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DURANT, OKLAHOMA

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Experiment - that is what we are doing with this issue. COLOR for the web version, and black & white for the printed version. Let us know what you think.

PLEASE make your picture quality the best you can.

And THANK YOU to everyone who got information to us in a timely fashion!

South Central Section Governor's Message:

We are coming down the last run, as we will install a new board at our upcoming Spring Meeting. If anyone has something we need to discuss, please let me know and we can put it on the agenda. We are also going to have a board meeting that everyone is welcome to attend as it will be an open meeting.

Having it on the Oklahoma/Texas line should be right in the middle of our section. I was told that if you plan on flying commercial, check out Oklahoma City, as the rent cars are said to be cheaper than at DFW. The drive will be about the same for OKC as DFW. Everyone should be able to afford the rooms at this one.

We had one heck of a time for those who did get to Durango. I again was so proud of this section, even though we were slightly outnumbered; everyone seems to enjoy doing things with other people than just from our section. As for the Train Ride, can't even begin to describe that. We had several cars and at least one open one for the camera buffs. It took me a couple of hours to go through the pictures that Lillian put out on the web site. My grandson in-law must have taken 400 by himself. It took us so long to get to Silverton, because we had so many going we had to add another engine. We really didn't have much time to eat while we were there, but didn't hear any complaints. Everyone said it was a long but very enjoyable day. I agree. The western show was a hit and I think they sold out of every album. Many thanks to Houston's Vicky Croston for getting this group. Food was outstanding, of course. With Linda and Jan running the show we knew it would be. I surprised the heck out of Rose Lepore when I announced her as winner of the Governor's Award. She had done so much for this section and I could not think of any better way of thanking her from all of us. Marjy Leggett came back as our rep so we couldn't have been too bad on her in Louisiana. She is doing a great job on the board and we got to hear about the China trip from her. Great meeting and we finished on time. During the banquet we turned it into an award night; therefore, we were the entertainment. I asked your Vice Gov. Cathy Wappler to come and help me present the awards, as our dear friend from San Antonio, Gloria Blank, couldn't make the trip. Wish all of you could have been there.

If you didn't file your Financial Reports with Kris Irvin Heron, please get with her or bring them to Durant.

It has been a real treat to serve as your governor, I hope you have enjoyed the joint meetings, as I have tried to get you all involved and hope to get all of you to attend an International Conference at some time. Having joint meetings, I thought, was a step in that direction.

Thanks for letting me attend the Governors meeting legally.

Blue Skys and Tailwinds to all, Jody McCarrell, South Central Section Governor



**Fall South Central Section Meeting
El Paso, Texas
October 19-21, 2012
by Didi Shaffer**

It's not too early to start making plans to attend the Fall Meeting of the South Central Section. The El Paso Chapter is busily working to make sure that all attendees have a great time and get a generous dose of our southwestern hospitality. From our welcoming party on Friday evening until your departure on Sunday, we are planning events to keep everyone occupied and entertained. Our Saturday night banquet will be held at the Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino in Sunland Park, NM.

We are also working on optional tours of Old Mesilla, New Mexico, located near Las Cruces, New Mexico; and also, a Mission Tour of the Ysleta and Socorro missions, which are the oldest in Texas. Those of you who have attended previous meetings in El Paso probably remember trips to Juarez, Mexico, which we have done in the past. We will be unable to offer such a trip at this time due to safety concerns. Rest assured, however, that El Paso continues to be the safest city in the country.

The hotel convention site will be the Holiday Inn Express & Suites El Paso West, located at 7935 Artcraft Road, El Paso, Texas 79912. Double Queen and King Standard rooms will be \$79, while Double Queen and King Suites will be \$99.

We look forward to seeing you in El Paso.

YOU'RE A WINNER WITH THE NINETY-NINES!
South Central Section Spring Meeting
April 27-29, 2012
Choctaw Casino Resort, Durant, Oklahoma

Bet on it! A fabulous week-end with the South Central Section Ninety-Nines is in the cards! You'll hit the jackpot with the casino, beautiful swimming pools, a full-service spa, and top-notch entertainment at the Choctaw Casino Resort. Treat yourself, your family, and guests to a relaxing week-end getaway.

