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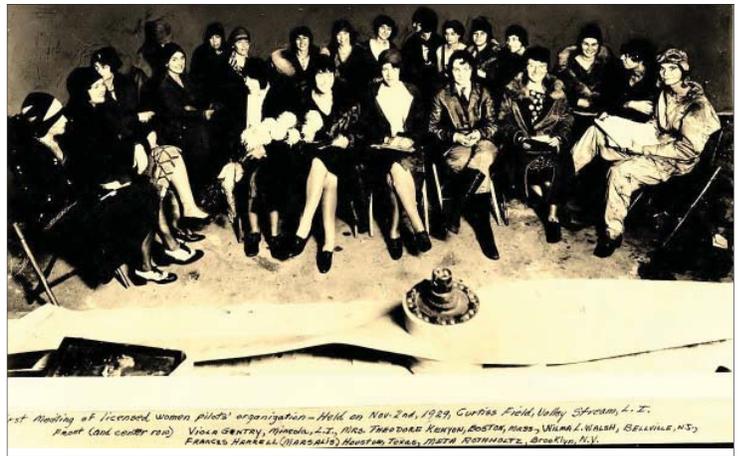
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Keeper of the Plains

by Blackbear Bosin
Wichita, Kansas



First Meeting - November 2, 1929

Amelia Earhart
and her
Lockheed Electra
Ink sketch
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25-27 SEPTEMBER
WICHITA, KANSAS

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Editorial Comment by Ellie Block

Articles!!! Chapters are doing lots of things - you need to let us know so it can appear in the Approach, with pictures! Thank you, Margot Plummer for the Board of Director pictures. See the inside last page for the order form to have your SCS Approach mailed to you.
Ellie



Fall 2014 Approach - *GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE*

We represent the second largest section in The Ninety-Nines with 729 members. We have 31 chapters which includes one online chapter and one of members with no chapter affiliation. At the Spring meeting in Galveston this year, we were represented by delegates from only 13 of those chapters!! That means 18 were not represented so we did not hear from a majority of the members in our section. One of the best things we do, in my opinion, is have a two minute oral report from each chapter represented there. It is really inspiring and thought provoking and gives us all ideas on new ways to raise funds, new ways to accomplish aerospace education and new ways to have fun while we are doing it! If your chapter is having a hard time staying inspired, please consider sending one member, any member, to the next meeting in Wichita, KS in September. We promise to welcome them heartily and light a fire under them when they see such a large group of women pilots in one place who are really proud to be a 99!!

The spring meeting in Galveston was great! Many thanks to the Houston Chapter for hosting us. Great food, great weather, great camaraderie and good exchange of information. The registration and schedule of events for the Wichita meeting in September is enclosed and also online so all you have to do is sign up and find a blue dress to wear to the banquet in honor of our 85th anniversary. Let's celebrate!

Another great meeting I hope you didn't miss was the International Conference in New Orleans. I am still recovering from the great food. A really special bonus was temperatures in the low 90's – a once in a lifetime event for July in south Louisiana. As you know, the bylaw amendments were mostly housekeeping and drew little discussion except for the one proposing to change the term Associate Member back to Future Woman Pilot. As it turns out, an amendment to the amendment changed it back to Student Pilot instead and everyone seemed pleased. We now have 375 student pilot members. There was also debate concerning Amendment #6 about the privileges of a Student Pilot and while the vote was not unanimous like most of the others, it passed 2-1.

I was profoundly pleased to be able to represent the South Central Section as your Governor. Until my term ends in June 2016, I hope to be able to meet with most of you as chapters and discuss ways we can breathe new life into our activities. There is a plethora of information available to you on our website (www.scs99s.org). Every new Chapter Chairman should go there to find Chapter Chairman's Supplement Manual under Publications. It is long but worth every page to print out and once you print it out, you can pass it on to the next Chairman. Kudos to Linda Horn who is most amazing at keeping our website updated and creating new ways to let us know what is going on! Put it in your Favorites and go there often.

Hope to see you in Wichita in September!

