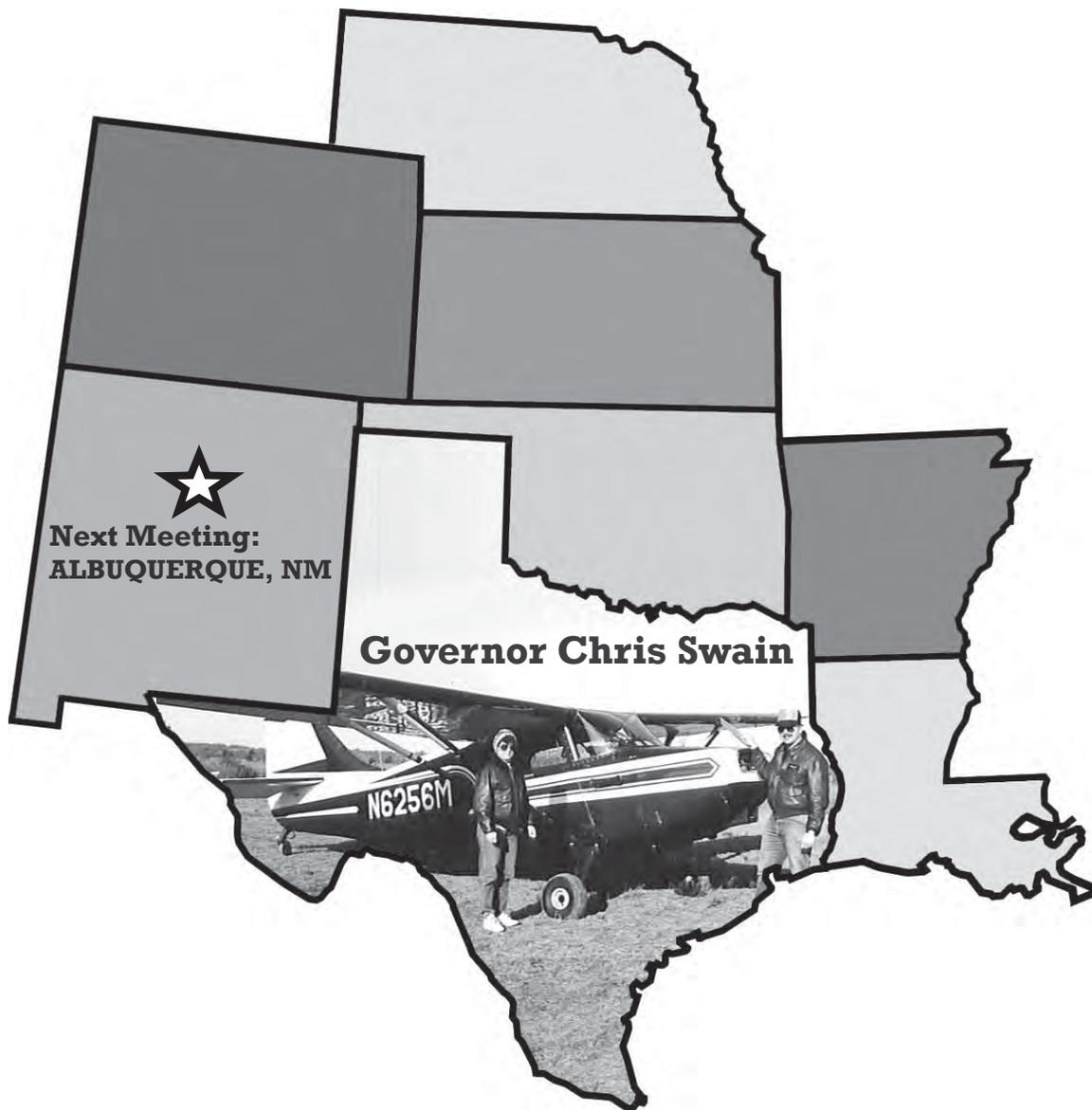


# ***APPROACH***

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**Editor: TO BE ANNOUNCED BY GOVERNOR**

**NEXT DEADLINE:**

**6 June 2008**

That's right, we need a new *Approach* Editor. Dottie Loveless has been our editor for 5

years or so and I was editor for 10 years or so before that. (I still help Dottie with the print layout and graphics.) It's time for new blood. Dottie has a big new project with the War Eagles Museum in Santa Teresa and I'm, well, tired. As the saying goes I'm "Out of altitude, out of airspace and out of ideas."

So, what does it require to be the *Approach* Editor? Mostly it takes a lot of enthusiasm to do a good job for the section. Some basic editing and above-average computer skills would be a good start, too. Knowledge of the printing process would be helpful, but most printers will work with an amateur willing to learn and take their advice. (How do you think I learned all this stuff in the first place? It wasn't skill, because I didn't know how half this stuff worked when I started! I had a lot of help along the way from several printing companies.)

