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Phoenix Chapter Ninety-Nines December 2008 Newsletter

We have gone electronic. You can opt in or out, e-mail me with your preference. Marina
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Paula's Corner

Happy Holidays & Merry Christmas Ladies;

I just want to wish everyone the most joyous of holidays. As this year draws to a close, we are all probably wondering what next year will bring...so.....remember to always tell those you love, how much they mean..... bring a smile to every occasion...they really are contagious. Invite a future pilot to an aviation party or event they might get bitten by the flying bug ! Look forward to each new day as we have the opportunity to learn something new each day if we give ourselves the chance...but most of all share your love of flying with friends and every day will be great.

See you Dec 6th at the Christmas Party
and Dec 7th for Treats to the Towers

Paula

Chapter Meetings

December, no Chapter meeting, Holiday Party Lunch 6th at 1pm at King's Fish House, Tempe.

More details below

January 14th TBA

February 11th TBA

March 11th TBA

Dee is working hard on our 1st qtr location. If you have suggestions for future meeting locations we'd love to hear them.

December Anniversaries

Jen Amundsen 5 yrs

Ruth Olsen 37 yrs

Note: If there was a break in your membership it is not reflected in your total years.

Treats to the Towers

We are collecting the treats on Dec 6th at the Holiday Party Lunch.

We spoil 9 locations now, so we need 9 separate baggies of each treat. I will have the larger gift bags that we delivery them in.

We have at least one person per tower now but this is such a fun event, so please don't hesitate to join the one going to your local tower.

If you can't make the Lunch let me know and I'll help you find a 99 who can take the treats from you.

You can email me at amqimbel@aol.com or call me at 602-625-9411.

Ashlie



Treats to the Towers 2007
In PHX new tower cab.
Beth, Judith, Marina

Holiday Party Lunch

There is still time to join your chapter at the Holiday Lunch Dec 6th at 1pm.

We have our own room at King's Fish House, so we can socialize to our hearts content, and if there are any last minute arrivals we can easily include them. You can check out the menu on line at www.kingsfishhouse.com

If driving is the reason you are hesitating, we have 99s in all parts of the valley, let me know you need a ride and I'll help you match up. If the tough economy is the reason you're hesitating, I have an answer for that too, car pool, don't eat and take a pass on the gift exchange. You see, we 99s just want to have a full room of friends. With the open menu this year you can order as much or as little as you want.

For those who are just too busy, consider King's is right in the middle of a huge new shopping area. You may be able to run those errands before or after and not lose time. Check out the shops at www.tempemarketplace.com

Everyone please RSVP even if you are signed up for Treats, I still need to know if you are attending the lunch too. And tons of thanks for doing so much, you get out what you put into it.

Side note: so far we have 4 men confirmed, so bring your fellas, we love having them join us.
RSVP Marina heligirl@hotmail.com or 602-538-5069

Chapter Social

November social was held at Alice Cooperstown and then we headed across the street to see the Phoenix Roadrunners clean the clocks of Bakersfield's Condors. The game got off to a dismal start with 2 points for the Condors in the first 5 minutes. But The Roadrunners came back and in overtime took the game. We had a fun group that all got into the game and I have to admit we did a little 99s business over dinner. Can't help it. December social details coming out soon. Looks like it will be a beautiful night at the Desert Botanical Gardens. Luminaria. If you have not been yet, grab your sweetie and go, it is fantastic, can be fun f friends but it unforgettable for couples. I have guest passes we maybe bale to use to save some money.



November Chapter Social at US Airways Stadium.
Jen, Marina, guest Lina, Traci.
Not pictured Jen's fella Robert
and Traci's fella Mike.

Electronic Newsletter

Although our new electronic newsletter is popular if we do not use our postal permit at least 4 times a year at 300 count per mailing we will lose our permit and once lost apparently they are hard to get back. So we are changing things up a little so that we will send out a quarterly newsletter by mail and the rest of the time electronically. It will always be available on our website.

The plan is to also have those quarterly newsletters be huge, amazing, awesome, and fantastically full of dates, activities, events and the kitchen sink. Now for those of you who have never created a newsletter I can't do this by myself. I need your help.

As soon as you see a date, an activity or anything, send it to me. Send me 10 e-mails a day if you like, don't save them thinking you'll get to it later, do it now. Send stories of the stuff you are doing, send photos send everything, you can even text me a date or note.

