

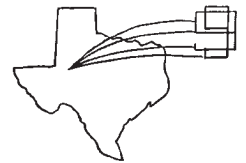
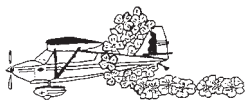


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15-18 MAY
GALVESTON, TEXAS

HOSTED BY HOUSTON CHAPTER
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NEXT DEADLINE: July 18 2014

COVER PICTURES: (1) KGLS Information Available at: <http://www.airnav.com/airport/KGLS>
Scholes International Airport at Galveston
Near Moody Gardens
(2) South Central Section Chapter Logos

Editorial Comment by Ellie Block

First, I wish to thank Aileen Hummel from the Ft. Worth 99s for her help editing articles. This really makes it easier to put the Approach together with correctness. Thanks to the people who submitted items - it is appreciated when the articles come in separate from the pictures and graphics and in the right format. This also saves time. Thanks to all the chapters who supplied logos - and we would love to have them all! You can email them to me any time. Let us know what you think of the first eApproach! We only had 10 people who wanted a paper copy. A big thanks goes to all the people who continue to help to get this out, especially Linda Horn and Elizabeth Frankkowski. And we can use hyperlinks now! Viva la eApproach!
Ellie



Rainforest Pyramid

Moody Gardens,
Galveston, TX



Aquarium Pyramid

Spring 2014 Approach - Governor's Message

My term of office as Section Governor ends this May, and our next Section meeting will conclude with the installation of a new slate of officers. I cannot thank you enough for the opportunity to serve as your Governor; I will always count it as one of my life's most rewarding experiences. It is an experience that is also humbling, for although the Ninety-Nines have always been my heroes, now I have met even more of them and see even more clearly what a great organization we belong to.

During my term of office, I have attended several meetings of the International Board of Directors, and those have been eye-opening. If you are ever able to attend a BOD meeting, even for a day, I guarantee you will come away with a new-found respect for the mission of the Ninety-Nines and for the hard-working women who dedicate so much time and talent to keep that mission strong. Any member who chooses to attend is made to feel welcome, and you will learn a great deal about the workings of our organization.

I strongly believe it is important for members to attend events at a level beyond their local chapter to achieve a real appreciation for what the 99s are really about. I am no way under-valuing the importance of a strong local chapter; it is only the chapters who can sustain our membership. But, members who also attend Section meetings and International Conferences enjoy an even richer experience, for they see the 99s through a longer and wider lens, and that vision will bring energy back to their chapters.

Recent SCS meetings have been outstanding, but only a small percentage of our membership has enjoyed them. Please plan to attend the next Section meeting in Galveston, Texas, May 15 - 18. The location will be a lot of fun, and the Houston Chapter has lined up some great seminar speakers. (Did you know we have a member who is one of the few female ship pilots in the world? Didn't know that ships needed pilots? Come to a seminar to hear about it!!) The banquet speaker will be Debby Rihn-Harvey, 2012 Winner of the Ninety-Nines Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation. As always, there will be great opportunities for networking and support. So, grab some sunscreen and flip-flops, and head to the Gulf Coast in May!

See you in Galveston –

Cathy



INVITATION

99s South Central Section Spring Meeting

May 15 - 18, 2014

Hosted by the Houston Chapter Ninety-Nines

Fellow Ninety-Nines,

The Houston Chapter invites you and your guests to join us at beautiful Moody Gardens Hotel on relaxing Galveston Island to enjoy a few days of Gulf Coast hospitality.

Those arriving on Thursday will be able to relax and bask in the sun at the hotel's Texas-sized Tropical Pool with a Jacuzzi, swim-up bar, adult lounge areas, cabanas, and poolside beds. The poolside snack bar, offers casual cuisine, tropical beverages and ice cream. A lap pool is also available. Feeling a little more energetic? Wander over to and around Moody Gardens where you will be able to enjoy a rare, up-close experience with free-roaming Saki Monkeys, beautiful macaws and other endangered animals and plants at the Rainforest Pyramid. Or, escape to the South Atlantic, Pacific or Caribbean in peaceful tranquility with playful penguins, seals, sharks and bountiful tropical fish at the Aquarium Pyramid. Uncover the mysteries of science at the Discovery Museum. The late afternoon will find our registration table, hospitality suite and fly market, all open. Meet in the hotel lobby at 6 p.m. if you would like to join the optional dinner activity on Pleasure Pier, overlooking the Texas coast.