## **JOB OPENING: APPROACH EDITOR**

*By Anna Taylor, Approach helper and general pain in the you-know-what*

This job also requires a fair amount of knowledge on how the section and The 99s work. Sometimes the editor is the last stop before something incorrect goes to print. I've spoken to chapters who have left things out of their registration forms, I've made changes to articles that had incorrect (or incomplete) information on 99s projects, I've asked the board for clarification on procedures and many other things over the years.

As the editor you'll be the one to receive reports from the Board of Directors, Advisors, Chapters and members with a good story to tell. You'll edit the reports/stories for clarity and space. You'll edit photos. You'll have to get the *Approach* in a print-ready file. (Which is not the same thing as getting it ready for your desktop printer!)

We've gone to using printers that

are close to the editor. Which is also better for the editor if there's

a problem with the file. And for getting help for formatting the file. Most printers also have a mailing house with whom they work frequently. You'll also have to get the mailing list ready for the mailing house.

This may sound like a lot of work, and in some respects, it is. It sounds worse than it really is, though. It's not like the new editor will be completely on their own. Dottie and I will be available to help get you started if you need it.

If one were to think outside the box, the *Approach* can be done by a committee OR by a Chapter. Think about it!

If you're interested in taking over the *Approach*, please contact Governor Chris Swain at 972-285-8286/Chris56m@aol.com or Vice-Governor Jan McKenzie at 970-686-1233/ mckenjn@yahoo.com.

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## **THE APPROACH: A 15-YEAR RETROSPECTIVE**

*By Anna Taylor, former Approach Editor*

When I told Governor Chis Swain and Vice-Governor Jan McKenzie that Dottie and I would be doing our last *Approach* with this issue, I stopped to think how long I had been working on the *Approach* in one capacity or another: 15 years.

15 years! I have been a 99 for 20 years, so most of the time I've been a 99 I've been working on the *Approach* twice every year. It just doesn't seem possible it's been that long!

Many things have changed since I took over the *Approach* from Pat Ward in 1993. When Pat did the magazine, she was printing out the columns and doing a physical cut & paste into the "blue lines" for the printer. The printer then took a camera "shot" of the blue lines and added the photos in for us. I spent almost a week at Pat's house in Baton Rouge learning what in the world I was supposed to do. It wasn't all work, Pat took me out sightseeing while I was there. It was the beginning of a friendship that has lasted a long, long time.

I didn't do the manual cut & paste when I started doing the magazine. I was able to do the columns and every-

thing in Word Perfect and print out a final page (except for photos). I kid you not, the 32-page *Approach* was done in Word Perfect. (This was before MS Word became popular!)

It was almost mandatory for Chapters to submit reports back in those days. We could fill 32-pages and have articles left over for the next issue. We didn't put the Section meeting registration in the *Approach* back then, either. Chapters had to print and mail to the entire section membership. Anyone miss doing that?

Through the years we've changed printers several times, started submitting the *Approach* to the printer by email, gave up our mailing permit because it was cheaper/easier to use a mailing house and various other things. I've gone from using Word Perfect to MS Publisher to Adobe Pagemaker and now Adobe InDesign. I've learned to scan photos, scan and OCR type-written submissions into the page layout program, and learned all about what a printer needs for an electronic file. And how did we survive without email?

I now do some paying work doing desktop publishing. All because of the *Approach*. Everything I learned, I practiced on you, the section. Thanks!

I used to come up with catchy deadline reminders. One time I said something to the effect of "I don't care if you send your report in crayon—send it anyway!" Janet Koonce of the Purple Sage Chapter took me up on that. Well, it was a note in purple crayon (and the report was typed). To this day, that note still makes me smile when I think of it!

It was through the *Approach* that I became a lot more involved with the Section. I eventually became the Section Treasurer and then Governor when I finally lived within the section boundaries again. Since my husband Kent was in the Air Force, we moved every three years or so. This turned into the Section version of "Where's Waldo?" "Where do you live now?" was what I heard frequently at section meetings.

I think that I've grown up a lot from doing this work for the Section. Thanks for all the memories!

## NEW SCS OFFICERS

By Nan France, SCS Nominating Committee Chair

Please welcome your new 2008-2010 SCS Board of Directors and Nominating Committee! Since there were no contested offices, we're calling the election by acclamation. Officers will be installed at the Spring Section meeting in Albuquerque, NM.

Get to know your new officers!

### GOVERNOR

**Jan McKenzie**

*Colorado Chapter*

After joining the Ninety-Nines in 1975, I became active at the chapter level serving as Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer within my first few years. At various times I have chaired most of the chapter committees. At the section level, I held the offices of Director and Treasurer; I am currently Vice-Governor. In addition, in 2007, I chaired the International Conference, a multi-year organizational responsibility.

