AUSTIN HILL COUNTRY NINETY-NINES

Newsletter

June 2024

Chairman's Report

Summer is here and a new (mostly familiar)

AHC 99s Board is ready to serve the chapter for the next year. We have one position update - Michelle Kopplow is joining the team as our new Treasurer. Please join me in welcoming Michelle! Also thanking Carol Foy for all of her wonderful years of service keeping our chapter finances in order. With no other interest or nominations received, our board will be as presented here until Spring 2025.













= IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



On Memorial Day 99s and WAI members Honored the WASP by visiting the resting places of four local WASP. Catherine D'Arezzo, Mimi Segall, Mary B. Smith, and Marie Muccie Genaro. Mimi was the mother of our longtime chapter supporter and Friend of the Ninety-Nines, Lindy Segall.

At each site, flowers and flags were left plus a reading of their lives and flying accomplishments. We are so grateful to those who served and who helped pave the way for women pilots today.

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Gearing up For GIAD

Women in Aviation Austin Chapter is prepping for GIAD 2024. The date is set (September 21.) Location secured. Committee assembled.

Time to fundraise! See the last page of this newsletter for the informational flyer and how you can help.

AIRMARKING PROJECTS

We are invited to join the San Antonio 99s Saturday, October 10th, 2024 to airmark Castroville Airport (KCVB).

This is a great opportunity to meet fellow 99s and warm-up our paint brushes for KERV in 2025! (Date TBD)

AHC99s Scholarship Fund

Don't forget! Austin Hill Country 99s Scholarship Fund Share the link and QR!



995 PPLI Autumn Session deadline is July 15th. Limited availability.

The Ninety-Nines Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) is a program to assist highly motivated 99s holding a commercial certificate. For members seeking career progression; a job transition; preparing for an upgrade; or rebounding from setbacks.

PPLI is a structured program that facilitates mentoring, hones leadership skills, and provides career development tools through guided activities with experienced women professional pilots.

PPLI Fact Sheet. 99s PPLI Application Form

Professional 99s who have achieved their career goals and have the capacity to mentor another woman Apply as a Senior Navigator for one or more half-year sessions.

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Spring SCS Meeting

What a great time! The 2024 Spring South Central Section Meeting was hosted by

the NE Kansas Chapter and held in Atchison, KS - The birthplace of Amelia Earhart.

Greta and I thoroughly enjoyed exploring the Amelia Earhart Hangar Museum, her birthplace home, and the International Forest of Friendship. We also enjoyed catching up with old friends from around the Section. See photos below.

Sprinkled in with the fun, we accomplished section business including installation of the new officers. INTERNATION FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP The BIRTHPLACE of AMELIA EAD CHPLACE of AMELIA EARHART Newsletter June 2024

99s Calendar



<u>Aviation Trivia Night @ Aviator Pizza & Drafthouse (Mueller)</u>

7 PM Test your aviation knowledge! Never the same questions. Expect good food, cold brews, and a good time!



99s Soaring Day with Fault Line Flyers

Noon Come to our 99s Soaring Day with Fault Line Flyers in Bertram, TX. Fee: \$100. Weight limit: >100lbs. <220lbs RSVP required: austinhillcountry99s@gmail.com



13th

Meeting and Speaker @ T82

10 AM Fly in or drive in for our meeting. Speaker TBD. Chilled wine or mimosas after the meeting sounds enticing... also TBD



Pioneer Flight Museum Tour @ Kingsbury Aerodrome

Expect an intriguing tour of the Pioneer Flight Museum at Kingsbury Aerodrome.



Girls in Aviation Day 2024

Sept 21st

Save the date and sign up now to volunteer for WAI Girls in Aviation Day 2024. Email: austinhillcountry99s@gmail.com

EVERY MONTH

Our friends in EAA 187 (KGTU) hold their chapter meetings every second Saturday. EAA 1088 (T82) and EAA 958 (KHYI) every third Saturday. EAA 1607 (KRYW) every fourth Saturday.

<u>Cutter Aviation Georgetown</u> (KGTU) and <u>Lockhart (50R) Flying Club</u> host breakfasts every first Saturday.



GIRLS IN AVIATION DAY: On September 21, 2024 the **501(c)(3)** Austin chapter of Women in Aviation International is showcasing some of the exceptional women who are proving a career in the sky isn't just for the boys! Join us for the 3rd annual Girls in Aviation Day event—designed to ignite passion for **opportunities in aviation and STEM** through aircraft tours, simulator sessions, hands-on activities, prizes, and more! Led by female pilots, this experience is all about inspiring the next generation of females in aviation-related careers.

WHY YOU MATTER

CLOSING THE GAP THROUGH EARLY EXPOSURE: Despite progress in recent years, the aviation industry still grapples with a significant gender disparity, with women significantly underrepresented in aviation-related fields. Introducing girls to various career paths at a young age is essential for breaking down barriers and expanding opportunities. By fostering curiosity and confidence, we can pave the way for a more diverse and inclusive aviation industry that benefits everyone!

REPRESENTATION MATTERS: The underrepresentation of women in aviation not only limits diversity, but also deprives the industry of valuable talent and perspectives. By empowering girls to pursue careers in aviation and STEM, we can unlock full industry potential, driving innovation and progress. Investing in the next generation of female aviators is not just a matter of equality—it's imperative for the future of aviation as a whole.

YOUR CHANCE TO ACT

OUR GOAL: We are looking to raise \$10,000. All funds raised for this event will go toward the costs incurred to orchestrate an organized, impactful, and safe experience for all attendees. Your support will enable us to provide essential resources for over 300 attendees and employees, including:

- Reusable banners and signage
- Event shirts
- Fans and swamp coolers to protect against the Texas heat
- Educational materials and supplies for workshops
- Lunch and refreshments for participants
- Stickers and other goodies for participants to take home

INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING?

Donations graciously accepted via PayPal, or contact us via wai.austx@gmail.com for in-kind donations or questions. We look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your generosity!

Any funding in excess of our 2024 expenses will be used towards future Girls in Aviation Day events

