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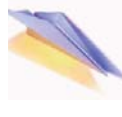
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NEXT DEADLINE: February 22, 2013

COVER PICTURE: Where to fly in for the convention - sent by Suzie Azar, who owns the FBO at Blue Feather Aero. The photo of 5T6 was taken March 2012.

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Editorial Comment by Ellie Block

At the next SCS meeting you will be discussing distributing the Approach via email - I hope this will happen. Color pictures and other features such as references to other sites can be done in the email edition. Of course, people who still want the snail mail version will be furnished with one, but they will be missing out on the additional features. I get newsletters from 99s all over the world and really enjoy seeing what is happening. Meanwhile, it would be nice to have a picture of the airport where 99s will be flying into for the meeting. We have featured an airport in Santa Teresa, NM this time that you can fly into for the El Paso meeting. Thank you for your contributions, those of you who did so. More picture, more articles, that would be nice! Also, please send the article in WORD if possible and the pictures, separately, in JPG (best quality possible)!

Thank you,
Ellie



This is the ramp area at Blue Feather Aero, Dona Ana County NM Airport (5T6), Santa Teresa, New Mexico. Suzie Azar owns the FBO. You will get a \$.25 discount on any fuel you purchase there. Be sure to tell them you are with the Ninety-Nines!

Governor's Message:

I am writing this message as I return from the International Conference in Providence, and am still basking in the glow of representing the best Section in the Ninety-Nines! South Central Section members were well represented there (although I'd like to see a few more of us next year in Bozeman, Montana) and earned our fair share of accolades. At the Awards Banquet, we were so proud of South Central Section and Houston Chapter member Debby Rihn-Harvey, who was honored with the Ninety-Nines International Award of Achievement for Contribution to Aviation. Additionally, many SCS members will fondly remember Dean Jaros, who attended so many SCS meetings, and who was posthumously honored with the George Palmer Putnam Award for his many years of tireless support of the Ninety-Nines, especially the Colorado Chapter. The bios that appeared in the Conference Program also appear in this issue.

SCS members were also honored at the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Luncheon, where three members were awarded scholarships: Kirsten Brazier (Ambassador Chapter), Group IV Heli Instrument Rating; Laura Flanagan (Ambassador Chapter), A320 Type Rating; and Ailene Watkins (Houston Chapter), Academic Scholarship.

We are also proud of our SCS members who serve on the International Board of Directors. Susan Larson, Rio Grande Norte Chapter, has just completed her fourth year as International President and remains on the board. Jan McKenzie, Colorado Chapter, was installed as the new International Vice President.

Now is the time to make your plans to attend the fall SCS meeting in El Paso, Texas, October 19-21! The El Paso Chapter has a wonderful week-end planned for us, including the option of extending your stay to attend the Amigo Airsho on Sunday. At the business meeting, we will hear a brief report from each Chapter Chairman, or her designee. We will also be discussing the possibility of updating our distribution method for the Approach, and it is important that all chapters are represented in this discussion. The last two SCS meetings, in Colorado and Oklahoma, have been terrific, so let's try for another one!

Blue skies to all,
Cathy



The El Paso Chapter of Ninety-Nines Invites You To Attend The Fall Meeting of the South Central Section October 19 – 21, 2012

Make plans to come early and stay late in El Paso, Texas, the safest large city in America. Join us for a weekend of fun, fellowship, tours and good food in a historical city known for its great hospitality. We've planned fun activities beginning on Friday and ending with the Amigo Airsho featuring the USAF Thunderbirds on Sunday. Fall is a lovely time of year to enjoy the beautiful days and cool desert evenings of the southwest. We hope to see you here!

Hotel:

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

7935 Arcraft Road (Arcraft Rd. & I-10)

El Paso, TX 79932 (Located near Outlet Shoppes of El Paso and Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino)

(915) 587-5885, (888) 465-4329, (915) 587-8558 (fax). Tell them you are with the 99s, Group Code TNI.

You can also register online at www.hiexpress.com. Go to El Paso, then 7935 Arcraft Rd. Use Group Code TNI.

King or Queen Standard: \$79+tax

King or Queen Suites: \$89+tax

Each room features wired and Wi-Fi access, Flat Screen TV, Microwave, and Refrigerator.

