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Whereas, the Florida Chapter of the Ninety Nines, international organization of women pilots, is sponsoring the All Woman Air Show to be held in Miami during the first week of June, 1948, and

Whereas, in our opinion it is fitting and proper that the vital role of women in aviation should be recognized, and that the womanhood of our country should be encouraged to continue along the progressive lines they have been following;

Now, Therefore, I, Robert L. Floyd, Mayor of the City of Miami, Florida, do hereby proclaim the week beginning June 1, 1948 as

All Woman Air Week

And In Observance Thereof, do urge all our citizens and visitors to reflect upon the many contributions to aviation made by women; to encourage in every way possible the advancement of women in the field of aviation, and to remember that during the recent conflict women served their countries so admirably as ferry pilots and in other vital air roles, so in time of peace the women can contribute greatly to our nation's leadership in aviation.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of The City of Miami, this eighth day of April, A. D., 1948.

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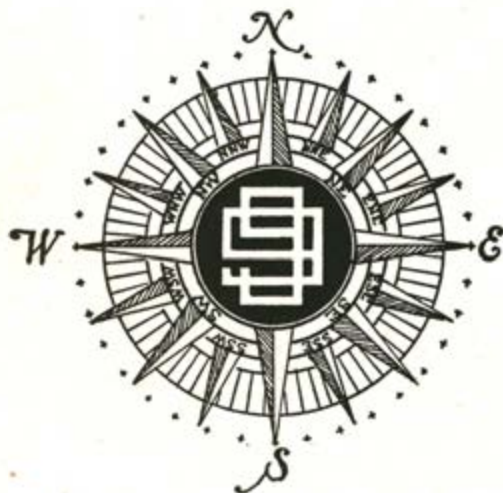
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ACCORDING to the official history of the 99s, on November 2, 1929, a day described meteorologically as "only so-so," twenty-six licensed women pilots gathered at a tea served from a mechanic's bench in the old hangar at Curtiss Field, Valley Stream, Long Island. Considering the chaotic conditions under which the first meeting was held, it was a notable success, and the basic formula, "Women pilots ought to band together for their own benefit and/or for that of aviation in general," then outlined for the Club still holds true today.

The most important point of this initial session was the selection of a name for the Club. Suggestions in the original minutes were listed under two headings, "Serious" and "Frivolous," however, after much discussion Amelia Earhart suggested that the Club be named after the number of charter members. The number was to include the twenty-six girls at the meeting; the thirty-one girls who were unable to attend but who wrote, telephoned or telegraphed their interest in the idea; plus the response from a new letter to be sent to all licensed women pilots, signed by Amelia Earhart and Neva Paris. The final count was 99, out of a total of 117.

To qualify for membership in the Ninety-Nines today, a girl must hold a private pilot's certificate or better, and her application must be approved by her section's membership committee before she is admitted to the Club.