Jerry Anne

SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION FALL MEETING – WICHITA, KANSAS
September 25-26-27, 2014
Wichita Marriott Hotel
9100 Corporate Hills Drive
316-651-0333

“REMEMBERING OUR PAST”

A historical review of our Ninety-Nines organization,
Amelia Earhart, and the People of the South Wind.

A weekend full of fun activities...won't you come and join us? Here is an abbreviated summary of some of the activities you will enjoy:

Dinner and tour at the Mid-American All Indian Center viewing a historical documentary film, “Indians in Aviation” about the Wichita Indian community building B-29 bombers for WWII. Visit the 100’ statue, “Keeper of the Plains” and lighting of the fire-pots on the river at sunset.

A coach bus tour of the most important sights around Wichita, ending up at Stearman Field, for “Tacos and Tequila on the Terrace”. We will tour the new runway condominium hangars.

Bring one or two small antique pieces that you can easily pack into your suitcase for our “Antiques Roadshow”. A “show and tell” event to share the story of your grandma’s teapot, your mother’s old diamond necklace, a rare book, etc. Appraisers will share their expertise.

Bring a book or two for the “Book Fair” table...bring one, take one. Swap any book for another one.....any subject....free!

Fall Fashion Show during luncheon with models showing the latest fall outfits.

Featured Seminar: “Amelia Earhart: The Truth at Last”. Author, Mike Campbell, will share his two year research theory that Amelia landed her Electra near the Pacific island of Saipan, was held prisoner, and died at the hands of the Japanese. He will reveal how the U.S. government covered up the truth and will tell how eyewitnesses saw the famous flyer. There will be time for a question and answer session and book signing. We recommend that you purchase the book and read it this summer before the Section meeting in September!

A special event called, “Banquet in Blue” will honor the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Ninety-Nines organization. A dress code is required: wear something pretty in blue. Send off a Memorial 99 balloons launch, meet founder, “Louise Thaden”, and musical entertainment.

A large hospitality room will accommodate many tables showing vendor displays, Chapter Fly-Market fund-raising items, snacks and beverages, and a few interesting things to do and see.

Questions? Call Kay Alley (316-655-0855) or contact her at kayalley@cs.com. (Kansas Chapter)



**NINETY-NINES SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION
FALL MEETING, WICHITA, KANSAS
SEPTEMBER 25-26-27, 2014
WICHITA MARRIOTT HOTEL**

Thursday, September 25:

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm Registration and Hospitality and Fly Market main floor.

6:00 pm Board bus to Mid-America Indian Museum for dinner. Program film about how the Wichita Indian community built airplanes for World War II. Board bus to the “Keeper Of The Plains” statue by Blackbear Bosin and lighting of the river “fire pots” at sunset.

Friday, September 26:

6:30 am – 8:30 am Full breakfast buffet or menu (included in room rate) hotel main floor lobby.

8:00 am – 6:00 pm Registration, Hospitality and Fly Market, main floor.

8:30 am Board bus for day trip touring historical spots & points of interest in the city.

12:00 pm Arrive “Lloyd Stearman Field” at Benton, for “Tacos & Tequila on the Terrace” lunch. Tour of hangar condominiums and homes on the runway.

2:30 pm Return to hotel hospitality room for vendor shopping and refreshments.

4:30 pm Board meeting for SCS officers. Members invited to attend.

6:30 pm “Antiques Roadshow” dinner at Marriott. Bring one or two antiques.

Saturday, September 27:

7:00 am – 8:30 am Full breakfast buffet or menu (included in room rate) - hotel main floor lobby.

8:00 am – 2:30 pm Registration and Hospitality and Fly Market open, main floor.

8:30 am – 11:30 am South Central Section Business Meeting, main floor.

12:00 am – 1:30 pm Soup and Salad luncheon with “Fall Fashion Show” from Ann’s Fashions.

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm Vendor & Fly Market shopping in Hospitality Room, main floor.

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm Featured Seminar with guest speaker, Mike Campbell: “Amelia Earhart, The Truth at Last”. The author will share his research theory that Amelia may have landed her Electra near the Pacific island of Saipan, held prisoner and died at the hands of the Japanese. He will reveal how the U.S. government covered up the truth and will tell how eyewitnesses saw the famous Electra aircraft on the Saipan airport. Time allotted for question and answer session and book autograph signing.

