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MAY 3-6, 2018

PIKES PEAK, CO

HOSTED BY THE Pikes Peak Chapter

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SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION

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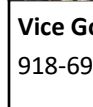
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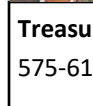
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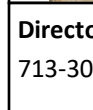
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COVER PICTURES

Garden of the Gods rock formations

Colorado Springs, CO

Editorial Comment by Ellie Block - We are using Microsoft Publisher thanks to a lot of help from Linda Horn! Keep the pictures and articles coming! We still need someone to take over as Editor of The Approach. Let me know if you are interested.

Thanks, Ellie

Old Colorado City
in autumn



Spring 2018 Approach

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE or thoughts while wishing I were flying!!

It is Spring and the South Central Section is blooming! Although we lost the Purple Sage Chapter this past year we have gained 64 members since last Spring!! WOW! As Governor, I read all the Chapter newsletters and after winter activities of tower visits and safety meetings I see flying events and air marking projects being planned for the spring. If you have been grounded this winter call a friend to get out and polish up your flying skills. The skies are calling and new members are out there waiting to be found, so go fly!

Many thanks to the Shreveport Chapter for a fun, fun weekend and Fall Section meeting. As we registered we all put on Mardi Gras themed accessories and had our pics made with Amelia Earhart. Then it was on to tours of Metro Aviation, a premier helicopter company, and Barksdale Airbase. We heard great personal stories of Shreveport members and their flying careers and capped off the weekend with a beautiful dinner overlooking downtown Shreveport including a heartwarming video of helicopters aiding victims of recent hurricanes and flooding.

The Dallas and Ft. Worth Chapters joined forces to celebrate their 60th anniversaries on November 19, 2017. The celebration was held at Northwest Regional Airport and included two outstanding speakers, Patricia Jayne Keefer and Captain Kathi Durst, along with refreshments and musical entertainment.

Our Spring Section meeting will be on May 3-6 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. I encourage you to make every effort to attend. Seeing different parts of our Section is always great, but the opportunity to make new flying friends can't be beat! The Pikes Peak Chapter has wonderful tours of the area and tour of the Air Force Academy planned, so I hope you can join us!

At our Fall Section meeting we learned that Vera Dawn Walker, a Charter member of The 99s, was buried in an unmarked grave in Abilene, Texas. We voted to pay for a granite marker that would indicate that she was a Charter member. The marker is now in place. Plans are being made for a special ceremony at a later date, so stay tuned. Abilene is just down the road from Sweetwater, the home of the WASPs, and a visit to Avenger Field will probably be a part of that special time. (See page 13.)

So many Chapters do so much to educate the public on women and flying, but I would be remiss if I did not thank the Oklahoma Chapter for manning the AOPA booth the weekend following their big Okie Derby. It was great fun being with you!

Coming up this summer our International Conference will be in Philadelphia. If your Chapter does not have a representative attending please be sure to assign your ballots to someone from another Chapter or forward them to our new governor.

Our nominees for our incoming Officers, Board and Advisors are listed in this edition of the **Approach**. A big thank you goes to the Nominating Committee of Sue Osborne, Gloria Blank and Jerry Anne Jurenka. They have worked tirelessly to bring you excellent candidates. They are truly unsung heroes!

This Spring Section Meeting will be my last as your Governor. These past two years have "*flown*" by. It has been an honor to serve you and a privilege to represent you at International Board meetings and Section meetings. Shortly after passing my initial check ride I joined The Ninety-Nines. I belong to many organizations, but The Ninety-Nines have affected me as no other. I continue to learn from you and be amazed by you. Thank you.

Blue Skies,

Stephenie

The Sky is Not the Limit



South Central Section
Colorado Springs, May 2018

Dates: May 3-6, 2018

Register at: <https://www.pikespeakspringconference.net>

Location: The Mining Exchange Hotel

Ladies, this year's Spring Section Meeting will be held in Colorado Springs, CO. The Pikes Peak Chapter will be hosting and although they are a small chapter they have a huge program planned for you. If you come in early you can start your weekend off right with a Brewery Tour to sample the wares of some of our best local craft breweries. Activities are scheduled for the Friday and Saturday afternoon allowing you to experience the best the Springs has to offer. Activities include hikes to local landmarks, shopping trips, and a guided tour of the Garden of the Gods to name but a few. The Business Meeting will be held Saturday morning at the Mining Exchange Hotel, which has historical significance to the town as well as being centrally located in the Downtown area. That night will see a buffet dinner event with a guest speaker from BOOM Supersonic, a local Colorado business looking to make commercial supersonic passenger airline travel a reality. We are looking forward to seeing you there, the link for registration is above and our website contains further details for what we have planned!



