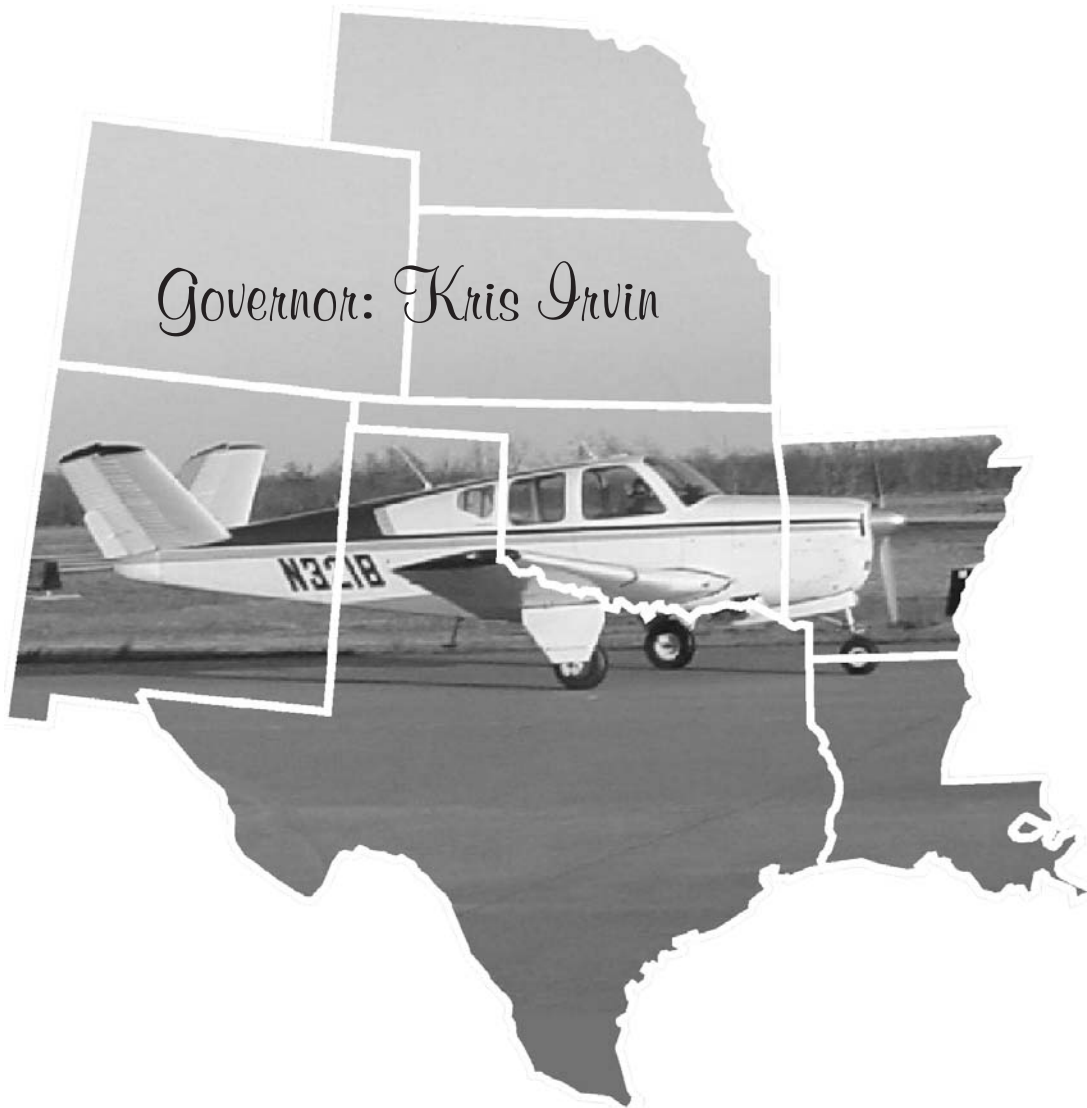




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30 September – 2 October 2005
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NEXT DEADLINE:
20 January 2006

"YOU ROCK!" I overheard Donna Miller saying this to Judy Allerheilgen on Sunday morning at Grand Junction. I think this pretty much sums up the job done by the High Country Chapter in

THE LEFT SEAT



Governor Kris Irvin

putting on the Spring Section meeting! They did a fabulous job and provided an amazing value for the registration fee.

For the early arrivals on Thursday, there was a "limo" winery tour (it was actually in a mini-van but was still lots of fun). We visited and tasted at four wineries, and toured the historic town of Palisade.

The board met for lunch on Friday at one of the many restaurants in the historic downtown area. We then joined the rest of the group for a tour of the magnificent Colorado Monument in a Caravan of vans. We also made a stop at a winery for a quick tour and tasting, then back to the hotel for the Chapter Chair meeting before being transported to the airport for a marvelous hangar party complete with live entertainment.

The minutes of the board and business meetings are posted on the website. If you would like a copy and don't have internet access or can't get someone to print them for you, let me know. I will see that you get a copy.

Among the items discussed was the Section meeting rotation since the current volunteer system is not working very well. The decision was made to return to the alphabetical rotation with a pass the first time through for the chapters that have hosted a meeting recently. Please be ready to step up to the plate when your turn comes- it can be a fun and a rewarding experience!

