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Fredericksburg

The Inn on Baron's Creek



Mooney International Corporation
Airplane Factory



Becker Vineyards



National Museum of the Pacific War



Spring 2016 Approach - *GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE*

There is a lot for SCS 99s to look forward to this spring. One of our newly revitalized chapters is hosting our spring meeting in Fredricksburg, Texas. Thank you, Austin! It is a big job just to get a dormant chapter back up and running and then to go the extra mile and host a section meeting is amazing. We look forward to getting to know the Austin Chapter better and being in the beautiful Hill Country.

Two other chapters who are coming back to life are Tip of Texas and Shreveport. Please take time to drop them a note of encouragement and share your own success stories about recruiting new members.

I also want to thank the Rio Grande Norte Chapter for hosting an exciting and fun-filled fall meeting in Santa Fe. We had a lot of fun and got a lot accomplished at the business meeting. The Colorado Chapter's Crosswind Chatter (Editor: Margot Plummer) won the newsletter award and the Arkansas Chapter won the travel award. Although we voted to retire Amelia Bearhart, our travel mascot, the Arkansas Chapter wanted to take her home on her final flight and if you have been keeping up with Facebook, you have seen some exciting pix of her adventures. The Oklahoma Chapter brought 10 members in a 15-passenger van – sounds like a fun way to travel!

Coming up this summer is our annual international meeting in Ottawa, Canada, with lots of exciting side trips. If your chapter will not have a representative there, be looking for a trusted friend who is going with whom you can entrust your proxies. There will be Bylaw amendments to vote on so be sure to have your chapter's voice heard. Your Governor will be happy to take them - just include instructions on how you want them voted.

This will be my last meeting as your Governor. I don't know where the time has gone!! It has been a great privilege to represent you at the International Board meetings and at the conference in Munich, Germany and I look forward to Ottawa. The association with Ninety-Nines changed my life when I joined and I continue to marvel at the things I learn whenever I am around you. Thanks for the memories.

Blue skies . . .

Jerry Anne



South Central Section Meeting Fredericksburg, Texas May 19-22, 2016 SCHEDULE AND INFORMATION



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 tourist 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 gorgeous 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 and KSAT is located 68 miles from Fredericksburg respectively. Transportation opportunities from Austin and San Antonio are available on their respective websites:

KAUS - <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/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 Baron's 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. 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 (info@nimitzfoundation.org or <http://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 99 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 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: **Enchanted Rock State Natural Area**, an enormous pink granite pluton batholith located in the Llano Uplift approximately 17 miles north of Fredericksburg. **Main Street** is great fun to stroll, shop and dine. **Wildseed Farms** is an exceptional nursery with native wildflowers grown for miles around. **Willow City Loop** is a fantastic explosion of bluebonnets and wildflowers. There are **15 Wine Tours & Tastings** at various vineyards in the area. **St. Mary's Catholic Church** is a beautiful church to visit. Also, you can spend a couple of hours at the **Lady Bird Johnson Municipal Park** for a dose of nature and the list goes on.

Visit www.Fredericksburg-Texas.com or if you were at the Santa Fe SCS 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

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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 assembly 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.

The venue for Friday night's reception can be previewed at www.carolhicksbolton.com or 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. Main Street is a pleasant stroll from this area and completely safe.

Saturday, May 21: Breakfast is again served from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. Our **SCS 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.

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 <http://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 <http://www.austin99s.com/>.



Name _____ Email address _____

Address _____

Home telephone _____ Cell phone _____

Emergency contact name and number _____

Chapter _____ Office(s) currently held _____

Past Section or International Offices held _____

Special considerations (handicap, diet, etc) _____

Spouses or Guests attending _____

Would you or your chapter like to have a "Fly Mart" table at no charge? **Yes / No**

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: Welcome packet, Fly Mart access, Hospitality Suite, Thursday WASP reception and documentary, Friday evening reception, and Saturday banquet with transportation to Vineyard

Early registration – postmarked before April 19 \$119.00 # _____ Total \$ _____

Regular registration – postmarked April 19 or after \$135.00 # _____ Total \$ _____

