



THE NINETY-NINES, Inc.  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

# News Letter

CORRECTION: (Attach to page 3 of Roster)

Gorby, Melba (Beard) and Nichols, Ruth should have been listed without the symbol indicating their memberships had lapsed.

Both Mrs. Beard and Miss Nichols are not only Charter Members but have always been and still are ACTIVE members of the 99's.

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Dear Ninety-Nine,

Spring is here at last...or so it seems here in Northern California. -- Wouldn't you know the week I start back to school, the weather breaks clear and sunny... beautiful flying weather, at least during the week. It has really been an "unusual" winter--cold, wet, and foggy, week after week.

I'm back into the full swing of school teaching. My year off already seems like a dream...

Four months until convention time. It doesn't seem possible, does it? I do hope that you are all trying to make plans to attend. This is our high light of the entire year. A culmination of the year's activities and projects, so to speak. We should all try to attend if at all possible. The convention will immediately follow the AWTAR Terminus at Springfield, Mass. The same hotel will serve as Race Headquarters and Convention Hotel Headquarters. This will enable more of you to participate in the AWTAR and still have time to attend the convention.

By combining the convention and the race terminus, more people will be able to attend the Award Banquet and participate in the other activities planned for the racers without additional travel expense from the Race Terminus to the convention site. The Hostesses - New York - New Jersey and New England Sections, are making wonderful plans to entertain and amuse you while in Springfield. We should have the largest attendance ever.

Your Chapter Chairman has received a notice from the Florida Chapter announcing their plans for the International Air Race from Washington, D. C. to Havana, Cuba. The dates set are June 9 - 14. Sounds like fun. Many of the Spring Sectional Dates have been announced. (See important dates.) Everyone sounds like a "must" if you don't want to miss a good time. Attend your Sectional meetings. It is important. Besides it's a chance to fly...a real good excuse to take a trip...visit with your friends, meet other interesting 99's...find out what's "cooking" in other parts of the country. The facts...Sectionals are fun, so be there...and your being there will add more fun. It will be impossible for me (anyway this spring) to attend those meetings

east of the Rockies. Another year...another dollar as the old saying goes.

In my travels to the various Chapters I have heard "we have too much business." Another time I hear, "We don't have enough business." Now I think a happy medium can be reached in this way. Plan your fun meeting and your parties but have a short business meeting either before or after the entertainment. It is certainly necessary to have a business meeting at least every other month. Many times during the year it is hard to cover everything necessary once a month. I do think the business meetings should be short and to the point. It is important to keep a record of your minutes and to read these minutes at your meetings. Have a treasurer's report. Bring up your local Chapter business for discussion and vote by those present. Read all communications from International officers and take the necessary action on fulfilling your part of an International group.

In order to maintain interest in an organization, the organization must have a purpose or goal. Our International organization has a good dozen goals or projects that we promote in many ways. The individual chapter must decide which one or ones that it will concentrate upon. The determining factors are interest of the members and locality of the particular chapter. It is important for an individual to have set goals in order to progress and to be happy. It is equally important for a group of people meeting together to have something that they are working toward. We have in common one of the greatest bonds...being pilots with a love for flying... but it is still not enough to hold our group together unless we are working in unison toward a common goal.

Membership again---to me this is one of our most important issues. We should be 1300, 1400 or 1500 strong. Why aren't we? A year ago, as of this date, March 1, our total membership was 1100 even. Today, March 1, we stand at 1148-- a slight gain....NOT ENOUGH. As of the same date last year we had enrolled 123 new or reinstated members. So far this year we have added to our membership 161 members which is somewhat better. We CAN and SHOULD do better. Concentrate on those new members in this month of April.

How is your Chapter's Fund Raising? Remember, we must have all the money that is to be used toward the 1956 AWTAR by the Deadline of July 30, 1955, THIS YEAR! .. We didn't quite make the \$2,000.00 mark last year. How about doubling that this year?????? See you at the races.....convention. Why don't we all go.....

Sincerely your friend,

GERRY MICKELSEN

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 16 - 17th

South Central Sectional Meeting  
Lake Murray, Ardmore, Oklahoma.

April 22 - 23 - 24th

North Central Sectional Meeting  
Kansas City, Mo.  
Greater Kansas City Chapter Hostess.

April 30 - May 1st

South West Sectional Meeting  
Salinas, California  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter Hostess.

June 9 - 14th

International Air Race  
Washington, D. C. to Cuba, Havana.  
Florida Chapter Sponsors.

July 2 - 6th

All Womans Transcontinental  
Air Race  
Long Beach to Springfield, Mass.  
Ninety-Nines, Inc. Sponsors.

July 7 - 10th

International Convention  
Springfield, Mass.  
New York-New Jersey and  
New England Sections Hostess.

# '55 AWTAR:

## NINTH ANNUAL AWTAR

Long Beach, California to  
Springfield, Massachusetts.

Dates: Impounding deadline:  
June 29th, 1955. Take-off  
0800 PST, July 2nd. Planes must  
cross finish line by 1700 EST  
July 6th. The AWARDS Banquet  
will be held in Springfield on  
July 7th.

The route: Blythe, Calif.;  
Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz.;  
El Paso, Midland and Wichita  
Falls, Texas; Tulsa, Okla.;  
Springfield and St. Louis,  
Mo.; Terra Haute, Ind.; Dayton,  
Ohio; Wheeling, W. Va.; Reading,  
Pa. Both Midland and Reading will  
be required stops.

Purse: First place: \$800;  
2nd place, \$500; 3rd, \$400;  
4th, \$200; 5th, \$100.

In addition to the five main  
awards there will be a number of  
special awards. The first to be  
announced: (1) \$50 cash for  
novice crew, donated by a friend  
of the 99 through the Michigan  
Chapter. (2) Trophy for the best  
novice crew, donated by Chicago  
Area Chapter.

Write to Mrs. Barbara London,  
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Calif., for rules and entry forms.  
Please enclose 25¢ to help defray  
mailing costs.

Betty Loufek, Director  
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AWTAR, Inc.