The Choctaw Casino Resort is located in Durant, Oklahoma, 4216 S. Hwy 69/75. The Durant general aviation airport is Eaker Field, only a few miles from the resort. Shuttle service between Eaker Field and the resort is available. The nearest airports for commercial flights are DFW and Love Field, both of which are approximately 98 miles away.

In addition to the casino, the resort offers many amenities:

- Tower Fitness Center
- Choctaw Wellness Center, featuring cardio equipment, an indoor walking track, gymnasium, sauna, steamroom and whirlpool
- Game Room, with pool table, air hockey, and assorted electronic games
- Natatorium with an indoor and outdoor pool, both heated
- Oasis Tropical Pools with four flowing pools, rivers and winding waterways, three spas, and a waterslide
- OKA Spa, a full-service spa. Call 580-916-4450 to book a pampering treatment.

Those arriving by Friday afternoon can take a tour of the Cardinal Glass Industries factory located nearby. Cardinal Glass is a nation-wide leader in the production of residential glass. On Saturday afternoon a visit to the Choctaw corporate hangar is offered, including a presentation by pilots of the Indian Nation.

A Choctaw Casino Players Card will be issued to each registrant if you request it when you make your reservation. The Players Card entitles you to a generous complimentary paid coupon to start you at the slots or tables with Casino money, discounts at some of the gift shops, and other amenities. You will be invited to register for free drawings for high-dollar coupons and prizes from t-shirts to T-birds throughout the night.

| SCHEDULE | |
|---------------------------|--|
| FRIDAY, APRIL 27 | |
| 12:00 – 2:00 | Registration, Hospitality, Fly Market open |
| 2:00 – 4:00 | Cardinal Glass Industries tour |
| 5:00 – 6:00 | SCS Board Meeting |
| Evening | Dining and entertainment on your own |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 28 | |
| 7:00 – 10:00 | Breakfast Buffet open |
| 7:30 – 8:30 | Registration |
| 9:00 – 12:00 | SCS Business Meeting |
| | Guests enjoy resort activities |
| 12:00 | Lunch on your own |
| 12:00 – 4:00 | Hospitality and Fly Market open |
| 1:30 | Tour of Choctaw Hangar; Indian Nation pilot presentation |
| 7:00 | Banquet |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 29 | |
| 7:00 – 10:00 | Breakfast Buffet open |



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South Central Section Spring Meeting Hosted by the SCS Board
April 27-29, 2012

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary/Cell Phone _____ Alt. Phone _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Offices Currently Held _____

Past Section and International Offices _____

Email _____

Fly Market Table? _____

Arr. Date and Time _____ Eaker Field Dallas Love DFW Driving

Registration fee includes Saturday and Sunday breakfast buffets, Saturday night banquet buffet, Friday afternoon tour of Cardinal Glass Company, Saturday afternoon Choctaw Nation pilot presentation at Choctaw corporate hangar, Hospitality Room and Fly Market, transportation to/from Eaker Field in Durant.

HOTEL: Call 1-580-931-8340 to reserve room at the Choctaw Inn. Rate for 99s and guests is \$69 per night, single or double. Additional charge may apply for more than two guests per room. Use Block Code 444450 or ask for group rate for South Central Section 99s. Reservation deadline is April 1. Room rates are good Thursday through Saturday nights. RV Park information may be found on invitation page.

CHOCTAW RV PARK: Those wishing to stay at the RV Park should contact the park at 800-562-6073 or rv-park@choctaw casinos.com. (There is not a special 99s rate here.)

A Choctaw Casino Players Card, which entitles you to casino discounts and coupons, will be issued if you request it when you make your reservation.

Early Registration postmarked before March 20 _____ @ \$80 each

Regular Registration postmarked March 20 or after _____ @ \$95 each

No refunds after April 13.

Make checks payable to South Central Section Ninety-Nines.

