

South Central Section Ninety-Nines
Governor's Report
Fall September 2023 business meeting

Hello all,

South Central Section chapters have been very busy! At this writing, we had 1064 members in our section and growing, lots of young student pilots advancing quickly. Here are just a few events that our section members have been participating in and promoting:

Air Race Classic – volunteers and racers, Pineville Poker Run, Okie Derby, Fly-outs, Airmarking events, volunteering at Oshkosh, Hangar Hangouts, Tower Tours.

We look forward to many more of the above as well as upcoming events which include:

Texarkana KTXK Compass Rose, Nov 11, Rio Grande Norte 99s 20th Anniversary, Let's Fly Now Texarkana – new date to be determined.

Many of our section members have achieved new type ratings, advanced in their aviation careers and mentored young pilots. Several chapters are developing scholarships to assist our many new student pilots. We also have Section members involved with the PPLI program which adds to everyone's growth and success.

Vice Governor Jill Shockley and I hopped in my Bonanza and participated in the Okie Derby, always great to be with the Oklahoma chapter ladies. Our own SCS nominating committee chairman, Trina Southard, assisted with the organization of this huge fundraiser which funds aviation scholarships. Next, Jill and I plan to fly to Santa Fe for Rio Grande Norte chapter's 20th anniversary celebration on October 15. We are looking forward to being with everyone there.

Jill Shockley has graciously donated time for our Approach Mini newsletter – we are currently looking for more volunteers. Also Komal Rahane from Houston chapter is easing into our website development and maintenance, and we are thankful for both of them in assisting in these areas.

We encourage everyone to attend IBOD in Oklahoma City at our headquarters, it is a wonderful way to meet the governing board and members from many parts of the world. You may read the minutes from those meetings on the International 99s website. Also plan to attend an International conference. I am excited to be going to Jordan and will report once back home. You can find dates for IBOD meetings and International Conferences on the 99s website.

Thanks to everyone for attending today and for your work to continue what Amelia Earhart and the early women pilots shared a passion for. We have big shoes to fill! Please consider running for offices, volunteering at events, and helping to spread the word about the 99s.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Adams Peake
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