As a SEL pilot with an instrument rating and a commercial helicopter rating, I have flown over 2200 hours. I am also active in the Colorado Pilots Association and Silver Wings. As an electrical engineer and corporate manager, I have experience with large organizations.

Some of my greatest pleasures and rewards have come from participating in the many activities of the 99s. Each position that I have held has increased my knowledge and experience and has created opportunities for new and enduring friendships.

The SCS represents women in all areas of aviation from NASA astronauts to women who just love to fly. My goals are to support all of our members and to recruit and encourage new ones. I will work to expand our already impressive legacy. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you as Governor.

### VICE-GOVERNOR

**Deb Price**

*Colorado Chapter*

I have held several offices at the chapter and section level. I am currently

the Treasurer for our section and I was Director for 2 years from 2004-2006. I am a member of the Colorado Chapter and I was co-chair from 2001-2003 and chair from 2003-2005.

I am pleased and honored to serve SCS as Vice Governor.

### SECRETARY

**Cathy Wappler**

*Houston Chapter*

For more than twenty years, my membership in the 99s has provided me with friends, role models, and heroes. Although I have always been an active member of the Houston Chapter, serving in several officer and chairmanship positions, I would like to repay the organization for the many benefits I have received by serving at Section level as well. My professional experiences as a special program coordinator with a large public school district and my 99 experiences as chapter chair, secretary, AE Scholarship chair, and chair of the SCS Meeting committee when Houston was the host chapter have provided skills required of the SCS Secretary. My goal in pursuing this office is to contribute to the 99s mission of promoting fellowship through flight, providing networking and scholarship opportunities, promote aviation education, and preserve the unique history of women in aviation.

### TREASURER

**Lisa Ward**

*Fort Worth Chapter*

I consider it an honor to promote the 99s mission by serving on the board. I have maintained records and books for four different companies as well as my own as an independent real estate agent.

In this regard my goals are to maintain accurate books and keep up-to-date at all times.

### DIRECTORS

**Jo Agee-Housler**

*San Antonio Chapter*

My goal as a director for our Section is to facilitate communication between the section and local chapters. The San Antonio Chapter is very active and

encourages members to be involved in activities to promote women in the aviation community. On the scholarship committee, I helped develop an application for a scholarship used by a junior college with an aviation program and helped screen applications from our chapter members for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. During my tenure as treasurer of the local chapter we hosted the 1998 Fall Section, and did not lose money. We held the Celebration of 100 Years of Flight in June 2003 at Castroville Airport. While I was vice-chair, I helped plan programs for meetings and social activities including a tour of the tower at San Antonio International Airport.

Chapter activities included working at booths at air shows to selling items to raise funds for our scholarship fund, helping with "Poker Runs," pancake breakfasts, painting runway numbers at airports, helping scouts earn aviation badges, and encouraging aviation careers. As a current director and active chapter member, I seek election for a second term.

### Charlotte Larson

*Purple Sage Chapter*

I will fill the office of Director to the best of my abilities. I am a legal secretary with 30 years experience and a flight instructor with five years experience. I have addressed all sorts of tasks – so I figure our blessed Governor can't ask any tasks worse of me! At Chapter level I hold and/or have held: Chair, Secretary, Newsletter, Aerospace Ed and Airmarking. Currently I serve at the Section level as Secretary. My main goals are to encourage others to get involved at all levels of the organization, but particularly at the chapter level. Yes, it is good to let others take the lead, but if we do not all participate we endanger our very existence.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Jerry Anne Jurenka**

*Texas Dogwood Chapter*

I have held all elected offices at the chapter level, serving as Chair twice and was awarded the SCS Outstanding Service Award in '93. I served as a Director of the SCS in '98 and Secretary in '00. I was on the Board of Administrators for the

Amelia Earhart Birthplace in Atchison in '93-'94 and served as International Bylaws/Standing Rules Chair from 2000-2006, attending all but two BOD meetings in OKC during that time.

Since 1987, I have been a delegate from the Texas Dogwood Chapter to SCS and to International meetings. When elected to the International Nominating Committee in 1990, our goal was to have multiple candidates for each office and we accomplished that. That is also my goal for SCS. We have many talented members who are willing to take their turn at the reins. I also believe that diversity will make SCS stronger – a good mix of experience coupled with the fresh perspective and energy.

### **Stephenie Roberts**

*Texas Dogwood Chapter*

As a 99 for over two decades and a member of numerous community organizations, I have held many positions, both elected and appointed. I have chaired several nominating committees and served on many others. Through this I have come to believe the most important thing a nominating committee can do is provide not only a choice to its membership, but candidates that are qualified, diverse, and most importantly interested in doing a good job for the group that they serve.

Our elected officers not only represent, lead and serve us as 99s; they are often our "face" to the GA community and the non-flying public. I pledge to work to secure the best possible candidates.