A budget was also approved for the fiscal year that began June 1. Unfortunately, it is a very bare bones budget since dues collections are down (because membership is down) and we really haven't had any fundraisers in a while. The *Approach* is the largest budget item. Chapter donations to it have been declining. We discussed doing away with the printed version to go electronic, but the consensus was to try to keep the printed version. We really need

chapter donations in order to do this. During the Business meeting we collected over \$200 for the *Approach* by "passing the hat."

Speaking of membership, Liz Lundin, headquarters man-

ager (SCS member) pointed out that 90% of members not renewing their membership have only been members for one year. We really need to make new members feel welcome and needed because they are!

At the International Board meeting in March, we heard an update on the archive room repairs. Pat Prentiss wrote a very good article explaining the problem and the solution in the May/June issue of the *99News*. This is a very expensive repair (almost \$50,000).

At the Spring Section meeting, we voted to donate \$500 for this repair. Any donations to this effort would be greatly appreciated. Be sure to reference the "archive room remediation" on any donations.

The International Board is still working on the "Friends of the 99s" project to raise funds from outside the 99s. You will be hearing more about this in the future.

The Northwest Section submitted their bid to host the 2008 International Conference in Anchorage, Alaska! They put on a beautiful slide presentation and naturally the board voted unanimously to accept the bid! The dates are August 7-10, 2008.

Speaking of International Conferences, the Section is progressing with plans to host the 2007 International Conference in Bolder/Denver, CO. At Grand Junction, several Chapters stepped up to volunteer to help but we can always use more so be thinking about what you would like to do. Jan McKenzie is the Chair of the Conference so contact her to volunteer.

By the time you read this, I'll be getting ready to go to the International Conference in New Zealand. I am writing this in June so it's a little difficult to project ahead to when you will be reading this in August. Being your Governor has continued to be a busy and rewarding experience. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me!

I hope to see everyone in Colorado

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Springs. Colorado is beautiful in the fall and there is a lot to do and see in the area- so come early and stay late if you can!

Kris

GLADYS HILL: A Quiet Pioneer

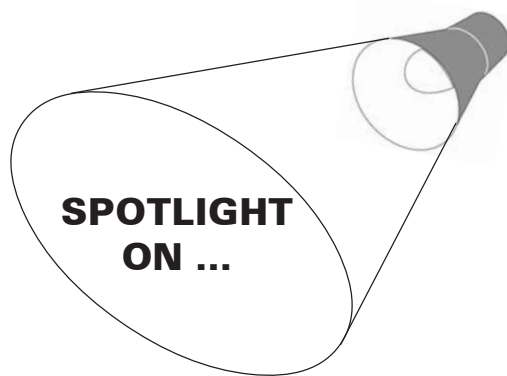
By Donna Miller,
Ambassador Chapter

It happens on occasion. Mutual friends think you should meet someone you don't know. The friends say that you have a lot in common, and this unknown person would enjoy a visit. While it sounds nice, it's hard to find the time to really make it happen, especially with the three of us living in three different cities. However, for me, it was an aviation historian that thought I should meet one of Denver's early Ninety-Nines. I couldn't wait to accompany Chuck Holmes to the retirement home of Gladys Hill.

When we arrived, her eyes lit up. She didn't get many visitors and was happy to see us. We immediately began talking about flying. Gladys learned to fly in 1933 in a 40HP Taylor Cub at the age of 23, and got her license in 1937. She flew for one season with the Tex Rankin Hollywood Aces air show in the central and western part of the United States.

In one of the comedy acts, the sound man had a lot of radio equipment on a table in view of the audience and told the crowd that they had a radio-controlled airplane which would be flown without a pilot. He then expressed his disappointment in wasting the flight, so he called for a volunteer from the audience to ride as a passenger. Gladys would be in the audience and raise her hand. Other volunteers in the audience would call out "Take the woman!" so she would be chosen. She was dressed in a big skirt and a large round hat, which she held on her head.

She flew the plane with her knees on the stick, her feet on the rudder pedals and her left hand on the throttle. The take-off would be smooth and she would fly over the field as "directed" by the radio control. Tex Rankin's brother, Dick would play the part of a drunk who would stumble in and take over the controls and make the radio control "malfunction." The plane would go out of control. Gladys would appear to be in trouble, and eventually would land the plane. Of course, if the air show was in town for a two-day performance, she could only do that on the first day. The second day she would take the cub up to about 3000 feet and do



a short routine without power and dead stick the landing. She said that if the prop was not exactly horizontal, she would catch it from Tex.

Gladys joined the Wings Club, a women's pilot organization in 1937, before the 99s had a chapter in Colorado. She was one of the charter members and installed the first officers of the Colorado 99s in 1938. She became good friends with another Colorado aviatrix, Donna (Tracy) Myers. At one time, Donna and Gladys were the only two licensed women pilots in a five state area.

I hated for the day to end. I felt that I had made a new friend, and I wasn't sure when we would be able to get together again.

During one of their earlier meetings, Gladys gave Chuck some of her aviation memorabilia, knowing that it would have a good home with an aviation historian. One of the items was a silver bracelet that Donna had given Gladys in 1937. It has wings on the front with Gladys' pilot license number and "From Donna" on the back. Another was a silver airplane necklace with a propeller that turns. Chuck thought that they should be with a 99 who would treasure them, so he presented them to me. What an honor!