Mail registration form and payment to: Cathy Wappler, 24422 Bay Hill Blvd., Katy, TX 77494.

For questions, contact Cathy at cwappler99@hotmail.com, 713-376-2961

Candidates for South Central Section Offices

Cathy Wappler-Governor

For many years, my membership in The Ninety-Nines 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 received by serving the South Central Section, as well. My professional experiences as a special program specialist in a large public school district and my 99 experiences as Chapter Chairman, Chapter Secretary, AE Scholarship chair, SCS Secretary, and, most recently SCS Vice-Governor, have helped develop the skills required of the Section Governor. My goal in pursuing this office is to contribute in some small way to the 99 mission of promoting fellowship through flight, providing networking and scholarship opportunities and aviation education, and preserving the unique history of women in aviation. I consider it an honor to promote this mission by serving on the board of the South Central Section.

Jerry Anne Jurenka Vice Governor

I am a member of the Texas Dogwood Chapter. I have served in all chapter offices and am the current Vice Chairman. At the section level I have served as Director, Secretary and Nominating Committee Chair. I chaired the International 99s Bylaws Committee under three Presidents and the Resolutions Committee under a fourth and attended most of the international board meetings during that time. I have served on many boards and chaired several at the state level and was the first female President of the Texas Pilots Association. I was instrumental in planning the Flying Championship held in Fort Worth in 1996 and helped plan an annual flying event in Longview with a large attendance for 25 years. Planning events is one of the duties of the Vice Governor. My goal as Vice Governor is to make sure the Ninety-Nines remain positive and efficient in our approach to Section business and encourage a spirit of co-

operation and camaraderie. The Vice Governor should promote fellowship by visiting as many chapters as possible and encouraging all members to participate at the section level. I am still an active pilot who loves to fly her Cessna 182 (the Lady J).

Kay Alley Kansas – Secretary

What an honor to be a nominee for the position of Secretary for the South Central Section. After years of holding various offices at the International and Chapter level, I would look forward to serving our members at the Section level for the first time. Beginning in 2000, I was elected to two four year terms as a Board Trustee for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. During one of these terms, I served as Board Secretary, recording minutes of meetings and handling various correspondences. I have been a member of the Kansas Chapter of Ninety-Nines since 1976, and am currently serving my second term as Chapter Secretary and Membership Committee Chairman. I spent several years as a professional pilot and hold the Airline Transport Pilot certificate for both single and multi-engine ratings. I have worked as a professional pilot in an air ambulance service, corporate staff pilot, Part 135 charter service, and international ferry delivering aircraft to Asia, Caribbean and Europe for the past 20 years. Previous employments have included being a legal secretary for an attorney, and an office assistant for my husband's business. My goal as Section Secretary would be to record the transactions of the meetings in an accurate and efficient manner to preserve the history of our organization. I believe I am confident and a competent person to handle this important position and would appreciate the opportunity to serve.

Lois Gronau-Fietz Houston – Treasurer

After years of being involved with the Houston Chapter 99s, I inadvertently said I would try the Treasurers position. I found that I really did enjoy the interaction with the members, and

maintaining a healthy treasury. I was treasurer of the Houston Chapter for over 15 years. When I was in high school, an accountant is what I was going to be. Then my sister challenged me and I wound up in nursing and learning to figure the correct dose of medications for patients. The office of Section Treasurer will be a real challenge, but one I would like to have the opportunity to do. I will try to maintain the previous treasurer's high quality of reporting to members the status of the section in dollars and cents. I do promise that I will try to present the facts in a timely manner.

Kris Irvin-Herron Arkansas - SCS Director

I received my private pilot certificate in 1988 and joined the 99s in 1989. I have been an active member of the Arkansas Chapter since then. At the Chapter level, I have served as Chairman, Scholarship Chair and have been Treasurer since 1996. At the Section level I, I have served as Director, Treasurer, as Vice-Governor and Governor. I have been the Section 501(c)(3) Advisor since 1996. As Governor, I served on the International Finance Committee and as Chairman of the International Awards Committee. I served two terms on the International Board as Treasurer. I am currently serving as Section Treasurer. I am a licensed Certified Public Accountant and have been in practice since 1982. In this capacity I have dealt with a variety of clients in the areas of tax, accounting and auditing including nonprofits and business enterprises in a variety of fields. My goals as Section Director are to continue my service to the Ninety-Nines and assist in the Section officers in managing the affairs of the section. I feel my experiences at all levels of the 99s have given me a good understanding of the organization and I would appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve the South Central Section.



