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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS

News Letter

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President's Column

Greetings Ninety-Nines:

It is an honor and a pleasure to greet you as your new President but it is with fear and trembling that I follow in Deedo's footsteps. Just to be a member of the Ninety-Nines is an honor, and now to have the honor of being your President—the very highest honor that the Ninety-Nines can award to a member—I thank each and every one of you for your support and confidence. I am looking forward to a busy and rewarding year, and will do my very best to justify your trust.

Since several of you have requested a "Suggested Operations Procedure" for chapters, you will find in Pilot's Briefing a suggested plan for the year. It is not complete—just a tentative outline open to correction and suggestion.

"It Can't Happen Here!"

Group 11, North Carolina Wing, Civil Air Patrol, met on August 18, 1961, at the Greensboro-High Point Airport. Colonel Farmer S. Smith, Commander of Air Forces Reserves, briefed the members on the newly formed Reserve Recovery Group. The program is purely and simply to provide the United States Air Force additional airports in case of emergency. There are four airports so designated in North Carolina. The recovery squadron is made up of fourteen teams, and will train in communications, air traffic control, de-contamination, personnel processing, supply and maintenance, engineering, transportation, intelligence, weather and field conditions, crash and rescue, and community relations. Colonel Smith emphasized that it is a big problem, and a real problem facing our country. The Civil Air Patrol has the potential and the opportunity of coordinating with and assisting in the

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training program, especially in the field of communications, search and rescue, and in providing aircraft for practice problems.

"It Can Happen Here!"

Anyone in my area at any time stop at the Greensboro-High Point Airport, and call me. Phone 888-4931 or 889-2287, High Point, N. C. Especially if weather in, you are invited to use lake, cabin and a "stocked" kitchenette within six miles of the airport.

May I remind you? September is the month for renewals. We now number 1,600. Let's make it more—and

Keep Flying!
Louise M. Smith

Coming Events

September 22-23

South Central Fall Sectional
Denver, Colo.

Sept. 29, 30, Oct. 1

North Central Fall Sectional
Chicago, Ill.

October 7

Michigan SMALL Race
Jackson, Mich.

October 28

Dallas Doll Derby
Dallas, Texas

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Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp

Jean Ross Howard of the Washington, D. C. Chapter has graciously consented to take over the project of the commemorative stamp, honoring Amelia Earhart. The request for the publication of a stamp has now been on file about six years with the Post Office Department. According to the criteria of the Citizens' Advisory Committee, who pass on such stamps, Amelia Earhart will be eligible in 1963.



By Jeanne Spielberg

This year I had the opportunity to work closely with the girls of our Chapter on the Race Terminus Committee and realize more than ever the tremendous task involved in making a success of this our annual event. And this represents only the tail end

1961 - 1962 Roster

The 1961-62 Roster will be in your possession in November this year, but in order to do so, Headquarters will need to have prior to September 30 the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Headquarters
and Editor



99 Achievement Award Winner

Laura Drayton McGlasson was presented the 99 Achievement Award at the 1961 National Intercollegiate Flying Association Air Meet, College Station, Texas. Texas A&M was the host team. Laura also won third place in power on spot landing event and top woman pilot award. She belongs to the Minnesota Chapter of the 99's and recently acquired a 49½er—James McGlasson, former president of the Western Michigan Flying Team. She has a Commercial license and about 350 hours flying time.

of the preparation which started at the take off point.

Not enough praise can be given to Kay Brick, Kathleen Hilbrandt, Doris Renninger, Louis Fairbank and Ena Ayers who were stationed at the Ritz Carlton registration suite most of the time and who were asked more questions from friends, relatives, newspapermen, hotel management and our own 99's, than "Information at Grand Central." They had the answers too. Our sincere thanks to those capable young ladies of the Wing Scouts from King of Prussia, Pa. Bobby Prestas stayed long enough to send the pressmen off with a good story of the Race. Incidentally at this time Bobby's campaigning on Mitchell Field seems to be paying off. She was stomping for the use of Mitchell Field as a private small plane base. Kay Macario and Joyce Failing took over publicity where Bobby left off and did a fine job.

Kamala Vass, Dorothy Gable, Doris Abbate and Irene Keith worked out at the NAFEC Airport on impound. Well, there were things to be done early in the week, but on Friday when

60 plans arrived in an hour the action looked like one of those fast running Keystone movies on one of Atlantic City's hottest days. They were alert and efficient and wish to express their thanks to the CAP cadets and Air Explorers for their valuable help and assistance.

Yours truly and Jewel Vom Saal worked with Eleanor Loija on operations where we review all the geography we had forgotten and nightly put all our little chicks to bed across the nation via teletype. It was fun.

Another girl who should get a gold star is Mina Elschner who worked so hard at transporting the hot, tired girls from field to hotel.

A big hand and a loud cheer for our timers, Priscilla Wilson and Connie Hahn perched like pigeons aloft the hotel roof, waiting for the flock to come in. They alternated with

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DEADLINE

By the 25th of each month, except October and June, no News Letter in November or July.

HEADING

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

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Type **double spaced**, full width of regular sized paper. If reports exceed one typewritten page, please number paragraphs in order of importance. Unless numbered, the last paragraph is usually the one deleted if the occasion arises. Do not write on backs.

PICTURES

Color prints will not reproduce, glossy black and whites preferably. Do not write on the backs, but attach names and occasion to the bottom of the picture with scotch tape for removal in printing. Limit: two pictures per year for each chapter.

By following the above procedure, you will make my task and the printers a little easier. Thanks a million.

Headquarters
and Editor

Mary Lowry, Evelyn Bryan, Joan Hrubec and Winnie Caughey between NAFEC and Ritz Tower duty. The air-conditioning room was much more popular.

Our sincere thanks go to Rosalie Bracht and friends, Adele Bindfield, Ruth Gwinn and Edith Kuzenko for their very kind help when we needed them most.

Now do not think for a moment that our weary flying staff (Marion Lopez, Barbara Evans, Selma Cronan, Dorothy Julich, Viola Gentry, Louise Hyde and Margaret Potts) relaxed when they arrived at Atlantic City. They pitched right in while we all collapsed. These are wonderful girls.



EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

By Kate Macario

The August meeting is on the 25th of this month and will, therefore, be written up in the next News Letter.

As a result of our Chairman, Marie D'Alterio's thoughtfulness in sending each chapter member a copy of the race program, a appreciative letter was sent to her from Mrs. Christl Reinbacher of Waldorf/Hessen, Germany. Chris joined our chapter from Wilmington, Del., and immediately afterwards she and her husband were sent to Germany for several years by the DuPont Co. In her letter, after writing how much she enjoyed reading the program "from cover to cover," she wrote that flying (in Germany) for her and her husband has been neglected but they have taken up gliding. Rudolph made the CW rating and Chris hopes to have more vacation to follow suit. The weather has been cold and rainy, not to be compared with Wilmington's hot and humid summers. We would enjoy more correspondence from you, Chris; everyone enjoyed your most interesting letter.

Was fortunate to receive a phone call from Erma Keyes today so I can give a brief outline of some of her experiences with the Aerospace Workshop. Included was a trip in a C-54 to NAFEC, a flight by C-119 to the Air Force Academy in Colorado, a tour of the Martin plant in Denver where the Titan missile is assembled, followed by another trip to Lowry Field where they were shown and asked to mention to others that the Titan missile installation surrounds the Denver area—all aimed skyward; plus a demonstration of the T-29 which is used as a trainer school for navigators. Erma is making up a full report upon completing the course

this Friday, so more can be added in the next issue.

I'm sure you members have had, or are having, vacations we'd all like to read about. Many of you spent your vacation racing, working on the race, attending the convention, etc. Others, like Beth Sturtevant and family (including the dog) spent a delightful vacation driving to Canada. The most exciting part was going through Watkins Glen, N. Y., where 8,500 motorcyclists had gathered for the Grand Prix. The Sturtevants had to drive 32 miles out of their way before finding accommodations. I'd appreciate it if more of you would send news in to me of trips, new ratings, etc.