I hope that after a long, full career in aviation, I can present them to another 99 or house them in the 99s museum. Although I didn't know Gladys well, I was disappointed not to be able to attend her funeral in May. However, it was due to my job as a pilot that I could not be present. I wore her necklace and bracelet, and thought of her as I flew across the sky.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have met one of our quiet pioneers. I regret that I only met her one time. Sometimes the chance comes but once, and for that one amazing afternoon, I am truly grateful.

WEBMASTER

By Linda Horn, SCS Webmaster

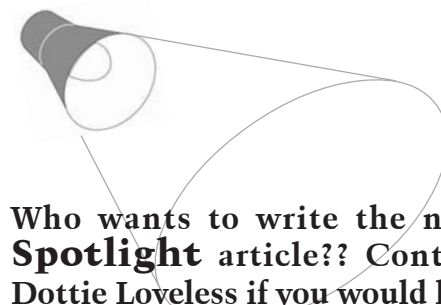
At the Fall meeting in Santa Fe, I presented some information on using the online roster on the International website. This presentation is now available on our website at www.scs99s.org/pastmeetings.html/MembersOnlyaccess.pdf.

The minutes from the Fall general meeting are on the website and should be reviewed before attending Spring section where they will be approved. The minutes from the board meeting are also available. Check the Reports of Past Meetings page: <http://www.scs99s.org/pastmeetings.htm>. We are still considering whether we should put Section Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on the website. This will be discussed at the Board Meeting in Grand Junction.

Remember, we offer space to any chapter that does not have its own website. If you will put together a page or two of a word document, I will put it on the section site and link it to the chapters page. However, any chapters that do have a website, be sure that we have the link on the SCS site.

Please remember to let me know if you have any changes in chapter information that is on the website. If your chairman does not have an email address, please assign someone who does to be the section email contact and let me know. Also, if you will keep me informed of aviation events that might be of interested to the section, I will add them to the calendar.

If for any reason you are having trouble accessing the site, e-mail me at ljhn1796j@aol.com and I'll try to help you out.



Who wants to write the next Spotlight article?? Contact Dottie Loveless if you would like to write an article spotlighting a well-known or waiting-to-be-known woman pilot.

BRAZOS RIVER

By Bonnie Lewis

Our Chapter's focus in recent months has centered on three activities: A Flying Companion Course, an overnight to Headquarters, and a flight to the New Horizon's Children's Home

Karen Tucker coordinated our first ever Flying Companion Course on April 30, 2005 at the Granbury Municipal Airport. Evaluations submitted by the 12 students were very enthusiastic, and that indicated our first attempt was an outstanding success. A dozen of our members participated as presenters, as helpers, or supplied aircraft. We have already had requests to do a repeat performance.



Ten Brazos River 99s and President Elaine Morrow at Headquarters on a work day at the 99s Museum of Women Pilots.

On May 16th, four airplanes carried ten women to Will Rogers Airport in Oklahoma City. We checked in with a special 99s rate at the Four Points hotel that is on the airport property. Then we made our way to the 99s Headquarters a short distance away. Carolyn and Liz, staff members, were most helpful. Elaine Morrow, our International President was also there to visit with us.

After a short tour of the Museum, we got busy working on the files. That was the purpose of the trip, and after some training, we dug into the "b,s" which is where we had left off when we made the trip a couple of years ago..

Our task was to better preserve these materials for the future. Scanning through the historical files of women pilots is really fascinating, even exciting. Some notables among the files we worked on were

Poncho Barnes, Melba Beard, Kay Brick, and Beverly Bass. We enjoyed a good dinner and pleasant evening at the hotel and left for home the following morning. All agreed to make this trip more often.

The New Horizon's Children's Home has become an important part of this Chapter's family. We look forward to each year's visit to the home as much as the children do. This year we flew to San Saba airport on June 1st with nine airplanes, thirteen 99s, six 49½s and four guests.

Half of the girls met us at the airport, touring the airplanes after watching us land. At their ranch, the 49½s spent time with the boys while the 99s spent time with the girls. We ate lunch with them in

their cafeteria and handed out gifts for each child. The other half of the girls took us to the airport and watched us depart for home. It is a humbling experience visiting these kids. We hope our visits have a positive effect on their lives.

Tom and Bonnie Lewis attended the SCS meeting in Grand Junction. Other chapter activities included a poker run, a lunch fly-out to Stephenville, an overnight to Fredericksburg and an installation/swim party. New officers are: Karen Bloom, Chair, Bonnie Lewis, Vice Chair, Sherry Hill, Secretary, and Gail Campetti, Treasurer.

Please note a correction to the last issue of Approach. It should have read, "Debbie Dewey earned her instrument rating."

99s FLIGHT TRAINING FORUM EMAIL NETWORK

The 99s Flight Training Forum is an email discussion forum for all 99s members about all flight training issues. The 99s FTF is of particular interest to Future Women Pilots (FWPs), active pilots, pilots getting back into flying, pilots working on advanced ratings or fun ratings, flight instructors, flight school owners, and designated examiners.

Topics of discussion in the FTF will include finishing the private pilot certificate, moving into larger aircraft, training for advanced ratings, checkrides, fun training like aerobatics and seaplanes, staying current, changes to regulations, flight safety concerns, and finding the right flight school or instructor.

Who is this for?

Interested 99s may include: Future Women Pilots (FWPs), aviation college students, members pursuing new ratings, active pilots, professional pilots, flight instructors, flight school owners, designated examiners, and "all" members interested in flight training and currency issues!

