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20-23 OCTOBER 2011
DURANGO, CO

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Clockwise rotation from Jody: Linda Horn, Cathy Wappler, Jill Williams-Shockley, Kris Irvin-Herron, Jan McKenzie ...
In the Center: Holly Barr

Editorial Comment by Ellie Block

Seven articles - that was what we got for this issue from SCS Chapters. However, we have other information for you. Most of the submissions were sent way ahead of time, and we thank you. It really makes our job easier. However, please do include names of people in pictures. Anonymous is not good enough!

We thank all the people who have submitted articles and look forward to working with the next issue!

Some interesting statistics: We have 716 members listed as of this date; however, 17 are 'unlisted'; so no emails can be sent to them. 85 have addresses but no email address listed (I know some have emails but don't list them.) 9 are on 'hold' and 13 are on 'standby'. 5 have titles: PhD, Dr, Col.

We have members from the following states:

2 - MA	2 - NJ	3 - NY	2 - PA	2 - MD	3 - VA	1 - WV	3 - NC
2 - SC	2 - GA	8 - FL	1 - AL	2 - TN	2 - MS	2 - OH	1 - IN
3 - IA	1 - WI	1 - MN	1 - SD	1 - MT	4 - MO	51 - KS	13 - NE
13 - LA	19 - AR	69 - OK	275 - TX	138 - CO	4 - AZ	41 - MN	2 - NV
9 - CA	1 - OR	2 - WA.					

Wanted

Candidates for Section Office

Next spring you will be electing new officers to manage the business of the South Central Section. The nominating committee would like to offer more than one choice for each office in order to give you, the membership a choice. Deadline for applications is October 31st. If you or if you know someone in your chapter who would be willing to serve contact one of the nominating committee: Elizabeth Frankowski, Ann Koenig or Jan McKenzie. The form Intent to Seek Election can be found on the scs99s.org web site. Send names to: Elizabeth Frankowski, 9710 Burdine, Houston, TX 77096 or email to elizabethfrankowski@gmail.com

Thanks,

Elizabeth Frankowski
chairman, nominating committee

South Central Section 99s
INTENT TO SEEK ELECTION FORM



CHECK ONE

GOVERNOR [] VICE-GOVERNOR [] SECRETARY [] TREASURER []
DIRECTOR [] NOMINATING COMMITTEE []

INSTRUCTIONS: One nominee per sheet. Make copies for additional nominees. Nominees shall have been a member in good standing of a chapter and be current with dues of the International Ninety-Nines for no fewer than two consecutive years, must have held or be holding an elected office in a chapter and must have attended at least one section meeting to be eligible for nomination. Nominee must sign on the **Consent to Serve** line on this form to be placed on the ballot. Term of office is 2 years, beginning Spring of 2012.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, St, Zip: _____

Member since: _____ Current Chapter: _____

Most recent Section Meeting attended: _____

List offices or positions held at Chapter, Section or International level, including dates:

List specific training and/or experience related to the office sought:

I hereby give my consent to serve if elected to the above position:

Signature of Nominee: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Nominating Chapter Officer: _____ Date: _____

Nominating Chapter: _____

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a short essay (200 words or less) indicating your qualifications and goals for this office. This information will be used in the Approach and in the "Know Your Candidate" section of the ballot, which will be mailed to all section members.

Mail form (do not send by email) by October 31, 2011 to:

Elizaveth Frankowski

9710 Burdine St

Houston, TX 77096

or email scanned form with signature and essay to:

elizabethfrankowski@gmail.com

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE
by Jody McCarrell

If you missed Oklahoma City Annual Conference, I am so sorry. Everyone endured the extreme heat by having such a wonderful time. We started out with a bus tour through Indian Country with more stops than one can list. You certainly didn't get tired of sitting, as we were off and on all day. Had a wonderful meal in the town of Medicine Park where they had it waiting for us and the BBQ was quite good. The meeting was ended by about 11:30 with to all's surprise only 2 housekeeping amendments which no one even got up to speak about. That was a record.....