By: Barbara Cloud

The WINNER of our T.A.R. Clock-Radio Raffle is SHIRLEY MAHN of Falmouth, Mass. Congratulations Shirley! We cleared \$92.25... it was suggested we have another raffle in a few months. The Drawing took place at the City Club the eve. of Feb. 25th when Ted Jarrett was guest speaker to tell us about Springfield's progress and plans for T.A.R. and Convention. We were so pleased to have Mrs. Jarrett as a guest. Jim Quillan, U.S.A.F.R. of Hanscom Field offered to show us the film VOLSCAN. Benjamin Greene, at the Cambridge Research Center, deserves credit for this marvelous system which is used in conjunction with GCA. Others at the meeting were: Catherine Hiller, Rose Abbott, Mildred Simenson, Charlotte Kelley, Page Shamburger, Cora Rowland, Shirley Mahn and her mother, Mrs. Rideout, Polly Fish, Ora Stevens, Chris Seaver (our newest member),

Deed and Max Holcomb (who have just acquired a Fairchild 24), Jeanne Snyder, Florence Comerford, Bertha Ryan, Barbara and John Cloud.

Bertha Ryan received her Master of Science Degree in Aerodynamics at M.I.T. in Feb... Thesis "A Parametric Study in Unsteady Viscous Flow" Now employed as Aero Engineer, Aerolastic Lab., M.I.T. Catherine Hiller just returned from a 3 wks. vacation at Havana and Miami.

Page Shamburger and Cora Rowland are "hitching a ride" to North Carolina on Feb. 3rd, in a DC3 which is, incidentally, the first civilian plane equipped with a Bendix RADAR SCOPE, owned by Octave Blake of the Cornell Dubullier Electronics Co., to pick up Page's new CESSNA 170 to fly down to the West Indies...they plan to take 3 weeks and go via Key West, Camaguey, Santiago de Cuba, Port au Prince, Cuidad Fajardo (Dominican Republic) San Juan, Porto Rico, St. Croix, V. I., St. Kitts and Antigua (British West Indies) ...spend a week at Antigua sight-seeing and gathering writing material. Page and Cora "are real excited" over the trip and we'll be eager to hear all about it when they return.

Shirley and Dick Mahn will roll-out-the-welcome-mat to all pilots on April first when they start operation at Whitefield Municipal Airport, Whitefield, N.H. They will begin with a Luscombe for training and a Stinson for charter and plan an Air Fair for July 3-4 and hope all 99's not participating in the T.A.R. will attend.



By: Ruby Sadtler

Our Chapter is going to have the pleasure of working with the New England Chapter to welcome you at Springfield in July. Our ex-Governor Barbara Evans, who is your most enthusiastic Chairman of the AWTAR Terminus Committee, has already visited Springfield three times, together with Selma Cronan, Kay Brick and Novetah Davenport. It seems there is a lady Mayor at Westfield, named Miss Alice Burke who promises to give us her special blessing as we fly in at Barnes Airport. Also the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce, etc. of

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Springfield will have the flags flying for us.

On January 22, the American Woman's Association sponsored the Eminent Achievement Award Luncheon in honor of Jacqueline Cochran at the Waldorf. It was a lovely affair for a grand person. Attending from our Chapter were Irene Keith, Alma Harwood and Barbara Evans.

Our February 21 meeting was held at the Beaux Arts Restaurant where we were privileged to hear Capt. Masland tell of secret missions to foreign ports during the war. Capt. Masland has a great many aviation firsts to his credit, including piloting round-the-world first flight of China Clipper. We had 28 members and guests present including Cloie Smith, a prospective member who hopes to enter the AWTAR this July. Also present was Charter Member Ruth Nichols whom some of you will recall was named for honors by the International League of Aviators in Paris in 1913. Ruth (now Major Nichols) is spending all her free hours organizing N. Y. State on an aero-medical and air ambulance basis for the CAP.

Nancy Ellis of Australia was married in England February 17 to Arthur Leebold. They are flying a Miles Msgr. back to Australia after a tour of the Continent. Our Eileen Bristol flew over for the wedding.

Betty Boselli, our 99 member in Paris, France is reported to have flown a Mistral jet on a 1000 Km. course at 746.206 Km. per hour on January 26. Wouldn't that be about 468 miles per hour? What a record! Congratulations, Betty.

Joy Marchese is very proud of newly recovered Taylorcraft BL 65 with new Zebra upholstery! Plane is all white with black trim.

Muriel Steinel must have had wings and a rudder on her bowling ball at the Bergen County Golden Pins Ladies' Elimination tournament when she finished second place out of 164 entries -- averaged 173 net score for 18 games.

Arax Simsarian has gone to Europe for three months of skiing, flying, etc. etc. and so forth!

Do start planning to attend the Convention at Springfield this year.

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ALABAMA CHAPTER  
By: Jo Durdin

Although snow was forecast and the temperature was flirting with zero, Grace Bailey, Jan Warrick and your reporter took off in Grace's 195 for Montgomery, the site of our February 12 meeting.

Eliz Gay entertained us royally in her darling apartment. Her job as Child Welfare Consultant requires her to travel throughout eight counties to supervise all services for children in that area. By the time you read this, Eliz will have spent a week's vacation in Washington, D. C.

Also on the traveling list is Meredith Ward who's bound for St. Louis.

We were thrilled to have as our guests: Bennie Ware; Cissy Rainer, Elizabeth Ann Wade, and Alabama's noted Judge, Annie Lola Price.

Congrats to Mrs. Minnie Wade, our new member and our third grandma. Her family is known as the "Flying Wades" and rightly so because there are five pilots (Mr. and Mrs. and three children) who fly their Cub Coupe and 195.

At the meeting, tentative plans were made to earn our \$5 per by selling sandwiches and peddling pop at the forthcoming Air Show. Hope we can have the success that so many of you have had.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER  
By: Dorothy Shackelford

Sitting up in bed writing my Newsletter report, while recovering from a siege of flu, I'm praying our editor will be lenient with the sick if it should arrive a day late.