What will be discussed?

- Choosing the right flight instructor and/or flight school
- Finishing your private pilot certificate
- Working towards advanced ratings, like your instrument rating or commercial certificate
- Fun training, like flying aerobatics, seaplanes, or balloons
- Aviation regulations
- Flight safety concerns
- Staying current and currency training
- Issues with your flight instructor, or issues with your flight student

Who will be on the forum?

99s members of all kinds will be participating, and the forum will be moderated by experienced pilots, flight instructors, flight school owners, and pilot examiners in the U.S. and Canada who have "been there" and are willing to help you with your flight training concerns.

For more information, go to the Ninety-Nines website at www.ninety-nines.org and click on "99s Flight Training Forum" under the "Advancing the Pilot of Tomorrow" section.

South Central Fall Section Meeting

Colorado Springs, CO • September 30 –October 2, 2005

Hosted by: *The Pikes Peak Chapter*

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

Early Arrivals Transportation provided by hotel & 99s

Afternoon/Evening Hospitality Suite

FRIDAY

10:00–11:30 am NORAD tour (*for the early-birds who registered in Grand Junction*)

All Day Arrivals & Meetings

9:00–4:00 pm Hospitality Suite – Suite 101

12:30–2:00 pm SCS Board meeting at the hotel

Day Time Shopping in Old Colorado City or Downtown – transportation provided by hotel

2:30–3:30 pm Governor's Open Forum (3rd Floor)

4:15–4:30 pm Buses Arrive for dinner

5:00–7:00 pm Western-Style Dinner & Entertainment at the Flying W Ranch

7:30 pm–until? Hospitality Suite

SATURDAY

7:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast – 3rd Floor

8:30 – 11:30 Business Meeting

11:00 – until? 49½ Activity - Lunch at the Phantom Canyon Brewery (various prices) with pool included

12:00 to 6:00 pm Hospitality Suite

1:00–2:00 pm Safety Seminar – Jennifer Kaiser, Aviation Safety Investigator, NTSB

2:00–5:00 pm Shopping in Old Colorado City or Downtown – transportation provided by hotel

6:00–7:00 pm Reception/Happy Hour – 3rd Floor

7:00–9:00 pm Dinner & Speaker – 3rd Floor

9:00 pm–until? Hospitality Suite (sign-up sheet for departures)

SUNDAY

Morning Enjoy breakfast beginning at 6:30 (use your hotel breakfast coupon)

All Day Departures – provided by hotel & 99s

—Or— Staying longer? – Let us know

INFORMATION

Meeting Hotel: Our conference hotel is the Clarion Hotel Downtown (was Le Baron Hotel) located at Interstate 25 and the Bijou Street Exit and just west of beautiful downtown Colorado Springs. Please mention "99s South Central Section Meeting" when making your hotel reservations.

Hotel Reservations: 1-800-477-8610 or 1-719-471-8680

Rooms: A Single/Double is \$85 with a hot breakfast buffet (in the meeting room on Saturday and the hotel restaurant on Sunday). The hotel has agreed to hold our block of rooms until September 15, 2005.

Transportation: Complimentary shuttle service to & from the general aviation and commercial sides of the airport provided by the Clarion Hotel & 99s. (Please note your ETA on the registration form, so we can make arrangements to meet you.)

Hospitality Room: located on the first floor for those who would like to relax and do some 99s shopping. Free Fly-Market Spaces are available for a limited number of vendors. P.S. Wanda, the T-Shirt Lady, will be just inside the door.

Special Event: For those who signed up in Grand Junction for the NORAD tour, it will be Friday morning – don't forget a photo ID.

Welcome Dinner: Y'all come to our 5 PM Friday western-style barbeque. Buses and (private cars, if needed) will take us to the famous "Flying W Ranch" for a cowboy-style chuck wagon and down-home musical fun! Dress casual & warm, if the weather changes.

Saturday Afternoon: Safety Seminar – 99 Jennifer Kaiser, Aviation safety Investigator, NTSB...or...Enjoy shopping in historic Old Colorado City or on Tejon Street – transportation provided by the hotel.

Banquet: We'll be on the 3rd floor for cocktails & dinner. Wear your prettiest outfit for an evening of good company and food. Captain Meryl Getline a 777 Captain for a major airline, author of "The World at My Feet", USA Today columnist, and creator of the website "fromthecockpit.com" will be our featured speaker.

49½ Activity: Beginning at 11 am, the Phantom Canyon Brewery will open for pool, lunch and beer tasting – within walking distance or transportation provided by the hotel. The brewery will charge a nominal fee for their services.

Flying In by Light Aircraft: Colorado Springs is a high altitude airport – check density altitude! Airport elevation is 6,184 feet and pattern altitude for light aircraft is 7,000 feet. Our FBO at KCOS will be the **Colorado Jet Center (719-591-2288)**, which is offering free tie-downs, a fuel discount, and arrangements for rental cars.

Flying In by Commercial Carrier: Major carriers serve KCOS through Denver or other major hub airports – some direct flights may be available.