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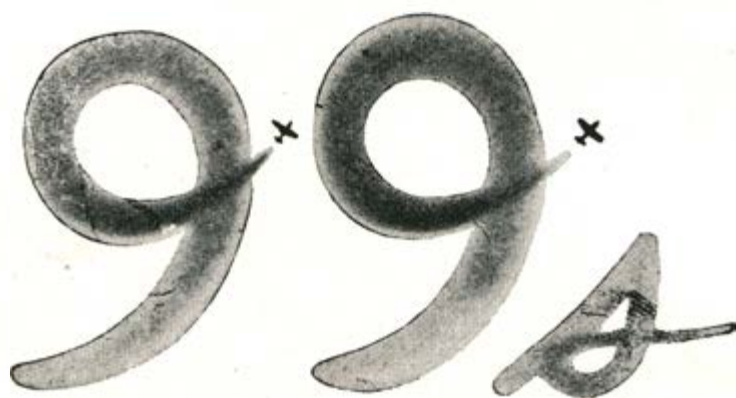
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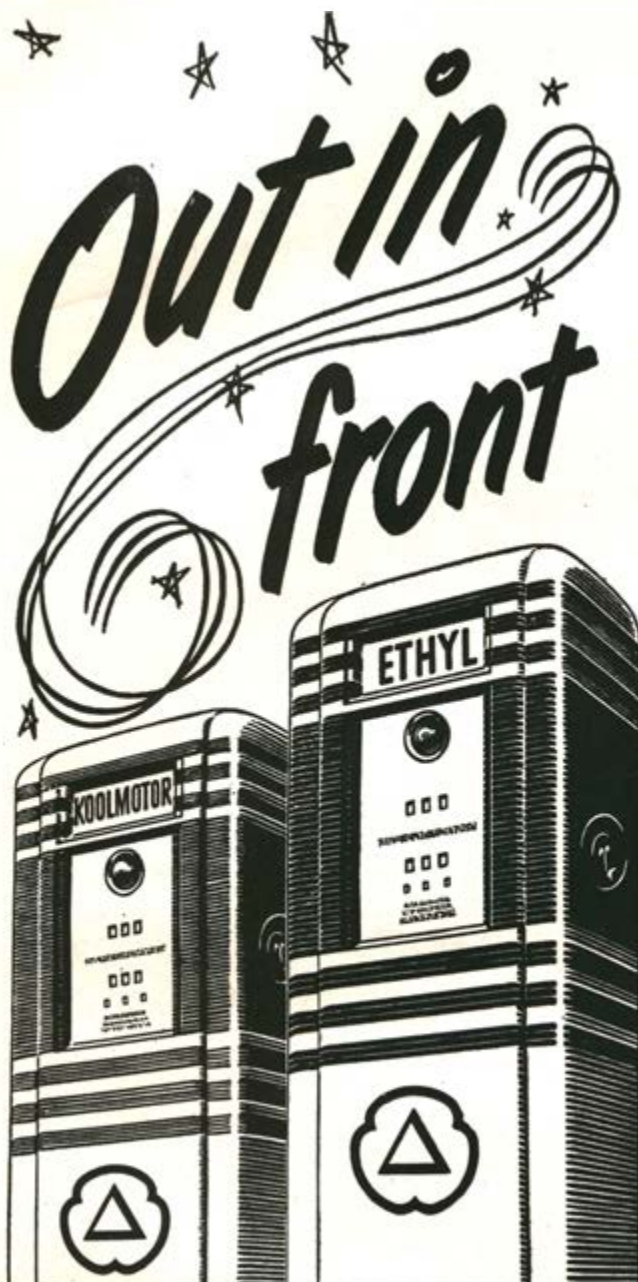
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THE SUCCESS of the Second Annual All Woman Air Show of the World has major significance to the present and future members of the Florida Chapter of Ninety-Nines, sponsors of the Show.

Not only are they anxious to present a good and entertaining show for the spectators and create more interest in aviation among the general public but they are also staging the show to raise funds for the establishment of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Foundation for women pilots which is similar in benefits to the well-known Actor's Guild. The Chapter also plans to make a generous contribution to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund, a National's Ninety-Nines activity, which sponsors deserving women pilots to further training in aviation, from the Show proceeds.

The idea for establishment of the AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL FOUNDATION was introduced on March 19, 1948 at a regular meeting of the Florida Chapter held in Miami, by Mrs. Vivian Boyer Ropes, General Chairman of the Second Annual All Woman Air Show. It was accepted unanimously by the group and decided that for the present it would be a Florida Chapter activity. At the next National Convention of the National Ninety-Nines organization the plan will be presented and national participation in the Foundation will be invited. In presenting the plan, Mrs. Ropes declared that if through the Second Annual All Woman Air Show the Amelia Earhart Memorial Foundation can become a reality she will feel that all her hard work and efforts as General Chairman of the Show will not have been in vain.

Because of Florida's wonderful climate and because the All Woman Air Show is staged in Miami, The Ninety-Nines are planning to obtain a place in the south Florida area from the Show proceeds and establish the Foundation's home where women pilots can meet and relax and map plans for presenting a far better All Woman Air Show of the World each year which will benefit the Foundation and aid in additional comfort and facilities at the home. The home will be a haven to women pilots who are in need of rest to recover from illness or injury.

