

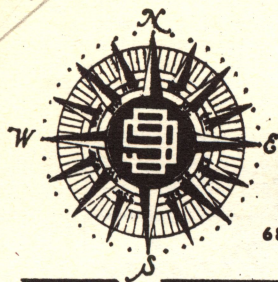
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

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Member at Large

Mrs. Hideko Yokoyama of Tokyo, Japan is our newest Member-At-Large. Thank you, Jacqueline Cochran for our wonderful new member. We are very happy to have you as a member, Mrs. Yokoyama. We would like to hear from you. It may be some time before many of us have the pleasure of visiting your beautiful Japan.

Meet Mr. Weatherbee!

Up in the land of ice and snow far out in the Bering Sea, lives a little man with his weather can and his name...H.P. Weatherbee.

He's a shy little man with gooseberry eyes. His head's very large and He's oh, so wise.

He plays a large part in your life and mine, by making bad weather or making it fine.

He keeps all the storms in a pressurized tin. He sends the winds out and he calls them back in.

He presses his finger on a knob at the top and his choice of the weather comes forth with a pop!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Dear Ninety-Nines:

Welcome, ALASKA CHAPTER. Welcome to the Ninety-Nines. It is indeed a pleasure to have our first chapter in our most northerly territory. We thank Helen Stoddard, formerly with the Texas Chapter, for organizing this new group. The new members are Decema Andresen, Ruth Hurst, Betty Loomis, Patricia McGee, Laurine Nielsen, Helen Snyder, Lois Wise. These seven new members and our two transfers, Helen Stoddard and Margaret Ann Cook, formerly of the Los Angeles Chapter, are all living in or near Anchorage. We have two other Ninety-Nines living in Fairbanks, a "fur piece" from Anchorage. How about starting a group in your part of the country, Florence Robinson and Florence Rucker?

Alaska seems like a second home to me as fourteen years ago (time certainly flies) I spent two of my most interesting years in the Territory, teaching the Eskimos on King Island in the Bering Sea; the Aleuts at Unalaska and Port Graham on Cook Inlet. I'll never forget my first flying experience in Alaska. A most memorable trip in the fall of '40 from Anchorage to Fairbanks via Nome. It was a wonderful flight in that small red Stinson over miles and miles of uninhabited tree covered terrain. As we crossed the Alaskan Range we could look up to the towering Mt. McKinley, massive and snow covered. Sparkling in the clear air it seemed close enough to touch. Then below us the clear flowing Tanana River winding its way to later merge with the muddy Yukon. All this filled your thoughts with excitement in the possibilities of the undeveloped natural wealth passing under us.

Our first refueling stop after leaving Fairbanks was on a Yukon sand bar, Koy, where the store-keeper outboarded our gasoline to us from across the river. Into the air again and out over the Tundra. It was beautiful to behold from our plane - yellows and browns stretching as far as we could see. The ptarmington, already in their winter coats, made a contrasting picture against this background of colors. Except for the one refueling stop we flew for six solid hours without a railroad, airstrip, or even a house tucked among the trees.

One of the loneliest sights I can remember was a CAA Station huddled under a dark stormy sky 20 miles out from Nome, grey-white, choppy ocean on one side, tundra on the other, for a road (two ruts) headed toward the only town, Nome.

Climbing from the ship on the beach at Nome, we patted the faithful engine - thankful that it had so safely purred its way over those 800 miles of wilderness.

That was our last sight of any type of aircraft for over a year. (National Geographic, Jan. '54, has a very accurate account of a year on King Island.) Before returning to the States, I spent a couple of months at Anchorage doing a bit of local flying.

As there weren't any women flying there at that time, you can understand my interest in our first Alaskan Chapter of nine members.

I do wish it were possible for me to personally present you with your Charter, Alaska. It would be like returning home.

Sincerely your friend,

Gerry Mickelsen
President

It is with the deepest regret we announce the passing on of Bobbe Slate, International Airmarking Chairman. Bobbe was killed on take-off from Wichita, Kansas February 9, 1954.

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1954 Competition Now Open For
AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Annual Award

During this twenty-fifth anniversary year of the NINETY-NINES, the Board of Trustees are proud to announce the opening of competition for the Tenth Award of the AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL Scholarship, a living memorial to our first president whose prime interest during her flying career created a permanent place for women in aviation.

An application blank is enclosed with this issue of the News Letter, but we wish to stress the following:

FIRST: The applicant must have been an active NINETY-NINE member in good standing for at least TWO consecutive years prior to September 1953. The records at New York Headquarters are called upon to confirm this information.