Candidates for South Central Section Offices - continued

Stephanie R. Roberts - Texas Dogwood - Director

As a member of the 99s for 30+ years I am asking for your support for the position of Director. I am a member of Texas Dogwood Chapter and currently serve as Chairman. Additionally, I have held all other chapter offices and positions. I was a member of the SCS Nominating Committee from 2008-2010. Internationally, I co-chaired the Public Relations Committee and served as PR Chair for the World Precision Flying Competition. I am a former member of the WASP WWII Museum Board. I belong to most local, state & national aviation organizations. I am past Chair of the Tyler Airport Board, Terminal Building Project and the Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee. I also served on the Texas State Board of Aviation. Professionally I am a CFI, a former corporate pilot, and the owner of Flights of Fancy Jewelry and Gifts. In my many years of flying nothing has meant more to me than my association with the Ninety-Nines. I hope to see the 99s continue to grow and flourish. I want to be part of that growth by encouraging more women, young and older to pursue their personal dreams in aviation. I believe the Ninety-Nines have much to offer the aviation community and I want to see us continue to lead in all aspects of aviation. Thank you for your consideration.

Rose Lepore - Houston - Nominating Committee

I've decided to seek election for the South Central Section Nominating Committee because I believe I have been active at the Section long enough to know many of the talented members of this Section. I think this will be an advantage when asking some of them to consider seeking Section office. I've also attended most South Central Section Meetings since joining the Ninety-Nines in 1982, and have had the opportunity to see strengths of potential candidates the Nominating Committee might consider for various offices. The fact that I served on the

International Nominating Committee also gives me an insight into the process I might not otherwise have received. Since 1993 I have served as Section Aviation Scholarship Advisor and am used to following a set of standards to determine eligibility of AEMSF applicants just as the Nominating Committee does when considering candidates, and I am used to working with a committee to use objective criteria to rank applications, much like the Nominating Committee has to do when there are multiple applicants for a Section office. I believe I am qualified to serve on the Nominating Committee and if elected, I will faithfully perform the duties of this office.

Jody McCarrell Oklahoma Chapter Nominating Committee

Since joining the Ninety-Nines in 1972, I have served as Chapter Chair of the Golden Triangle Chapter and as Section member on the Nominating Committee, Vice Governor and am the current Governor of the South Central Section. Other offices I have held in a leadership commitment are: 1978-1996 - AWTAR Board of Directors, International Committee Chair - Aerospace Education, Executive Committee of the World Precision Flying Championship.

1998-2005 - International Treasurer of the Ninety-Nines, International Vice President, President and Past President of the Ninety-Nines.

2006-2011 Vice Governor and Governor SCS, International Building Committee, Recycled as International Vice President at the request of the International Board of Directors, NIFA Council Board of Directors.

I am a SEL, MEL pilot with Instrument and Commercial ratings and served as a corporate Pilot flying turboprop aircraft as well as many other single and multi engine airplanes. I owned and operated L J Aviation and was Airport Manager of Helms Sevier County Airport in DeQueen Arkansas.

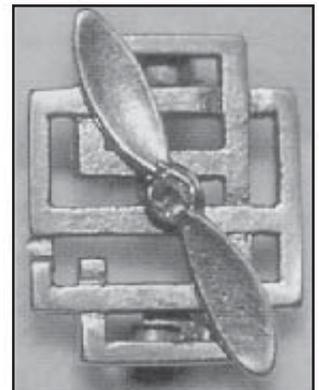
I have been involved in many projects in the South Central Section. It

has been one of my greatest pleasures to be a member and a part of this great Section. The Ninety-Nines have a great future and SCS will be very involved the growth of this future. As the current past Governor it will be my honor to participate in finding the future leaders of the South Central Section.

