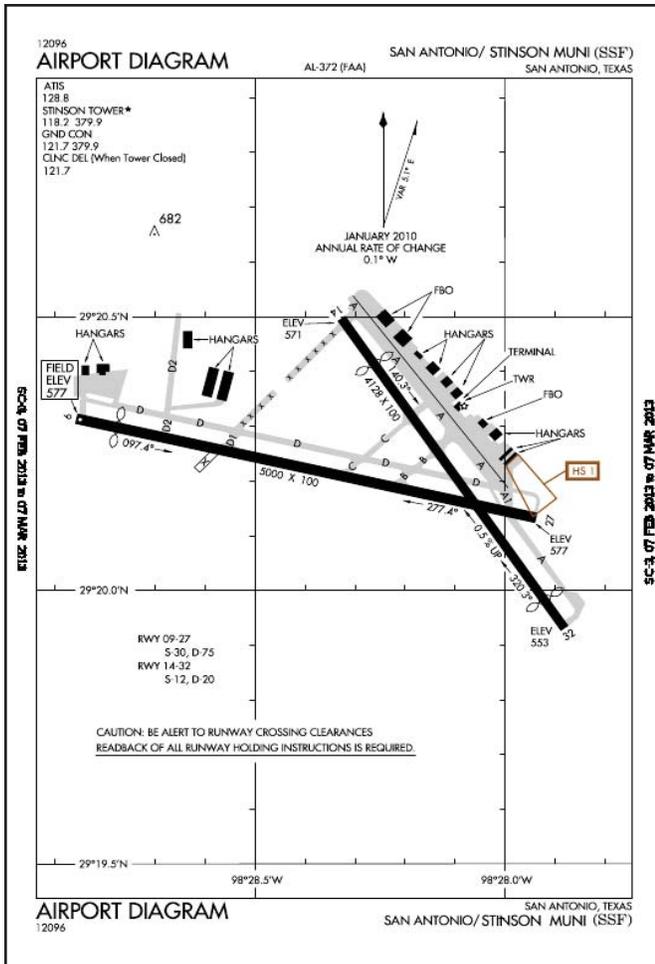




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Editorial Comment by Ellie Block

As we get closer to an e-Approach, my thoughts go to how we can use e-links to further our knowledge. What a delightful place the internet can be. But none of this would happen without the many contributors. So, I give you a very big THANK YOU! Keep the pictures and articles coming. And thank you to the contributors who proof read their articles carefully.

At this point I am proud to be a part of helping to rejuvenate the Tip of Texas 99s in South Texas. On Feb. 26 ten enthusiastic ladies met at Skyview Aviation (KTFP). Their varied backgrounds should provide for many interesting activities and learning experiences.

As 99s, we still need to get the word out - how many women pilots have you talked to about the 99s? We need information about 99s at every airport that trains pilots. A woman needs to know she is not alone, even though she may be the only woman in a whole class of pilots!

Ellie



River Walk - San Antonio, TX

Governor's Message:

“Wanderlust” is a trait shared by most pilots, I think. Many of us are never happier than when we are planning that next trip. Membership in the Ninety-Nines has enriched my life in many ways, and one of these is the travel opportunities offered by attending Section meetings and Conferences. I can count many places I probably would not yet have visited were it not for the “excuse” of a 99s meeting or event. This winter I have spent many hours perusing the internet (is anyone else hooked on tripadvisor.com?) planning a trip around the International Conference to be held in Bozeman, Montana this July. How can it be that I have been to nearly every state but have never visited Yellowstone or Grand Tetons National Parks? This is the summer I will remedy that, spending a few days before the Conference visiting Jackson Hole, Wyoming before heading up to Montana. If you have not yet attended an International Conference, you will be amazed at how much you will learn about this organization you belong to, and how much fun it is to be a tourist with the 99s! I hope that the South Central Section will be well represented in Bozeman this summer.

We also have a wonderful opportunity to satisfy some spring-time wanderlust right here in our own Section. Make your plans now to be in San Antonio May 16-19! San Antonio is a major tourist destination and convention hub, with a true international flavor. We are fortunate to be able to stay on the famous Riverwalk for a very reasonable rate. With ease of access by car, private plane, or airline, the San Antonio meeting is a meeting that every chapter should challenge themselves to attend.