### **Mary Wheelock**

*Golden Triangle Chapter*

My goal on the Nominating Committee is to find the most qualified and available candidates for officers. We have many qualified members but some are unable to serve at certain times. My goal is to bring back the excitement of running for office and being elected to serve our members. Some members can only serve in one office and have no interest in running for other offices. Friendly competition only serves to make our elections more interesting. I will strive to seek two candidates for each office while encouraging those who seek to continue serv-

ing the section in other offices to do so.

I have been a 99 for 36 years, becoming a life member in 1981. I have attended many Section and International Meetings.

I have enjoyed becoming friends with members of other chapters in the section and will encourage all chapters to recommend members to each office.

### **HIGH COUNTRY**

*By Judy Allerheiligen*

The High Country Chapter composed an educational display on Aviation and the Role of Women - Past and Present - that was displayed for two months in the main lobby of the Tomlinson Library on the campus of Mesa State College in Grand Junction, Colorado. The display will now rotate through several public libraries in western Colorado.



*Pictured at the display are High Country 99s Pat Verstraete, Deborah Gaul, Cathie Swanson and Sharon Delay.*

## **FALL 2008 SECTION MEETING**

**Amarillo, TX**

**September 12-14, 2008**

*Hosted by the SCS Board of Directors*

The 2006 – 2008 South Central Section Board of Directors invite you to join us in Amarillo, TX September 12 – 14, 2008 for our Fall Section meeting. Activities available during the weekend include the Tri-State Fair, dinner at the Big Texan, touring the Palo Duro Canyon with a park ranger followed by a BBQ dinner at the River Breaks Ranch. For the 49½s and other visitors, Cadillac Ranch and/or the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum will be available for tours. Our meeting hotel is the Ambassador-Amarillo (<http://www.ambassadoramarillo.com/>) with the Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport (KAMA) nearby as the GA/commercial airport. [FBO information will be available at the Spring meeting in Albuquerque.]



# SCS Section Meeting – Spring 2008

14-16 March 2008

Albuquerque, NM

*Mystery Weekend: "Where in the World is Amelia Earhart?"*

## Thursday, 13 March

Arrivals  
Hospitalsity Suite

1:00 – 5:00

## Friday, 14 March

8:30 – 10:30 • Registration  
9:00 – 11:00 Hospitality Suite  
9:00 – 10:30 SCS Board Meeting (all members are invited to attend)  
10:30 – 11:30 Governor's Forum  
11:30 – 1:00 Lunch on own  
12:00 – 5:00 Hospitality & Registration in the Hospitality Suite  
1:00 – 4:30 Tour of Eclipse Aviation (buses load at 1pm)  
Dinner on own



## Saturday, 15 March

6:45 – 12:00 Guest tour to St. Patty's Day Balloon Rally in Los Lunas (weather permitting)  
8:00 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast  
9:00 – 12:00 Business Meeting  
Lunch on own  
12:30 – 5:00 Hospitality Suite  
1:30 – 5:00 Geocaching game- Find *Amelia Bearhart!*  
1:30 – 5:00 Seminars

### Osprey: Helicopter or Airplane?

*David Tennis, CV-22 Lead Pilot Instructor*

### What Do I Do When Asked to Speak on Aviation?

*Michelle R. Davis-Judd, Pre-College Officer, NASA Dryden Flight Research Center (Antelope Valley 99s)*

### 70 hours aloft! It's a gas!

*Barbara Fricke, gas and hot air balloon and SEL pilot (Albuquerque 99s)*

6:30 Cash bar  
7:00 – ?? Mystery Café/Awards

## Sunday, 16 March

Departures

### **GEOCACHING GAME:**

Bring your handheld GPS! Your goal will be to find *Amelia Bearhart*. You'll be looking for caches in the area around the hotel. We'll do our best to creatively hide them, so be on your toes! In the caches will be pieces to a puzzle. You'll need to find all the puzzle pieces in order to get the last clue to find *Amelia Bearhart*. Whoever finds Amelia will win... and be responsible for the care and feeding of her as she then becomes a travelling geocaching Travel Bug. The Section will be able to follow her progress on Geocaching.com as she travels around. Not familiar with Geocaching? Go to [Geocaching.com](http://Geocaching.com) for more information.



## FLYGIRLS AVIATION EDUCATION DAY

By Kathy Hancock, Albuquerque Chapter

Fifteen 8 and 9 year old girls and seven 99s spent a fun December afternoon exploring all aspects of the field of aviation. These girls, third-grade students at Governor Bent Elementary School in Albuquerque, enthusiastically partici-

While the girls built meat-tray gliders, they learned about the physics of flight, the parts of a plane and making a cross-country flight plan. They learned how the ailerons affected the direction their planes would fly when they practiced flying their gliders.



99s with the 3rd graders on their "FlyGirls" Day.

pated in the activities that were planned for them by Michelle Judd-Davis, NASA Education specialist (Antelope Valley 99 living in Albuquerque.).