6:00 pm Blue Cocktail social. Memorial 99 balloons launch, group picture.

7:00 pm “Banquet in Blue”. (Dress code required: wear something pretty in blue). Honoring the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Ninety-Nines in 1929. Meet Louise Thaden, first-person performance by Kansas Chapter member, Bonnie Johnson. Musical entertainment.

Sunday, September 28:

7:00 am – 9:30 am Full breakfast buffet or menu (included in room rate) main floor lobby.

7:00 am – 2:00 pm Transportation to James Jabara Airport or Wichita Mid-Continent Airport.

REGISTRATION
Ninety-Nines South Central Section Fall Meeting
Wichita, Kansas September 25-27, 2014
Hosted by the Kansas Chapter and the Northeast Kansas Chapter

Name: _____ Chapter: _____

Address: _____

Is this your first Section meeting? _____ Office(s) currently held: _____

Past Section or International Offices held: _____

Spouse or guests: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency name and contact #: _____

Special considerations (handicap, diet, etc.) _____

Would you or your Chapter like to have a free "Fly Market" fund-raising table? _____ Please bring Chapter scrapbook for display table.

Registration fee includes: Welcome Packet, Transportation to/from Airport and Activities, Seminars, Hospitality Room, Fly Market, Vendor Displays, Book Fair, Saturday Night banquet.

Early Registration – postmarked before/on September 4, 2014	# _____	@ \$90.00	\$ _____
Regular Registration – postmarked after September 4, 2014	# _____	@ \$100.00	\$ _____
Thursday Night (9-25) – Mid-American All Indian Center Activities, including film, "Indians in WWII", dinner and museum tour, river fire pots lighting.	# _____	@ \$18.00	\$ _____
Friday Morning (9-26) – City Highlights Bus Tour and Luncheon "Tacos and Tequila on the Terrace", including tour of hangar condos.	# _____	@ \$18.00	\$ _____
Friday Night (9-26) – Dinner and "Antiques Road Show". Bring favorite antique for a night of show and tell with professional appraisers.	Entrée choice/s: # ___ Italian-glazed Chicken # ___ Pork Loin # ___ Vegetarian	@ \$23.00	\$ _____
Saturday Morning (9-27) – Men's 49 ½ Hutchinson Cosmosphere Tour and Lunch	# _____	Pay at Door	
Saturday Afternoon (9-27) – Soup & Salad Luncheon and Fall Fashion Show by Ann's Fashions.	Salad choice/s: # ___ Ck. Caesar Salad # ___ Vegetarian	@ \$18.00	\$ _____
Saturday Mid-Afternoon (9-27) – Featured Seminar, Speaker Mike Campbell, author "Amelia Earhart: The Truth at Last"	# _____	Included in reg.	
*Saturday Night (9-27) – "Banquet in Blue" honoring 85 th anniversary of Ninety-Nines organization: meet founder "Louise Thaden," special music by Wichita Men's Quartet, memorial balloon launch, group photograph. *Dress Code: Something pretty in blue. Gentlemen, blue shirt or tie.	# ___ Chicken entrée or # ___ Vegetarian plate	Included in reg. Guests \$25.00	\$ _____
GRAND TOTAL – Make check payable to: "Kansas Chapter 99s" Mail to: P.O. Box 699, Wichita, Kansas 67201			\$ _____

Hotel: The Wichita Marriot Hotel, 9100 E. Corporate Hills, Wichita, Kansas 67207

(near intersection of E. Kellogg (Highway 54 and N. Webb Road) Call: 316-651-0333 for reservations.

