

Chairman's Chatter Box

I BUILT TOOLBOX!

By Becky Davies

I responded to a call for aviation-inclined women who would be willing to work with middle- and high school aged girls to introduce them to potential careers in aeronautical related fields.

It starts with a toolbox, built with aircraft grade aluminum and rivets.

Several women, including Willa and I, arrived at Sutter County Airport on a very foggy Saturday morning in January and heard from Dallan Reese about the project, sponsored by the Northern California Aerospace Initiative, a non-profit formed by several aviation advocates in the Yuba Sutter area, including CORE AeroStem, EAA, Chamber of Commerce and other lovers of flight, airplanes and education.

In addition to the ongoing "Build a Plane" where students are actively constructing a Van's RV-12, this group is reaching out to involve more students, particularly girls. The newest project, they call "Girl's Aircraft Toolbox Build". The idea is to involve the basics in a fun way by having girls attend a session where they will, as the title implies, build a toolbox using aircraft aluminum and rivets.

Our role was to form teams of two and build our own boxes, so we'd have the background to be able to guide the girls who will spend a day exploring the process themselves. It was challenging, to say the least, and exhausting, but exhilarating, once we saw the finished product! I am looking forward to the day I get to experience the process with the girls!

REPORT ON WINTER WORKSHOP

By Mary Fairbanks

The Southwest Section Winter Workshop was hosted by the Phoenix chapter. It was held at Thunderbird Field, once a thriving airbase in World War II, which is now an ASU campus in Glendale, Arizona.

I would estimate about 50 women showed up, the farthest came from Hawaii and brought us Aloha with chocolate covered macadamia nuts snacks. The workshop was all about scholarships, scholarships, scholarships. How to apply and get the AE scholarship. the Fly Now scholarship for student pilots, and other scholarships offered. CeCe Stratford gave a class on finding available scholarships..... there are so many! There was a class on fundraising for chapter scholarships, ideas on creating scholarships, and how to help your own chapter members plan and apply for scholarships as well.

Jeanne Fenimore spoke at the end about the upcoming 2020 International Conference that will be held on the Queen Mary in Long Beach. They have secured 300 rooms for the event. There will also be some amazing tours available.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday February 17—SB meeting at Tallywags Tavern in Smartsville - 12 p.m.

April 26-29 - Southwest Section Spring Meeting in Bakersfield California

July 4-8 - International Conference in Philadelphia PA

Members Bios

When the Chapter was in its infancy, and with fewer members, I made an attempt to keep a bio of each member. Sometime around 2008, when the membership ballooned, I failed to keep up and I have regretted it many times. I would really like to catch up on the members who have fallen through the cracks, and I need your help. I am following this note with a list of questions that will help me achieve this goal. Will you help me? Just fill in the answers and return them to me and I'll include a bio each month in the newsletter as I receive them. Of our current membership, I have the following bios beginning in 2004: Carol Andrews, Valarie Bush, Elaine Chase, Carin Batham, Thelma Cull, Mary Fairbanks, Merry Finch, Kathy Frank, Shirley Weinbaum, Willa Young, Sandy Mills, Jacquie Warda, Sandy Bacon, Sara (White) Bowles. I'll be eagerly waiting to hear from YOU if you're not in the list above.

Carol

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED.....

Where were you born/raised?

Pilots in your family?

When did you become interested in becoming a pilot?

Mentor(s)?

How did the process of getting your certificate come about? Ratings?

Airplanes flown? Favorite?

Any flying goals?

When/how did you become involved with the 99s?

Any flying stories you'd like to share?

Include a current photo (with your favorite airplane)

A positive attitude from you tends to produce a positive attitude towards you

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