AUSTIN HILL COUNTRY NINETY-NINES

Newsletter

August 2023

Chairman's Report

Here is yet another new format for the newsletter. I am trying out Canva this time since I'm not quite sure how I feel about MailChimp. Let me know what you think! -Follow the link below:



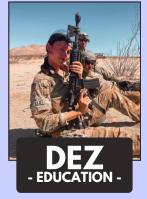
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First, I would like to thank those who came to the Amelia movie screening at the Hendrickson FBO - Media Room at Austin Executive Airport. We had a full theater of attendees. We also discovered we are all WAY too polite. After the movie, Meagan OLeary said "when they talked about the Nintey-Nines I wanted to cheer!" We all vehemently agreed! Next time, we will have to be more boisterous!

The conclusion of July was full of great joy and sorrow for our chapter. While I am going to share all of the news in this singular newsletter, each event deserves its own undivided attention and respect along with the members and families in all circumstances.















Huge Congrats!

On Tuesday, July 26, 2023 our chapter member Juliana "Juli" Martinez took command of the skies on her first solo!

Please send her your congratulations for this huge milestone and enjoy reading the EAA 1088 article written about her accomplishment: https://mailchi.mp/8e683bfab6ac/she-did-it



EAA 1088 Members in attendance (minus a few because - Oh! LOOK! Airplane!) at AirVenture 2023 sending our congratulations to Juli!

Find us on **(7)**









With Great Sadness

Less than a week ago while sitting in the Chicago Midway airport, coming

down from the high of attending my first EAA AirVenture at KOSH, I received an almost unbelievable text message. It was a message about an accident at KOSH and the message revealed that it involved one of our Austin Hill Country Ninety-Nines, Devyn Reiley.

I wish I had the opportunity to get to know her. Many of our longstanding members knew Devyn and her family well. Devyn was a bright light whose passion touched so many lives in a wonderful way. Here are a few quotes from friends and family.

"She was an amazing young woman."

"She will be missed by everyone that was blessed enough to have met her, flown with her, to call her friend."

"[Devyn] You were an inspiration. Your smile was infectious...You showed young women with positivity and a strong drive you can conquer the world. Devyn you will be missed... you truly were the spirit of Fifinella."

Words cannot express the heartbreak our aviation community is feeling as we reflect on the loss of our sister of the skies, Devyn Reiley who took her final flight West on July 29th, 2023.

A GoFundMe to help her family with final expenses is posted on Devyn's Facebook page.

There is also a scholarship in development to be dedicated in Devyn's name. The scholarship mission will be to help young aviators follow their dreams and perpetuate the spirit of the WASP. Patches will also be sold with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the scholarship fund. (See patch mockup to the right)



Devyn's family is holding a celebration of life open for anyone to attend. Saturday, August 5th, 2023 @ 10 AM in the Commemorative Air Force Hangar, San Marcos, TX 78666

Calendar of Events

AUGUST 26TH

CAF & B-25 Devil Dog Presentation

10:00am - 12:00pm Lunch to follow

Pilot's Choice Aviation Georgetown Executive Airport 209 Corsair Dr, Georgetown, TX 78628

SEPTEMBER 9TH

Business Meeting

10:00am - 12:00pm

Gillespie County Airport Terminal Building 191 Airport Rd, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

SEPTEMBER 23RD

Women in Aviation Austin Chapter Girls in Aviation Day

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Atlantic Aviation Austin Bergstrom Airport 4309 Emma Browning Ave, Austin, TX 78719

EVERY MONTH

Our friends in EAA 1088 (T82) and 958 (KHYI) hold their chapter meetings every 3rd Saturday and EAA 1607 (KRYW) every 4th Saturday.

Lockhart (50R) Flying Club hosts <u>breakfast</u> every 1st Saturday.

AIRMARKING PROJECTS

We are still in the planning process for airmarking KERV.

Additionally, the Section will be airmarking KTXK. **SAVE THE DATE** for Veterans Day weekend, **November 11th** to airmark KTXK. The rain date will be November 18th. Ninety-Nines from all over the South Central Section are planning on flying in to help paint the 99s compass rose in KTXK! Mark your calendars and come join the fun!

Kenedy Regional Airport (2R9) would like to get airmarked as well with a Spring 2024 date TBD.

There is one more "surprise" airmarking proposal underway, so keep your eyes and ears open for the next announcement!



SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING

FORT WORTH, TX September 28 - October 1, 2023

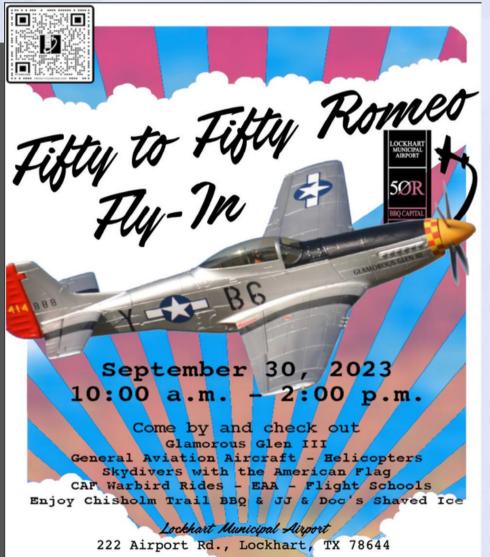
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