Ask for Ninety-Nine's Room Rate available until Sept. 4: \$109.00 + tax (includes full breakfast buffet or menu)

Commercial Flights: Wichita Mid-Continent Airport (ICT) (Located 10 miles west of Wichita Marriot Hotel)		General Aviation Airport: Col. James Jabara (KAAO) Midwest Corporate Aviation (FBO) 3512 N. Webb Road, Wichita, Kansas 67226 316-636-9700 Overnight parking fee: \$9.50 waived if purchasing fuel	
Date Arriving:	Date Leaving:	Date Arriving:	Date Leaving:
Flight #	Flight #	N #	N #
Arrival Time:	Est. Departure Time to Airport:	ETA:	Est. Departure Time to Airport:
Ground transportation to the Wichita Marriott provided by Chapter representative. Do you need transportation to/from hotel? _____ If yes, how many passengers? _____ Upon arrival, please call or text: Kay Alley 316-655-0855.			

TEXAS DOGWOOD 99s

by Jill Shockley

Since the last Approach, we have had a busy spring!

In April, we celebrated the upcoming graduations of Callie Billingsley and Whitney Brouwer with a fun day of food and activities at Sally Coker's farm.

In late April, Jerry Anne Jurenka attended the annual awards ceremony at LeTourneau University. Whitney Brouwer received several awards: Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities; The Evelyn LeTourneau Outstanding Senior Woman Award; and, Top Graduate of the School of Aeronautical Science (candidates for this award were both male and female). Jerry Anne also presented the annual "Top Female Pilot" award, provided by our chapter, to a LeTourneau University student as chosen by LeTourneau University faculty and flight instructors. The recipient this year was Jovita Perez-Segovia.

In May, Jerry Anne Jurenka and Stephenie Roberts were installed on the Section board at the Spring Section meeting.

In June, Callie Billingsley took her check ride and is now a private pilot.

As part of our year celebrating Texas Dogwood's 40th birthday, a book presentation was made (in the name of Texas Dogwood) to Henderson High School.



Texas Dogwood members: Kathy Collum, Jerry Anne Jurenka, Jill Shockley, Sally Coker, Callie Billingsley, Stephenie Roberts, Whitney Brouwer

Whitney Brouwer and Callie Billingsley at Sally Coker's farm following the graduation party



Jerry Anne Jurenka (blue shirt), Callie Billingsley (holding book), Stephenie Roberts (far right in black) at book presentation to Henderson High School Library, Henderson, TX

Whitney Brouwer (far left) and Jerry Anne Jurenka (second from right) with LeTourneau University "Top Female Pilot" winners, present and past, at LeTourneau University's Abbott Aviation Center



Transformation

by Susan Larson, Rio Grande Norte Chapter

The Section's annual awards, most of which are presented at the Fall Section Meeting, are undergoing a transformation. That transformation cannot begin without first acknowledging the many, many years of commitment by Awards Chairman Gloria Blank, San Antonio Chapter, who sent out report forms, encouraged participation, then proceeded to tally the results and present awards each fall. She continued in this role until the most recent Section changing of the guard. Thank you Gloria for your devoted service and enjoy a well-deserved rest!

During this period of transition to a new program, the Fall SCS 2014 awards will consist solely of a Communications Award for best chapter newsletter or website, the still-alive Scrapbook category and a Travel Award for the chapter who, once multiplying the attendees by the distance from the core airport, traveled the furthest to the Section Meeting. The Vice Governor presents the Travel Award at each Section. At the meeting in Wichita, I am asking all those present at the Friday afternoon chapter chairman and board meeting to participate in a brainstorming session intended to re-vision the future of our awards program. With your input, and subsequent input from other Sections with awards programs, you can expect a transformed program in 2015, continuing to reflect our mission, updated for the 21st century.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the South Central Section 99s.

From Priscilla L. Barbee, Chapter Chairman of The Purple Sage Chapter:

Janet Williams Koonce, 74, was our Purple Sage Chapter Chairman when she passed away on June 13, 2014, at her home in Midland, Texas after a short battle with cancer.

Janet started coming to our chapter meetings in the early 1980's as a "66" (student pilot), but it wasn't long before she earned her single-engine plane pilot license and joined The 99s, Inc. and our Purple Sage Chapter. She held every office in our chapter at least once, and usually multiple times, and she always hosted our Chapter Christmas Party in her home for us every year.

Janet was a fun and sweet person, and she was our friend. We miss her very much.

Betty Era Jones, 68, was our Purple Sage Chapter Vice- Chairman when she passed away on July 6, 2014, at her home in Odessa, TX after a two- year battle with cancer.