Rates include free parking and/or shuttle bus to and from El Paso International Airport (ELP) or the Dona Ana County (NM) Airport (5T6).

Guests also enjoy a complimentary "Hot Express Smart Start Breakfast Bar" and a Business Center.

Hotel Reservation Deadline:

September 14, 2012. Cancellation date W/O penalty: October 17, 2012.

Transportation:

Shuttle buses provided to and from hotel by Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites to El Paso International Airport (ELP) and the Dona Ana County NM Airport (5T6). Call (915) 587-5885 upon arrival at airport.

Tours:

El Paso City Sights/Shopping Tour: We will visit locations and vistas that make El Paso a tourist's delight. Let us take you to the offbeat and out of the way places that only the locals and wholesalers know about. \$23 pp. Price is based on a 25 person minimum and includes all transportation, tour guide, and bus prize.

Old Mesilla Tour: The Don Juan de Onate trail leads to the "Santa Fe" style village of Old Mesilla, NM, a resting stop since 1535. Old Mesilla is now home to specialty shops and fine art galleries. Lunch is served at the historical Double Eagle Restaurant. \$48 pp. Price is based on a 40 person minimum and includes all transportation, tour guide, bus prize, and lunch.

Amigo Airsho: Sunday performance featuring the USAF Thunderbirds. \$30 pp. Price includes flight line seats in the Blue Feather Aero chalet, lunch and beverages. We will make every effort to provide transportation to and from the Airsho for those who do not have a car.



PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

FALL 2012 SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING

OCTOBER 19-21, 2012, EL PASO, TEXAS

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
ARTCRAFT ROAD & I-10

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Location – Breakfast Area	Complimentary “Hot Express Smart Start Breakfast Bar”
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Location – Hotel Lobby	Registration
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Location – Meeting Room	Hospitality and Fly Market
12:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	Location – Meet in Lobby	Lunch on Your Own
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Location – Meeting Room	El Paso City Sights/Shopping Tour (Optional) – Minimum 25 Persons
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Location – Meeting Room	Possible Seminars
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Location – Meeting Room	SCS Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Location – Meet in Lobby	Governor's Forum (Open to All)
		Welcome Reception War Eagles Air Museum (BBQ Dinner)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012

6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Location – Breakfast Area	Complimentary “Hot Express Smart Start Breakfast Bar”
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Location - Hotel Lobby	Registration
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Location – Meeting Room	SCS Business Meeting
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Location – Meet in Lobby	49 ½ and Guest Activities
11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Location – Meeting Room	Hospitality and Fly Market
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Location – Meet in Lobby	Old Mesilla Shopping Tour and Lunch (Optional) – Min. 40 Persons
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Location – Meet in Lobby	Banquet – Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino (Cash Bar)
		Speaker: CW3 Camille Griffin, US Army

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2012

6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Location – Breakfast Area	Complimentary “Hot Express Smart Start Breakfast Bar”
6:00 a.m. -	Location – Meet in Lobby	Airport Departures – Shuttles
10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Location – Meet in Lobby	Amigo Airsho – Biggs Army Airfield



Ninety-Nines South Central Section Fall Meeting
 El Paso, Texas
 October 19-21, 2012
 Hosted by the El Paso Chapter



Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Offices Currently Held _____

Past Section & International Offices Held _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Full Registration Package includes Friday Welcome Reception at War Eagles Air Museum with BBQ Dinner and entrance into Museum, Saturday Banquet and Appetizers at Sunland Park Racetrack & Casino (Cash Bar), Hospitality Room, Fly Market, Seminars, Door Prizes, and Goody Bag.

Early Registration (postmarked on or before September 14) _____ @ \$ 99.00 = _____

Regular Registration (postmarked September 15 or later) _____ @ \$115.00 = _____

Welcome Reception Only _____ @ \$ 50.00 = _____

Banquet only _____ @ \$ 55.00 = _____

Friday El Paso Scenic/Shopping Tour (Optional)(Without Lunch) _____ @ \$ 23.00 = _____
 25 Person Minimum

Saturday Old Mesilla (NM) Tour (Optional)(Lunch Included) _____ @ \$ 48.00 = _____
 40 Person Minimum

Sunday Amigo Airsho Chalet Ticket (Lunch/Drinks Incl.) _____ @ \$ 30.00 = _____

Total (Make checks payable to El Paso Chapter Ninety-Nines) _____ = _____

(No refunds after October 12)

special dietary needs: _____

Ground Transportation: The hotel has a shuttle bus for guests to and from El Paso International Airport (ELP).