For those who didn't get to Lafayette, I am going to just quote my South Central Section Report as it was a happening made in heaven as everyone just mixed and matched. We came in early, went to a Cajun club on Thursday night and just as we all walked out into a line dancing venture, the band took a break. I think we were more than they expected. Friday morning we got an early start for a wonderful day touring the South Louisiana Delta area. We visited the Tabasco factory and the history of the factory was quite amazing. We all left with little tabasco sampler's in our pockets and moved on for lunch at the country club. After that little stop, I was ready to do some more walking, as I needed it and we toured a joint aviation – sawmill museum. Only in southern Louisiana would that combination work. We arrived at the home of former Louisiana Governor Foster for a tour of a lovely Louisiana Plantation home and Governor Forster and his wife joined us for desert under the trees, and in the patio area for what is real Southern hospitality at its best. (Look into the cookbook put out by the New Orleans Chapter) I have been testing the recipes myself and they are GOOD! Full as ticks we loaded up and off to PHI Helicopters where several tried their hand at landing helicopter's (In simulators of course) on the off shore oil rigs. We also viewed a movie on how they use aircraft in the fishing industry. No, we are not done yet.....We loaded up again and were off to our Cajun Crawfish Boil, which if you have not been on one you are missing out. A twelve hour day and not one complaint did I hear..... Saturday morning brought on the business meeting and we ended with a wonderful speaker and banquet. We all decided we need to do that one once again.

Attention: Our fall joint meeting with Southwest is coming up late October. Durango, Colorado, the registration forms are on line and PLEASE get your registration in, as we really want to fill up all Forty Four seats of the train with 99's. If we don't they are going to sell tickets. That will be happening on Friday at 8:30 am.....You will need to come in on Thursday if you are going on the train. Also please plan on presenting your Chapter Chair report at our joint Chapter Chair Meeting scheduled on Thursday evening starting at 5:00 pm. We also are going to try and have a ASK YOUR QUESTIONS for a joint discussion on what is going on in our chapters. If you Chapter Chair's are not planning to attend please have someone from your chapter give your report. We will also be having a reception with free wine and snacks if all goes well with the Southwest Section before the banquet. See the schedule.

Chapters....get your reports into Gloria Blank for Chapter Awards. They are going to be part of our Saturday night doings at the Award Dinner.

Attention: Hotel Room cutoff is September 20th.....

Hope to see all at Durango, the Colorado Chapter has done a lot of work on this section meeting, don't miss out, Start checking and planning on how you can get there.

In the dispatch Kris Irvin Heron has asked for Financial Reports from Chapters. Some chapters in some sections did not file theirs and they are trying to straighten up their mess now as their state took them off 501c3 status. BE SURE TO GET YOUR'S to Kris.....

Next Spring, Durant, Oklahoma Area for the Spring Meeting.....

See you all soon

Jody McCarrell, South Central Section Governor





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SOUTH CENTRAL & SOUTHWEST SECTIONS
FALL MEETING, OCTOBER 21-23, 2011
REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Section _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Guest Name(s) _____

Offices Currently Held _____

Past Section & International Offices _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Full registration package includes Hospitality Room, Fly Market, Friday Welcome Gala and Saturday Awards Dinner.

Early Registrtrtion (postmarked and paid before September 20) _____ @ \$ 99 each = _____

Regular Registration (postmarked/paid September 20 or later) _____ @ \$115 each = _____

Friday Welcome Gala guest ticket _____ @ \$ 50 each = _____

Saturday Awards Dinner guest ticket _____ @ \$ 55 each = _____

Durango & Silverton Railroad Tour _____ @ \$ 73 each = _____

Mesa Verde National Rail Yard Guest Tour _____ @ \$ 63 each = _____

Durango & Silverton Rail Yard Guest Tour _____ @ \$ 10 each = _____

Walking Tour of Durango _____ (no charge)

Table in Fly Market (Ninety-Nine or Chapter) _____ @ \$ 15 each = _____

Table in Fly Market (outside vendor) _____ @ \$ 35 each = _____

Total (make checks payable to Colorado Ninety-Nines) _____

No refunds after October 7

Special dietary/transportation needs: _____

HOTELS: See Invitation page.

TRANSPORTATION: Will be provided from Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO) to and from the hotels on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday (see schedule for times).

AIRPORT: Durango-La Plata County Airport (DRO)

Arrival date _____ Arrival time _____

Commercial: Airline _____ Flight # _____

GA: Aircraft type _____ N# _____

DRIVING:

Arrival Date _____ Arrival time _____

Mail completed registration form to: Colorado Ninety-Nines, PO Box 17872, Golden CO 80402-6030

For questions, contact: Penny Nagy, penflys99s@surewest.net, 916-786-0297 or

Jan McKenzie, mckenjn@yahoo.com, 970-980-9944

Note: if you will ONLY be attending the Saturday business meeting for either Section, there is no charge, but we would like to know you are coming.



