



# **SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION APPROACH**



SCS 99s



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**Grand Junction, CO**

**22-24 April 2005**

***Hosted by the High Country Chapter***

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**NEXT DEADLINE:**  
**24 June 2005**

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The Fall Section meeting in Santa Fe was a great time and if you didn't make it we missed you!

Your new board was installed by past International President, Jody McCarrell, at the

business meeting. Jody is highly entertaining and she is definitely a tough act to follow!

The proposed changes to the Standing Rules that were printed in the Fall 2004 *APPROACH* relating to "SR 3- Elections and Appointments" and "SR 4- Meetings" were passed. All of these were primarily of a housekeeping nature.

The Section voted to present a bid to the International Board of Directors for the SCS to host the International Conference in 2007 or 2008. A site selection committee had been previously appointed and they presented their top two locations to the members. The membership overwhelmingly chose Boulder/Denver, CO.

I attended my first International Board meeting the first weekend of November. I never thought I would be saying that I had fun at a board meeting that lasted three days, but it was fun! I did have to miss the last day due to another commitment and I really hated to leave early.

I also was appointed to the International Finance Committee and attended my first Finance Committee meeting. As

of October, we were tracking pretty well with the budget.

Each of the board members gave a report on their activities and each Committee Chair gave a report to the board. The headquarters building was in need of

**THE LEFT SEAT**



*Governor Kris Irvin*

some major foundation repairs and the board voted to make the repair at a cost of approximately \$38,000.

The International Fund-Raising Chair, Marcelaine Lewis, gave a very good pre-

sentation and has lots of ideas about raising funds outside of the Ninety-Nines.

We heard reports from each of the Trusts: The AE Scholarship Fund, the AE Birthplace Museum, The Endowment Fund and the Museum of Women Pilots.

We also heard a report on the 2006 International Convention that will be held in Washington, D.C. The dates are July 5-9, 2006.

I presented the South Central Section bid to host the 2007 International Convention in the Boulder/Denver area. It was accepted by the board. The dates are September 11-16, 2007.

We will need a lot of volunteers to help with the 2007 International Conference so be thinking about what you would like to do. The preliminary committee will be meeting in March so we should have more information at the Spring Section meeting in Grand Junction.

Lastly, we had a report on the 2005 International Conference in New Zealand. See more details about this trip of a lifetime elsewhere in this issue.

By the time you read this I will have

another International Board meeting under my belt and the first few months of my term will have flown by if the usual pace keeps up. It has been a busy and rewarding experience, but there just don't seem to be



*Past President Jody McCarrell gives new Governor Kris Irvin a crash helmet for the years ahead of her.*

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enough hours in the day to do everything I would like to do.

Hopefully by the time you read this you will have made reservations and plans to go to New Zealand. Meanwhile I hope to see everyone in Grand Junction!

*Kris*

## Spotlight On

LOUISE THADEN: *A Hero with a Message*

By Jan McKenzie, Colorado

When I was a pilot fledgling, I was crazy about flying and couldn't learn enough or fly enough. I received my Private at age 21, and joined the Ninety Nines the second I heard about them—but little did I know at that time about this organization of all women pilots!

After two years of flying to every monthly 99 meeting, I was getting ready to move west to Colorado. A chapter member and good friend told me, "You must meet Louise Thaden before you leave North Carolina." Louise Thaden? OK, whoever! Little did I know!

My good friend proceeded to set up a joint meeting with two North Carolina chapters. Louise, a

member of one adjoining chapter, was the speaker. I became her fan immediately.

Little did I know that Louise was the first Vice President of the 99s in 1929. Or that she assumed the majority of responsibilities for starting and running new women's pilot organization. President Amelia Earhart often traveled and was just not available.

Little did I know that Louise had flown for a living in the 1920s and 30s. In 1927, Walter Beech, then CEO of Travel Air, hired her as west coast sales representative. She not only demonstrated various Travel Air planes but also skillfully pitched their performance capabilities and creature comforts. Sales volume shows that she impressed many potential customers—including overly macho males who might initially have been suspicious of a woman pilot.

In the late 1920s, the International Aeronautical Federation (FAI) established a number of record categories especially for women pilots. Thaden and Beech immediately saw opportunities. If new records were set in Travel Air planes, it would be great advertising. So in 1928 they fitted a stock biplane with huge fuel tanks. Thaden flew it solo for 22 hours to establish a women's endurance record. A few months later, special high aspect-ratio wings helped



Louise Thaden (left) at the completion of her record setting endurance flight.

Thaden to reach an altitude of 21,000 ft.—a second record. Finally, with still another set of wings, Thaden established a speed record for one class of closed course distance. For a time, until other record setters got into the act, Thaden held an international "triple crown." There should be little surprise that Louise became an icon to me.

The 1929 Women's Air Derby was a transcontinental race for solo pilots from Santa Monica to Cleveland. This was a major event, a true press sensation.. Interest was great both in the aviation community and among the public at large. This race was the ancestor of the "Powder Puff Derby" and an inspiration for the whole tradition of women air racers.

Thaden, in her Travel Air biplane, won handily. Earhart, even though flying an advanced Lockheed Vega monoplane, did not even place. Following the Derby, Thaden withdrew from aviation. She settled down to family life in Pittsburgh. But the aviation community did not forget her skills.

In 1932, promoters of new aerial fueling techniques engaged her to try another endurance flight. She and Frances Marsalis went aloft for a record 196 continuous hours.

Thaden then took time off to raise her daughter. But again promoters came looking for her. Walter Beech, remembering her earlier feats, asked her to fly his new Staggerwing biplane in the 1936 Bendix Transcontinental Trophy race. This was the ultimate in long-distance races. William Bendix had endowed it with the largest air-racing purse ever. Open to any pilot and any plane, it attracted the best of both. This prestige contest, New York to Los Angeles, generated immense popular excitement. Newspapers had a field day. With co-pilot Blanche Noyes, Thaden took first place, defeating top male pilots of the day. (Earhart

competed in the Bendix one time, in 1935. She finished last).

