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MEETING NOTICE: Our next chapter meeting will be on the second **Thursday, April 14th** at the Reno-Tahoe Airport Fire Station [1805 Riley — one block north of E. Moana & Neil Rd. intersection] in Reno at **7 p.m.**

PUSH TO TALK

I hope everyone is having a wonderful 2016 thus far! We had so many exciting things happen this year and I couldn't be more proud to represent such a fantastic group of ladies! From excelling written exams, advancing ratings, to moving into a career within the airline is just extraordinary.

Some ladies from the chapter attended the Women In Aviation Conference this month in Nashville, TN. The conference was composed of thousands of women; all from different walks of life however ALL sharing the same passion for aviation. What an inspiration to all of us. Some of these women truly paved the way and what an opportunity to hear about those paths. The conference allows you the opportunity to hear from numerous speakers giving 'real life' experiences and sharing their love for the aviation industry.

There are also educational seminars you can attend that are tailored to your interests like mapping out your career path, networking, safety procedures, UAS regulations and many more. Most importantly, if you are on your way to an airline, this conference offers a 'fast pass' option to interview with an airline of your choice. However, even if you're not type rated or don't even have an instrument rating (*cough cough: like me*) it's still a fantastic opportunity to connect with these women that you can utilize as a reference and seek direction from as you advance in your ratings. There was never a dull moment and I would HIGHLY recommend attending this conference to anyone and everyone.

Lastly, I still encourage all of you to be involved with the GA community as much as possible. I send quite a few notices out in regard to fly-outs, honor flights, Pathways to Aviation (AKA Reno Air Racing Foundation) and other volunteering opportunities which I feel to be great assets to not only the 99s but also to the GA community. We are working so hard to create a strong relationship with the Reno-Tahoe airport so I appreciate your support in our efforts.

Katie

Happy 27th Birthday to Us!

For those that may not know the history of our chapter, here it is briefly:

- We were chartered on April 7, 1989 as the Nevada High Sierra Chapter. We had 20 chapter charter members; sadly none are still members. In 1995 we changed our name to Reno High Sierra Chapter because no one, including 99s International, seemed to know where we were located! Today we have 51 current members which is great.

• Chapter Chairmen:

1989-1990 — Debbie Giese
1990-1991 — Diann Laing
1991-1992 — Charlie Peterson
1992-1993 — Eileen Gay
1993-1994 — Diane McCormack
1994-1995 — Sally Evarts
1995-1997 — Deb Richied
1997-1999 — Marva Lewis
1999-2001 — Kay Lynn Marble
2001-2003 — Annie Rodewald
2003-2004 — Eileen Gay
2004-2005 — Candy Whitfield
2005-2006 — Lynn Meadows
2006-2007 — Diane Bigby
2007-2009 — Kim Coulter-Davis
2009-2011 — Claire Koch
2011-2013 — Moe Makowski
2013-2015 — Heather McCoy
2015-2016 — Katie Greenwood

We've hosted two SWS meetings and the ARC start in Reno in 1995. AND we have given away over \$70,000 in scholarships! We rock!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for upcoming events....

- **April 10, Sunday** — RTAG fly out to Death Valley Furnace Creek Airport for brunch. Contact Katie for info.
- **April 13, Wednesday** — Pathways to Aviation at UNR, Joe Crowley Ballroom, 6 p.m. Expo, 7 p.m. Speaker: Capt. Kevin Mannix, former commander of the Blue Angels, FREE
- **April 14, Thursday** — Monthly RHS Chapter business meeting, 7 p.m., Reno-Tahoe Airport Firehouse
- **April 21-23** — SWS Spring Meeting, in Riverside at Flabob Airport. Hosted by SWS & EAA #1 chapter. Marriott Hotel is lodging venue.
- **April 30, Saturday** — Flyout to Reid Hillview Airport SJSU Hangar for Santa Clara Valley BBQ, 11 a.m., supports SJSU flight team. Contact Katie for info or SCV 99 Pat Lowers: plowers@pacbell.net
- **May 12, Thursday** — Monthly RHS Chapter business meeting, 7 p.m., Reno-Tahoe Airport Firehouse
- **May 14, Saturday** — Join Santa Clara Valley 99s at the Nut Tree for lunch! For Info & RSVP to Pat Lowers: plowers@pacbell.net
- **May 17, Tuesday** — Girls Night Out Dinner at Mimis in Reno. RSVP to Joan Herz.
- **June** — Annual chapter birthday party. Details TBD.
- **June 11, Saturday** — Join Santa Clara Valley 99s at Columbia for lunch! For Info & RSVP to Pat Lowers: plowers@pacbell.net
- **August 20, Saturday** — Join Santa Clara Valley 99s at Petaluma & the 2-Niner Diner! For Info & RSVP to Pat Lowers: plowers@pacbell.net