Commercial Airport: El Paso International Airport (ELP)

Arrival Date _____ Arrival Time _____ Airline _____ Flight # _____

General Aviation Airport: Dona Ana County (NM) Airport (5T6) – FBO – Blue Feather Aero . Free tie-downs, \$0.25 fuel discount .

Call when in range and mention you are with the 99s.

Arrival Date _____ Arrival Time _____ Aircraft Type _____ N # _____

Call Holiday Inn Express at: 915-587-5885 upon arrival for hotel shuttle transportation.

Driving: Arrival Date _____ Arrival Time _____

Mail completed registration form to:

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Aviation Scholarships Rose Lepore, Aviation Scholarship Advisor

The South Central Section AE Scholarship Committee has completed its review of the 2012 applications. This year we received eight (8) applications for AE Scholarships, and three (3) New Pilot Award applications. The application form packets had changed slightly this year—applicants had to read the instructions carefully to be sure their applications were complete. The members of the committee who do such a great job of reviewing applications year after year are Clancey Maloney, Becky Hempel and Cathy Wappler. I may be their leader, but I'm always rushing to catch them. They are all committed to helping applicants achieve their aviation goals.

Of the eight (8) applications submitted, four (4) were forwarded to the Trustees for further consideration. The Section quota for AE Scholarship applications this year was seven (7) applications and four (4) “strong” alternates. All 3 New Pilot Award applications were sent to the Trustees. The following are the applications selected by the Committee to be sent to the Trustees:

- Aileen Watkins - Houston (Academic)
- Sarah Preedy - Ambassador (A320 Type Rating)
- Kirsten Brazier - Ambassador (Group IV (Helicopters) Instrument Rating)
- Laura Flanagan - Ambassador (A320 Type Rating)
- Kristi Rodriguez - Pikes Peak (New Pilot Award)
- Michal Hillary Mudd - Rio Grande Norte (New Pilot Award)
- Kara Gallas - Colorado(New Pilot Award)

The four (4) applications we did not forward to the Trustees had problems we were not able to resolve before the deadline for submission. Three (3) were not forwarded because they lacked required hours, particularly PIC Cross-Country time. One lacked the total time needed for a Commercial ASEL rating. Most of these ladies have indicated they'll be back next year.

There is clearly some confusion about what hours can and cannot be included in the requested training. Before submitting applications, applicants and Chapter AE Chairmen should:

- Check the FARs to be sure they know what's required for each rating sought
- Read the application instructions very carefully to be sure all eligibility requirements are met, including the correct medical needed
- Only apply for the amount actually needed to cover the training, ground instruction and check ride-- don't try to use training to build required time that is lacking
- Get an early start on the process---try to get the application packet as soon as it's available on the website and allow sufficient time to seek help and get questions answered well before the submission deadline
- Your SCS AE Scholarship committee is willing to help, don't hesitate to e-mail us with questions, etc. (We're all in the directory)

The number of applications submitted this year was disappointing. I know there must be more Ninety-Nines out there who could meet the eligibility requirements and would like to advance their aviation goals. If you're one of those, visit the website, review the application forms when they become available for 2013, and go for it! You will find there are plenty of former winners, fellow Chapter members, as well as your scholarship committee who would be happy to help you.

Remember, information about other aviation scholarships is available on the Ninety-Nines website. Several of these have links to specific websites.

SCS Members Rock the ARC!

Congratulations to these members of the South Central Section who completed this year's Air Race Classic with a “top-10” finish!

Dianna Stanger (Houston) – 1st Place!!