Although she continued to work for Beechcraft, the Bendix race was Thaden's last major flight. But she did not retire. Her autobiography, *High, Wide, and Frightened*, appeared in 1938. It is a description of the personal struggles that underlay her great accomplishments. Here is a tale of frustration and triumph, of the conflicting demands of career and family, of the urge to fly confounded by society's expectations. *High, Wide, and Frightened* is an honest statement of the difficulties of achieving success within the strictures of conventional female roles.

In the long run, this inspiring message may be more important than all her victories as a pilot. I bought her book and had her sign it those many years ago. It was very inspiring and has become one of my most treasured books. Her book was recently reissued and is available through the 99s.

*Dottie says: Thanks to Jan McKenzie for giving us a tribute to a great 99. I hope this Spotlight on a Chapter person or someone inspiring will be a regular feature of the Approach. Anyone ready to volunteer an article? Let me know.*

## HOUSTON

By Marilyn Wolff

We finish our year in June with an annual picnic. We were hoping for a bi-plane treat. While this was not to be this year, about 30 people enjoyed the day at Ann Ward's hangar in Beasley and some folks got a ride in one the Ward's two matching planes. Not even rain showers dampened the afternoon's activities.

Our Chapter has remained busy this year with safety meetings that are coordinated by Carol Brackley and Mary Lou McNair. All of our Chapter members pitch in providing refreshments. Most popular are the programs presented by AOPA, which regularly attract several hundred people. Our efforts in this area were recognized at the Santa Fe Section Meeting, in September, where we received three awards including the Governor's award for outstanding chapter. Seven of the Houston Chapter made the trip to Santa Fe for an enjoyable meeting.

September saw us at the lovely country home of Suzie Bradley for our annual ice cream social. Later in September a few of us made a fly-in/drive-in to Giddings, for some excellent Texas B-B-Q. Cooking starts at 3 am every third Saturday.

Other flying activities have included a visit to the Dry Creek Open House, a yearly event which features antique automobiles and airplanes.

Chapter member Maybelle Fletcher has again been honored. At Wings Over Houston. She received the Lloyd P. Nolen Lifetime Achievement Award. She is the first female recipient of the award.

Linda Hayes and Marilyn Wolff presented their very popular programs *Vision in Flight* and *Adventure Flying - Houston to Paris* to a Flight Safety meeting at the Lone Star Executive Airport, and to the GHAFI Quarterly All Day Seminar, respectively.

The end of October saw Lois Gronau-Fietz, Sophie Thibodeaux and Mary Lou McNair assist with judging at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) competition which was held at Galveston Scholes Field. In addition,



### The Ninety-Nines, Inc. HOUSTON CHAPTER

Maybelle Fletcher was the featured speaker at the awards banquet. Chief judge was 99 Wally Funk. Five schools were entered and three will go onto the Nationals that will be held in Salina, Kansas in the spring.

Our Christmas party was held at the home of our Chairman Grace Chantos, who lives on Dry Creek Airport. We all dressed up, enjoyed good food, and a fun gift exchange.

We have had some very interesting guest speakers at our meetings. In October, Mr. Larry Gandy of West Wings, Inc., entertained us with anecdotes of adventures while flying gliders. He also gave us telltale signs to help figure out which direction the wind is blowing. Most recently, we were treated to a talk by author Celeste Graves, who worked on the flight line at Municipal Airport (now Houston Hobby) during the early years of World War II. She kept flight logs for students enrolled in the Civilian Pilot Training Program which was initially only for men. She was present when the first women joined the program and had some wonderful stories to tell us about these amazing women's contribution to the war effort. We are looking forward to our next speaker who will be speaking about terrorism as it relates to general aviation.

Several of our members are looking forward to the International Conference in New Zealand in August. Those of us who are not going are eager to hear the stories they are going to bring back. Have fun ladies!

## SCS WEBSITE

By Linda Horn, SCS Webmaster

At the SCS meeting in Santa Fe, I presented information on using the on-line roster on the International website. This presentation is now available on our website at [www.scs99s.org/pastmeetings.html/MembersOnlyaccess.pdf](http://www.scs99s.org/pastmeetings.html/MembersOnlyaccess.pdf).

The minutes from the Fall general meeting are on the website and should be reviewed before attending the Spring SCS meeting where they will be approved. The minutes from the board meeting are also available. Check the Reports of Past Meetings page <http://www.scs99s.org/pastmeetings.htm>. We are still considering whether we should put Section Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on the website. This will be discussed at the Board Meeting in Grand Junction.

Remember, we offer space to any chapter that does not have its own website. If you will put together a page or two of a word document, I will put it on the section site and link it to the "chapters" page. However, any chapters that do have a website, be sure that we have the link on the SCS site.

Please remember to let me know if you have any changes in chapter information on the website. If your chairman does not have an e-mail address, please assign someone who does, to be the section e-mail contact and let me know. Also, if you will keep me informed of aviation events that might be of interested to the section, I will add them to the calendar. If for any reason you are having trouble accessing the site, e-mail me at <ljohn1796j@aol.com> and I'll try to help you out.

## APPROACH DEADLINE! 24 JUNE 2005

You might have noticed there are some quite diverse articles in this issue of the Approach. Won't you help keep it so for the next issue? Do you have a **Spotlight** article you'd like to do? You can spotlight a historical figure or a member of your Chapter! Did your Chapter do something really neat and you'd like to share? Send it to Dottie! She'll love to receive it, and our members will love to read it!

## JOURNEY DOWN UNDER

By Susan Larson

Yes, it's a long way to New Zealand, but not really all that far. Aside from an 11-12 hour nonstop flight between Los Angeles and Auckland, you'll realize its far less "foreign" about being in New Zealand than almost anywhere else in the world. You're talking to English-speaking folks (well, sort of English speaking anyway) in a country the size of California and like California, running north and south in just one time zone.

My travel secret is to catch the last flight out of LAX and board very tired. All flights leave in the evening, so you can't go too wrong. Enjoy the post-departure meal (yes, they still feed you well on Air New Zealand). Add a little wine, then nod off for a good snooze. Remember to take your neck pillow.

If you can't sleep well, use my favorite product, No Jet Lag, available in travel stores everywhere and follow the instructions.

What do you need to take on the plane? My checklist may be a little different than others, but requirements include ear plugs, No Jet Lag, neck pillow, reading materials, warm fuzzy socks, two bottles of water and toothpaste and brush. Imagine you're on an overnight outing with food service.