FUTURE SW SECTION MEETINGS:

- Sept. 29 – Oct. 2, 2016 — SWS Fall Section Meeting in Lancaster, CA. Hosted by Antelope Valley.
- Spring, 2017 — SWS Meeting hosted by Bay Cities. Dates TBD.

FUTURE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS:

- July 6-9, 2016 — Int'l Conference in **Ottawa**, Ontario, Canada
- July, 2017 — Int'l Conference in **San Antonio**, TX
- July, 2018 — Int'l Conference in **Philadelphia**, PA
- July, 2019 — Int'l Conference in **Dayton**, OH



Exciting News! Three RHS Members are AEMSF Candidates for 2016!

It is with lots of pride and many good luck wishes that we just found out all three of our applicants are being sent on to the 99s International competition. Stephanie Luongo, Heather McCoy and Denise Kowal were all selected by the SWS scholarship committee to compete. We are rooting for

Women in Aviation International (WAI) Conference

The Women in Aviation, International annual conference was held in Nashville, TN this year in March at the Opryland Hotel. Moe, Heather and Katie all traveled to Tennessee to attend the conference. Prior to the official opening ceremonies a variety of tours were scheduled. Moe went on the Beechcraft Heritage Museum Tour and spent a great day looking at fascinating displays of historical airplanes and memorabilia. Heather spent that day prepping for her SkyWest interview which was scheduled for the following day. And Katie arrived.

The conference is two and a half days of keynote speakers, educational sessions, and an exhibit hall filled with many aviation vendors. The attendees are a wide variety of men and women from all areas of aviation — students to professionals, GA to commercial, military, and beyond. The three Nevadans had a ton of fun getting to meet other people, going to the evening social hours and enjoying so many wonderful aviators.

This was the first conference for Katie and she did an amazing job networking and meeting people. She attended a Young Professionals Reception, went to the 99 presentation on the Professional Pilot Leadership Program (ask her for details – a great program) and was the life of the party everywhere she went.

Moe also had a great conference and reestablished connections that she had made the prior year. In addition to her tour, she attended educational seminars put on by Rod Machado, visited with the folks at the International Society of Air Safety Investigators, and went to a movie showing of Beyond the Powder: The Legacy of the First Women’s Cross-Country Air Race.

Heather had her SkyWest interview first and after she was offered a First Officer position was immediately congratulated with celebratory sparkling wine courtesy of Moe and Katie. After that, she pretty much spent the conference gliding around telling everyone she met of her new job and gathering up as much swag that she could from the vendors.

The conference for 2017 will be held in Orlando, FL at Walt Disney World. It is a wonderful experience for anyone that has an aviation interest. And since we all do, it would be a great trip to start planning for! — *by Heather McCoy*



Katie, Moe and Heather at WAI.



Would we hire these ladies as professional pilots?! Sure we would!



Book Review

Ladies! Rev Up Your Engines!

By Mardo Crane (introduction by Frank Kingston Smith)
D'Angelo Publishing Co., Monterey, CA, 1970 paperback
(out of print)

This is a novel about the girls in the Powder Puff Derby (AWTAR). Cali Bennett and Tina McBurney embark on their very first derby as low time pilots...Cali just got her commercial ticket. Her fiancé Eric is not so sure and Tina's husband Johnny isn't either. Both of the men are pilots also. They are from a small farming community...Glenn Annie Falls. The story takes the reader on their adventure with the 'happenings' — obtaining a plane, a sponsor to finance the flight, and the inside workings of the derby (each actually took place at some time during the more than 20-year history of the air race). After a local farmer becomes their sponsor, the girls dress in milkmaid outfits for the race and it gets humorous at times. Will Cali marry her fiancé at the end of race if she wins? Do the guys fly the route ahead of the girls just to make sure? Do they win? A fun book to read on how it was done in the 1970s. — *by Lynn Meadows*



NOTE: This book was donated to Mission Fish. Available for reading, just ask.