Election returns have been completed for our sectional officers and the results are: Governor, Elsie McBride; vice governor, Virginia Thompson; secretary, Kate Macario; and treasurer, Betty McGlashan. Our chapter officers have all been re-elected for their second year.

WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAPTER

By Mitzi Keller

Chairman Virginia Thompson was hostess for our August 11 meeting. Membership Chairman Ada Mitchell

invited three prospective members to meet the group—Beatrice Wilder, Dickey Trent and Mrs. Bateman. We hope by the time this goes to press we can welcome them as 99's.

Others who enjoyed Virginia's always lovely hospitality and heard our chapter time keepers relive the race as it came through Lynchburg and Hagerstown were: Laura Zerener, Dorothy Mitchell, Velta Benn, Marty DeLoatche, Rosemary Lane, Betty Fisher, Perry Robinson and Mitzi Keller.

Congratulations to our chapter officers: Chairman, Velta Benn; vice chairman, Laura Zerener; secretary, Marty DeLoatche; and treasurer, Josie Cook.

And many, many orchids to our outgoing chairman, Virginia Thompson, for the outstanding job she did for the chapter during her two years in office.

Josie Cook just left for a month's visit at her home in England.

Connie Luehman just back from a flight to Colorado Springs where her husband attended a meeting of the Defense Orientation Council Association. They flew out in Mrs. Herbert

Pilot's Briefing

SUGGESTED OPERATIONS PROCEDURE FOR CHAPTERS

September and October: Deadline for renewals September 30th. Election of officers, "just as soon as practical and not later than October 1st". Send list to headquarters for roster. Meetings to be monthly. Appoint committees, especially the following:

1. News Letter Reporter—deadline the 25th of each month, send to News Letter Editor, Mary Lester, 2051 N.W. 22nd, Oklahoma City, Okla.
2. Membership—Blanks obtainable from headquarters.
3. Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund—Send donations to Marjorie Fauth, 860 Sutter St., Apt. 505, San Francisco 9, Calif.
4. Ways and Means—Funds for the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, send to Margaret Ringinger, 9902 Hosler Rd., Grabill, Ind.
5. Air Age Education.

November and December: Discuss possible candidate for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award; nominations for the International Ballot, and recommendations for changes in Constitution, By-Laws or Policies.

January: The application for the A. E. Award must be in the hands of the section chairman by January 15th. Each chapter may submit one applicant for every 20 members.

February: Chapters will receive letters from the International Nominating and Resolutions Committees.

March: March 15, approximate date for nominations for ballot to be in the hands of the committee. March 25, approximate date for recommendations or suggested changes to be in the hands of the Resolutions Committee.

May: Chapters will receive delegate and proxy cards and ballots.

June: June 15, approximate deadline for return of ballots. Send to International Secretary name or names of delegates. Send annual chapter report to Section Governor.

July: Attend the International Convention.

All Sections and Chapters—Be sure to send names of new officers in immediately.

Be certain officers have renewed or they will be ineligible.

Please fill out renewal forms COMPLETELY! Headquarters must have number of hours and date of last physical to assure proper status of each member. Correct address and telephone number must be included to avoid incorrect roster listings.

May's own Viscount . . . the Merri-weather. Connie had a chance to co-pilot enroute.

Frances Nolde will attend the National Aeronautic Association's annual meeting on Long Island next month—then on to Tulsa for the National Business Aircraft Association convention.

Jean Ross Howard is on the publicity committee for the Army Aviation Association convention here in Washington September 3, 4 and 5.

Blanche Noyes back from a brief vacation at the beach and off again on an air-marking trip.



INDIANA CHAPTER

By Sophia M. Payton

Our August meeting was held at the lovely home of Mid Cassidy. This was to be our annual outing with swimming, fishing, and lots of fun. You guessed it . . . brrr. Mid had to turn the heat on. It turned out to be a beautiful fall day instead of our usual hot August weather. Mid served a delicious dinner enjoyed by all. The race contestants told of some of their experiences in the AWTAR.

An election was held and our new officers are as follows: Gloria Richards, chairman; Peggy Coulter, vice chairman; Mid Cassidy, secretary; Jill McCormack, treasurer; and Pat Patterson, sergeant-at-arms. Let's all give our new officers a helping hand when asked. I know they will appreciate it. Congratulations, gals.

TRAVEL . . . Jill McCormack just back from the TAR and ready to go again. This time vacationing in northern Michigan, Margaret Petty no sooner got home and away she goes again in her Comanche. This time it was the northwestern part of the country. By the time this goes to print, Fern Rinker will be having a ball in Hawaii. Writer having fun—rallying in sports car. Placed fourth with husband in a regional rally. Those E6B computers sure come in handy in more ways than just flying!

Our next month's meeting will be at Fort Wayne, with Marty Wile, hosting.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Ryan

New rating: Virginia Caspersen, flight dispatcher at Nelson-Ryan, becomes first Minnesota woman to earn "whirly-bird" rating. Sherm Booen filmed Ginny piloting the Brantly B-2 helicopter at Flying Cloud. Assisting was co-pilot Panda, gorged on 20 pound of shot, to bring petite Ginny up to weight minimums. We viewed the film on Sherm's program, "World of Aviation," and are terribly proud

of Ginny, a member of our 99 chapter. Congratulations.

Air trips . . . Extending her wings farthest this summer probably is Avis Larson. Avis flew a 150 hp Champion duster equipped with Sorenson spray tanks all the way to San Salvador. Her story appears in the August "Minnesota Flyer." Interesting reading! Free this summer, Avis has made many an interesting jaunt, the latest to Mouston, Wisc., flying Gopher State Flying Club's Cessna 150, which held a choice of landing approaches . . . wires and trees before a too short field, or uphill downwind. Result: hold brakes uphill!

Next month . . . Report on Administrator Halaby's "hangar flying" session at Holman Field.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

By Alice Stoltzner

Sunday morning (not too early) Chicago Area Ninety-Nines flew into the Naper Aero Club for the July chapter meeting. This is an air strip located about 300 feet from one's back door . . . if one is fortunate enough to live there. Bea Siemon put her Cub down close to that chalk and took spot landing honors for the day. We had our meeting over coffee at the Brucher's. Secretary Elzabe Yocum wasn't there. Did you take that trip to Alaska, Elzabe?

The Misiowiecs and the Cronins had just returned from a fishing trip in Canada. The Cronins were flying a rented plane while their's was in the shop. Hope you caught a big one, Marie.

Corinne Hallgren had an opportunity to assist in locating a plane temporarily lost over the Dayton, Ohio area. She overheard the conversation between Dayton Unicom and the lost plane while bidding goodbye to friends. After departure, she spotted the lost plane and reported his position to Dayton so they could direct him to the field.

The Coffeens ran into some interesting weather through the mountains on a weekend trip to Washington, D. C., in their 175. Interesting weather appears to be everywhere because Mary Beritich and Alice Kudrna avoided two thunderstorms on a short trip to Wisconsin. How does it feel to see thunderheads right, left and behind you, Mary?

The August meeting was a fly-in at Palwaukee and a "dip" at the Patio Restaurant pool. Only the brave members ventured in as the mercury dropped to the 70's over the weekend. A hearty "welcome" to new member Betsy Jerome.

The Rockford 99's were gracious hostesses to the Chicago members during the annual EAA show. We had a wonderful day and again have the bug to buy blueprints. I enjoyed the earthshaking take-off of the Ford tri-

motor. It was on its 19th trip of the day when I passed the PA tent.

Plans for the fall sectional are being finalized. RESERVE Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1 and I'll see you in Chicago at the North Central Sectional.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

By Marian I. Hoffman

This summer has seemed like quicksilver! Each meeting date, I expected to attend, then would find I had to be someplace else on that date. However, I did catch up with some of the news.