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SOUTH CENTRAL & SOUTHWEST SECTIONS

THURSDAY - OCTOBER 20

- 1:00pm - 8:00 pm Transportation provided from Durango-LaPlata Airport to hotels
4:00pm - 4:45pm Registration (Strater)
5:00pm - 6:00pm Joint South Central and Southwest Chapter Chairmen's Meeting (Wyndham)
6:00pm Dinner on your own

FRIDAY - OCTOBER 21

- 7:00am - 9:00am Complimentary breakfast at your hotel
7:30am - 8:15am Registration (Strater)
8:00am - 1:00pm Transportation provided from Durango-LaPlata Airport to hotels
8:30am - 5:30pm Hospitality Room and Fly Market (Strater)
8:30am - 5:45pm Optional: Durango & Silverton Railroad Tour
Noon Lunch on your own and Durango shopping
1:00pm - 5:00pm Registration (Strater)
3:00pm - 4:00pm Seminar - Women Soar (Best Western)
6:30pm - 8:30pm Welcome Gala (Strater)
8:30pm - 10:00pm Hospitality Room (Strater)

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 22

- 7:00am - 9:00am Complimentary breakfast at your hotel
8:00am - 9:00am Registration (Strater)
9:30am - 11:00am 49 1/2 and Guest activity - Durango & Silverton Rail Yard Tour
9:00am - Noon Southwest and South Central Business meetings (Strater)
Noon Lunch on your own and Durango shopping
12:30pm - 5:30pm Optional: Mesa Verde National Park Tour
12:30pm - 5:30pm Hospitality room and Fly Market (Strater)
2:00pm - 3:30pm Optional: Walking tour of Historic Durango (Strater lobby)
5:00pm - 5:45pm Governors' Receptions (Governors' Suites - Best Western)
6:00pm - 8:30pm Awards Dinner (Durango & Silverton Train Museum)
8:30pm - 10:00pm Hospitality Room (Strater)

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 23

- 7:00am - 9:00am Complimentary breakfast at your hotel
7:00am - 1:00am Transportation provided from hotels to Durango-LaPlata Airport



THE SOUTH CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST SECTIONS
WELCOME YOU TO

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FALL MEETING, OCTOBER 21-23, 2011

Durango, Colorado is rich with Western history and endless recreational opportunities. The city and its immediate surrounding area are regarded as one of the richest historical sites in the nation.

The Durango-La Plata (DRO) Airport is conveniently located 10 miles SE of town and transportation will be provided to hotels from both the terminal and the FBO (see schedule for times). For commercial flight information see www.flydurango.com/airlines.html. Note: Nonstop flight from DFW to Durango on American Eagle is available.

Two hotels are offered at this joint Section Meeting and activities will be conducted at both. The hotels are only 3 blocks apart and we'll have some convenient transportation between them if needed.

HOTELS

Call hotel of your choice for reservations. Tell them you are with The Ninety-Nines. Deadline for guaranteed rates and availability is September 20, 2011.

Historic Strater Hotel (800-247-4431) 699 Main Avenue, www.strater.com

Standard \$109, Deluxe \$149 (plus tax)

"Colorado's Finest Victorian Hotel" Originally constructed in 1887 by a young upstart named Henry Strater, the hotel became an instant Durango landmark. The Strater was awarded National Historic Landmark status in 1967. It offers Old World hospitality plus an authentic taste of the Old West. Complimentary breakfast provided. Note: This hotel is not suggested for those who need handicap access.

Best Western Rio Grande Inn (800-245-4466) 400 E 2nd Avenue, www.bwriograndeinn.com

Single/double \$93, Triple \$103, Quadruple \$113 (plus tax)

This Best Western offers the spacious amenities of a modern hotel located two blocks from Durango & Silverton Railroad Museum. Complimentary breakfast provided.

