



Austin Hill Country Ninety-Nines News



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Officers & Chairs

Chairman: Linda Lee Bush
Treasurer: Carol M. Foy
Membership Chair: Becky Smith
Secretary: Sarah Wendt

Welcome New Members

Margie Mellick - Cedar Park
Angie Griffin - Round Rock
Randi Copeland (Student Pilot) - Lockhart
Lindy - new member, friend of 99s

New Newsletter Editor Intro



Howdy, to my new Texas flying sisters! My name is Sarah Wendt. I am a born and bred Floridian. I just moved to the area from West Palm Beach, FL. Out East, I was involved with the 99s as the Treasure Coast chapter secretary and newsletter editor. I started flying in 2007; solo'd in 2008; flight instructed from 2011-2016; and I have been flying business jets since 2016. I have also had the wonderful experience of flying in four Air Race Classic's (in case you didn't know, the deadline to sign-up for this year's race is March 31st. To sign-up, click on the link: [Air Race Classic](#)).

At the first meeting I attended after my move to Austin, I chatted with Becky about my 99s involvement in Florida. She mentioned that my roles there would actually help here. So here I am writing this newsletter to help keep us informed on chapter happenings and aviation events. I am excited to be a new member of the Austin Hill Country 99s.

My goal is to publish the first week of each month. Quarterly, I like to do a longer newsletter with articles that feature members, safety topics, upcoming scholarships, aviation areas of interest, etc. I welcome anyone to send me topic ideas, or even if you enjoy writing and want to write your own article, please, send it to me and I can edit it and add it. I regularly got great feedback from my last chapter so at any time please feel free to reach out to me, wendt2thestore@gmail.com.

Jan/ Feb Re-cap

Austin Hill Country kicked off 2022 with a holiday party at the T82 airport in Fredericksburg, TX on January 8th. The Rhett Hawk Building at Gillespie County airport was a beautiful and perfect setting for the party. We had 12 members in attendance. Plenty of food and friendly conversation were enjoyed prior to convening in the conference room for a presentation given by our new member and friend of the 99s, Lynn D. "Lucky Lindy" Segall.

About the Meeting Keynote Speaker, Lynn D. "Lucky Lindy" Segall

The son of two WWII pilots, Lynn D. "Lucky Lindy" Segall had no say about his nickname, bestowed

in honor of famed aviator Charles Lindbergh. Lindy's late mother served as a proud member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) and made sure he was equally versed on the heroic exploits of aviatrix Amelia Earhart and the director of the WASP, Jackie Cochran. Lindy has devoted over twenty years to telling the largely untold story of the WASP and supporting various aviation organizations, including the Austin Hill Country Ninety-Nines. His current passion project is producing a full-length musical entitled Sweetwater... so named for the windswept West Texas home of Avenger Field where the WASP trained for service during WWII.



Our holiday party host, Gwen Fullbrook, and Lindy were featured in the [Fredericksburg Standard Radio Post](#) at the beginning of this month. Please, click the link to read the article and learn about the WASP traveling exhibit. If you were unable to attend the holiday party and would like to learn more about the WASP, the WASP Museum at Avenger Field, and WASP events visit www.waspmuseum.org. WASP events in March and April are also included in the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

February Fireside Chat



Last month, our chapter had an educational fireside chat via Zoom organized and hosted by Austin Hill Country 99s member Rene Banglesdorf (top left photo.) The chat featured April Ellis (top right photo), air traffic controller at Teterboro airport in New Jersey; and Captain Theresa (bottom photo), airline captain, flight instructor, and podcaster.

During the chat our wonderful presenters discussed communication in aviation and took questions from the audience throughout. April gave us the ATC insider's perspective on communication while sharing her advice and personal experiences. Captain Theresa informed us with the communication tips and tricks, some that she gives to students on her podcast, and shared professional pilot scenarios. The Zoom meeting was recorded, if you would like the link, please feel free to email me and I can send the link and password. You can also follow these passionate women in aviation on social media @mauivixen or @landingswithaflair found on Instagram and Clubhouse.

AHC Next Meeting

Are you ready to get back out there and hang with your favorite, local aviatrixes? Let's catch up at the meeting on April 2nd, 2022! Already, the group is buzzing with fresh ideas like: Casual monthly meetups to include happy hours, air shows, dinner dates; mentoring within the chapter; fresh fundraising ideas like a witch's fly-in, plane wash, or a pull-a-plane; maybe even a food truck fly-in. The best way to do these fun things is to get together, communicate, and make them happen!

The April 2nd meeting will be held in the FBO at Gillespie County airport (T82) in Fredericksburg, TX. It will also be made available live on Zoom for those who cannot commute to Fredericksburg, but still want to share ideas and learn about future events. More details about the specific time, refreshments, and theme to come. Keep your eyes peeled on any, or all means of chapter communication.

Calendar

99s Events

March

- 4th - 10th - [WASP Women's History Month Traveling Exhibit](#) (Sweetwater)
- 25th - 26th - [South Central Section Spring Meeting](#) (Boulder, CO)

April

- 2nd - AHC 99s Business Meeting (T82)
- 3rd - [San Antonio Ninety-Nines poker run](#) (KBAZ)
- 29th - 30th - [WASP Homecoming](#) (Sweetwater)

May

- TBD

General Aviation Events

March

- 19th - [Bluebonnet Air Show](#) (Burnet)
- 26th - [EAA 1607 Monthly Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagles event](#) (KRYW)

April

- 3rd - [Cameron Municipal Airport Airshow and Food Truck Fly-in](#) (Cameron, T35)
- 23rd - [EAA 1607 Monthly Pancake Breakfast](#) (KRYW)
- 23rd - 24th - [Great Texas Air Show](#) (San Antonio)
- 29th - May 1st - [Critters Lodge Spring Fly-in and Camp Out](#) (Centerville, TE01)

May

- 7th - [Wings & Wheels Fly-In](#) (Kingsbury)
- 28th - [Go Wheels Up!](#) (San Marcos)
- 28th - [EAA 1607 Monthly Pancake Breakfast](#) (KRYW)