Betty was a 99 when she became a charter member of The Purple Sage Chapter in 1984. She flew a yellow and white Cessna 172 and a red Pitts. She took lessons in a two-seat Pitts so she could fly and do aerobatics in her husband's one-seat red Pitts he had built himself. In addition to being a 99, Betty was also a member of The EAA and The West Texas Flyers. When she wasn't flying, she was a wife, mother, grandmother, seamstress, embroiderer, tax preparer, and a good friend to all who knew her well.

We miss Betty very much. Keep flying, Betty!

From Frances Luckhart, Tulsa Chapter:

Retired Master Chief Donald Luckhart went to rest May 18, 2014. He passed away two days after his 84th birthday. Our 35th wedding anniversary was June 9th. He is missed by all who knew and loved him.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

by Carol Sokatch

The Oklahoma Chapter gathered at Zio's on Monday March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in combination with our Sweetheart Dinner. We were so pleased to have Teresa White with us; Teresa received an Okie Derby Scholarship and chaired our hosting the Start of the Air Race Classic in 2007.

We provided a pancake breakfast to the CAP and their cadets when they held a Search and Rescue Exercise from Sundance Airport the first weekend in May. The Saturday of that weekend the EAA held a proficiency rally from the same airport which was won by Janis Love and Dan Burnett in their RV9.

Sundance hosted its second annual Discover Aviation Airshow on Saturday, May 24, attended by 10,000. Our chapter staffed an information booth there to publicize the Ninety-Nines and our 36th Annual Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally coming up Saturday August 16, staged from Sundance Airport. This is a new format and new location this year.

Our Okie Derby Kick-Off Pancake Breakfast was hosted by Rita Eaves in her home/hangar on Cole Airport on Sunday, June 29. We roared with laughter watching drag races between Amelia Earhart and Wiley Post (each on a dolly being pulled by their partner/engine) where they had to pick up items on a check list.

Most of you know Sue Halpain, a former Section Governor and a member who enjoyed attending section meetings with her husband Bill. Sue had a fall while attending a Bonanza Society meeting in March and has had serious complications with surgeries and hospitalizations since then. She is working hard to gather strength enough to be eligible to be transferred to a rehabilitation facility. We ask your prayers for Sue's return to health and being with us at sections meetings in the future.

RIO GRANDE NORTE

by Susan Larson

Keeping up with RGN99s flying activities is like watching swallows fly. They're graceful and chatty, swooping in all directions. The first half of 2014 included numerous opportunities to fulfill our Ninety-Nines mission, including an over-subscribed Flying Companion Seminar chaired by Joyce Woods, a Woman of Aviation Week airlift for women and girls on a day with snow flurries and low visibility, an Expanding Your Horizons educational day in Santa Fe for elementary school girls, flights for German exchange students, and participation in multiple EAA Young Eagles events. For fun, Elizabeth Hunke organized a fly-and-hike morning at Los Alamos, perfectly timed to avoid the afternoon thunderstorm buildup. She even scheduled an espresso break mid-hike.

Two of our 27 members advanced their flight credentials. We are proud to announce the acquisition of a new commercial certificate by Marianne Francois and an instrument rating by Joyce Woods. Nancy Wright, our AME, will be scheduling her private pilot check ride soon. We are sad to lose members who move out of the area (even for a flying job, as Jennifer Keppler is doing), but we look forward to welcoming several new members transferring from other chapters.

Marianne Francois, Clancey Maloney and Susan Larson returned from the Spring Section meeting in Galveston with twisted arms---chapter members are now excitedly planning our Section's Fall SCS 2015 meeting in Santa Fe.

Upcoming 2014 events include a July breakfast fly-out, an August rafting weekend on the Arkansas River, our annual Scrapbooking Party (look for our fabulous scrapbook in Wichita), a presence at the New Mexico Aviation Aerospace Career Expo at Kirtland AFB, a Girl Scout Day in November, and a lot more flying!