After helping a Girl Scout troop complete their Aerospace badge two years ago, the ABQ 99s were eager to plan another aviation education event. Ninety-Nine Kathy Hancock is the girls' Technology Teacher at Governor Bent and knew that her students were interested in her flying stories. So the chapter decided the 3rd grade girls would be a great group to invite.

Michelle and Kathy, along with Greta Moore, Elaine Roderick, Anna Taylor, and Barbara Fricke started the event sharing personal information along with pictures of their flying experiences. The girls heard about 99s flying small planes, jets, helicopters, and balloons. Greta, army helicopter pilot, showed the girls her flight vest with survival equipment. Several of the students tried it on for size.

Barbara, dressed as Amelia Earhart, told the story of the aviator's life in the first person. She knew all about the important events in Amelia's life. The girls asked questions and listened to her story with interest.

After a few minutes of practicing, the girls enjoyed snacks while filling out their own flight plans and choosing tail numbers for their planes.

The chapter ladies prepared an obstacle course for the girls to fly their planes. The course included several airports, a forest, a swamp, a mountain, a lake and rivers. The girls used their ailerons to fly around obstacles to reach their destinations.



ABQ 99 Kathy Hancock and girls pose with their airplanes

The afternoon also included distance races. The girls really enjoyed practicing and competing in this event. They weighted their planes with paper clips and set their ailerons flat to fly straight and far.

At the end of the FlyGirls day, the winning future pilots received trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of each contest. Each girl took home a decorated bag full of flying activities and toys. It was a very successful day. The feedback that Kathy has received from her students is all positive. Their mothers are reporting trips to the store to buy more aviation toys. Third grade girls are expressing a desire to become pilots one day and the boys are asking for their own FlyBoys event.



Barbara Fricke dresses up as Amelia to tell the girls about her life and starting The 99s

## OKLAHOMA

By Carol Sokatch

Congratulations to the Dallas and Ft. Worth Chapters on their 50th anniversaries this past November!

We recovered from sponsoring the Air Race Classic start in June and were pleased that the week of activities was designated an official Oklahoma Centennial Event.

The 29th Annual Okie Derby had great flying weather for August in Oklahoma. An added attraction this year was the only DC-3 in the FSS fleet being available to tour at Wiley Post airport the entire day of the competition. Barbara and Dave McClurkin won the event with Bill and David Hines placing second. Tommy and Marilyn George were Best Out of State Racers, a position they have won so often. Our Wings of the Future Scholarship winner is Ximena H. Diaz, a full time student at Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology, following in the steps of her Dad and Uncle. Ximena treated her Dad to his first ever flight in a single engine, fixed gear plane.

Our chapter staffed the Registration Table at the International Conference in September chaired by Sue Halpain. Karen Baskin, Liz Lundin, Jody McCarrell, Elaine Regier, Margie Richison and Lily Rollins were our chapter's other delegates with 49½ Randy Richison and Bill Halpain. Bill also celebrated his birthday with his many 99 friends.

Poochie and Ed Rotzinger were judges at the NIFA Regional at Cahokia, IL. Poochie strongly campaigns for more section members to participate for the fun of it, and to get those who are our future in aviation.

### APPROACH DEADLINE:

**6 June 2008**

**Submit material to  
next editor, to be  
appointed by the  
Governor.**

**Stay tuned!**

## BRAZOS RIVER

By Bonnie Lewis

2007 has been a busy year. Our chapter's annual flight to visit the girls at new Horizons Children's Home has been weathered out twice. The goodie bags are packed and ready to go when we are able to schedule and make the trip. Thankfully, we've had better luck with many of our other activities.

In January new chapter member Donna Case Kelleher spoke to the local chapter of the Zonta International organization at their annual meeting honoring Amelia Earhart. Donna represented our chapter well as she spoke of Amelia's aviation accomplishments.

Our March event was at Granbury Municipal Airport where our members taught a Flying Companion course. Karen Tucker coordinated the event that gained good reviews from the students.

We were treated to a wonderful installation party in June at the home of Nona and Max Meinen on their lake in Grandview, TX. We enjoyed a potluck on their lawn overlooking the lake as



*Adventure to the WASP Museum: Brenda Staples, Debbie Dewey, Lana Kraeszig, Donna McDaniel, Kathleen Bales, Debbie Keyt and Bonnie Lewis in front of Debbie's RV10.*

raisers plus raffles and silent auctions provide the funds for our Air Academy student, New Horizons, and our other donations. Our members spend time and effort on fund raising but also have a good time together during these activities.