On Friday we are offering an optional "hop-on-hop-off" tour of Galveston with Cool Tours, who will pick us up from the hotel. Your ticket will allow you to hop off the tour to visit any of the Islands attractions that piqued your interest, then hop back on once you have seen enough. Have lunch in Galveston on your way around. Visit Pleasure Pier, The Strand district, or one of Galveston's several other attractions. The Board meeting will be held at the hotel at 4:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. At 6 p.m., we'll make our way to dinner at Fish Tales, overlooking the beautiful Gulf of Mexico.

Saturday morning begins with breakfast at the hotel, followed by our business meeting. While we are meeting we are offering an optional tour for your guests to the Ocean Star Offshore Oil Rig Museum. Those planning to attend should meet in the lobby at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be on your own at the hotel, at Moody Gardens, or in Galveston. Although, we encourage you to stay close to the hotel so you will be back by 1:30 p.m. for two very interesting seminars - one presented by Holly Cooper who is a pilot in the Houston Ship Channel and one by David Johnson who will let us know what NASA's future plans entail. At 6:00 p.m. we'll meet for a social hour, prior to our Island Adventure Banquet. The best thing about the banquet? Attire is strictly informal; so pack those sun dresses, Hawaiian shirts, and flip flops!

On Sunday morning, it will be sad farewells as we transport you back to Scholes Field, or wave you off as you catch your own arranged transport back to Hobby or Intercontinental airport. Want to keep the fun going just a little bit longer? An optional cruise is available, departing from Galveston at 4:00 p.m. It travels to Key West, Florida, then on to Freeport, Bahamas for one day, then to Nassau, Bahamas for a day with the return to Galveston terminal, May 25, 2014 8:00 a.m. Interested? Questions? Contact Brenda Landing at 281-370-9505 or jb9505@hotmail.com.

QUESTIONS?

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SCHEDULE

99s South Central Section Spring Meeting

May 15 - 18, 2014

Hosted by the Houston Chapter Ninety-Nines

Thursday, May 15

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Registration Open, Hospitality Room

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room/Fly Market Open

6:30 p.m.

Optional Activity - Dinner at Pleasure Pier. Meet in Lobby at 6.00 p.m.

Friday, May 16

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration open, Lobby

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room/Fly Market Open

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Optional Tour of Galveston. Lunch on own. Meet in Lobby 9:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Board Meeting - Meeting Room

6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Dinner at Fish Tales

Saturday, May 17

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast - Hotel Restaurant

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Registration open, Lobby

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Optional Guest Activity - Ocean Star Offshore Oil Rig Museum

Meet in Lobby

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch on own

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Seminars - Meeting Room

Holly Cooper - Houston Ship Channel Pilot

Dave Johnson - NASA's Future Plans

6:00 p.m.

Social hour - cash bar

7:00 p.m.

Banquet - Island Adventure - Beach Party Attire

Sunday, May 18

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Transportation to Galveston Scholes Airport

Optional Activities:

War Bird Rides -

Lone Star Flight Museum

(<http://www.lsfm.org/flightexperiences.html>)

Railroad Museum -

Adults: \$7. Saturday Train Rides \$4. Self Guided Tours \$6

(<http://www.galvestonrrmuseum.com/>)

Moody Gardens -

<http://www.moodygardenshotel.com>

See hotel concierge for discounted tickets.

Golf -

\$64.00 + Cart Fee (\$13/\$15) until 1 p.m., \$30.00 + Cart Fee

(<http://moodygardensgolf.com/>)

Bishop's Palace -

Adults: \$10. Guided Tours, Seven Days a Week, 12:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Self-Guided Audio Tours Seven Days a Week, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(<http://www.galveston.com/bishopspalace/>)

The Moody Mansion -

Adults: \$10. (<http://www.moodymansion.org/>)

Ashton Villa -

For information about group tours and special events at Ashton Villa.

Contact the Galveston Historical Foundation at 409-765-7834.

