



# Cloud 99

*Phoenix Chapter Ninety-Nines September 2008 Newsletter*

## **Paula's Corner** by Marina

Paula's Father is very ill and in hospice care, she asked me to write a little something for her.

Life is busy and we all get caught up with what's on our plate, life is getting faster and faster and with the internet we have the promise of immediate responses.

We accept our own set of circumstances and prioritize as we need. We tend to forget to notice and appreciate each other, as we are certain they know how we feel. It's not until the end or even when it's too late do we re-asses our lives and discover a regret or two. Perhaps even wishing we could go back in time.

Our chapter has a lot going on right now, Our **Companion Seminar is Sept 13<sup>th</sup>** and we still need a few attendees to make it happen. The Spring Section Meeting is May 2009 and the holidays are looming.

Many of us are directly involved in the planning of these activities, raising families, working at least one job, building a career, training to have a career, dealing with other losses and grief, the presidential election is weighing very heavily on all Americans and the state of the International 99s is turning some ladies off enough to resign their memberships. We have a lot on our plates that is for sure.

So, Paula's message this month is to be sure to notice others in your life. Say those words you feel and set your conscience free. Be responsible to those you have given your word, take ownership of your commitments and value all you have, all you do and all that others do around you. Notice them now, cause you'll sure notice them when they are gone.

## **Chapter Meetings.**

### **September 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting.**

Same place as the August meeting:

The near south side at Mimi's cafe on Ray road in Chandler

**4th Qtr meetings:** North Side TBA, They will be near the Desert Ridge Area,

Tatum or hwy 17 and the hwy 101.

## **September Anniversaries**

Elizabeth Covington 1 yr

Lori Elam 13 yrs

Sue Harper 42 yrs

Dee Holm 6 yrs

Karen Perry 16 yrs

Mallory Schreck FWP 1 yr

Michelle Steffen 2 yrs

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

## International 2008

Alaska was amazing. Many 99s went expecting a conference but instead fell in love with our 49<sup>th</sup> state. Who, by the way, is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year as a state in 2009. So if you missed International this year, 2009 would be a good year to visit Alaska.

All the usual events took place; fly market, scholarship banquet, awards, auctions, fashion show, puppies and of course the business meeting.

See, you missed a whole lot of interesting things. With the 0600 sunrise and 2220 sunset, Anchorage was light for so long that most of us ate dinner about 10 or 11 pm. All of our clocks got messed up and we kept going until we couldn't keep our eyes open any more. The tours went as well as possible with the occasional rain and low ceilings. Some tours were exceptional. I learned a few things to help us make our section meeting better. Kay Krause and Judy Yerian were both there and I'm sure they have a few ideas of their own to add. Mallory Schreck's grandmother sent her up to accept her scholarship. Mallory was like most of us were as budding pilots, high on excitement and energy to burn.

As you know at the July Chapter Meeting you discussed the proposals and voted on them. As your delegates Kay, Judy and I were charged with listening to the pros and cons presented at the business meeting and possibly change your votes to reflect any new information. I have two things to tell you, 1) all of the votes you made matched the majority of the 99s present which was less than 300 99s and 2) we have a lot of work to do to clean up our SOPs, Standing Rules and By Laws. This coming year I am going to include in our newsletter topics that will deal with these three important aspects of our organization.

I will define what each is, what should be included in each and bring up for discussion new proposals and ideas so that we as a chapter have an opportunity to learn more and be more productive members. I know By-Laws can be terribly boring, but the 99s By-Laws are a mess and we are taxed with fixing them, and abiding by them until we do. My goal is to have our delegates go to Chicago next year fully aware and equipped with the knowledge needed to intelligently debate any of the proposals and having already helped make other 99s in other parts of the world aware we will easily be able to guide the rest of the membership toward a healed healthy set of rules.

