99s South Central Section Meeting Fredericksburg, Texas May 19-22, 2016

We WILLKOMMEN you to please join the Austin Chapter 99s for a VINTAGE HILL COUNTRY ADVENTURE in Fredericksburg, Texas. This quaint German settlement established in 1846 has wonderful amenities with a small town feel and fewer than 12,000 residents. It is a popular Texas tourism destination featuring ethnic culture, food, wine, art and countless community traditions. Fredericksburg has emerged as the epicenter for Texas wine as well as an acclaimed art community. The natural beauty of the Texas Hill Country at this especially beautiful time of the year, when everything is blooming and fragrant, will provide us a spectacular venue.

Getting to Fredericksburg: Commercial arrivals: Austin Bergstrom International Airport (KAUS) and San Antonio International Airport (KSAT) are the closest commercial airports to Fredericksburg. KAUS is located 74 miles from Fredericksburg; KSAT is located 68 miles from Fredericksburg. Transportation opportunities from Austin and San Antonio are available on their respective websites:

KAUS - www.austintexas.gov/airport KSAT - www.sanantonio.gov/sat

General aviation arrivals: Gillespie County/Fredericksburg Airport (T82) offers a full service FBO, the Hangar Diner, and the well-known Hangar Hotel, www.hangarhotel.com. Airport details can be found at www.airnav.com/airport/T82. General aviation arrivals will receive complimentary transportation from T82 to the hotel.

Plan to arrive on Thursday, May 19, 2016 and enjoy the following:

Registration and Fly Mart will be held from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the **Inn on Barons Creek Spa and Conference Center** located at 308 South Washington Street. It is conveniently situated near the downtown area of charming Fredericksburg, Texas. Book directly with the Inn on Barons Creek at 830/990-9202 or 866/990-0202. Mention **Group ID "99s"** to receive a special reduced rate of \$89.00 per night on Wednesday 5/18, Thursday 5/19 and Sunday 5/22. Rates increase to \$159.00 per night for Friday 5/20 and Saturday 5/21.

To support the SCS meeting, the Austin Chapter is **Raffling an IPad Mini 2** w/32 GB and Wi-Fi. Also, ForeFlight has generously donated a one-year subscription. At the **Registration Desk** you can purchase tickets to win for \$10 each and the drawing will be held at our Saturday night banquet.

Within walking distance from the hotel, at 328 E. Main Street, is **The National Museum of the Pacific War** which is a property of the Texas Historical Commission, managed by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation (email info@nimitzfoundation.org for more information) or go to www.pacificwarmuseum.org. We will have a **Special Reception for the Early Birds** at this museum from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening. There will be a showing of a one-hour documentary at 5:30 p.m. which was sponsored by the Austin 99s Chapter, titled "*Silver Wings/Flying Dreams*". This is the complete story of the **Women Airforce Service Pilots** (WASP) of WWII. Give yourself some time to tour the exhibits as the Nimitz is a fabulous museum. In addition, the WASP Museum located in Sweetwater, Texas will have a presence here with their traveling WASP Exhibit.

Enjoy strolling the streets of Fredericksburg and perhaps some great German food at the Auslander Biergarten & Restaurant or Der Lindenbaum. There are also numerous Tex-Mex and other fine

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restaurants. As you stroll Main Street you will discover unique shops, great art galleries, fun wine bars and nearby vineyards. The Inn also has a lovely creekside spa and you may book spa services at the phone numbers listed above. You can preview the hotel/spa at www.innonbaronscreek.com.

There are very interesting sights, state parks, geologic formations, landmarks, outdoor activities, nature and parks nearby. Some of the highlights include: <u>Enchanted Rock State Natural Area</u>, an enormous pink granite pluton batholith located in the Llano Uplift approximately 17 miles north of Fredericksburg. <u>Main Street</u> is great fun to stroll, shop and dine. <u>Wildseed Farms</u> is an exceptional nursery with native wildflowers grown for miles around there. <u>Willow City Loop</u> is a fantastic explosion of bluebonnets and wildflowers. There are <u>15 Wine Tours & Tastings</u> at various vineyards in the area. <u>St. Mary's Catholic Church</u> is a beautiful church to visit. <u>Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park</u> for a dose of nature and the list goes on.

