



Austin Hill Country Ninety-Nines News



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Chapter Updates

The results are in from the chapter survey. We had a 28% response from the chapter. Which was higher than the recent in-person participation of 10%-20%. The more important part was what the participants had to say.

Here is the breakdown: There was a good split of perspectives, half who answered have been in the chapter for over 5 years and the other half have been in the chapter for 3 years or less. 86% prefer email communications. Over 70% joined for the camaraderie and to meet more female pilots. What members enjoy about being a Ninety-Nine are: promoting aviation, friendships/connections, getting together for aviation and social events. A summary of what respondents would like to see from the chapter are more Austin events, variety in location, mentoring, more events overall, and even a suggestion for more online availability. There were 45% who responded that they are interested in doing anything and everything whether it is getting together for aviation or non-aviation related events. The next two most popular suggestions for topics/programs is the desire to work with kids/Girl Scouts, and to have speakers talk their aviation experiences. The one survey result that is going to prove to be a challenge is that only 3 members replied that they are willing to volunteer for a committee or chair position.

So, that's the sitch! We will try to plan monthly get-togethers and ensure they are diverse in location and activity. As a group, if we can get a commitment from members to bring just one person with them to each event we can double the amount of participation. It's a fact that if we want to do larger events like host Girl Scouts, fundraising events, etc., we need people. I can see the desire is there to hang out with our avgeek gal-pals (and guy-pals), but it does take a little effort whether it be inviting a new friend, an old friend, a co-worker, having a spouse or significant other become a 49 ½ or a Friend of the 99s. Friends and family don't even have to officially join, if you want to bring them to an event, please do. The only thing they would not be able to participate in is voting. The more the merrier! Please let me know when you will be available to

meet this summer by clicking on the following link [summer availability survey](#).

Now let's talk about the happy hour that took place on the 10th at Aviator Pizza & Drafthouse. It was a modest group. Each attendee with unique and interesting experiences. We all shared stories about our aviation backgrounds, what aviation goals we are working on, helicopters, air racing, aircraft we'd like to purchase one day, and so much more. A great time was had by all.

In the photo from left to right: Sarah Wendt, Angie Griffin, Cecilia Adamson, Dez Staffeldt. Not photo'd but in attendance as well, Linda Coltharp.



Some chapter social media updates to take note of. We now have a Facebook Group because it was discovered that a Facebook Page is geared more toward businesses. Behind the scenes as an admin it is cumbersome to edit, and a hassle for members to post on a FB Page vs. a FB Group. Eventually, we would like to get rid of the page all together and just have the group. The photos from the page have been transferred to the new group site. Also, a website is under construction and almost finished for our chapter. It will be posted in the next newsletter and immediately shared on the social media platforms.

Calendar

99s/ WASP Events

May

10th - 6 PM Casual Happy Hour at Aviator
Pizza & Drafthouse (South Congress)

June

- TBD

July

- 6th - 10th - [Ninety-Nines International Conference and Career Expo](#) (Charleston, SC)
- TBD

General Aviation Events

May

- 7th - [Wings & Wheels Fly-In](#) (Kingsbury)
- 21st - [Big Country Air Fest](#) (Abilene)(Free!)
- 21st - EAA 1088 Chapter Meeting (T82 TacAero Mx Facility, 8 AM)
- 28th - [Go Wheels Up!](#) (San Marcos)
- 28th - [EAA 1607 Monthly Pancake Breakfast](#) (KRYW)

June

- 4th - [Airplanes and Coffee Pancake Breakfast fly-in/drive-in event](#) (Midlothian, TX)
- 21st - 24th - [Air Race Classic](#) (Ada, OK. Race stop closest to us)

July

- 1st - [Rose City AirFest](#) (Tyler, TX)
- 2nd - [Thunder Over Cedar Creek Lake Air Show](#) (Mabank, TX)
- 3rd - [Kaboom Town](#) (Addison, TX)
- 25th - 31st - [EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#)

Would you like your event on the calendar? Email me at wendt2thestore@gmail.com the pertinent information and I will post it in our newsletter and on the social media sites.
