



# TALEWINDS

TUCSON CHAPTER

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FROM YOUR CHAIR – Evelyn Cowing

## TIME FLIES

How many times have you heard various remarks about time flying, or perhaps have even used such comments yourself? I will readily admit to both. I particularly like the saying, “*The bad news is time flies; the good news is you’re the pilot*”. To me, that can be interpreted to mean that like a pilot being in control of an airplane, we can also control what can be called our “free” time (at least, in most cases!). There’s no doubt that time flies whether you’re having fun or not...so why not choose to have fun by participating in our chapter’s events?

There’s no question that all of us are busy what with work, family and whatever else life throws our way and September was definitely a busy month for several chapter members. Our regular monthly meeting came first, followed by a Wright Flight Ground Volunteer Orientation Meeting, and then the weekday tour of the new FAA Control Tower. October is shaping up to be another busy month with the second tower tour on Saturday, the 7<sup>th</sup>; an AOPA Safety Seminar on the 10<sup>th</sup>; our monthly chapter meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, a TUS-RYN Pilot-Controller Forum on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and last, but not least, the fly-out to Lake Havasu City on October 21st. Details on the October activities can be found either in a separate article and/or the Calendar of Events found elsewhere in this newsletter.

With all of our busy schedules, it is difficult for any of us to have the free time we want or need, and it becomes even more difficult when we have to choose what we want to do with that free time! But if you want to enjoy yourself in renewing old friendships as well as developing new ones and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow pilots (even if you are no longer active in flying – ***once a pilot, always a pilot!***), then come join us at our chapter meetings and take part in any or all of our upcoming activities! Our next chapter meeting will be Saturday, October 14...same time (11 a.m.), same place (Four Points Sheraton Airport). It would be so nice to see you...won’t you come and partake in good food and good conversation while seeing old friends and making new ones???

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 99s OCTOBER EVENTS

Mon 09 October – last day to enter & reserve a hotel room for the 3-State Havasu 600 Air Race

Sat 14 October 11am to 1pm – Tucson 99s Chapter Meeting – @ Four Points by Sheraton  
7060 S Tucson Blvd, Tucson AZ 85756 (e-side of Tucson Blvd, close to TUS Airport)

Sat 21 October – **October Fly-Out** –northwest to Lake Havasu for brunch – see all the info on page 3  
Fun day of flying with choices: paddleboards & kayaks, antique car show, or boat to the casino

Time flies. It's up to you to be the navigator.  
*Robert Orben*

**OCTOBER 99s ANNIVERSARIES:**

Kathleen Graham 10/26/2009  
(continuous 10/26/2009)

Wendy Lewis 10/07/2015  
(continuous 10/07/2015)

Jaqueline Thomas 10/02/1996  
(continuous 10/02/1996)

*SCHOLARSHIP NEWS – Chair Chris Bentley*

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund (AEMSF) applications are due to the Chapter AE Scholarship Chairman, Chris Bentley, on 1 December 2017. The availability of these scholarships is one of the great benefits of being a Ninety-Nine. They are available for flight training certificates and ratings, academic study, or technical training programs. (Note: Student Pilots are not eligible.) Applicants must have been a member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. continuously since 1 December 2016 and meet other requirements detailed at the link below, where the application materials are also found. The process requires attention to detail and strict adherence to accuracy, completeness, and deadlines.

Now is the time to begin, if you are planning to apply. Let the Chapter Scholarship Committee know ahead of time—we will be glad to answer any questions and help with experienced advice. Early submission is encouraged so the committee can help if necessary to address any deficiencies. This is a great opportunity for those members who need financial assistance to meet their aviation goals, and who doesn't? Start at the link below:

<https://www.ninety-nines.org/scholarships.htm>

*UPCOMING AVIATION EVENTS*

Tue 10 October – 7pm – A OPA “Fly By Night” Air Safety Free Seminar – info on page 4  
Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites – 5151 E Grant Road, Tucson 85712

Wed 18 October – 6:30 pm – “TUS/RYN Pilot-Controller Forum” ATC Controllers discuss best practices  
Pima Community College Aviation Tech Center, 7211 S Park Ave, Tucson 85756 - info on page 4

10-11 November – Race starts in Mesquite NV with overnight stay in Borrego Springs CA and finishing in Lake Havasu on the 11<sup>th</sup>

## JOIN US FOR THE TUCSON 99S OCTOBER FLYOUT – Wendy McCool Lewis

In July, we flew northeast. In October, we're heading northwest to the beautiful Lake Havasu area. Fly-outs are a great way to get back to what our organization is really all about - flying! Please consider joining us Saturday, October 21 for the Tucson 99s October Fly-Out. We'll be meeting at 10 AM at Lake Havasu City Airport (KHII). It's 203 NM northwest of Tucson, and promises to give you sights you won't see around Tucson flying (like water!).

We have already reached out to the Lake Havasu 99s, and they are very excited we are coming. As it turns out, there is quite a bit to do in the area on October 21. In addition to brunch with some of these wonderful ladies, there will be an antique car show that day, and one Tucson 99s member has already expressed interest in visiting it (you know who you are :).

If you want to get closer to the water, you can rent paddleboards and kayaks down in the channel, by the hour, or by the day. Or, you can take the casino boat across the lake. It leaves from the dock in the channel on the hour (\$2 ticket round trip) and then it comes back across on the half hour.