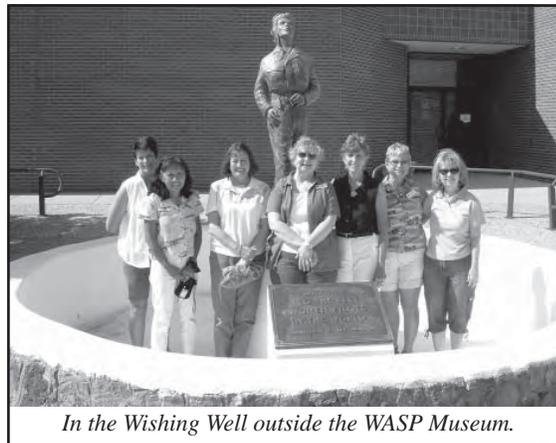
We had a great flyout in September to Sweetwater, TX. There, the ladies from the National WWII WASP Museum met us on the ramp and gave rides to the museum. We were treated to a tour, cookies and drinks. This is a great and growing museum. We recommend this fly-out to other chapters. Expect royal treatment.

In November we made another fly-out; this time for fun and lunch at Brownwood, TX where we met member Debbie Scanlan, who recently moved to Brownwood. Debbie and 49½ Bill drove us to town for lunch at Steve's Market and Deli. It was great conversation and wonderful food, even including a drawing for parting gifts provided by Steve's.

Our Christmas party was hosted by Marcia and Roe Walker in their home on Pecan Plantation.

Once again we proved what good cooks we are. The silent auction successfully kicked off our fund raising for 2008, and all had a good time.

There are a few new toys in our hangars. Nona and Max Meinen have a new Legend Cub. Konnie and Joe Sasser have a new Citabria Explorer. Bonnie and Tom Lewis have completed and flown their new RV-7A. It accumulated 246 hours before being sent to the paint shop. Hopefully it will be back by the end of January 2008. Blue Skies to all.



*In the Wishing Well outside the WASP Museum.*

well as boat rides, ATV rides, Legend Cub rides off their 1700' strip, and tours of their home, cabin and new hangar.

We are proud to sponsor Jacquelyn Pack, Granbury High School senior to the EAA Air Academy. She was thrilled to have the opportunity to experience "hands on" as well as making many new friends. Her future plans include getting her A&P license and joining the Coast Guard.

We had two successful pancake breakfasts at Granbury Municipal, one in June and one in October. These fund

## PURPLE SAGE

By Priscilla Barbee

Member Janet Koonce presented our September program telling us about her two-week Snake River cruise and trip in Oregon. How exciting! We wished we had all been there.

Chapter members Priscilla Barbee, Betty Jones and Mary Alice Tidwell attended the Fina CAF Air Show at Midland International on September 29th-30th. Priscilla Barbee was honored to have Nancy Welz Aldrich and friend Ruth Anne Cox of the San Antonio Chapter as house guests during the air show.

On October 20th our chapter painted a compass rose at the Carlsbad Airport. Betty Jones was straw boss for that adventure along with Nancy Day and 49½s James Jones and Pat Day. Several airport board members, led by Richard Davis, pitched in to help.

Our chapter celebrated our 23d anniversary November 2007. We still have three charter members participating: Priscilla Barbee, Betty Jones and Mary Alice Tidwell. We reflected back to all the adventures and fun we have had together, not to mention all the hard work contributed in those years. We are looking forward to many more years together not only with current members but also with new ones. We have much to pass on to a new generation of women pilots.

On December 18th once again we met in the home of Janet and Norman Koonce for our Christmas party and meeting.

We brought food to share and white elephant gifts to exchange. As is our custom, we brought toiletries and toys for donation to the safe house.



## SPOTLIGHT ON: PAT WARD

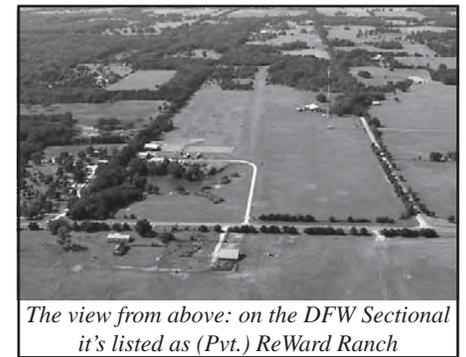
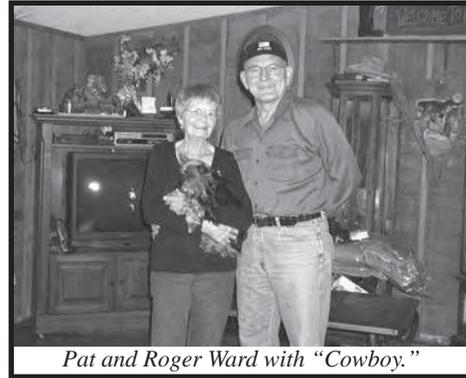
Friends who thought Pat Ward had just faded into the sunset should be glad to know what she has been up to lately. She is, of course, still active as Wildflower Chapter Chairman. She is a past SCS Governor and past Int'l Board member and Vice-President. She and her husband, Roger, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on New Years Day 2008.