Many of you who will travel to the 2005 conference in Christchurch will book travel through Down Under Answers (DUA) <http://www.ninety-nines@duatravel.com>. I highly recommend you do so. If you do, they will send you a complete travel kit and my favorite document: "South Pacific Traveler's Information Guide."

It will answer your questions on passports, visas (not required for NZ), shots (not required for NZ), travel insurance, luggage restrictions, packing lists, and tipping (not a custom in NZ) for example.

Just a little reminder, tuck away \$25 New Zealand dollars (NZD) with your travel documents as this is a departure tax you will need to pay in cash when leaving the country.

If you want to purchase a travel guide, my two favorite series are Fodor's "Exploring New Zealand" and the Eyewitness Travel Guides.

The exchange rate as of October 2004 is .6834 USD to the NZD. (Go to <http://www.x-rates.com/d/NZD/table.html> for



**August 21-25, 2005**  
**Christchurch, New Zealand**

current rates.) Or, with \$68.30 USD you'll receive \$100 NZD.

The \$155 NZD/night room rate at the Crowne Plaza in Christchurch converts to \$105.92 USD/night. And where have you been lately where you could get a four-star hotel room for that price?

The great rate for the Conference reflects our planning committee's decision to travel when the rates were lower, rather than during the higher priced summer months. Thus, our conference is slated for the end of winter when the daily mean high and low temperatures averages 54 and 37 degrees Fahrenheit respectively.

It's a layered, casual world Down Under. Pack accordingly and pack light. There are laundries in all the hotels.

Registration and lodging information is in the January/February issue of The 99 News. Rates are comparable to other North American conferences. You simply can't afford not to go to Christchurch for 'Fun and Fellowship Down Under.'

## NIFA NATIONAL COMPETITION

By Virginia Harmer,  
*Int'l NIFA Liaison Chair*

With the completion of the Regional Competitions, we are now looking forward to the National Competition in Salina, Kansas on **April 25-30, 2005**.

Come join your fellow 99s at one of the most rewarding flying events of the year. Watch 30 schools with over 150 pilots compete for Top Team and Top Pilot in the United States.

The Ninety-Nines will be presenting the "Women's Achievement Award" to an outstanding young lady. In addition, The 99s also sponsor the "Top Scoring Woman Pilot" Awards.

NIFA is looking for good volunteers for this event. The requirements are few: A love of flying, a joy of seeing our future pilots tackling the rigorous events in their journey to success, and a need to reach out and give back what has so unselfishly been given to us in our pursuit of flying.

The benefits are many: a chance to see a new part of this great country, make new friends, a renewal of old friends, have lots of fun, and it is tax-deductible. NIFA even has a form for this part so keep your receipts!

This would be a great event to invite a friend, chapter member or FWP to attend with you. Log onto the website, <http://www.nifa.ws/> for more information about airports, hotel accommodations and transportation. There is also an area under "Judges" where you can submit your application to be a judge.

The Ninety-Nines give NIFA \$2000 to sponsor both events. If you or your chapter would like to help with these costs, send a check, payable to "The Ninety-Nines", with a cover letter noting the funds are for NIFA. Please send your checks to Headquarters rather than to NIFA so that we get credit for these donations.

### Fall Section Meeting 2005 in Colorado Springs, CO!! September 30–October 2, 2005

Join the Pikes Peak Chapter for a fun time in Colorado Springs this fall. The hotel will be the LeBaron Hotel near downtown Colorado Springs, and the rate will be \$85/per night (+ tax) single/double. The Pikes Peak Chapter has many wonderful things planned- including a trip to Cheyenne Mountain/NORAD for the first 20 members who register! They'll have registration forms ready at the meeting in Grand Junction. BRING YOUR CHECKBOOKS!!



# SECTION MEETING!

## *Santa Fe, NM*



Rio Grande Norte members Ginny Boylls (Chapter Chair) and Cathy Farrell greet 99s at the registration desk.



What's an SCS Officer installation without Jody McCarrell handing out all sorts of "useful" gifts to our new officers!?



99s having a picnic lunch at Bandelier National Monument. It was a picture-perfect day!



Now, **THIS** is an invitation to a section meeting! We heard it through the grapevine that the High Country Chapter is planning a really fun section meeting. "Wings over Wine Country" in Grand Junction, CO, 22-24 April 2005!

**We need more pictures for the Approach!! There are tons of digital cameras in our section—USE THEM!! It doesn't cost us extra to print photos, so let's do it!**

**Remember, check your camera settings and put them to a high resolution. It makes a larger file, but we need all that resolution to look good in print!**

High Country 99s is hosting  
**Wings Over Wine Country**  
South Central Section of the Ninety-Nines Spring Meeting  
**Grand Junction, Colorado • April 22-24, 2005**

Picture yourself in the left seat overflying the Grand Valley with its unlimited visibility and 347 VFR days/year. Upon landing, you will be treated to local wine tasting, a tour of Colorado National Monument, and talks by a well-known aviatrix or two. Throw in some unique activities for the 49½s, an opportunity to claim your "Highest Airport" certificate in Leadville, and you've got one fun-filled Spring Section hosted by the High Country 99s.

So what's new this time? We've selected beautiful downtown Grand Junction as the venue for hotel accommodations and Section business. You'll love our tree-lined streets, restaurant options and open-air sculpture museum along Main Street. There is so much to do here in Mesa County we encourage you to come early and stay late.

We've pulled out all the stops to make this a fun-filled yet affordable Section meeting. Just look at what's awaiting you in Grand Junction:

**Highlights:**

- Seminars by Julie Boatman, Madeleine Monaco and Pro 99s
- Banquet speaker Dr. Sandra Magnus, NASA Astronaut
- Tour of Colorado National Monument
- Wine Tasting at Two Rivers Winery
- Open House and reception with local CAF, followed by Hangar BBQ and entertainment by Ken Dravis

**49½ Optional Activities:**

- Petroglyphs & Pale Ale—a guided hike to see some seldom-visited petroglyphs followed by beer tasting at brand-new Palisade Brewery and lunch at Palisade Café. No extra cost, just bring appropriate footwear, water bottle and a few bucks for lunch. We'll supply the ancient rock art and transportation.
- Golf & Grille—tee off at Colorado's #1 golf course, Redlands Mesa, followed by lunch at their Red Canyon Grille. You pay for the golf and grub, we'll supply the fabulous scenery and transportation.

