges, Box 2009, Tucson, Ariz.

June 13-16

Ninety-Nine Annual Convention, McAllen, Texas. Lots of business and fun for all 49½ers and 99's.

June 17-23

ALL WOMEN INTERNATIONAL AIR RACE. McAllen, Texas to Havana, Cuba. Write Irma Price, 242 SW 8th St., Miami, Fla. First place, \$800.

July 3-11

ALL WOMEN TRANSCONTINENTAL AIR RACE, San Carlos, Calif. to Philadelphia, Pa. Write AWTAR, 2611 East Spring, Long Beach 6, Calif. Enclose 25 cents for mailing cost.

July 13-20

Jaycee Cruise, Philadelphia to Las Vegas, Nev. Write G. R. Guthrie, 121 S. Rd. St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

July 7, August 9, September 11

Private Flying Tours of Europe. Write CMV Travel Service, 576 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y.

"Most women can keep a secret; it's the women they tell it to who can't."

New 99 Members

TROTTER, Audrey E. M. Laurentian Territory, 360 Sussex St., Ottawa, Ont., Canada Phone: CE 3-0691	First Canadian
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State vs. Airmarking

The state of Kansas does not have an airmarking program. But Kansas 99's and aviation enthusiasts contributing to the Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund shall carry on in spite of state finances, personal finances, dust, and drouth. We have estimated costs at \$20 per airmarker. Actually, if you each bring your own brush, borrow chalk string and 25 to 50 foot tape measure from dad's workshop, swipe junior's chalk, then you can "do it yourself"—airmarking that is! All the chapter needs is to promote the proper chrome yellow paint. It takes about two gallons for a six or seven letter name, depending on the porous condition of the black asphalt roof. "Do it now."

Margaret Yourdon
Airmarking Chairman



Ruth V. Hill of the New York-New Jersey Section with her Wing Scouts, Troop 27, receiving Air Force I. D. Cards as members of the Ground Observer Corps Troop Service Permanent Operation Skywatch.



By Pat Arnold

Jean Shaw writes she and 49½er have built a house on the side of a mountain in the Virgin Islands a la Hemmingway style and they are "making haste slowly"—writing! Jean is on the Virgin Islands airport committee to enlarge airport there.

Page Shamburger is now roving editor for X-C News, Fort Worth, Texas, a hilarious aviation sheet published by 99er Tony Page (subscription \$2 annually). Page S. hopes to pay us a visit when we get rid of the snow (probably late in July).

Annual cocktail party at Gov. Barbara Kiernan's lovely home in Andover, Mass., was just loads of fun. There were about 50 in attendance, and if I had skipped the last 12 cocktails the flight back home the next day wouldn't have been half so rough. Helen Shea, Worcester, Mass., won the raffle prize—a portable TV set that was donated by Jerry Gardiner (Waterford, Conn.). Lucille Dingley (Auburn, Maine) has a new Cessna 182, which she flew home alone in all that blizzard weather from Wichita (the trip took 10 days). Urchil Wales (Wenham, Mass.) is another member in production. Delivery date is set for August. Lois Wartman (Providence) won the badminton championship in Boston and is entering the nationals. Congratulations—we've got a talented group here in ole N.E.-



By Manila D. Talley

April dinner: Brass Rail Restaurant, Idlewild Airport. Speaker, Mr. Free-land, CAA. Followed by a visit to the air traffic control center where members watched radar departures and approaches, and saw how flights were controlled. Then, a tour of WSY where flight plans are filed and closed and where the alert originates for air-sea rescue.

TAR news: The rummage sale with Barbara Evans, chairman, and members assisting netted \$310 for the NY-NJ TAR fund. Constance Hahn and Irene Keith approved as official timers for the TAR finish.

Sectional meeting: Akron, attended by Kay Brick, Irene Keith, Pat Wilson, Barbara Evans and Marion Lopez.

CAP regional meeting: New York, attended by Col. Nannette Spears, and Lt. Cols. Ruth Nichols, Gloria Heath and Manila Talley.