All 99s are welcome to join us for any of these activities. You can link to our website at www.rgn99s.org and locate our newsletter, Peak Gusts, there. A Calendar of Events is located at <http://www.rgn99s.org/activities/>. Contact either Elizabeth Hunke eclare@cybermesa.com or Susan Larson at sjlaron99@mac.com for further information.

Mom & Me & Airplane Made Three

A Tribute to Marion Jayne (1926-1996) by Patricia Jayne (Pat) Keefer

Part 1 of 2

It was twenty years ago that we launched from Montreal for the first day of the 24-day Round the World Air Race. If you've flown over a country, you listen to the evening news differently. Every time someone says Middle East, I recall the first place award for the race leg from Istanbul, Turkey to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Challenging was an understatement - it had taken ten hours and 54 minutes over Turkey, around Iraq over Iran and the Persian Gulf above 15,000 feet without enough oxygen for both of us. The briefing for women was to treat any landing in Iran as an ocean ditching. You'll likely lose the airplane and you'll be lucky to survive. It was Mom and me and the airplane ...

Mom is Marion Jayne, legendary cross country race pilot, founder of four pilot-skilled speed air races and three other businesses. Before she was Mom, she was that little girl from Chicago that took the swimming world by storm and went to the Olympic Swim Trials at age 13. Before she was Mom, she was invited to ride for Elizabeth Taylor in "National Velvet". Before she was Mom, she married at 17 and as a professional equestrienne; she was one of the first to jump a horse over a seven-foot fence. She was already flying high.

She learned to fly at the same time as Dad (George). They knew it would be easier for both of them to reach nationwide Horse Show judging commitments. She found a new talent. She was 39 and a Mom to four. In short order she was famous for her cross country racing expertise as she earned her Private, Instrument, Commercial, Instructor and Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) licenses and ratings in just five years. At the December, 1969 ATP celebration, we were told she was the 12th woman to earn her ATP. In 1970 Flying Magazine put her in the same category as Amelia Earhart and ironically this was prophetic. Who knew that with such a 'late' start in flying she would be recognized as one of the 100 Aviation Heroes in the First Century of Flight at the 2003 Kitty Hawk Centennial Celebration with the Wright Brothers, Amelia Earhart, John Glenn and Sally Ride, be inducted into the WAI Pioneer Aviation Hall of Fame, be nominated to the National Aviation Hall of Fame and be inducted into the 99s International Forest of Friendship for both Illinois and Texas. She is honored with her own exhibit cabinet at the 99s Museum for Women Pilots in Oklahoma City.

She made life look easy even though were some very tough times. As young parents of three children under the age of five, George and Marion returned from their very first family vacation to find their home burned to the ground. Later, she was widowed at 44 with three children still to support and no income. She survived by building, owning and profitably operating an indoor tennis club. She was a self-made woman. She figured out that her track record of winning air races and sponsors, she could afford to keep the 1970 Piper Twin Comanche they'd bought just eight months before Dad died.

Founding four air races and an aviation gift catalog; serving on airport boards and holding the world record for the most pilot-skilled speed cross country race victories set her apart from other pilots (AOPA May, 2014 page 41). She won the races with her awesome flight skills and a Civil Air Patrol Cessna 172, a rented Piper Cherokee Warrior, a vintage Beech Bonanza and her famed Piper Twin Comanche. She won them: flying solo, with other pilots, with family members and she won them with me. When I was a teenager, I thought all Moms raced planes.

Me is child two of four. Initially, I was a nervous kid who sat in the back of the plane and chewed her nails.

The 1971 race from Columbus, Ohio to Managua, Nicaragua made the largest change in my life. It was six months after Dad died. I took a bus ride from college and visited Mom in Columbus before the race started. For the first time, I recognized Mom as an adult. She and United Airlines Instructor Doris Langher were on the floor of the Holiday Inn studying their charts with breaks only for TV weather forecasts. Clearly, Mom was a talented pilot and skilled strategist. Their efforts were so intense that Mom didn't notice that I read *Sex and the Single Girl* and tossed it in the trash in the same room. That's when I learned that flying is as much about preparation, experience and judgment as it is about flying the airplane. Mom and Doris won that race.