At a recent meeting of my chapter in Houston, we welcomed a guest who is not yet a pilot, but will undoubtedly be one someday, as she has a terrible case of wanderlust. Amber Nolan, aka “the JetHiking Gypsy,” is a young travel writer who has set a goal of traveling to all fifty states by hitching rides on general aviation aircraft. She began in New York last July, and has visited 19 states since then. She has some worthy goals for this project, including increasing public awareness of general aviation and its impact on communities. Check out her website, www.jethiking.com, for her inspiring story - especially if you are planning a trip and can offer her a ride! Reading her blog will remind you of many of the reasons we value the gift of flight.

I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio!

Cathy Prudhomme



SPRING SECTION MEETING
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
MAY 16-19, 2013

Welcome to the Spring Section Meeting hosted by the San Antonio 99s! The flavors of San Antonio are our theme (Spanish, Fiesta, Aviation, Cowboy and German to name a few). You will have the opportunity to sample each while you are here, in one way or the other.

An entertaining, educational and productive weekend is in store for you.

San Antonio is a popular tourist destination, so our members had to work hard to negotiate room rates, breakfasts and parking. You will be happy to know that all breakfasts are gratis with your room (up to 2 guests). Also, \$10 a day parking in this city is a very special rate for you gals who are driving.

When you arrive at the hotel, you will be greeted by chapter members in the lobby, where you pick up your registration packet. San Antonio chapter members will be easily recognized by their brightly colored t-shirts featuring our section meeting logo.

Suggest you arrive on Thursday – there are so many things to do that can't all fit in Friday. At 6:30 Thursday, plan to join the group for a short walk to Schilo's, a San Antonio tradition since 1917. Schilo's is a local German Deli/Restaurant, where you will order from the menu. Enjoy German or American food. They are renowned for their split pea soup, homemade root beer and hot mustard.

Friday, our tour chairman, Patty Taylor, has a wonderful day planned for the optional tour (lunch included). You will be professionally escorted to enjoy sights of San Antonio - missions, Mexican market and Stinson Airfield (second oldest general aviation airport in continuous use in the US, started by the Stinson sisters) to name a few. If you prefer, you will be provided a list of things you might want to do on your own.

Friday evening, you will be picked up at the hotel by the river barges for a 45 minute guided riverboat tour, arriving at Casa Rio Restaurant for a Tex-Mex dinner. The riverboat barges will return you to the hotel – **all included in your registration fee.**

For your guests, Patty has planned an “underground” tour as the optional activity during our business meeting **Saturday morning.**

Following the business meeting Saturday morning, you will have 1½ hours free time before the seminars. Lunch on your own where you like or if you prefer just a snack, visit the hospitality room.

The **seminars Saturday afternoon** are planned so you don't have to choose, because you will definitely want to attend all of them and we can attest to that first hand.

A five-member, ALL WOMEN Mariachi band will entertain us during the first part of our banquet **Saturday night.** Our guest speaker will be Dr. Scott Bolton, director of space, science and engineering at Southwest Research Institute, principal investigator of Mission to Jupiter, launched Juno.

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SPRING SECTION MEETING

MAY 16-19, 2013

Hosted by the San Antonio Chapter 99s

SCHEDULE

Registration times: Thursday 12:00 - 6:00 PM Lobby

Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Lobby

Hospitality room & Fly Market hours:

Thursday 12:00 - 5:00 PM

Friday 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Thursday 6:30 PM	Optional dinner – Schilo’s German Deli
Friday 6:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet in the restaurant
Friday 11:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Mission Tour w/lunch (Optional)
Friday 4:30 – 5:30 PM	Board Meeting
Friday 6:00 PM	River boat tour/dinner at Casa Rio
Saturday 6:30 – 8:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet in the restaurant
Saturday 8:30 – 11:30 AM	Business Meeting – Tango rooms 1 & 2, 7th floor
Saturday 8:00 AM -12:00	Guest activity (Optional)
Saturday 11:30AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own
Seminars 1:00 – 5:00 PM	Tango rooms 1 & 2, 7th floor
	<i>Mental Health’s impact on GA pilots</i> by Dr. Denise Pride
	<i>Life in Space</i> by Dr. Shannon Walker
	<i>A humorous look at human factors/performance during aircraft accidents</i> by Col. Michael Cosby
	<i>Using iPads in Aviation</i> by Cheryl Casillas
Saturday 6:00 PM	Social /cash bar – Skyline Atrium, 7th floor
Saturday 7:00 PM	Banquet - Tango rooms, 7th floor
Sunday 6:30 – 11:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet in the restaurant