News: We are glad of the recovery of Suzanne Sivade, burned when a stove exploded . . . of Selma Cronan from a serious operation and of former 99 Lorraine Defren Frankland, hospitalized 18 months with spinal operations. New member, Dorothy Julich is competing with male pilots at Zahn's Airport for credit for the most students soloed in three months. Ruth Hill instructing Wing Scouts and future 99ers. Avaneil Pinkley, ex-WASP, promoted to major, USAF Reserve.



WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Virginia Thompson

Convention: The girls were certainly bubbling over with enthusiasm after the recent North Central - Middle Eastern Sectional meeting in Akron. Our governor, Ada Mitchell, Ann Ash and Betty Fisher felt that it was one of the nicest they have ever attended. How they did enjoy seeing old friends and making new ones.

News flash: Florence Rucker and Richard H. Collins, CAA station manager at Lake Minchumina, Alaska, married April 13. Honeymoon—sunny Florida. Now we know the secret fascination of Alaska. Happy landing, flyers.

Transfer: Florence Robinson to Fairbanks, Alaska, around first of July. Mode of travel—car. Nancy Baker (Fairbanks 99er) flew the Florences' plane to California to be helpful. Wedding bells and Uncle Sam really changed plans for this college day twosome. We are certainly going to miss these two faithful and very fascinating girls. Best wishes.

Welcome: Dora Dougherty, Lamona Cervenka and Leota Feyen visited Dora recently who is doing advanced human engineering research for the Glenn L. Martin Co., Baltimore, Md.

Coming event: American Helicopter Society forum, May 8-11 in Washington. We hope to see all you Whirly Girls. My buttons are bursting—my 49½er is vice president of the Southeastern Region this year.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Peggy Borek

The combined North Central-Middle East Section meeting in Akron, Ohio last weekend was a great success, so I hear. I say, so I hear, because though the weather has been glorious the past two days, it was quite unglorious over the weekend. Haze was so thick you couldn't see 50 feet, and there we were with no radio, an unreliable compass and no visibility. I had to make a decision which I didn't want to make—to call off the trip. The plane did not belong to me and my passenger was relying on me to get here there in one piece.

Margaret Callaway and Elsie McBride, who drove out on Friday, said the meeting was excellent. Promised cooperation for the TAR makes us feel real good. The Washington girls have agreed to take over the Harrisburg stop. The Flint girls, and those from Springfield, with their past terminus experience, are all set to lend a helping hand. With anything as tremen-

dous as the TAR every hand is more than welcome.

Margaret's fussing over the 140, getting ready for the International. With a second place trophy for last year, we expect even better results this year.

Still so disappointed, all I can do is clutch the dress I was going to wear to the dance, shuffle the papers I had ready for the meeting and mumble. Oh, well!



GEORGIA CHAPTER

By Edna Grubbs

Georgia Chapter meeting was held in Atlanta on April 4. Plans were made for a May meeting with hope and help from the weather man. Georgia Chapter will be hostess to the Southeastern Section in September. Parkaire Field, Atlanta, will be headquarters for this section meeting. A definite date will be announced later.

Plans were also discussed regarding new members who have recently acquired a private pilot license.

We failed to list our officers in the year book but want to announce them now—better late than never: Chairman, Kitty Nix; vice chairman, Mary Edwards; secretary, Evelyn S. Greenblatt; treasurer; Carolyn Kennedy; reporter, Edna Grubbs.

In the month of March, Alabama Chapter invited Georgia Chapter to join them in a meeting in Birmingham. The few who were able to accept the invitation reported an enjoyable time.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER

By Estelle M. Bradshaw

The telephone rang the other evening and of all the surprises—Maxine Walker, Rusty Redding and two of their friends had come down from Richmond for the weekend. They came over for cocktails and a warm chat on everything from flying to sport cars, golf and racing.

Just as always when you come to Pinehurst they were torn between three desires: to follow the golf matches at the Pinehurst Country Club, to attend the races at Stoneybrook Stables, or to take a flight and get a bird's-eye view of this section with its beautiful terrain including golf courses, lakes, race tracks, long leaf pines and dogwoods. It just takes longer than a weekend to do everything so plan to stay longer next time.

