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In the Center: Holly Barr

Editorial Comment by Ellie Block

You are doing better with your submissions but there are a few more things that would make the Approach better!
First - please put your name and chapter in the Subject
Second - put a title on your submission (doc form) with the author's name
Third - get articles to me as soon as you can and proofread as much as possible
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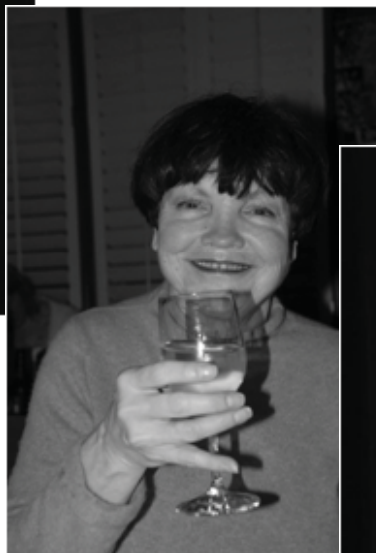
We thank all the people who have submitted articles and look forward to working with the next issue!

You will see a few pictures scattered, with labels, throughout this publication that are from the last convention. These were taken by Margot Plummer and we appreciate her expertise with the camera! Twelve pictures, twelve labels - can you name the person, people, and/or activity? All occurred at the SCS meeting in Ft. Worth. Make your guess - and you win the prize - You get to be published in the SCS Approach!

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FALL BOARD of DIRECTORS' REPORT
by Frances Luckhart, International Secretary

At this Board meeting we spent an extra day and evening working on Long Range Planning. We also spent time bringing our mission Statement up to date. These sessions were intense and productive; they were facilitated by Dr. Cappy Leland, an expert on organizational effectiveness. All attending these sessions participated in identifying areas for improvement and vision for the future.

The three chosen were:

1. Vision Element: Increase Membership;
2. Vision Element: Retain and Engage Members.
3. Vision Element: Effective Public Relations.

Dr. Leland will follow up on our proposed projects and help us obtain successful results.

Our meetings on Thursday and Saturday were very busy. Martha Phillips gave the report of a very successful Conference in Hawaii. All Trusts gave their reports and many committees gave reports of work they are involved in. We discussed changes to policy on lapsed membership and Life Membership. Our office building across the courtyard from Headquarters has been leased for two years to Rigil Corporation a contractor to the FAA.

Pat Prentiss reported that all major renovations to the building have been completed. The Building Committee is working to complete the tiled compass rose between the two buildings. It will be ready for viewing at Conference.

The Endowment Fund has successfully completed their matching challenge, which puts us halfway to our goal of one million dollars. Mary Wunder asked for members continued support.

The Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee have developed guidelines for submitting proposed amendments. You will see them on the website when available.

Remember the 2011 Conference will be in Oklahoma City , July 13-17.

THE NINETY-NINES UPDATED MISSION STATEMENT

The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

OUR MANTRA: Inspiring Women Pilots Since 1929



Ninety-Nines South Central/Southeast Spring Section Meeting

TWO SECTIONS---ONE HEART: The heart of Acadiana



Come to a unique part of Louisiana, Lafayette, in the heart of Acadiana. The region, Acadiana, was named for the French-speaking Acadians who settled the area after being expelled from Nova Scotia for refusing to swear allegiance to the British King. Known as Cajuns, the people have enriched Louisiana with their music, food, and joie de vie- joy of life! You will also learn about Louisiana's part in shaping the early days of aviation and the important role that aviation plays in supporting our nation's oil industry. Points of interest include Randols, where you will hear authentic Cajun music and have a chance to learn the Cajun two-step, and Vermilionville, called the Cajun Williamsburg. Our Friday tour will give you a real "taste of Louisiana" including food and aviation!

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE
by Jody McCarrell

Our joint meeting with Southeast Section is coming near. The registration forms are in the newsletter. Chapters, please be prepared to give an update report. Everyone can find out who is doing what. I thought it went well in our fall meeting. We are going to try to conduct all business in one meeting. That will give us time to see what is going on in Southeast. Linda Horn will be at NIFA, so we will have to have paper in lieu of our wonderful presentations she provides, guess I will have to rough it.

I asked Frances Luckhart to send in what went on at the International Fall Board Meeting. I did represent the governor position on the Finance Committee. As you all remember Thelma Cull attended our fall meeting and came home with me. The morning we were going to leave for Oklahoma, they called and my Sister had unexpectedly passed into new horizons. I took Thelma to Oklahoma, attended the Finance Meeting and came back home the next day.