"PIKES PEAK or BUST"

South Central Section Fall Meeting
Colorado Springs, CO (KCOS) • September 30, October 1-2, 2005

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Address _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ E-mail _____

Guest(s) Names _____ Badge Name(s) _____

Chapter _____ Office(s) currently held _____

Past Section & Int'l offices held _____

Complete registration package includes Friday welcome dinner, transportation to & from airport, evening banquet, access to the Hospitality Room, 49½ event transportation, etc. Register early, as seating is limited for Friday & Saturday evenings. Breakfasts are included for hotel guests.

99s, 49½, Guest - Full Registration:

Early Registration Package – August 20th cut-off: _____ x \$77.00 = _____
Regular Registration Package: _____ x \$82.00 = _____
Last minute Registration Package – after Sept. 12th _____ x \$87.00 = _____

49½ & Guests for Single Events: (Add \$5.00 per single event after Sept. 12th)

Extra Friday evening dinner ticket: _____ x \$25.00 = _____
Extra Saturday evening banquet ticket: _____ x \$33.00 = _____
Extra Breakfast ticket (for non-hotel guests): _____ x \$8.00 = _____

TOTAL: (make checks payable to “Pikes Peak 99s”) \$ _____

Fly-Market Space requested (first Registered basis): _____

1/4 or 1/2 or full table requested (18" wide by 6'): _____

Arrival Information:

Private Aircraft _____ N _____ A/C Type _____ Arrival Date _____ ETA _____

Air Carrier _____ Arrival Date _____ Flight # _____ ETA _____

Other mode of transportation:

Arrival Date _____ ETA _____

Mail completed registration form and check to:

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9575 Blue Grass Place
Colorado Springs, CO 80926
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(No refunds after Thursday, September 1, 2005)

Questions? — you may also call: Diane Rose @ 719-593-8132 (hm) or 719-330-3580 (cellular)

DALLAS

By Jill L. Williams

The Dallas Chapter recently concluded a very successful year. In May 2004, we met at a local BBQ restaurant to install new officers. At the end of May, we headed north of Dallas to Sherman Municipal Airport and painted a 12-point compass rose. These are always impressive sights from the air. Check out member Chris Hettenbach's fabulous photographs.

We were busy the first Saturday in June serving a pancake breakfast at Mid-Way Regional Airport south of Dallas and then, the following Saturday, serving lunch at the Texas Chapter of the Antique Aircraft Association's annual get-together north of Dallas at Gainesville Municipal Airport. It was good to see and catch up on news there with Nancy Whatley and her husband. She now lives in Mimbres, NM.

In August, long-time member Mary Ann Hennessey passed away. Several of us attended her memorial service.

At the Fall SCS meeting in Albuquerque, NM in September, chapter member Chris Swain was sworn in as Vice Governor of the Section. We look forward to having her represent us at the Section level.

In October, Sonya Hanna relinquished her Secretary duties as her husband had a job-related transfer which took them to Chicago. Sue Matlock agreed to complete Sonya's term. In the middle of October, we participated in a local seaplane fly-in north of Dallas at Cedar Mills, handing out information about our chapter and The 99s to people attending and providing activities for children. At the end of October, we served a pancake breakfast for an annual EAA fly-in at Reklaw (located several hours southeast of Dallas), feeding several hundred people.

In November, we hosted a Flying Companion Seminar at the Collin County Regional Airport in McKinney and were able to present the joys of flying to 12 women. By the end of the day, several women had gone from wanting to have nothing to do with their husband's flying to being willing to give it another try! That same day, Chairman Katherine Staton was able to represent our chapter, and The 99s, at a question & answer forum/roundtable open to the general public which was sponsored by a local GA organization in McKinney.

In December, Katherine and her hus-

band hosted our annual Christmas party. Gabriella Adam-Rodwell – a chapter member currently living in Lawton, OK – and her husband flew down to join us for the event.

Also during the fall, Katherine Staton and Chris Hettenbach spoke on behalf of our chapter at a meeting for the Dallas Civil Air Patrol. Katherine and Chris were able to tell both cadet and adult members how they got into flying, what flying means to them professionally and provide information to members about The 99s. After a quiet winter, in March 2005 we headed east of Dallas to Terrell Municipal Airport and had a 2-weekend airmarking where we were able to paint the airport name one weekend and a 12-point compass rose and the second weekend.

In April, Jill Williams and Ann Koenig headed to Grand Junction, CO for the SCS Spring Section meeting. Both thoroughly enjoyed seeing Grand Junction and catching up with old friends!

We have been fortunate to have our membership stay steady throughout the year – although members may have passed on, moved away or headed in another direction, we have also added new members to our group. We are looking forward to a great 2005-2006 year!

MEMBERSHIP

By Gloria Blank, SCS Membership Chair

How exciting to have a new student pilot join the 99s and your chapter! And—she looked you up! She's apparently heard some very good things about the 99s, such as:

- low membership fees for Future Woman Pilots—
- opportunity to be the recipient of the FWP award from 99s Headquarters and possibly your chapter—
- having other women pilots supporting and encouraging—
- and the list goes on and on.

Of all the perks, fun, gratification of project participation and promoting aviation, she will learn over the years the camaraderie and long-lasting close friendships developed with her sister pilots are... **priceless!**

APPROACH DONATIONS

Anna Taylor, Approach helper

We had a lengthy discussion in Grand Junction regarding the SCS budget and the Approach. As a section, we don't have any revenue except for the dues rebate from International dues collections. As the strains on the International budget start to show, we've been giving part of our revenue back to HQ to help with HQ building maintenance (mostly towards the mold problem and the subsequent floor problem in the archives room). In addition, the premiums for the event coverage that International obtains for us went sky high after 9/11. This is now a \$10,000 outlay before we have a single event. To help with the \$10K insurance bill, the Board of Directors has asked sections to donate \$1 per member of the dues rebate. The SCS has agreed to this for two years now (last year and the current year).

