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AIR DERBY AT TUCSON  
DETROIT FREE PRESS

Three Forced Out of Race by Engine Trouble

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 24-(A.P.)-Led by Mrs. Gladys O'Donnell, Long Beach, Cal., 57 women and men, Santa Monica to Cleveland air derby fliers, three less than left yesterday, set their planes down on the Tucson airport today for the second night stop.

Mrs. O'Donnell, second pilot to cross the Phoenix finish line at noon today, streaked into Tucson 12 minutes and one second ahead of her nearest rival, Phoebe Omlie of Memphis. Her flying time from Phoenix was 41 minutes 26 seconds.

One man and two women failed to reach here. Gage Irving, of Burbank, Cal., was forced down near Red Rock, Ariz., by motor trouble.

Winifred Spooner of Leicestershire, England, dropped from the flight at Phoenix when a connecting rod of her motor broke and a cylinder cracked.

Mary Charles, Santa Monica, Cal., forced down four miles from Calexico by engine trouble, again took to the air late in the afternoon. She landed at Yuma shortly before 7 p.m., refueled and took off for Phoenix a few minutes later. She planned to fly to Tucson tomorrow in time to take her regular place when the flight to Douglas, tomorrow's noon time stop, starts.

AIR DERBY PACE SET BY WOMAN  
DETROIT NEWS Aug 25.31

Gladys O'Donnell Continues To Lead Field as Pilots Cross Arizona.

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 25-(U.P.)-Women fliers set the pace today in the Santa Monica-to-Cleveland Air Derby.

The first five to land here late Monday from Phoenix were women. They led the flock of 57 fliers into the municipal airport by a wide margin.

One of the women, Gladys O'Donnell, Long Beach, Calif., has been the first to land at every control point since the race started Sunday. She was not the first to take off in any instance.

The ships have handicaps in proportion to their cruising speeds, and Mrs. O'Donnell's Waco, with a rating of 170 miles per hour, is the fastest craft in the race.

Elapsed time figures, with handicap rating and penalties for breaking rules taken into consideration, were to be announced before the take-off for Douglas, Ariz., today.

Mrs. O'Donnell's flying time from Calexico to Phoenix, approximately



200 miles was 1:20:54. She flew the 130 miles from Phoenix to Tuscon in 41 minutes 26 seconds.

Phoebe Omlie was second into Tuscon, trailing Mrs. O'Donnell by 12 minutes 1 second. Clema Granger was third; Louise Thaden, fourth and Florence Lowe Barnes, fifth.

One of the favorite women stars, Winifred E. Spooner, of England, was forced from the race at Phoenix when low oil pressure ruined her motor. It was of British make, making quick replacement impossible. She left by train for Cleveland.

Monday's flight over the Imperial Valley of California and the semi-desert country of southern Arizona was a hard one. The temperature ranged between 105 and 110 degrees.

The fliers were guests Monday night at a banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce.

Santa Monica Airwoman's Standing in Race Highest

Gladys O'Donnell Fourth Because of Handicap; Clema Granger Leading Derby

By United Press

TUCSON, Ariz., Aug. 25-Although they are racing the men in the general derby, the woman flyers are staging a competition among themselves.

Exact net times were not available, but the standings of the women flyers to date were as follows:

First, Clema Granger, Santa Monica; second, Phoebe Omlie; third, Edith Foltz; fourth, Gladys O'Donnell; fifth, Martie Bowman; sixth, Ruth Stewart; seventh, Joan Shankle; eighth, Mae Hazlipp; ninth, Florence Barnes; tenth, Mildred Morgan.

The same system of handicap ratings as apply to the general derby prevail in the women's derby. Thus, Mrs. O'Donnell is in fourth place, although she has led all flyers to the various control points. Her Waco ship, rated at 170 miles an hour, is the fastest in the race.

AERIAL DERBY STILL A RACE  
DETROIT NEWS

Leader in Sky Handicap Not Yet Determined; Three Eliminated.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 26.-(AP)-Surviving entrants in the national air derby from Santa Monica, Calif., to Cleveland struggled for additional points today with the identity of the race leader still undetermined

officially.

Standings at El Paso, the fifth control point, however, placed Lee Brusse of Glendale, Calif., at the head of the men's division and Clema Granger, of Santa Monica, as leader of the women.

With three planes eliminated on the flight from Tucson, Ariz., to this city yesterday, officials announced the results this morning after hours of work with handicap statistics. Figures for the general handicap, in which both men and women are entered, were not revealed.

The plane of Earl Rowland, of Wichita, Kans., was demolished by a crash in a canyon east of Douglas, Ariz. Rowland blamed motor trouble. He and Mrs. Rowland, who accompanied him on the flight, were not injured.

Motor trouble led to Barney Rawson of Cleveland to land eight miles west of El Paso. Mrs. Blanches Noyes, of Cleveland, turned back at Tucson when the magneto of her motor failed. Fifty-two other planes arrived here safely.

Gladys O'Donnell of Long Beach, Calif., blazed the way into El Paso, landing at 3:19 p. m., 19 minutes ahead of Phoebe Omlie of Memphis, Tenn. W. Musgrove of San Francisco was the first masculine flier to land here, setting his plane down at 3:50 p. m.

Rankings for the men's race placed Eldon Cessna of Wichita, Kas., second and D. C. Warren of Alameda, Calif., third. They were followed in order by Roy Hunt of Santa Monica and Charles Goldtrap of Phoenix, Ariz.

Phoebe Omlie was ranged second in the women's division and Miss O'Donnell, whose fast plane has consistently led the group, third. May Haizlip of St. Louis was placed fourth and Martie Bowman of Glendale, Calif., fifth.

Flight plans today called for a halt at Roswell, N. M., for luncheon and a night sop at Amarillo, Tex.

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MRS. O'DONNELL RETAINS LEAD IN AIR DERBY

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1 Missing

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One Flyer Missing

Gage Irving of Burbank, Cal., has been missing since he left Calexico, Cal., this forenoon. A searching party from Buckeye, Ariz., was combing the desert near Dixie, twenty miles west of Buckeye, for his plane.

Winnifred Spooner of Leicestershire, England, dropped from the flight at Phoenix when it was found a connecting rod of her motor had broken and a cylinder had cracked. She was undecided whether she would rejoin the derby after repairs had been completed.

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