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THE FIRST ANNUAL ALL WOMAN AIR SHOW was held on Peter O. Knight Airport in Tampa, Florida on March 15 and 16, 1947. Above are a few of the action shots of the show, which was a tremendous success. Mrs. Jeanette Lempke Sovereign, 1947 National President of the Ninety-Nines can be seen with Show Announcer Verna Burke beside a number of the trophies offered in the various events. Betty Skelton and Kaddy Landry opened the show with a beautiful dual "Rhapsody in Smoke" act. The 85-125 HP Race

takes to the Air. Jean Broadhead flew the 1910 Curtis Pusher as an old lady, she is also shown in flight. Assisting her before take off is Gladys Pennington, General Chairman of the Show who also worked in operation of the show, and Duke Caldwell and Peggy Lennox who also participated in the show. Duke is shown in her comedy act with the broken back cub. Marge Hurlburt is shown in the cockpit of her clipwing Corsair just as she landed after breaking the official world speed record.

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On behalf of the FLORIDA CHAPTER of NINETY-NINES, sponsors of the All Woman Air Show of the World, I extend cordial greetings to all visiting pilots and spectators from near and far who have come to honor our 2nd Annual Air Show.

GLADYS L. PENNINGTON, *Chapter Chairman*

It is my sincere hope that everyone has enjoyed witnessing the 99s Second Annual All Woman Air Show of the World as much as we have enjoyed presenting it. The Show will be an annual event and we look forward to seeing you every year.

VIVIAN BOYER ROPES, *General Chairman*
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AMELIA EARHART FIELD, a part of the U. S. Naval Air Station at Miami, Florida was dedicated on October 26, 1947 as a part of the Navy Day ceremonies in Miami. The impressive ceremony was participated in by the Ninety-Nines, the Federation of Woman's Clubs and the U. S. Navy. Miss Blanche Noyes, a charter member of the Ninety-Nines represented the international organization of licensed women pilots. Vice Admiral G. F. Bogan, USN, commander of the Atlantic Fleet air force in his dedication address paid great honor to Miss Earhart who took off from this



airport June 1, 1937 on her last flight saying "In changing the name of this airport we do fitting honor to a great aviatrix, a great woman and a great American." Mrs. L. J. McCaffrey, President of the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs and Mrs. James B. Davidson, President of the Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs praised Miss Earhart and the progressive spirit of the Ninety-Nines. Renaming and dedication of the field was co-sponsored by the Florida Chapter of Ninety-Nines and the Dade County Federation of Women's Clubs.

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1:45 P. M.

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In recognition of Miss Cochran's great achievements and outstanding record as a cross-country speed pilot it was only fitting that officials of the 99s Second Annual All Woman Air Show of the World designate the feature attraction of the show 'The Jacqueline Cochran Transcontinental Trophy Race.'

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DE THURMOND (center), first west coast woman to enter the Jacqueline Cochran Transcontinental Trophy Race is briefed on the long cross-country flight by Carolyn West (left), last year's winner, and Helen L. Hooper (right) Chairman of the Los Angeles 99s who are assisting in arrangements for the race looks on.

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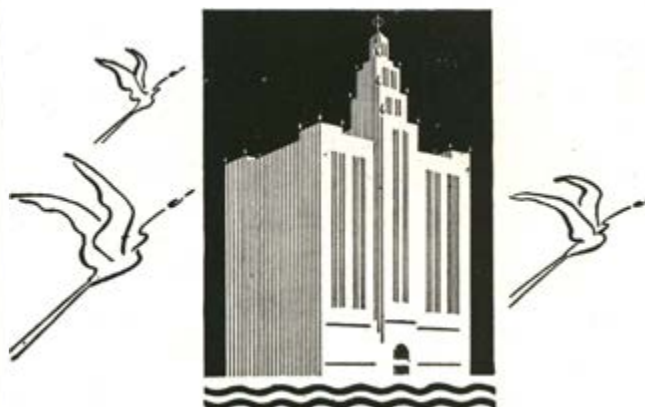
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CHARTER NINETY-NINES are shown working on plans for the New York to Miami Nolde Race which is a part of the 2nd Annual All Woman Air Show of the World. They are left to right: RUTH NICHOLS, who was for many years recognized as "America's first lady of the air," AMY ANDREWS, a well-known pilot of many years, MARJORIE B. DAVIS, Treasurer of the Ninety-Nines international organization, VIOLA GENTRY CAMERON, who has been a pilot since 1925 and has worked