The past month Dixie would, I'm sure, have made any Eskimo feel completely at home. Freezing rain, sleet and snow have kept the flyers pretty well grounded, openmouthed with amazed delight at first, gradually changing to profound disgust as the novelty wore off. As Edith Long writes, she has passed the time reading of wonderful places to fly as she throws another log on the fire.

One bright spot in the dark of winter has been a card from Maxine Walker returning from a dream vacation in San Juan. She was on board a PAA Clipper bound for Miami. Maxine says she spent a day with 99 Clara Livingston who has a beautiful home in Dorado, Porto Rico. Clara holds the rank of Colonel in the CAP and says she hopes, this year, to fly in the T.A.R.. Sure hope you make it Clara!

Just before this flu bug hit I flew to Washington with my 49<sup>er</sup>, Shack.

had to wait an extra day for the before-mentioned snow to subside before we could come home. Had a wonderful trip in spite of the weather.

Please keep your cards coming girls. I can't write about you if I don't hear and here's hoping with Spring just around the corner, that we'll all be doing more flying in the month to come.



GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAPTER  
By: Betty Siggs

NORTH CENTRAL SECTIONAL MEETING  
KANSAS CITY, April 22, 23, 24

The Kansas City crew is busy now with preparations for the April sectional meeting. Headquarters will be the Continental Hotel, 11th and Baltimore. Reservation cards will be mailed soon, please get them back early.

Flying in? Land at K.C.'s Municipal airport. Tie-down or hangar service available at any of the flying services. Transportation will be available from the Baker Flying Service office Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. If arriving via airline, phone Baker's - Norclay 4611 - to be picked up at the terminal. Taxi fare from Muni to the hotel approximately 75¢.

Plans for the meeting include a Happy Landings party Friday evening at the Continental Hotel. Buffet, and stuff. Saturday morning is open for shopping in nearby Petticoat Lane or the famous Country Club Plaza, or for a tour of beautiful Nelson Gallery of Arts. Saturday lunch will be at the hotel with the business meeting scheduled for the afternoon. Saturday evening cocktails and banquet will be in the Trianon Room at the Muehlebach Hotel. You will enjoy hearing Mr. Evan Evans who is prominent in the field of aviation education.

For visiting 49<sup>ers</sup> we offer an opportunity to see the new K.C. Athletics play Chicago, games are scheduled for Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Request tickets from Miss Dorothy Lyon, 3432 East 46th Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Ticket prices -- reserved seats \$1.85, box seats \$2.50 and \$3.00. Unreserved seats at \$1.25 sold at the gate only. Please send check with ticket request.

Registrations will be taken care of Friday evening and Saturday morning. The fee will be approximately \$8.50, covering the Friday evening buffet, Saturday lunch and banquet.

Plan to come --- get your hotel reservations in early -----

SEE YOU IN KANSAS CITY !!!!!!!!!!!!!

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER  
By: Edith Harmon

Jean Bonar was our gracious hostess at the Mansfield meeting February 20th. Members present were Martha Foley, Jean Hixson, Joan Hrubec, Janice Kuechermeister, Edythe Maxim, Norma Morton, Helen Sammon, Helen Venskus and Edith Harmon. Prospective members were Mary Scheaffer of Medina, Lee Best of Akron, Marilyn Collette of Norton Center and Betty Wertz of Mansfield. Betty has her license but the other three are working toward it -- or have it by now. It was a real pleasure to have as guests former 99s Irma Line and Doris Stiffler and we hope they will soon be flying again!

Marge Gorman was scheduled to be co-hostess for the meeting, but the stork intervened February 14th and her Valentine present was a baby girl. Contratulations!

Ann Ash planned to attend the meeting but was in Washington, D. C. where her husband is now stationed. Sorry to miss her.

A big welcome to our two newest members - Martha Foley and Norma Morton!

A surprise farewell party was held in the Greater Cincinnati Airmen's Club February 2nd to bid adieu to Patti Comer. Patti has left Cincinnati to head her Taylorcraft Texas way where she will set up a new training department for Lichtenstein's of Corpus Christi. Hate to see you go, Patti, but glad you can use your airplane for business.

Joan Hrubec reports meeting Jean Lewis Nellson of Rochester, N. Y. at the Cleveland Airport February 13th. She and her 49<sup>er</sup> were on their way home from a five week flying trip to Mexico.

Rosalie Bracht is on vacation in Kansas City.

Our traveling chairman is somewhere between New York and Cuba (just can't keep up with her!)

Ardith Cutts is now living in Texas.

Meg Berning was re-elected corresponding secretary of the Greater Cincinnati Airmen's Club.

Edythe Maxim was elected corresponding secretary of the Cleveland Women's Chapter of NAA.

Jean Hixson and Jean Bonar are planning trips to Europe.

Arlene Davis spent a few days in Florida basking in the sun.

Jean and Dr. Bonar have a new Cessna 180.

The April meeting for the chapter will be the sectional at Kansas

City. All members are urged to attend.

See you in Cincinnati the weekend of June 11 and 12. Plans for a dance on the ramp and a weiner roast at the hangar are underway. Bring your 49½ and friends!

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER  
By: Harriette Magee

We topped off our February meeting at Meigs Field by voting 3 new members into our chapter: Lois Cassidy, Eva White and Bess Weyant. Welcome to our chapter girls. We also have a new prospective in Jane Acott and it is hoped she too will become a 99.

Jane White, formerly of our chapter and now with Minneapolis flew into Pal-Waukee Airport in her Bonanza not too long ago, and everyone was so glad to see her.

While Phyllis Mottier and Nina Price are trying to escape the cold weather by flying to Florida and California respectively in their airplanes, Syl Roth is heading east. All three of these gals are T.A.R. planning.

Sylvia Roth has added Helen Sailer to her list of 99s that she has checked out in the Stinson, by day, and by nite she is busy instructing in a Cessna 140A. Irene Leverton on the same field has also been doing some nite instructing in the Tri-Pacer as well as ADFing some charter trips.