In July, the meeting was held at the home of Mary Creason at Grand Haven on the 23rd. Only three members were able to attend due to the severe storm warnings, but they brought eight guests and prospective members. No business, just an information session all about the 99's for the prospective members. Also, a short discussion on the lack of publicity of the TAR in Michigan and wondering if the same was true elsewhere. They adjourned to the Bel Mar Inn on Lake Michigan for some excellent steak sandwiches. Prizes that were donated by the Grand Haven stores were distributed to the five girls who flew in, in three airplanes.

The August meeting was held on the 13th at Eloise Smith's home, Austin Lake, Kalamazoo. There were 22 members and several guests present who enjoyed an excellent barbecue with Harry Smith as chef. Seaplane rides and swimming kept everyone busy in the afternoon. Lea Higgins even tried out an aqua-lung. The following officers were selected: Addie Binsfield, chairman; Sammy McKay, vice chairman; Marian Elbinger, secretary; and Jessie Wolke, treasurer.

Margaret Windfuhr has had a very busy summer with guests from Germany for three months. They took them on many flying trips and a motor tour through Canada. Also, she had friends fly in from Long Island to help celebrate her 25th wedding anniversary.

Eloise Smith has been elected secretary of the newly formed Kalamazoo County Pilot's Association.

Toni Kent has been on a 10 day trip by auto, bus and plane to New York, Atlantic City, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Highlight of this was a pit to the ocean floor in a diving bell.

Mary Clark has acquired a new white Oldsmobile convertible with a pale blue top and a part interest in a Cessna 172. Now, her problem is raising enough money to buy gas for both.

Alice and John Hammond are expecting to fly via North Central Airline from Philadelphia to Alpena for Labor Day.

Addie Binsfield drove to Atlantic City with Joan Hrubec to help with

the race terminus and also moved. Her new address is 9917 Strathmoor, Detroit 27, Mich.

Bea Steadman and Janey Hart passed the preliminary physicals for the astronaut program. Anybody else ready to trade their airplanes for rockets?

GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER
By Constance S. Matter

Of course we are very proud of Mickey Clark and Teddy Hager for representing us in the TAR. Almost a greater achievement than flying, was the wonderful radio coverage of the race which they are responsible for. Gil Newsome of KSD really gave the 99's and the race a fine plug every day of the race and again in an interview with the girls when they got back. It was fun to hear Mickey and Teddy's voices each day as they reported in via long distance-radio. Ramada Inns sponsored Mickey and Teddy and we hope all the 99's will use these fine motels to show their appreciation of Ramada Inns interest and support.

Other air race supporters were June Evers and her 49½er, Ed, who flew in the air race at Cincinnati.

We are certainly going to miss Deiores Whelan who has just gone to Harlan, Iowa with her husband, Harold, who will manage the very nice airport there. Drop in to see them. Know Erma Jaco will be glad to have another 99 in Harlan.

Dorothy Haupt's son, Harry, soloed on his 16th birthday. Know she is pleased.

Dorothy Rumsey was off to Michigan and is back in the fold again.

Marian Kirtz has been running a ferry service with the family Tri-Pacer taking the boys back and forth to Norfolk.

The 99's were well represented at the St. Louis Aero Club's "boat-in" where the hangar flying was vigorous.

We have our fingers crossed for good weather Sunday when we have a fly-in meeting with the Ozark Chapter at Cape Girardeau.

In all, it seems to be a busy summer for everyone — so busy it is hard to catch up with anyone long enough to get the news.

OZARK CHAPTER
By Geneva Butcher

We Ozark Ninety-Nines automatically look for rain on the day of our meeting and last Saturday, Aug. 19, at West Plains, was no exception. I'm sure it must have rained on all of us before we got home. We did have one of the best meetings we have had in our young life. It was held in conjunction with the monthly meeting of the Missouri Pilot's Association. Our

Chairman, Hazel Matz, is on the board of M.P.A.

Our officers for the coming year were selected: Chairman, Hazel Matz; Vice-Chairman and Scrapbook Chairman, Barbara Howard; Secretary, Mary Morriset; Treasurer, Mary Elders; Awards Chairman, Pauline Freytag; Newsletter Reporter, Geneva Butcher.

Because our membership comes from such widely scattered places we have never had a definite meeting date. Now we have! And we hope that every member can put aside that time for our get together. The first Saturday of each month was selected for our permanent meeting date. Since we have a membership of 12, each member is asked to be hostess for one month. The September meeting is to be held at Sikeston with Marilyn Benney as hostess. October meeting will be at Joplin with Hortense Hackbarth as hostess.

Our chapter is proud of our two members who will fly in the S.M.A.L.L. Race at Jackson, Michigan, in October. Polly Freytag will be pilot with Marilyn Benney as Co-pilot in a Cessna Skylane.

We are also proud of one new member, Jean Fuldner of Monett.

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WISCONSIN CHAPTER
By Lydia Jensen

The Wisconsin Chapter held its fly-in for August at Fond du Lac where Nancy Steiner was hostess. Nancy who is young and enthusiastic, especially about flying, is one of our more active flying members. She and 49½ Dan have been getting a big kick out of piling up those flying hours in their new Fairchild plane. We understand it took considerable patience to get it into reliable flying condition but that it is now in fine shape. Nancy is flying it in the Michigan Small Race along with Dr. Anne Roethke in her Caribbean and Deedo Heise in her Cessna, "Flighty Lady" from our chapter.

The dinner was held at the Town House at Fond du Lac and the business meeting at the Link Trainer Room later at the airport. Anne Roethke flew in bringing student pilot Vicky Marshall. Dora Fritzsche flew in with Deedo Heise as co-pilot as well as members Avis Peters and Florence Toney as passengers.

Your correspondent was absent since 49½ Kai was flying our Tri Pacer to Seattle, getting his first mountain-flying experience (over the Rockies). Unfortunately the advertising business was keeping me tightly tied

to Madison, it being back-to-school promotion time.

Election of officers resulted in Dr. Anne Roethke being chosen Chairman and Nancy Steiner Secretary. The other officers, having been in a year or less were not changed. New member Romona Huebner of Fond du Lac was voted into the organization.

Dr. Anne gave an informal talk about the 1961 AWTAR and showed the group her interesting scrapbook of events with many fine pictures. Fly-in meetings were lined up thru January.

ALL-OHIO CHAPTER
By Janice R. Kuechenmeister

Sunday, July 23, found us winging our way to West Lafayette, Ohio. The weatherman didn't mention any scud which we encountered. Our hosts were Del Casey and Fred Bontrager. Members and friends present were: Rosalie Bracht, Mary Fecser, Mary Scheafer, Virginia Schumacher, Winnie Caughey, Marty Fischer, Harriet Wladyka, Autrie and Karl Lehr, Helen and Jim Sammon, Susan Hughes, a prospective from Akron, Margaret Callaway, Juanita Hemminger, Bette McMahan, Bessie Caton, Janice Kuechenmeister, Marilyn Collette and Dr. Thomas from Dayton. Dale Parkhill and Bob Morrison were in charge of the spot landing contest. Everyone received an attendance prize through the courtesy of the well known novelty manufacturers of the Coschocton area. The group was feted to a delicious lunch in town.