Mooney Tour transportation - \$15.00/each round trip # _____ Total \$ _____

Spouse/Guest Friday evening reception - \$28.00 # _____ Total \$ _____

Spouse/Guest banquet tickets - \$65.00/each # _____ Total \$ _____

99s Hill Country Themed T-shirt - \$28.00 # _____ Total \$ _____

*Women's white $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve length V-neck cotton t-shirt: **SIZE: S M L XL 2X**
(No refunds)

Grand Total \$ _____

Make check payable to Austin 99s Chapter

Mail to: Kim Miller, 9314 Rolling Hills Trail, Lago Vista, Texas 78645

Hotel: Make your room reservation directly with **Inn on Baron's Creek**, 308 Washington St., Fredericksburg, TX 78624 Call **(830) 990-9202** for reservation - **No online reservations available. Refer to Group ID 99s.** Reservation includes: (king or 2 queens) guest suite, full breakfast & wifi in guest rooms. Upgrades are available – please contact front desk.

Rate of \$89.00/per night on **Wed 5/18, Thurs 5/19, and Sun 5/22**

Rate of \$159.00/per night **Fri 5/20 and Sat 5/21**

General Aviation arrivals: Fredericksburg FBO - north end of Runway 14. 217 Airport Rd, Fredericksburg, TX 78624. Complimentary transportation from FBO to hotel provided by the Austin 49 1/2s. Upon arrival call **Jim Awalt 512-466-4739** or **Ray Chatelain 512-422-6815**.

Date arriving _____ Airplane Make/Model & N# _____

Commercial Arrivals: T82/Fredericksburg is located 74 miles from Austin Bergstrom Intl Airport and 68 miles from San Antonio Intl Airport. Transportation opportunities available on their websites. (KAUS - www.austintexas.gov/airport) (KSAT – www.sanantonio.gov/sat).

****100% refund if requested prior to April 1, 2016. Request on or after April 1, 2016 will be reviewed**

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE FEB. 15, 2016 - [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/99SCS](http://tinyurl.com/99SCS)

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GOVERNOR

Stephenie R. Roberts - Texas Dogwood Chapter

Shortly after receiving my private license I was invited to a 99 meeting. I was thrilled to learn there was an aviation group just for women pilots and could hardly wait to join! Thus began a relationship that has spanned over 30 years and flown me to the other side of the world. What a privilege!!

As a community volunteer I have held a variety of elected and appointed positions and served on several boards locally and statewide. These include aviation and non-aviation organizations.

Professionally, I am a Certified Flight Instructor and flew as a corporate pilot for several years. I own Flights of Fancy Jewelry and Aviation Gifts and hold a current Real Estate License.

In my 30+ years of flying nothing has given me more pleasure than my association with The 99s. I hope to see our organization grow and flourish in the coming years. As Vice Governor I have enjoyed meeting and working with women from all over our section. As Governor I hope to encourage membership growth and see The Ninety-Nines take on larger roles in the aviation community. I look forward to working with our members as we prepare to host the International Conference in 2017. Thank you for considering me for the position of Governor.

SECRETARY

Aileen Hummel - Ft. Worth Chapter

I started flying in 1996, joined The 99s in 1998 and have been an active member on the chapter level ever since. I am currently the Fort Worth Chapter chairman and have served as chairman in 2002-04 and vice-chairman in 2008-10. I have also served as the Education chair, on the nominating committee, and in various capacities with the chapter. I assist with editing the SCS Approach and have occasionally contributed to various aviation newsletters. I have also served (several times) as president, vp, secretary, and treasurer with other organizations to which I belong.

I am an SEL & MEL commercial pilot with instrument privileges and have a tailwheel endorsement, as well. As a musician, I fly, Alphonse, my Piper Arrow to various concerts and performances around the country.

My passion is in aviation education - sharing my love of flying with the next generation. I have thoroughly enjoyed the friendships I have made since joining The 99s and am ready to serve on the section level.

