This super 260 is the same type Ryan Navion Mrs. Betty Gillies and her 15-year-old daughter, Pat, will be flying when they take off from San Diego, June 11 to compete in the Ninety-Nines All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race. Mrs. Gillies won second place in 1949.
Pursuant to our telephone conversation of May 18th, beg to advise that the City of Odessa in addition to providing the $1500.00 cash prizes will do the following:

1. Provide free accommodations at the Sand and Sage, West Texas' most complete Motel. Incidentally, the participants in the race will be the first occupants of this beautiful western type motel.

2. A Chuck Wagon Barbecue (see Chuck Wagon pamphlet), or a dinner at the Country Club, whichever the participants prefer.

3. Leg prizes will be provided by local merchants as recommended by your committee. Please let us know just what is appropriate.

I believe we can arrange to give each girl who stays overnight in Odessa a custom made Western hat, manufactured locally, provided we can get head sizes in advance. These hats would only be presented to girls who stayed overnight in Odessa.

4. Gas will be provided at the wholesale price—we have not yet been able to get any of our oil companies to donate same.

5. In all probability, we will have someone at Greenville, South Carolina to present checks to the winners—this is a matter we will discuss with Miss Mardo Crane on the occasion of her visit to Odessa on June 5th.

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THE NATIONAL AIR RACE COMMITTEE, headed by Mardo Crane, consists of Evelyn Briggs, Betty Loufek, Bea Medes, and Barbara London. Their duties include promoting sponsors and trophies for the race, selecting starting and finishing points, setting the dates and formulating all necessary rules and regulations. These rules are essentially the same as last year's, stressing safety and navigation ability rather than speed, with the major change raising the horse-power to 300 h.p.

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- Morning - Recreation
- Lunch - Greenville Women's Club
- Afternoon - Party, private home
- Night - Private 99 cocktail party
  - Banquet, Poinsettia Hotel. The Hon. James F. Byrnes, former "Assistant President" and former Secretary of State, guest speaker
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In June of 1941 he was ordered to Washington as Assistant Chief of the Air Staff in charge of the Plans Division. In March of 1942 General Arnold appointed him Commanding General of the Ferrying Command, which was changed to the Air Transport Command in July of that year. General George remained with the ATC until the end of World War II, at which time he was assigned as Senior Representative of the United States Army on the staff of the United Nations. He was retired January 1, 1947, as a lieutenant general.

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#1. AILEEN PICKERING, San Pedro. Began flying 7-17-49 in Lancaster, California. Soloed 9-17-49 at Lancaster Airport. Received pilot instruction from Babe Story. Obtained sponsor for race two months before receiving private pilot's license. College student, studying law and education. Lives at home with mother and seven year old daughter Dale. Flying career has been brief and interrupted because of schooling.

IRMA (BABE) STORY, co-pilot. Ex-Wasp with better than 3,000 flying hours logged. Vice-chairman L.A. 99's. Flight instructor at Lancaster Airport.

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#2. BETTY GILLIES, San Diego. Learned to fly in 1928. Charter member of the Ninety-Nines. Did instructing and charter flying before the war. First pilot to sign up under Mrs. Nancy Love in the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron which later became known as the WASP. Served in the Ferrying Division of the Air Transport Command from September 1942 to December 1944. WASP squadron Commander at New Castle Army Air Base, Wilmington, Delaware. Has two children Pete, age 17, and Pat, age 16.

PAT GILLIES, co-pilot. A junior at Douglas School at Carmel, California. Will be sixteen by the time of the race. Over 200 hours at Navion controls.


#3. MARION HART, New York City. Private license July 1946; instrument license December 1947; commercial license June 1948; commercial glider February 1948. Member SPA. No children. Started to fly after war, and has flown across the country solo several times. Owns Cessna 170.

PLANE: Cessna 170 belonging to Marion Hart.
#4. RUTH GILLETT DEERMAN, El Paso. First lesson July, 1944; first solo August 1944. Private license September 44; Commercial Mary 45; Instructor rating September 45; Instrument August 47. Member of 99's, AOPA, NAA. Flying time 1001:15. Own Cessna 140 named "Cotton Clipper". Husband is cotton farmer, not interested in flying.

RUBY CAMPBELL HAYS, co-pilot. First lesson February 47; solo March 47; private license June 49. Member of 99's, NAA. Husband uses their Cessna 190 to commute daily from El Paso to their farm at Salt Flats. Two boys, age 16 and 18. The 18 year old has soloed and is working on private. Log time 33 hrs.


PLANE: Cessna 140 owned by Ruth Deerman.


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PLANE: Mooney "Mite". 1950 de luxe model.

#6. LOIS B. HAILEY, El Paso. Started flying as a hobby in '39. Commercial license in '41. Joined WASP in '43 and served 2 years, attached to Anti-Aircraft Artillery units for target and radar work. Did some radio-controlled target flying. Taught flying for four years after leaving WASP. Operated a CAA approved ground school in El Paso in partnership with Lois Ziler for four years. Now teaching aeronautics in Austin High School, El Paso.

LOIS H. ZILER, co-pilot. A graduate aeronautical engineer from Purdue University. Worked for Pratt & Whitney for two years before joining the WASP. Served two years in the WASP with tow target squadrons. First to do radio-controlled target work. Since leaving the WASP, has been doing flying and ground instructing in El Paso, where she owns a CAA approved ground school.