That summer I worked at the Elgin, Illinois airport. During lunch and after work, Mom taught me to fly. It was racing that cemented our relationship as teammates. I was only one of many she inspired and encouraged to do their best at whatever challenge they pursued.

Airplane made three. We won races using other planes but most of the time the airplane we raced was/is the 1970 Piper Twin Comanche that my husband and I still fly today. My parents bought it for business and took possession of it on the date of their 26th wedding anniversary. Before today's electronic navigation aids, racing a fast twin was a disadvantage because staying on course was so difficult. Before the term Cockpit Resource Management was invented, we were doing it. Mom had all the aircraft flights controls with weather responsibilities and I handled navigation, fuel management and communications. We laughed that I could 'tell her where to go' and that was a good thing. It was amazing to me that she trusted me to pre-flight the Twin by myself when I was a 50-hour pilot. She trusted me with her life ... and her airplane.

Mom & Me & Airplane Made Three

Part 2 of 2

This same Twin Comanche survived to carry us as we competed in the oldest and slowest plane in the pilot-skilled speed 1994 World Air Race. With a combined 49 years of racing experience, eleven months of preparations, awesome teamwork and a sturdy plane flying at FAA permitted 27% over the manufacturer's allowed weight with 252 gallons on board in 11 fuel tanks, we won the FAI Gold Medal in the longest race in history. The 24-day competition was the most effective diet ever and produced a 15% weight loss – for us, not the airplane. Despite maximum power non-stop flights of over 11 hours in jungle heat, arctic cold, icing, thunderstorms and the edge of a Monsoon, the Twin kept running. Like 80% of the racers coming out of India, Mom had gotten New Delhi Belly (later than most) and went to Japan in an organizers' aircraft. Mom said the hardest part for her was watching the Twin's extremely long take-off roll in steamy Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. She knew if I could get the plane off the ground with the heavier co-pilot and more forward center of gravity, I'd get the Twin across the South China Sea to Okinawa – even if I had yet to earn my instrument rating. The Twin had helped us win ten of twelve race legs by small margins. The exception was a huge margin of victory on the Alaskan leg because of our knowledge of where the Twin performed best coupled with Mom's creative strategy and my navigation. So far, this Twin Comanche is one of only two planes and Mom the only U.S. pilot to have raced twice around the world.

As I washed the airplane this week, I realized the combination of Mom and Me and the Airplane was a triangle that inspired and motivated me to realize I could grasp more of life than I would have if I'd been left to my own devices with a degree in Physics and an MBA. I wasn't alone. My younger sister, Nancy, thought the air racing thing looked pretty cool so Mom taught her to fly. To the best of my knowledge Mom and Nancy were the first mother-daughter team to fly/race an airplane around the world. They teamed again to found, and now, Nancy continues to run Tailwinds, Catalog of the Skies at www.Tailwinds.com. My husband thought flying was neat; so yes, he learned to fly from his mother-in-law. Makes you smile, doesn't it?

It is easy to reminisce about all the other fun things Mom taught me – how to tie my shoes, which way was east, how to ride a horse, how to have a rich, wonderful marriage and also be respected for your own contributions and how to die. Not many people talk about the last of an accomplished person's life but when someone does it so well, I think it is uplifting to hear how at least one person handled the difficult and scary process.

Non-smoking, tee-totaling Mom was diagnosed with stage four ovarian cancer after a 4-hour surgery to remove an abdominal mass. She was given 20% odds for 5 more years if she had 8 more hours of surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. She considered what her quality of life would be and declined further curative treatment. Since I had Healthcare Power of Attorney, a room of a dozen well-intentioned medical professionals lobbied me for two hours to overrule her decision – because, after all, 'she's older' and 'she doesn't really understand'. I finally stood up, reminded them that just 2 years earlier we'd won the world air race gold medal with Mom as pilot in command for all but one leg, that she may have had recent surgery but she was in full command of her mental faculties and I supported her right to decide about her future.

During the 79 days from diagnosis to death, Mom organized her affairs, flew in each child, her older sister and all 7 grandchildren for a Texas visit. She did not complain or lament and only asked that people send funny cards. With my husband's backing, IBM's blessing, the support of friends, family, Mom's doctor, Hospice and Meals on Wheels, I lived and worked at Mom's home (four blocks from ours) and kept her as comfortable as possible.