VICE GOVERNOR

Frances Luckhart - Tulsa Chapter

As a member of The 99s since 1992, I have served on the South Central Section Board of Directors as Treasurer, Vice Governor and Governor. I then went on to serve on the International Board as Director and two terms as Secretary.

At present, I am Treasurer of the South Central Section and, at the International Board meeting in Oklahoma City, I was asked to be Trademark Chairman. I would like to continue serving the South Central Section by becoming your Vice Governor.

I will work to uphold the duties that this office holds with your help. We all need to strive for unity of purpose for The 99s. With my level of experience, I ask to be allowed the opportunity to serve the next two years, as your Vice Governor.

TREASURER

Lyn Bennett - Rio Grande Norte Chapter

Working to achieve my dream of a lifetime flying the blue skies of Northern New Mexico and beyond, I joined the Rio Grande Norte Chapter of The Ninety-Nines in 2006. It was the best thing ever to learn and improve my piloting skills with this sisterhood of women pilots cheering me on. During my eight years of service as Chapter Treasurer from 2008-2015, I also had the pleasure of creating a memory book for past International President and fellow chapter member Susan Larson. After receiving my MBA, I managed the Research Library's multi-million dollar budget at Los Alamos National Laboratory for 15 years. I am currently a data analyst for the Laboratory and, like those of you who own airplanes, I manage the LLC finances to keep "Hot Romeo", a sweet Cessna 182Q, legal and airworthy. While caregiving for elderly in-laws, I was unable to attend section meetings until 2015, and now I know what I've missed! It would be an honor to continue giving back to The Ninety-Nines as Section Treasurer, exercising my goals of timely, accurate financial reporting, providing assistance to SCS chapters and getting to know all of you better.



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DIRECTOR

Carol Brackley - Houston Chapter

Carol Brackley has 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. She has been a Ninety-Nine for 30 years and over those years has served the Houston Chapter in many capacities including Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Safety Education Chair, Aerospace Education Chair, Airmarking Chair and AE Scholarship Chairman. She also serves as secretary and as a director to the Greater Houston Association of Flight Instructors (GHAFI). She is well qualified to serve as Director to the South Central Section. Her dedication to the aviation community is well documented through her continuing serve to the Ninety-Nines and GHAFI. She is also an FAA appointed FAASTeam Lead Representative, a member of EAA flying numerous Young Eagles and participates in Challenge Air, an organization which flies handicapped children. She is committed to serving the aviation community and The Ninety-Nines. After many years of service at the chapter level, she has served the South Central Section as Secretary the past two years and would like to continue serving at the section level as a Director.

DIRECTOR

Liz 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 of my Chapter. I have served as Chairman of the South Central Section Nominating Committee and currently am a director. I have attended many Section Meetings and International Conferences. I have flown the Air Race Classic twice. I am also a volunteer pilot for Angel Flight south central and Challenge Air and serve as a Ninety-Nines's 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 expanded membership, provide financial stability, preserve the history of Women in Aviation, expand scholarship opportunities, and promote new programs for continuing education. As a Director, I have implemented a Phplist program to facilitate communication between officers and members. My promise to you is to significantly and measurably further the stated mission of The Ninety-Nines. Thank you for your consideration.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Gloria Blank - San Antonio Chapter

I have been a member of The 99s since 1982 and have served the organization in many areas over the last 33 years. I have held every chapter office (some more than once!) since joining. I have also been active at the Section level, serving as Advisor for Membership, Awards, and Safety/Aerospace Education, as well as having previously served on the Nominating Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jerry Anne Jurenka - Texas Dogwood Chapter

Note: Jerry Anne Jurenka, 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

Sue Osborne - Colorado Chapter

The 99s has been a big part of my life since learning to fly in the 1990s. 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. I figured you can't sell flying lessons without knowing what the product is. As my husband once said, it created a "monster"; I wanted to be in the air as much as possible.

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 safety briefer and helped with fund raising. I acted as the Chairman of our Companion Flyer Course when that was active. 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 Chairman of the 2009 Air Race Classic start Committee at APA.

Since 2001, I have been very active with NIFA as a Senior Judge. My support of NIFA is because I see that as the future of Aviation.