Those of us who aren't fortunate enough to be flying off in search of warm weather are busy at home preparing for our Achievement Award Dinner this month and our annual rummage sale which will be held on April 2, Hazel Hackwith has worked hard getting things set up now it's up to the rest of us to see that we have plenty to sell and lots of saleswomen.

You will have a new reporter for next month's issue of the Newsletter inasmuch as I'm expecting a visit from the proverbial stork. I'm going to turn my job over to someone else who will bring you the name of the winner of our Achievement Award for 1954.

CENTRAL WISCONSIN CHAPTER  
By: Bernie Voelker

The February meeting was an evening get-together with Nellie Bilstad as Hostess at her apartment in Madison. Nellie says Cambridge, Wis. is her home, but she resides in Madison. Chairman Ethel Christensen presided and much business was discussed. Bernie showed Kodachrome air pictures which were taken while she was piloting a T-Craft with said pictures taken by Jack Mansfield, son of University of Wisconsin baseball coach, Art "Dynie" Mansfield. Avis Peterson of Baraboo brought with her another future 99, by name of Dorothy Faulkner, who is in the process of getting her application blanks filled in.



ADMIRING THE CENTERPIECE  
at the Akron Meeting in November  
Akron, Ohio

Left to right: Alice Hammond, Virginia Ahseford, President Gerry Mickelsen. Prospective members, Marilyn Collette and Lee Best

Lois Joyce still is in Oklahoma and Isabel Myrland in Texas, but all will be home in time for the March meeting - PLUG! I'm hostess.

After delicious drinks and dessert, the clock said it was midnight and time to leave. Time also flies when we have our meetings.

UPPER IOWA CHAPTER  
By: Betty Barton

The February meeting was held at Pocahontas, Iowa with Ruth and Albert Shimon as host and hostess. After a very lovely chicken dinner was served by Ruth some slides of their trip east were shown and a film on deep sea fishing in Mexico. The rest of the afternoon was spent in hanger flying by the fellows and a general visit with a little business by the girls. Further discussion on the flying contest was made along with some nomination business.

Bob and Beulah Smith flew in from Forrest City picking Marie Blank up along the way. Bernice Wilson and 49½er from Waterloo, Ia, Irene Dalbly and 49½er from Des Moines, Helen Flaherty, yours truly and of course the host and hostess, Albert and Ruth Shimon.

The March meeting will be held in Spencer, Ia, 3rd Sunday, yours truly hostess and the April meeting will be held at Boone, Ia. with Jean Wildman as hostess.

INDIANA CHAPTER  
By: Rae Cawdell

Our February 20 meeting at Bakalar Air Force Base, Columbus, Indiana, was well attended by members and 49½ers. It was a real pleasure to

have with us Eloise Smith or Kalamazoo, Michigan, Governor of the section, and Dorothy Woodhams, last year's winner of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award, also from Kalamazoo.

Among the several matters brought up and discussed during the business meeting was the 1956 convention, the Amelia Earhart Scholarship fund and the forthcoming AWTAR. Terre Haute will be an official refueling stop and many of us expect to be there to welcome the girls who will make a stop in that city. Jessie Von Leer of Terre Haute will be asked to serve as chairman of the coordinating committee and will be assisted by Tannie Schlundt and Mary Sprenger. Delia Sanders will head up a committee on fund raising ideas for the following year's AWTAR.

Possible candidates for next year's officers were discussed and voted on. Jane Ackors was elected to serve on the International Nominating Committee and Mildred Hurt on the Sectional Nominating Committee. Olive McCormick was appointed to act as chairman of a committee to check on the Constitution and By-Laws with respect to any recommended changes or revisions thought necessary.

It was decided that the film "Cleared for Take Off" would be well worth seeing and worth the nominal charge. Consequently it was voted to make it a part of our March program, if possible. The March meeting will be in Evansville.

After the business meeting, which I forgot to mention was held in the Officers Mess, Col. Herbert O. Hamilton, base commander, welcomed the 99's and spoke briefly on the activities at the base.

Then came lunch - and such a lunch. Roast duck with everything - except "under glass". The open

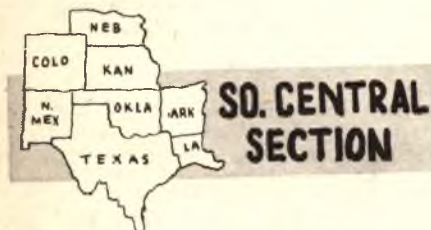
fire lent warmth and cheerfulness - in contrast to the outside atmosphere. It poured rain all day long. But the rain did not prevent the planned for, and most interesting, tour of the Base. We all expect to take advantage of the invitation to visit there again in the near future.

Learned from Tannie Schlundt that she had a nice chat with Jean Nellson last week. Jean and husband were on their way home to Rochester, New York after a five week trip to Mexico in their 170. Tannie just happened to be at the airport when they made their stop.

#### WISCONSIN CHAPTER By: Ruth C. Lembke

Wisconsin Chapter of the 99's met at the home of Elsie Peters for February. Elaine Francke was there for the first time in too long a time. All were delighted to see her. Dora Fritzsche and Toney rounded out the group as the national nominations were selected and sent off.

Deedo Heise was off with Dr. Herm to a medical meeting at Longbeach, California, where he had a paper to read. The Helses find their flying such a convenience when it comes to the doctor getting places to read his medical papers to professional groups.



#### KANSAS CHAPTER By: Lois Dobbins

The Kansas Chapter has established a BOBBE SLADE MEMORIAL FUND in memory of "Bobbe", who took her last flight about a year ago. At the time of her accident, Bobbe was International Chairman of Airmarking, a safety program for which she had worked diligently and was most enthusiastic. The fund will be used to purchase paint and brushes, etc., for furthering the airmarking program in the State of Kansas, and also to further air age education, in which Bobbe was very interested. In this way, we hope to carry on Bobbe's favorite project until we have all of Kansas airmarked. Five 99 trustees will administer the fund. Anyone wishing to contribute may send their contribution to the Bobbe Slade Memorial Fund, c/o Fourth National Bank, Wichita, Kansas, or to Margaret Yourdon, Kansas Chapter Chairman, or Ama Lee Jameson, Chairman of the Fund.