Galveston Duck Tour -

Adults: \$18. (<http://www.galvestonducks.com/>)

Schlitterbahn -

\$57.48 - \$67.97 + tax

(<http://www.schlitterbahn.com/gal/>)

REGISTRATION
99s South Central Section Spring Meeting
May 15 - 18, 2014
Hosted by the Houston Chapter Ninety-Nines



Name _____

Chapter _____

Address _____

Office(s) currently held _____ Is this your first Section meeting? Yes/No

Past Section or International Offices held _____

Spouse or guests _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail address _____ Emergency contact# _____

Special considerations: (Handicap, diet) _____

Do You Need A Fly Market Table? Yes/No

Registration includes: Welcome Packet, Hospitality Room, Fly Market, Friday Evening Dinner, Saturday Breakfast, Seminars, Saturday Banquet

Early registration – postmarked before April 4	# _____	@ \$115	\$ _____
Regular registration – April 4, 2014 or after	# _____	@ \$125	\$ _____
Additional Friday night (Fish Tales) tickets	# _____	@ \$45	\$ _____
Additional Saturday night tickets*	# _____	@ \$65	\$ _____
Friday Tour	# _____	@ \$20	\$ _____
Saturday Morning Guest Tour	# _____	@ \$10	\$ _____
		GRAND TOTAL	\$ _____

Make check payable to: "Houston Chapter 99s".

Mail to: Marilyn Wolff, 11915 Taylorcrest Road, Houston, TX 77024

* Entree choice/s for you and guest. # chicken: _____ or # red snapper: _____

Hotel: Moody Gardens Hotel, Seven Hope Blvd. Galveston, TX 77554. Call 888-388-8484 for reservations. Identify yourself as a Ninety-Nine.
 Room rate: \$159/night + tax (1, 2 or 3 people) - rate is guaranteed until all rooms are gone - first come, first serve!

Travel: Date arriving: _____ N# or Flight #: _____ ETA: _____

Galveston Scholes International Airport (GLS) for general aviation arrivals. Galveston Aviation Services - 877-744-9003. Tie-downs free. No landing fees. Ground transportation furnished from GLS. Upon arrival, call Elizabeth Frankowski on 713-305-6372.

Closest major airports: Houston Hobby (HOU) and George Bush Intercontinental (IAH). All major car rental companies are located at these airports. Galveston Limo - 10 Passenger Van, Hobby \$150.00 per trip or \$15.00 per person, Bush - \$175.00 per trip or \$17.50 per person. Call 3 days prior to arrival to schedule, 1-800-640-4826

Or Use: <http://www.galveston.com/airporttransfers/> or <http://www.cooltoursgalveston.com/>

**2014 SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION
Nominating Committee
SLATE OF OFFICERS**

GOVERNOR

Jerry Ann Jurenka - Texas Dogwood Chapter
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I am qualified to serve as South Central Section Governor due to my background and experience at the Chapter, Section and International levels. I have been a member of Ninety-Nines and the Texas Dogwood Chapter since 1984 and have held Chapter offices (Chairman 1989-1991, 1997-1999) at all levels as well as served as Section Secretary 2000-2002, Treasurer and Vice-Governor 2012-2014. I belong to several Aviation and Service related organizations and have served as an officer in many of these. I volunteer with several state, national, and international organizations to support women's leadership initiatives. I currently serve on the board of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison, KS. I've served at the International level on the International Bylaws and Stading Rules committee, and served as a delegate to several international aviation events. I also served as Chief Judge for the U.S. Precsion Flight Team Competition in 1986 and 1987.

My goal is to do my part to make sure we remain positive and efficient in our approach to section businss and encourage a spirit of cooperation and comaraderie. I want to promote fellowship by visiting as many chapters as possible and encourage all our members to participate at the section level. I am an active pilot and have a Cessna 182 (the Lady J) which loves to fly.

VICE-GOVERNOR

Stephenie Roberts – Texas Dogwood Chapter
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Current Chairman - Texas Dogwood Chapter
Active since becoming a member in 1980, I have held all elected and appointed offices of our chapter. Most recently I chaired the Fall 2013 South Central Section meeting. On the International level, I served as Public Relations Co-Chair for the Ninety-Nines and Public Relations Chair for the World Precision Flying Competition. I was a member of the SCS Nominating Committee from 2008-2010. I am currently serving as a Director for the South Central Section.

Professionally, I am a Certified Flight Instructor in Single and Multi-Engine airplanes and I flew as a corporate pilot for many years. I own Flights of Fancy Jewelry & Aviation Gifts and I also hold a current Real estate Sales License.

In my thirty plus years of flying nothing has given me more pleasure than my association with the Ninety-Nines. I hope to see our organization not only grow, but flourish in the coming years. As Vice Governor, I would look forward to continuing to serve the Section as a board member and being a part of encouraging membership growth and seeing the Ninety-Nines step out and take an even larger roles in the aviation community.