Arlene Wohlgenuth (Ft. Worth) and Julia Matthews (Brazos River) – 4th Place

Elizabeth Frankowski (Houston) and Carol Brackley (Houston) – 6th Place

Joyce Wilson (Ambassador) and Janet Yoder (Kansas) – 7th Place

Tonya Hodson (Kansas) – 8th Place

Emily Applegate (Colorado) and Zia Safko (Colorado) – 10th Place

DALLAS 99s by Holly Barr



The Dallas 99s have had a very busy and productive spring.

In April, we held a Girl Scout STEM seminar at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas Love Field for 60 Girl Scouts and several mothers and Scout Leaders.

Museum docents conducted narrated tours following the presentations. Our STEM-based program was well-received and the girls loved the new Aviation patches, designed by Janny Strickland and Holly Barr. Martha Ann Reading baked numerous airplane cookies, which were a big hit! Members who contributed to the success of the day, either with presentations or behind the scenes, were: Cindy Weber, Jane Capstick, Brooke Franklin, Ila Moses-King, Ann Koenig, Holly Barr, Elicia Timberlake, Dorothy Warren, Romona Upfield, Martha Ann Reading, Janny Strickland, and Jerry Glennie.

In May, we met at outgoing chairman Janny Strickland's house where we installed our 2012-2013 chapter officers and held a 49 1/2 ceremony. We celebrated Romona Upfield's induction into the Forest of Friendship & Dorothy Warren's engagement, and recognized Life/Chapter Charter Member Martha Ann Reading for her 65 years of 99s membership! Festivities were topped off with Martha Ann's recipe for "Pink Ladies" and lots of food.

In June, Holly Barr and Romona Upfield traveled to Atchison, KS to the Forest of Friendship. Romona and her late husband Jim were inducted into the Forest.



Ninety-Nines International Awards

Each year, The Ninety-Nines recognizes outstanding contributions to aviation by honoring individuals both inside and outside the organization. Nominations are accepted beginning in the fall and continuing until January 15. Chapters are encouraged to nominate individuals who deserve recognition for their contributions to The Ninety-Nines, to aviation, or to humanitarian efforts.

This year, two individuals from the South Central Section received these prestigious awards – Deborah Rihn-Harvey (Houston Chapter) received the Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation and Dean Jaros was honored posthumously with the George Palmer Putnam Award.

For more than forty years, Debby Rihn-Harvey has contributed her time and energy to the field of aviation as an instructor, airline captain, aviation business owner, FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, mentor, airshow pilot, and the longest-standing member of the United States Aerobatic Team. While still active in all of these endeavors, Debby finds time to advise and inspire a new generation of aviation professionals and enthusiasts.

Her dedication to the sport of aerobatics places her among the world's elite pilots. In 2006, Debby became the third woman in history to be crowned United States National Aerobatic Champion, winning that title again in 2008 and 2009. As 2006, 2008 and 2009 U.S. National Aerobatic Champion, Debby was awarded the Mike Murphy Cup. She has also won the Betty Skelton Trophy (awarded to the top-placing woman competitor in the Powered Unlimited category at the U.S. Nationals) an unprecedented twelve times. In world competition, Rihn-Harvey has been a gold medalist and holds many regional titles.

Debby is an active air show performer, Aerobatic Competency Evaluator (ACE) through the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS), and an FAA Designated Examiner. She also manages Harvey & Rihn Aviation, a flight school and fixed base operation in La Porte, Texas. Since 1979, her aerobatics school has attracted pilots from around the world. Debby serves on the Board of Directors of the International Aerobatic Club and represents the United States internationally at the FAI Aerobatics Commission: Commission Internationale de Voltige Aerienne (CIVA). In addition, she sits on aviation advisory boards for both the City of La Porte and San Jacinto College.

In addition, Debby flies as a B737 Captain for Southwest Airlines. A member of the Houston Chapter, she truly loves her multi-faceted flying career, and it shows in her enthusiasm for "everything airplane." As a role model to the students and acquaintances she has inspired during her 40-year career, she finds great reward in their successes.

Dean Jaros was a visionary for the promotion of women in aviation. As a long-time 49 ½, he donated years of service to the Ninety-Nines.