Harriet Wladyka, this year's Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship winner, has enrolled in an instrument flight training course at Sundorph Aero. Corp. at Cleveland-Hopkins Airport. Harriet is also the Vice President of the newly organized flying club, "Lost and Found Flier's, Inc.", based at Lenox Airport, Jefferson, Ohio. Harriet gave three excellent speeches while attending the Convention—one was the acceptance speech. All the speeches were very well received. Bessie and James Caton and daughter Nan spent four lovely days at the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colo. in June. Side trips were to Pikes Peak, Cripple Creek Mining area and the Air Force Academy. They attended the Annual Convention of the Flying Osteopathic Physicians. They flew their Cessna 175 on the trip . . . Bette McMahan checked out in a Tri Pacer after obtaining her license in a Cessna 172 . . . Our sympathy to Martha Riber in the recent death of her mother . . . Joan Hrubec and Winnie Caughey were timers at the race terminus . . . Rosalie Bracht and prospective members Margaret Sanginiti and Florence Lynch drove

to Atlantic City to assist the committee on the terminus of the TAR. Rosalie won a prize for the woman with the most flying hours at the Akron Area pilots fly-in breakfast, at the Akron Municipal Airport . . . Margaret Callaway gave some highlights of the Powder Puff Derby. Margaret came in eighth and Marian Betzler came in tenth. Autrie Lehr reported a most enjoyable trip to San Diego with Margaret Callaway via Miami, Florida. Autrie concluded the National Convention with a tour of Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farms and Capistrano Mission — came home by way of the 880 Jet. Sunday, August 20, meeting was not the best day for early flying. Visibility was poor and it was not until noon that Montgomery County Airport reported enough for the fly-ins. The fly-ins were: Bonnie and Lee Miller, Hostess Margaret Callaway and Sandra Callaway, Marian Betzler, Frances Francis and Marilyn Miller. The rest of the members flew low via the new Expressways. They were: Marian Collette and Mary Scheafer, Mary Fecser, Helen and Jim Sammon, Hostess Autrie and Karl Lehr, Clara Tharpe, Winnie Caughey and Edy Maxim, Janice Kuechenmeister, Hostess Virginia Schumacher and Rosalie Bracht reported in from Canada. The attendance prizes were donated by Autrie Lehr and were won by Margaret Callaway, Janice Kuechenmeister and Winnie Caughey.

Sandra Callaway who has been attending the University of Grenoble in France, gave a very interesting talk about some of her experiences. Sandra toured Europe this summer. She was the only American of thirty students participating in a tour which was organized by the University. Another member of the family, Margo, has been attending the University of Mexico this summer. Both Sandra and Margo will return to the University of Rochester this fall.

NEWS: Congratulations to Dottie Anderson for being chosen to take the Women Astronaut tests . . . Our best wishes to the new bride Ione Kiplinger and her new husband Lloyd Shelton of Bowling Green, Ohio . . . Bonnie and Lee Miller just acquired a new Lincoln Continental. A break-in trip to Florida for two weeks and then out to the West Coast for three weeks . . . Richard Griffin from Greenville, Ohio, was awarded the Chapter's sponsored tuition scholarship for a teacher to attend the Aero Space Workshop at Miami University . . . Dottie Anderson, Margaret Calaway and Deedo Heise flew in the St. Louis air race . . . Mary Sheaffer and family have just returned from

a western vacation trip with a stop-off to visit her friends Dr. and Mrs. Homer Matz of Ash Grove, Missouri. Hazel and Mary were roommates on the 99 European tour . . . Helen and Jim Sammon have just returned from a vacation in Canada — Toronto, Saint Catherines and Niagara Falls . . . Clara Tharpe also vacationed in Canada and obtained some time in a seaplane.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS CHAPTER

By Kathleen H. Hudson

Our August meeting was held at the home of Mary and Joe Hendrix in Mattoon, Illinois, on Sunday, August 20th. Twenty-two gathered for a delightful meeting. Highlight of the afternoon was hearing about the AWTAR first-hand from our two entrants Barbara Jenison and Helen Greinke. Those present were Mary Hendrix, Helen McBride, Marge Kelly and their 49½ers from Mattoon; Evelyn Farley, Dee Holcomb and their 49½ers from Princeton; Rose Andrew and her husband and two boys from Champaign; Barbara Jenison-Paris; Kathleen Hudson-Decatur; Helen Greinke-Bloomington and her AWTAR co-pilot Ann Grimm, Ann's two lovely children and Mary's sister Margaret Strader.

Our chapter members are quite scattered throughout Central Illinois and we are always glad for good flying weather which enables those who live farthest away to get to more meetings.

Marge Kelly has been flying to Milwaukee quite frequently in preparation for an approaching skin graft on her leg. We wish her a very speedy recovery.

Rose Andrew had a nice, though warm, trip early in August. She drove her sister to Georgia and Florida. Kathleen Hudson and her husband flew a Tri-Pacer up to Southern Wisconsin for four delightful days of vacation during July. Mary Hendrix flew to Louisville, Kentucky, one weekend in July.

In September we will have a Saturday business meeting on the 16th in Princeton with Dee Holcomb as hostess.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

By Dorothy Ryan

Our first fly-in of the season found us at Otis Lodge, near Grand Rapids, on May 21st. Right on Sugar Lake, with fairways doing double duty as runways, and heavenly fried chicken, we found Otis Lodge very much to our taste! "Crazy Bird, Jr." brought in Ardeth Carlson and 49½er Art; Dorothy and Rocky Ryan, with guests Terry and Margaret Wright, Mooney'd in; Sherm Booen, Avis Lar-

son, and Dorothy Lewis came via Bonanza; and Thora and Ed Kron (with some rumblings about backseat flying) arrived in their skyblue Champ. Ed, you know, is a champion barehand fisherman, catching suckers in the fast running stream with patience and hands only. He also charms birds and every kind of beastie. In fact, a mama tree sparrow would have ridden back to Floodwood with him had she been permitted a nest in the wing inspection hole.

We had great fun, a fact well publicized by staff-writer Dorothy Lewis in the following SUNDAY ST. PAUL DISPATCH.

Since I could not attend our June fly-in, I am enclosing Avis Larson's report which appeared in the July MINNESOTA FLYER (Avis writes "The 99's" column).

The June meeting of the 99's got off to an early start with the arrival on Saturday of Rita Orr and her 49½er Dr. Burton, with their three sprouts. On Sunday, the EAST GULL LAKE AIRPORT was a welcome repose for the 2 Cessna 170's of Marian and Keith Champlin of Minneapolis and Marge and Roger Cushman of Montevideo; the "Crazy Bird" 172 with 49½er Art Carlson and Howard Humphrey on their return from a So. Dak. rodeo; and the Cessna 150 with yours truly (Avis) and guest, Jolene Eberlein of Minneapolis. Arriving at Lumbertown we were happy to see 99'er Helen Masterson who had seaplaned in with 49'er hubby, George, in their Super Cub. After a dinner and a tour of Lumbertown, we strolled up to the pool for a refreshing dip and nap in the sun.

Congratulations to Jerry Brown and the St. Paul Jaycees for a successful 2nd annual HOLMAN DERBY. It was wonderful to see so many 99's participating. Honors going to 99'er Ardeth Carlson and the "Crazy Bird", in a Mooney M21 was Co-Pilot Dorothy Ryan with Pilot Terry Wright, Pat Sullivan flying a 170. My sponsor was Executive Aero, Flying Cloud Field, and their 150 with the famous Corvus bird, my Co-Pilot was Dorothy Lewis of the St. Paul Pioneer Press. (end of Avis' report).

Also of interest: As is not unusual in June, Cupid has claimed one of our members, Laura Drayton. We understand Laura met her husband at an Intercollegiate Air Meet, was courted by him at a subsequent air meet. Also, we are informed that Laura is to join the 99's chapter in Alaska. Our best wishes, Laura!

Avis has recently returned from ferrying a Champion equipped with spray tanks to El Salvador. We look forward to hearing more about her adventures.



HOUSTON CHAPTER

By Nancy Jameson

For our July meeting the 99's and Petticoat Pilots met at Ellington Air Force Base where we heard a flight safety lecture given by a group of pilots from the Instrument School. They discussed the altitudes at which the T33's and F-102's fly for take off and landings and instrument approaches at Houston International Airport. One important item explained was the new climb corridor and the restrictions for flying in that area. After the lecture we all received orientation rides in the T33 flight simulators.

Last month Louise Bickford flew to Kerrville in a 1934 Waco with some friends. They won a trophy the week-end before at the Kerrville Air Show for being the oldest plane to land during the air show. Louise is now in Banff on vacation.

Celia Parish is sporting a new Cessna 172 now. Know she will enjoy flying it.

Gertrude Howard is moving to Kirksville, Missouri, but will continue in our chapter unless she gets lured away by the Greater Kansas City Chapter. Her address will be: 20 Goim Drive, Kirksville.