I hear by the grape-vine that Myrtle Thompson has her helicopter rating. Congratulations, Myrtle.

Hope to see you in High Point at our next meeting.

FLORIDA CHAPTER

By Helen Mennitto

It was a pleasure to see such a good turnout at Irma Price's barbecue supper on April 15. Because it was during the spring holidays, Bev Rowan was able to put in one of her rare appearances. We welcomed our newest member, Maryann B. Shelley.

Since this year marks the 20th anniversary of Amelia Earhart's takeoff from Miami on her last flight, we are making more elaborate plans than usual to commemorate the date, June 1. Gladys Thompson has been designated the official coordinator for the event and she is building up a truly worthwhile program. The ceremony will be held at the Amelia Earhart Field in Opa-Locka, on Saturday, June 1, at 4 p.m. There will be a Marine band, bugler and honor guard, as well as the University of Miami ROTC drill team, on land, and in the air will be a fly-over, dropping poinciana blossoms. Good press and TV coverage has been assured by the enthusiasm expressed for the idea. Many special and important guests have been invited but it is too early to list them as we haven't had a chance to hear from all of them yet.

Yours truly acted as 99 representative to the Jet Age Conference sponsored by the Air Force Association again this year in Miami. The general subject this year was guided missiles and there were a number of speakers from Patrick AFB, Cocoa, Fla.



IOWA CHAPTER

By Alice Pfantz

The Iowa Chapter invited the Upper Iowa Chapter to join with them at Marshalltown on Sunday, April 21, for a dinner meeting at Lloyd's. Bernice Hugelen and her 49½er of the Upper Iowa Chapter flew in from Clear Lake. Helen Flaherty, also of the Upper Iowa Chapter from Ft. Dodge. Ester Neiderhauser of Marshalltown was hostess, but her 49½er was unable to join us because of business at the airport. Leona Hertema and her 49½er from Marshalltown assisted Ester with transportation. One of our new members, Jane Delaney and her 49½er flew in from Burlington. Kitty Hach flew in from Ames. Two planes flew in from Des Moines, Maggie Adkins and her daughter in one, and myself, 49½er, son and daughter in the other. We had a lovely dinner and a good gab fest afterwards out at the airport. Kitty Hach, Helen Flaherty and myself made plans to fly to Akron to the sectional. And what lovely plans they were. I pickel the two girls up

in Ames about 5:00 Saturday morning. After having made at least three 180's and trying just about every direction to get through, we gave up and headed back to Ames, three very disappointed 99 pilots.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Vachout

In April, our meeting was held at the home of Fran Akerlund. One of the things that made it most interesting was a talk by Monty Montgomery. Mr. Montgomery is an instrument instructor and examiner of Aviation Training Enterprises. He spoke on instrument flying and answered any questions that we asked. Hazel Peterson reported that our rummage sale in March was a financial success, which made us all very happy! Helen Budwash and Margaret Johnson, who haven't been able to attend for too long, were present; and it was so nice to see them again. Also welcome a new member to our chapter—Mary Ehrlich. It is nice to have you with us, Mary.

Nita Fineman had just returned from Miami Beach, Fla., and couldn't say enough about the wonderful Southern hospitality. She met and had lunch with Dorothea Vermorel and Helen Mennitto. They helped make her visit a very pleasant one.

Joan Baldwin has recently returned from a vacation in Bermuda. Lucky Joan!

We all send our condolences to Betty Morgan, whose mother has passed away.

Next month, our hostess will be Betty Archibald, and we will meet at Meigs Airport.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Shirley Iverson

Rochester, Minn., furnished two new active flying members in April. Marilyn Williams, who flies a Bonanza and has had her license since November; and Odile Tommy-Martin, a native of Paris, France, who sports a record of 13 parachute jumps, and has just this month received her private pilot license.