I am not putting last names in our newsletter since it is posted on our public website. Anyone who needs your last name can look it up in the private 99s Directory. It's just another way we are trying to clean up our 'digital footprint'.

New 99s, new to PHX FWP and everyone working on a rating or certificate I want to hear from you every month. Your hometown cheerleaders can't cheer for you if you don't tell us what is going on. Brag a little, we do it.

Marina

Southwest Section

The Phoenix Chapter is hosting the Spring 2009 SWS Conference in Glendale, Arizona
April 30, 2009 - May 3, 2009
Spring 2009 SWS Meeting – REGISTRATION
Nancy Rogers, Registration Committee

Even if you are working the event it is necessary for you to register and pay the current registration fees. The cost of meals is our primary expense, so we need everyone to pay. This year it is possible to register on-line and, if you want, you can also pay your registration fee on line via a secure Google Checkout process. Sending a check to Nancy is great too.

If you have computer access you can go our website – www.Phx99s.org -- click on the SWS Spring Meeting tab and go directly to a page with one-stop-shopping for registration materials and hotel registration information. Or, go to <http://sws-phx09.ninetynines.net/> for the on-line registration page. You can also download a paper mail-in copy of the registration form. However, if you have the capability to register on-line it will save me a bunch of work and help eliminate (my) human errors.

If you have any questions about the registration process, please give me a call (480-607-0594).

Section Meeting.

We have a couple of very cool, fun tours for the Section Meeting, OUR Section Meeting. Yes PHX chapter members get to go on the tours too. You should, and let someone else do the driving, bring your honeys too. The hotel is beautiful, don't hesitate to grab a room so you don't have to drive tired, bunk up with another PHX members and have a pajama party.

Speaking of pajama parties, we might just have one Thursday night before it gets too crazy busy with all the 99s in town. I'll give you all the details ASAP. It will be a great time for us to curl up and catch up.

International

Still working on the new website, looking forward to that finished product.

The responses from the fall section meetings regarding the question, "What could International be doing to help the chapters"? are coming in and getting analyzed. That might be too scientific, but they are looking at the results and hoping to find some answers to help us all be better and stronger. If you have any ideas, the Board has opened the door for ideas, don't be shy.

I have not heard much of anything about Chicago in 2009, but I grew up there so if I can help you with any of your planning let me know Ill brainstorm with you.

99s President, Susan Larson just lost her Father, he went happy winning a round on the golf course. 99s Vice President, Donna Moore just got a clean bill of health after a bit of a scare. She aint going down so easy.

NEWS

Sian P. just received notice that she has an interview with NASA for the Astronaut Program. I know, pretty amazing right? She is one of our many super heroes in this organization and in our chapter. Check out her blog and photos at <http://sianproctor.com/?p=103>.

Sian also introduced us to the new fly-out program at Prescott, look up the weekly destination and join them, no prep required, just go. www.flyprescott.com

Kara S. - Sorry I have not made many meetings, I was at NBAA during one and was in Pensacola Nov 12/13 for the "End of the Year" show with the Blue Angels. My boyfriend was a Blue Angel and was killed last April in an air show...this would have been his last show had he survived. So, was important for me to be there to support the team I have my own business selling aircraft and Women in Aviation magazine wrote a story about my company for the Nov issue. I am very pleased with the article.

FWP You are too quiet out there. Don't forget to brag on yourself, or at least let me do it for you.

Rachel T. - Mallory S. - Anne G-Q. - Jennifer H. - Michelle S. - Elke B. – see below

Kimberli S. - The flying is going very well. I did my first dual x-country on Sunday. It went really well. I am hoping to have my license in about 2 months or so...

Scholarships winners

Mallory - still training.

Julianna T. of TUS - She and I met for breakfast a couple of weeks ago it was great to hear of TUS projects and how busy they have been. Julianna has found a new CFI and airplane to tie up her loose ends and get her instruments rating DONE! Maybe by the New Year??? Marina

New to PHX

Welcome member at large **Tania H.** She was found lurking around the AOPA event in San Jose when Traci nabbed her and now she has joined the Phoenix Chapter. Some of us met her at the November meeting, yet another intelligent vibrant woman. Tania - welcome to the Phoenix chapter!

And the very newest PHX FWP **Elke B** living in Mesa, joined Nov 24th. I've been visiting with her on line a bit. Here's a quick intro but I'll have more in the January newsletter. I'm a 20 year old student pilot from Belgium-Europe. I'm training at the Sabena Flight Academy in Brussels, but my school has its practical training place in Arizona, Mesa. The school trains you from "zero" to a Frozen ATP. The duration of our practical training is 6-7 months. I would be normally in the 'overseas' chapter, but because I'm now living in Arizona they said I better join the AZ chapter. I'm the only girl of my group and I was a long time the only girl in the whole school. Now we're with 6 girls and +- 200 boys.