The newly organized Wing Scouts of Wichita have named their troop the "Bobbe Slade Wing Scout Troop", in honor of Bobbe. Margaret Yourdon and Dorothy Speer report that the girls are very eager to learn about aviation.

Helen Chandler, Airmarking Chairman for Kansas, has been spending her winter evenings plotting and planning our airmarking campaign on unmarked Kansas towns. With everyone checked out on layouts, etc., small groups can work in various corners of the state, thus accounting for more airmarkers. We airmark when we gather for our monthly meeting, (be surprised how much business you can take care of while slapping yellow paint), then on an alternate Sunday, another airmarking excursion is arranged. Usually try to get at least two towns in one day.

Margaret Yourdon and her 49½'er flew down to New Orleans recently to an AG grocer convention. Margaret reports a wonderful time, and she and Alice Cagle of New Orleans went for a sight seeing tour about the country in the TriPacer.

Anne Waddell flew down to San Antonio, Texas, for the Texas 99 meeting recently, with the usual headwinds, both ways. Ama Lee Jameson attended the Nebraska Flying Farmers Meeting at Columbus, going up in 2:00 and coming back in 3:30. Kansas may not have moisture - but winds we got.

February meeting was held at Phila Knitig's ranch at Rexford, Kansas. Everyone who attended had a real "western" good time. This writer was grounded for a little surgery and missed the fun.

Plans are under way for a good Birthday Party March 12th, and we're having our annual rummage sale the same day. Dinner is to be held at our new airport, in the Dobbs House dining room. We're looking forward to a big turnout, and hope to see some out-of-staters among those present.

#### MISSOURI VALLEY CHAPTER By: Jan Munkres

The Missouri Valley Chapter of the Ninety-Nines held their February 20th meeting at Ralston, Nebraska at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Phelps. Rosemary had prepared a very delicious luncheon and Mr. Phelps entertained the 49ers upstairs in his den with Hi-fidelity while we 99's held our business meeting downstairs. The business meeting was very short. Due to the weather our Chairman Helen Moore and Secretary-Treasurer Pauline Hawks were unable to fly in.

The Jack Wilsons, formerly of Council Bluffs, Ia., now of Waterloo, Ia., were visiting Neil and Jan Munkres so were able to attend the meeting. Bunny reported that they had attended several of the Iowa meetings which they enjoyed very much, and commented that they liked the way the meeting places were handled. It seems that each girl takes her turn and entertains in her home, serving lunch as Rosemary entertained us today. Makes for a chummier get together. How about it in the future girls, like the idea?

Those present, all driving in were: Laura Russell, Belle Hetzel, Helen Nestle, Dr. E. F. and Janie

Bay, all of Omaha. Dr. and Janie braved the elements sitting at the Airport waiting for any late arrivals, if any, as it snowed and the wind whistled shrilly across the runways. Needless to say no one flew in. Jack and Bunny Wilson, Waterloo, Ia. who had been on a short vacation to Missouri. Neil and Jan Munkres of Weeping Water, and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Hanker of Laguna Beach, Calif. Helen Sutton was a guest of Rosemary's and we hope will become a 99.

On behalf of the 99's, 49½'s and guests I wish to thank Rosemary and her 49½'er for a most enjoyable day, and know that those that were unable to attend on account of the weather are regretting not being able to join us.

#### COLORADO CHAPTER By: Donna Myers

Heard big business meeting on February 4 at the home of Dot Young - through the cold and snow and sleet the following gathered together and toasted themselves well before a roaring fire; Frances Tepper, Clara Lemons who braved the storm to come down from Boulder, Sarah Gorelick, Marilyn Nordstrom, Margaret Hughes, Donna Myers and we were mighty pleased to have Rusty McLean here from the western slope. Rusty had flown in some mining men for a mining convention here in Denver. It had been about two years since we'd seen Rusty. She is flying for a uranium company out of Grand Junction.

In the absence of our chairman Mary Wenzholz, who was vacationing in Mexico City with husband and family - the vice-chairman, Frances Tepper conducted the meeting and a fine job she did in strict accordance with Mary's outline of the business to be transacted.

Thank you letters for the Christmas donations were read; also a report of the Christmas party; committees were appointed to work on a resolution to be presented to the Resolutions Committee; Margaret Hughes was appointed to contact three Denver teachers who had received Education awards for the NAEC at St. Louis the latter part of February; the AWTAR donation was decided upon; nominations were made for the international officers, and a committee appointed to take care of same; an airmarking committee was appointed, with members throughout the state on the committee; a telephone committee was appointed to assist courtesy chairman Claudia Perry. Lots done in a short time.

Refreshment Chairman, Marilyn Nordstrom did a fine business, with the aid of 49½'er Paul Young and Dottie served cheese and crackers to go along with the refreshments.

The entire chapter feels the loss of Claudia's mother, Mrs. Zeiger, who had entertained us many times along with Claudia in their home. Our most sincere sympathy to Claudia.

With the spring months in view, the chapter hopes to get in some flying meetings, although we seem to be having a delayed winter at the present time.

**TULSA CHAPTER**

By: Eleanor Heath

February has been a busy month for the Tulsa Chapter. In anticipation of the TAR "stopping" here next July, we obtained the film, "CLEARED FOR TAKE-OFF" and showed it to as many aviation groups as possible--the Jaycees, Aviation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Unit of WNAA, and the Flying T-Towners. We appealed to each group for help when the TAR comes through and received a very gratifying response. The film was also shown on TV following the evening news telecast.

Our February 13th meeting was a fly-in meeting at Western Village--with no fly-ins. The weather turned sour and out-of-town guests (who included Governor Anne Waddell) could not attend. In spite of the weather we had an excellent meeting with good attendance. Had a total of 20 including 8 49ers. Members attending were: Dorothy Rice, Fay Mefford, Mary Scally, Eleanor Heath, Lala Whitney, Peggy Snyder, Tissie Lawrence (just got her private), Faye Sullenger, Ruth Banfield, and Lois Martin, and guests Jane Pan Kratz and Mary Faulkner.