Thelma said she really enjoyed our fall meeting. Want to give big thanks to Fort Worth Chapter, job well done girls. For those who missed it, it was absolutely wonderful, food was great, and the activities they had set up to do grade A+.....Actual emergency in the American Airlines Center as thunderstorms moved in and tornado's moved through the area. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

For those who are not aware, Charli Lamb has had a stroke, but is back home and doing rehab. Charli has given so much to NIFA, and the Ninety-Nines; I have asked much on her thru the years and she always came through. You all put her in your prayers.

For those coming to Lafayette, try to get there for the Cajun Party at Randols. This is going to be a blast, I just know it. Everyone will be able to do the tours, if we do all the meeting in one day - lots of getting together with Ninety-Nines.

I gave a speech for the Zonta Club in Longview this week, of course talked about the Ninety-Nines as I always do.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.....You all come now.

Jody McCarrell, South Central Section Governor



Lake Charles Ninety Nines

Dr. Sandra J. Leder, Chapter Chair

Maurine Alexander, Sandra Leder, and Patsy Moore, attended the "Wings and Wheels Fly/Drive in held on the airport at DeRidder, Louisiana, in November. Sandra Leder once again loaned her collection of airplane ornaments to Vision Aviation, the FBO at Lake Charles Regional Airport, to decorate their Christmas tree.

Chapter members are now in the final stages of planning for the combined South Central and Southeast Section meetings to be held in Lafayette, Louisiana, May 19-22. This will be an opportunity for Ninety Nines to enjoy the company of another section as well as experience a unique part of the country.

Known as Acadiana, this region is home to the Acadians, also known as Cajuns. Come and experience the music, food, and culture of these hard-working and hard-playing people. You will also have the opportunity to learn about aviation that is special to the area. The Friday tour will begin with a visit to Avery Island, home of Tabasco Sauce, and will continue to the Wedell-Williams Aviation Museum in Patterson. The museum celebrates the golden age of air racing with replicas of famous race planes on display along with other significant aircraft and memorabilia of that era. We will stop at the plantation home of former Governor and First Lady, Mike and Alice Foster and have dessert. Governor Foster, a pilot, is a long time supporter of aviation and the Ninety Nines.

By popular request, a crawfish boil is planned for Friday evening along with a presentation by Petroleum Helicopters. You will have the opportunity to learn about their major purpose of transporting personnel to drilling rigs and other aspects of this industry. After the business meetings on Saturday morning there will be opportunities to explore Vermillionville, an authentic Cajun village. Information will be available about other aspects of this unique Louisiana city. Come and be ready for a Bon Temps!

Ninety-Nines South Central/Southeast Spring Section Meeting
May 19-22, 2011
Hosted by Lake Charles and New Orleans Chapters

Name of 99 _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Chapter _____ Offices Currently Held _____

Past Section and International Offices Held _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Full registration includes the hospitality suite, Friday tour of a major offshore helicopter operation and crawfish boil, and the Saturday's buffet breakfast and evening banquet with a guest speaker.

Early Registration (postmarked before March 15, 2011) _____ @ \$ 95 = _____

Regular Registration (postmarked March 16, 2011 or later) _____ @ \$ 115 = _____

Friday All-day Tour (8 a.m. to approximately 4 p.m.) _____ @ \$ 35 = _____

Total (make checks payable to Lake Charles Ninety-Nines) _____ = _____

No refunds after May 16

Special Dietary needs _____

Hotel: **Crowne Plaza** **Reservation Deadline: April 19, 2011**
1801 West Pinhook Road, Lafayette, LA 70508, 337- 233-8120 ext. 173

(Ask for Cherish and tell her you are with the Ninety-Nines) Single or Double: \$89 + 12% tax

Transportation: The hotel provides transportation from Lafayette Regional Airport

(Call 337-233-8120 upon arrival) Airlines: American Eagle, Continental Express, Delta

Name of Airline _____ Arrival Date _____

Arrival Time _____ Flt. # _____

Own Aircraft _____ Arrival Date _____ Approximate Arrival Time _____

FBO: Odyssey Aviation, Free tie-downs and \$1 per gallon fuel discount
Unicom 122.95, 337-234-3100, jharrison@odysseyfsp.com

Driving: Arrival Date _____ Approximate Arrival Time _____

Mail completed registration from to: **Anne Self, 5960 Blue Sage Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70605**
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Ninety-Nines South Central/Southeast Spring Section Meeting

SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 19

Registration: 4 - 6 p.m.

Dutch Treat at *Randols*, transportation provided, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 20

Registration: 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Hospitality Room & Fly Market 1 - 4 p.m.

OPTIONAL TOUR: Board the coach at 8:00 a.m.