Minnesota's best flying weather will soon be here and with daylight saving time our busy gals ought to have much more time to enjoy flying during the beautiful evenings ahead of us.

Jane White and Jean Scheifley are busily making plans for the IAR. There's a team that will give some stiff competition!

Our April meeting was highlighted by a very thorough and friendly tour of the federal weather bureau at Wold Chamberlain Field in Minneapolis. The crew was very patient with us and satisfied our womanly curiosity, which of course demonstrates a lot of effort and interest on their part.

Starting in June we plan to have all the summer meeting "fly-ins" at dif-

ferent airports with contests and prizes. Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

At the May meeting we are going to discuss the possibilities of "Penny a Pound" airplane rides as a money making scheme. Any suggestions that you gals who have tried it could give us would be greatly appreciated.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Elsie Ferich

It was difficult to tell which was Edna Chapin's winning team at the victory party held at Margaret and Eric Windfuhr's home in Lansing on the evening of April 13. Mary Clark conducted a brisk business meeting and then we adjourned to the recreation room to join the 49½ers and guests for cocktails and dinner.

The Michigan Chapter invited some AC friends to the party and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Weckler, Mr. and Mrs. James Lecocq, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham honored us. Bee Trimble promised the ladies a plane ride, and that's incentive for more 99's.

Everybody was glad to see Jean Reynolds present. She has been a busy little girl since James Prins Reynolds arrived on February 1, 1957.

Janey and Phillip Hart attended. They had been to Vermontville, Mich., that morning to crown the queen at the Maple Syrup Festival.

Elaine Smith and her 49½ drove from Austin Lake, and Becky Thatcher and her 49½ were there from Saginaw.

John and Alice Hammond drove from Detroit in a sleek new Dodge accompanied by Betty and Dr. Crook. Betty told me she has sold an article to the Flying Magazine, so watch for it.

There was fly-talk of the sectional and national meetings and the AW-TAR. The film "Cleared for Take Off" put just the right touch to a fun-filled evening.

GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER

By Marjory Farrell

April meeting at Sarah Gorelick's and a delicious dinner was enjoyed by attending members, Laurien Griffin, Katherine Peck, Joan Cayot, Mary Ruth Dietrich, Emily Crew and Marjory Farrell. A short business meeting was held, with Laurien Griffin being asked to represent the chapter at the Springfield, Mo., meeting of the Missouri Pilots Association May 3-4; the name of St. Louis 99 Loretta Slavich was proposed by our chapter in nomination for the outstanding person in promoting aviation in Missouri.

Laurien is also going on a charter to Enid, Okla., that weekend—a busy three days for her!

Sarah is diligently studying these days, preparatory to taking actuarial examinations. She also is doing some tentative studying of the route of the AWTAR, which she hopes to enter.

Dee Southard is thoroughly enjoying her hours of instrument flying as she works toward that rating; putting all that written knowledge into practice is providing her with some of her best flying hours, she says. Her vacation to the Grand Canyon and Phoenix in June will be by low-flying Ford, though, while Betty Siggs baby-sits new dog Simon Silhouette.

Your reporter will be taking off shortly for summer's work at Northwestern, so—have a happy and winged summer!

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Leah Warren

What a busy and wonderful month. Seeing so many old friends and making so many new ones. All of our rain cleared for the date of April 14 and our meeting at Capitol Airport at Springfield, Ill. We had asked Doctor and Deedo Heise to show us Flighty Lady. They were able to make it in from Milwaukee. Then that wonderful bunch from St. Louis flew up 19 strong with 49½er reinforcements. That with our own group of Addie, Barbara, Mary, Marjorie, Betty, Dixie, Florence, Helen Grienke and myself and some huddys of our group, we had a nice crowd. Alice Hammond was at the airport too and got to say hello to some. Gene Abney, our state director of aeronautics, stopped in to see the films. Evelyn Farley, our Illinois Flying Farmer queen, and her husband flew down from Princeton to join us. And we finally got to meet Mary Einheuser, who is a California member living in Springfield now. So glad to have them all and so sorry the rest couldn't make it.