TOURS:

Durango & Silverton Railroad Tour: Take an all day tour on an historic coal-fired, steam-powered train winding through the backcountry wilderness of the San Juan Mountains. We will have our own car on the train and will stop for two hours in historic Silverton for lunch and shopping before returning to Durango. Round trip on the train: \$73.00

Mesa Verde National Park Tour: Spend a Saturday afternoon surrounded by Mesa Verde's awe inspiring scenery; explore the dramatic desert vistas and discover the breathtaking cultural and architectural artifacts of the Ancient Puebloan people. The area is considered the archeological center of America. Enjoy the spectacular scenery in route by van with lunch refreshments included. \$63.00

Historical Walking Tour of Durango: The Victorian Aid Society's costumed docents provide a three part walking tour emphasizing the people who lived and worked in the businesses and homes on the tour and how they impacted the development of Durango. Options include single portions of the three part tour (approximately ½ hour each) or all three for the full hour and a half. You may want to peruse some of the unique shops and galleries on your trip down Main Street, before, after or during part of the walking tour. Free, but a small donation to the Animas Museum would be greatly appreciated.

Guest Activity: Your 49½s and guests are invited to take a tour of the historic Durango & Silverton Rail Yard on Saturday morning from 9:30am-11am. \$10.00

INTERNATIONAL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP

by Nan France

At the International Forest of Friendship our Section had four honorees. Actually there were five but only four living and present. On the left is Patricia Jayne (Pat) Keefer who is holding her award as well as the award for her mother, Marion P. Jayne. They are both round the world racers. Jerry Anne Jurenka an accomplished aviator who has won a great many awards both in the U.S. and internationally. From the Texas Dogwood Chapter, Stephanie Randolph Roberts serves on the Tyler Airport Advisory Board and also on the Texas Department of Aviation Board. She is known to many of us as the owner of Flights of Fancy an aviation jewelry business. Charli Lamb of the Fort Worth Chapter has flown the Air Race Classic and has served the Ninety-Nines at the Chapter, Section and International Level in several different capacities including Aviation Legislation and Parliamentarian. She also raised three children and raised and showed Persian cats while working as a labor relations specialist for HUD and helped to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Pat Keefer, Jerry Anne Jurenka, Stephanie Roberts, Charli Lamb



SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION AWARDS

by Nan France

Fiscal year 2010-2011 closed May 31, 2011. Chapters have various reports due, so don't forget your Awards report. Brag about what your chapter has done this past year. When we receive your report form, your name will be entered in a drawing for a free registration to the next Section Meeting. Yes, all you have to do is send in the form.

Only a few chapters have been submitting their reports, but we still gave awards. It's just more fun, much easier and more awards with a larger number of chapters reporting. The Report Forms and Instructions are available on the Section website.

Thank you very much for your participation.

Last year, the following chapters received awards:

Oklahoma Chapter

First place in Chapter Operations, Aviation Activities, Aerospace Education and FAA Wings Program participation.

Houston Chapter

First Place in Safety

Dallas Chapter

Second place in Chapter Operations

Rio Grande Norte Chapter

Second place in Aviation Activities

Pikes Peak Chapter

Second place in Aerospace Education

Oklahoma Chapter

Second place in Safety



New Horizons - James E. Upfield

James E. "Jim" Upfield, husband of Dallas Chapter member Romona Upfield, flew to new horizons on February 16, 2011. Jim and Romona were married for 56 years and had five children, nine grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Jim had a long and distinguished career as president of Baifield Industries, a manufacturer of military aircraft parts and target launchers. Jim and Romona are founding members of The Frontiers of Flight Museum at Love Field in Dallas, and have been financial supporters and active participants in the museum fund raisers since its founding. Jim strongly encouraged and supported Romona's interest in flying. Both were inducted into the Forest of Friendship in June.

Other interests:

- President, Dallas Gun Club
- President, Dallas Woods and Water Club
- Owned and operated Meridian Creek Ranch in Bosque County
- President, Texas Polled Hereford Association
- Board of Directors, American Polled Hereford Association
- An avid hunter and fisherman. Participated in organized hunting trips all over the world

PIKES PEAK 99S ANNOUNCE 2011 OFFICERS

by Patsy Buchwald

The Pikes Peak 99s, a local chapter of "The International Organization of Women Pilots" aka "The 99s", held elections in May and are proud to announce the Officers for 2011-2012.

- Chair: Phyllis Wells, Licensed Pilot
- Vice-Chair: Kristi Rodriguez, Student Pilot
- Treasure: Mary Reppard, Licensed Pilot
- Secretary: Caitlin Young, Student Pilot

The 2011 Pikes Peak Board of Directors has appointed the following member of the Chapter as:

- Publicity – Patsy M. Buchwald, Licensed Pilot
- Scholarships: Phyllis Wells, Licensed Pilot
- Membership: Anne Whonic, Licensed Pilot
- Newsletter: Lisa McGee, Licensed Pilot

Our mission statement is to:

*PROMOTE world fellowship through flight ---

*PROVIDE networking and scholarship opportunities for women --- AND --aviation education in the community ---

*PRESERVE the unique history of women in aviation.