- Tour of the Tabasco Pepper Sauce Factory and the Tabasco Store at Avery Island
- Louisiana Aviation Museum in Patterson, lunch included
- Dessert with Governor Mike Foster at Oaklawn Plantation

After the Optional Tour: Program at PHI Helicopter Training Facility on Lafayette Airport

Evening Event: Crawfish Boil/Hangar Party at Lafayette Airport (About 7pm)

Saturday, May 21

Registration: 7 - 9 a.m.

Breakfast 7 - 8:15 a.m., followed by South Central Section Business 8:30 - 11:30

Lunch on your own:

For a nominal fee take the trolley to Vermilionville, an authentic Cajun Village;

Admission is \$8 or \$6.50 over age 65, a \$15 admission includes lunch.

Or lunch at one of the popular restaurants in the area, some within walking distance of the hotel, or lunch at the hotel.

Presentation at hotel 2 - 3 p.m. or explore Lafayette

Hospitality Room & Fly Market, 1 - 4 p.m.

Cocktails on your own in hotel lounge: 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Banquet: 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, May 22

Breakfast on your own; Hotel Shuttle to Airport

Church Services—Historic Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and others, information available upon request

RIO GRANDE NORTE'S ACTIVITIES

by Elizabeth Hunke



One of Rio Grande Norte's members, Heather Cook, is a Red Cross instructor who volunteered to teach a CPR and First Aid class for our chapter on January 22. This was a truly fun and highly useful activity! Seven people and seven dummies flew into Double Eagle II airport for the event, joining 6 other eager participants from the Albuquerque area. Following in-depth discussions of not just how things are done, but why, and plenty of practice on the dummies (CPR) and each other (First Aid), we received official CPR certification from the Red Cross. This was the first event of many for 2011. At our annual planning meeting in November, chapter members listed ideas for every month of the year, including aviation presentations for kids, a compass rose, and numerous flying activities. Check out www.rgn99s.org!

RGNs practice chest compressions:
Tandra Hicks, Michal Mudd, Elizabeth Hunke

WICHITA FALLS CHAPTER 99S

by Cathy Pierce

The Wichita Falls Chapter 99s met in early January 2011 to finalize planning on an exciting new year. In the past several years, membership fell, and chapter activities were consigned to one member's wish to keep it alive. Long-time member Pat Eby, who, along with Betty King and Carolyn Sanders, devotedly nursed the ailing chapter. Along came Cathy Pierce who agreed to join and to serve as the chapter president. Cathy met with the secretary, another new member,

Elizabeth Hawley, and presented her goal: Revive the chapter. Together they planned the year, called a meeting with the other members, and with only four members in attendance, the calendar was set: Quarterly lunches, scholarships, gifts of books about women in aviation for elementary schools, and a poker run were the main items that the members felt would make contributions to the community. In addition, all in attendance encouraged one another to recruit

new members. As part of the fun, a visit with the Golden Triangle, a nearby sister chapter is also planned, with further details to be announced at a later date.

The Wichita Falls Chapter 99s will host its first annual Flyin' Poker Run on Saturday, March 19th, 2011, 8am start time from Graham (KRPH). The run will take participants to the War Bird Alley in Breckenridge (KBKD), to a private aircraft collection in Possum Kingdom (F35), and a couple airports in between before returning to Graham for awards and for the region's best bar-b-que. Proceeds will raise funds to provide for an annual scholarship for a student woman pilot and for a gift of books to elementary schools. To participate, visit our web site at www.scs99.com, or phone Elizabeth at (940)867-1160.



Carolyn Sanders, Pat Eby, Mary Latimer, Cathy Pierce, Elizabeth Hawley

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BRAZOS RIVER CHAPTER by Bonnie Lewis

The Brazos River Chapter continues to actively celebrate the lives of the WWII WASP. In March Lana Kraeszig traveled to Washington D.C. for the Congressional Gold Medal ceremony honoring the WASP. As a member of the Board of Directors for the National WASP WWII Museum in Sweetwater, TX, Lana gives us many opportunities to be involved.

In April, several 99s and friends participated with the WASP at "Sun'n'Fun" in Lakeland, FL. They provided transportation to, from and around the fly-in grounds, kept them on schedule and joined in the party. What fun they had.

On Friday, May 28, six WASP and their six companions flew from all across the country into DFW where they were met by Brazos River 99s and driven to Pecan Plantation. WASPs Marie Shelton Bray, Edna Davies, Elaine Harmon, Dot Swain Lewis, Pauline White and Lillian Yonally were treated to a bar-b-que dinner and party which included a "breezy" ride for

each WASP. The breezy rides were a big hit! Each WASP and companion spent the night in the home of a Brazos River 99 and Saturday morning all 12 guests were flown to Sweetwater's Avenger Field in eight beautiful 99 members' and friend's airplanes. In Sweetwater they were joined by 12 other WASP and hundreds of guests to celebrate their annual Memorial Day Homecoming. This year's homecoming was a special Gold Medal Celebration packed with many events. Sunday morning the eight airplane loads flew back to the Plantation where the WASP were fed lunch and driven back to DFW for their flights home.

