

Cloud Ninety-Nine

December 2013

Message from our Chair

Busy Busy Busy! I have no other excuse for not having a chair article out to you since the last newsletter. Year end items for my Honeywell position along with Embraer and Dassault visits have been time- and brain-consuming. I will make a resolution to get this out on a monthly basis starting in January 2014. Wow, typing 2014 makes it real, and 'time marches on.'

We had a great meeting last month with Marge Thayer and Helen Buelen presenting their experience of not only participating in the 2013 ARC, but also winning it. Lots of great questions to them after the presentation. This month's meeting will be the Christmas lunch, so we will have an abbreviated business agenda and a lengthened social time. I will not be rushing anyone to get home early. Have not established a speaker schedule for next year, but you can always go to the web site for up-to-date information.

Spring promises lots of activities for our business meetings and I would like to see everyone participate in at least one of these to promote our group via flying, education, or maybe painting another compass rose or attending a local airport festival and talk at our new airshow booth about our missions. You can always see the information on our local www.phx99s.org site or www.ninety-nines.org for International events.

Finally some of us met up to support Shelbey's Red Note foundation..she and her father put on a lovely concert in honor of her sister's memory. This was the first of many holiday concerts to come. Go to www.rednotefoundation.org to learn more about this beautiful memorial Shelbey's family has put together. Also, I have written a trip report for this month's newsletter on flying KSDL -> KSQL for Thanksgiving, and it includes some lessons we learned flying the RV-10.

Gabrielle has also taken over the newsletter for our Chapter, so please send Gabrielle any information on trips, flying, or training or other flying / 99s related for future newsletters to share your Phoenix 99s. Her e-mail address is GabrieFlies@gmail.com for submissions.

Marguerite Baier

Chapter Chairwoman

"The Ninety-Nines is the International Organization of Women Pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight."

Ladies – Please pardon the lack of layout to our newsletter this month, as the old template is no longer supported by Microsoft Word. We found this out the hard way!

Upcoming Meetings and Socials

Our annual Christmas Party and brunch will take place at FEZ in Central Phoenix. It will be held on December 14th, from 11:30-2pm. As a reminder, 49 1/2s are encouraged to attend!

We are also having a gift exchange at the brunch; you are welcome to bring an ornament or gift between \$10-\$30 to exchange with fellow Chapter members.

The restaurant website: <http://fezoncentral.com/>

The reservation is under 'Ninety-Nines' .. Hope to see you there!

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The next business meeting will be held at Swift Aviation at Sky Harbor Airport on January 8th. Networking begins at 6:30pm; meeting begins at 7pm.

Local Fly-Ins

Saturday January 4th, 8:00AM Coolidge Municipal Airport Pancake Breakfast
Breakfast is served by the Coolidge Lions Club
Southeast Practice Area is close by, please monitor / talk on 122.85

Directory Information

The Ninety-Nines Directory is always free on www.Ninety-Nines.org , however, if you'd like a printed copy or CD version, these are available as well.

Printed Copy: \$20.15 (\$15.00+\$5.15 shipping)
CD Copy: \$7.24 (\$5.00+\$2.24 shipping)

Please call Headquarters [\(800\) 994-1929](tel:8009941929) with your order if you are using a credit card, or send a check to: The Ninety-Nines, Inc., PO Box 950374, Oklahoma City, OK 73195-0374.

There will be a limited number printed, so be sure to get your order in early. The United States Postal Service has announced an increase in postage due in January 2014, so that is another reason to get your orders in as soon as possible.

Aviatrix of the Month

Marvel Crosson



Marvel Crosson learned how to fly in San Diego, California and was the first female pilot to receive a commercial license in Alaska. She set a new altitude record for women in 1929, with an altitude of 23,996 feet in her Travelair.

Chapter Achievements

During our November meeting, we were able to present Gabrielle Palmas with her Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship medal for earning her Instrument Rating this year. We're looking forward to two more award presentations very soon, for Sherlyn Halloran and Theresa Farley!

Please e-mail Gabrielle with new solo sign-offs, type ratings, airplanes flown & certificates! We'll work on sending these off to the Southwesterly and International.