Happy Birthday Wishes

4/3 Connie Stevens
4/11 Deb Richied
4/27 Jackie Schrempp
5/10 Melody Leutkehans
5/28 Reya Kempley
6/8 Kay Bennett
6/17 Lila Glaser
6/22 Nicole Brill
6/23 Joanne Nichols
6/28 Denise Kowal

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AOPA Safety Seminar in January

The Atlantis Resort was once again the venue for the annual Air Safety Foundation free seminar on January 11th. The talk was on Emergencies and presented options available for handling them during takeoff, in flight, upon landing and while taxiing. Lots of good information was presented.

In attendance was Karen and Bill Graettinger, Lynn and Tom Meadows, Melody Leutkehans, Sima Maleki and her fiancé Doug. Melody even won one of the door prizes of the evening: an AOPA ball cap!

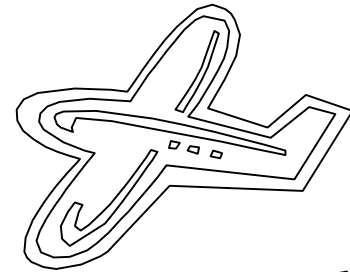
More Safety at TRK

The Truckee airport sponsored a safety seminar Jan. 26 complete with free pizza, sodas, and cookies. The topic was winter operations of airplanes and cold weather survival equipment. Both speakers (a local CFI and a survival instructor) had good information to impart to the audience which included chapter members Denise, Serenity, Sima, Lynn plus Tom and Doug, too.

SWS Winter Business Meeting at Hiller Aviation Museum

Between spring and fall section meetings, SWS has a one-day winter meeting. It is usually attended by 60-70 Ninety-nines and consists of workshops that are beneficial to chapter members. This time topics were electronic voting, upcoming bylaws at Ottawa, chapter newsletters and oral history recordings.

The Santa Clara Valley chapter hosted it on Jan. 24th at the Hiller Museum in San Carlos from 9 to 3 and then we got free admission to the museum for two hours. The 99s provided a scrumptious lunch with all the trimmings. Maureen Kinney presented electronic voting that international is moving toward. Pat Prentiss presented the bylaws that will be voted on at International in July. I had been asked by SWS Governor Barbara Crooker to present an hour 'show and tell' on chapter newsletters. So I made a PowerPoint of our last newsletter and walked the group through it. They were quite interested in our Mission Fish project! Pat Chan, oral history chairman, showed several archived videos she has made and encouraged chapters to document their members. It was an informative day and the museum also has a great gift shop...99s love to shop! — *by Lynn Meadows*



We're Flying High

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER...

- **Maddie Montero** — Maddie is a student pilot from Winnemucca. She is currently taking ground school along with her dad. We're glad you found RHS 99s!

WHAT'S NEW IN OUR CHAPTER

- **Sima Maleki** — Sima recently passed her written FAA test with a 97 score. This was one of her milestones for her Fly Now scholarship. Congrats!

- **Leah Ochs** — Leah also recently passed her written FAA test. So glad you are also on track for your license. Congrats!

- **Neita Montague** — Neita spent some time last summer in Alvord, OR with the glider club there. She says it is interesting flying the Alvord desert. See a news clip with Mark narrating at <http://www.opb.org/television/programs/ofg/segment/alvord-glidern/>

- **Heather McCoy** — In case you haven't heard: Heather was hired by SkyWest as a First Officer and will start her training in June. We are proud of you!

- **Bee Ferrato** — Bee and Joe have been flying with friends who recently finished an RV6 and want to build time. Any excuse to fly to breakfast or lunch is always good.

- **Juliet Mulholland** — Juliet continues her Cirrus lessons in between trips to Europe with her husband and son. Hopefully she'll fit in a visit with us at Mimi's soon.