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The Sky is Not the Limit



South Central Section
 Colorado Springs, May 2018

South Central Section – Spring Meeting May 3 – 6, 2018

Registration Form – Due April 15, 2018

Personal Information

Full Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Chapter:	
Office/s held:	
Past offices held:	
Guest(s) Name(s):	
Special Considerations:	
Dietary Requirements:	

Ticket Information

Ticket	Date	Start Time	Price	Qty	Sub-Total
Conference Activities:					
Full Conference (Standard) *	May 3 - 6	N/A	\$125.00		
Full Conference (Late)	May 3 - 6	N/A	\$135.00		
Welcome Reception	Friday, May 4	5:00pm	\$20.00		
Banquet Dinner Event	Saturday, May 5	5:30pm	\$60.00		
Polo Shirt (S-2XL)	SIZES:		\$30.00		
Optional Tours: Tours are limited to 14 people each – be quick!					
Brewery Tour	Thursday, May 3	4:00pm	\$70.00		
Paint Mines Tour	Friday, May 4	4:30am	\$15.00		
USAF Academy Tour	Friday, May 4	8:15am	\$25.00		
Garden of the Gods Tour (#1)	Friday, May 4	8:30am	\$35.00		
Old Colorado City Tour	Friday, May 4	1:00pm	\$20.00		
Manitou Springs Tour	Friday, May 4	1:00pm	\$20.00		
Helen Hunt Falls Tour	Saturday May 5	5:00am	\$15.00		
Garden of the Gods Tour (#2)	Saturday, May 5	1:00pm	\$35.00		
WWII Aviation Museum Tour	Saturday, May 5	2:00pm	\$30.00		
* Standard Registration expires April 15, 2018			TOTAL:		

Arrival Information			Departure Information		
Date & Time			Date & Time		
Flight or N #			Flight or N #		
Ground Transport?	Yes	No	Ground Transport?	Yes	No

Last Updated: 10/5/17

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
Keep the following pages for your reference

Cancellation: Our cancellation policy is if a registrant needs to cancel their booking refunds are based on the date the cancellation is received. If cancellation is received via email or in writing dated:

- On or before February 28, 2018 registrant will receive full refund less \$50.00
- Between March 1st and March 31, 2018, registrant will receive full refund less \$75.00
- NO refunds will be given after April 1, 2018.

Tickets: Please note that your registration cannot be processed until the form is received by our staff. Registration is not confirmed until payment is received in full. As places are limited on the optional tours you may miss out on your preferred option. We will contact you if this is the case.

How to Pay: Payments can be made by check. Mail the check and registration form to the address listed at the top of the form. If you have any questions please email 99spikespeak@gmail.com.

- Checks can be made out to 99s Pikes Peak Chapter.

Tipping: Please note that all prices listed do not include tips or donations (as appropriate), with the exception of the brewery tour where tips for the staff at the breweries visited are included, but a tip for your personal tour guide is not.

Accommodation: The Mining Exchange is providing a group rate of \$159.00 (non-inclusive) for single rooms for this event. Rooms can either be booked online through the link below or you can call the hotel direct on 719-323-2000. Calling direct is preferred if you would like specific accommodations (e.g. two beds, ADA compliant).

- <https://www.pikespeakspringconference.net/accommodation/>

Parking: Please note that parking at the hotel is \$15.00 for overnight valet parking. Alternate options are available close by.

Fly Market: If you or your chapter would like a table at the fly market these are available for the following amounts:

- Chapter - \$50.00
- Business - \$100.00

The fly market will be open:

- Fri 4th May – 9:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Sat 5th May – 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Spaces are limited so email 99spikespeak@gmail.com or register online at <https://www.pikespeakspringconference.net/> to reserve your table. Payment for these can be made as outlined above.

FBO: The Colorado Jet Center is the preferred FBO for the event. They are located on the western side of the Colorado Springs airport and can be contacted on 877-853-7523.

