



# The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

## Phoenix Chapter Newsletter

### May 2016

#### From Our Chapter Chair, Emily Johnson

Hi everyone!

Thank you to everyone who participated in making the Ak-Chin Camp Out and Spot Landing Contest a great success! Thanks so much to Karen Hausteen for organizing the event and doing such a wonderful job pulling all of the different parts together so that all would run smoothly. We also offer our sincere gratitude to the tribe for hosting the event and for the fuel discount, to Desert Aero for providing judges, and to Desert Rat Aviation for the trophies. At our April chapter meeting, we discussed hosting this event more than once per year and marketing it as a proficiency exercise for pilots. We had successful sales of t-shirts, jewelry, and raffle tickets to benefit our chapter scholarship fund. This could be an important twice-yearly event for our chapter, so stay tuned!

It is so fun to come together during these events and get to know the women of our chapter on a more personal level. On the first night, we all sat around in a big circle in front of Karen's camper and shared stories. This is what makes our chapter so special to me: aside from our business meetings, we get together and do fun things as friends.

Thank you also to our wonderful Margot Myers, who held down the fort for us and ran our chapter booth solo at the Southwest Section Meeting in California.

The results for this year's National Ninety-Nines FLY NOW Awards and the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship have been announced, and we had lots of winners for our chapter. This would not have been possible without Scholarship Chair Helen Consolino's hard work to write amazing recommendation letters for all of our applicants or without the dedication of all of our chapter mentors (a shout out to my lovely mentor Ginger Rowley!).

We can all look forward to this year's Girl Scout Discover Aviation Camp in Prescott from June 17th-24th. Sherlyn Halloran has been working hard to organize this event, so mark your calendars-- we will need volunteers!

See you all at the meeting.

## Events and Fly-Ins

**Sat. May 7th, 8 am-noon, P08-Coolidge Monthly Pancake Breakfast (last one before summer!).**

**Sat. May 7th, noon-3 pm, KFFZ- Annual Meeting at Falcon Field (see flyer below).**

**Wed. May 11th, 7:00 pm- Phoenix Ninety-Nines Chapter Meeting at Swift Aviation. 2710 E. Old Tower Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85034. Dinner provided at 6:30 pm- Come for food and fun!**

**Sat. May 14th-Sun. May 15th, 9 am start- The Breakfast Club Fly-In to Safford & Mt. Graham Telescope Tour! Contact Warren McIlvoy at [idwlm@asu.edu](mailto:idwlm@asu.edu) to confirm attendance.\***

**Fri. May 20th- Grapevine Monthly Fly-In Weekend\***

**Sat. May 21st, 8-11 am, KFFZ- Falcon Warbird Fly-In Breakfast (flyer below).**

**Sat. May 21st, 8-11 am- Benson Can't-Pass-Gas Saturdays Breakfast Fly-In.\***

**\* Visit [www.azpilots.org](http://www.azpilots.org) for details on these events.**

The Phoenix Chapter distributes a monthly newsletter. To have stories, photographs, or accomplishments included, please send them to **Courtney Smith** at [courtneyschung@gmail.com](mailto:courtneyschung@gmail.com).

# Upcoming Events:

**Young Eagle Event at KFFZ Saturday, June 11th. Pilots needed! This event is for Diana LeSueur's Aviation campers, and almost half of them are girls! Location: Warbird Hangar at Falcon. Time: TBD. Mark your calendar, and contact Diana LeSueur if you can volunteer to fly or to help out with the event.**

**Girl Scout Aviation Camp in Prescott is June 17th-24th, 2016. \*Note earlier start date! Please plan to attend one or all days and help inspire the next generation of aviators!**

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:

### **Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship**

The Ninety-Nines and EAA will award a \$3,000 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship to provide a young woman (age 16-20 at any time during 2016 calendar year) who wants to learn to fly with financial support for flight training through first solo and beyond. In addition, the winner will receive a King School flight training course to prepare for the written exam and check ride. The scholarship will be awarded during the WomenVenture activities at EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh on July 27, 2016. Applications will be accepted through July 1, 2016. Proof of financial need and financial information is not required. Additional information about the scholarship rules, how to apply for the scholarship, scholarship FAQs and a scholarship flyer can be found at [www.kjsoloscholarship.com](http://www.kjsoloscholarship.com).