SPRING SECTION MEETING
MAY 16-19, 2013
Hosted by the San Antonio Chapter 99s

REGISTRATION

Name _____ Chapter _____

Offices currently held _____ Is this your first Section meeting? _____

Past Section and International offices held _____

Spouse or guests _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____ Emergency contact # _____

Special considerations: (Handicap, diet) _____

Favorite/current N # _____ Need Fly Market Table? _____ Size _____

Registration includes: Welcome packet, Fly Market, Seminars, Hospitality room, Breakfasts, Friday River Tour, Friday Dinner, Saturday Banquet *, Entertainment

Early registration – postmarked before March 14 # _____ @ 115 \$ _____

Regular registration – Mar 14 or after # _____ @ 125 \$ _____

Extra Friday night tickets # _____ @ 40 \$ _____

Extra Saturday night banquet tickets # _____ @ 55 \$ _____

Optional Friday tour # _____ @ 65 \$ _____

Optional Saturday morning tour # _____ @ 40 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

*Entrée choice/s for you & guests (Beef, Chicken or Salmon) _____

(Make your check to “San Antonio 99s”. Mail to: Gloria Blank, 140 Calk Lane #1404, Boerne, TX 78006)

Hotel: Holiday Inn Riverwalk, 217 N. St. Mary’s, San Antonio

Call 210-224-2500 for reservations. Identify yourself as a 99. Parking \$10 a day.

Room rate: \$109 + tax (also 3 days prior & 3 days following) - Rate guaranteed to April 16.

Transportation furnished from Stinson Airfield (SSF) if you are flying your plane in.

Date arriving: _____ ETA: _____ N# _____

Call as soon as you arrive: Jo Agee-Housler at **210-325-5882**.

If you are **flying commercial into SAT**, transportation is taxi or airport shuttle.

“Go Airport” Shuttle: \$18 a person one/way. 210-492-4144

Taxi: About \$25 a trip. Good for up to 5 people sharing.

Coming Soon – e-Approach!! by Cathy Wappler Prudhomme

An important and forward-thinking decision was made by the delegates to the fall 2012 South Central Section meeting in El Paso. The Fall 2013 Approach will be the last issue mailed to all South Central Section members. When the Spring 2014 Approach is ready for publication, members will receive an e-mail notification with a link to the Approach. (Members who prefer to pay for a mailed paper copy will be able to request a subscription.)

SCS members recognized important benefits to an electronic version of our newsletter. We feel good about “going green,” and look forward to lengthier newsletters with more color photos. Chapters will no longer be asked to subsidize the cost of printing, as this change will bring about considerable savings. And, after opening the link, members can choose to read the Approach online, save on their own computers, or print a hard copy.

What do you have to do now? Just make sure that your e-mail address on file at International Headquarters is correct and up-to-date. And, take great pictures of your chapter activities this year, as we will have more space to publish them soon!

Reminder to Chapter Treasurers - Approach Donations Needed

Yes, we are transitioning to an electronic Approach. BUT - in 2013, the Section is still printing and mailing two issues to all members. Chapters are reminded that they are expected to contribute \$2 per member to cover the costs of the newsletter. If your chapter has not yet done so, please send your contribution to SCS Treasurer Lois Gronau-Fietz.

TEXAS DOGWOOD CHAPTER By Jill Shockley

We have been hard at work planning the Fall 2013 Section meeting and look forward to sharing the city of Tyler with everyone.

Jerry Anne Jurenka had the opportunity to speak about her involvement with the search for Amelia Earhart to the Zonta club in Longview and has other speaking engagements as well in the near future.