Mimi's One...

Our Jan. 19th Girls Night Out dinner kicked off the new year with Kay Lynn, Nicole, Melody, Lynn, Jean, Sima and Sue Ward in attendance.

The table was abuzz with flying stories, especially our solo cross-country experiences, or should we say 'confessions'? It's always fun with hangar flying, even historical memories.

and Two...

Because our chapter officers were mostly going to WAI, we combined our monthly business meeting with our Mimi's March 15th social dinner...the evening out was well attended with eleven 99s present. We all had a great time chatting and of course eating. Katie also conducted a brief business meeting.

Diane Bigby shared that she was just loving her job with the Reno Air Races. Her position includes the purchase and distribution of all merchandise and direct supervision of all sales tents. Diane said our chapter is definitely in with RARA as they are all impressed with our staff and quantity of sales. Diane did say she wished we would take on sales tent #1 but we sadly stated that we did not feel we could get enough volunteers to take on the larger sales tent.

Sarah Spy was able to join us as well. Sarah is a busy lady pilot and still actively flying with the National Guard and now also flying for SkyWest. She promised she would participate with us as often as she is in town, which is all too seldom.

Sue Ward, our 99 at large member, discussed her current stress level since she is in the midst of an important Joint Commission review at the VA Medical Center. This group swoops in and stays for five days and checks everything under the roof. Needless to say, Sue will be glad when they leave and is hopeful for a high evaluation for the hospital.

Candy Whitfield is looking forward to taking the travel trailer out and de-winterizing for a trip to Palm Springs in mid April. This will then be followed by a cruise in the Greek Isles and a stay in Rome. She is excited that her sister, Jaynene and brother-in-law, Bill will be going with them.

Pam Smith shared that she and her husband are ready to get back in the skies flying soon. They leave next week for a vacay in Hawaii instead of taking their boat to the Sea of Cortez.

Neita Montague said that Mark is enjoying retirement but spends most of his time writing a book. Neita continues to be active in gliders and shared a recent story about a spa visit.

Penny Woods arrived with a cast on her hand after surgery but is enjoying retirement and still doing a little contract work for the BLM. Her plane just had an annual by Herb in Nervino.

Denise Kowal is spending more time at the AUN airport with flight training as well as continuing to work her engineering consultation business.

Lynn Meadows is getting ready for a trip to the Bay Area followed by a winter visit to Yosemite. Her plane is also going in for its annual the first week in April.

Katie Greenwood just returned from the WAI conference and is all jazzed. She is active in RTAG (Reno Tahoe Aviation Group) which promotes and supports GA at the Reno-Tahoe Airport.

Leah Ochs dropped by toward the end of the evening after she finished her classes at UNR which she is taking for her MBA degree.

We all discussed how very proud we all are of our chapter members and their various aviation accomplishments. Great news about Heather McCoy and her new position with SkyWest, as well as Moe Makowski's charter/organ transplant flying career with Reno Flying Service in addition to her continued flight instruction out of Carson City and Stead. Way to go gals!!! — *by Candy Whitfield*

Getting to know Maddie Montero...

Hi my name is Madison (Maddie) Montero. I live in Winnemucca Nevada and attend Lowry High School. There I play volleyball in the fall and run track in the spring, I am also Junior class president this year and a member of National Honor Society. On my "off time" I play on a club volleyball team and I work at a local restaurant.

My father and I are attending ground school with flight instructor Hal Philips every Wednesday. My love of flying was discovered in the second grade when I attended my first Reno Air Race with my dad. Ever since then we have attended the annual races going on 12 years this September. My dad has his pilot's license but hasn't flown for many years because of us kids (I have two sisters), so when he heard that Hal was going to have a class, he immediately jumped on the opportunity. So far class has been going very well. We recently had an airport field day and I got to fly with one of our local pilots in his Citabria.

I have also been flying with Heather McCoy and am excited to have her as my mentor and friend. It's very humbling to be a part of an organization such as the 99s. The history alone amazes me and I cannot wait to meet more incredible women pilots. I'm not sure what my future in aviation may hold but as long as I'm flying that's ok with me.