Nancy Jameson is back from Europe and so is Bobbie Prenzler.

EL PASO CHAPTER

By Eunice Dickey

Thirty members and guests attended our August meeting at Grant County Airport, New Mexico. La Verne McCauley and Priscilla Duncan and 49½ers were our hosts. Elizabeth Weaver won the spot landing contest for the fourth time and Wayne Champney won the men's spot landing contest. The highlight of the contest was when a Frontier Air Lines DC3 came in and hit the spot as well as any of our contestants. Judge was Tuck Grimes.

Elizabeth Weaver is our new chairman for the coming year with Frances Slape as vice-chairman, Priscilla Duncan new secretary-treasurer and Eunice Dickey is your reporter.

Congratulations newlyweds Alice and Tiny Camfield whose marriage was announced recently.

We're looking forward to Betty Houck and Alice Cottingham joining our chapter. Betty has a new private license and Alice is a former 99er who has started flying again.

Broneta Evans, a past president of Ninety-Nines and Arlene Walkup — both from the Oklahoma chapter — visited with Ruth Deerman recently.

We hear Juanita Burdick is taking a course in hairstyling. We're all waiting for you to practice on our hair, Juanita.

Catharine Magruder and 49½er had a wonderful vacation in Portland, Oregon via Reno and Las Vegas. They flew a Skylane, Catharine's favorite plane.

Mary Fran Seidl and family had a five-week vacation in Michigan and Canada this summer.

La Verne McCauley flew to San Diego to get her children where they had been staying while she flew in the Air Race. Her co-pilot, Priscilla Duncan says she's just been flying around locally.

Elizabeth Weaver, Billie Callaghan and 49½ers are flying to Albuquerque next weekend for a professional football game. They'll all spend Labor Day week-end together in Ruidoso at the Callaghan's cabin.

And we're all looking forward to a swimming party next week at the Campbell Weaver's home. Should be lots of fun.

Our honorary 99er Marge Champney and husband Wayne will be attending a Cessna dealer convention

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in Wichita, Kansas, the end of the month.

Our members who attended the El Paso Aviation Association fly-in in Marfa at the Allison Ranch are still talking about what a wonderful time they had. The hospitality shown by the host and the Highland Chamber of Commerce was perfect even including the "red carpet," which was waiting for them as they climbed out of their airplanes.

Our school teachers Lois Hailey and Lela Carwardine are looking forward ? to school starting pretty soon.

Good flying to you all until next month.

DALLAS CHAPTER

By Pat Jetton

Members have been buzzing again this month. Jo Allison bought a farm northeast of Dallas and promptly caught a bad case of poison ivy. She is recovered now, though. Marge Barr is really in a spin arranging things for the upcoming Dallas Doll Derby.

Marge Bunch has been taking instrument training with Weldon Finney, one of our most popular local instructors. Kathy Long and husband flew to Caddo Lake for lunch one day, couple of days later she was back at airport going someplace else. Helen

Wilke and husband flew to Minnesota, Helen is still there, Ed returned solo; guess he'll be going back for her any day. Martha Robinson busy composing poetry. Jerry Sloan, son and mother flew to Red Bank, Colorado, for a few days rest. The first frost came and they nearly froze. Edna Wright was overheard the other day saying she was really going to get current in her airplane and stay that way, what with all the airline hijacking going on.

The rest of the members are busy but quiet about it.

EL PASO CHAPTER

We have lost one of our most active members, and our reporter, Louella Gilderbloom, who has moved to Iowa. We hope when the snow gets deep she and John will return to El Paso.

Great excitement here, getting the Derby fliers in and out of town. The entire chapter turned out to work, and our airport personnel were wonderful, building an air-conditioned shelter for the clock watchers. Fun to wave our members on their way, too — LaVerne McCauley in No. 16 and Frances Slape and Alice Strickland in No. 83. Expect to have more members flying in it next year!

Members are flying here and there on vacations — can't keep track of them. Jean Kemp is now in Dallas. Catherine Magruder and family have just returned from a trip to Oregon, via Las Vegas and Reno, and Ruth Deerman and Lela Carwardine have both been on the West Coast recently.

Priscilla Duncan and 49½er Jim won both trophies in our recent spot landing contest. Our 99 trophy is a traveling one, to be retired next month to the one having won it the most times this year. Lydia Weaver is almost a sure winner, having won it three times. For the interested 49½ers we have a small trophy, and they really work for it. We can't spot land in El Paso, so we use the smaller airports near here. Next contest is scheduled for Grant County Airport, New Mexico.

TULSA CHAPTER

By Agnes Hellman

The duly elected new officers of our chapter are: Chairman, Pat Bauer; 1st Vice Chairman, Agnes Hellman; 2nd Vice Chairman, Mary Krutsch; Secretary, Mary Helen Burke; Treasurer, Jan Mauritson; Membership Chairman, Earlene Varney.

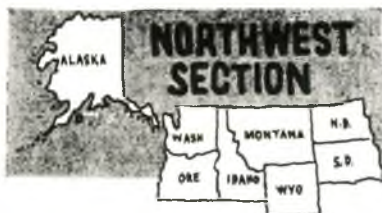
The acceptance of the application for membership from Judy Hellman gave our chapter it's first Mother-Daughter team. Needless to say, both Mother and Daughter are delighted.

Pat Bauer told us all about the International Convention and the start of the Race. She spent 3 weeks in Cali.

fornia and is going back for another 2 weeks to get her son settled in college and bring her daughter home to Tulsa for school.

Gay McCauley and the Dr. 49½er had a wonderful trip to New York this summer, and were also among many Tulsans who flew to Springdale, Arkansas on August 6 for the Fly-In breakfast.

Jan and Dr. Mauritsen will be going to the Fly Physicians Convention in Reno, Nevada, on September 1st.



MONTANA CHAPTER By Marjorie J. Rolle

Elsie Childs, accompanied by her 49½er and son Kim, age 10, was one of the lucky ones who made the 5,436 mile flight along the Alaska Highway. The group, sponsored by the Montana Chamber of Commerce and Montana Aeronautics Commission, consisted of 17 light planes and a chartered C-46. Elsie was most enthusiastic about the whole trip, including the friendliness of the Canadians and Alaskans they met along the way, the beautiful wilderness country, snow capped mountains and lakes. Their only mishap on the whole trip was when two wrestling dogs concluded their wrestling match underneath their Stinson—knocking off their marker beacon antenna. The flight organized at Great Falls, Montana, and made overnight stops at Edmonton, Fort Nelson, Whitehorse, Fairbanks and Anchorage.

The longest leg was from Whitehorse to Edmonton, 1,000 miles in one day. The highest altitude they flew was in Montana, 7,000 feet MSL, just north of their starting point, Helena. Elsie and Glen, and their flight of 4 slower planes, flew through Fairbanks to Circle and then left the last road for 80 miles down the Yukon to Fort Yukon 10 miles inside the Arctic Circle, and leaving Fort Yukon, flew up the Yukon River for 315 miles through wild and scenic back country. Elsie said that she kept within gliding range of sand bars in the river as the only safe alternate in case of forced landing. Looks like we have some adventurous members in our organization.

The weather cooperated with us and we had a most pleasant meeting in Great Falls on June 24th. Eleven members came into Great Falls from all over Montana. While enjoying our no-host luncheon at the "Horizon" at Great Falls Municipal Airport, we

caught up on the goings and comings of everyone. Seems as tho everyone is busy with usual summer activities. We were most happy to welcome two of our newer members to the Chapter. This was the first meeting that Verna Wood of Gilford and Sharel Bitz of Havre, had been able to attend. Others attending the meeting were: Elsie Childs, Dorothy Sabo, Laulette I. Hansen, Jimmie Kuhn, Pud Lovelace, Helen Dunlop, Suzanne Ward, Mary Jo Janey and Marge Rolle.