Ticket Inclusions:

Activity	Included
Conference Events:	
Conference	Ticket holders will receive transportation to and from the airport, a welcome bag, access to hospitality and fly market areas, conference materials, entry to the welcome reception and buffet dinner.
Welcome Reception	Ticket holders are granted access to the welcome reception held in the Pioneers Museum located 400m from the conference venue. Hors d'ordervers will be served and ticket holders may purchase beer or wine during the event. Ticket holders can also look around the museum in private as it is open just for our event.
Buffet Dinner	Ticket holders are granted access to the formal buffet dinner held in the Platinum Ballroom of the Mining Exchange Hotel. Ticket holders may purchase beverages from the cash bar. A presentation will be provided by BOOM Supersonic on the company's progress developing a supersonic passenger jet.
Optional Tours:	
Brewery Tour	Ticket holders will be collected from the hotel and will visit four of the cities many craft breweries. They will receive either a pint or a tasting flight at each location as well as a tour of the brewery and a description of the brewing process. The host brewery, Triple S Brewing will also provide each ticket holder with some merchandise. A 25% gratuity is included for the staff at breweries visited. <u>Guests must be 21 or older</u>
Paint Mines Tour	Ticket holders will receive transportation to and from the Paint Mines Interpretive Park in Calhan, CO. The time of this tour will allow participants to photograph this stunning scenery at sunrise. They will also receive information from historian and 99's member Kim Sweetwood. Find out about how the area has been used by different people for the last 9,000 years. Walking shoes are recommended.
USAF Academy Tour	Ticket holders to either of these tours will receive transport to and from the USAF Academy and an opportunity to explore the Visitors Center, the Cadet Chapel, the Honor Walk and the Arnold Hall.
Garden of the Gods Tour	Ticket holders will receive transportation to and from the Garden of the Gods Visitor Center where they can learn about how the stunning rock formations came to be. They will then have a driving tour of the park lead by a docent who will detail the history of the area and some of the unique activities that have taken place here. They will also point out the best places to take photos to remember your trip.
Old Colorado City Tour	Ticket holders will receive transportation to and from Old Colorado City where they can dine, learn, shop and discover. There are numerous art galleries in the area, all with their own distinctive style. The First Friday Art Walk is also taking place that evening, so there may be an opportunity to meet the artists.
Manitou Springs Tour	Ticket holders will receive transportation to and from Manitou Springs where they can sample some naturally carbonated water from the many fountains lining the streets, examine Indian handicrafts and artwork, or experience some tasty food or sweet treats.
Helen Hunt Falls Hike	Ticket holders will receive transportation to and from the trailhead. Participants can experience the falls from their base, walk the short walk to the top of the falls or extend their morning stroll a little further to see the Silver Cascade Falls located less than a mile further along the trail. Walking shoes are recommended.
WWII Aviation Museum	Ticket holders will receive transportation to and from the WWII Aviation Museum and Westpac Restoration Facility. This ticket also includes a guided tour and a further opportunity to explore the collection of warbirds at their leisure.

KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee thanks those South Central Section members who so selflessly agreed to run for office. We feel we have an excellent slate of officers to guide our Section for the next two years and hope you will take time to read their candidate statements. There are no contested offices, so we will vote on this slate at the Spring Section Meeting in Colorado Springs instead of by ballot.

Nominating Committee 2016-2018: Jerry Anne Jurenka, Gloria Blank

Governor: Gretchen Jahn – Colorado Chapter

Aviation – and The Ninety-Nines – profoundly changed the course of my life. I am seeking election as Governor to make a difference and repay the debt I owe to all of you and to the organization.

Who knew that in 1985, as a new pilot, my introduction to The Ninety-Nines would be a watershed moment? And that being a timer for the Mile High Derby would ignite in me a passion for The Ninety-Nines and for air racing? The result is countless rewarding hours as a volunteer, Chapter Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Vice Governor of the New Zealand Section, and 14 years as Director of the Air Race Classic.

The leadership experience and networking from The Ninety-Nines, along with experience as an entrepreneur, manufacturing professional and CEO, directly contributed to being recruited as CEO of Mooney Airplane Company, General Manager of Alpha Aviation (New Zealand), and COO of REMOS (Germany). Now I would be honored to serve as your Section Governor. Major goals are to increase membership and to grow the capabilities of our chapter and section leaders, so that they too will succeed beyond their wildest dreams.