SECRETARY

Carol Brackley – Houston Chapter
20539 Patriot Park Ln.
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Member since 1985

I have over 30 years' experience as a legal secretary/assistant and over 4 years' experience as executive assistant to the airport manager at West Houston Airport. I have been a Ninety-Nine for 29 years and over those years I have served the Houston Chapter in many capacities, including Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Safety Education Chair, Aerospace Education Chair, Air marking Chair and AE Scholarship Chair. I also serve as secretary and as a director of the Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors (GHAFI). I am also an FAA appointed FAASTeam Lead Representative, a member of EAA. I've flown numerous Young Eagles and I participate in Challenge Air, an organization which flies handicapped children.

I feel my background makes me well qualified to serve the South Central Section as Secretary.

TREASURER

Frances H. Luckhart – Tulsa Chapter
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Member since 1992

I served as Section Governor (2003-2004), Vice-Governor (2000-2002) and Treasurer (1998-2000).

I've held office at the Chapter level as well. I have an accounting background and previously served the section as Treasurer. I have also served on the International Board as Directory and Secretary. During my tenure on the International Board, I worked with others to address the financial stability of the organization. I am well versed in making financial decisions that will benefit our section.

It has always been my goal to strive for a unit of purpose for the Ninety-Nines. The future of our organization depends on our members, new and seasoned, each holding dear a pride of ownership. I, too, am proud to be a Ninety-Nine and I look forward to the opportunity of serving again as your Section Treasurer.

DIRECTOR

Elizabeth Frankowski – Houston Chapter
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Since joining the Ninety-Nines in 2002 I have been very active in the Houston Chapter and beyond. I have served as Chair and Vice-Chair of my Chapter and was Chairman of the South Central Section Nominating Committee. I have attended ten Section Meetings, four International Conferences and have flown the Air Race Classic twice. I am also a volunteer pilot for Angel Flights and serve as a Ninety-Nines' volunteer to teach and share my passion for aviation with girls in middle school and in Girl Scout Troops. I believe that the future of the Ninety-Nines depends on having leadership that will establish priorities to expand membership, provide financial stability, preserve the history of Women in Aviation, and to expand scholarship opportunities and new programs for continuing education. As a Director, my promise to you is to significantly and measurably further the stated mission of the Ninety-Nines. Thank you for your consideration.

DIRECTOR

Kay Alley – Kansas Chapter
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I earned my Private Pilot license in 1975 and joined the Ninety-Nines in 1976. I have been very active and felt it was necessary for me to continue my aviation education by earning additional ratings and experience in order to become a professional pilot. For a few years, I was employed as a professional delivery pilot. In the years I was employed as a professional delivery pilot, ferrying new aircraft to customers around the world, I accumulated over 8,400 hours of flight time, landing in 27 foreign countries. I now have accepted a position flying corporate aircraft that keeps me closer to home in Wichita, KS. As a result, I have more time to donate to the causes of various aviation organizations, the Ninety-Nines being at the top of the list. I currently serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Kansas Chapter, with a strong interest in membership recruitment and retention. Encouraging women to pursue their pilot goals (whether being a professional pilot or a recreational pilot) is an interest of mine that I try to accomplish whenever I meet a new female friend at the airport.

Making contact with prospective Ninety-Nine members is a strong goal of mine to be able to introduce them to the social, educational and scholarship opportunities that our organization offers.

Note: Cathy Prudhomme, current SCS Governor, is the third candidate for South Central Section Nominating Committee, following the tradition of the Immediate Past Governor serving as the third member of the Nominating Committee.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jill Shockley – Texas Dogwood
 PO Box 1900
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 Member since April 2002

I have been involved in the organization since joining. At the Chapter level, I have served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as well as held several committee chairmanships for Membership, Newsletter and Amelia Earhart Scholarship. At the Section level, I have held the offices of Secretary and Director and been the Advisor for Aerospace Education, Legislation and Membership. I'm currently acting as Advisor for Legislation and Membership.

At the International level, I have served as the Aviation and Space Education Committee. As Chairman since 2006, I've seen the strengths and impact of members as they spread the word about the Ninety-Nines and are role models for women and girls of all ages.

I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a member of the Nominating Committee and interact even more with member to see where their strengths and talents lie, and how those can be utilized to make the Ninety-Nines stronger.

I ask for your vote so that I can encourage other 99s to get involved and gain a deeper understanding of, and appreciation for, this organization.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

DiDi Shaefer – El Paso
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I obtained a private pilot's license in December 1979 and joined the Ninety-Nines in December 1980.

I Worked for two Air Charter Companies as a pilot and a dispatcher/scheduler.

Also, I was employed for several years as a corporate pilot in the U.S. And Mexico.

I obtained an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship in 1998 for Multi-Engine ATP rating.