Elsie Hartley is busy working on her instrument rating and Suzanne Ward is doing much practicing for her flight instructor rating. Good luck to you girls.

ALASKA CHAPTER By Helen Stoddard

Our August meeting was held at the Stoddard Hangar and after the meeting we all went to the Airport Cafe and had some of Peggy's famous pie. We held our election this month because we are losing our secretary, Doll Booth is moving to California.

Following are the new officers: Chapter Chairman, Ruth O'Buck; Secretary-Treasurer, Lavelle Betz; Vice Chairman, Pat Gilda; Membership Chairman, Pat McGee; Historian, Marion Zaegel; Newsletter reporter, Helen Stoddard.

Ruth O'Buck's parents, Mr. and

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Mrs. Wallace from Detroit, spent two weeks visiting with Ruth and her husband John. Every day that the weather cooperated Ruth had them flying around the country both in a land plane and on floats. They took lots of pictures from the air. Huting season has opened and moose beware. Ruth O'Buck and your reporter plan to go hunting later on. We only plan on getting a moose or cariboo but when one sees large bear tracks they forget the moose and watch for bear, not that want to kill him, they just want to see him first. Reminds us of a story about the lady student from Palmer who was making her first flight. She thought she was low on gas so landed on a sand bar to put in some gas she was carrying with her. She got out and gassed the ship and then found out that the sand was so deep she couldn't move the ship around to taxi down the bar for take-off. She was resigned to waiting for help and thought she would survey her surroundings. On walking down the sand bar she saw some huge bear tracks. Needless to say she got the ship turned around and took off for home!



REDWOOD EMPIRE CHAPTER By Hazel Bertagna

The Redwood Empire Chapter had their August meeting on the 3rd Sunday, the 20th, at the lovely ranch home of Bob and Jayne Harrah north-east of Willits. The Sacramento Chapter was invited but due to vacation plans only two 99's and one 49½er, Jerry Michelson, June Devine and husband J. M. showed up.

Redwood Empire Chapter had a good representation: Myrtle Wright with her brother and niece from San Diego, Pat Stouffer, June O'Donnell, and Hazel Bertagna, Anita Conley (our newest member up 'til now) flew alone in her little Aeronca, Hilda Casey (little sister) and husband Pat and a niece of the Kelley's, friends of our chapter, who were also along, and Nellie Palmer flew with a potential member and husband who has since joined our happy little group. Phyllis Cantrell, we all welcome you and hope you'll enjoy us as much as we enjoyed you and your husband Sunday.

Jayne thoughtfully sent charts for all, showing exact location-altitude, and length of their strip and I might add—it's a good one. Everything was good about that place: the house is like a European Chateau, swimming pool, with cold spring water, that was very invigorating — and tasted good too, and food ! ! ! It was the most — Does this sound like we enjoyed ourselves? Thanks muchly Jayne and Bob and even though none of us did the dishes (ate and ran) we all hope you'll ask us again. I wonder who else has a doe and 3 fawns grazing in their orchard?

We had a meeting of sorts and poor Jayne had to spread herself thin seeing to everything—even special deer hunting guests who were coming and going — with deer yet.

It was nice to see Vivian Crawford again; we hope some day she will be able to see her way clear to join us as a member or even on flights — open invitation Vivian—please show th's to her Jayne.

Our news letter writer, June, has been so busy with her job she just hasn't been able to even join us at most meetings—let alone gather news and write it. If she didn't have to do some flying in her work—she probably wouldn't even be able to get out to the field and up.

We enjoyed our International Convention at San Diego—and want to thank the three girls, Mickey Clark,

Dorothy Jenkins, and Mayetta Behringer, who were thoughtful and gracious enough to write Thank You letters to our Chapter for the door prizes and book markers which we worked so hard to get and transport down there.

I do hope all wrote to the donors, because we had no program of credits to give them.

We appreciate all the work the San Diego Chapter had to do to entertain and accommodate all who were there and were happy to be able to help them as much as we could.

We were mighty proud of our entry in the race. To have flown in safely under the dead line even though they didn't come into the money but were twentieth, took a bit of doing. Myrtle Wright and Pat Stouffer can't fly often and haven't many hours but they love it and have plenty of intestinal fortitude—maybe next time gals.

SANTA CLARA CHAPTER

By Helen V. Nelson

Three of our chapter members—Pat Gladney, Marge Standish, and Mayetta Behringer—entered the AWTAR this year. Enroute to San Diego Pat and Marge dropped Betty Sherwood off at Laguna Beach where she had decided to spend her vacation hours—quite a change from her usual practice of flying in the AWTAR. Then Pat and Marge proceeded on to San Diego with subsequent engine trouble, but in the race they managed to place 7th in spite of this additional handicap which they finally managed to clear up after the first leg. And they took the Best of Class Award for Cessna 170's. Mayetta, who flew for the first time in a Mooney which was equipped with an autopilot, is finding it hard to return to her Cessna 170 which is without an autopilot—flying now seems to be such hard work done in the old-fashioned way.

UTAH CHAPTER

By Lucile Christopherson

Here's real news from the Utah Scene: Tonight a wonderful rain has drenched the area. In fact .68 of an inch of rain has cooled the whole atmosphere. This hasn't happened too often this summer—and we love it!

The August meeting was held in the Kittyhawk dining room at Salt Lake's new International Airport. A short business meeting followed the dinner which was attended by the following members: Eunice Naylor, president, Ruth Walker and daughter, Maxine Nielsen (who we understand was weathered in after the meeting due to thunderstorms), Jo Waddoups, Virginia Reidel and Jesse Carter. A nominating committee was appointed to select candidates for Utah Chapter offices. A report was made by Maxine and Eunice on the recent AWTAR

takeoff and International Convention.

On July 24th and 25th Eunice Naylor flew to Ellensburg, Washington and Caldwell, Idaho where she was the guest speaker at the Aerospace Workshops. Gina Richardson was coordinator for the Washington Workshop and Eunice says, "It was fun being with her again and to hear first hand additional reports on the recent AWTAR race in which Gina participated."

Salt Lake's Civil Air Patrol had the privilege of entertaining the German C.A.P. cadets recently in an exchange program. In addition to all their other activities Jo Waddoups and Eunice Naylor have been working with the C.A.P. encampment which was held at Hill Air Force Base in Ogden during the summer months.

Alberta Nichol森 plans to attend the 99 Convention for the Southwest Sectional.

Of interest to all Flying Utah women is the recent recognition given to Jane Andreason for a five-year achievement of flying without accident. This was under the sponsorship of the State Aeronautical Director, Harlan Bement.

Lorraine Ester Black, a recent convert to flying has just obtained her pilot wings. Good luck to you Lorraine, let's hope it won't be long before you join your sister flyers and become a 99!

TUCSON CHAPTER

By Laura Bohanan

I was informed at the August meeting that I had "volunteered" to take over the News Letter for the coming year. So, here goes.

The 4 participating Tucson members have returned from their jaunt with the "1961 Coast to Coast Obstacle Course", and having recovered sufficiently, they are now able to hear a weather report without cringing. All reported a most exciting and challenging race. Fun was found wherever they could find it.

One of the top pilots, weathered in at Montgomery, said plaintively, that she had been there 3 nights and the Motel owner was beginning to negotiate for monthly rates. And, our delightful envoy from "down under",—was observed at Chreveport, frantically fumbling through her huge handbag, crammed with pencils, papers, flight plans, papers, Memo pads, charts, papers, etc.—looked up with a sigh and said, "I hope there will be no papers in Heaven." One of the many pleasant things about the race is the fact that afterward, those who flew the race return and relate these numerous anecdotes to us who couldn't go.

In June, Pat Gilbert our newest member, was hostess to the Chapter

at a fly-in breakfast at her home in Ajo. Wonderful breakfast and swim afterward was enjoyed by all 12 of us who flew in.

Tucson's 99's have been renewing friendships and getting acquainted with several Oklahoma 99's in town for the Flying Farmer's Convention. Also, nice to see Ethel Taylor of the Rockford (Ill.) Chapter here with the F.F.'s.