Visit <u>www.Fredericksburg-Texas.com</u> or if you were at the Santa Fe SCS meeting, refer to the brochure we handed out for options and ideas for tailoring your trip.

Friday, May 20: The hotel serves a complimentary full, hot breakfast including scrambled eggs and sausages, homemade biscuits and gravy, pastries, coffee, juices, etc. from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily. The registration and Fly Mart will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Our Fly Mart will feature local artists and items from the WASP Museum as well as other items and we welcome you to participate free of charge if you so desire.

We are also providing transportation for a small fee of \$15 to travel through the beautiful, blooming Hill Country to Kerrville, Texas (about a 30-minute trip) to tour the **Mooney International Corporation Airplane Factory** www.mooney.com. Our 49 1/2s, who are highly entertaining, will transport you for either a 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. group tour highlighting the inner workings of the manufacture and assembling process of Mooney aircraft. This is a highly rated and very educational tour and the round trip/tour will take about 3 hours. Tour sign up will be available at the registration desk. Visit Trip Advisor for reviews and to get an idea of what the tour is like.

From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. we will host a **Welcome Reception** for everyone at the **Carol Hicks Bolton Antiquities** located at 301 South Lincoln Street on Warehouse Row. Catering will be provided by the Woerner Cafe. This shabby chic old building was once a feed store called **Woerner Warehouse** and now serves as an antiques dealer/restaurant. You can preview it at www.woernerwarehouse.com. Hors d'oeuvres, complimentary wine, beer, as well as nonalcoholic beverages will be served. After the reception, you can explore culinary opportunities nearby if you like. Main Street is a pleasant stroll from this area and completely safe.

Saturday, May 21: Breakfast is again served from 6 a.m. until10 a.m. Our **South Central Section Business Meeting** for members only begins at 9 a.m. This day the Fly Mart will be operated from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Afternoon Presentations:

Linda Street-Ely, ForeFlight: Linda is ForeFlight's Directory Manager and wears many hats with aviation organizations such as AOPA's Airport Support Network Volunteer for the Liberty Municipal Airport (T78), EAA Chapter 12 President and Race Director for the annual Indy Air Race. She is a 99 member and has raced in the annual all-women's Air Race Classic four times. She holds a commercial multi-engine license with a tail wheel endorsement. She will be discussing the use and applications of ForeFlight.

Carol Foy is a valued member of our Austin Chapter 99s. Carol has her commercial, multi-engine and instrument ratings. She is a multi-engine and instrument instructor and is a contract pilot in King Air aircraft and small jets. She has raced several times in the Air Race Classic and won it in 2006 in a Mooney Ovation. Carol will discuss her adventure flying around the world in a Mooney with fellow pilot Carol Ann Garrett. They work to raise the awareness of ALS, aka Lou Gehrig's disease.

Jay Joseph, Chief Pilot and Deputy Director of Aviation for the Texas Department of Transportation: Jay is a retired airline pilot and served as a Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve. He is an active member of the International Society of Air Safety Investigators. He possesses over 47 years and 28,000 flight hours of aviation experience as well as 32 years of aviation accident analysis reconstruction. He will discuss why accidents happen.

From 4:45 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. transportation will be provided to the fabulous **Becker Vineyards.** Upon arrival, we will have a private **Winery Tour** including the winemaking process and history of the winery. It will also include the production and bottling operation, which has state of the art Italian designed equipment that is able to complete 55 bottles per minute. Go to their website at www.beckervineyards.com for a virtual tour.

A **Banquet Reception** will be served in the **Lavender Haus Reception Hall** beside their vineyard and lavender fields. The architectural design is replicated from a limestone barn at the LBJ National Park's Johnson Settlement in nearby Johnson City and features an outdoor flagstone patio that is perfectly shaded by a large live oak tree with an outdoor fireplace. You can view and smell the vineyards and lavender fields from the patio.

Transportation will be provided back to our hotel 9:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 22: Transportation provided to T82, or you're free to continue exploring on your own. We hope you can join us for some **Texas Style Hospitality!** For registration information go to www.scs99s.org or www.austin99s.com.