A life-long resident of Baton Rouge until 1993, Pat and Roger now live on a 100-some acre spread with a small fresh water lake in far north central Texas. They sold their Cessna 195 several years ago and now own a Cessna Aerobat. Pat experienced a mild heart attack in January 2000, but still flies with Roger from their own airstrip on their property. It shows as a private airport on the DFW Sectional (ReWard). Pat is one of the founders of the local community theatre (www.RedRiverTheatre.com), serving as President of its board until recently. Pat has only acted in one play, but has served as Director for Driving Miss Daisy, Lilies of the Field, and The Secret Garden.

She has just been appointed to the local Fannin County Historical Commission and has served on the local Airport Advisory Committee. She is an active communicant at Holy Trinity

Episcopal Church in Bonham and serves as its newsletter editor, and as licensed lay reader, an incoming member of the Vestry and with its community outreach program involving the local animal shelter.

Roger retired from Delta Air Lines in 1998 when they moved to the country to participate in breeding, raising and showing horses with their 2 daughters, and 5 grandchildren. They are expecting their first great-grandchild in late June or early July. Pat and Roger are in good health but find it difficult to do much traveling because of all the animals that include rescue dogs, cats and a large flock of Pilgrim geese. Pat's main boss these days is her 6-pound Toy Yorkshire Terrier, Cowboy, who has her thoroughly wrapped around his little paws.



## GENERAL COLIN POWELL'S "RULES TO LIVE BY"

*A blast from the past. From the first Approach edited by Anna Taylor.*

1. It ain't as bad as you think. It will look better in the morning.
2. Get mad, then get over it.
3. Avoid having your ego so close to your position that when your position falls, your ego goes with it.
4. It CAN be done!
5. Be careful what you choose. You may get it.
6. Don't let adverse facts stand in the way of a good decisions.
7. You can't make someone else's choices. You shouldn't let someone else make yours.
8. Check small things.
9. Share credit.
10. Remain calm. Be kind.
11. Have a vision. Be demanding.
12. Don't take counsel of your fears or naysayers.
13. Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier. [In the military, one always looks for ways to increase or multiply your forces.]

Brazos River 99s left for Alaska July 30th and our group included three RV-7As, three Bonanzas, a Mooney, a Cessna 182RG, a Rockwell Commander, a Comanche, a Twin Comanche and a Baron. It was a really special summer of flying with friends, and we all would

## NORTH TO ALASKA!

By Bonnie Lewis, Brazos River Chapter

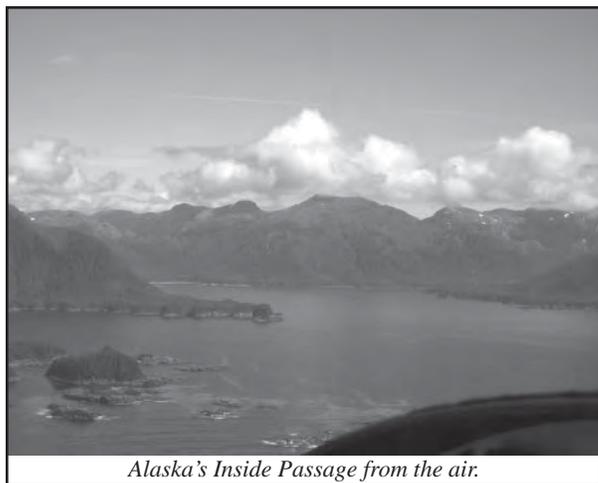
er stopped them short.

Our trip to Anchorage was on an alternate route due to low clouds and we missed Denali. However, we saw some wonderful mountains, glaciers and lakes. We arrived in low conditions and wet pavement caused one airplane to go around three times. Our Anchorage hotel was the Millennium on Lake Hood with a view of float planes coming and going. Again, weather didn't cooperate and our float plane trip to see bears fishing for salmon was cut short before seeing any bears, although the float plane ride was interesting itself. We filled two Beavers and one Otter.

After two nights in Anchorage we flew on to Seward. This was an awesome trip with glaciers, the Harding ice field and the rugged coast line. In Seward we enjoyed an eight hour glacier/wildlife cruise and saw whales, harbor seals, sea lions, eagles, puffins and many other birds. We also saw rocky cliffs, sea stacks and arches, calving glaciers and icebergs. It was a great day topped off by a salmon/prime rib dinner.

From Seward we flew down the coast to Ketchikan. There was no end to the incredible sights, glacier after glacier. We stayed at the Cape Fox Lodge on a hill overlooking the town and bay. A highlight was a wildlife cruise

with an "all-you-can-eat" crab feast. Our group consisting of Claudia and Martin Sutter, Debbie and Bill Scanlan, Margaret and Paul Siedschlag, Suzette and John McComas with friends Lisa and Hal Dean, and Bonnie and Tom Lewis stole the show at the crab feast. Bill and Hal were chosen to perform the "Crab Dance" for us. Margaret's table



*Alaska's Inside Passage from the air.*

recommend the Alaskan adventure.