**Still More Possibilities:**

Ever wanted to get some serious mountain training and visit the nation's highest public-use airport at Leadville? We'll set you up with an experienced, local instructor at your convenience. Want to tour award-winning wineries in style? We've got limousines waiting. Hiking, biking, history museums, dinner theater? We've got all that too, just a short walk's distance from your hotel.

**Schedule:**

Thursday

Come early for wine tours, mountain biking, great dinner theater! We'd love to host you!

Friday

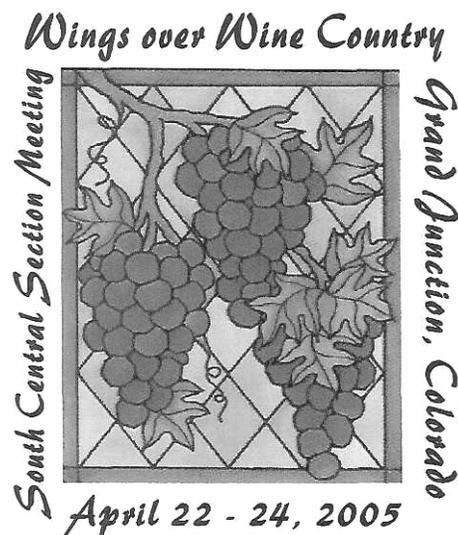
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| All Day   | Arrivals & Optional Activities                                  |
| 1:30—4:00 | Colorado NM Tour  |
| 4:00—4:45 | Chapter Chairs meeting  |
| 5:00—6:30 | CAF reception and Happy Hour, GJT Walker Field                  |
| 7:00—9:00 | Hangar dinner and entertainment by Ken Dravis, GJT Walker Field |

Saturday

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|------------|--|
| 9:00—12:00 | Business Meeting & 49 1/2 Activities                                 |
| 12:00—2:00 | Lunch on own downtown  |
| 2:00—4:30  | Afternoon Speakers (Julie Boatman, Madeleine Monaco and Pro 99s rep) |
| 5:30—6:15  | Patio Reception/Happy Hour   |
| 6:30—9:00  | Dinner Banquet   |

Sunday

|         |                                 |
|---------|---------------------------------|
| Morning | Breakfast at hotel, Wx Briefing |
| All Day | Departures                      |



This is one Section Meeting you won't want to miss!

# SPRING '05 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Office Currently Held \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration package includes Colorado National Monument tour, CAF reception, Friday BBQ dinner/hangar party, Seminars and Saturday evening banquet.*

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|--|-------|----------------------|-------|
| Registration (less \$10 if before 3/25)                | _____ | x \$82.00 =          | _____ |
| Extra Friday Afternoon Colorado Monument Tour          | _____ | x \$14.00 =          | _____ |
| Extra Friday Hangar Party/BBQ Ticket                   | _____ | x \$24.00 =          | _____ |
| Extra Saturday Night Banquet Ticket                    | _____ | x \$35.00 =          | _____ |
| 49½s: Petroglyphs & Pale Ale (lunch on own)            | _____ | PLEASE RESERVE SPACE |       |
| Golf & Grille (you pay fees and lunch)                 | _____ | PLEASE RESERVE SPACE |       |
| Mountain Flying Clinic (pay instructor directly)       | _____ | PLEASE RESERVE SPACE |       |
| Limo Winery Tour (Friday afternoon for early arrivers) | _____ | x \$18.00 =          | _____ |
| Fly Market Table                                       | _____ | x \$10.00 =          | _____ |

**TOTAL (Make Check Payable to High Country 99s)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

### Arrival Information

- Private Aircraft** Tail # \_\_\_\_\_ A/C Make/Model \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_  
transportation to hotel provided by High Country 99s or hotel shuttle
- Commercial Airline** Airline and Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_  
GJT is served by United, Delta, America West & Frontier Airlines
- Some Other Mode of Transportation** Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED INFORMATION: What is/was the tail number of your favorite plane?** \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed registration form and check to:

Judy Allerheiligen, 3061 Noble Court, Grand Junction, CO 81504

For questions, contact Judy at: 970-242-0261, judya@acsol.net. Sorry, no refunds after March 22.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

We are using the twin facility of Hawthorne Suites and Hampton Inn in charming downtown Grand Junction. Both offer a deluxe continental breakfast and courtesy airport transportation. Mention you are a 99 to secure preferred rates. Deadline for preferred rates: 31 March 2005.

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| Hawthorne Suites<br>225 Main Street, Grand Junction<br>Tel (970) 242-2525 Toll-free (800) 922-3883<br>Rates: from \$85 | Hampton Inn<br>205 Main Street, Grand Junction<br>Tel (970) 243-3222<br>Rate: from \$79 |
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## AIRMARKING

By *Gloria Blank*

The real way to get the low down on airmarking is to get a copy of the Mid-Atlantic Section "Airmarking Manual" that is over 70 pages. It includes tips, tricks, traps, templates for letters, and the interlocking 99s logo, compass rose layout instructions and a copy of the FAA AC on taxiways and runway markings. All this for a donation of \$20. If you want one, make your check out to Mid-Atlantic Section 99s and mail to:

Ellen Nobles-Harris  
2424 Dorval Road  
Wilmington, DE 19810-3529

Ellen is currently the International Airmarking Chairman.

If you've painted before, you learned to keep the shoes and pants for the next

time. I don't recommend wearing a skirt or anything you don't want splattered with paint. Even if you're super careful, someone else will be sure to splatter you. Then you don't get to choose your costume.

Each chapter should have a designated Airmarking Chairman. She might check which airports are receiving money. This could mean new ramp space that could be used for a compass rose. Maybe runway markings and/or numbers need repainting. Check out helicopter landing areas at hospitals. Members can help by letting the Chairman know when an airport needs repainting. After seeing good work, airport managers will be contacting the chapter.

The airport furnishes the paint and you make sure it is shaken. Along with brushes, handles/extenders, pans, chalk

string, tape, etc., don't overlook kneepads and gloves (especially if you are painting a compass rose). Be sure, after finishing, to fly over and take pictures of your accomplishments. It's a good idea to submit an article with pictures to the local newspaper in the area. Remember your chapter scrapbook for a memory of the fun you had doing the work.