Dean volunteered at a 99 Colorado Chapter Airmarking and quickly determined that he could help the chapter, observing how long it took to lay out a compass rose with the interlocking 99s. He developed and manufactured templates for the nine foot interlocking 99 that enable a quick layout. He also provided many other compass rose aids that enable the chapter to quickly draw centric circles and lay out the four primary directions. Dean volunteered for over ten 99 air-markings across Colorado and Wyoming areas, flying to each at his own expense. He also volunteered and donated his flying time and all expenses, hotels, meals, etc, to be the timer every year for the Mile High Air Derby.

In addition to supporting the Colorado Chapter, Dean flew to and attended over 17 years of 99 International Conferences and Section meetings, always supporting the 99s in any manner he could.

Dean also contributed to the body of knowledge on women in aviation. As a scholar, former professor at Vanderbilt and University of Kentucky and Dean of the Graduate School at Colorado State University, Dean conducted years of extensive and detailed research to produce the ground-breaking book in 1994, *Heroes Without Legacy: American Airwomen, 1912-1944*. He documented the incredible achievements of women pilots in a day when they often were not recognized in aviation. He traveled to the Air and Space Museum, in Washington and to the Ninety-Nines Museum of Women's Pilots multiple times for his research to prepare for his book.

Dean Jaros personified the values and contributions of the "George Palmer Putnam Award" with the support he demonstrated for 99s in his heart, with his time, his talents, contributions and finances for over 17 years.

Deborah Rihn-Harvey



Dean Jaros



Pauline Glasson

Pauline Glasson, 101, of Corpus Christi, Texas, passed away Friday, March 30, 2012 at her home. She was born May 6, 1910 in Boyd, Kentucky to Joseph Early and Frances Butcher Cummins.

She soloed in 1934 at the age of 22 in an Aeronca Sea Plane. She was a life member of the Ninety-Nines an international organization of women pilots, flew all but two of the Powder Puff Derbys and was one of the founders of the Air Race Classic where she was an active and then honorary member of the Board of Directors. She had thousands of hours of flying experience and operated a local flight school.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Glasson; her parents; her sisters, Mildred Lovelace and Sebley Franks; her brothers, Adrian and Jim and Leland Cummins; and her nephew, Donnie Lovelace. She is survived by her sister, Margarite Spears.

A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 11 A.M. Saturday, April 21, 2012 at St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles Catholic Church with Rev. Msgr. Morgan Rowsome as celebrant. A reception followed at Noon in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to make contributions to PALS.

From Dianne about her friend Pauline:

Pauline Glasson was a 99er before either of us could think 99er. You either liked her or hated her----- she was my instrument instructor and a few hundred other pilots could tell you she was their instructor! She once told me that she became an instructor in 1941 and quit flying after 50 years of instructing! Pauline is the reason I ever became involved in the 99ers and I helped her start the Air Race Classic out of Corpus Christi in the early 80s!



Fort Worth 99s in Rockport, TX

by Anne Jeffrey and Ellie Block

The project to paint a compass rose in Aransas County Airport(RKP) in Rockport, Texas was a big deal! Starting in February of 2011. With the help of local Boy Scouts, San Antonio 99s, Fort Worth 99s, pilots from McCampbell-Porter (TFP) Airport, it was finally completed many months later. The mastermind was Linda Stoneking who lead the group on the first attempt with the wind blowing so hard it blew the paint out of pans when we finally got it laid out by San Antonio and Fort Worth 99s. Next came the Boy Scouts from Rockport who were promised rides if they helped (would have taken them anyway). They were later flown through the EAA Young Eagle program. We had boys from Texas and Oklahoma who helped. The heat was unbearable and we only got the white done. Next, another group of Fort Worth 99s along with some pilots from TFP helped finish the compass rose. Later, some of the pilots from TFP went back and outlined the compass rose. The manager, Gene Johnson, of RKP is happy, the pilots who now can calibrate their compasses are happy. All 99s who helped are estatic! Notice the marks across the compass rose - pilots started using it before it was finished! I cannot thank the people who helped with this enough - some driving all the way from San Antonio and Fort Worth.



Boy Scouts put on the 2nd coat of white



Getting the last pieces painted



FINISHED!!!

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SCHEDULE OF HOST CHAPTERS FOR SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETINGS

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Spring 2014

El Paso, Texas

San Antonio, Texas

Texas Dogwood Chapter - Tyler, Texas

Wichita Falls Chapter

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