First stop was Olympia, WA where we gathered in the hangar of our guide, Dale Hemman, along with six other airplane loads for introductions, briefing and the first of our many eating frenzies.

We left the next morning, cleared Canadian customs at Abbotsford, and flew on to Quesnel for our first night's stay in the quaint Billy Barker Casino Hotel. The scenery was nice but we mostly spent the day learning how to maintain position in our flight of 12. We made all take offs and landings as a flight with two lines of six on the runway at one time.

Next day we flew to Whitehorse through even more beautiful country and were more comfortable flying with the group. The next day we flew to Fairbanks to clear customs and take a two-day break, staying at the Wedgewood Resort. On the way some of the group made touch and gos on the ALCAN highway just for the fun of it. While in Fairbanks many of us went on a riverboat cruise. A few airplanes tried to fly to Prudhoe Bay, but weath-



*Glaciers are pretty impressive from the air!*



*"Tallest" stack of crab shells? Margaret Siedschlag gets creative to win!*

won the prize for the tallest stack of crab shells.

From Ketchikan we headed home with unbelievable memories enough to last a life time. The flight took us through more beautiful scenery and we enjoyed seeing moose, bear, swan and eagles from the air. It was a truly incredible trip.



## **GOLDEN TRIANGLE**

*By Mary Wheelock*

We ended our year with our annual Christmas meeting and Chinese gift exchange at Wild Bill's. New Year was off to a great start in January as we finalized plans to publish our cookbook. Carolyn Brooks, our member in Arkansas, suggested it, the members agreed, and Beverly Stephens, our Cook Book Chairman did a great job making it happen.

Carolyn also brought ideas for uniforms, door prizes, goodie bags and other items. We will host the Fall SCS meeting in 2009. Carolyn has made a beautiful 99 quilt, which we will raffle at the meeting. We want to make this meeting special as we will celebrate our 40th Anniversary.

Our 49½s were honored in February during an Appreciation Luncheon at Danny D's Bar-B-Que. We gave them model airplanes and other items to show how much their support means to our chapter.

In March we toured the WASP Collection at Texas Woman's University in Denton, TX. Dawn Letson, Coordinator, Special Collections, was delighted when we presented her with a copy of our newly published cookbook, "We Can Cook, But We'd Rather Be Flying." A copy of the Times Book,

"Women in Aviation" was also given to the library.

Beverly Stephens, Betty Thomas, and Mary Wheelock attended the April SCS Spring Meeting. Betty and Beverly crocheted a 99 Afghan for a raffle and it was won by a San Antonio member. Our officers for 2007-2008 are Mary Wheelock, Chairman, Coleen Campbell, Vice Chairman, Beverly Stephens, Secretary, and Joan Weightman, Treasurer. We held an abbreviated chapter meeting in June at the 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Beverly and J.C. Stephens in Saint Jo, TX.

The annual Hot Dog/Pool Party in July around the pool at Betty and Jerry Thomas' home was delightful—complete with good food and lots of hangar flying. Geils Hegranes, who had been a member-at-large, is now a chapter member and taking an active role in our activities. Shirley Roberts and Faith, her Bonanza, participated in the summer Flying Tour of Alaska. August found us wrapping the lovely "snowflakes" Dottie Hughes, Beverly, and Betty crocheted for delegates to the International Convention in the Denver/Boulder area in September. This meeting was held in Coleen Campbell's home as she will be moving to Harrisburg, PA in September. We said good-bye to Coleen with mixed emotions as she has been a very active

and supportive member of the chapter. She and Dave will be greatly missed. Ellen Hamlett agreed to serve as Vice-Chairman and Geils Hegranes agreed to become Membership Chairman due to Coleen's move.

In September, Ellen and Gerry Hamlett flew to Midland/Odessa to the CAF Airshow. Coleen Campbell flew her Piper Arrow to its new PA home.

September also found us visiting the Arlington Control Tower to congratulate the staff on their first year of operation. We took goodies and a framed picture of our first visit to the tower. We were delighted to welcome guest, Hollie McNeely of the Wildflower Chapter to our meeting.

Golden Triangle Chapter celebrated our 38th Anniversary with a luncheon at Pizza Garden. We were delighted that Dottie Warren, the SCS Governor who presented our charter in 1969 attended as well as our current Governor, Chris Swain and Director Jill Williams. Hollie McNeely, Wild Flower Chapter member also joined us.

We will complete the year by taking goodie bags to FSS, control towers and FBOs in November and holding our annual Christmas Meeting in December. We have been busy and 2007 has been a good year! More to come in 2008!

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## **SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION APPROACH**

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