Phyllis Scott Tulsa Chapter Nominating Committee

For more than twenty-five years my membership in the 99s has given me many friends and fellowship with others who love aviation. In this time I have been active at the Chapter level serving in all elected positions and other committee assignments. At the Section level I have regularly attended Section meetings and have been a member and chaired the Awards Committee. I am currently Director of the South Central Section and a trustee of our Museum of Woman Pilots in Oklahoma City.

By the way, did you know AOPA will have their 2013 convention in Ft. Worth October 10-12? This is the first time it has been held in the Central United States and in Texas. What are the 99s planning to do for this convention?



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER by Carol Sokatch

Our Oklahoma Chapter provided the hospitality for the International Convention, "Fly Home to Oklahoma" this summer. As always, we had great food and provided a popular venue for meeting and greeting. We were pleased that former International President Susie Sewell was able to come to Hospitality on Saturday afternoon. Thank you to all our members who contributed food and time. Wyvema Startz and Ann Pogson designed and made the centerpieces for the Saturday night banquet; Rita Eaves painted the bird houses. Wyvema also was in charge of transportation for those flying into Wiley Post Airport. Attending the business meeting were Charlene Davis, Rita Eaves, Janis Love, Jody McCarrell, Jan Perry, Elaine Regier, Carol Sokatch, and Wyvema Startz.

This summer we staffed an information table at a July FAA Safety Seminar. In September Janis Love and Holly Blunk enjoyed meeting the public at Shawnee Airport's Get a Dream Fly In.

The 33th Annual Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally was August 19 and 20 at Wiley Post Airport. Because we are a rally and not a race, CPA planes were permitted to participate; they were a welcome addition. Twenty-five planes raced with including Phyl Howard, Jan Perry,

Janis Love, and Holly Blunk from our chapter. This year's winner was the team of Phyl Howard and Jan Perry. Phyl was Best 99 and Best OPA Pilot. Best First Time Racer was Bruce Bailey. He and Robert Sorrell, representing the University of Oklahoma, won Best Collegiate Team. Best Out-of-State Racer was Janet Yoder. Phyl Howard was this year's Chairman, and she chaired the very first Okie Derby. Thank you Phyl and thanks to all our chapter members and our wonderful volunteer friends for another safe and fun rally.

We are proud to award the Wings of the Future Scholarship in the amount of \$5000 to Holly Blunk. She is using her award to earn her Private Pilot license.

Charlene Davis and Jody McCarrell represented our chapter at the Section Meeting in Durango, Colorado.

Rita and Leonard Eaves rolled their homebuilt plane out of their hangar/garage at Cole Field to host a fun-filled Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 6. We decided that we needed to do something "Just for the Fun of It" to quote AE.

We held our Christmas Potluck at International Headquarters on Monday, December 12. Janis Love wrote a very special Christmas poem, featuring Santa in his RV9A.

one-on-one mentoring and leadership challenges that are designed to help participants broaden their experience and strengthen important career skills.

The next session will begin in a few short months. The deadline for 2012A is January 31st. You can find out more information or apply for the program at www.ninety-nines.org (access the Pilot Careers Center link under the Resource Center tab).

We look forward to working with you and helping you achieve your goals and make your dreams a reality!

2011 SCS AWARDS

These awards represent a very small portion of the achievements of the South Central Section Chapter members and much praise is due for their many accomplishments. These certificates are presented to recognize special areas of their efforts from the reports that were submitted by the chapters. Each year, we have a drawing for a free registration to the fall section meeting from the chapters who submit reports and this year, Albuquerque was the recipient. A big "thank you" for sending in your reports. And another for your dedication to the 99s, the South Central Section and Aviation.