I will also share with you proposals from other chapters that we will have a chance to discuss in our chapter meetings. Proposals that we may want to get on board with prior to their submission. Some we might want to discourage all together. Either way, I'm looking forward to an open discussion, Q&A, a debate and perhaps some of our own proposals. I realize with our Section Meeting coming up writing our own may be a bit much, but we certainly can recognize a good one from a bad one and support the good ones all the way to International.

So, stay tuned and let's get some input and energy going, we'll get these rules cleaned up in no time.

Marina Saettone

**Alaska**, as you know is not only our 49<sup>th</sup> state but also our largest, and by quite a bit. Texas has nothing on Alaska, I swear I'm not biased in any way. I'm sure Texas has something nice just waiting for me to discover. Alaska however doesn't wait, she puts it way out there so far you can't help but notice her beauty and endless amazement. Endless is the one word I use to describe AK. I caught a bunch of salmon. I'm sending all of them home. I broke my friends fishing rod but brought the fish in so I don't suffer a penalty. Some angler rule. I'm told.

Stayed up late every night to catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights, no go. I used to fly with them when I worked up here and I can tell you how cool that is. They are said to be at about 60 thousand feet and I felt like I could reach out and touch them. To be in the same air they seem to possess is truly an awesome thing. Drove up to Fairbanks on the 10<sup>th</sup> with Doris Good, an FWP from New Orleans, she did some work and I hung out in the 'city' on my own for a day. We went to the Chena hot springs, which was worth the 60 minutes drive. The next day was supremely clear and we watched Denali the whole drive back down the hill to Anchorage. We saw Denali from three angles N, E, and S. She is a beautiful thing. Alaska for me would not be as alluring or magical without 'The Great One'. Denali has an energy that captivates me. We stopped at the Willow airport so Doris could do some work, and I found a gravel runway and lots of airplanes taking off. I walked past the fuel area to the runway to take a better look at the runway that was hidden by a berm. What I saw took my breath away. At the end of the runway was Denali and Mt. Foraker. I had to go back for my camera. Not all pilots would feel this way, but I couldn't think of a better sight than a runway with Denali at the departure end. What a sight as you take off rolling, rotating and climbing into Denali. Gorgeous! Marina

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## Ashlie's Fun Day Out

### Grand Canyon Valle

Hello Everyone! Well we had a good time at the Grand Canyon Valle Airport Fly-In. Traci Leider and her other half, Mike, brought his DA40 Diamond Aircraft. He had the airplane on display for everyone to see. Sharon Hanson, Sherlyn Halloran, Dan and myself came in another airplane to enjoy the festivities. There were a lot of people that flew into the event which made it great for viewing all sorts of different aircraft. We got to view a formation of three Yaks make a low fly by followed by a group landing. One of our favorite moments was getting to watch the P51 Mustang give rides to event attendees. There is nothing quite like the sound of that engine. The Ford Tri Motor was also on hand giving scenic tours. We all got to enjoy the sites in their museum. There were several restored aircrafts including the J2F Grumman Duck (which is still flyable), the Grumman F3F which was the last American biplane fighter aircraft delivered to the United States Navy and many others that made for a great tour. They also had a display case showing women's role in aviation history all the way from the WASPS to Astronauts. It was a great day for all of us to enjoy.

### OCTOBER FLY-OUT

Our next day out is an overnight to **Flagstaff** (FLG) in October. Yes, I have checked that it is not Parent's Weekend and we should be able to get hotel rooms this time. I was looking at the weekend of the **18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**. We will go up on Saturday and try to visit the Lowell Observatory. I have just started to look in to making arrangements for this outing. **Please let me know if you would be interested in joining us** because I will need to book hotel rooms and make transportation arrangements for the group. I will get back to everyone with prices as soon as possible. You can contact me at [amgimbel@aol.com](mailto:amgimbel@aol.com) or 602-625-9411.