Elke - Welcome to the Ninety-Nines and the Phoenix Chapter.

Privacy reminder:

This is **not** in response to any PHX 99s actions.

Any 99 you wish you contact for your personal gain should be a 99 you already know and are on a personal basis with. Not only is the directory private, you should respect every 99s personal info even if gathered on a public web site. If you know one 99 it wont take long for her to share your fantastic product with her friends and before long we'll all know. If you do receive sales attempts from another 99 please remind her of the level of privacy we all expect and trust that she will honor your reminder. You may also suggest a paid advertisement in our Section Meeting program or newsletter.

Marina

International Database

When was the last time you checked to see if your info was correct? I look at the database all the time while creating these newsletters and I'm amazed at the names missing from our chapter and from the database all together. Next time you are on the website www.ninety-nines.org check out your name and see if the info is correct. I don't catch them all but when I do Ill contact you, just don't rely on my eyes. Some mistakes might cost you an uninterrupted membership, which you'll need for scholarship requirements.

Endowment Fund

Easy money! Using a search engine on the web? Use www.goodsearch.com and earn money for the 99s Endowment Fund. In the box 'who do you search for?' type in 99s and click search. The Endowment Fund will come up and then do all the searching you want. Everyone can do it so tell your friends and family have them help us at no cost to them. Goodsearch donates money for every search you do. It ads up and we need the money bad.

99s Email-Network

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Pro 99s Email Network - Professional Pilots

99s Flight Training Email Network – CFIs and students

Sign up for one or all three.

2008 NBAA CONFERENCE

WOW! What a great conference. There were so many vendors at the Orlando Convention Center it took me two full days to see them all. Then there was the aircraft static display at the Orlando Executive Airport. It was not as extensive in size as the convention center display, but more impressive as I toured inside many of the airplanes.

NBAA stands for the National Business Aviation Association. It is a must attend event at least once in your life if you like airplanes. I have no idea what it costs to attend, as I had the luxury of attending twice for free. Previously, I attended the NBAA conference in 2004 in Las Vegas, NV.

As the name describes, the NBAA is all about the business of business aviation. There were thousands of vendors displaying full-size helicopters, numerous VLJ's (very light jets) all the way up to large cabin jets, engine and airplane manufacturers, FBO's (fixed based operators), flight planning and weather services, pilot uniform companies, maintenance operators, and on and on.

The best part of the conference though, was the after-parties. The first night, we attended the Cessna bash. It was at an "undisclosed location" which we had to be bussed to. Turns out it was at the Orlando International Airport, next to the Cessna maintenance facility located on the field. My mouth dropped when we pulled in front of the "tent" to unload. There were 10 go-go dancers and an Austin Powers look-alike welcoming the attendees inside to a complimentary feast of local eateries and six open bars. Outside, Cessna had conveniently placed several aircraft around the tent for all 2,500 of us to tour.

I didn't think the Cessna party could be topped, but the next night we went to Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville compliments of AvFuel. We were greeted by the "AvFuel Girls" at the door and handed either a margarita or a Corona. As we snaked through the crowd we found buffet tables of, you guessed it, 'cheeseburgers in paradise' as well as other signature food items offered at Buffett's when it is open to the public.

A local band started playing some of Jimmy's most popular melodies and I hoped The Man himself would jump onto the stage and perform an impromptu concert. When he didn't show after a few songs, we decided to walk across the way to the Honeywell party at the Hard Rock Café. I couldn't believe my eyes and ears when we walked in--Jimmy Buffett was rocking the Hard Rock!!! We immediately joined a thousand plus other people in the concert auditorium swaying to the tunes of the great one. The Honeywell party goes down in my history book as the greatest NBAA party of all time.

I hope to have the opportunity to go to many more NBAA conferences. Not only is it a good time, as I described, it is an upscale, one-of-a-kind venue to view aviation goods, wares and services in person, in one spot. Hope to see you next year.

Traci C. Leider
PHX 99s Membership Chair

99s Mission Statement

PROMOTE
world fellowship
through flight

PROVIDE
networking and scholarship
opportunities for women
and aviation education in
the community

PRESERVE
the unique history
of women in aviation

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