Girls, how about asking your operators if they can teach the AOPA 180 course, if they can, avail yourself of it. If they say no, ask them to contact their state department of aeronautics and find out how they can receive the training. Ask questions about it. It is for the average private pilot and a lifesaver.



TEXAS CHAPTER

The big thing this month was the South Central Section and Texas State meeting held at Abilene April 13 and 14. Thirty-eight members attended, and because of tornado season all made their approaches by car. Everyone enjoyed luncheon at the air base and meetings were held at the Windsor Hotel. Dinner-dance was held at the Cloud Club. Jo Eddleman was awarded the governor's trophy for flying activities from October through March. Jo is from ABQ. The Abilene



Isn't it wonderful! Jo Eddleman of the Albuquerque Chapter (left) being presented the Governor's Trophy for outstanding achievement in the South Central Section by Ruth Deerman, Governor of the South Central Section. To Ruth and Jo—may all your landing be good ones.

Unit won the unit trophy for 100 per cent participation in the flying activities contest of the S. C. Section.

Edna Gardner Whyte, Broneta Davis and Jimmy Kolp were national officers present. Belle Hetzel, past president from Omaha, was there. Every unit of the Texas Chapter was represented. Ardath McCreery, Texas chairman, presided over the Texas meeting and Ruth Deerman, sectional governor, presided over the sectional. Veda Tennent from Corpus was introduced at the luncheon as a charter member of Ninety Nines.

Fort Worth Unit

Fort Worth welcomes Mary Kahak as their newest member. She has just passed her commercial written. Verna Stubbs, Frances Pyland and Mary Kayak drove to Abilene for the meeting. Frances has written an article for the OAS News on women's viewpoint on flying. She recently had one published in Air Facts.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER For Dorothy Morgan

The Oklahoma Chapter's April meeting was at one of our favorite haunts, Ruth Jones and Ida Carter's cabin on Lake Hiwassee, northeast of Oklahoma City, for a business meeting and sack lunch.

A trophy was chosen to present to the best girl pilot participating in the NIFA at Stillwater, Okla., this week. This annual trophy presentation is one of our pet projects and is based on achievement.

Our membership chairman, Beth

Smith, is doing an excellent job in rounding up prospective 99's. Those prospective members in attendance were: June Crosby, Oklahoma City; Jo Ann Morey, Oklahoma City; Betty Black and Fern Yount from Duncan. So glad these girls were with us and hope to have them as new members for our chapter soon.

Our sincere sympathy to Velma Woodward in the loss of her mother this month and hope Dorothy Morgan is feeling better after her little accident. Broneta Davis wasn't with us as she and Edna Gardner Whyte were attending the EB meeting and North Central-Middle East Joint Sectional meeting in Akron, Ohio, this weekend.

Also, Broneta and your NL editor flew low to attend the South Central Sectional meeting in Abilene, Texas, this month. The weather was not according to the Texas Chamber of Commerce, but even Texas can't win them all, and the Abilene girls did a bang-up job in entertaining all of us.

MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER

By Pauline Hawks

The April meeting of Missouri Valley Chapter of Ninety-Nines was held at Fairmont, Neb., April 7, instead of the regular date, April 14, which date was the South Central Sectional meeting of 99's. Cold, windy weather kept the number attending the meeting down to five women pilots, plus three young lady student pilots of Fairmont. Further plans were made for welcoming the girls in the 11th AWTAR at the two stops in Nebraska which will be at North Platte and Omaha.

Those attending were Jan Munkres, Weeping Water; Belle Hetzel and Helen Nestle, both of Omaha; Barbara Anspaugh, Lincoln and Pauline Hawks of Bruning. Visiting student pilots were Shirley Jean Asseln, Geneva; Sandra and Karen Schepers of Fairmont. Others joining the group at Mumbys Cafe for dinner were Marvin Asseln of Geneva, Harold Grundy, manager of Fairmont Airport and Earl Hawks.