Saturday, November 13, two airplane loads of Brazos River 99s and friends flew to Sweetwater for a Veteran's Day Run/Walk benefiting the WASP Museum. The Brazos River contingent all walked, no runners here. It was a beautiful day for flying, walking and sharing the Museum with friends. We do feel privileged to know and support these wonderful ladies.

Other events this year included an installation party in May. The officers installed were: Claudia Sutter-Chair, Barbara Wilson-Vice Chair, Sue Lewis-Secretary and Donna McDaniel-Treasurer. In November we gathered to watch the movie "Breaking Through the Clouds, the First Women's National Air Derby". In December we enjoyed the annual Christmas party and silent auction.

We continue to encourage and support each other in our flying activities. Brenda Staples, student pilot and neighbor, passed her private written and we all look forward to her check ride. Claudia Sutter got current and checked out in their RV7A. Barbara Wilson and Steve hosted the Red River Swift fly-in at Pecan Plantation. Eleven Swifts were in attendance. Bonnie and Tom Lewis bought a beautiful RV10 in the spring and flew it for their mountain camping adventures all summer.



Elaine Harmon,
WWII WASP,
in the "breezy"



Brazos River 99s, Left to Right: Claudia Sutter, Lana Kraeszig, Joyce Lowe, Donna McDaniel and Bonnie Lewis at the Veteran's Day Walk/Run, WASP WWII Museum, Avenger Field, Sweetwater, TX



11 WASPs at the wishing well, Avenger Field, Sweetwater, TX, Memorial Day Homecoming, 2010

PIKES PEAK 99s - MILLIE YOUNG

by Patsy Buchwald



Pikes Peak 99s Member Millicent "Millie" Amanda Peterson Young served as Grand Marshal of the Veteran's Day Parade in Colorado Springs, CO on Saturday, November 6, 2010. Born December 22, 1922 in Lodge Pole, Nebraska, Millie was one of only 1,102 female pilots that supported World War II efforts ferrying fighter, bomber, transport, and training aircraft so male pilots could fly combat duties. She joined the Women's Air Force Service

Pilots in 1942 and was an air-to-air tow target pilot while stationed at Aloc Field near Victoria, Texas in support of the 347th Aviation Squadron. She married William Allen Young, a fellow aviator, in 1946. They had five children. In 2010, she went to Washington, DC where she was recognized with the Congressional Gold Medal. In October of this year, she was awarded the Dole Leadership Award. She has also been inducted into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame.



PIKES PEAK 99s AND FEMALE AIRFORCE PILOT CANDIDATES

by Patsy Buchwald

Pikes Peak 99 Chapter members Patsy Buchwald, Jamie Miceli and 2nd Lt. Janelle Baron met with six female Air Force pilot candidates at Doss Aviation in Pueblo, Colorado on January 14th. The program, which is presented monthly by our chapter, was developed by 99s Zoan Harclerode and Phyllis Wells and tells the story of how women came to be accepted as military pilots beginning with the WASPs in WWII. We were excited to have Janelle with us on this visit as she graduated from Doss Aviation December 2010. She is also a recent Kansas State University aviation program graduate who celebrated her 23rd birthday in May by passing her Airline Transport Pilot check rides for both single engine and multiengine airplanes. The ATP is the highest grade certification a civilian can earn. Soon she will head to Des Moines, Iowa, to serve in the Iowa Air National Guard.

"I'll spend two years there full-time," she said. "After that I'll either stay full-time or go to part-time depending on their needs and my career goals. I could definitely stay with them for 20 years or more."

The Doss Aviation, Inc. Initial Flight Screening (IFS) program, located on a 48-acre campus adjacent to the Pueblo Memorial Airport, began operations on 1 October 2006. Under contract with the USAF's Air Education and Training Command, Doss IFS provides initial flying training to USAF aviation candidates. Doss conducts flight screening using the eco-

nomical and safe Diamond Aviation DA-20 aircraft while closely replicating the Air Force's UFT environment.

Under the current contract and once at full capacity, Doss IFS will train up to 1,800 students annually. To accomplish this, Doss will fly approximately 25,000 sorties annually with each graduate logging 14 sorties and 18 hours of flight time during their 4 ½ week IFS stay. In the current USAF provided training syllabus, the screening includes basic aircraft control, normal pat-

terns and landings, emergency patterns and landings, stall recognition/recovery and basic navigation.