Along with the Lake Havasu area 99s, we'll also be notifying the Phoenix 99s - several of them joined us in July. We'd love to see more Tucson planes come along for this trip. It's ok to rent, borrow or bring your own plane. For students, we welcome instructors who may also want to join us for the adventure. You can also bring family members, friends or additional Tucson 99s members.

If you are interested in participating, please RSVP with Wendy McCool Lewis at <mailto:mccoollewis@gmail.com>. Send your name, tail number, aircraft type, and a phone number for texting on the day of the event. The night before, a list will be sent to all those participating, so we know what call signs to listen for in the air, and we know who to look for once we land.

## A GOOD READ – Kate Reikofski

Louise Thaden wrote High, Wide, and Frightened in the prime of her life (not looking back as a memoir), which makes this autobiography unique about the Golden Age of Aviation. Thaden, was part of a small group of determined women who overcame discrimination and obstacles to become pilots in a time when air races and distance, altitude and endurance records, were daily news in America. She became the first woman to win the Bendix Transcontinental Air Race, the premier air race of the day and, before her, a male dominated one.

*“Adventure, history, danger, intrigue, death. Tom Clancy? No, Louise Thaden, and it’s all true. This unassuming contemporary of Amelia Earhart describes the dangers of racing and setting records in the fragile and precarious aircraft of aviation’s youth. Flashy bravado is out. Quiet excellence is in. This is a must read!”* Gene Nora Jessen, author of *The Powder Puff Derby of 1929, The First All-Women’s Transcontinental Air Race*

*“The Golden Era of Aviation was a time of great adventure and personal sacrifice for flyers – particularly women flyers. Louise Thaden was, by far, the most skilled and accomplished aviatrix of that era. In her book, High Wide and Frightened, Louise gives us a firsthand account of the life that she and other women pilots pursued in their quest for the thrill and romance of flight.”* Capt. Susan Dusenbury, *Airborne Express*

**HOW WELL DOES TUCSON'S AVIATION COMMUNITY KNOW THE TUCSON 99S?  
OR  
HOW WELL DO THE TUCSON 99S KNOW THE TUCSON AVIATION COMMUNITY?**

Obviously both questions are rhetorical and obviously a rhetorical question, being a figure of speech in the form of a question, is used to make a point not to elicit an answer!

But if you really think about it, are those questions really rhetorical or can we actually answer them? If they can be answered, how would they be answered? Perhaps someone is astute enough to respond that the answer depends on when the question is asked...i.e., in present times when aviation is in a decline and most aviation groups are hurting or back when general aviation was at its peak and aviation groups of all kinds knew each other well.

It's the opinion of many that for aviation groups to survive, they need to depend upon each other and support one another in each other's activities. That is true for our own chapter. If we are hoping to initiate some type of flying activity this coming year, be it something new like a Poker Run or something old like a Treasure Hunt, we are going to have to get to know pilots in the general area and they, in turn, need to get to know us. Bottom line is we need to see how the 99s can help them and hopefully by helping them, they will help us. The first step is to renew old friendships with pilots that we know and to develop new friendships with those we don't know. What better way to do this than meet and greet, and "rub elbows" with a group of pilots attending either one or both of the flight safety seminars listed below. Keep in mind that **once a pilot, always a pilot** and you don't have to be active in flying to attend! I plan to attend both seminars and I'd love to have your company! Won't you please join me? Let's show how 99s support all aspects of aviation! Evelyn Cowing, Chairman

**FAA SAFETY TEAM – Safer Skies Through Education**

**"Fly by Night"**

Topic: AOPA Air Safety Institute Free Seminar - Fly by Night.

On **Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 19:00 Mountain Daylight Time**

Location: Sheraton Tucson Hotel & Suites; 5151 East Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712

**Description: Fly by Night**

Especially in light aircraft, flying after dark comes with real trade-offs. Smooth air, better performance, and stunning views are great—but they're offset by trickier landings, invisible terrain, and limited emergency options. So what's the key to staying safe after sundown?

ASI's new seminar looks at night flying from a risk management perspective. Using decades of accident data, we identify common problems and recommend the best ways to avoid them. Along the way, we talk about:

- Requirements for pilots and aircraft
- Unique flight planning considerations
- Why all nights are not created equal
- Things that can take you by surprise

The sponsor for this seminar is: **AOPA Air Safety Institute**

**"TUS/RYN Pilot-Controller Forum"**

Topic: Hear from ATC Controllers at KTUS and KRYN, and discuss best safety practices.

On **Wednesday, October 18, 2017 at 18:30 Arizona**

Location: Pima Community College Aviation Technology Center, 7211 S. Park Ave, Tucson, AZ 85756

**Description:**

Communications are so important in aviation. Come learn how both sides of the radio can improve by getting answers from Tucson Tower, Tucson Approach Control, Ryan Tower and the Scottsdale FSDO. The seminar will begin with a presentation on recent events in the Tucson airspace and at Tucson airports. ATC Controllers will also be able to answer questions, and get their questions answered by pilots in attendance!

We will additionally discuss a newly published guide for practice areas near TUS and RYN, as well as a new guide on operations at TUS.

The sponsor for this seminar is: **SDL FAASTeam**