After dinner the group enjoyed a film on the progress of helicopters shown by Millard L. Bennett, chief, Aviation Safety of the Department of Aeronautics.

Jan Munkres, Belle Hetzel and Helen Nestle of our chapter attended the South Central Sectional meeting April 12 to 14 in Abilene, Texas.

KANSAS CHAPTER

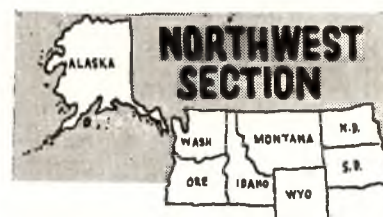
By Helen Chandler

Our April meeting was held at the airport "penthouse" with the visibility on three-fourths of a mile. Lucile and Ray Dienst drove all the way from western Kansas to Wichita for the meeting. Bad storm warnings sent them home in record time, they've had too much bad weather out that way not to pay attention to that

weather man. When he said scoot—they scooted.

Our booth at the Kansas Sport and Travel Show was a great success. About 33,000 people attended the show, and we feel that we contacted practically all of them. It gave us a chance to acquaint a lot of people with the 99's and our functions, as well as being able to contact people who are very interested in aviation. We met several Wichita girls who have their license and are interested in becoming 99's. Will have a coffee one of these days to get acquainted with them.

Margaret Yourdon, Dorothy Speer, Lois Dobbin, Mary and Dick McKilip finally out guessed the weather and were able to take off for the sectional meeting in Abilene. Lucile and Ray Dienst navigated by car, due to the freezing drizzle that was making it's home in western Kansas at that particular time. Everyone enjoyed the sectional, even if the Kansas weather has been a sore spot for pilots—for some time.



MONTANA CHAPTER

By Vivienne Schrank

Those attending the 99 meeting at Bozeman April 13 were Dot Sabo, chairman, Bozeman; Marge Rolle, vice chairman, Billings; Norma Wingfield, secretary, Billings; Pud Lovelace, treasurer, Bozeman; and prospective 99 "Dee" Torgerson, Bozeman. Welcome to our chapter, Dee! And apologies from all of us members unable to attend, to Dot and Pud who arranged the meeting for us.

Donations given from our chapter so far are: \$10 to HQ; \$25 to AWTAR; and \$5 to Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund. Five dollars to NAEC for subscription well worthwhile and brought to light by Orpha Dann and if I have missed something please let me know, members.

Missing items: Mary Jo Janey, Glendive, also did rescue work in their Navion in the search for the lost pilot last February. And that cleared runway at Jordan for said rescue operations possibly saved a Canadian couple (Swift Current) returning from a Mexican Air Tour from a bad landing in deep snow with wheels when they ran low on fuel at Jordan.

Our sincerest sympathies go to Marjorie Logan Rolle in the passing of her father, Dick Logan. Mr. Logan was airport manager in Billings, Mont., for 33 years and contributed much to the advancement of aviation in this

locality. The Municipal Airport has been renamed Logan Field in his honor.

EASTERN IDAHO UNIT

By Esther Stone

The members of the Eastern Idaho Unit of 99's want to share this letter (in part) just received from a new member we are sponsoring from Portugal, dated March 23, 1957.

"I thank you very much for the extreme kindness of your letter and the very honorable offer you propose to me, you and on behalf of the lady fliers your friends. I accept with great pleasure, and I feel much distinguished in this famous 'Ninety-Nines."

"As you ask about my flying history, it is not very long yet. I am 22 years old and I have only 200 hours of flying time. But, as everything from the air fascinates me, I have attempted at the same time, aerobatics, gliding and parachute. And last year, I went to the Parachutist Civil Center of Biscarosse (France) where I got my first degree parachute license. I made a lot of jumps in France, and, to this moment, only one in Portugal, where, as parachutism is just starting now, I had to be granted a special permission of the Air Force for jumping in the Military Parachute Center, as we have not yet any Civil Center. I have the first and only civil parachute license in Portugal. Next summer I hope to back to Biscarosse to complete my parachute course."