This may be your lucky year - so do not hesitate to enter the 1954 competition even though you have applied one or more times in previous years without success.

SECOND: 200 solo hours. The Award being restricted to NINETY-NINE members, in itself, sets up the minimum rating of private airman certification.

The Trustees consider that the FIRST and SECOND requirements set up a fairly stable background to indicate the applicant's sincere and continued interest in aviation but to insure this further we add the -

THIRD: An agreement to use the rating, certification or training acquired through the Award for at least TWO years in the field of aviation, broadly interpreted. Although all but one of the Awards given in previous years have been for flight training, the Award may also be won for other aeronautical studies such as control tower operator, aeronautical engineering, A & E mechanic, meteorologist, dispatcher, educator, etc.

Only for the last few years has the Award been paid fully by the income from the Fund. The first two Awards of \$150 each were generously contributed outside of the Fund itself. Then during the interval of the World War II when no Awards were made, sufficient income from the Fund had accumulated to open the competition for the 1947 Award. In line with constantly rising costs, the amount of the Annual Award was increased in 1948 to \$200.00.

Knowing that your contributions to the Fund have meant hard work and close figuring, the Board of Trustees try to place the Award where it is most merited, thus, the -

FOURTH: The applicant must be earning not less than \$500 annually (indicating that she is contributing to her livelihood) and not more than \$3000 per year (which in most cases would not permit much more than ordinary living costs in the average budget).

Married? The competition is open to married members too. Of course, the Judges must take into consideration her husband's income and her family's status and needs.

APPLICATIONS

Enclosed with this copy of the News Letter.

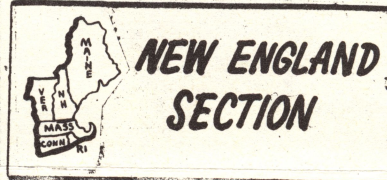
keep in mind that you will be asked:

1. To inclose a suitable photo or large solo snapshot with your application, and
2. To have your application notarized -

and you may inclose a one-page letter of recommendation from your employer or from some other person whose status you consider will be acceptable to the judges.

DEADLINE - Postmarked on or before April 13, 1954.

Jeannette L. Sovereign
Board of Trustees
AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2136 Center Ave., Bay City, Mich.



By: Barbara Cloud

January 22d we met again, at the City Club, for dinner and a business meeting. There were many subjects to be discussed and decided, in that December and February meetings were and are "Socials." Governor Catherine Hiller was unable to attend as she was in Florida. (We envy you, Catherine... real cold and snowy here.) Vice-Governor Mildred Morey is progressing rapidly now after a long session with a leg injury and hopes to be with us soon. Barbara Cloud took over as Chairman and Charlotte Kelley as Secretary. Ninety-Nines and guests present were Rose Abbot, Urchil Wales, Ora Stevens, Phyllis Fogg, Elizabeth Gaines, Polly Fish, Dorothy Hughes, Charlotte Kelley and Barbara Cloud. Wonderful notes came in from almost all the girls who could not attend. Fonda Hyatt, from Rangeley, Maine was enroute to Key West the middle of January... what a marvelous trip that must be! We are pleased to have Nancy Harkness Love transferring to this Section and are looking forward to seeing her at the meetings... next one is Barbara Kiernan's Fund-Raising Buffet-Party in Andover, Mass. Caryl Greene, who got her Private Ticket at Stephens College just before Christmas, is our "brand-newest" member... come June, she'll be with us.

East Coast Aviation, at Bedford, Mass., has offered use of their semi-technical slides of flying for use at a future meeting.

Just a note of interest... England reports only 5,461 private licenses current. MASSACHUSETTS alone has nearly 5000 pilots registered. Of the 5000, Barbara Cloud has compiled a list of more than 150 women pilots... potential 99's?

The Chair appointed a Committee, with representatives from each state, to keep the section informed of any pending aviation legislation. Appointees are:
Charlotte Kelley... Mass.
Mary Ann Lippitt... R. I.
Pat Arnold... Conn.
Betty Cooney... N.H.
Drucilla Rowell... Vt.
Fonda Hyatt... Maine

Charlotte Kelley's 49 1/2er, Atty. Leonard Kelley, offered his ser-

vices as Legislative Council for the New England Section of Ninety-Nines. First legislative action taken by the Section was unanimous approval of a bill proposing a second tunnel from Boston to Logan International Airport.

Ora Stevens informed your reporter that King Field in Easton, Mass., is now officially "on Skis."