in almost every branch of aviation since that time, and among other things managed the record-breaking endurance flight of Louise Thaden and Frances Harrell Marsalis, and MARGARET COOPER MANSER, second National President of the Ninety-Nines and was the first woman to operate her own Airport, the Culver City Airport in California, giving instruction and handling charter flights and was among the first women to obtain a transport license.

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MISS BEVERLY WHITFIELD of Orlando, Florida (bottom), heads the list of girls representing the world famous Stephens College, Columbia, Missouri. She will enter the "World's All Woman Aerobatics Championship" Contest in the Show.

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Staging an event of this kind has equal amounts of joy and heartache but the fact that the Show had the moral as well as financial support of such wonderful people was a major factor in making the Second Annual All Woman Air Show of the World a success.

The Florida Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, sponsors of the Show plan to make this an annual event because of its international importance and sincerely hope that everyone will continue their support of this project which is staged to benefit two worthy causes - The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund and the Amelia Earhart Memorial Foundation for women pilots.

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The Florida Chapter of Ninety-Nines have enjoyed arranging for the presentation of the 2nd Annual All Woman Air Show of the World and look forward to seeing Amelia Earhart Field crowded with spectators because this is the only way funds can be raised to establish the Amelia Earhart Memorial Foundation and everyone is sure to enjoy witnessing the only air show of its kind in the world, and help make these courageous women pilots' dream come true.

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The Ninety-Nines membership, which now includes several thousand women pilots, is divided up into eight geographic sections, which are sub-divided into 33 chapters over the world.

During the war most chapters were practically dormant as far as club activity was concerned because the membership was scattered far and wide over the world serving in the capacity in which they were most suited. However, all have revived since V-J Day and the Florida Chapter of 99s has to date proved to be one of the more aggressive in all phases of activity.

Florida 99s competed in an event for The Bertram Trophy, sponsored by Mrs. Marion Bertram, a 99, on May 5, 1946 at Orlando, Florida, a feature on the Florida Air Pilots Association "Meet" program. Each participant in this event paid an Entry Fee which was turned over to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. Gladys Pennington captured the Bertram Trophy and was immediately handed the General Chairmanship of the Chapter Air Show activities.

The Florida Chapter of 99s took off on their own on March 15 and 16, 1947 with Gladys Pennington as General Chairman and presented the First Annual All Woman Air Show in Tampa, Florida. The first show with races, exhibitions and comedy was topped by Marge Hurlburt's record breaking speed dash. The show in its entirety was a tremendous success and a check of a sizeable amount was turned over to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Since the first Annual All Woman Air Show, Gladys Pennington was elected Chairman of the Florida 99s and Vivian Boyer Ropes was appointed General Chairman of the Air Show activities, and has been working ever since toward the success of the 2nd Annual All Woman Air Show of the World now being witnessed on Amelia Earhart Field, honoring the famed aviatrix who took off from this airport June 1, 1937 on her last flight.

The Air Show wishes to express appreciation to the 99s international organization for assistance so graciously given.



BETTY CARSTAIRS, famous English sportswoman of Miami Beach, Florida, has been most generous in her contributions to the 99s Second Annual All Woman Air Show of the World.

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ELLEN GILMOUR, (top), announcer for the All Woman Air Show, has a background of many years experience in the theater and as a radio announcer and commentator. As a pilot, newspaper columnist on aviation and a 99, she is well qualified for the somewhat thankless job of explaining the aerial doings of the various contestants to the multitudes.