If elected, I look forward to serving The 99s of the South Central Section Nominating Committee.



***Things I learned from My Mom, Jean Given 2015
(Excerpts from the talk I gave at her funeral, November 13, 2015)***

My mom was my mentor, my encourager, my flight instructor, and my role model.
I would like to share some things I learned from my mom.

Mom taught me to aim high.

One summer she was racing in the "All Women's Transcontinental Air Race", the Powder Puff Derby. Two hundred airplanes competed in this 2500 mile race which ended in Washington, DC. Dad bought me a commercial ticket to fly there to keep mom company on the flight back to Nebraska. Up until this point I only flew in the back seat of the family Beechcraft Debonair and I was generally sick during flights. This time, mom put me in the front seat and started teaching me to fly. When we got home, dad wasn't at all thrilled and told her if she was going to teach me to fly, she would have to do it at Sky Harbor, the flight school where she taught in Cessnas down at Epply Airfield. So that's what she did. Less than one month later, I soloed.

Mom taught me to support your family – to have their back.

When I graduated from college I was just 20, and I started looking for a teaching job. Now I had just been student teaching high school seniors who were 17-18 years old. I was inexperienced and not very good, so I decided I wanted to go to graduate school. I talked to mom, told her I was tired of the cold and I wanted to go at least one state south. I applied to both Kansas University and Missouri University in Columbia. By the beginning of August, I hadn't heard from either one of them and was getting discouraged. There was no internet to check back then, just snail mail. Mom said "Where do you want to go?" Our grandparents and her sister, Louise lived near Springfield, MO so I said Mizzou.

Mom said, "We're going down there." We hopped in the Debonair and off we flew to Columbia. I don't even remember how we got to campus but we went right up to the math building and asked for the head of the department. Luckily he was in and agreed to meet us. He asked how I got there and I told him both my mom and I were pilots. We had flown there as I wanted to go to grad school and hadn't heard from them. He couldn't believe it but before we left that day, I not only was admitted to graduate school, but he gave me a teaching assistantship so I could teach underclass math courses and get paid for it.

My kids still tease me today about some of the crazy things I have done for them that embarrassed them but they know that when the chips are down, I have their backs.

Mom taught me that you should never say you are too old to do something.

In 1998, when mom was 75, I saw a notice about the Air Race Classic, which had replaced the Powder Puff Derby. If you had 2 women pilots in the plane, you could take a female student pilot along to mentor her. I called mom and told her I would like to take Stephanie, our daughter, on the race and would she like to go? She hadn't flown for many years but she got excited, passed her flight medical and did a flight review with an instructor. We made history as the first triple generation of women to compete in cross country racing.

Mom would tell you - Whatever life gives you, deal with it. Don't complain about it, just handle it and no matter what, never give up!

Mom flew in 8 international or transcontinental air races. I was her co-pilot in two of them and she was my co-pilot in two of them when she was 75 and 76. She finished every race she started.

The last thing mom taught me is that life has two kinds of people. Those who are bystanders in life watching it go by and those who live their life.

She would tell you: "Don't be a passenger in your own life. Be the pilot of your life", and that's what she was.

We had a boat growing up that was named Escapade. If I had to use one word to describe mom's life it would be Escapade.

Let me close with the Bible verse from Isaiah 40:31 "Those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles."

Mom and dad are finally flying together again. Blue skies and tail winds, mom.

Jeanné Willerth (Jean's daughter. Greater KC 99s, Master CFI, CFII, MEI. 2015 CFI of the Year for Kansas City FSDO and the FAA's Central Region.)



SHREVEPORT 99s

by Jennifer Crum

The Shreveport 99s kicked off the New Year January 9, 2016, with a meeting at Metro Aviation. Jenn Crum, our newly elected Chairman set up the program and also invited 99s from the Texas Dogwood Chapter in East Texas to join us. South Central Governor, Jerry Anne Jurenka, attended and offered support and advice to help the Shreveport Chapter with our re-launch. We had about 18 in attendance and a few 49 1/2s came as well.