We had lunch in the Longhorn Room. The 49ers were taken on a tour of the Village while we held our business meeting. Then we all saw the TAR film and the husbands received their 49er membership cards.

Membership Chairman, Dorothy Rice, reports a total of 13 members now -- we are very proud of our growth since our reactivation last October.

We plan to hold a dance the latter part of March--"in honor of the treasury". March meeting will be the evening of the 10th at WV.

Fay Mefford is trying "her darndest" to get a sponsor and enter the TAR in her 140.

**TEXAS CHAPTER**

Ark-La-Tex Unit

By: Barbara Williams

Our February dinner meeting was held at the attractive new Mimosa Inn on the shores of Lake Gladewater, with two special guests attending -- Virginia McJilton and Margaret Jenkins of Gladewater. Ninety-nines present were Marie Barnes of Kilgore and Barbara Williams of Gladewater.

Marie reports that her sister, Joyce Bander, plans to learn to fly soon. We're hoping she gets her private license fast so we can get a new member.

Our January dinner meeting took place at the New Airport Restaurant, Shreveport. After the dinner Mildred and Robert Carney took us up to the control tower for a brief visit. Others attending the dinner were Essie and "Doc" Hollis and their little daughter Shirley, Marie and Marcus Barnes and Barbara and "Slush" Williams.

We'll meet at the new Skyways Restaurant at Gregg County Airport on Tuesday, March 15.

**EL PASO UNIT**

By:

We have had a very exciting month of activities. Ruby Hayes has left for her 'round the world tour and there have been many bon voyage parties in her favor. She will be gone three months, and we will all be anxious to hear about her trip when she returns.

Alma Harwood has spent several days in our city, and all the local 99's have enjoyed her visit very much. Alma arrived here from Mexico City.

The 99's sponsored a breakfast flight to Las Cruces, New Mexico, and about twenty-two planes arrived there. The weather was perfect, as usual, and everyone had a good time.

Our last meeting was held in Las Cruces, New Mexico, at the home of Lela Carwardine. Lela served luncheon to the many Ninety Nines who flew up in their cars. The weather bureau had threatened us with a blow for that day. Anyway, we had sunshine a-plenty.

**TWENTY-SIX TROPHIES  
BY TONY PAGE**

In 1926 Edna Gardner Whyte learned to fly and when licenses came into being (1928) she drew #4013! Now of course she holds a Commercial #20,000. To think of all those hours in between! Edna has 11,380 flying hours, holds single engine land and sea; multi engine land; instrument; instructors; helicopter, ground and Link!

Part of those hours she gathered while teaching students how to keep their neck in a swivel, tires on the runways and wings straight & level. Sure enough 248 students have been solo'd by Edna, since 1950 - back when a bowl of beans was a six course dinner. Since part of those hours were in Louisiana, maybe we should have said "poor boy sandwiches". Of course pilots and instructors ate in those hungry days, if they had enough students.

Edna didn't have to go hungry--she's a Registered Nurse - but she loves FLYING.

During World War II, Edna taught all courses but mostly instrument with the Civilian Pilots Training and War Training Programs. When the military said they had enough pilots, she got a commission in the Army Nurse Corps and was on duty (So. Pacific) eleven months

(11 count 'em) after the war. Her speciality is Polio nursing.

In 1945 she resigned from the ANC and returned to her love, FLYING. Her main ambition now is to interest more people in the pleasure of plane transportation and clean sport.

Naturally her hobby is flying and keeping her charming husband happy. She does both by being chief pilot and instructor at Dalton Aviation Service, Flushing, Michigan.

But back to those 26 Trophies! Isn't this a list anyone would be proud to own?

**REPEAT 26!**

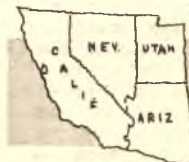
- 1930: Won OX-5 Race, Racine, Wis.
- 1932: Won All Womans Air Race, Revere Beach Airport, Boston.
- 1932: Won Kate Smith Trophy Race, Roosevelt Field L.I. N.Y.
- 1933: Won Men & Womans Relay Race, Springfield, Mass.
- 1934: Won Annette Gibson Trophy Race, Roosevelt Field, L.I. N.Y.
- 1934: All Womans Air Race, College Park Airport, Washington DC
- 1934: Won Men and Womans Closed Course Race, Baltimore, Md.
- 1934: Won All American Air Race for Women, Miami, Fla.
- 1937: Won the Alcarzar Air Race for Women, Miami, Fla.
- 1938: Won the All Womans Air Race for Women, Miami, Fla.
- 1939: Won the K.K. Culver Trophy Air Race, Miami, Fla.

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- 1935: Placed 3rd in National Air Races for Women, Cleveland.
- 1936: Placed 5th in National Air Races for Women, Cleveland
- 1937: Placed 3rd in National Air Races for Women, Cleveland
- 1947: Placed 3rd again, same as above.
- 1951: Placed 3rd in AWTAR, Calif. to Detroit

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- 1953: Won the International All Womans Air Race, Welland, Canada - New Smyrna, Beach FLA
- 1954: won-Sky Lady Derby, All Womans Air Race, Raton N.M. - Kansas City.



**SOUTHWEST SECTION**

**DAY CITIES CHAPTER**  
By: Maxine Carlson

Twelve members and three guests enjoyed dinner at Ruth Rueckert's home in San Francisco at the February meeting. The attending members were: Eleanor Bjorkman, Miriam Brugh, Betty Budde, Gladys Davis, Marjorie Fauth, Rosemarie Gehling, Geri Hill, Helen Kelton, Lorene Misener, Ruth Rueckert, Dorothy Whiteman and Mabel Zehr. Marsha Rueckert, Jane Bryant and Kay Case Nidick, who was a member

from 1932 to 1935, were the welcome guests.

The twenty-third anniversary of the Bay Cities Chapter will be celebrated with a potluck dinner at the Odd Fellows Hall on Main Street in Redwood City on March 25.

Margaret Gerhardt and Rosemarie Gehling took advantage of the long Washington's Birthday weekend to go skiing.