This, however, has put a strain on our budget. We have eliminated all donations to NIFA, the Birthplace Museum, AE Scholarships, 99s Museum and the Endowment Fund to make our budget balance. It's still a little tight.

Which brings us to the Approach—our single largest budget item. It costs around \$2800 per year to print and mail two issues to all our members. The discussion we had in Grand Junction centered around putting the Approach on the internet and/or emailing it to everyone. It's not difficult to do, and we *could* do it immediately. Technically speaking, it's not difficult. In fact, for several years now copies of the Approach have been on the SCS website before they hit your mailbox. I give a PDF file to Linda Horn, our webmaster, as soon as I've finalized the print file for the printer.

So, while we *could* go completely electronic tomorrow (and eliminate a HUGE budget expense) is it what we want to do? The answer I heard in Grand Junction was **NO**. Okay then, what do we do?

For the time being, we need to keep reminding Chapters to donate to the Approach every year. We've asked for \$2 per chapter member, but we will gratefully accept *any* donation. The Approach is a membership benefit that goes to every member of the section. With your help we can keep it a benefit for all our members. And their mailboxes! **PLEASE DONATE TODAY!** Send donations directly to our Treasurer, Jan McKenzie at 332 North Shores Circle, Windsor CO 80550-2614. THANK YOU!

OKLAHOMA

By Carol Sokatch

Despite rain and fog, The Oklahoma Chapter had a bright evening for our Valentine's Potluck dinner at the home of Ann and Bryson Pogson. Then, February 26 was our Flying Companion Seminar held at the wonderful facilities of MetroTech, thanks to Robert Hensley who made this venue available for us. Rita Eaves, chairman of this highly successful event, was evaluated highly for content, preparation of instructors and our food (always a given for the Oklahoma Chapter). Instructors were Karen Baskin, Phyllis Hensley, Robert Hensley, Amy McCue, Ann Pogson, Marjorie Richison, and Poochie Rotzinger with Helen Holbird, Gladys McCaslin, Carol Sokatch, and Teresa White providing support. Thanks, Rita.

Elaine Regier orchestrated a celebration of the 101st birthday of Dr. Seuss with a week of activities at Wiley Post elementary school. Robert Hensley, 49 ½, congratulated students on their reading record achievements and spoke about the importance of reading in his job and as a pilot.

Reading Night allowed students to select being read to by a variety of workers such as firefighters, police officers, zoo keepers, race car drivers, military, and pilots. Phyllis Hensley, 99s' friend Bill Hines, Elaine Regier and Poochie Rotzinger read the book, *Ruth Law Thrills the Nation*, the story of Ruth's attempt to fly from Chicago to New York in a single day in 1916.

At the March OPA meeting, Phyllis Hensley was presented Pilot of the Year award in appreciation for her efforts to the betterment of general aviation, through working with OPA, the 99s and Chairing Chalet staffing for Aerospace America. Wyvema Startz was presented the Pinch Hitter award for her work for general aviation. Also in March members flew to Lake Tenkiller Airport for the annual Wild Onions and Eggs Breakfast, over 100 planes brought hungry people to this scenic lakeside airpark and home to many pilots and their planes. Yuko Hasegawa attended the 16th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference in Dallas.

Our Chapter voted to do a pilot project of funding a Membership Incentive Program to pay dues for the Chapter and support dues for International membership.

Both the Museum of Women Pilots and our Oklahoma Chapter had information booths at the April 19th Aviation Day sponsored by the Oklahoma Airport Operators Association during their annual meeting. We were on the third floor of the rotunda of the state capitol building where we could grab the attention of state legislatures and officials. The same day the FAA and Mike Monroney Training Center sponsored a series of seminars for over 600 psychologists in the Cox Center, downtown Oklahoma City. Margie Richison and Carolyn Smith represented the Museum of Women Pilots and even brought some participants to the Museum at Headquarters. All this the same day as the commemoration of the Murrah Building bombing of April 19, 1995.

Sue and Bill Halpain, Liz Lundin, Margie and Randy Richison and Poochie and Ed Rotzinger flew to Grand Junction for the SCS meeting. Because of impending weather, they left Saturday. Poochie Rotzinger, as always, judged at the 2005 NIFA Safecon in Salina, Kansas, held April 25-30. Margie Richison and Theresa White were there Tuesday, but weather again dictated leaving Wednesday. How can there be a NIFA competition in our area without Poochie?

We held a successful Rummage Sale at Edmond Christian Church, chaired by Amy McCue on May 21. Thank you, Amy and everybody who donated items and helped sell.

Airmarking Chairman Schellon Rillema, Phyllis Hensley, Susanne Kelly, Julie Orrick, Margie Richison, Poochie Rotzinger and Theresa White repainted the Compass Rose at Wiley Post Airport. Then on June 8th, Carolyn Smith, and 99 Headquarters staff Tonya and Sherry repainted the Compass Rose at Headquarters to prepare for the Saturday Open House. Tonya said they enjoyed the change of pace from their usual work.