The goal of the Pikes Peak 99s is to meet with each and every female candidate. Doss Aviation allows us to visit the female candidates on the third Friday of each month. We always take the girls a small gift and encourage each of them to join a 99s chapter. And we assure them another female pilot is always just a phone call away if they need us.



2nd Lt. Janelle Baron, Jamie Miceli, Patsy Buchwald, 2nd Lt. Linda Arias, 2nd Lt. Sarah Skogsberg, 2nd Lt. Emma Rush, 2nd Lt. Daniell Kangas, 2nd Lt. Sara Patrick
(possibly not in order in picture)

ALBUQUERQUE 99s SPONSOR THIRD ANNUAL FLY-GIRLS

by Greta Moore

On December 1, 2010, the Albuquerque 99s sponsored the third annual Fly-girls event at Governor Bent Elementary School. There were 22 third grade girls in attendance and they had a fantastic time. This event came about because the school lost its Girl Scout Troup which we were working with and we didn't want to stop reaching out to these girls. So, with the help of their teacher, Kathy Hancock, we began our Fly-girls event. The girls are given instruction in: Parts of an Airplane, How an Airplane Flies, and Navigation. In addition, the five 99s present shared their backgrounds and flying stories with the girls. We broke the girls into smaller groups to work on coloring, marking and assembling their airplanes and to work on their navigation and preparing a flight plan for their route of flight. There were a couple of competitions: one for distance flying and the other for flying the plan they had filed. The girls had a great time seeing whose airplanes flew the farthest and seeing who could land closest to their final destination. Awards were presented for the winners in each group and in each category. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Principal of Governor Bent, Jill Vice and her librarian, Denise Arthur. These ladies gave us free reign of the library to turn it into a cross country course with airports galore and gave us room for our distance runs. They also allowed us to have snacks and be louder than you would normally be in the library. We also want to thank the New Mexico State Aviation office for providing the balsa wood airplanes and reference materials and other items for



the "goodie bags". The 99s present, Greta Moore, Anna Taylor, Barbara Fricke, Carol Rayburn and Elaine Roderick were wowed by the girls, as usual, and look forward to working with the Third graders next year. The girls this year were quite disappointed when we told them the only way they could come back next year was to fail a grade so they would be in Third grade again. Out of the mouths of babes.....lunches, scholarships, gifts of books about women in aviation for elementary schools, and a poker run were the main items that the members felt would make contributions to the community. In addition, all in attendance encouraged one another to recruit new members. As part of the fun, a visit with the Golden Triangle, a nearby sister chapter is also planned, with

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OKLAHOMA CHAPTER 99s

by Carol Sokatch

Our chapter members gave the program for the June Oklahoma Pilots Association meeting. We gave an overview of our history, the MWP, chapter activities and representations at aviation events who and what are the Ninety-Nines. We also had our Airmarking Chairman and a former Okie Derby Scholarship winner speak about what programs are and why they are so special to our chapter.

We are so proud of Charlene Davis, Phyl Howard, Ann Pogson, and Wyvema Startz as inductees this year in the Forest of Friendship. Ann's children, Amber and Brayden, carried the Oklahoma flag in the opening ceremony.

We were delighted to help with the Grand Re-opening of the MWP Saturday, June 26, (see the November-January 99 NEWS). Astronaut Randy Bresnik delighted our guests with his video of behind the scenes living in space. Since Randy's grandfather, Albert Bresnik was AE's personal photographer; Randy carried one of Amelia's scarves from our museum into space in honor of his grandfather and Amelia. He presented it back to the MWP. Susan Larson, Ninety-Nines International President, surprised Carolyn Smith with the Award of Inspiration, given by the International

Board of Directors. Carolyn truly earned this award for her countless hours devoted to the MWP. We regret that Carolyn has now moved to Virginia where she and her husband, Larry, are planning their retirement. Carolyn, we miss you.

We spent lots of energy getting ready and staging the 32nd Annual Okie Derby. This year's event was dedicated to Bob Howard and the ramp crew wore bright pink tee shirts with the slogan "It's All About Bob". Cirrus Aircraft and Jeff Sandusky hosted a hot dog roast for Friends of the Okie Derby and competitors after they landed and topped off which provided a fun way to relax and hangar talk. Winners for 2010 are Gary Tears and Eric Pidek; second place, Terry Carbonell and Vernon Conly; Best 99 and third place, Phyl Howard and Jan Perry. Best Time was Janet Yoder and Charles Perry with a score of 99.90 and Best Fuel was a tie between Gary Tears and Terry Carbonell with a score of 100.00. We anticipate a repeat of the after-gathering for our 33rd Okie Derby in 2011. Come fly with us.