Lindy Boyes flew to Mexico for a ten day vacation.

Geri and Frank Hill will soon be in their lovely new home-with-a-view in San Carlos.

The members of this chapter wish to extend their sympathies to Helen Menefee Harrison who lost her mother in February.

#### SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER By: Frances Dias

Our members have been co-operating beautifully with the California Chamber of Commerce. Every time the sun pokes its head out they are off and gone.

Ev and Walt Hendley feeling in the mood for a cup of coffee, gathered up a gentleman friend and hopped over the hill to beautiful Half Moon Bay. (A few miles from San Francisco.) The friend was positively enchanted to think that here he was drinking in the beauties of the broad Pacific and a cup of coffee when a few minutes before he was on the ground in Modesto. It was his first air-plane ride.

Jean and Tony Vincent spent a delightful weekend at Wonder Valley. It's located in the lower Sierra Nevada Mountains. Has a nice strip and lodge. Jean is planning for a Chapter overnite flight there in April.

Laura May and Gene Crawford, Hazel and Zim Zimmerman Bonanzaid to Las Vegas and the following day flew to Parker, Arizona as part of the Modesto Airmen's overnite flight. Ev and Walt Hendley Stinsoned down to join in the fun.

Hazel Zimmerman Airlined to St. Louis to spend a couple of weeks with relatives.

Irmyl Fitzgearl was asked to put on a one-woman fashion show at the Porterville Airport for several hundred people. Last year she took an 85 year old lady for her first plane ride and this year the lady wanted to know what the proper clothes were for ladies who fly. They couldn't have asked anyone more suitable, since Irmyl always looks like she just stepped out of Mademoiselle instead of her Cessna.

Our February meeting was held at Merced. We had lunch at the Pine Cone, and then to Kay Dray's house for the meeting. The "unusual" weather was good but the "flu bug" was bad, keeping some of our members at home. Those attend-

ing were Kay Dray and Ethel Heiland of Merced, Laura May Crawford of Hughson, Marie Serpa of Stockton, Frances Dias of Newman, and we held one proxy from Irmyl Fitzgearl of Porterville. We had a fine meeting with plans being made for the months to come and making the nominations for Sectional and International Officers.

As soon as the weather is real good we will plunge into our Air-marking again and expect to do great things.

On March 13th we plan a big picnic fly-in to Oranges Airport in Stockton. All Chapters are invited to attend. Marie Serpa is hostess. In May we are planning our annual rummage sale.

Our Chapter is making a mighty splurge in selling subscriptions to Cross Country News. In one week Marie Serpa sold 10 subscriptions and if everyone works real hard we will make our 1956 TAR pledge with practically no pain. We love Tony Page for giving us this opportunity to raise the money and urge all Chapters to use this means.

Marie and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ er George and 24-3/4 Mary Louise flew down from Stockton to attend the meeting and also came to Modesto to attend a dinner given by the Modesto Airmen's Ass'n at which the 99s were honored guests.

Ev Hendley, Laura May Crawford and Billie Wyatt and 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ers were also present. The flu bug was at work again.

Ethel Heiland is working like mad for commercial ticket and then will be shooting for her instructors.

We have several prospective members in sight and hope to have them in come Spring.

Claire Hale from San Diego was a very welcome guest at Fran Dias'. What a wonderful gab session they had!

#### REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER By: Anna Brenner

FLY and tell everyone about the 99's.

Flight Chairman of all Southwestern Chapters -- Please contact Anna Brenner, 6011 Redwood Highway North, Santa Rosa, telephone 5760, should you need or want your quarterly flight reports.

Santa Clara Valley Chapter will be hostesses for the SPRING SECTIONAL on April 30 and May 1st, at Salinas Airport. PLAN TO ATTEND-IT'S ALL FUN!

#### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER By: Dottie Sanders

#### CHAPTER CALENDAR

April 15 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM, Home of Betty Lambert.  
April 30-May 1 Southwest Sectional Meeting, Salinas, Calif.. Sponsored

June 18

by Santa Clara Valley Chapter.  
Annual Aviation Ball, 9:00 PM - 1:00 AM, Manor Hotel, San Diego, in honor of AWTAR Contestants.

Our February meeting was held in the home of Thelma Bishop on Friday, February 18, Thelma did herself proud by serving us champagne cocktails and a wonderful ham buffet dinner.

Jean Cousins was welcomed as a prospective member. She is originally from Chicago and has a Commercial, with Flight Instructor Rating and 1500 hours to her credit.

Final plans for the Aerial Picture Hunt were made, and mimeographed rules and entry forms were distributed for coverage at all airports and to each Chapter in the Southwestern Section.

We are glad to announce a new 24-3/4'er -- not a prospective Ninety-Nine, however, since it was a boy -- Benjamin William Young, born to Mickey and Bill Young on December 31. He weighed 7 lb., 15 oz. Congratulations, Mickey and Bill.

Betty Gillies reports a wonderful and "heavenly" vacation in the West Indies the first two weeks of February.

The first of San Diego Chapters members to announce that they will participate in the 1955 AWTAR are Ruby Potter and Claire Hale, and they have a sponsor, PALOMAR FOODS, who are processors, manufacturers and distributors of Pickles, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressings, etc. They grow, process and pack PICKLES, as well as distributing them. They are the only pickle processing plant in San Diego County and are a member of the National Pickle Packers Association. So, gals, watch for PALOMAR PICKLES!

#### SAGUARO CHAPTER By: Juanita Newell

The January Fly-In luncheon at the Casa Blanca Resort Lodge at Scottsdale was a huge success. Melba Beard hosted the event. Mrs. George Borg, of Borg-Warner Corp., owns this lovely place, and was there to greet us along with her Bonanza "The Flying Saguaro".

Bonnie Fugitt held the February business meeting at the Civil Defense Headquarters. Following the meeting Bonnie showed two films, "Are You Safe at Home?" and "Time of Disaster".

Doris Glina has been doing considerable flying around our valley; since this part of the country is new to her all flights are most interesting.