Thanks for your prompt response to our request for pictures on your airmarking activities and please be sure to also send in any future ones you have which would be good for publicity purposes. Use these pictures locally first wherever possible because that local publicity in your own state is what is going to do the job of conveying to the public the necessity of the airmarking program -- then send them in to us for use on a national scale.

For those of you who are working on airmarking promotion work, here's an idea that might be of help in your area. The high school manual training or mathematics class, or perhaps some other class where a phase of the airmarking job could be worked in, would be a good group to work on. The layout of the airmarker could be worked in as the mathematical portion of the job with the students doing all the figuring (using the CAA Specification Book as a guide); the templates could be made as the manual training portion of the job; and the actual laying out of the airmarker and the painting could be done as the final follow-through phase of their project.

A school building is usually the best place for an airmarker insofar as being clearly visible by the pilot is concerned so the class could put the airmarker on their own school building. The boys would get their manual training and mathematical work, the town would get their airmarker, and the Ninety-Nines would have promoted another airmarker!

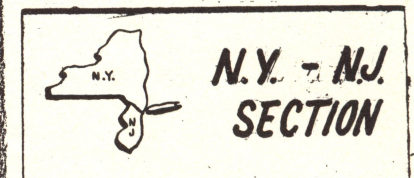
This idea, of course, would have to be approved by the School Superintendent after the approval to airmark the town has been obtained from the Mayor.

If you are also working on Air Age Education, this would also be a good tie-in for that program.

Let us know how it works out in your area -- also, if you have any other ideas that might also work.

HELP A LOST PILOT--IT COULD BE YOU!

Bobbe Slade
Int. Airmarking Chairman



By: Muriel G. Steinel

Sorry we missed the last news letter. Our Christmas party was held at Leone's in New York City. We all came with a good appetite, which is a must when eating at Leone's. The food was delicious and enjoyed by everyone.

The Chapter's next money-making project is that of a rummage sale to be held February 13. Amy Changnon and Mary Ring are co-chairmen.

LAS VEGAS CHAPTER
By: Helen Cannon

Margaret Moore was hostess at our January 12th meeting. The following chairmen were announced: Air-marking, Lela Horn; Civil Defense, Mary Ellen Davis; Membership, Helen Cannon; Publicity, Martha Lundy; Air Education, Martha Lundy; Contest, Clarice Bessent; and News Letter, Helen Cannon.

Lela Horn has spent two sessions with a local Girl Scout troop. She talked over the requirements for a badge, and took them to Sky Haven airport for "personal contact" with planes and airport operations.

Our January 26th meeting was at Martha Lundy's home with Joyce Felling as hostess. Joyce lives in Baker, California and we are especially happy whenever she can get to a meeting. We voted \$25.00 for the YMCA Building Fund Campaign.

SAGUARO CHAPTER
By: Juanita Newell

Bonnie Fugitt was hostess at the January business meeting which was held at the Civilian Defense building. Bonnie showed some very interesting films of the Atomic blasts at Frenchman's Flat in Nevada and a simulated enemy air attack on the U.S.A.

Wilma Bland, Betty Knier, Alice Roberts, Melba Beard, Ruth Reinhold, Babe Williams and Juanita Newell were interviewed on a TV program in the interest of Air Safety. After the interview, a film was shown on the start of the 1952 AWTAR.

Ruth Reinhold is now employed by Mercury Flying Service, Beechcraft dealers, as pilot and saleswoman. Ruth, you know, has probably sold more new and used airplanes than any other woman in this field of work. Ruth started flying in 1933 and has over 7200 hours.

New Year's Day found Wilma Bland and her family out enjoying the sunshine of the new year with a delightful trip to Camp Verde in their Stinson.

Juanita has planned a flight and picnic lunch at Luke A.F. #2 for the 31st of January. Our mild weather should bring out a lot of girls and their husbands for this event.

Melba Beard won first prize in the Civilian Defense program sponsored by Bonnie Fugitt. The second and third prize winners were Marjorie



Crowl and Ethelind Woodhouse, respectively.

Bonnie Fugitt has been exercising the club ship most every Sunday -- and we do have the best ever flying weather, weekends and all.

Lucille Crosby and friend husband recently took a nice trip in their Ercoupe to visit some of their Spanish speaking friends south of the border.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER
By: Adeline Maylen

The January meeting of the Long Beach Chapter was held at the home of Betty Loufek. All the girls were asked to bring their typewriters and a lot of work was accomplished as each girl helped with the addressing of letters for the AWTAR.