Ashlie Gimbel

## Scholarship Winner - Update

Mallory Schreck — came up to Anchorage to receive her scholarship. Her grandmother felt it was important enough to fund the trip for her. And that's a good thing because the volcanic eruption on the Aleutian Chain came at a terrible time for Mallory and dozens of 99s trying to get out of AK. All the flights to the outside (local speak for, anywhere else) were cancelled due to the ash. Mallory was using an airline pass to travel so she had to move to the back of the line of paying passengers. She stayed at a youth hostel and walked everywhere she went so save money for food. It was good to hear her plans to make her last few dollars last, as a scholarship winner its good to be very careful with every penny. Heck, by the time I get home on the 17<sup>th</sup> I expected Mallory to be a pilot and sending in her paperwork for full 99 status. Turns out she barely beat me home with all the delays in getting out of Alaska on an airline pass. I told her to get used to it, airports and delays are her future. Check ride on the horizon!

### 99S HERO CARDS

Join us as we create "99s Hero Cards" for our Aerospace Education programs and for our membership and publicity efforts. Each of you is a face of aviation and each of you has a story to share, a story that will be an inspiration to others.

Learn more:

<http://ninety-nines.org/secure/herocards.php>

## Oshkosh Air Venture 2008 by Traci Leider

This past July, I spent 5 days at The Oshkosh Airventure Airshow sponsored by the EAA. I would imagine most of you reading this tale know what Oshkosh is, but for the new pilots/members I will tell you, it's the biggest collection of aircraft, pilots, merchandise and aviation knowledge collected in the US for one week a year at Oshkosh, WI.

It was my second time there, so I thought I was prepared for round two. I had a rough idea of what I wanted to see and do from my previous year's journey there. My plan consisted of attending more educational seminars, checking out the latest VLJ's (very light jets) and trekking over to the floatplane base. Two out of three isn't bad. It is so easy to get distracted when a V-22 tilt-rotor Osprey is showing off its "stuff", followed by a B-24, F-22 Raptor, P-51 Mustang, P-47 and my personal favorite the F-4U Super Corsair. IE, I never made it the float plane base. Next year, I will for sure.

If you are planning to attend this AMAZING event in 2009, start planning and saving now. Begin by looking for accommodations now and book them. Most people re-book for the following year as they are leaving. Our "group" has rented the same house the past five years. They are several hotels in the area. You can also camp or stay in the dorms at U of W. FYI, I heard most of the dorm rooms do not have A/C.

Next, consider how you will get there. You can fly your own aircraft, airline, drive or a combination of the three. My plan is to airline again in '09 unless Diamond Aircraft needs a plane to be delivered from Canada to California during the same time frame as the Oshkosh festivities. That is how I arrived in '07. This year, I air-lined into Milwaukee and drove from there. Bottom line, book as early as you can to get affordable fares.

The event is a week long and I know it sounds like a lot of time to see and do everything you want, but trust me, it's not. Go to the EAA website to get additional information for next year's events, as well as, highlights from this year. You will be astounded, I promise. I would love to hear from those who are planning on attending Oshkosh 2009. Please email me at [tracileider@earthlink.net](mailto:tracileider@earthlink.net). See you there.

## Flying Companion Seminar

The Flying Companion Seminar has been set for

Saturday, September 13, from 9-4 at the PanAm Academy at DVT.

The cost is \$45 and includes lunch and lots of useful information for the "right seater."

We need at least 10 people to attend to make it viable. Please pass the word to all flight schools. There should soon be a link on our website to download a flyer for the event. There were a few flyers passed out at the July Chapter meeting, Traci put some up at Scottsdale, Chandler and Stellar.

We all have to take ownership of this project and get those flyers out and talk to people we meet. \$5 is a great price for all the usable skills they learn.

Contact Sherlyn with how you will be helping; teaching, supplying food etc.

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## Spring 2009 Section Meeting

**LOGO: WE NEED A LOGO!** We have only three ideas and two offers to get the art work done. Ginger Rowley ([gingerrowley@hotmail.com](mailto:gingerrowley@hotmail.com)), Jennifer Amundsen ([imsunshn@yahoo.com](mailto:imsunshn@yahoo.com)). Get ideas in words or examples to both Ginger and Jen, you two get together with what you can do with the logo.