Margie Richison arranged for Saturday morning Home Repair and Garden show host Gary Stearman (yes, nephew of the designer of THE Stearman plane) to broadcast from an Open House at the Museum of Women Pilots on Saturday, June 11. We were pleased at the turnout, with some visitors coming Friday because of good advance publicity. Local Newscasts featured an interview with Liz Lundin and showed some of our displays. Besides Liz and Margie, Bonita Ades, Helen Holbird,

Gladys McCaslin, Poochie Rotzinger, Phyllis Scott, Carolyn Smith and Lucille Watkins helped host our visitors. This event was made possible through the generosity of Gladys McCaslin. Thank you so much Gladys.

Sunday, June 12 was our Membership Brunch and Installation of officers at the home of Phyllis Hensley. For 2005-2007 Chapter Chairman, Ann Pogson; Chapter Vice Chairman, Amy McCue; Secretary, Carol Sokatch and Treasurer, Wyvema Startz (again). Susanne Kelly is doing a magnificent job in recruiting new members and FWP's. Many of these new members were welcomed at our Brunch. Among our new FWP's are Connie Baker, Kayla Paulk and Theresa White. New or renewing to our chapter are Pam Kennedy, Kiersten Orrick and Nancy Roberts. Thank you Suzanne.

It is a bonus that Suzanne is also a great flight instructor; and she soloed Theresa White Saturday June 11th. FWP Member Connie Baker's husband also earned his private license Saturday. We had a great turnout and way too much good food. Dianah Harrod got out help for the Bartlesville, OK stop/flyover for the Air Race Classic in June.

Planning for the 27th Annual Okie Derby August 19-20 has been ongoing all of 2005. Put that date on your calendars.

**REMEMBER!!
OKIE DERBY
August 19-20th**

AWARDS REMINDER

By Phyllis Scott, SCS Awards Chair

Chapter Chairs need to return award forms as soon as possible if you have not yet sent them in. Forms have been mailed with a self-addressed stamped envelope. However, you can find them on the section website or in the Spring Approach magazine.

We want to **recognize your chapter** for your activities at the Fall SCS meeting, but we can't do it without your help.

Also, bring your scrapbooks to the Fall Section meeting so that others may enjoy looking at them.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE

By Colleen Campbell

This year our Chapter got off to a fun start with a Texas-style 49½ Appreciation Dinner in February. It was at the North Main Street Bar-B-Que in Euless, Texas, and the good food and company made for a memorable event. Each significant other was presented with a Ninety-Nine logo paper-weight that was custom made by chapter member Dottie Hughes.

In April six of our members and their guests attended a tour of the Fort Worth Flight Service Station and the control tower at Meacham, also at Fort Worth. It is always nice to meet the people who take such good care of us in the air. We arrived by car, motorbike and plane and found our visit both informative and fun. Also, these tours provide an excellent opportunity to ask questions about procedures and situ-



Golden Triangle visits the Fort Worth FSS. Back row: Dave Campbell, Mary Wheelock, Nan France, Tiara Roberts, Ellen Hamlett, Joan Weightman, Robin Collins. Front Row: Coleen Campbell, ChrisWeightman, Nessin Rafael.

ations that we are not sure about.

Our Chapter election this year afforded us the privilege of being able to retain the same good officers as last year. Mary Wheelock remains our chairperson, and Beverly Stephens will assist her as vice chairperson. Ellen Hamlet retains her position as secretary, and Joan Weightman continues as our treasurer.

We are proud and happy to send out a big congratulations to Connie Irvine on winning the Maule Tailwheel Award offered under the Amela Earhart Scholarship program. Connie has worked very hard and done so well in pursuing her education and training toward a career as a professional pilot. We all are her cheering section and know she will keep up the good word.

The Golden Triangle chapter is pleased to welcome our newest member, Anne Witcher. Anne is a First Officer flying the

Dash 8 for Caribbean Sun Airlines. We look forward to sharing her stories and experiences flying in the beautiful Caribbean Islands.

FORT WORTH

By Tammie Guthrie

The Chapter annual holiday party was a wonderful success. We enjoyed each other's company and had many laughs at the surprising gifts we received during our Chinese gift exchange. We have quite the imagination! Many toys and presents were collected for the Women's Shelter.

January started our year with a number of fantastic speakers. Ceilidh Jennings spoke to us about Search and Rescue. She is a volunteer for the Arlington Police Department. She told us about searches she has participated in as a search pilot and what exactly it involves. We participated in an exercise of "Clue" to figure out how to plan a search. We definitely left with a greater appreciation of her duties.

In February we were fortunate to have an aviation lawyer, Mr. Jon Kettles, speak to us. He brought to light some interesting facts on how cases are resolved, and also answered some legal questions.

We had a nice turnout at our March meeting tour of the Fort Worth Alliance tower. Air traffic was light during our visit, allow-

ing the controller to relax and spend quality time with our group. Our host controller is oriented toward pro-pilot education, even to putting together a program for pilots and controllers to understand each other better. What a great idea! We may even be the first to participate.

A very unfortunate event in March happened to Alicia Hothem and husband Doug. A hangar fire destroyed both of their airplanes. Both are okay despite Doug's minor burns and the terrible loss of their planes.