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SWS Spring Section Meeting at Flabob/Riverside

April 22-24 is the SWS spring meeting hosted by the section itself. The focus is the Flabob Airport in Riverside...one of the oldest airports in California. On Saturday morning before the business meeting the members of EAA #1 will give us a tour of the many special planes that are located on the field. They are also providing a BBQ at the airport for us. Besides the business meeting Saturday afternoon (which is free to all 99s to attend), we are planning on touring the historic Mission Inn. There is an Aviator's Wall that has wings for many pioneer aviators including Amelia Earhart and Wiley Post [**see photos on page 9**]. Jean Starr visited it in December...ask her about how cool the Mission Inn is. Besides the Fly Market and educational seminars, there is an optional tour to the March AFB Museum which also has lots of interesting planes to see.

Section meetings are a great time to get together with your friends from other chapters and to make new friends from the five states in our section: CA, NV, AZ, UT and HI. If you aren't going to this section meeting, plan on going to the fall section meeting hosted by the Antelope Valley 99s. They usually do a tour of Edwards AFB which is always interesting, too. So many talented gals in SWS!

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We just became aware of a program for more fundraising! If you order on-line from Amazon, you can help the chapter make money. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop at AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

Our chapter is registered...along with about 30 other chapters in SWS...so be sure you are donating to our EIN #90-0734029. **How does AmazonSmile work?** When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. Once you have chosen that, your purchases automatically go to that choice. Each quarter the AmazonSmile Foundation will make the donation to eligible charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer. TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, TOO. Anyone can shop on-line at [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com)

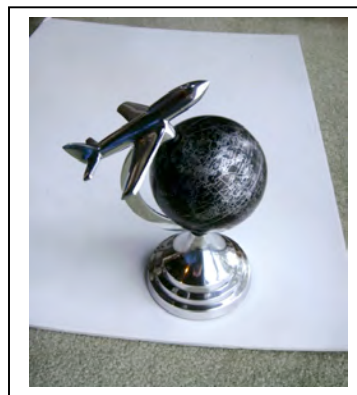
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Mission Fish is Our Fundraiser

Yes, we have made over \$11,700 in the last three-and-a-half years on our eBay non-profit site called Aviatrrix_Group. Go to our chapter website ([ww.renohighsierra99s.org](http://www.renohighsierra99s.org)) and click on the link that takes you right there.

We only sell aviation and military items: books, lapel pins, patches, jewelry, clothing, posters, art prints, diecast planes, airline collectibles, ball caps, mugs, toys, videos, E-6Bs, pilot supplies, etc. But to keep this fundraiser going, we need constant donations from you, your friends or thrift stores!

At the end of the year each donor will receive a letter on our chapter letterhead listing their donations and what they sold for. To date we have 100% positive feedback and are "*power sellers*"! So get your items to Lynn at a meeting or at Mimi's.



Left: Elaine Yeary donated this aviation object d'art that quickly sold.

Below: Candy Whitfield donated Gary's cufflinks and a bidding war ensued. They fetched a very good price.



Pilot Debrief... Just some odds and ends...

• **HELP WANTED!!** Our chapter needs one of our members to keep up our scrapbook. It is an easy task that you can do at your leisure, at your home, and help our chapter. After 27 years we have 4-5 scrapbooks that contain photos and momentos of our chapter history. You do not need to be artistic and all supplies will be provided and your expenses reimbursed. Please contact our chairman, Katie Greenwood, if you would like to help our chapter in this way.



Upper left: The Mission Inn Chapel with its copper doors. The Wall of Wings is to the left of the door.

Upper right: Close up of the Wall of Wings for pioneer aviators

Near left: Amelia Earhart's wings with the date Feb. 3, 1939.

• In January, while attending the SWS winter business meeting at San Carlos, Tom and I drove by NASA at Moffett Field and found this very unusual airplane. It was flying a huge piece of NASA equipment to another site. Can you guess what plane it is?

See answer below.



NASA's Super Guppy aircraft has a cargo compartment that is 25 feet tall, 25 feet wide and 111 feet long and can carry more than 26 tons. The aircraft has a unique hinged nose that can open more than 200 degrees, allowing large pieces of cargo to be loaded and unloaded from the front.