Isabel Bandeira de Mello Rilvas
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IDAHO CHAPTER

By Margaret Gigray

Idaho 99's have been busy with a guest night, an unofficial sectional meeting, Wing Scouts, civil defense, and surprisingly enough some flying.

Our unofficial sectional meeting was held last Saturday, postponed once because of weather. Ten 99's attended including Gov. Gini Richardson, Doris Atkinson, Betty Jane Seavy, Mini Boyd, Evelyn Waldren, Barbara Hornback, Laura Conner, Millie Shinn, Helen Higby, Cleone Berry and Polly Stoehr a 99 from Pasadena, Calif., was a visitor. Plans were discussed for a sectional in Portland, Ore., the second week in September. Hopes are high to activate an Oregon unit. Laura Conner was appointed chairman of the nominating committee along with Dorothy Sabo, Lydellen Hagen and Nancy Skinner.

Doris Atkinson and Georgia Myers represented our chapter at the initial meeting of the women in Civil Defense in Boise. We plan to be represented at each of these meetings.

So far Northwest representatives in AWTAR are Gini Richardson and Vivian Schrank. Idaho has a couple of possibilities, but nothing certain yet. Haven't completed the survey on per-

sonalities in the Idaho Chapter as yet, but a quick look shows that Idaho women fly everything from Cubs to Beech Bonanzas . . . nothing in the line of jets yet, however, some are making reservations for the first jet flight out of Boise.



SOUTHWEST SECTION

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

By Jeanne Strahl

Shirley Robinson was hostess at our April meeting—she is currently studying for her commercial rating at Glendale College and will enter the Grand Central Airport Eighth Annual Intercollegiate Air Meet on May 4. Joan Trefethen was present at this meeting and delighted us with her thrilling experiences flying the little aircraft which she built. Joan has three young-uns yet finds time to build experimental aircraft, teach ballet, and if you were fortunate to tune your TV to "City at Night" two weeks ago you would have seen Joan in an ice skating production. What a gal!

Fabulous Las Vegas; Ah so . . . That is—so it was for all of us who attended the Southwestern Section's spring meeting April 27 and 28. Our chapter had the distinctive honor of having the most members present. Trixie Ann Schubert, Dorothy Dancer, Louise Robertson, Babe Story, Jean Ferguson and your reporter flew in to accept the gracious hospitality of the Las Vegas Chapter. It is always an inspiration to chat with Melba Beard, one of the founders and pillars of the 99's; Fran Bera, a winner in any race; and lovely Barbara London, just to name a few.

The May meeting will be a joint dinner and business meet on the 13th. Dinner at the Ram's Horn and business will convene at your reporter's home immediately after.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Edna Penners

Betty Gillies, an amateur radio operator, is dividing her time between the AWTAR and contacts with the bases in Antarctica; she makes schedules which give the men their only contact with their families in the states. She also talks to her son, Pete, who is stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, several times a week.

More AWTAR entries: Ruby Potter and Marian Carver will fly together but they have a little problem to iron out, Ruby has a new Cessna 170 and Marion has a new Cessna 182; Marion also has her instrument ratings, congratulations, Marion! Elsie Smith of Los Angeles and Lois Bartling are sponsored by Republic Van and Storage Co., Inc. They have a problem,

too, Lois has a Bonanza now, as well as her Swift.

Dottie Sanders and Eileen Saunders made enough at their dance, in Jim's hangar, to sponsor themselves and everyone had a great time.

Mayetta Behringer, a new member, has graciously accepted the chairmanship of our annual dance to be held June 22 in the Continental Room of the San Diego Hotel. At this dance a name is drawn for the \$100 the San Diego Chapter gives to a contestant in the AWTAR who doesn't have a sponsor.

Elsie Watson, a transferee from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter is extended a very warm welcome from all the San Diego Chapter.