In September we relaxed at an Ice Cream Social graciously hosted by Sue and Bill Halpain in their home. Banana splits were a big favorite treat. Also in September mem-

bers were special guests when the movie, "Pearl" opened at a local, first-run theater. They were available for the question and answer session following the showing. This film, produced by the Chickasha Nation, is the story of Pearl Carter Scott, the youngest licensed pilot in America who was inspired by a family friend, Wiley Post.

We painted a compass rose at Altus Municipal Airport in October and think it is one of the prettiest ones we have done. We even had the airport manager weld a roller. This year's Okie Derby Wings of the Future Scholarship winner, Susanna Hayworth completed her multi-engine rating and CFI. She is also our Airmarking Chairman and Chapter Vice-Chairman. On top of all that, seven from our chapter members were delighted to attend her beautiful December 4 church wedding followed by a reception in a hangar in Chickasha Airport. Susanna and Anthony left the reception in a plane that they flew over the local renowned Christmas light display.

Our Christmas potluck was at Headquarters. We were regaled by the Christmas song stylings of Cory Dunbar and his guitar and Janis Love's original poem telling of Santa using his Cessna to make his Christmas deliveries.

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HOUSTON CHAPTER 99'S AND 4TH GRADE GIFTED AND TALENTED AVIATION FIELD TRIP

by Marilyn Wolff

During the week of November 15 – 19, 2010 the Houston Chapter of the 99s coordinated a field trip at David Wayne Hooks Airport (DWH) for Spring Branch ISD's 4th grade Gifted and Talented classes from Bendwood Elementary School. In all, the program was presented to some 150 students.

With the help of Bruce and Brian Painter and their team at Tomball Jet Center, and Diana Lardi and her team at Hi-Tech Aviation; a three hour presentation was given to a different class each day for five days.

The 4th graders had already studied the history of aviation, parts of an airplane, and the physics of the four forces at flight in the classroom, prior to the visit. The classes of between 25 and 35 children were divided

into three groups upon arrival at the airport and for the morning session rotated through three stations: A 30-minute power point presentation developed by a 99, Marilyn Wolff, which one of the Hi-Tech Aviation instructors presented, a walk-around of a low wing airplane (supplied by Hi-Tech, guided by a 99, most days Elizabeth Frankowski); and thirdly, they walked around Marilyn Aero Commander, before getting to sit in the pilot or co-pilot seat. Inside the plane they manipulated the yoke and rudder pedals to enable them to make the connection between their actions and the flight surfaces outside the plane. Additionally, Marilyn showed them the panel of the plane which they were able to compare to the Microsoft Flight Simulator they had been exposed to

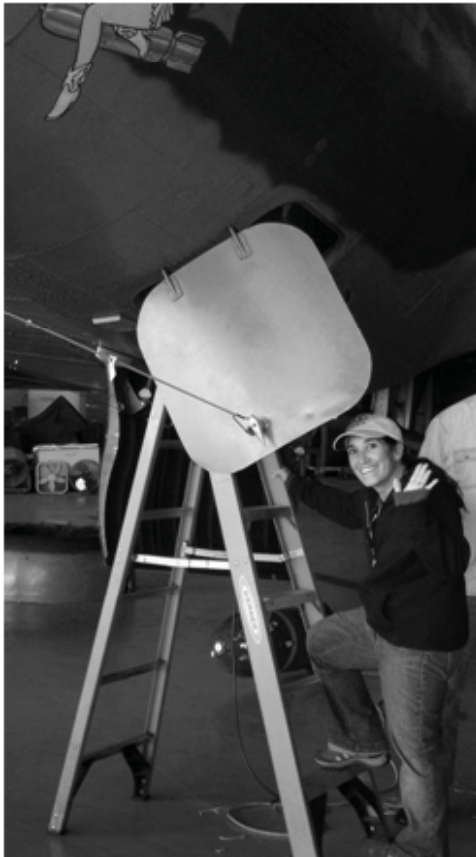
in their classroom at school.

Lunch each day was in the hanger at Tomball Jet Center. A B-17 bomber maintained by the CAF is hangared at Tomball Jet Center and after lunch each day the children were able to view this amazing airplane from all sides. One lucky group was able to tour the plane when the CAF volunteers were at the plane one day performing maintenance.

To finish out each day the group returned to Hi Tech Aviation's hangar where they talked with a Hi Tech mechanic while he showed them the engine of one of their planes which was in for maintenance.

Both teachers and students were thrilled with the presentation which they are sure to ask the 99's to organize for them again in coming years.