On a personal level, we encourage each member to reach her full potential as a pilot. The 99s also has a mentoring program for aspiring professional women pilots. Pikes Peak Chapter members are from areas in Colorado such as: Colorado Springs, Fountain, Canon City, Pueblo, Lamar, etc.

Regularly scheduled meetings are held the second Monday of each month, 6:00 PM, at Colorado Springs Jet Center, 1575 Aviation Way, Colorado Springs, CO. Please visit our website for the most current information <http://drose3720.wordpress.com>



Lisa McGee - Caitlyn Young - Mary Reppard - Anne Whonic - Kristi Rodriguez - Phyllis Wells - Patsy Buchwald

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER 99s

by Carol Sokatch

Susanna Roberts was the mess chief for 11 days in Frederick, Oklahoma where the WWII Airborne Demonstration Team Jump School held its semi-annual Jump School. The theme for this session was honoring WWII Service Women and Susanna was able to distribute information on the 99s and enhance her knowledge of this part of our history. The City of Frederick entertained attendees and townspeople with a USO show featuring Andrew Sisters re-enactors. Susanna hopes to be the first woman to graduate from this school.

Janis Love and Carol Sokatch staffed our information booth at Rose State's fifth Women's Leadership Day. We were fortunate to be able to display a WAAC uniform as part of our presentation.

Holly Blunk, Charlene Davis, Donna

Jackson and Janis Love were available to talk about Ninety-Nines at our booth at the Shawnee Youth Aviation Day. This program rotates groups of children through a series of excellent sessions on phases of aviation and aviation affiliated services. Hundreds of Boy and Girls Scouts are able to earn badges through their participation. Charlene flew in for the day.

Our Membership Reception held at Headquarters on May 1 was a freezing, rainy day but with warm spirits and fantastic food. We were so pleased to have two balloon pilots attend.

Sue and Bill Halpain flew to Lafayette, LA for the joint meeting of the South Central and Southeast Sections. Charlene Davis and Carol Sokatch flew into Houston Hobby where Lu Hollinger met them to

drive the rest of the way. Jody McCarrell, Governor and Oklahoma Chapter member presided with aplomb. A special thank you to Sandra Ledder and the Lake Charles and New Orleans Chapters for hosting a fun filled meeting.

Max Westheimer Airport in Norman, OK was originally the third from the last stop on the Air Race Classic. Oklahoma Chapter helped with the event by providing sack lunches for each racer. Wyvema Startz and Susanna Roberts were ramp hostesses providing cold lemonade, cold water, and transportation to and from the terminal. Phyl Howard and Charlene Davis were timers.

Remember the Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally is August 19-20. Come fly with us.

KANSAS CHAPTER 99s

by Phyllis Blanton

Kansas Chapter members repainted the Compass Rose at McPherson Airport on the morning of Saturday, June 11, 2011. The paint had not held up very good since the chapter painted it several years ago. The weather was unusually nice, and we were finished in 4 hours.



Bea Hart - Phyllis Blanton - Larry Hart - Janet Yoder - Kay Alley - Ruth Hill



BRAZOS RIVER 99s HOST 17 WASP

by Lana Kraeszigf

During Memorial Day weekend 2011 the Brazos River 99s hosted 17 Women Airforce Service Pilots at Pecan Plantation. The Ladies were on their way to Sweetwater to celebrate their Homecoming at the National WASP Museum. On Thursday, May 26th we drove to DFW airport to pick up Bee Haydu, Betty Jo Reed, Helen Snapp, Kris Lent, Lee Doer, Shirley Kruse, Nell Bright, Betty Blake, Kay Hilbrandt, Barry Smith, Mary Lemy, Dottie Hoey, Liz Strohfus, Tex Meachem, Dot Lewis, and Edna Davis. Dawn Seymour and daughter Margie Morse joined us later on Thursday evening.