Gloria Blank, Cheryl Casillas
Awards Committee

SAFETY: San Antonio and Rio Grande Norte

AVIATION ACTIVITIES:
Houston, Oklahoma, Albuquerque and Rio Grande Norte

WINGS PROGRAM: Rio Grande del Norte and El Paso

MEMBERSHIP: San Antonio

CONTRIBUTIONS: Golden Triangle and Oklahoma

AVIATION FUNCTIONS: San Antonio, Houston, Oklahoma and Dallas

GOVERNOR'S AWARD was presented to Rose Lepore by Jody McCarrell.

Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative By Jill Williams-Shockley

Have you heard of The Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative?

The PPLI is a structured mentoring program that offers women a forum to network, share ideas, and accelerate their careers. This remarkable program presents unique opportunities for anyone who is looking to find a new job as a professional pilot, prepare for an upgrade, or recover from a setback. Each session involves



Dallas 99s

By Jill Williams-Shockley

The Dallas 99s once again put on a Girl Scout aviation badge seminar with great success!

We held our event at Cutter Aviation on Collin County Regional Airport at McKinney on November 12. We had our usual presentation of aerodynamics, reading a chart/planning a flight, learning about air races, and then talking the girls outside to visit the control tower, do a pre-flight/sitting in the cockpit and fly balsa airplanes. The scouts, and adults, were treated to some of Martha Ann's delicious cookies – which also received rave reviews.



Chapter members who were a part of this event were Holly Barr, Brooke Franklin, Martha Ann Reading, Dorothy Warren, Jerry Glennie, Tressa Marbarch, and Janny Strickland.

Our next Girl Scout event is scheduled for April at the Frontiers of Flight Museum on Dallas' Love Field and

we expect a great turn-out of scouts.

In mid-January, several chapter members travelled out to the WASP Museum in Sweetwater. Janny Strickland, Beth Polcari, Cindy Weber, Jerry Glennie, and Dorothy Warren all enjoyed a docent-narrated tour throughout the museum.



Golden Triangle 99s

By Beverly Stephens

The compass rose painted by the Abilene Chapter years ago at Abilene Regional Airport, Abilene, Texas, was demolished during extensive airport renovation. Golden Triangle Chapter offered to paint a new compass rose. Shirley Roberts, Betty and Jerry Thomas, Beverly and J. C. Stephens, Mike Stephens and friend Donna Cooper were joined by Elizabeth and John Hawley of the Wichita Falls Chapter on October 14-15, 2011. On Saturday, Penny Montgomery, Wanette Bergman, Micki Wright, Kim Williams, Marjorie Andrews, and Ruby Kinard of the former Abilene Chapter came out to help and cheer on the group. Don Green, Airport Director, treated the group to lunch after the painting. Penny Montgomery, also a member of the Big Sky Squadron of the Commerative Air Force, arranged for a 5-plane fly-over to honor the group.



TechGYRLS Learn about Flying from the Albuquerque Chapter of the Ninety Nines

By Greta Moore

Two members of the Albuquerque Chapter were delighted to make a visit to the TechGYRLS Pinon Canyon Center in the Manzano Mountains near Tijeras, NM in June. Greta Moore, Chapter Chair and helicopter pilot and Barbara Fricke, Chapter Secretary and balloon as well as fixed wing pilot spent an entire afternoon with 19 wonderful girls, ages 9 to 14, and their three counselors. TechGYRLS is a program sponsored by the Middle Rio Grande YWCA to empower young women ages 9-14 to enter careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). What better place to present a program about flying and getting young girls excited about a career in aviation. TechGYRLS is an after school program and an overnight camp that specifically targets underserved populations coming from underserved homes and ethnic minorities. This is the only gender specific program of its kind in New Mexico that teaches young girls from low income families the skills they need to break the cycle of poverty. Expanding their vision and offering hope is critical for improving the quality of girls' lives as they grow up and develop their career goals. High tech careers offer a