LeTourneau University continues their tradition of providing solid flight training and they remain a presence at NIFA, coming in second at the recent Region IV competition; Jerry Anne served as Chief Judge at this event. Letourneau's second place provided them an invitation to the upcoming SAFECON this summer. Whitney Brouwre, a LeTourneau University flight student, was also the recipient of the 2012 ARC winners' scholarship donation.

In mid-March, the Collins Foundation will be at the Tyler Pounds Regional Airport and we will be serving a lasagna dinner – as well as providing dessert – for Collins Foundation personnel as well as the volunteers of the Historical Aviation Memorial Museum (HAMM) located on the airport. Aircraft include a B-17, a B-24, and a P-51C.

Fall 2013 Section Meeting in Tyler, Texas - September 27-29, 2013 By Jill Shockley

The Texas Dogwood Chapter invites you to join us in beautiful East Texas September 27-29, 2013 for the South Central Section Fall 2013 meeting. We have a fun-filled weekend planned (along with conducting Section business) that includes a 1950s/1960s themed hangar dance and a visit to Sally Coker's airpark (Kay Ranch), along with free time to explore the Historical Aviation Memorial Museum, Tyler's beautiful rose gardens or the East Texas State Fair.

Tyler Pounds Regional Airport is both a general aviation and commercial airline airport so your flight into/out of Tyler will be extremely easy. The Texas Dogwood chapter and Tyler Chamber of Commerce hope to make your stay one to remember.

See you in September!

BRAZOS RIVER 99s by Bonnie Lewis and Claudia Sutter

On Memorial Day weekend the Brazos River 99s welcomed 14 WASP and 15 escorts to Pecan Plantation Airpark. Three US Air Force Reservists, led by Colonel Sandra Opeka, also came to Pecan to assist with transportation to and from DFW and to Avenger Field in Sweetwater where the annual WASP Homecoming is held. The 99s and our neighbors hosted, fed, and flew these ladies and by doing so defrayed some of their expense and enabled them to attend the event. Besides the financial help, being able to have some relaxation time during their travels is another plus as the ladies ranged in age from 87 to 97. Six additional WASP traveled directly to Sweetwater for a total of 20 attendees. American Airlines along with Air Compassion for Veterans supported the WASP with ½ price tickets to the event. The 99s airplanes and neighbor's airplanes flew the ladies to Sweetwater where they were honored by a line of Air Force Reservists who saluted them upon arrival and were individually assigned to escort the ladies throughout the weekend. These young Reservists are selected from a national waiting list and come from all across the US for the honor of serving these remarkable women. Another line was formed as the WASP departed on Sunday and another salute was offered.

Friday and Sunday afternoons here at Pecan Plantation the ladies were thrilled by flights in our resident "Breezy" piloted by Jerry Gazda and Damon Berry as well as Stearman flights flown by Scott Purdue (from nearby Bourland Field) and Mike Sager (from nearby Nassau Bay). One WASP remarked, "It was like a Magic Carpet ride!" and another said, "I never expected to feel the wind on my face again!". The photos below show how much this experience meant to them.

None of this joy would be possible without the MANY hours of work graciously given by Brazos River 99, Lana Kraeszig, who serves on the board of directors of the WASP Museum in Sweetwater and who coordinates all the logistics each year for the ladies' travel and accommodations. Lana is a Charter member of the Brazos River 99s chapter, an active Bonanza flyer, and one of the biggest champions of the WASP! We thank you, Lana!!!

In addition to the WASP Homecoming event Lana and Brazos River supporters, Marlene and Jerry Gazda, served as companions for the WASP that attended the Commemorative Air Force Airshow in Midland, TX, last fall. This winter they worked in the National WASP WWII Museum at the Women in Aviation, Int. Convention in Dallas, TX. Bonnie and Tom Lewis attended the great spring South Central Section meeting in Durant, OK.

The BR Chapter is excited to welcome three new members. MJ (Mary Jane) Butt lives at Bourland Airpark, flies a Bonanza and is a Captain for American Airlines. Lisa Clement also lives at Bourland, flies a Bonanza and is retired. Annette Worthington lives in Pecan Plantation Airpark, is a Captain for United Airlines and admits to having almost ZERO hours in any small aircraft. We will have to remedy that.