I served as South Central Section A.E. Scholarship Chairman for many years.

I was elected and served a term as an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustee.

I'm currently Chairman of El Paso Chapter and have held every chapter office several times.

I have been very active in the Ninety-Nines and have attended and helped host section meetings. I think this will give me the knowledge to approach the best candidates for section office.

Seminars at the Spring SCS Meeting 2014

Holly Cooper – Houston Ship Channel Pilot: Holly is a member of Houston Chapter 99 and a fixed wing and helicopter pilot. Her presentation will be about being a pilot on the Houston Ship Channel and what was involved in reaching that position and the challenges and experiences related to same. She is one of only a few women to reach this position.

Holly has been a Houston Ship Channel Pilot for 20 years (owner and partner of the association); State Commissioned Pilot for the port of Houston; and Federal Pilotage to the port of Valdez, AK and Houston, TX, and San Francisco Bay, CA. She is a U.S.C.G. licensed Master Mariner of Unlimited Tonnage and sailed as officer with foreign and U.S. flag vessel prior to becoming HSC Pilot. She has a B.S. Marine Transportation degree from Texas A&M University. Holly was born in Austin, TX and is proud to be a fifth-generation Texan (both parents) and member of DRT.



David S. Johnson – NASA’s Future Plans: Dave’s presentation will cover plans relating to what is in store for NASA in the future. This should be an interesting and informative presentation.

David Johnson is a 1984 graduate of Northport High School and received his commission in the United States Air Force in 1988 after graduating from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. In 1990 he completed Undergraduate Pilot Training and received his USAF pilot wings. He served in various pilot positions in the USAF over the next twenty years, flying the B-1, T-37, and T-6. While flying the B-1, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson deployed in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and delivered over 208,000 pounds of weapons on Taliban and al Qaeda positions in the immediate aftermath of the September 11 attacks on America. Lieutenant Colonel Johnson culminated his career in the Air Force as a T-6 squadron commander where he was responsible for training the next generation of pilots for America and her allies.

After retiring from the Air Force in 2009, David moved to Houston, Texas and began working on the design of NASA’s newest manned exploration space vehicle, the Orion. Orion is projected to become operational in 2020 where it will take America’s astronauts to destinations far beyond low Earth orbit. In 2011, David moved to NASA’s Aircraft Operations Division at Ellington Field where he now serves as a T-38N pilot. In this capacity, David is directly involved in astronaut space flight readiness training while also serving as the Chief Engineer of NASA’s Aviation Safety Office.

Saturday Banquet Keynote Speaker at the Spring SCS Meeting 2014

Deborah Rihn-Harvey

For more than forty years, Debby Rihn-Harvey has contributed her time and energy to the field of aviation as an instructor, airline captain, aviation business owner, FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, mentor, airshow pilot, and the longest-standing member of the United States Aerobatic Team. While still active in all of these endeavors, Debby finds time to advise and inspire a new generation of aviation professionals and enthusiasts.



Her dedication to the sport of aerobatics places her among the world’s elite pilots. In 2006, Debby became the third woman in history to be crowned United States National Aerobatic Champion, winning that title again in 2008 and 2009. As 2006, 2008 and 2009 U.S. National Aerobatic Champion, Debby was awarded the Mike Murphy Cup. She has also won the Betty Skelton Trophy (awarded to the top-placing woman competitor in the Powered Unlimited category at the U.S. Nationals) an unprecedented twelve times. In world competition, Rihn-Harvey has been a gold medalist and holds many regional titles.

Debby is also an active air show performer, Aerobatic Competency Evaluator (ACE) through the International Council of Air Shows (ICAS), and an FAA Designated Examiner. She also manages Harvey & Rihn Aviation, a flight school and fixed base operation in La Porte, Texas. Since 1979, her aerobatics school has attracted pilots from around the world. Debby serves on the Board of Directors of the International Aerobatic Club and represents the United States internationally at the FAI Aerobatics Commission: Commission Internationale de Voltige Aerienne (CIVA). In addition, she sits on aviation advisory boards for both the City of La Porte and San Jacinto College.

In addition, Debby flies as a B737 Captain for Southwest Airlines. A member of the Houston Chapter, she truly loves her multi-faceted flying career, and it shows in her enthusiasm for “everything airplane.” As a role model to the students and acquaintances she has inspired during her 40-year career, she finds great reward in their successes.