Terry Palmer, Vice Chairman of the Shreveport Chapter, provided an extensive tour of Metro Aviation and an informative program, including the opportunity to fly both the Level 7 AS350 and the Level 7 Bell 407/GX flight simulators. Terry is the Director of the Helicopter Flight Training Center for Metro Aviation. Because of her numerous and significant contributions to aviation safety, Terry received the Jim Charson Aviation Safety Award for 2015. Metro Aviation is due to get an EC145 Full Motion Simulator this spring. Our meeting was such a success, we hope to plan another at Metro Aviation.

Also joining us were several female aviation students from Louisiana Tech in Ruston. They have a thriving program, and we enjoyed having them join us. After the meeting, many of us went to lunch-to-gether at Cascio's and continued to talk about flying.

Our next meeting will be at 10 AM February 13, 2016 at the EAA Hanger at the Downtown Airport. We meet on the second Saturday of each month. Information for the Shreveport 99s meetings and other information can be found at our new Facebook page under Shreveport99s.

We also want to invite all fellow 99s to join us this April 30 - May 1, 2016, at the Defenders of Liberty Air Show on Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City. This year they will feature the USAF Thunderbirds among other military and civilian aircraft. You won't want to miss this free event that is one of the best air shows in the country.



TEXAS DOGWOOD CHAPTER

by Jill Shockley

Chapter members continue to stay very busy!

In August, we met at two different restaurants in Henderson (dubbed a "restaurant crawl") -- seafood and then Italian -- holding our business meeting at the latter restaurant.

In September, Cyndi Walker opened her home on Lake Tyler East for our chapter meeting and officer installation, with a lovely luncheon following.

Lupita Wisener, airport owner/manager of the Mineola-Wisener Airport, joined us as a student pilot in September. The airport is named after her father-in-law and she is very active in local aviation.

In October, we met for our business meeting on Sally Coker's farm (where some of the fall 2013 Section activities were held) and enjoyed filet mignon and baked potatoes hot off the grill courtesy of Sally's husband 'Chef Steve'. Callie Billingsley also competed at the Region IV SAFECON with the flight team from Louisiana Tech University.

In November, we attended the annual Syrup Festival in Henderson with an eye to use that venue as a future fundraiser and to promote The 99s.

In December, we held our Christmas party at Cyndi Walker's. Along with our traditional gift exchange, we also collected canned goods for the East Texas Food Bank.

In January, we joined the Shreveport 99s and some of the female aviation students from Louisiana Tech at Metro Aviation in Shreveport for a tour of the facility and time in the simulators. Shreveport 99 Terry Palmer is the Director of Training there and was our tour guide.

Some of our upcoming activities include holding our February meeting at LeTourneau University in Longview to get to know the current female aviation students; serving a lasagna dinner and all the trimmings to Collings Foundation personnel and HAMM docents when the Collings Foundation visits Tyler's Pounds Field in March; joining the Shreveport 99s at both Louisiana Tech's AvFest and the Barksdale AFB airshow to promote The 99s; as well as attending the Rusk County Airport annual airshow in June to promote The 99s there. We also hope to help out the Arkansas chapter as they paint a compass rose in Arkadelphia.

So much fun to be had, so little time!

TX Dogwood 99s, Shreveport 99s,
Louisiana Tech aviation students



Christmas Party - Chapter members and husbands

October meeting: Cyndi Walker, Sally Coker, Jill Shockley,
Jerry Anne Jurenka, Stephenie Roberts



HOUSTON CHAPTER

by Vickie Croston

Senior Event Coordinator/Modaero NextGen Aviation Festival

It is with great pride and excitement that we announce that our Houston Ninety-Nines Chapter is participating in a one-of-a-kind inaugural aviation event occurring March 16-19 at the Conroe-North Houston Regional Airport in Texas (KCXO). Called the MODAERO NEXTGEN AVIATION CONFERENCE AND FESTIVAL, this is the brainchild of founder Brian Columbus, owner of the Atlantic Flyer magazine, and Jason Stewart, developer of SHAREAVIATION.COM. Seeking a location in the middle of the United States, Texas was a good fit for ease of travel from both the East and West Coasts.