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The Man of Distinction

AVIATION'S "MAN OF DISTINCTION" presented at the Aviation Ball, Original Manning's Restaurant, Miami, Florida Saturday evening, June 5th is a feature event each year of the All Woman Air Show of the World sponsored by the Florida Chapter of Ninety-Nines.

The gentleman selected by the All Woman Board of Judges is considered on his achievements in aviation. He will be presented to the crowds attending the Show on Sunday, opening that day's schedule of events.

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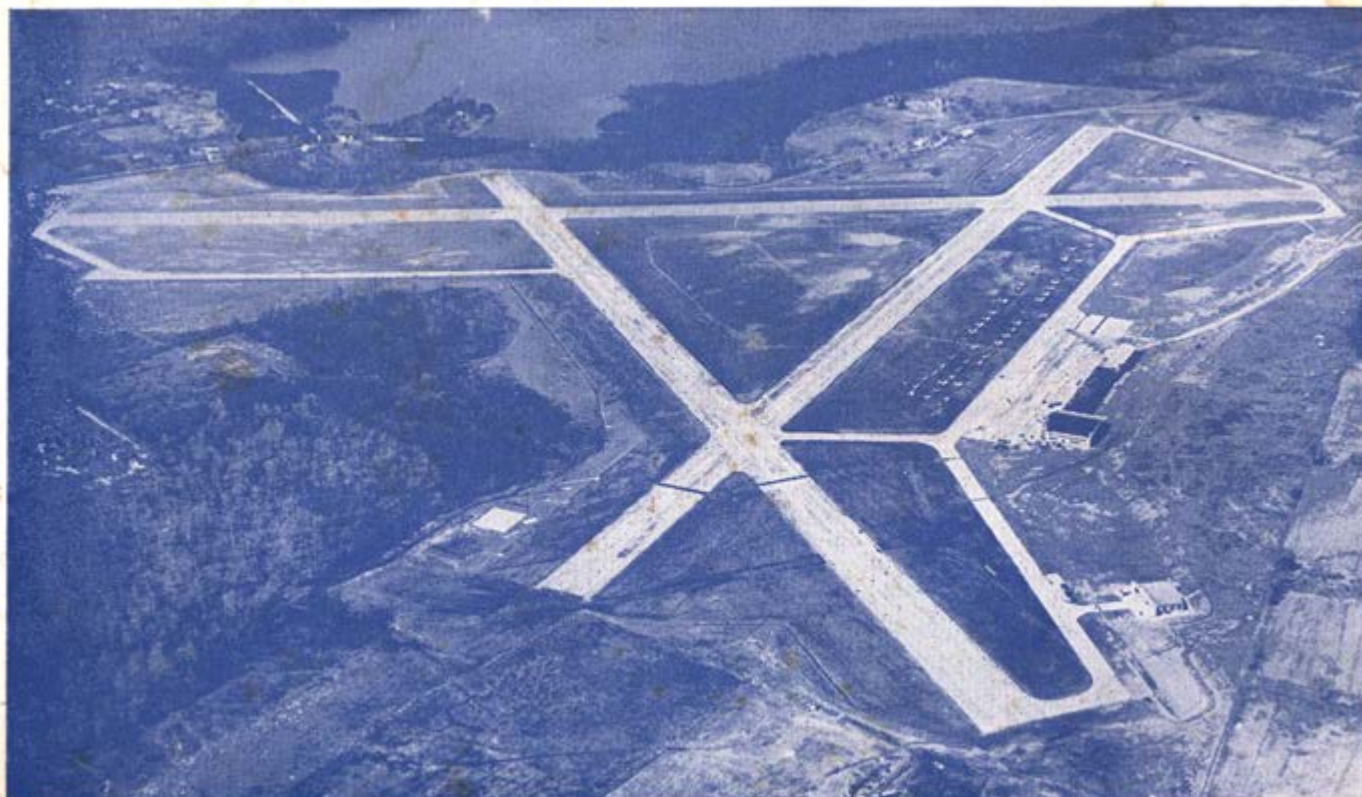


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