DALLAS 99s By Holly Barr

Cadette Girl Scout Aviation STEM Seminar: We held our first Aviation STEM Seminar for Cadettes on November 9, 2013 at McKinney National Airport, with ten girls in attendance. The title is “Pathways to Flight” and was an experiment, as our traditional seminars have been for Junior Girl Scouts, who are 4th and 5th graders. The Cadettes who participated were 6th through 8th graders. These girls are closer to exploring interests and eligibility to participate in aviation-related activities, such as the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program and AOPA’s AV8Rs. Content for this seminar was deeper and more detailed than at the junior level. We added topics such as weight and balance, the instruments in the six-pack, weather, and using a basic airport diagram to discuss the airport environment. We will hold a second Cadette program on March 22, 2014, with 12 girls in attendance.

Junior Girl Scout Aviation STEM Seminar: We had our annual Junior Girl Scout Aviation STEM Seminar, “Flying IS for Girls”, last February 15 at the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field, Dallas. Eighty-three girls were expected to attend this seminar. We will provide a report in the next Approach issue.

STEM Seminar Guide and Materials: An Aviation STEM Seminar Guide and repository for seminar presentations and materials now reside on the South Central Section website. This will be a continually evolving collection, and will include contributions from any chapter interested in providing input. Once we establish formal procedures for submitting content, and determine the best format for display, it will be open for all Ninety-Nines Chapters to share and contribute.

The site now includes the following elements:

- A Seminar Guide with information intended to be helpful for chapters that have never held a seminar, or those looking for new ideas
- PowerPoint topic slide presentations
- Example Seminar Agendas
- Example Seminar handouts
- Work session materials and visuals
- Resources for handouts
- Ordering information for a patch designed by the Dallas Chapter for all to use

We welcome comments, additions to the Seminar Guide, PowerPoint Presentations, handouts, or anything else that would be helpful in putting on a seminar. All contributions will be noted with the name of the chapter submitting the content.

Please send feedback and contributions to Janny Strickland and Holly Barr:

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Holly Barr: holly_ann_barr@sbcglobal.net

Cadettes Using Play-Doh and Rulers for
Weight and Balance Exercise



TEXAS DOGWOOD 99s

By Jill Shockley

We have had a busy and productive time since the last Approach, which included welcoming 3 new members, Callie Billingsley, Cindy Coleman and Jessi Jenison. Two of our members, Patti Burch and Whitney Brouwer, travelled to Alaska during the summer and reported successful trips! Whitney worked as a camp counselor with teenage kids while Patti combined a visit to family in Anchorage with some flying in Ketchikan.

In early September, Sally Coker, Stephenie Roberts and Jill Shockley attended a pizza party at LeTourneau University held at the start of the school year for the female aviation students. The gals were given information about the 99s and the resources available to them. Then, in late September, we hosted the Fall Section meeting and were so glad everyone came!

In October, the NIFA Region IV competition was held with Whitney Brouwer representing LeTourneau University as a member of their Sting Precision Flight Team with our own Jerry Anne Jurenka serving as Senior Judge. Whitney took 2nd place for E6B and 1st place (along with teammate Cameron Laramie) for Navigation. Also in October, the AOPA Aviation Summit came to Ft. Worth. Stephenie Roberts and Jill Shockley worked the 99s booth at the Summit one afternoon along with other 99s.

In December, our annual Christmas party was held with Stephenie Roberts as our hostess. We enjoyed a group taco salad, exchanged ornaments, and collected items for a local women's shelter.

During 2014, we look forward to celebrating the graduations of Callie Billingsley and Whitney Brouwer, and to commemorating our chapter's 40th birthday!

Home Village of One of Whitney's Campers



Callie Ready to Go for the Fall Section Hangar Dance



Whitney at SafeCon 2013



Patti Burch and her Beaver



FORT WORTH 99s By Aileen Hummel

The Fort Worth Chapter of the 99s participated in the DFW Aviation and Transportation Career Expo at the CR Smith (American Airlines) Museum last October 4, 2013. This was the 10th anniversary of the DFW Expo and the FW 99s have participated each year since the beginning. Nan France and Lisa Ward both staffed the booth, sharing about how girls can get involved in aviation to the eager students. According to the DFW Expo website: Every year, DFW International Airport, in conjunction with American Airlines, the Federal Aviation Administration and Tarrant County College, hosts more than 3,300 students at its annual Aviation & Transportation Career Expo — one of the largest educational events of the year in North Texas. The Expo gives students from Dallas, Fort Worth and the neighboring communities an opportunity to learn about careers in a variety of aviation and transportation fields — from piloting a plane to managing a rail line and responding to emergencies.