We all enjoyed cocktails and dinner on Thursday evening, Friday evening and Sunday evening at the home of 99 Suzette McComas and her 49 ½ John. Meals were prepared and donated by the 99s, Pecan Plantation airpark neighbors and Hammonds, a local Bar B Q restaurant. Friday the WASP were treated to airplane rides including three Stearmans and Jerry Gazda's famous Breezy. Our planned picnic at Planeview Park turned out a little too windy so we moved indoors to the home of Sam and Lynne Butler, Pecan Airpark Neighbors. Friday evening after dinner we moved over to Marlene and Jerry Gazda's new hanger for a WASP forum. Author

David Stallman was our moderator; he turned the program over to each WASP for a few minutes to talk about their experiences during WWII.

On Saturday the WASP were transported by airplanes and a motor home to Sweetwater for their celebration. This was several of the WASP first visit back to Sweetwater and Avenger field since their training days in 1942-44. During the day they were treated to lunch, signed autographs, put their handprints in cement, watched a play about the life of Jackie Cochran by a local high school group and enjoyed a lovely steak dinner.

Sunday we transported the group back to the Plantation and enjoyed one last evening with our National Treasures. This is

the third project the Brazos River 99s has participated in airlifting the WASP back to Avenger Field. This year we were fortunate to have American Airlines and the Veterans Initiative program donate 20 free tickets to make this event possible. Our neighbors at Pecan continue to amaze us with their generosity and hospitality. We could not have accommodated this many WASP and their escorts without their help.

We would love to have more of our 99s chapters help out with this project next year. We were really fortunate to have our past International President Elaine Morrow and her husband Glenn join us this year. Elaine flew with Liz Strohfus and her son Arthur on American and Glenn flew the cardinal down to help transport WASP.



WICHITA FALLAS AND GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAPTER 99s

by Beverly Stephens

The Wichita Falls and the Golden Triangle chapters got together in February at the Gainesville, Texas, Municipal Airport. Those from Wichita Falls were Carolyn and Tom Sanders, Elizabeth and John Hawley, Pat Eby, and Julee Weyhmuller. Those from Golden Triangle were Ellen and Gerry Hamlett, Betty and Jerry Thomas, Geils Hegranes, Dottie Hughes, Shirley Roberts, Beverly and J. C. Stephens. Golden Triangle gifted their cookbook to each 99 attending. They had lunch at Dieter's Restaurant near the airport and enjoyed getting to know each other and some hangar flying.



DALLAS CHAPTER 99s - MID-WAY COMPASS ROSE

by Janny Strickland

While the Dallas Mavericks were battling the Miami Heat in the NBA Finals, the Dallas 99s chapter was also battling the heat—on airport asphalt.

Mid-Way Airport, about 30 minutes south of Dallas, was recently resurfaced and the compass rose we'd painted years ago was gone. Pilots were asking for a replacement, so the TX Department of Transportation contacted the Dallas 99s about painting a new one. Time was of the essence, so Dallas agreed to take a chance on the weather and planned to paint the first weekend in June.

No rain, but a nasty heat wave. Ninety-nines Holly Barr, Brooke Franklin, Ann Koenig, Tressa Marbach, Chris Swain, and Janny Strickland plus Janny's husband, Warren, and Chris's grandson, Jesse Perkins, braved 100+ degrees on the tarmac to complete the project over four days. Periodic water and shade

breaks plus encouragement from visiting pilots and honking motorists helped make it possible. Two marine trainers came by and gave it a big thumbs up.

Andy Biery, the airport manager, is singing the praises of the Ninety-Nines.

Hats off to Romona Upfield and Jerry

Glennie for helping fund the purchase of painting equipment to replace that stolen several years ago. Thanks, too, to Dorothy Warren, Ann Koenig, and Chris Swain for their fly market sales effort at the Spring Section meeting to complete the funding. This was truly a team effort!



Holly Barr served as our "point person" on day 2.

Chris Swain, Brooke Frankline, Tressa Marbach, and Ann Koenig take a well-deserved break in the shade.



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SCHEDULE OF HOST CHAPTERS FOR SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETINGS

Oct 21-23, 2011

April 27-29, 2012

Fall 2012

Spring 2013

Durango, Colorado

Choctaw Casino Resort in Durant, Oklahoma

El Paso, Texas

San Antonio, Texas

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER CHAIRS/EDITORS & CHAPTER CHAIRS

Please send your Chapter Newsletters or communications to Jody McCarrell, Governor of SC Section!!
Please put me on your mailing list or your email list so I can enjoy and share in your fun events and communications of your chapter.

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