The exciting topic of conversation, of course, was the news of our Diana Bixby's world speed record attempt in the spring. We are very proud of Diana and hope she makes a new record. Of course to a pilot like myself, who flies around in a plane like my old Stinson, this flight is really out of this world and very thrilling to hear about.

There were 18 girls present at the meeting at the Long Beach Municipal Airport on January 10th, with the AWTAR Board members for discussion of the race rules. Many good suggestions came out of the meeting. The race has become so large, with so many planes competing, the Board has tried to cover anything that might come up in the race, but of course every year something new always happens which must be settled.

Our February meeting will be held at The Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, 7660 Beverly Blvd., Feb. 19. We will have dinner and an interesting movie as Shirley Blocki is making all arrangements. This promises to be a relaxing and enjoyable evening.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER
By: Rita Hart

For members of the Southwestern Section the new issue of Cockpit Chat by Ann Brenner has a message that will send you post haste to the Airport, a trip map in your hand, a gas credit card in your pocket. Spring is just around the corner, and Las Vegas just over the hill.

Our January meeting was a luncheon at Capitol Inn, Sacramento. There were 20 present, including two guests, one potential Ninety-Nine. Jo Eddleman, our secretary, invited us to Mather Air Force Base for our next meeting. It will be a dinner and dancing at the Officers Club on Feb. 6th.

Margaret and Dick Callaway have been transferred to Fort Worth, Texas. We are certainly going to miss the both of them. Dick has made a marvelous recovery from his accident this summer.

Marguerite Wood flew to Honolulu. She will return to California and prepare to leave with 49 1/2er Robert Wood for his European assignment.

On Jan. 9th, Marjorie Fauth phoned from San Francisco and said, "I am

sailing next Thursday for a tropical isle in the South Seas." Marge is now out on the bounding blue Pacific - and I do mean bounding. She sailed out of the Golden Gate into the worst storm of the winter. Her ship is the Norwegian freighter Thorsisle, with destination Tahiti, Samoa, and the Fiji Islands.

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER
By: Bert Haycock

Our newly reactivated Chapter held our first official meeting January 8 at the home of Marcia Fandrem in Bakersfield. Our members are Mary Elizabeth Sanders, Priscilla Spencer, Marcia Fandrem, all of Bakersfield, Edna Long of Delano, and yours truly of Pond.

Although our membership is on the sparse side at the present time, there is certainly no lack of enthusiasm in our group. We're going all out to "search" our area for prospective members.

We are all especially proud of our Edna Long, who received an award from the National Aviation Association, of which General Doolittle is Chairman, in recognition of her work in 1953 in aviation education in school activities. Edna submitted a prize winning plan for the teaching of aviation in the public school system.

We plan on meeting next month in Delano at Edna's home.

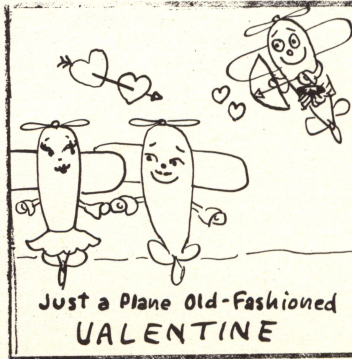
TUCSON CHAPTER
By: Gertrude G. Gelderman

Our January business meeting was held on Monday, Jan. 11, in the studio of Bea Macpherson. Maggie Schock read a letter she had received stating that a group of business men are sponsoring an Air Education Club for boys and girls ages 14-21. Walter Douglas has offered facilities at Gilpin Airport. Mary Johnston has attended one of the Air Squadron meetings and offered the assistance of the Tucson Ninety-Nines.

After refreshments, Mr. Macpherson was invited to show color slides which he had taken at Lawrence of the 1953 Air Race. He also showed slides he had made when he and Bea flew to San Diego and Los Angeles. There were very good pictures of mountains, rivers and coast lines.

These slides are a good aid-to-memory for navigation. There were more slides shown and we enjoyed them all.

Alice Fuchs, instructor for SAC Aero Club at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, helped with the organizing of



an Air meet of this club on Sunday, January 17, at Ryan Field. They had the usual contests: ribbon cutting, balloon breaking, etc., but the most interesting was the wonderful performance of F-86's in aerobatics.