COACHELLA VALLEY CHAPTER

By Faye Douthitt

We really wish to express our thanks to the Saguaro Chapter for having us



Three Ninety-Nines meet at Desert Air Hotel in Rancho Mirage near Palm Springs. It's only natural that there was lots of talk about the coming AWTAR since each one in her own way is interested in the event. They are Jean Parker Rose of Arcadia, winner of the 1950 AWTAR; Lois Bartling of San Diego, Governor of the Southwestern Section; and Eleanor Wagner of Rancho Mirage, secretary-treasurer of the Coachella Valley Chapter of Ninety-Nines.

to their April meeting. (We made it our meeting also.)

Eleanor Wagner, Zaddie Bunker, Zaddie's sister and friend flew in Zaddie's Navion from Palm Springs. Tig Rye and myself with our guest Phyllis Westcott flew in our Navion. Three girls flew in from Tucson, so there were three chapters represented. We had lunch at the Sky Chef, Phoenix

Airport, and the meeting held in the conference room upstairs afterwards. Each chapter had a Sky Chef place mat autographed by all the girls as a souvenir for their scrapbooks.

Marjy Crowl invited all of us to the glider meet to be held on the second Saturday in June—sounds like lots of fun.

Had such a tail wind going that we really broke records, but the return trip was more up and down than forward. Hope the weather clears up so that we can all meet in Las Vegas.

SAGUARO CHAPTER

By Marjy Crowl

On Thursday, April 18, we were happy to have our regular meeting at noon in lieu of that night in order to enjoy the company of the members of the Coachella Valley Chapter who had planned to lunch in Phoenix that day. Zaddie Bunker, Eleanor Wagner, Tig Ryan, Fay Douthitt and their guest, Phyllis Westcott, Navioned over (in two of them). Were delighted to be joined by Shirley Marshall, Doris Choiniere, Gertrude Gelderman and Loraine Chandler from the Tucson Chapter. Members of our own chapter present were Wilma Bland, Alice Rob-

erts, Bonnie Fugitt, Jimmye Shelton, Frances Wood, Marjy Crowl, Ruth Reinhold and prospective member Thelma Biegert. After luncheon in the Sky Chef Restaurant at Sky Harbor Airport we held a joint meeting in the conference room upstairs in the terminal building. Let's do it again, girls!

Our chapter was well represented at the sectional meeting held at Las Vegas—Jimmye Lou and Frank Shelton Apached Alice and Charles Roberts up; Juanita Nefell had her 49½er, Elgin, Melba Beard and Betty Knier in the 195, giving Betty and Melba a big charge letting them fly; and my 49½er, Cliff, and friend left me at McCarren Field while they proceeded to Temple Beach to spend the week-end fishing. Melba Beard was awarded \$25 for having been a member of the 99's the longest period of time—be sorta' hard to beat, since she's a charter member! Was wonderful seeing all the gals there, but just doesn't seem right to have a sectional meeting and not have Jerry Mickelsen, Ruth Rueckert or Ethel Sheehy there! Miss you—all! And you—all missed the hospitality of the Las Vegas girls.

Nice to have Dorothy Banzhaf, 49½er Bob and her daughter in town

looking for a place to hang their hats when they arrive in Phoenix at end of school term. Bob will be working for Frances and Jim Woods at Sun Valley Air Service at Sky Harbor Airport. Welcome to the Valley of the Sun.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER **By Dorothy Monahan**

March 22, Natalie Bossio took a ride in a T-33 jet through the courtesy of Co. Lee Grover, Air Force Reserve, Hamilton AFB. Reports it was wonderful.

The April meeting and fly-in to Salinas, members and guests were met at the Salinas Airport by Ardell Hauk and daughter, Carol, and Clara Lou Cathey and transported to the Helen and Bill Murphy ranch near Camel Valley. Bill is now stationed at Monterey. After a brief meeting by the swimming pool, lunch was served on the patio. Those flying in were Pat Gladney and guest, Vivian Essler, Eleanor Wortz, Dorothy Monahan, Natalie Bossio and guest, Col. Lee Gover.

Ardell Hauk is busy buzzing with her 15 club students from Ft. Ord. Pat Gladney and Eleanor Wortz, our newest member, doing some week day flying around the San Jose area.

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