In April our speaker was Julie Crowell, A&P mechanic. She spoke on exhaust safety and the importance of incorporating an exhaust inspection as part of our pre-flight. Unfortunate mishaps are caused by a cracked exhaust that could have been prevented if only the pilot knew what to look for. In April Tammie Guthrie flew to the Grand Junction SCS meeting, and she reported a thoroughly enjoyable time.

In May we learned more about weather from meteorologist Ken McCool. He told us how meteorologists come up with percentages for forecasting weather and also brought books and CDs to help explain weather events. We also had our annual pancake breakfast in May to raise funds for scholarships. We had a gorgeous day with an awesome turnout.

We toured Fort Worth Center in June. Scott Voight spent considerable time with us answering questions and showing us controller tools and resources.

SPRING 2006 SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING! THE KANSAS 99s INVITE YOU TO JOIN US IN WICHITA, KANSAS FOR THE SPRING 2006 SECTION MEETING. MAY 19-21, 2006.

We are making the hard choices for tours and activities from the many interesting sites and events Wichita offers, including:

- A tour of the Frank Lloyd Wright house
- A visit to our Kansas Aviation Museum and see the restoration of the B-29 "Doc"
- A visit to our unique Museum of Ancient Treasures
- A stroll through our lovely Botanica Gardens
- And all of the event opportunities possible during the Wichita River Festival

Wichita has much to offer and the Kansas 99s are working hard to choose the best of these to make your Spring 2006 South Central Section Meeting the best ever!!

PLAN TO COME SEE US IN SPRING 2006!!



99 NEWS SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The 99s News team has developed suggested guidelines to help members submit their news articles and photographs in a format that is most compatible with digital publishing requirements. Following the guidelines will help ensure accuracy and improve photo quality in the magazine. However, please note that these are just suggestions, and the 99 News will continue to accept articles in longhand and typewritten from those who do not have access to a computer.

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SAN ANTONIO

By Marsha Copeland

Members gathered for the annual Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers on June 12th at The Little Italy Restaurant in San Antonio. Madge Moore was our guest speaker. She is a veteran WASP who resides in San Antonio.

Her heart-warming talk about her experiences as a Woman Air Force Service Pilot in World War II gave us the realistic "scoop" on what it was like to participate. She trained, and met the challenges afforded during 1943 when she reported to Sweetwater, Texas for pilot training. In 14 months she flew 500 hours ferrying military airplanes including the AT6—which was her favorite.

There were 90 girls in her class and 50 graduated to be placed at various airfields. She was stationed at Sherman, Texas and continued to fly until the

WASP program was deactivated, December 20th 1944. Members were encouraged to ask questions about her experiences and the program to which she heartily responded. When asked how she met her husband, she said "he carried my parachute." She also said that the times were challenging, but she would do it all again!

Following this delightful talk, Chapter Chair Nancy Aldrich presented awards to Laura Richter for 99 of the Year, Gloria Blank and Sherry Walker received awards for 2nd place. Gus Aguirre and Willie Nunez were awarded 49½ of the Year awards. Patty Taylor and Sherry Walker received special Good Samaritan Awards. New officers were installed as returning Chair Nancy Aldrich inducted Patty Taylor as Vice-Chair, Winnie Clements, Secretary and Sherry Walker, Treasurer.



Bright smiles for the San Antonio Chapter Award winners!!

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ALBUQUERQUE 99s HOST GIRL SCOUT AVIATION DAY

By Kathy Hancock, Albuquerque Chapter

Our own Amelia Earhart look-alike showed up on Saturday, July 9th at Seven Bar Aviation at the Albuquerque Sunport to mesmerize 7 Girl Scouts with her story. Barbara Fricke's portrayal was the finishing touch to a fun day at the airport for a Girl Scout troop in Albuquerque working on their Aerospace Badge.

The Albuquerque 99s hosted the Aviation Day for the Girl Scouts in order to help them earn their badge and also create a spark of interest for aviation in the next generation. Anna Taylor, Tina Jenkin, Joan Granger, and Kathy Hancock joined Barbara in this project.

The Girl Scouts, a troop from Governor Bent Elementary School in Albuquerque where Kathy is a teacher, several leaders and several little brothers thoroughly enjoyed the day. The 99s planned the day so that after it was finished they completed the requirements to earn their Aerospace badge.

The requirements included a mixture of hands-on activities, history, interviews, movie clips, internet information and a taste of space food. The girls made their own paper and styrofoam airplanes and logged their test flights in their own log-books. They tasted dehydrated ice cream while they watched a movie of a shuttle launch. They learned about Joan's cross-country airline trip in 1939. Tina told them about her grandmother (Dorothy Haupt-

Spangler, also a 99) who flew in the Powder Puff Derby and other air races in the 1950s and 1960s. Anna and Kathy arranged for a tour of the airport that included the Lifeguard King Air and helicopter and a mock preflight check of a Cessna.

After the activities at the airport, the group went to the Museum of Natural History, where Joan is a docent, and enjoyed the Planetary show.

The Albuquerque Ninety-Nines are excited about chances

to use their NASA training to help children learn more about flying. The Girl Scout Aviation Day also allowed the girls to benefit from this chapter's enthusiasm.



Angled up: "Amelia Earhart" (AKA Barbara Fricke) enthalls the Girl Scout troop (including a brother) with the story of her life. Far right: The girls show off their meat-tray gliders to Kathy Hancock. Bottom: The whole group with Kathy and Anna after a "preflight" walkaround.

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