Elizabeth Sthrofus and Jane Doyle



Edna Davis getting a 'breezy' ride with pilot Jerry Gazda



WASP Florence Mascott after her Stearman ride



20 WASP at Homecoming around the Wishing Well at Avenger Field

Houston Chapter By Marilyn Wolff

The Houston Chapter 99's know how to stay busy! 2012 was one of our busiest ever. In addition to our members attending Section meetings and serving as Section officers, some of our highlights included:

In April, painting a compass rose at KCXO (Lone Star Executive Airport north of Houston). The dimensions are (from top of North to bottom of South) 110 feet and of course, the same for East to West! It took four coats of paint to adequately cover the dark asphalt. We've had several compliments from pilots here who have said they think ours is the best one they've ever seen, anywhere! Good quality does indeed count!!

In June two Houston Chapter teams entered the Air Race Classic. Elizabeth Frankowski and Carol Brackley placed an impressive 6th while Dianna Stanger and Victoria Holt placed an even more impressive 1st!

September saw us at the Girl Scout B.I.G. Event. Girl Scouts turned 100 years old in 2012 and to celebrate, the San Jacinto Council held the Believe In Girls (B.I.G.) event. They invited organizations to set up displays showing what they can do for the Girl Scouts. Approximately 1500 girls attended the event and we felt like most of them passed through our booth! While they have done away with an Aviation badge, there is a place for the 99s to teach to the new Science Technology, Engineering, Math (S.T.E.M.) curriculum. Our display at the event, which we hosted with the help of AOPA, highlighted this. We will be following-up with our first workshop in May 2013.

October saw us hold our annual Poker Run. It was postponed from September due to unfavorable weather at that time but despite this resulting in a smaller turnout a great time was had by all. Chapter member Mary Lou Dixon and her husband hosted the finish line at their hanger in La Grange, TX while the Greater Houston Area Flight Instructors provided a hamburger and hotdog lunch.

In November, Chapter members volunteered at a Challenge Air event, which was in large part organized by Chapter member Vickie Croston. Challenge Air builds self-esteem and confidence of children and youth with specials needs, through the experience of flight. 99s Members stated that helping these kids experience flights was one of the most rewarding efforts they have participated in and are looking forward to participating again this year.

2013 has started out just as busy. At the end of January, thirteen 99s from several Chapters, as well as various friends and family, boarded the Carnival Magic cruise ship for a few days of cruising around the Caribbean. Thankfully, no, this was not the ship that was stranded in the Gulf just a week or so later! It was reported that the food was out of this world and that Grand Cayman was their favorite stopover. The cruise was one of our fundraising activities and some proceeds from the cruise tickets will come to our Chapter. We are anxiously waiting to hear what our total will be!

Carnival Magic Cruisers: Bobbie Roe, Betty Prakken, Lois Gronau, Diane Burton, Sue Halpain, Elizabeth Frankowsky, Carol Brackley, Brenda Landing, Louise Bickford, Joni Schultz, Wyvema Startz, Amy Best



Brenda Landing & Sophie Tibbodeaux



Victoria Holt & Dianna Stanger - 1st place

Elizabeth Frankoski & Carol Brackley - 6th place 2012 ARC



Allen Johnson,
Scott Smith,
Elizabeth Frankowski,
Amy Best,
Sarah Rovner,
Anne Rogers,
Vickie Croston,
Denny Irvine