way out of poverty, but without early intervention, opportunities in these fields will be largely unattainable. The Albuquerque 99s were humbled to be asked to be a part of this program. Nationally, only 22 percent of working scientists are women, yet they make up 46 percent of the work force according to the National Science Foundation. A new report by the National Center for Women and Information Technology found that the percentage of computing occupations held by women declined from 36 percent in 1991 to 25 percent in 2008, yet there is a looming shortage of workers in information technology related fields. For example, there is a shortage of women at Sandia National Laboratories. According to their human resource department, only 18 percent of Sandia's technical workforce is made up of women. TechGYRLS seeks to bridge the gender gap in the STEM fields in New Mexico. The Albuquerque 99s are stepping up to assist in bridging the gap through instilling in these young girls a desire to work hard, dream big and know they have the support of many organizations throughout New Mexico that want them to succeed. The afternoon was filled with

classroom instruction on How An Airplane Flies, The Principles of Lift, and The Parts of an Airplane. Then the girls were broken down into smaller groups for designing and assembling their airplanes, filling out their flight plans and, of course, hangar talk.

We proceeded outside where we had set up a distance course and a cross country course. The distance competition was all about how far the girls' airplanes could fly. Some glided effortlessly through the air while others couldn't quite get the lift they desired. Many crashes and repairs took place to get things just right. We set up five different airports around the grounds. The girls had filed their flight plans to start at the first one, do stop and go's to each one, then reach their arrival airport. The girls had a blast trying to see who could get their airplane to land the closest to each airport. Some control surfaces did not cooperate as the girls had hoped they would but that didn't dampen their spirits. They laughed and applauded for each landing whether it was at the airport or off in the trees. Prizes were awarded to the best in each category with a big hug from both Greta and Barbara for a job well done. All the girls were presented with goodie bags full of fun stuff at the end of the afternoon. We would be remiss if we didn't thank the New Mexico Aviation Office for their assistance in providing the balsa wood planes and the materials for the goodie bags. Of course, a big thank you goes out to the Middle Rio Grande YWCA for inviting us to be a part of their program and we look forward to continuing the tradition.



2011 TechGYRLS with Greta (left in yellow) and Barbara (right in yellow)



Brazos River 99s

By Bonnie Lewis

In June the Brazos River Chapter welcomed new officers: Chair, Barbara Wilson; Vice Chair, Konnie Sasser; Secretary, Karen Sparks; Treasurer, Claudia Sutter.

The Granbury Municipal Airport pancake breakfast and raffle was hosted by the Brazos River Chapter in October. The weather was wonderful so there was a great turn out for the breakfast and many raffle tickets were sold. This was a great fund raiser for this year's projects.

The Brazos River Christmas party included two very special highlights this year. First we were able to initiate a new 49½, Les Staples. Good friend and neighbor, Brenda Staples, earned her private license on October 26 and became our newest official member. Congratulations Brenda!! We love

seeing your pretty Grumman over head. The second highlight was meeting Meghan Nolin, her father, Mart, and brother, Cole. Next July the Brazos River Chapter will be sponsoring Meghan to the EAA AirVenture Academy. Meghan is very excited to be attending the Academy and we can't wait to hear all about it. Many thanks go to Karen and Ken Sparks for hosting our Christmas party and silent auction in their beautiful home and hangar.



99s Fort Worth Chapter participates at the 2011 DFW Aviation and Transportation Career Expo

By Aileen Hummel

All forms of transportation from aviation to rail were represented at the 2011 DFW Aviation and Transportation Career Expo last December 9th. This has been an annual project of the Fort Worth Chapter of the 99s event since its inception nine years ago.

Each year, approximately 4000 elementary to high school students attend this event hosted by the DFW International Airport, along with American Airlines, the Federal Aviation Administration and Tarrant County College. It is one of the largest educational events of the year in North Texas. Students from Dallas, Fort Worth and the neighboring communities were invited and given an opportunity to learn about

careers in a variety of aviation and transportation fields.

The Fort Worth 99s shared their love of flight with the students, answered questions, and encouraged those who indicated an interest in aviation to pursue their passion. Thank you to Nan France, who for the last several

years has organized and coordinated the 99s participation in this event. 99s who participated this year were: Nan France, Linda Stoneking, Angela Casteel, Wally Funk, Allison Hoyt, Robin Kroeger, and Aileen Hummel. It has truly been an inspirational experience.



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