If you are really lucky, the airport might make a donation to the chapter. Sometimes the airport folks spring for lunch for everyone or you can entice more help with hot dogs and hamburgers. The most I've ever gotten is "thank you" but that's okay because that's what we 99s do as a project. While you are there and have paint left over, usually parking areas could use some stripes.

One tip I can give you in laying out a compass rose for the first time is to call someone who has done it before and beg or bribe help to lay it out. Is airmarking a hot, sweaty job? Yep, usually is. Is it fun? Yes! Is it gratifying? Absolutely!

### AIRMARKING FRONT RANGE AIRPORT! Colorado Chapter

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, thirty-four pilots assembled at Front Range airport (FTG), located about 20 miles east of Denver, Colorado, to paint a traditional 99s compass rose. The date made it a fitting memorial to the 9/11 tragedy and it also symbolized the continuing vitality of American general aviation. Our "art work" can be found at the run-up area of Runway 26. Thanks to Peggy Long's well-timed write-ups in the Colorado 99s newsletter *Crosswind Chatter*, as well as in a brochure at the Front Range Airport and leaflet information in the CPA *Flightlines* newsletter, we had the largest airmarking group in Chapter history!

The morning kicked off with fresh pastries and

coffee provided by Peggy. The group was among the most efficient we had ever seen, completing the blue and white 12-pointer in the record time of three hours. Local pilots and even Larry Pace, an Adams County Commissioner, joined in the painting and fun. The pinnacle of our royal treatment was a sit-down, multiple course lunch—again provided by Peggy Long, which was served in her hangar. She certainly set a new standard for Airmarkings! Her efforts were greatly appreciated by all.

Planning is underway for next year's airmarkings in Colorado, perhaps at Greeley, Jeffco and Granby airports. We'd love to see you there!



*Anthony Amorosi, Walt Bell, Kelly & Chuck Clark, Elane Comeaux, Natalie Corrao, Beth Crowder, Leslie Frank, Sharon Hines, Linda Horn, Sue and Dale Hughes, Gretchen Jahn, Dean Jaros, Roxie Juul, Anja Kaestner, Heather Kelly, Niki LeBoeuf-Little, Daneen Leidig, Peggy Long, Marie & Eric Marschner, Jan McKenzie, Mari Murayama, Monica Nielsen, Larry Pace, (Adams County Commissioner), Kelly Patton, Margot Plummer, Marylou Pohl, Alison Preble, Deb Price, Libby Roper, Jane Ruehle, Tamira Shores, Laura Shuey, Bev Sinclair, Karl Sutterfield, Melissa Tucker*

### ENTER TO WIN!

Let us know what your Chapter has accomplished this year and also be a winner. Look to your right and you'll see the Awards form.

First and second place awards are presented in each of the four categories. This report is also used to determine the Governor's Award to the outstanding Chapter of the Year. The awards will be presented at the fall section meeting in Colorado Springs.

The report covers the fiscal year ending May 31st and needs to be returned as soon as possible after this date. This form can also be obtained from the South Central website. Have the chapter chairman complete this form and return by mail or email to:

Marjorie Richison  
1601 Valley Ridge Road  
Norman, OK 73072  
Email: rrichison@cox.net

**Also, bring your Chapter scrapbook to the fall meeting!!**

# South Central Section Annual Awards Form

For period beginning June 1, 2004 and Ending May 31, 2005

**Chapter:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Chapter Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Chapter Operations

### **Membership**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of members on May 31, 2004
- \_\_\_\_\_ Number of new members and transfers (June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2005)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of Future Women Pilots
- \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of members attending Section Meetings (Fall 2004 **and** Spring 2005)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members attending International Conference (Atlantic City, NJ 2004)

### **Contributions** (*Place x beside each donation made by chapter*)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Museum of Women Pilots
- \_\_\_\_\_ Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund
- \_\_\_\_\_ Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund
- \_\_\_\_\_ SCS Special Projects
- \_\_\_\_\_ International Headquarters Projects
- \_\_\_\_\_ National Intercollegiate Flying Association
- \_\_\_\_\_ World Precision Flying Competition
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Aviation Activities

*List number of times your CHAPTER has participated in each activity*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Airmarkings (include runway numbers, displaced thresholds, compass roses)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Airport Improvement Projects (placement of signs, beautification projects)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter sponsored Poker Runs, Treasure Hunts or Young Eagles
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter participation in Poker Runs, Treasure Hunts or Young Eagles
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter sponsored Flight Competitions (spot landing, navigation events, proficiency races)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter participation in Flight Competitions
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participation in NIFA events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## Aerospace Education

*List number of times your CHAPTER has participated in each activity*

### **Visits to Aviation-related Facilities**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Flight Service Stations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Weather Reporting Stations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Airport Control Towers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Air Route Traffic Control Centers
- \_\_\_\_\_ NASA Facility
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aviation Manufacturing Facilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aviation Museums
- \_\_\_\_\_ Avionics or Mechanic School
- \_\_\_\_\_ Airport Tour
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **Chapter Participation in Aviation Functions**

- \_\_\_\_\_ NASA/99s Education Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Air Bear Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Girl/Boy Scout or Camp Fire Presentation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Career Days
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aviation Presentations to Civic Organizations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Booth or Exhibit at Air Show or Civic Function
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aviation Scholarships awarded by Chapter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Safety

*List number of seminars attended*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Safety Seminars presented by Chapter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Safety Seminars attended by Chapter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flying Companion Seminars
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members completing FAA Wings Program
- \_\_\_\_\_ Number of members who have flown within past 12 months

## BANDELIER & LOS ALAMOS

By Elizabeth Hunke

If you missed the tour to Bandelier and Los Alamos at the Fall SCS Section meeting, I would like to inspire you to stop either going or coming from the Spring Section meeting and see these wonderful places. So this article is a travelogue.

Los Alamos and Bandelier sit on the Pajarito Plateau (Pajarito means little bird), at the foot of the Jemez mountains.

Find Los Alamos on either your Albuquerque or Denver sectional chart. Look to the northwest of Santa Fe, and see a small airport, right next to the restricted area covering Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Just south of the restricted area are two wilderness areas; the large one is Bandelier National Park, and the smaller to the west is Dome Wilderness as covers a lava dome.