Vice Governor: Monica Randolph-Graham – Fort Worth Chapter

Not having the typical childhood love for aviation and dreams of flying; I did get it!! I joined The 99s in December 2012 but immediately halted due to illness. After a year, I returned to a Fort Worth chapter meeting. That evening in May 2013, I became the new vice-Chairman. As a student pilot and one meeting under my belt, I immediately grew a love and passion for The 99s, flight, and aviation. I am currently the 2016-2018 Chapter Chairman, Membership Chairman, Website and Media, 2017 International Conference Hospitality Chairman, 2017 Co-Chairman of International Engagement and Retention Committee, and I worked in the 2016 booth at Oshkosh. I have served on the Northwest Regional Airport Property Owners Association since 2013, where my husband and I reside. I am Founder/CEO of a newly formed non-profit “Girls with Altitude and Boys 2” therapeutic aviation program for economically challenged girls and boys (opening 2018).

I am 100% committed to growth of The 99s. I have great energy and am highly motivated to motivate the next generation of women into aviation! Am ready to share my enthusiasm and energy in upholding the duties of this office, for and with all of you!

Secretary: Camelia Smith – Arkansas Chapter

Until I became a Flight Attendant for TWA my travel had been to only a couple of states outside of Arkansas. After this job I still had a passion for new destinations and started flying lessons not knowing I would be hooked from my first hour of instruction on the actual flying. Then it was very exciting when I was invited to an Arkansas Chapter 99 meeting and met other women with my love of flying.

After my Private Pilot Certificate came Instrument, Commercial, CFII and AGI. I have had an Air Taxi Certificate, flown corporate and fire detection for the State of Arkansas Forest Service and the National Forest Service.

My involvement in several aviation organizations has given the background, skills and insight to serve as the SCS Secretary. I would be very honored to have this position.

Without The Ninety-Nines I would not have experienced a wonderful network of friends, travel and adventure. It would be impossible to give back as much as belonging to this great organization has given me. If I become the SCS Secretary this can be my opportunity to give back in a small way compared to what I have received.

Treasurer: Elizabeth Frankowski – Houston Chapter

Since joining The Ninety-Nines in 2002 I have been very active in the Houston Chapter and beyond. I have served as Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary. I am currently Treasurer of my Chapter. I have served as Chairman of the South Central Section Nominating Committee and currently as Director. As Director I have been responsible for mass emailing to section members. I have attended many Section Meetings and International Conferences. I have flown the Air Race Classic, been to the Forest of Friendship and Amelia's Birthplace Museum. I am also a volunteer pilot for Angel Flight South Central, Challenge Air and serve as a Ninety-Nines volunteer to share my passion for aviation. I believe that the future of The Ninety-Nines depends on having leadership that will establish priorities to expanded membership, provide financial stability, preserve the history of Women in Aviation, and expand scholarship and mentorship opportunities for new aspiring women pilots. I am running to be Treasurer. I have been responsible for our household finances, treasurer for our Chapter and managed the finances of my airplane partnership. I can perform the duties described in the SOP for Treasurer.

Director: Aileen Hummel – Fort Worth Chapter

I have served as South Central Section Secretary for 2016-2018 and Assistant Editor of the Approach. I am currently the Treasurer of the Fort Worth Chapter and have served as Chapter Chairman and Vice Chairman. As a Director of the South Central Section, I will support the Governor and the Board and will perform duties requested of me.

Director: Loraine (Reni) Baker – San Antonio Chapter

As a student pilot, I joined the San Antonio Chapter Ninety-Nines in 2004. I am currently serving as the Chairman and Treasurer and have been Chairman and Secretary in past years. While Chapter Chairman in 2013, our chapter hosted the SCS Spring Meeting. Serving as Co-Chairman for the International Conference held last year in San Antonio has proven to be a great learning experience for me and I gained a better understanding of the organization and feel these experiences have helped me to undertake the duties as a Director. Many years of working in small office environments have provided me with the organizational skills necessary for keeping focused and staying on task. I have learned to welcome changes, adapt to different situations and work with a diversified group of people in a variety of fields to become more versatile. I enjoy being involved with the Nine-Nines and would welcome the opportunity to contribute my time and efforts to serve the membership at a wider level and look forward to being a part of the future of The 99s and promise to "own" the tasks and responsibilities bestowed on me and am seeking your support for the position of SCS Director.