**Registration:** Nancy is rocking the chapter with her progress and this Section Meeting would not be happening without her. Chairs you must be sure to give Nancy the info she requests for the registration. Make it a priority. She has set up a member's only area. You will need a user name and password. Those will be distributed in a safe manner or you can call Nancy, Paula, Dee, Marina or Traci. We have that information and can give it out.

**Hotel / Banquet:** See August newsletter, all in place. TBA, specific rooms for specific events. We are planning only 2 "general meals" for attendees: the Friday night reception and the Saturday night banquet. All other meals are on their own, except breakfasts that are included in their hotel rates. Marcia

**Transportation:** We have vans lined up but could always use another vehicle and driver just in case. We will need munchies at the airport on Thursday and Friday...baked goodies, chips, fruit, nuts, etc. I have a photographer lined up to take photos of all arrivals. I may have a mechanic but that is still unconfirmed. Peggy

**Hospitality Room:** Marina and I have a date to finalize our plans prior to the holidays. After which we will use our plan as an SOP and be able to hit the bricks running knowing what we need and from who. We are planning to have an outline of foods and beverages desired, an idea of the layout of the room provided and the specialties, Phoenix style, for the gals. We will announce it all after our committee meeting Sept 25<sup>th</sup> to get any additional ideas from the chapter, donations of time to work the room as well as donations of gifts for the attendees and trinkets for the power room and food. This is the first poolside hospitality room I've heard of so we want to take advantage of the location. No one needs to wait for our request, if you have ideas you want us to implement shout them out. Ashlie

**Donations:** We need items for the Silent Auction. Give your donations to Dee, she can store them. Keep asking for donations, we have a non-profit letter you can give to companies and other people as well as you can use for taxes. Ashlie is requesting snacks from Southwest Airlines. Marina is requesting items from Chevron, what are you doing?

**New Members:** No word from this group. What about old members, by that I mean perhaps the ladies who have been a member for more than say 20 years or 30, or 40 even 50 years. How about something to draw the ladies out who never get involved anymore so they know we remember them.

**Fly Market/ Silent Auction:** Looking for merchants who are interesting and we believe our attendees would like to see. Take a minute and think of the ones you'd like and tell me. Even if it is no one specific but a type or brand or product. Please email suggestions and contact information to [deezapilot@cox.net](mailto:deezapilot@cox.net). Also if anyone has a brainstorm and asks a business for a specific donation I can store items at GEU in our hangar. Think of what you have in the house that is new and you never used that could be auctioned off. I also need to know the value of the item and who needs a thank you letter in return ie, name and address to send the letter to. I'd appreciate any help that anyone can give me, Beth and Debbie K. Thanks, Dee

## **Section Meeting - ideas**

Here are some things to think about when planning with your committee.

Ask for donations early, get on their 2009 budget!

Registration packet: list of events and tours on cheat sheet.

Have a list of local restaurants, list of local stores, a map of the close surrounding area.

Tours: Have a PHX99 at each tour to guide and assist the guests,

Hospitality: Laminator for business cards, have the 99s compass rose or meeting logo on other side.

Meeting in general: Introduce the PHX gals early and indicate how to identify who PHX is.

A Q&A area of our web site to help get info gathered and disseminated.

If rain is forecasted bring umbrellas to lend out to gals.

## **Calendar of Aviation Events**

Check out our calendar at:

[www.phx99s.org](http://www.phx99s.org)

Check out International's calendar at:

<http://ninety-nines.org/events.html>

Sept 13, PHX 99s Companion Seminar

Sept 11-14, Reno Air Races, Reno, Nevada

November 8, Scottsdale Airport Day.

### **Chapter Dues were due in June.**

Only 25% of the chapter has paid their dues. That is not fair to the rest of the members who are responsible and pay on time. Please, if you have not already done so, send Paula a check for \$15 for your chapter dues.

## **99s Email-Network**

Benefit of membership, sign up for our Email-Networks. Learn more at

<http://ninety-nines.org/networks/index.html>

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