Elizabeth Frankowski, President of the Houston Chapter of the 99s, with one of the groups she guided on a walk-around



Teacher, Mrs. Healy, entering the B-17



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NEBRASKA CHAPTER 99s

by Diane Amour Bartels

Nineteen Nebraska Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP) served during WWII. It had been almost 66 years since the organization had been disbanded, and the women had declared Nebraska their home. They had received little if any recognition of their contributions to the War effort. On June 12, 2010, the Nebraska Chapter of Ninety-Nines helped honor these veterans.

With the help of the WASP Archives at Texas Woman's University in Denton and the Women In Military Service For America Memorial in Washington, D. C., Diane Armour Bartels began the research to locate family and friends. When she went to Washington D.C. in March to accept the Congressional Gold Medal for Evelyn Sharp, more connections were made.

The front of the polished black granite monument, in addition to their respective hometowns, bears the names the women held when they applied to the WASP. An engraving of a B-17 escorted by a P-38 and P-51 "fly" above those names. The insignia and wings of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron and the Women Air Force Service Pilots are engraved on the front edge of the attached bench.

On the back of the monument, in addition to the engraved front and back of the Congressional Gold Medal, is an abbreviated history of the WASP:

Between 1942 and 1944, 1,102 women served as civilian service pilots for the U.S. Army Air Forces. They participated in instructor training, towing targets for air-to-air gunnery and ground-to-air anti-aircraft practice, transporting personnel and cargo, and ferrying airplanes to training fields and embarkation points. This freed male pilots for combat.

The original group, the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), proved women could fly the Army airplanes. Evelyn Sharp from Ord, Nebraska, was the seventeenth of its twenty-eight members. In 1943, the women pilots were redesignated Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

By December, 1944, when they were unceremoniously disbanded, the women had logged over sixty million miles in military airplanes.

In 1977, Congress granted veteran status to this group of pioneering women whose contributions had largely been unrecognized. Their ground-breaking steps, however, had paved the way for all women who serve valiantly in the U.S. military today. On March 10, 2010, the Women Airforce Service Pilots were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their service in World War II.

On the day of the dedication, low ceilings kept the P-38 and the BT-13 safe at home in their hangars. However, the local PT-17, AT-6, and the P-51 thrilled the attendees with their fly-over. In remarks made during the program, Diane shared anecdotes of each of the nineteen women who left the security of home and went off to serve their country in a manner no American woman had done so previously.

Names of Nebraska WASP:

1. Evelyn G. Sharp – Ord
(Died in service April 3, 1944)
2. Lois A. Bristol - Bayard
3. Roberta E. Mundt - Berea
4. Helen A. Turner - Cairo
5. Millicent A. Peterson - Chappell
6. Grace "Betty" E. Clements – Elmwood
7. Marybelle J. Lyall - Hastings
8. Dorothy L. Bancroft - Lincoln
9. Margaret "Peggy" L. Nispel – Lincoln
10. B. Kristin Swan – Minden
11. Mary B. Beecham - Omaha
12. Lois V. Boien – Omaha
13. Mary A. Jerishin – Omaha
14. Eileen "Ikey" A. Kealy - Omaha
15. Alice L. Riss – Omaha
16. Mary E. Williamson (T) - Omaha
17. Isabel E. Tynon – Peru
18. Jane E. Waite – Scottsbluff
19. Esther L. Mueller – Thayer



Diane Amour Bartels at the Nebraska WASP memorial



NEW HORIZONS

"T.W." Wheelock

Travis "T.W." Wheelock, loving husband of Mary Wheelock, Golden Triangle Chapter, flew to new horizons on June 29, 2010. They were married 56 years and have three sons. T. W. served in the US Navy during the Korean War, retired from U.S. Steel, and later worked for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department. He was a private pilot, a member of AOPA, Civil Air Patrol, and lifetime EAA. He held an FAA aircraft and power plant license and built an exquisite Steen Skybolt biplane. He was very supportative of Mary's aviation activities. He will be greatly missed.

A LITTLE HISTORY AND A PLEA by Pat Ward

Following the original meeting of 99 of all of the women in the world who were licensed to fly in 1929, on December 14, 1929, the first Section of the fledgling organization was formed. They called it the NY-NJ Section. Two weeks later, on New Year's Day, 1930, the first two Sections were named to include the States in the central part of the United States, the South Central Section and in the southeastern region of the United States, the Southeast Section. Approximately two weeks after that, they pulled the Washington, DC and surrounding states out and called it the Mid-Atlantic Section. Nine years later, on November 1, 1930, that they marked off the mountain and West Coast States as the Southwest Section. Exactly a year later, November 1, 1931, they pulled the Great Lakes States from the central part of the country as the North Central Section. It would be ten years, September

19, 1941, before the New England Section was named. The East Canada Section took shape on November 1, 1950, and the Northwest Section on November 1, 1953, twenty-four years after the first meeting.