Nominating Committee: Sandra Leder – Lake Charles Chapter

I am willing to serve on the Nominating Committee for the South Central Section of the Ninety Nines. I have been a member since 1970 and served as Chapter Chairman of the South Louisiana Chapter. I am a charter member of the Lake Charles Chapter and serve as Chapter Chairman. I was secretary of the South Central Section from 2000-2002 and have also served as Aerospace Education Chairman. I will work with other committee members to find qualified officers for the South Central Section.

Nominating Committee: Sue Osborne – Colorado Chapter

The 99s has been a big part of my life since learning to fly in the 1990's. As a second generation 99 I am aware of the commitment of the organization to educating and bringing together Women pilots. I am retired from owning and operating a large Flight School and Flying Club at Centennial Airport (APA), which prompted me to learn to fly. Within the Colorado Chapter I have served on various committees and even headed a couple of our projects. I worked with our Air Race committee during the years we ran the Mile High Air Race. I was the Chairman of our Companion Flyer Course. I assisted with the International Conference held in the Denver Area in 2007 my main focus was fund raising. I was honored to be the Chairmen of the 2009 Air Race Classic Start Committee at APA.

Currently I am Chapter Treasurer and seeking a second term on the South Central Section Nominating Committee, I feel I need to work on getting the SOP ready for next election and perhaps get it "right". If elected, I look forward to serving The 99s of the South Central Section Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee: Stephenie Roberts - Texas Dogwood Chapter

Stephenie Roberts, the current SCS Governor, is the third candidate for the SCS Nominating Committee, following our tradition of having the immediate Past Governor serve on the Nominating Committee.

Rio Grande Norte 99s – in Post-ARC Mode

By Susan Larson

In spite of the massive letdown that followed hosting the Air Race Classic terminus in Santa Fe, June 2017, the Rio Grande Norte Chapter members have been dabbling in a few activities and are scheduling others.

Last October we air marked Los Alamos Airport (KLAM), presented a full-day class to Girl Scouts in Albuquerque, and supported the EAA 691 in various capacities at the Young Eagles event on KLAM. Yes, all that in October, just to kick-start ourselves out of the summer stupor.

Expanding Your Horizons, a nonprofit organization with a mission of “Inspiring girls to recognize their potential and pursue opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics”, organizes events throughout the country (check out www.eyhn.org for opportunities in your area) in spring and/or fall. Once again, the RGN99s participated at the Santa Fe event. Our members Elizabeth Hunke and Marianne Francois, both employed as scientists at Los Alamos National Lab, volunteer professionally with sister 99s helping out. Although their scientific specialty isn’t aviation, they use aviation to teach various principles. In February 2018, Elizabeth Hunke led two break-out sessions, each to 18 girls ages 10-11, with the help of Robin Smith and Susan Larson. Assigned volunteers also helped the hands-on activities go smoothly.



At the request of several members, we are re-instituting our monthly fly-out events, with at least 10-days notice. Two over-night activities are in the works for 2018 including Durango, Colorado (think zip-lining) and Cottonwood, Arizona, to visit recently relocated 99 Tina Andres. The most recent outing was to Moriarty, NM, to greet the participants in the EAA 179 sponsored “Route 66 Air Tour”. Check out the photo of the well-known historic route on the side of a semi trailer made entirely of NM auto license plates.

Next – it’s off to Colorado Springs for the SCS Meeting. We hope to see you there!



DALLAS CHAPTER NEWS

By Peggy Pierce and Holly Barr

The Dallas Chapter has been busy the past several months with a variety of activities. Our annual chapter Christmas party was held on Dec. 16, 2017 at the home of Chapter Chairman Laurie Adams-Peake. We enjoyed a potluck and an aviation themed gift exchange.

On October 21 we held a fundraiser at the Bonham, Texas Festival of Flight Airshow. We sold balsa-wood gliders, flashlights, coloring books, lollipops, and baked goods.

Janny Strickland, Holly Barr with Snowball, Kay Alley



Peggy Pierce and Juanita Attaway



Also on October 21 Peggy Pierce and Juanita Attaway attended the 27th Annual Vintage Flying Museum Dinner and Dance at Meacham Field, Fort Worth. There was a B-17 on display along with a brass band. Everyone showed up in their best 1940's attire to enjoy dinner and dancing. All guests were able to take tours of the B-17 and participate in a silent auction.