The Rio Grande valley is a rift valley, where continental plates are shifting and pulling apart, and molten rock from Earth's interior can squeeze up through cracks in the Earth's crust. If you look at the topography just west of Los Alamos, you'll see an enormous, round crater remains of a volcano that blew up around a million years ago, spewing 150 cubic miles of ash and rock as far away as Iowa.

Its two major eruptions were each 600 times the size of Mount St. Helens' 1980 eruption. Near the mountain, ash fell 1000 feet deep and became what is known as Bandelier Tuff. Canyons eroded through it, revealing differently colored layers from various eruptions. The tuff contains a lot of holes from gases that were trapped as the ash fell. The holes enlarged with weathering and erosion, and the Anasazi, (ancient Indians) enlarged them even more to live in—visit these caves in Bandelier. The remains of the volcano (Jemez Caldera) and the mountains around it are lava domes. The area is still active with hot springs in the mountains, although the volcano is considered extinct.

There are several Native American pueblos (settlements) between Santa Fe and Los Alamos; you can pick out San Juan on the sectional because there is an airport there, northeast of Los Alamos. Almost all of the pueblos were established by the 1500s, but civilization existed here much earlier. In fact, the Cochise people were farming in the Southwest 10,000 years ago, growing corn, squash and beans. The ruins in

Bandelier were part of the Anasazi culture, which built great, multi-storied cities (for example, Mesa Verde in Colorado). They first came to the Rio Grande valley around 600 A.D. and disappeared around 1300.

They may have moved down into the Rio Grande valley, but the languages spoken in the northern pueblos are most closely related to the Kiowa language in Oklahoma. So, anthropologists believe at least some of the pueblo peoples migrated here from the Great Plains

However, the languages spoken at some of the pueblos between Santa Fe and Albuquerque are from a completely unrelated language family—it's possible that those people are direct descendants of the Anasazi.

Did you know that the Grand Canyon was discovered by Europeans before the Mississippi River was? The Spanish established their first New Mexican capitol near San Juan pueblo in 1598, almost a decade before the Jamestown colonists arrived in Virginia in 1607.

When the Spaniards first arrived, natives were very generous and friendly, but the capitol was forced to move to Santa Fe in 1609. Work began on the Palace of the Governors on the Santa Fe plaza at that time; and Santa Fe has been a capitol city every since!

The first settlers arrived from Spain via Mexico City, and traveled up the Camino Real, (Royal Road) which runs from Mexico City up the Rio Grande valley to San Juan. Spain claimed all of Mexico, including this area, and prohibited trade with eastern frontier states. Eventually Mexico declared independence from Spain, allowed trade, and the Santa Fe Trail opened from Missouri (1821).



Cave dwelling at Bandelier National Monument  
(Photo courtesy of Eric Scott and Doug Tilles)

When the American settlers and Mexico got into a war, the outcome was annexation of territory including what is now New Mexico. The New Mexico state constitution explicitly incorporates the treaty between the U.S. and Mexico that ended the war, called the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo. Spanish language and institutions continue to play a key role in New Mexico politics, government and business.

Bridging time from prehistoric cultures to cutting-edge science, touring the two museums in Los Alamos, a science museum run by Los Alamos National Laboratory and a historical museum that contains fascinating artifacts from the Manhattan Project during Los Alamos's early years.

The Manhattan Project was a secret government program started during WWII to develop nuclear energy for use as a weapon. Many of the scientists working on the Manhattan Project were Jewish immigrants fleeing Europe; they were sent to Los Alamos, at that time a secret military city surrounded by fences and barbed wire, where all mail was censored. These pioneers in nuclear science designed and built the world's first atomic bombs.

The science museum contains hands-on exhibits about all kinds of things—laboratory scientists today study many areas of science, including physics, astronomy, biology, etc.

The Los Alamos airport has a single runway strip, 09-27. It's a friendly place, but the AWOS always has a tag at the end with a warning "Beware of head-on traffic," because you're only allowed to land on 27 and take off on runway 9 due to mountains to the west. Also, the airport sits on a narrow mesa with a very steep cliff along the north side, plus the restricted area starts at the road just on the south side of the runway! On take-off, the mesa drops off precipitously near the east end of the field, providing instant altitude and a stunning view.

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## MEMBERSHIP

By Gloria Blank

A new member (sometimes a spanking new pilot) joins the 99s and affiliates with a chapter. What happens next? Consider this case: A new private pilot seeks out the 99s. She could hardly wait until she got her private license. Now she could be a 99 and a chapter member, even though someone had told her that they were only a social organization of rich ladies. A few months later she quits. She felt ignored and unimportant.

Was her only contact the chapter newsletter? Was she offered a ride to a meeting? What happened when she attended a function? Was she left on her own or warmly welcomed? Too often, the old-timers are oblivious to new members. Some members have been around for 20 or more years and the inside jokes and talk makes the new member feel awkward.

How about older members? This may not be a retention issue per se, but I think it should be addressed. Is someone contacting older members who are missing meetings, even just to let them know they are missed? Maybe just to say, "Yoo-hoo, haven't seen you in a while. Is everything okay?"

There are other members never seen at meetings that keep their membership active by paying International dues, and sometimes chapter dues. This can go on for years—then one day you notice their name is dropped from the membership list. Maybe a move across country left behind 99 friends and the new area seems to have no interest in new members.

A fairly new 99 told a fellow member she was going to drop out because she didn't have time to attend functions and contribute to the organization. She was urged to "hang in there" because she could participate occasionally. That's what she did and later said she was glad because of the benefits. Other drop-outs have various reasons. What are the chances of them rejoining? Slim! Keep in touch.

Twenty-two years ago, when I accidentally found and joined the 99s, I was immediately invited to the next meeting. There I was handed a stack of fabric to sew ditty bags as our chapter prepared to host a Section meeting. I felt they were excited to have me—and not just because I had a sewing machine. I was invited to the next meeting and offered a ride. They

sure made me feel welcome and wanted.