Marjorie Crowl had a nice chat with Alma Harwood by phone. Alma called from El Paso while enroute from a vacation in Mexico City to her home in New York.

Wilma Bland and husband Bill, have recently made several trips to Camp Verde and Tucson to visit with their families.

Alice Roberts has been flying hither and yon in the family Bonanza. They have had trips to the Los Angeles area and up in the northern part of Arizona where the skiing is in full swing and the temperature - 14° in this "sunshine state". (We are sunbathing here in the valley in a balmy 72°.)

Alberta Hunt from the Utah Chapter visited with Alice for a few days this month.

Camille Shapely is back in the air again after a long illness, and is planning some real nice trips for family Ercoupe.

Jimmy Lou Shelton and husband, Frank, spent a week's vacation in their Apache. They spent some time in Portland, Oregon and Vancouver, B. C.

Jimmy Lou also reports that she has been notified that Mr. Weber, mgr. of the Sky Riders, will have rooms for the racing girls that stop by here--gratis, too. Also, the Sky Harbor Kivans will have a patio party for the girls around the swimming pool of the same motel. Incidentally, the Sky Riders is located right at the airport and it is modern in every detail, besides being close to the Weather Bureau and Communications.

**SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER**  
By: Trixie-Ann G. Schubert

Motion pictures were chief on the agenda at the Valentine meeting at the Schubert home. Twenty-five gals from our chapter and guests from the Los Angeles chapter watched the fascinating seven reels of color film Betty Glaser took on her recently completed round-the-world flight. Betty animated the film with a spoken travelogue of her trip.

Three prospective members of the chapter attended, two as guests of Dot Dancer. They are Norma Wilcox, Renee Brown, both flying at El Monte airport; and Dorothy Fowler, of Altadena.

Back in the 99 fold is Margaret Sturges Jepson who missed the holiday meetings because Robert William, 9 lbs 4 oz. arrived December 27.

Jean Parker has spent three-fourths of her time since October, uranium prospecting through New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, and California. She's been flying "Down low by the sage brush, getting up before dawn, and working harder than I think I ever have before." Jean has acquired a Super Cub (going to sell her Cessna 140); with that and an airborne scintillometer she has filed 30 uranium claims in various county courthouses.

So enthusiastic is she, that Jean and Rex Rose have begun the Airborne Survey Company which operates from 322 N. First St., Arcadia.

Chairman Clara Davis extends an invitation to the Long Beach and Los Angeles chapters to attend a tri-chapter dinner meeting in March; time, place, and program to be announced by mail.

**SACRAMENTO VALLEY CHAPTER**  
By: Ruth Wagner

Our forthcoming plans to give local science teachers an air tour of the Sacramento area are really showing great promises. This project, sponsored by the Sacramento Valley Chapter, is developing into a sizeable affair. There are, at present a list of 135 interested passengers. This event, which takes place Sunday, April 17 already indicates that we gals will really be burning the hi-octane.

Also along the line of Aviation Education, a request has been received from Coral Bloom, Air Age Education Chairman, asking our co-operation in support of Assembly Bill 3388, which clearly defines the Aviation Education function of the California State Department of Education. This bill will replace the old 1945 law and establishes the basis for a co-ordinated program at all age levels.

Everybody was real excited to hear from Jo Edelman who moved down to Albuquerque some months ago. Since establishing a home, Jo has been busy contacting other women flyers in the area, and has written for information relative to re-establishing an active Chapter in Albuquerque. Lots of luck Jo!

Your pinch-hitting reporter attended the CAA Medical Examiners' Conference in Los Angeles, last February 20th and 21st with her 49½"r, and was fortunate to be included in a tour of the Lockheed Aircraft Plant, where we were shown the complete assembly steps of a Lockheed Constellation, a most fabulous operation. But even more exciting was a first-hand description of flying the XFV-1 POGO, by the craft's test pilot.

## Survey Shows Civilian Aircraft Play Important Role in Military Aviation

The civil planes produced by America's aircraft industry sometimes play a dual role. As part of the nation's civilian air fleet, they serve to preserve U. S. domination of world airways.

Less well known is the fact that they frequently take their places as important elements of U. S. military air power.

Dozens of civil aircraft models, developed with private funds for commercial uses, have occupied important elements of U. S. military air power.

Dozens of civil aircraft models, developed with private funds for commercial uses, have occupied important niches in the gallery of military aviation.

### WIDE RANGE OF TYPES

These planes range from patrol bombers to amphibians, from trainers to cargo transports, from helicopters to liaison planes.

They have one thing in common:

Each was designed and produced initially to perform key civilian tasks. Their performance was so high, or their adaptability so great, that they later were purchased for use by the military.

A recent survey shows that since the mid-1930's at least 54 different models of these commercial-type planes have been purchased in quantity by the Armed Forces.

### SEVENTEEN MODELS IN SERVICE

In fact, 17 types are still in service today with the Air Force, Navy and Army.

The 54 models include 11 liaison types produced by nine different companies, 17 light transport types built by 12 different companies, eight big cargo transport types built by four different companies, seven training types built by five different companies, seven types of helicopters built by five different companies, two types of amphibians built by one company, one type of autogyro and one type of patrol bomber.

Throughout aviation's history, civil aviation has contributed to the advancement of military aviation, just as military developments have led to increased safety, dependability and performance of civil aircraft.

The privately-financed research and development undertaken by the aircraft industry, both for commercial and for military purposes, plays its part along with Government-financed research and development programs in contributing to the advancement of all aviation.

## PLANE VIEWS

Zoologists in Alberta, Canada, use helicopters to trace migratory habits of buffalo. Hovering low over herds, aircraft crew members "brand" the animals with squirts of paint from a gun.

America's scheduled commercial airlines offer more air lift capacity than the rest of the world's air carriers combined.

## ATTENTION!

Any Ninety-Nine interested in bidding for the stenotype job for our International Convention Meeting please submit your bid for the job to Deedo Heise by May 1st, 1955.

### JUST A REMINDER:

Bids for the 1956 Convention must be sent in not later than June 15, 1955 this year. If you are planning on bidding for this convention it is not too soon to be making your plans.