Then last December 15, the FW 99s held their 2013 Holiday Party at the Bull Ring, an ice cream parlor, in the Fort Worth Stockyards. FW 99s member, Melissa Cook, generously provided the facility for us to have the party. With Allison Hoyt, chair, at the helm, we had a great time with nostalgic holiday music by the Flying Musicians Association, good food, exciting and rowdy Chinese gift exchange and great company. We also collected toys for the Fort Worth Women's Shelter.



Carol Levine with her
'Special Cake'



Bull Ring - Downtown
Ft. Worth-Stockyards

Forth Worth 99s and visitors at the 2013 Christmas Party at the Bull Ring
Angela Casteel, Wally Funk, Ann Jeffrey, Charli Lamb, Allison Hoyt, Mary Fleck, Melissa Cook, Carol Levine, Nan France, Annette Smith, Carol Morris, Aileen Humel, Linda Stoneking, Ellie Block



OKLAHOMA 99s

By Carol Sokatch

Our 35th Annual Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally was held August 16-17 based at Wiley Post Airport. Because of spring storm damage, we used an off airport site for Hospitality and our Banquet. The weather was unusually good for August in Oklahoma for the twenty-two planes entered. Veteran competitors Brian and Chris Townsend placed First with a score of 99.30, Best 99 and Best OPA pilot was Heather Gomer (last year's Wings of the Future Scholarship winner), and Phyl Howard was Best CAP pilot. Emily Merola was presented our 2013 Wings of the Future Scholarship winner and is well on her way to earning her private pilot's license.

Holly Blunk chaired our Membership Reception at the Museum of Women Pilots on Sunday, October 29. A highlight was Charlene Davis's presentation of Women in Oklahoma Aviation. We were pleased to have many potential members attend and declared this the most fun membership reception ever.

Donna Jackson organized our presentation of the Pinch Hitter Course for a two-day Safety and Flight Seminar in November. Susanna Roberts presented Flight Instruments and Heather Gomer Sterzick covered Radios and Flight Patterns with Phyl Howard, Donna Jackson, and Wyvema Startz lending a hand and being available to talk about the 99s and our chapter, aided by a photo array.

Carol Sokatch gave talks to the Northside Antique Club when they toured our Museum of Women Pilots and also to a large group at Touchstone, retirement community. Phyl Howard has talked to Zonta and several other groups.

We are deeply saddened with the loss of Lucille Watkins in August and Elizabeth (Susie) Sewell in November.

Our pot luck Christmas Party hosted by Shirley and Charlie Brown in their Edmond home on was Monday, December 16. The presence of Susie Mitchel from the Phoenix Chapter, but formerly one of ours, sparked each of us to recall so many of our more hilarious activities in the past.

FLY NOW Application Deadline in March 15th

(Consult Ninety-Nines website and your Chapter Scholarship Chairman!)

The FLY NOW Award (formerly the New Pilot Award) is a progressive award given to Associate Members of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. who demonstrate a need for financial assistance to become licensed pilots. The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund has decided to expand the scope of this award to provide up to \$3000 toward completion of the Recreational Pilot, Sport Pi-lot (Pilot), or Private Pilot certificate, or non-U.S. equivalent, in any aircraft. This award will be given progressively to winners AFTER they complete four mile-stones in their training.

MILESTONE : Passing the FAA or equivalent written knowledge exam, if not completed at time of application : \$500

MILESTONE : First Solo, if not completed at time of application : \$1000

MILESTONE : Long solo cross-country, if not completed at time of application: \$1000

MILESTONE : Receiving FAA or equivalent flight certificate: \$500

Requirements: The applicant must be an Associate member of the 99s. There is no length of membership requirement.

She must have (if required for the pilot certificate sought) a current medical certificate.

The applicant need NOT have soloed or passed the written exam.

Procedures and Deadlines: Each applicant who belongs to a Chapter needs to request a recommendation from her Chapter Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Chairman.

In addition, each applicant must have a Mentor, a 99 who will support them through the training process.



CALLING ALL CHAPTER CHAIRMEN!!

Chapter Chairmen will be giving a 2-3 minute oral report at the SCS Business Meeting in Galveston on May 17. At this meeting, the focus of the Chairmen reports is "Chapter Meetings." Tell us when, where, and how your chapter meets, and what meeting format has worked well (or not so well!) for your chapter.

If you are unable to attend, make sure there is a designee from your chapter who can give a short report.

