

APPROACH LITE Fall 2018



In case you weren't able to attend The 99s' South Central Section Fall Section meeting in Wichita Falls, here is a recap.

A great big Thank You to Mary Latimer and the Wichita Falls Chapter for a fun, informative, and successful Fall SCS Section Meeting. Forty-nine 99s were in attendance with three first timers.

The Fun Stuff:

Activities included a "Painting with a Twist" class where 99s and their guests found their creativity in painting an airplane on canvases.

The group enjoyed a tour of Sheppard Air Force Base where we received a warm welcome and were given a tour of the base. Several young women aviators shared their experiences and training to become the next generation of jet pilots. The tour also included a virtual reality where a few of our members and guests were able to test their skills flying simulators using the VR headsets.

Other tours included the Air Tractor Tour, Friday afternoon, and a private air show on Saturday afternoon.

The banquet was wonderful. Carol Morris received the Wright Brothers Award recognizing her for 50 plus years of flying. Miss Monica Hew, the guest speaker, shared her experiences and steps to achieving her ultimate goal to become a NASA astronaut to Mars.

The Business Stuff:

The new Board of Directors is excited to serve and pledged to work hard for The Ninety-Nines organization. An Action Item listing has been implemented to assist in keeping track of pending items as well as items accomplished. Revisions to the Bylaws and SOPs are in the works to update and ensure that they are in compliance.

Chapter Chairs are encouraged to make sure all members' email addresses are up to date with headquarters. This is a great way to communicate and the sites are secure. At the Chapter Chair meeting the group shared challenges in attracting and retaining members and discussed possible ways to mentor new members to encourage retention.

Host to Host - The Section can provide chapters hosting upcoming Section meetings a loan up to \$500 for planning expenses. Previously, chapters forwarded funds provided to the next hosting chapter.

Ideas for chapter awards were discussed to recognize chapters for their hard work, mentoring skills and activities. The board welcomes your ideas and input.

International representative, Terry Carbonell, reminded us that The Friends of The 99s is a great source of volunteers and planners. There are over 170 members in this group. A listing of The Friends of The 99s is on the International website. Many benefits are available to these special people and organizations that support The 99s. Reach out to companies and individuals in your area to offer their discounts.

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Since March 2017, there has been a 15% membership growth. Brand new item on the website: Career Opportunity located in the Member Area. The Museum of Women Pilots has a new manager. The WMP board is looking for a new trustee and more volunteers.

Plan your activities for 2019 as the organization will be celebrating 90 years on November 22, 2019!

Treasurer, Elizabeth Frankowski, reported that a mobile banking checking account has been selected for the South Central Section. This will allow for easier banking transition from one treasurer to the next.

Let's Fly Now! certificates and logbooks are available from headquarters. This is a great way to commemorate the first flights of young women. Fly Now Award deadlines have been changed to April 1st and October 1st of each year.

Discussion was held that there is a delay in obtaining a student pilot certificate and delaying members wishing to join The 99s. A suggestion was made to print the receipt of the online registration to submit. Remember, January 1st is the new deadline for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund Scholarship applications.

Social media is a great way to get the word out and share experiences. Like and follow your section and chapter. Post often!

A 99s booth will be set up at NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Association) to offer information and recruit new members.

The SCS Webmaster is looking for new website software and a brand new Webmaster. Members blocking their email addresses are reminded to unblock the emails if you want to receive communication from the SCS.

Mark your calendars for upcoming Section Meetings!

	Nebraska Chapter		
Spring 2019	Joint meeting with North Central Section	Kearney, NE	Mar 22-23
Fall 2019	Brazos River Chapter	Abilene, TX	Oct 25-26
Spring 2020	Tulsa Chapter		TBD
Fall 2020	Tip of Texas Chapter		TBD
Spring 2021	Lake Charles Chapter Joint meeting with NOLA Section		TBD
Fall 2021	Golden Triangle Chapter		TBD