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7. JEAN PARKER, Arcadia, California. Former WASP. Was sponsored in last year's race by the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce.

"BOOTS" SEYMOUR, co-pilot.

PLANE: Taylorcraft N96972


PLANE: Bonanza N3055V


PLANE: Piper Clipper N5834H


CLAUDE HALE, co-pilot. Started flying 1946. Aircraft dispatcher at Gibbs for over a year. Private pilot and San Diego 99. She and Betty placed fourth in 1949 race, in spite of hour's delay due to mechanical trouble. Student in Betty's navigation class. One son, Tommy, age seven.


PLANE: Cessna
#11. MARY KATHERINE PACKARD, Vallejo, California. Age 35. Married. Flying solo.

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MARY ELLEN (MICKEY) COLLINS, co-pilot. Secretary local CAA office, unable to compete as pilot while employee. Learned to fly in Chicago 1946. Member San Diego Search and Rescue Flight, secretary San Diego 99's, Civil Air Patrol. Co-pilot with Julie Hale in Navion in 1949 race.

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#13. JUANITA PRITCHARD, Clairton, Pennsylvania. Ferried planes to Alaska three times, to Central America six times, and also possesses flight certificates in these countries. She also has the distinction of being one of the youngest "flying grandmothers" in the 99's. She will be sponsored by several groups in Pittsburgh.

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#15. LENORE L. McELROY, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

PLANE: Bonanza N3709N

#16. DONNA EVANS, Downey, California. Private license.

LELA HOBDAY, co-pilot. Private license.

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PLANE: Trojan

#17. VIRGINIA STOVER, Yakima, Washington. Flight instructor, with Commercial pilot's license, Instrument Rating, Link Rating, and Ground School Ratings. She has operated flight schools, and is now employed by a Dust & Spray Company.


PLANE: Ercoupe

#18. ISABELLE McCRAE, Lemon Grove, California. Began flying in 1936. Towed targets with B-26s and flew on Engineer Test Flights with the WASP in 1943 and 1944. Stationed at Stockton and Kingman, Arizona during this time. Army Flight Nurse at Randolph and Love Fields, Texas, after the war. Husband is Navy pilot. One son, Michael, age four.

JOANN GREENMAN, co-pilot. Owner of the Bonanza. Husband is a dentist, learned to fly about five years ago. One boy age 1½, one girl age 4½.

PLANE: Bonanza N5949V

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#19. Monie Dye, Santa Monica. Member L.A. 99's.

MARY KITSON, co-pilot

PLANE: Piper Cruiser
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THE SAN DIEGO AIR RACE COMMITTEE sincerely thanks the San Diego, La Mesa, and La Jolla business men who have contributed the above prizes. Other prizes are being obtained as the official entries are received, so that each entrant will receive an award of some sort regardless of her race position. These prizes will be listed in the "late entrants" sheet due to the printing deadline of May 22nd.
NOTE: The following entries have not at the time of publication submitted their entry blanks to the National Air Race Committee, due to various reasons. However, they are definite in their plans for doing so, and therefore we are including them in this unofficial list.


PLANE: Swift 125

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DOTTIE SANDERS, San Diego. Owns Cessna 120, de luxe model. Born in Buffalo, Wyoming and was reared near Sioux City, Iowa, where she was married to Bob Sanders. He is a flight instructor and soloed Dottie when she was learning to fly. Private license.

DODY PRARIO, co-pilot. Born and raised at Fremont, Ohio. Is married to Doctor Bob Prario, dentist, and has daughter Ann age 3½. Both Doctor and Mrs. Prario fly their own Stinson. Dody learned to fly in a Cessna, has private license. Both Dottie and Dody have approximately 150 hours.

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PLANE: Cessna 140 N76503


PLANE: Cessna 120 (1946)

IRIS CRITCHELL, Redondo. Learned to fly in 1939. Private license 1940 in Los Angeles area. Commercial license during war. SEL, MEL, Instrument and Instructor ratings. Worked on CPT on three programs, taught at USC College of Aeronautics at Santa Maria. Instructed at Bay Cities Airport, Los Angeles, until it was closed.


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Betty Loufek—co-holder, with twin sister Claire McMillen of three sailplane records: distance, altitude, endurance.

Bea Medes—ex-WASP, assistant to Nancy Harkness Love during the war in the ferrying division.

Barbara London—ex-WASP, only WASP to earn Air Medal for unusual ferrying duty during the war. Commanded WASPS stationed at Long Beach. Now a Major in AF Reserve.

Evelyn Briggs—Official starter of last year's air race; teacher; instrumental in founding San Diego Chapter 99's.

Mardo Crane—ex-WASP; Chairman Los Angeles 99's; writer (alleged). Appointed Chairman of the Air Race Committee in New York at the 1949 Convention of the 99's.

Mardo Crane will again be the "trail-blazer" for the annual transcontinental air race. Again her duties will be to check each designated airport en route and make sure that all arrangements have been made to handle raceentrants with dispatch. Her success last year was evidenced by the enthusiasm with which every airport welcomed entrants, both during the race and en route home. Mardo will be sponsored by the Apple Valley Inn, newest airport resort catering to pilots, located near Victorville, California.
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Fifth - Ruth Gamber and Dorothy Schultz  Cessna
Sixth - Mary Ring and Ann Grogan  Cessna

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