Targeting the "millennial" generation (ages 18-40) to encourage an aviation future, we are coming together to prevent what we thought was the "looming pilot shortage" as well as the lack of the aviation support services. However, the airline folks tell us that the shortage is already here -- it's no longer looming. The time to act is NOW. By 2020, based on existing FAA data and projected attrition, 51% of active pilots will be "millennials". That demographic must not be ignored, but rather marketed to. Fences are being erected around our local airports, so they are not the friendly places they used to be. The days of washing airplanes at the local FBO in exchange for some time at the flight controls are quickly fading away. Perhaps we cannot change that, but we CAN make aviation much more exciting and viable by embracing the new ways --- by talking the same language of the younger folks.

We proudly announce that AOPA is our anchor sponsor and we are honored to partner with them. Acceptance of something new is tough to overcome, but indeed it is happening. Without doubt, Orville and Wilbur Wright had their tough time trying to convince folks that flying was possible. But...look how that turned out! The MODAERO festival includes a career fair, speakers, vendor and exhibitor booths, home builds, light sport aircrafts, business, military and general aviation, other aircraft static displays, helicopter and P-51 rides, good food (of course, Texas BBQ!), drone demos and racing, concerts each evening, and last but not least, interactive activities for the younger kids (aka "Future Aviators"). There will be both tent and airplane camping, and separate available tours of NASA/Johnson Space Center, and indoor skydiving. Other field trips are in the works. Our great Houston Chapter members are promoting the 99s both locally and nationally by encouraging the female attendees to give flying airplanes a try! Mentors all, they care and I'm so happy they came onboard immediately!

You may have heard about us via all the social media outlets, and the metrics of the numbers of people who post and follow aviation groups are astounding. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and www.MODAERO.NET are some of the sites where you can find the latest news about the festival. As one well over age 50, even I can see the weight these avenues have brought to our beloved aviation world. This is part of that language I mentioned before.....much like going from round dials to glass panels. Get used to them, for they are here to stay. This is no longer "your father's aviation", and maybe that's a very good thing.

NEBRASKA CHAPTER

by Kathy Spahr

On November 14, 2015, nine ladies met for lunch in Beatrice, Nebraska to celebrate Valdene Allen's 94th birthday. Six of us are current 99 members, the others had been members in the past. We estimated that if all of our flying years were added together, we represented over 300 years of flying!

Front row: Valdene Allen, Sally VanZandt, Shirley Amen
Back row: Bitsy VanLent, Diane Bartels, Patsy Meyer, Carole Sutton, Kathy Spahr, Marion Larmon



LEGISLATION NEWS

by Jill Shockley

As you may or not be aware, the FAA recently changed the requirements for obtaining a student pilot certificate. Traditionally, a student pilot went for a physical examination and obtained a combination student pilot/medical certificate from the medical examiner.

As of April 1, 2016, this will no longer be the case. A medical certificate will still be received from the Aviation Medical Examiner (AME). However, in order to receive a student pilot certificate, an application will need to be submitted to one of the following: 1) any flight instructor who can validate the student's identity & eligibility under Part 61; 2) an Airman Certification Representative [ACR] connected with a Part 141 school; 3) Flight Standards District Office [FSDO]; or, 4) a Designated Pilot Examiner [DPE]. Following that submission, the application must then be forwarded to the Airman Records office in Oklahoma City with the preferred method of submission as ICARA (web-based application process). [ICARA has been in use for the past several years and should be familiar to most currently-flying instructors or other professionals. Also, whoever receives your application can submit it to ICARA.]

A couple things to note: This new process may take 3+ weeks as the TSA will be conducting a background check. Following the report from the TSA, the plastic student pilot certificate will be received (a separate document from the medical certificate). Although the application can be processed and submitted by one of the above individuals/offices, they will NOT be issuing the certificate itself.

If you currently have a paper student pilot certificate, you may use it until its expiration date. Be sure to allow enough time prior to expiration to obtain the new certificate under the new guidelines/potential time frames!