The Dallas and Fort Worth Chapters celebrated the 60th Anniversary of their charters on Sunday, November 19, 2017 at Northwest Regional Airport in Roanoke, Texas. Speakers were Patricia Jayne Keefer and Captain Kathi Durst. Patricia is an Around the World Gold Medalist and Longest Pilot-Skilled Air Race in History participant, and Kathi is the first female Fleet Manager of B-737s, first female Chief Pilot at DFW, and Check Airman of A-300 and B737 at American Airlines. Attendees enjoyed entertainment by Gina Glidewell's Foxwell Band. Laurie Adams-Peake, Dallas Chapter Chairman, and Monica Randolph-Graham. Laurie Adams-Peake and Monica Randolph-Graham, Fort Worth Chapter Chairman, did an excellent job of planning the event!



Laurie Adams-Peake and Monica Randolph-Graham



Janny Strickland recently inherited over 3,800 Santa figurines from her late mother. She put them all on display during the Christmas season and invited the public to come and enjoy the collection. The Santas come from all over the world, and are sorted into various groups. Each one is catalogued and numbered. Very few duplicates exist. Janny was even featured in the Dallas Morning News, showing off her collection! Janny is hoping to re-home the collection so they may continue to be displayed and enjoyed by many.

Janny Strickland with Santa in an Airplane



Dallas and Fort Worth Chapter Anniversary Party Attendees

Houston Chapter 99s - Trips to Puerto Rico By Marilyn Wolff

In early October 2017, Houston Ninety-Nines Chapter member Marilyn Wolff, was contacted by a friend asking if she and her husband Martin, owned a plane that could fly to Puerto Rico. What transpired was the Wolff's Citation 1 coming out of its Phase 1-5 at the start of November and almost immediately being loaded with 1000 lbs. of medical supplies, food, and three generators for the flight to San Juan, PR, via Ft. Lauderdale, FL. The expedition was organized by former pro Soccer player Joey Serralta, who also has links to the medical community, and who arranged for a 12-yr old girl with leukemia in need of a bone marrow transplant to be the return 'cargo,' along with her parents, two young siblings and two doctors.

Following this successful first trip, the Wolff's were requested by Joey to do a follow-up trip on the weekend of December 16 - 18, 2017. This time they were carrying approximately 500 toys for Christmas, \$1M worth of donated cancer drugs, and Marilyn's favorite bit of cargo - 2 large buckets of roof sealant for Astro Carlos Correa's Grandmother! While Joey and his crew delivered the cargo to various parts of Puerto Rico, Marilyn and Martin spent a couple of days touring in the old city of San Juan, which has had most of its amenities returned in order to accommodate the large cruise ships which are an important source of income for PR. Coming home this time they brought the Leukemia patient's grandparents, her doctors (again) as well as Joey, and a photographer who is documenting the relief efforts.



Catedral de San Juan Bautista
where Juan Ponce de Leon is
interred



Joey Serralta, Martin and Marilyn Wolff



Citation packed to the
gills in December

Joey and Lukemia patient reunited with
her grandparents



Hurricane damaged
hangar in
Borinquen, Puerto
Rico

Women in Aviation and Aerospace Day

Oklahoma has dedicated a 'Women in Aviation and Aerospace Day'! December 9th is focusing on women's contributions to aerospace companies, famous female aviators in the past and present, and to bring the excitement of aerospace exploration and learning to young women throughout the State of Oklahoma. This is SB 230. The date marks the birth of Pearl Carter Scott, of Marlow, Oklahoma. She learned to drive at 12, then learned to fly at 13 with legendary aviator Wiley Post. She became the youngest pilot in the United States with her first solo flight on September 12, 1929. Many women have followed in her footsteps, including Geraldyn Cobb (Mercury 13), Ashley Battles Josey (wing walker), Bessie Coleman (first African American female pilot), and Shannon Lucid (NASA Astronaut Corps). The number of women involved in aviation has steadily increased in the last two decades.



See the Governor's Message on page 3 for more details.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

By Carol Sokatch

Since our last report, we held our 39th annual Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally with wonderful weather and a safe flight. We held the awards BBQ at International Headquarters, realizing that some pilots, copilots and sponsors had never visited the Museum of Women Pilots. From our chapter, Janis Love and Dan Burdette came in fifth. Janis was presented the Best 99 award, and Angela Drabek was awarded Best First Time Racer.