Several of us Tucson gals making plans to attend the Southwest Sectional Meeting at Torrance next month and were hoping, with fingers & toes crossed, that ole man weather cooperates.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

The Los Angeles Chapter has been on wings these summer months! Can't possibly report all of the individual flights, but some to give you an idea—Rachel Bonzon and 49½'er Larry started out in June for Nova Scotia. Weather and time, however, terminated their trip in Quebec. Since the clouds kept them at low levels continually, the rented oxygen equipment for that "high altitude flying" was returned unused. Fritzie Heaney and Don had great plans for Eastern Canada, but had to settle for New Orleans, Washington and New York. One day's record cross-country: Teterboro to Newark! Lorraine Parrow "jetted" to Dallas with Jean Rose (SFV) to pick up a 140A in which they too threaded their way around the cumulus activity on the homeward trip.

In Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi or Alabama one could find LA Chapter members Barbara Willis, Jan Vawter, Teckla Kaufman, Katee Braithwaite, Aileen Pickering, Mary Ann Craig or Dru Benefiel awaiting better weather—never good—as the TAR deadline approached. Faithful Norma and Elsie Smith followed the TAR route and gave encouragement to all and were at Atlantic City to greet those over the finish line during the last moments of the extended race deadline. Then, on to northern Maine for them.

In spite of the weather—aren't we a fortunate group of people? Only pilots, can view this exciting country of ours from the air—the grandeur of mountains, the moon-like arid desert, the softness of forested lands, the tortuous convolutions of wide rivers, the checker boards of farms.

The summer has produced changes—Katee Braithwaite is now Mrs. Gene Moskow; Mary Ann Craig is Mrs. Leon Kaslow; Fritzie Heaney's Skylane is now a 1961 model; Sally La Forge is a soaring enthusiast and part-owner of a sailplane; Lois Akker's Tripacer is back in the air after many months of work recovering the

fuselage and wings; and Dru Benefiel is a proud owner of a '46 120.

Our August meeting was held at the delightful new home of Fritzie Heaney. Mystery of the evening—who was supposed to bring the refreshments? Here, we welcomed two transfers: Sally Broyles from the Oklahoma Chapter and Lorraine Parrow from the San Fernando Chapter. We all enjoyed meeting Shirley Ginther who is currently checking out in a Waco. The convention at San Diego and "reflying" the soggiest Air Race in history were the highlites of the evening's program. Mary Ann (Craig) Kaslow, our new chairman, was presented the Chapter gavel and the following officers were announced: Ethel Kerley, vice chairman; Virginia Showers, secretary; and Tillie Klements, treasurer.

Our hats are off to the San Diego Chapter, the girls along the route, and the 99's in Atlantic City for their part in making the Convention and Air Race so enjoyable.

BAKERSFIELD CHAPTER

By Peggy Archer

The Bakersfield Chapter hosted the Santa Barbara chapter to a pot luck swimming party on our meeting date this month. Priscilla Spencer of our chapter opened her home and pool to all the girls and their families and the weather turned out to be nice and hot and clear between Santa Barbara and Bakersfield. Joan and Norman Steinberger, along with son, Ronnie, flew over in their club's 172 on Saturday and took the opportunity to renew old acquaintances in Bakersfield. On Sunday Sandra Killian and her daughter flew in, in their Bonanza, and Sandra was quite put out because someone made her make a go-around. Beverly Newton's husband has transferred to Visalia, so she flew down with Hialeah Reilich in their Piper Clipper; then at 11:58 in flew Adelia and Bob Abernathy in their Swift. After a few more minutes of waiting, we all piled in the autos to be chauffeured over to Priscilla's and by the time we all arrived, the food was out, the punch was made and the pool was there just waiting. No need to say, but you all know we had a marvelous time. No business meeting at all—just fun, so now our chapter is going to try and cook up a beach party. Anyway, we're sorry more of the Santa Barbara girls didn't come over, as there was enough room for all. Most of our chapter was there, including Priscilla Spencer, Peggy Archer, Rhoda and Warren Thompson, Lorene and Loren Witmer and their three young-uns: our chapter chairman, Irmyl Fitzgerald, Penny Ashworth, Edna Long, Florence and Glen Moody, and Bertha, Gordon and Kippie Haycock.

We dispensed with all business until next month. Hialeah told us of her experiences at San Diego and the little mix-up between their plane and the tail of another. It sure was disheartening as we had all looked forward to the personal related events of the entire race. Better luck next Hialeah.

From the flight line: Penny Ashworth passed her commercial and is now in the midst of learning to fly a stock Stearman and is taking aerobatics. Says it sure is a lot of fun: Lorene Witmer and her 49½'er flew back to Minneapolis on their vacation and then stopped off in Nebraska to visit relatives and see some of her classmates she hadn't seen in 17 years. "Hi" Heilich broke her toe and had to let Harry do the flying for a while, but it's all well now. Boating is taking some of our girls away from the skies these days, Rhoda Thompson and family boated over to Catalina and Florence Moody had to fall off her boat during the mooring operation just to get her name in the Newsletter. This reporter flew over to Oceano to say "hello" to 99ers Ada and Loydene Blanchard but all were gone so we just strolled up and down the beach. Priscilla Spencer jetted commercially up to Canada during her vacation and Edna Long flew up to Sacramento to attend a civil defense meeting. She related that it was a beautiful flight and she flew alone; no passengers this time..

This about does it for this month and this year, you will probably be having a new reporter next month. It has been fun and hope we have made some friends by letting you know what we here in Bakersfield are doing.

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

By Elsie G. Watson

The work is done, the race is run and now on to other events, and faces and places. After the hectic activity of the morning of take-off was over, Boo Christensen invited us hardworking committee members to her house for the afternoon, where we swam or dabbled our feet in the pool and sipped tall frosty drinks. A perfect relaxing time after the fast pace of the air-race start.

We were all guests of Betty Gillies at her lovely new home in Rancho Santa Fe on a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon in August. We swam, played tennis, ate delicious food, and as the walrus says, "We talked of many things; of racing planes and gasolines; of thunderstorms and wings."

Stella Hardin says when she first got back from the air race, it took her three hours to answer when anyone asked how she enjoyed the race; says it now takes her an hour and a half to answer, and she soon hopes to have her answer down to less time.

Jerry Vickers and family have re-

turned from an automobile vacation trip to Arkansas.

Aileen Saunders has spent a week at The Golden Door, the very plush and exclusive beauty and health center in Escondido. Says she, glowingly, "I lost four pounds."

Our hardworking publicity member, Jackie Brooks has received her bundle from heaven, an 8½ pound baby boy. Congratulations to Jackie and Chuck Brooks.

Helen Dick flew her Schweizer 123 flat-topped glider from Inyokern to Bishop last week; a six hour flight and covered approximately 123 miles.

Our August meeting was held at the Girl Scout House near our lovely Balboa Park. Barbara Dennis, a prospective member was a guest. We saw some movies of convention and race activities.

The San Diego Chapter has 150 race programs, which are available at 50¢ each. The San Diego Chapter also has one mustard seed earring and one bulky white sweater with rhinestone buttons and a label which says, "Mil-rank, made in California". If the owners will contact Boo Christensen, she will forward same.

And last but not least, it was our pleasure to have all you nice people in San Diego for the International Convention and Race Start.

Adios, Amigos, from sunny San Diego.

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

By Shirley Gilmore

Eleven members and guests met at Ginny Graham's lovely home for our August meeting, with four of our six TAR entries represented. We managed to cover the business at hand, with Derby tales interspersed at frequent intervals. Our chapter had 53% participation in the race, with five of the 6 planes qualifying.

Polly Stoehr (TAR No. 32), eliminated for her weather-down RON outside Montgomery, Ala., went on to Atlantic City anyway — and from her reports of treatment at Craig AFB, perhaps she had the best trip of all.

Ginny Graham and Ginny Hall (TAR No. 1) won first in class with the Apache. They report a wonderful time in spite of weather, and value the experience and meeting such a grand group of girls.