AUSTIN 99s by Susie Awalt

We are proud to announce that the Austin Chapter of the Ninety-Nines was reinstated last November, 2013, after a four-year hiatus. Five Ninety-Nines based at the Rusty Allen/Lago Vista, Texas Airport (KRYW) initially began discussing potential benefits for reactivating the Austin Chapter. Before long, word spread and ten more members joined the effort. With guidance and input from long-time members of the previous Austin Chapter, including Rebecca Hempel, Carol Foy, Christine Gardy, and Becky Smith, we continue to gain momentum.

Our new officers are as follows: Becky Smith, chair; Christine Gardy, vice chair; Susie Awalt, secretary; Kim Miller, treasurer; and Linda Coltharp, historian. Monthly meetings and programs are held in either one of our hangars or homes and we have dubbed ourselves the “Flying Gourmands”, since we enjoy cooking and entertaining as well. The previous Austin chapter has turned over all equipment, notes, annuals and documents for our use and we have received, from the 99s Headquarters, all of the funds collected by that chapter. It is very impressive to see the good works of our predecessors and we hope to perpetuate this legacy.

Our chapter is keenly interested in air markings. Last month's the program included a presentation by Carol Foy who, along with other 99s, has completed projects in Burnet, Blanco, San Antonio, Taylor, Lakeway and Spicewood Airports in Texas. The current Austin 99s have been granted permission to repaint the compass rose at the Burnet Airport and proceedings are under way to make this happen in the near future.

Our February meeting is being organized and hosted by Sue Jones which will include a luncheon at the Redbird FBO in San Marcos, Texas (KHYI). After our luncheon and meeting, we will all be treated to a tower tour. We look forward to being active participants in the future. Our official Facebook page is “Austin 99s Women Pilots” and our e-mail address is Austin99schapter@gmail.com.

The Austin Chapter is serious about flying, having fun and continuing the good works of our predecessors



Vice Chair Christine Gardy, Sue Jones, Treasurer Kim Miller, Chair Becky Smith, Secretary Susie Awalt, Claudette Colwell, Carol Foy, Historian Linda Coltharp and the chapter's newest pilot Lauren Chaipe

WASP Dora Dougherty Strother McKeown November 27, 1921 – November 19, 2013

Over twenty years ago, I met Dora when she and her friend, Didi Moorman, sat in front of my husband and me at the first Ft. Worth 99s program I ever attended. She was one of the main reasons I joined the 99s. Her flying the B-29 was only part of the allure. I couldn't even remember everything she had accomplished but figured something might rub off if I were a member of this group. And she flew helicopters too! We continued to see her when we toured towers and on many other occasions with the 99s. When Harry McKeown contacted her, we encouraged her to see him even though we knew if she married him she would probably leave Ft. Worth. The last time I saw her was at Sun 'N Fun in Florida in 2013 and she was wowing everyone with her recall of her experiences. She was one of our treasures and will be sorely missed.

To see Harry's letter to her, go to: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/flygirls/filmmore/reference/primary/b2903.html>.

To see more about Dora, go to: <http://willystreetblog.com/wp/2012/08/05/so-easy-a-woman-could-fly-it/> or google her name.

by Ellie Block

TIP OF TEXAS 99s

By Ellie Block

The Tip of Texas 99s are fortunate to be in an area where there are many aviation opportunities. On January 14th the group was treated to a tour of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection National Air Safety Operations Center in Corpus Christi, TX. This was arranged by Darcy Bruns. Fifteen people attended the tour which started with a talk and overall view of what we would see. We then went outside to see the Lockheed P-3 Orion on the tarmac. Inside the airplane, our questions were answered and we got to sit in the cockpit as well as inspect the entire airplane. Next we went into the hangar and got a close-up view of the Predator which is manufactured by General Atomics in CA. We then went into one of the mobile trailers where the Predator is controlled from. Last we saw a P-3 Orion in a maintenance hangar and Darcy gave us an overview of the airplane and its program. It was a magnificent tour!



Predator



Lockheed P-3 Orion
in the shop



Tip of Texas 99s Peggy Aguirre, Mattie Marcum and Dawn Bissell in the control room of the Predator

Vergil Smith

December 10, 1930 - December 9, 2013

Vergil Smith, a long-time participant in our Okie Derby Air Rally, was hit by a pickup truck while getting his mail at the road side in front of his home in Marietta, Okla. He was pronounced dead on impact. His service was held last Dec, 13, 2013 at the Marietta High School. You can send cards to Marilyn Smith, 12955 State Hwy 32, Marietta, OK 73448. We have lost another aviator and a long-time friend. He will be missed.

by Wyvema -- per Phylis Hensley

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