On September 8-9 AOPA held a Fly-in at Westheimer Airport at Norman with over 500 planes staying overnight and a record breaking attendance of over 7,500. Stephenie Roberts, South Central Section Governor, came to help staff our booth along with Headquarters Manager Laura Ohrenberg, Holly Blunk, Donna Jackson, Leona McGee, Trina Madden, Wyvema Startz, and Carol Sokatch. Janis Love helped with in the Oklahoma Pilots Association booth and Elaine Regier and Angela Drabek helped with vendor hospitality.

Holly Blunk, Angela Drabek, Trina Madden, Jody McCarrell, and Wyvema Startz represented our chapter at the Shreveport South Central Section meeting. We won the travel award – which means we get to keep Amelia Bearheart until the next section meeting. Amelia has seen ever so much of the state of Oklahoma, not only airports and airshows but parks, restaurants, etc.

We congratulate Phyl Howard and George Conover on their recent marriage, Susanna Roberts on the birth of her second son, Trina Madden, our 2016 Wings of the Future Scholarship awardee on earning her private pilot certificate, Danielle Luse finishing her instrument and multi-engine ratings, and Angela Drabek on getting her 2002 Cessna Skyhawk!!!. Carol Sokatch had an IFLY experience for her birthday.

The Oklahoma Legislature enacted a law declaring December 9 of every year as Oklahoma Women in Aviation and Aerospace Day. The date was chosen because it is the birthday of Pearl Carter Scott who was taught by Wiley Post. Pearl soloed at 13, and at 14 was doing stunt flying at airshows.

Headquarters was the venue for our Christmas Potluck Party. Of course, Amelia Bearheart was there. Danielle Luse made miniature chocks for everyone – in 99s blue. Then on February 12, we partied again, at our annual Sweetheart dinner at Zio's. Again, Amelia came.

New Horizons: Allen Barr, husband of Dallas Chapter member Holly Barr, embarked on New Horizons on January 22, 2018.



New Horizons:
Pam Crane
San Antonio Chapter
South Central Section

San Antonio Chapter lost their longest standing member, Pam Crane, on September 9, 2017. She was 91 years of age. Pam enjoyed over half of her life, 48 years, as a 99, having joined in January 1969. She held every Chapter office and many Chapter committees. She attended chapter functions and meetings often. The Chapter recognized her longevity as a 99 on her 40th anniversary.

She shared her love of flying with her husband Carl, who planned and carried out the world's first instrument landing in 1937. Together, they traveled frequently in their Cessna. Pam loved to travel and enjoyed several ocean cruises. Her most memorable trip was a flight on the Concorde to Europe, then returning on the Queen Elizabeth II cruise ship.

Pam was a graduate of Webster College in St Louis, MO earning a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry. She was employed in a technical role at the Aeronautical Chart Plant in St Louis, MO and completed her complex career at Ft Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

Pam was always active and engaged. She was a member of Toastmasters Club, an avid reader and a complete joy to be around. She will be dearly missed by her sister 99s.

New Horizons: Stella Doss Leis
San Antonio Chapter
South Central Section

San Antonio lost another great September 4, 2017. Stella was a 99 from May of 1977 until September 2015. Stella served as Membership Chairman for several terms and was always an active member as long as her health allowed.

She was always positive and supportive. She had an entrepreneurial instinct and began selling baked goods at a local grocery store at a time when they were only available through bakeries. Being the kind soul we knew and loved, she acknowledged that this was difficult for women with small children, the elderly or persons with disabilities.



It was there that she met her husband, Army Air Corp Sergeant, Ray, when he stopped to buy cookies from her. He bought the cookies, but he came back for the girl. They married on December 21, 1941 in Las Vegas having to change their wedding plans due to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Stella raised her twins, Pamela and Richard, and traveled with Ray while he served his country. She was always involved and passionate in her endeavors supporting the Red Cross and the Wives' Club. She found a new passion in San Antonio, working diligently to collect money to build Air Force Village for the Officers' widows, who had fallen on hard times.

Stella flew with Ray in their Piper Cherokee Warrior and learned to fly on her own when Ray developed health problems. Of course, Stella went on to earn her Instructor's certification shortly thereafter. She joined The 99s and participated in various activities, flew several Air Races and organized many events. She also served as a mentor for many student pilots. She was also a member of the CAP.

Stella's passion was infectious! She lit up the room whenever she was around. She will be dearly missed by her sister 99s.

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July 3-8, 2018

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Fall 2018

Wichita Falls

Spring 2019

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