Norma Wilcox (TAR No. 73) faced bad weather all the way back to California, coming home via the Wyoming-Utah-Oregon route, with a landing on a duster strip to wait out a thunderstorm. She bucked a 60 K head wind between Sidney and Laramie, thereby losing her co-pilot, Donna Wilcox, to a commercial plane. Donna felt she'd had enough when highway traffic was overtaking the Tri-Pacer.

Betty Humble and Shirley Gilmore (TAR No. 2) were reportedly one of

the least experienced crews in the race, and remained consistent in that being second to take off, they were second from the last across the finish line to qualify. The cross-country and weather experience they received was invaluable. They carefully planned the homeward trip to include another Dallas stop (this time Love Field) in order to open charge accounts at Nieman-Marcus.

On the home front we still had much flying, with Jane and Roy Haag winging to Mojave Airport to attend the dedication of the airport and Air Show. Due to the Powder Puff Derby attracting Polly Stoehr and Penny Swope, Jane had no competition in her registration for a trophy for "Oldest Lady Pilot Present." The Air Show by the Coles was tops, Jane reports, and would like to see more Air Shows like this.

Gertrude and Everett Barnes flew to Yellowstone Park for the July 4th weekend, stopping overnite at Fal'on, Nevada, to visit friends.

Polly Stoehr flew her Bonanza to Tucson August 13th to attend the Flying Farmers National Convention. On August 6th she and her 49½er, Fred, took full passenger loads in both the Bonanza and Navion to Santa Barbara for a swim in the surf and dinner. This was one of those incomparably clear days in Southern California that gets all our "wings to itching."

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER

Our new executive officers are as follows: Chairman, Lola Ricci; Vice Chairman, Minnie Morgan; Recording Secretary, Bonnie Meacham; Corresponding Secretary, Virginia Hall. Committee appointments are as follows: COURTESY: Shirley Robinson; ACTIVITIES: Audrey Schutte; MEMBERSHIP: Wynnie McLean; SCRAPBOOK: Liz Crowley; NEWS: Jeanine Ceccio.

Our August meeting was wonderfully thrilling with "Aviation Spoken Here" atmosphere. Contributing much to the conversation were, of course, our Powder Derby contestants — Irene Leverton, Liz Crowley, Shirley Robinson, Virginia Hall and Jean Rose. Wish we could get each of them to "weather-in" and then write a chapter or more entitled "I Was There" — 1961.

Wynnie McLean has the code number allowing her to "over-fly" the field at Edwards AFB. Virginia Hall is monitoring the frequency more closely. Gladys Hogins has been desert flying in a 172. Minnie Morgan turning and banking over local skies in her Aeronca. Marge Frenzel having the most fun in the J-3 Cub. Bonnie is flying wedding parties to Las Vegas. Audrey Schutte water skiing and diligently working with her flight

students at Van Nuys, as is Kay Meade with students at Compton Airport. Donna Fisher will park her own plane — no matter the hour or place. Norma Dey doing her job well at Whiteman on weekends. Gene Rodda and Sally Semmler acting as hostesses at the Mojave A/P dedication. The "top girl" at Van Nuys Skyways, Virginia Tompkins, is on a sick leave. Lois Miles greeting Valley Pilots customers with a big smile. Lola Ricci flying WEST for a change to Santa Barbara for lunch with Virginia Hall. Irene Leverton doing well at Albuquerque. Shirley Robinson touring aviation exhibits and then sharing it with all of us as a feature writer in GAN. Jeanine Ceccio vacationing in Gold Beach, Oregon, and still dreaming about getting left seat time in a Comanche 250. A more thrilling experience of Irene Leverton was in flying a German Pusher type plane with 75 hp. Porsche Engine in the Chicago area. Speaking of Chicago, we were delighted by the recent visit of Nell Brown, Chicago Chapter, in addition to Gerry Hill, Bay Cities Chapter and Jan from Honolulu giving us the low-down on Island hopping.

**RENEW —
Deadline Sept. 30**

**EL CAJON VALLEY CHAPTER
By Isabelle McCrae**

At a meeting held on June 16, 1961, at the home of Dottie Sanders, 10027 Prospect Ave., Santee, California, a group of members of the San Diego Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, an international organization of licensed women pilots, met for the purpose of forming a new chapter in the East San Diego and Foothills Area.

It has become necessary for the division of the chapter because of the continued growth of the San Diego Chapter and the trend of members moving to the extreme portions of San Diego County and it has become increasingly difficult to travel to meetings across town. Also, the Foothills Area girls feel that they can build a stronger chapter by having closer relationship between its members.

The name, El Cajon Valley Chapter was selected by the majority of the members as this seems to encompass a larger area and includes most of the Foothills' flying female population as well as Gillispie Field, which is the only airport operating in the immediate vicinity.

The chapter will receive its charter and become effective on Sept. 1, 1961, which is the beginning of the Ninety-Nines' fiscal year.

Officers elected were:
Dottie Sanders, Santee, Calif., Chm.

Isabelle McCrae, Lemon Grove, Vice-Chairman.

Boo Christensen, Lemon Grove, Secretary.

Doris Ritchey, Fletcher Hills, Treasurer.

Meeting dates selected:

Fourth Wednesday of each month. These meetings will be planned and hosted by each member in alphabetical order.

Charter members:

- Harriet Allen, Spring Valley.
- Boo Christensen, Lemon Grove.
- Dottie Davis, Lemon Grove.
- Lea Hanlon, East San Diego.
- Mac Huntington, Bostonia.
- Isabelle McCrae, Lemon Grove.
- Doris Ritchey, Fletcher Hills.
- Dottie Sanders, Santee.
- Aileen Saunders, El Cajon.
- Jackie Trenfel, El Cajon.
- Barbara Tucker, Spring Valley.

The September meeting will be a joint venture with the San Diego Chapter and will be a tribute and thank you to the volunteers on the race and convention committees for those activities which were held in San Diego early in July. Aileen Saunders and Isabelle McCrae will be co-chairmen in the planning of the evening's entertainment, along with members of the San Diego Chapter.

LONG BEACH CHAPTER

Not only do women fly, but time does also! It was just yesterday our Fran Berra became the 1961 AWTAR "Queen" — over 40% of our chapter membership had to use their powder puffs to erase "perspiration worries" accrued by weather and race deadlines — only Mary Pinkney, flying co-pilot for the stork, brought potential 99er Alice Anne in on the July 12 deadline!

The annual August pot-luck supper and race recap (wonderful movies and much story telling) included 49½ers who are still undecided if our gals are better cooks or pilots, but the nearly 60 guests left the Pinkney Patio decidedly over gross weight! The chapter presented Chairman Rita Gibson with a 99 compass rose as a farewell gift—Rita returned from the race not aware that 49½ Paul had been transferred to the FAA in Washington, D. C. effective immediately! Their moving poses problem for them, and for us — where will we find another able movie projectionist like Paul? Good luck to all the Gibsons.

And suddenly IT'S FALL SECTONAL TIME! — with Judy Wagner literally rising to the occasion of chairmaning the Sept. 22-23-24 activities — the facilities at Torrance Municipal Airport — the newly opened and nearby Jumping Jack Motel as headquarters — AND Scott Crossfield a guest speaker — and goodies galore. Judy and her able crew have

really been "flying" to make this a long-remembered sectional meeting.

With Ruth Gay a nominee, and Geri Hill transferring into the chapter (she'll be teaching at a Torrance High School), the new Section Governor may well be from our chapter.

On hand to welcome all comers will be the new chapter officers: Mary Pinkney, Chairman; Margie Ross, Vice-Chairman; Judy Wagner, Secretary; and Betty Faux, Treasurer.

If recent 99s were missed in the mailing of sectional notices, it's only because we couldn't keep up with the new membership, but all are cordially invited to participate in all or part of the scheduled activities. Husbands and guests are invited on space available basis for all events, but make your reservations early.

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