We cordially invite any visiting Ninety-Nines to call on us at any time. Our business meetings are usually on the first Monday of the month.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER By: Anne Rambo

Our January Fly-in proved to be most interesting, with members of the Los Angeles Chapter joining us at Apple Valley for breakfast. More than twenty-six gathered around the table, mixing good food with exciting hangar talk and grand companionship. Clara Davis was in charge of the event; Monie Dye, Los Angeles Chapter, headed that group as their chairman. Old Man Weather was most gracious--sunshine!

Anne Rambo received the "Jimmy Doolittle Award" for "Distinguished Service to Aviation" for her contributions to aviation during the past year.

Back on the job in the Engineering Department at Lockheed is Margaret Standish after an emergency operation for appendicitis. She is feeling fine again and planning on AWTAR in July!

Our Airmarking Chairman headed "the crew" in the painting of the airmarker for Arcadia. Mary Ruth Rance, Chairman, is doing a wonderful job as are all the "faithful" who assisted her on the project. This was our third venture on this type of project.

Our February meeting will be held at the home of Trixie Ann Schubert and our guest speaker will be the fabulous Pancho Barnes, veteran flier of the Southwest. Pancho has her own airport in the Antelope Valley.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER By: Yvette Kovary

At our January meeting, at Christie Warren's new house, our members voted unanimously to sponsor a Wing Scout troop in Santa Monica. Mary Kitson fell in love with the Warren's electric organ, while the rest of us played with the two girl-dachshunds.

Your reporter finally got back to doing some instructing as a 6 weeks replacement for a vacationing instructor. Lasted until Priscilla, my daughter, contracted strep throat and an infected ear. That finished the instructing except for weekends.

Had a swell visit with Betty Lambert in San Diego over New Year's weekend talking Air Races while our 49 1/2s talked sailboats.

Val Warne was also up-in-the-air with Eldora Royse recently, in one of those snappy little Trojans. They are a pair of newcomers who are a real asset to our chapter.

REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER By: Nellie A. Palmer

It is a little late for reporting Christmas parties, but it would not be right not to mention the lovely party we had in December at our Chairman Geraldine Schick's home in Vallejo. We flew into the Napa Airport and were met by Pat Stouffer, and on by car to Gerry's home. A most enjoyable time was spent, and the food was out of this world. Those who missed it, really missed something.

For our January meeting, the girls flew over from Napa and Vallejo to the Sonoma County Airport, where we held our meeting at the Administration building. We had two prospective members as guests, and I am sure they will soon be members of Redwood Empire Chapter. Plans were begun for Airmarking Sonoma County Airport. Work will begin as soon as weather permits. It will be good news for many.

Our February meeting will be fly-in to Ukiah, where our member Meta Pool and her husband manage the airport. Meta is a very busy gal, with instructing and flying charters, but a wonderful hostess. We love to have guests, bring your 49 1/2 - all are welcome.

NINETY-NINE -- CAN YOU SPARE A NEWS LETTER?

For sometime, Headquarters has been trying to complete its file of News Letters - for binding purposes.

Through the generosity of Viola Gentry and Marjorie Gray of the New York-New Jersey Section and Gladys Hartung of Michigan Chapter, we have filled in many empty spaces - but we do need one copy of each of the following:

The Ninety-Niner = #5, 6, 7, 8
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December 1933
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If you have any of the above, will you send them to Headquarters, Room 2, 68 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

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Louise M. Smith, Chairman, 421 Edge-dale Drive, High Point, N. C.

Ruth Shimon, Shimon Drug Co., Poca-hontas, Iowa, Upper Iowa Chapter and retiring Chairman of the International Membership Committee, will serve in an advisory capacity.

Amalie Stone, 107 E. Earl St., Greenville, S.C., Carolinas Chapter, will represent other countries, continuing her contacts made during her "Round The World Cruise."

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WOMEN IN FLYING

According to "Planes," Official publication of the Aircraft Industries Association, there are more than 16,000 women who hold pilots licenses. This is five times the number before World War II. Fourteen times our membership. Majority of these 16,000 are private pilots. Only six hold the Transport Rating Certificate. Five are registered as Glider Pilots. Seven hold the new Helicopter Rating. How many Ninety-Nines hold these last three ratings? If you do, drop me a line. It will make a good publicity item for the Ninety-Nines.

Some of the other interesting facts were: 1900 women operators employed in Federal Control Towers... 1294 ground school instructors... 415 parachute riggers... seven licensed dispatchers... and 66 women authorized to issue Aircraft Airworthiness Certificates.

If all 16,000 have their physical up to date, only 7% of this group is in our membership. Let's do something with this great potential!

Gerry Mickelsen