A great Retention and Recruitment Handbook was mailed to each chapter in SCS. It's full of wonderful ideas. It's also on our website. This is an all-member responsibility. Sure we expect the chair and membership chairman to stay on top of membership, but YOU can send an e-mail or a note card to a new member or to an old member out-of-sight for a while.

Our values are our camaraderie—our common interest in the love of flight—our support for each other. Together we cheer on the 'weekend wingers' and the professional pilots. Each of us are important—every member, new or old, ranging from retired –from-flying to astronaut. Welcome aboard new members! We are really glad to have you.

## GOLDEN TRIANGLE

by Coleen Campbell

Our Chapter was busy with both productive and fun events in the past six months. In August members, family and friends worked on an airmarking project at Northwest Regional Airport (52F) in Roanoke just north of Dallas/Fort Worth. Finishing in October, our reward was the fun and satisfaction of contributing time and talent to airport improvement. Both from the air and ground the compass rose looks magnificent. A very generous donation from airport owners Glen and Candy Hyde enabled us to make several donations in support of aviation.

Our September meeting was held in the beautiful new home of Beverly and J.C. Stephens in Saint Jo, Texas. Beverly prepared a delicious lunch featuring homegrown fruits and veggies. Afterward, we rallied around the dining table and worked on our

chapter scrapbook. It is such fun to share stories and chuckles while sorting through old photos and memories. We also toured the new home, gardens and workshop. "Reckon" there is nothing like fresh air, homegrown veggies and a John Deere to

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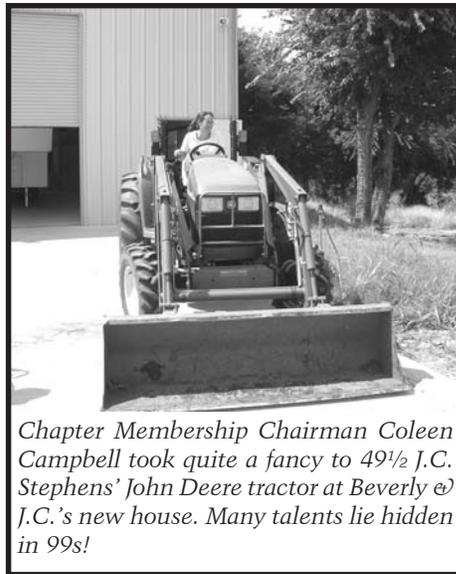
Also in September Nan France, Beverly and J.C. Stephens, Betty and Jerry Thomas, Mary Wheelock, and Penny White attended the Santa Fe SCS meeting. What a wonderful time we had visiting with former members Jody McCarrell and Jacque Boyd and taking in scenic excursions, shopping and trips to the galleries. Oh, and also working on the chapter scrapbook.

We held our October meeting in the library of Texas Woman's University in Denton. Besides the beautiful grounds and a tasty lunch, we enjoyed the outstanding collection of WASP memorabilia, for which the library is very well known. Ellen Hamlet arranged this event, hoping it to be a yearly tradition.

We are proud of Connie Irvine who received her MEI rating in August 2004. She attends Purdue University full time but

also works part time as a flight instructor and teaching assistant and maintains a 3.77 GPA. Congratulations!

Nan and John France hosted our annual Christmas party and it was a memorable celebration.



Chapter Membership Chairman Coleen Campbell took quite a fancy to 49½ J.C. Stephens' John Deere tractor at Beverly & J.C.'s new house. Many talents lie hidden in 99s!

## OKLAHOMA

### By Carol Sokatch

Jody McCarrell, Liz Lundin, Margie Richison and Sue Halpain represented our Chapter at the July International Conference in Atlantic City. Sue Halpain presented the Oklahoma Mary Kelly Scholarship during the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Banquet to Sandra Rutledge, a member of the Ambassador Chapter.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Okie Derby was successfully completed with impounding Friday, August 20 and competition and banquet on Saturday, August 21. Perfect weather, especially for Oklahoma in August, prevailed for the 33 planes flying.

Our members, Julie Orrick (a previous Okie Derby Scholarship winner) and Margie Richison won with a score of 99.68. Second place went to Josh Griffith and Cody Vanderslice, representing Oklahoma University; Josh also was Best First Time Racer. At the Banquet, Thrifty Pharmacy awarded its first annual 'Wings of the Future' Scholarship to Dawn Baker. Dawn has five children, ages 23 to 14, works three jobs and has an Instrument Rating and Commercial Certificate. She is working on a Multi-Engine and hopes to fly internationally.

Other 'Wings of the Future' Scholarship winners are Brandi Byron and Yuko Hasegawa. Brandi is a junior majoring in Aviation at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (OSU) where she maintains a 3.6 GPA, is completing her Instrument Rating and Commercial Certificate and will begin her CFI.

Yuko Hasegawa experienced her first flight in 1995 as a high school exchange student to the USA. By 1997 she became determined then to reach a goal of being a pilot despite language barriers. She is attending OSU to obtain her MS in Aviation and Space Sciences. She is a Chapter member and wants to serve as a role model for females in Japan.

We took time to party with a baby shower and ice cream social for Ann Pogson. Ann and husband Bryson had finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the Okie Derby and Amber came along in September. We celebrated Liz Lundin's birthday with a party at Headquarters on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

As usual, the Kansas Chapter sponsored an exciting and fun-filled Sun Flower rally in El Dorado, KS September 10-11<sup>th</sup>. Ask Phylis Hensley for great details.

Marilyn George and Vicki Hung issued a challenge from the Kansas Chapter at our July business meeting; that is, for Oklahoma to fly more planes in the Sun Flower Rally than Kansas flew in the Okie Derby. Because Tulsa members were counted as Oklahomans, the Kansas Chapter deemed Oklahoma won 5 to 4½.

Thanks to the Rio Grande Norte Chapter for hosting a great Fall South Central Section meeting in Santa Fe. Diana Burton, Charlene Davis, Sue Halpain (and Bill), Phylis Hensley (and Robert, who took the mountain flying course), Jody McCarrell, Helen Moulder, Poochie and Ed Rotzinger, Carol and Jack Sokatch, and Wyvema Startz represented the Oklahoma Chapter.

Poochie Rotzinger judged at the October 11-16 Region VI NIFA competition at Durant. She urges all Section members to participate at NIFA Regionals and Nationals as a great way to meet tomorrow's enthusiastic pilots and have a good opportunity to recruit new members.