E-Mail: GabrieFlies@gmail.com

Marguerite's Thanksgiving Trip to California

We finally were going to fly to see my grandchildren and decided the Thanksgiving weekend would be near- perfect weather for a long weekend. My youngest son drove down from NAU so we would not have to detour to KFLG on the way home. (And if something happened to the AC or weather we could fly him commercially to get back to school on time.) Planning for contingency is always a good thing when going so far. Our plan was KSDL to KSQL starting out south of KLAS to avoid restricted areas. We called on the MOAs and Restricted areas along the route and only 2501E was open under FL10. That saved about ½ hour flight time. We like to fly our Lycoming IO-540 at higher elevations to get fuel economy and keep the EGTs down for longer engine life, we climbed to 12,500 after getting past the NW bravo sections and picked up flight following after passing E25.

Our flight was going great until we passed Palmdale, a military outpost. Then, my husband noticed the airspeed was not reading correctly on the flight display. We realized the pitot heat might need to be turned on, but after about 10 minutes it got worse. I brought up nearest airports and found we had just passed over General Fox. After being handed off from ATC, we started to descend towards the airport and at about 7000 feet, everything cleared up. I insisted we land anyway to figure the issue out. Now, it is about 2:30, on Thanksgiving... so everything is pretty vacant at the airport. We did some blowing into the pitot tube and static ports to see movement and there was not much movement on the east side port that had no sun and the metal was very cold. We attributed this to the whipping rains that the valley got the week before and the cold temps at altitude. After allowing it to settle and fueling up, we decided to take off and stay at 8500 the rest of the way. Nice, quiet, non-issue flight and pleasant landing.

Leaving Sunday was very exciting with KSFO's busy bravo airspace and KSJF's charlie airspace along with rising mountains (we took off at 5 foot altitude!), and we definitely stayed in contact with ATC. Coming back, we had issues with the tachometer on both flight displays swinging (and noise on the radio that corresponded) and the Garmin 430 marker beacons were lighting up as well. Again I looked for an alternate airport to land while my husband looked on the Vertical Power bar list to see if he could see something misbehaving electrically. The landing lights were also alternating in current, but the switch was in the off position. To reset, we had to turn the switch on and off and once again, the problem fixed itself. During both issues the plane was flying great and the engine was working correctly. So we kept flying and landed fine in Scottsdale. Post-flight diagnosis was done and the culprit was the HID landing lights causing extraneous noise transmitting to other sensors. Those lights will be changed out! Can't wait to go again!

Marguerite Baier



Phoenix Chapter Photography

Send us your photos for the website as well!



Dee presenting Gabrielle's Amelia Earhart Medal.



Bonnie's Back
Country Adventure



Red Note Foundation Concert



Bonnie's October Copper State Adventure

Copper State is a great fly-in. It was a little slow in the 99s booth on Saturday, but we had some young EVIT girls stop by and they were very happy to learn more about the 99s. It's a good possibility that they will all be joining us at meetings at some point.

Towards the end of show, I went to walk around to meet some of the people working at other booths. I met the great folks at the Arizona Pilots' Association (APA) and as a result I was invited to a back country flight to the Red Rock area north of Horse Shoe Reservoir. There were two 182's and one Scout flying in together. We landed on my first ever dirt strip which was handled expertly by Tommy Tomason, President of the APA, and we got to watch the other two pilots make outstanding landings as well. From there we headed to Payson for lunch. On that leg I flew back seat in the beautiful 2006 American Champion Scout. Tommy kept us informed over the radio about all the Indian ruins and cave dwellings we were passing and the scenery. After a great lunch, I flew back to Sky Ranch with Tommy and we flew back over more ruins and Bartlett Dam. It's really informative flying with a history buff with a special knowledge of an area and its geology. Back at Sky Ranch I did my first ever dirt strip landing!

Moral of the story – go to fly-ins and other events! Get out there and meet fellow aviators – they are friendly and fun!

Bonnie Coffey

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Thank you to all who actively participate and make this a fun flying bunch!