A handy chart showing the current and new regulations can be found here: http://download.aopa.org/advocacy/160114_Student_Pilot_Certificates_Final_Rule_Chart.pdf?_ga=1.162865020.1138804879.1454340842

For More Information: <http://www.aopa.org/News-and-Video/All-News/2016/January/14/FAA-finalizes-rule-on-student-certificates>
[**As of the writing of report, the FAA website had not yet been updated with the new information.**]



Jessica Lowery, Texas Dogwood Chapter
following successful completion of her B737
type rating!



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Chapter “To-do” List

- Promote the 2017 Conference at chapter meetings. Save the dates!
- Discuss Chapter centerpiece for table at the Awards Banquet
Approved at Spring 2015 SCS Meeting: each chapter will “sponsor” a table at the Saturday night Awards Banquet by providing a unique centerpiece that represents their chapter and/or their geographic location in some way. Larger chapters may provide for two tables.
- Consider sources of corporate donations/sponsorship for future contact.
- Budget for purchase of ad in Conference Program and/or donation to Hospitality Room.
- Plan to have chapter representation at the July 2016 International Conference in Ottawa; SCS members will present invitation to the 2017 Conference in Ottawa. SCS members going to the Ottawa Conference will plan the invitation at the SCS Spring meeting in Fredericksburg.
- Contact Conference Co-chairs Reni Moczygamba (San Antonio) or Cathy Prudhomme (Houston) with questions, ideas, or offers to volunteer.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

by Carol Sokatch

August 15 was the 37th Annual Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally staged from Sundance Airport.

Our chapter member Phyl Howard with Chuck Ewers placed first. Second place was won by Keisha Holback and Keenyn Duncan representing University of Oklahoma; Keenyn was our 2014 Okie Derby Wings of the Future Scholarship winner. This year our scholarship is awarded to Courtney Neal. She is a Deputy Sheriff for Pottawatomie County in Shawnee and wants to fly for a state law enforcement agency. Courtney is in the Oklahoma Air National Guard specializing in aviation management. Courtney soloed on October 14.

Heather Sterzick was presented a medal from the AEMSF for completion of her training in the King Air, for which she received a scholarship. Heather was speaker at a Northwest Section Meeting in the spring 2015. She also chaired our Okie Derby and married Jeremy Dirksen on Halloween. Congratulations.

Our October Chapter meeting was highlighted by a chili cook-off between 49 1/2s Scott Dorsey, Jeff Jennings, and Jeremy Dirksen. We were fortunate to be able to tour the Tower and Approach Control at Will Rogers Airport thanks to the efforts of Gail Foote. It was a great way to start the month of December. Our December meeting was another food fest with a Christmas potluck graciously hosted by Shirley and Charlie Brown in their Edmond home. You don't have to be a good cook to be a Chapter member, but we certainly do a wonderful job.

Approach Order Form – Ninety-Nines South Central Section

Beginning with the Spring 2014 issue, the SCS Approach has been distributed through a link which is emailed to each Section member. If you wish to receive a paper copy of the Approach, complete the form below and send it with a check for \$10 to cover printing and mailing costs of two issues to:

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Fun in Sante Fe, New Mexico - Fall 2015 Section Meeting - courtesy of Margot Plummer



Above - walking the streets of Santa Fe with Susan Larson...
Below - No dogs allowed in Santa Fe - so ???



Above - The Ft. Worth 99s came in force...
Below - some of the very good entertainment...



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SCHEDULE OF HOST CHAPTERS FOR SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION/INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

May 19-22, 2016

July 7-9, 2016

September 16-18, 2016

(Contact: Charlene Davis, 580/821-6731 or cdluvs2fly@hotmail.com)

Spring 2017

July 12-15, 2017

Fall 2017

Spring 2018

Fall 2018

Austin Chapter

International Conference, Ottawa, Canada

Oklahoma Chapter

Planning for International Conference

International Conference, San Antonio, Texas

Shreveport Chapter

Pikes Peak Chapter

Purple Sage Chapter

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