The first Chapter in the South Central Section, receiving their official Charter from then President Betty Gilles, was the Oklahoma Chapter, in 1941, following five years later by the Tulsa Chapter. As more women joined them skyward, new groups emerged about every five or six years: Kansas (1951), Albuquerque (1955), El Paso, Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Tip of Texas (1957). Houston emerged in 1959, Shreveport in 1960, Arkansas in 1963, South Louisiana in 1966, Northeast Kansas in 1967, Golden Triangle in 1969, New Orleans in 1970, Texas Dogwood in 1974, Austin and Wildflower in 1977, Pikes Peak and Purple Sage in 1984, High Country in 1990, Lake Charles in 1993, Brazos River in 1995, and Rio Grande Norte in 2003.

While the regional designations of

the Sections have remained the same, with modern technology and accessibility of communication, the location of Chapters is not so easily assumed. The Ambassador Chapter, admittedly a growing group, communicates solely by internet and telephone from wherever they are in the world.

Other Chapters have disappeared from the computer system at headquarters: Dallas Redbird, Heart of Texas, Top of Texas, Coastal Bend, Space City, Waco-Centex, Rio Grande Valley, Omaha Area, Chaparral, Aspen, their historic Charters surrendered when fewer than five members remained on their roster, and their remaining faithful members transferred to the Section "member-at-large" roster.

Pat Ward is urging members-at-large to transfer into the Wildflower Chapter which is in serious danger of losing its Charter issued in 1977 and signed by then International President Lois Feigenbaum (deceased). Contact Pat at Pat99Ward@aol.com. She promises no dues, no nagging.

HIGH FLYING HITCHHIKERS by Pat Ward

With all the statistics about the tens of thousands of unclaimed and unwanted cats and dogs euthanized in municipal animal compounds, it is hard to realize that there are places in this country where there are more people who want to adopt dogs and cats than animals available for adoption. In the far northwest, and in the New England states, especially in small communities, the day the transport truck arrives with the pets people have pre-arranged to adopt is a day of excitement and celebration, eagerly anticipated. Townspeople crowd around the big rig, a truck with a custom-designed interior to comfortably and safely accommodate pets in crates and cages, cheering as each pet is presented to its new forever family.

With the cooperation of compassionate municipal administrators in towns and cities across the country, the rescue of pets from euthanasia in dog pounds and municipal shelters is choreographed by knowledgeable, experienced volunteers. Through animal advocacy organizations, prospective adopters are skillfully interviewed in order to match compatible animals with people who can offer a stable, healthy, and loving permanent home for a pet.

Not all animals are transported by commercial animal shippers in big rig trucks. Some are transported by volunteers in their

own vehicles, relaying the animal across the country from one person to the other until it reaches its destination.

For some, that family vehicle is their private airplane. An organization started in 2008 by two women pilots, themselves volunteers at a local animal shelter, Pilots n' Paws, enlisted the interest of other pilots, men and women, in assisting with the long-distance transport of animals for whom a long road trip would be grueling. Flights are usually relatively short in time and distance, sometimes with the intermittent "leg" by car to the next airport where a pilot awaits his or her passenger for yet another short flight to the next relay location.

In two years, Pilots n' Paws has attracted an incredible 800 pilots across the country who have volunteered their aircraft, time and expenses to join the effort. In mid-September of 2010, as a demonstration of the generosity and efficiency of general aviation giving back to the community, a massive airlift of 5000 animals were flown in private aircraft from kill-shelters to no-kill rescue shelters or forever families in a little over a week all across America. From New Orleans, 22 private aircraft rendezvoused for the airlift of more than 100 dogs, cats and other small animals from the over-burdened shelters in the general Hurricane Katrina region where thousands of pets were left homeless and are still homeless. The story was the same in Key West, Morgantown,

WV, Knoxville, TN, points in Georgia and Arizona, Seattle, New York, and Kansas.

PnP pilots need help from non-pilots as well, to accompany them to look after their cargo in flight. Many of the pets are caged during a flight, but many are allowed out from under their seat belts once the airplane is at cruise altitude and enroute. There have been no reports of panic by any of the animals, or air sickness or potty accidents.

If you are interested in joining the Pilots n' Paws effort, log on to <http://pilotsnpaws.org/> to register to assist by riding along, transporting in your vehicle from your airport to the next awaiting pilot, or to foster an animal overnight while waiting for its flight. Scheduling by the volunteer staff at Pilots n' Paws is a work of art, placing animals, pilots, vehicle transport, and assistants in the right place at the right time whether the weather is cooperating or not.



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