Fifth Annual Flygirls Another Big Success for the Albuquerque 99s By Greta Moore

Once again the Albuquerque Chapter of the 99s sponsored their Annual Flygirls training with the Third Grade girls from Governor Bent Elementary. We got together October 30th after school for a time of learning, laughing and everything fun about flying. Ninety-Nines Greta Moore, Carol Rayburn, Barbara Fricke, Anna Taylor, Tina Jenkin-Witcher, and Elaine Roderick were on hand to welcome 19 third grade girls to our “hangar” in the Gov. Bent library. We got to know the girls and talked about our flying experiences as well as teaching them about airplanes, flying, flight planning, reading a map and even aerodynamics. We built balsa wood airplanes, gave them our own special “N” number, test flew them, crashed landed, did touch and go’s on our cross country course and flew a distance competition. The girls were divided into four groups and winners were awarded in each. In Group 1 led by Tina and Anna 1st Place went to Karen, 2nd Place went to Haley and 3rd Place went to Laila. Group 2, led by Barbara 1st Place went to Marisa, 2nd Place went to Bianca and 3rd Place went to Videll. Elaine led Group 3 with 1st Place going to Casey, 2nd Place Gabriella and 3rd Place to Layla. Carol was in charge of Group 4 whose winners were: 1st Place, Lani, 2nd Place, Jordin and 3rd Place, Ashley. In the distance competition, 1st Place went to Patti with Videll in 2nd Place. Lani took 3rd Place in what proved to be a pretty close competition.



The afternoon was topped off with some yummy snacks and what we like to call “table talk” about our flying adventures. Trophies were awarded to the winners at the end of our time and we took a group picture with our airplanes and trophies before parents came to pick the girls up. Each girl left with a bag full of “goodies” compliments of the New Mexico Aviation Division.

A big “Thank You” goes to Mrs. Arthur, the school librarian for all her assistance in making this another awesome Flygirls. We are already looking forward to, and planning for next year!

NEW HORIZONS

By Bonnie Lewis

In August, 2012, the Brazos River Chapter lost a cherished friend and active 49 ½, Ken Sparks, husband of Karen Sparks. Ken was a wonderful supporter of Karen’s flying activities and of the Brazos River Chapter. Ken and Karen have opened their beautiful home for many 99s parties. Ken participated with Karen in the two Section Meetings we have hosted, helping set up, entertaining the visiting 49 ½s and housing some of the attendees in their home. Ken took great pleasure in the WWII WASP events, hosting them in his home, enjoying their stories as we celebrated with them at Pecan Plantation and then transported them to their annual homecoming celebration in Sweetwater, TX.

Ken began his flying career with a casual remark to his friend, Bill Coats, who was a Naval aviation instructor in WWII. When an airplane flew overhead, he expressed a desire to learn to fly. The two friends accepted the challenge to find and purchase an airplane together and found a suitable Taylorcraft. Ken realized the thrill of flight immediately and the practical value of owning an airplane for his construction business. He soloed on March 6, 1953.

Eventually he and Bill traded the Taylorcraft for an Ercoupe, then a Piper Tri-Pacer and a Cessna 172. Ken earned a multi-engine rating and an instrument rating and continued to enjoy flying just for fun as well as for his business pursuits. Through the years he has owned 44 planes, including Cessnas (175, 177 RGs, 182, 210s, 303, P337, 340, 414, 421), a Piper Cherokee and a Saratoga, four Mooneys including one Porsche, three Beech Barons, three A-36s, a Duke a C-90 King Air and a Breezy! Of all the planes he owned, his favorites were the Beechcraft Barons and the Beachcraft Duke.

In 1989 Karen expressed an interest in taking some pinch-hitter instruction to feel more confident during their extensive flying. Ken was very supportive of the idea and that December she earned her private license and became as hooked on flying as he was. In 1998 Karen earned her own instrument rating.

Ken’s private flying took him to the Seattle World’s Fair, New York City, the Bahamas, Costa Rica, Mexico and Canada. He was instrumental in helping his local hospital recruit doctors, and assisting the fire department in locating trucks, and transporting medical patients and their families in times of emergency. In his earlier days he gave many young people their first airplane rides and was pleased when several of them later pursued careers in aviation.

Ken was a treasure to the Brazos River Chapter. He is greatly missed by all of us, but especially by Karen and his three children and five grandchildren.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER REPORT FOR 2012 By Carol Sokatch

The 34th annual Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally was held August 17-18 based at Wiley Post Airport with Charlene Davis and Wyvema Startz as co-chairman. Our theme was "Spirit of Friendship" and this event funds our Wings of the Future Scholarship. The scholarship this year was for \$5,000.

Last year's Okie Derby Scholarship awardee, Holly Blunk, is making progress on her private license and has flown at least one solo cross country. In January Holly and Wyvema Startz were at the monthly Ponca City Pancake Breakfast with OPA members.