The day before she died – of course at the time, you don't know that it is the day before – my sister Linda came down from Chicago to give me a break. By this time Mom had maybe 20 good minutes in a day, rarely spoke and when she did talk, it was in a whisper. My sister's youngest son called to report he was home from school and started to cry because he knew his Mom was there to help his dying Grandmother. His anguish was audible across the room and our Mom held her hand out for the phone.

Somehow she found her normal voice and with some effort said, "Jonathan, I want you to be happy for me. I will be free from pain and I will see your Grandfather. You don't know your Grandfather but I love him and have missed him for many years." She handed the phone back. Sometime during the night, she died.

Thank you to so many friends that have encouraged me to write down the Mom-memories. Mom, Marion Jayne, was such an inspiration to so many that we were flooded with Marion-stories long after her death and I continue to hear new ones. I'll close with a quote from Ohio's Jeanne Wolcott's condolence letter. "Whenever I saw Marion's feats, I felt like they were the accomplishments of all women pilots."

It looks like it will be a Texas blue sky day today and a good day to fly. When I fly that famous Twin Comanche airplane and have an especially good landing, I think of the woman who taught me and when "Mom and Me and Airplane Made Three".

LEGISLATION NEWS

by Jill Shockley, Legislation Advisor

Airman Certificate Standards Changes Open for Public Comment.

Draft standards for commercial pilot certificate and authorized instructor certificates (both ground and certified flight instructor certificates) are now available for public review and comment. [Draft standards have already been published for the private pilot certificate and instrument rating.]

New airman certification standards combine standards for knowledge, skill, and risk management into a single document, and build on existing standards, adding specific elements for knowledge and risk management.

Comments will be used by the Airman Certification System Working Group to further refine the proposed standards before submitting them to the FAA for implementation. The working group previously published draft standards for the private pilot certificate and instrument rating.

FMI:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2014/06/25/2014-14791/aviation-rulemaking-advisory-committee-airman-certification-system-working-group>. The docket also includes FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

and <http://www.aopa.org>

New ATP Requirements Take Effect August 1.

As of August 1, new requirements to obtain an Airline Transport Pilot certificate will include completing a new, FAA-approved Airline Transport Pilot Certification Training Program (ATP CTP) prior to taking the written ATP test. As of mid-July, no ATP CTP courses are known to be available. Costs and prerequisites are also not yet known.

The programs will require 30 hours of coursework and 10 hours training in Flight Simulator Training Devices (FSTDs) [i.e., 6 hours in a Level C or higher full flight simulator and 4 hours in a Level 4 or higher Flight Training Device (FTD)].

ATP written tests taken after July 31 (and done under the new rules) will be valid for 60 calendar months.

Real-Time Links Available on South Central Section Website.

Section Webmaster Linda Horn has added several links to information in the Legislation section under the “Advisor” tab on the home page. In addition, the following links contain real-time information:

NOTAMS (Notice to Airman) – <https://pilotweb.nas.faa.gov/PilotWeb>

SUA (Special Use Airspace) – <http://sua.faa.gov/sua/siteFrame.app>

TFR (Temporary Flight Restrictions) – <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

by Jill Shockley, Membership Advisor

Be sure to check out the Membership section under the “Advisor” tab on the South Central Section home page (www.scs99s.org). Section Webmaster Linda Horn has added a ‘Membership Page’ that includes information and links to our most current membership application, the recent webinar on ‘CPR for Dying Chapters’ (the webinar itself is available as well as the presentation and handouts in pdf), and updated versions of the ‘New Member Guide’ and ‘Recruitment & Retention’.

Information will continue to be added. Please let me know of any ideas or suggestions you have for things you would like to see here.

Approach Order Form – Ninety-Nines South Central Section

Beginning with the Spring 2014 issue, the SCS Approach has been distributed through a link which is emailed to each Section member. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the Approach, complete the form below and send it with a check for \$10 to cover printing and mailing costs of two issues to:

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Fun in Galveston - Spring 2014 Section meeting



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Bats- Moody Gardens



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