On Hallows Eve we held a great Halloween Party at The Haunted House. This long-established landmark restaurant was recently voted the most Romantic restaurant in OKC. That night with even the wait staff in costume, we enjoyed good food, great company and a cordial atmosphere in a room all to ourselves.

We joined OPA for their Christmas Party on December 4<sup>th</sup>, letting died-in-the-wool Sooner fans follow the Big Twelve Championship game via TV. A live band of Tinker personnel provided great music for dancing.

The Museum of Women Pilots was the venue for our Chapter's Christmas Party. We kicked up our heels line dancing with instruction and demonstration by an award-winning team. Now we are gearing up for our Flying Companion Seminar chaired by Rita Eaves.

The Oklahoma Chapter has a new permanent web site at [www.ninety-ninesoklahomachapter.com](http://www.ninety-ninesoklahomachapter.com). Check [www.okiederby.info](http://www.okiederby.info) for Okie Derby data. Opportunities to be in a drawing for a beautifully framed great lithograph from the Museum's collection were available at the International Conference, Okie Derby, Sun Flower Rally, and SCS meeting in Santa Fe and from Chapter members. We are pleased to announce the lithograph was won by Sue Watkins of Oklahoma City.

## 99s' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Go to <http://www.ninety-nines.org/events.html> for full details!)

### MARCH

- 2-6 Spring Board of Dir. Meeting  
99s Headquarters, OKC
- 10-12 Women in Aviation Conference  
Dallas, TX

### APRIL

- 1 99 NEWS Deadline for  
May/June issue
- 12-18 Sun 'n Fun Fly-In  
Lakeland, Florida  
<http://www.sun-n-fun.org/content/>
- 22-24 South Central Section Spring  
Meeting, Grand Junction, CO
- 25-30 NIFA SAFECOM  
Salina, KS  
<http://host139.ipowerweb.com/~nifawsaa/index.htm>

### JUNE

- 1 99 NEWS Deadline for  
July/August issue
- 17-19 Int'l Forest of Friendship  
Atchison, KS  
<http://www.ninety-nines.org/fof.html>
- 20 Deadline for Professional Pilot  
Leadership Initiative (PPLI)  
Applications (go to  
<http://www.ninety-nines.org/careers/mentoring.html> for more  
information on this program)
- 21-24 Air Race Classic  
Purdue University, Lafayette, IN  
Hosted by Purdue University  
<http://www.airraceclassic.org/pages/1/index.htm>

### JULY

- 11-15 Women Soaring Pilots  
Association Annual Training  
Seminar  
Reno, NV
- 26 - Aug 1  
EAA Air Venture  
Oshkosh WI  
<http://www.airventure.org/>

**BRAZOS RIVER***By Bonnie Lewis*

Our Chapter had a very busy year. Two big projects were completed. In June six planes flew out to the New Horizons Children's Home.

We are delighted to expose aviation to these high-risk children. The girls are excited to see the airplanes, show us their home, receive a bag of special gifts and, mostly, to have our attention and friendship.

This year we added a new dimension by bringing along two of our 49½s to present a program to the boys. All of us, children and adults, were touched by our visit.

In October we presented an education program to the Emma Roberson Elementary School. The teachers presented an aviation curriculum in their classrooms that we followed up with a day of aviation speakers and a day at the airport. The airport day was weathered out twice. Third try was a charm, and we greeted three busloads of children. They gathered around six airplanes for a lesson taught by teams of 99s. Then they were treated to cookies and juice while they watched fly-bys. They also saw 99s give rides to their principal, public relations representative and two teachers. What an exciting day for all.

Additional flights included a ski trip to Ruidoso NM, Graham TX for a Dairy Queen lunch, Meacham FSS and Ft. Worth Tower tours in TX, Decatur TX for

lunch at Matties on the Square, and Hillsboro TX for lunch and Christmas shopping.

Also, Nona and Max Meinen flew to the Taylor Craft Factory fly-in in Lagrange TX, Bonnie and Tom Lewis flew to the Grumman convention in Baraboo WI, and many other members flew to the Sun-N-Fun and Oshkosh events.

We had two excellent speakers for our general meetings. Steve Wilson (49½) and retired accident investigator spoke to us about the NTSB. Leanne Walsh, CFII & MEL, spoke about the importance of instrument training.

Our fund raising included holding two pancake breakfasts and two silent auctions, one at our Installation party and the other at our Christmas party. Speaking of parties, they were both great. The installation was held at Nona and Max Meinen's lakefront ranch—a beautiful day and wonderful picnic. The Christmas party was held at Karen and Sid Tucker's beautiful home. What a great celebration.

We are proud of member accomplishments. Debbie Lewis earned her instrument rating. Konnie Sasser earned her tail dragger endorsement. Sandra Winfield completed her fifth wings program. Marcia and Roe Walker celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We are especially proud of Crystal Campbell who was deployed to Uzbekistan for Operation Enduring Freedom. Crystal is a Loadmaster on C-130s. She will be returning in February for another deployment.

Many members are enjoying new toys this year. Debby and Bill Scanlan finished and are now flying their RV7A. Konnie and Joe Sasser bought part interest in an Aeronca Champ. Marcia and Roe Walker purchased an RV6A. Kathleen and D.R. Bales sold their Cherokee and bought a Cessna 182. Debbie Dewey purchased a RANS S-7 on floats. Carol Black inherited a Great Lakes from her father. Lynda and Bob Veruzco have their Cherokee returned to service with new speed mods and new paint. Barb and Steve Wilson purchased a 210HP engine for their Swift project and installed a new windshield in the Tripacer. Sandra and Jerry Winfield have a new 150HP engine in her Citabria. Claudia and Martin Sutter have begun building an RV7A. Bonnie and Tom Lewis have also begun building an RV7A. Some of these new toys have enabled members to return to the sky after an extended absence. Yea!

A brass plaque was installed in a limestone base round a flagpole at the Granbury airport in memory of Becky Orlowski, a Brazos River chapter member who lost her life in an accident in 2003.

Even as we celebrate a great year, we are saddened by the loss of a dear chapter member, Brenda Robinson. Brenda lost her battle with ovarian cancer January 16, 2004. We love you, Brenda.

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