We celebrated Valentine's Day on Monday, February 13 by dining with our 49 1/2s and significant others at Zio's.

OU School of Drama debuted "They Promised Her the Moon," a play written by endowed writer-in-residence, Laurel Ollstein. The script is based on the life of Jerrie Cobb, a Norman, Oklahoma native. Jerrie was among the 13 elite women who passed with flying colors all tests to become astronauts, but were denied reaching that status. We had planned to have 27 of us attend a Friday night performance, but tornadoes striking close to the OU campus canceled that. Seventeen members and friends did attend a Sunday matinee and got to meet the cast.

Shirley Brown, Diana Burton, Charlene Davis, Phyl Howard, Jody McCarrell, Carol Sokatch and Wyvema Startz represented our chapter at the April 27-29 South Central Section meeting at the Choctaw Casino/Resorts in Durant. It was a great meeting. The same weekend Elizabeth Sewell attended the Tulsa Aviation and Space Museum's Fund Raiser Ball honoring Women in Aviation, and Susie was given very special recognition for her long record in the forefront of aviation.

We regret to share with you the departure to New Horizons of Leonard Eaves, Helen Holbird, and Gwen Crawford. Leonard was stellar in the EAA. Helen whole heartedly, but quietly was always devoted to and active in being a Ninety-Nine and OPA member. Gwen flew her first Powder puff Derby in 1972, the first of many races and was a role model for all of us.

Rita Eaves hosted a fun-filled and fantastic Okie Derby Kick Off Pancake Breakfast in her hangar/home on Cole Field Sunday, June 24. We had a great turnout of members and Okie Derby volunteers and friends. Of course, the food was great too.

Weather was a significant factor for the 34th Annual Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally. Completely unexpected thunderstorms caused ten of the last of 28 entrants to abort their flying while Wiley Post Airport was awash with wind driven rain. Our FAA weatherman of twelve years was a copilot for the first time and one of the competitors who rightly opted not to fly. We are so proud of those who made the correct and SAFE decision to not fly. First place was the team of James Wroblewski and Robert Hanneman who also had the Best Time. Tied for Best Time was the Second Place team was Christ Townsend and Brian Townsend. Phylis Hensley was the Best Ninety-Nine Pilot. James Wroblewski was a first time competitor.

Our scholarship winner is Heather Gomer who served as an Air Traffic Controller in Korea, Iraq and Arizona while in the USAF. While in Korea she organized an effort to aid victims of Typhoon Rusa and was awarded the Army Volunteer Service medal and a citation from People to People International for promoting World Peace. After leaving the military she continued a career in civilian Air Traffic Control in Kosovo, Afghanistan and the United Arab Emirates. Heather has already earned her private pilot license and works in the Wiley Post Tower.

Phyl Howard chaired our chapter's presentation of an OPA based Pinch Hitter course at a Safety Seminar on November 17. Charlene Davis, Heather Gomer, Donna Jackson, Kay Jennings, and Carol Sokatch were the others assisting.

Carol Sokatch gave a talk on the Powder Puff Derby and the Ninety-Nines to the Daedalians for their Christmas dinner meeting with their wives.

Our fun-filled potluck Christmas party was hosted by Shirley and Charlie Brown. It was fun to return to the location of many previous good time Christmas celebrations for our chapter.

New Horizons

In May, 2007, the Colorado Chapter and the Pikes Peak Chapter met in Jet Center East at Centennial Airport (APA) to listen to Retired Colonel Fitzroy "Buck" Newsum, a Tuskegee Airman. Col. Newsum and his fellow Tuskegee Airmen were awarded by President Bush, the Congressional Gold Medal March 29, 2007, which he brought for us to view.

Col. Newsum told a rapt audience of his love for airplanes as a boy and his move with his mother to Barbados when he was one year old.

The Colonel also shared his emotional experience when the United States Air Force Academy cadets paraded before him and the other Tuskegee Airmen.

He was extremely kind and answered all our questions

Col Newsum passed away January 5, 2013 and was given a military funeral and flyover at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

Chapter Chairman Stephanie Wells flew in the fourth position of the Missing Man flyover at Col. Newsum's military funeral.

We salute you, Col. Newsum.



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