Since we first awarded this scholarship in 2013, we have had over 150 young women apply for this scholarship, many of whom have since joined the Ninety-Nines.

# FAA Safety Seminars

**Seminar: Arizona Flight Training Workgroup**

**Topic: Factors Instructors and Schools note that can indicate safety in flight training in Arizona.**

**On Tuesday, May 10, 2016, from 09:30-11:30 AZST**

**Location of Seminar:**

**Scottsdale FSDO**

**17777 N Perimeter**

**Scottsdale, AZ 85255**

**Select Number: WP0768791**

**Webinar: Refresher on RNAV basics, as well tips & tricks and a few new insights.**

**On Monday, May 16, 2016 at 11:00 AZST, 19:00 GMT**

**Select Number:**

**CE0968925**

**Seminar: Increasing the Level of Safety in Your Helicopter Operations**

**On Saturday May 14, 2016 at 08:00 AZST**

**Location:**

**Arizona State University Polytechnic Campus**

**7211 E Sonoran Arroyo Mall**

**Aravaipa Auditorium**

**Mesa, AZ 85212**

**Pre-registration required for this seminar.**

**Open Forum: FAASTeam Flight Instructor Open Forum and Airman Certification Standards (ACS) Change from the PTS for Private Pilot Airplane and Instrument Airplane in June 2016.**

**On Monday, May 9, 2016 at 18:00 AZST**

**Location:**

**Airport Administration Building**

**6546 Crystal Lane**

**Prescott, AZ 86301**

**Select Number:**

**WP0768827**

**For more information and to register for any of these seminars, visit [www.FAASafety.gov](http://www.FAASafety.gov)**

# Scholarship Winners

**FLY NOW Scholarship**-awarded to student pilots in pursuit of private pilot certificate



**Isabelle Diep,**  
airplane,  
training at  
KCHD

**Sara Mazzarella,**  
airplane,  
training at  
KCHD



**Claudia Marquez,**  
Helicopter,  
training at  
KCHD



# Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Winner:

**Emily Johnson,**  
to complete  
an  
Instrument  
Rating



## Phoenix 99s PHOTO GALLERY



Kayla Layton and Diana LeSueur in the Announcer's Booth at SUN 'n FUN International Fly-In and Expo in Lakeland, FL, April 5-10th, 2016.

**OUR MISSION:** 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.

# Ak-Chin Fly-In a Big Success!

Submitted by Karen Hausteen



The Phoenix Ninety-Nines and Ak-Chin Regional Airport hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spot Landing Contest and Camp Out the weekend of April 8, 9 and 10, 2016. Several RVs arrived on Friday afternoon to enjoy camping on the airport grounds, enjoying beautiful weather, viewing airplanes and then stars!

Early Saturday morning activities started in anticipation of the Spot Landing Contest, with lunch to follow. There were six contestants and many fans. It was an exciting contest, made a bit more challenging by a strong crosswind and some non-contestant arrivals to challenge the pilots in the pattern.

The first place award was earned by 99 Courtney Smith in a Cessna 172, with one of her three landings right on the line! Second place went to Kevin Pettiette, in his Husky. And third place was taken by Ryan Cable – for the second year in a row, in his aunt-in-law’s Cessna 172. There had to be a “fly-off” for third place – Ryan and the aunt-in-law! Everyone enjoyed lunch following the event, and the raffle table items were distributed with much fanfare.

We wish to thank Ak-Chin Airport manager Tim Costello and airport staff Henry Pane for their generosity, organization, and support. We also were supported by Andy Estes of Desert Rat Aviation, who provided assistance with radio communication and more on the ground, and also provided the terrific trophies. Desert Aero Club and Kevin Gallagher helped us with judges and photography.



We are very grateful as well for the support of the Ak-Chin Indian Community; members came with breakfast burritos, and a reporter for the tribal newspaper attended the event, taking lots of photos to write a story to share with the tribe in their paper.

We had several items donated for our raffle table, and jewelry and t-shirts for sale – all proceeds to build the Phoenix Ninety-Nines Scholarship Fund.

Thank you all for the support and fun times had by all!



Above: Falcon Warbirds delighted spectators.



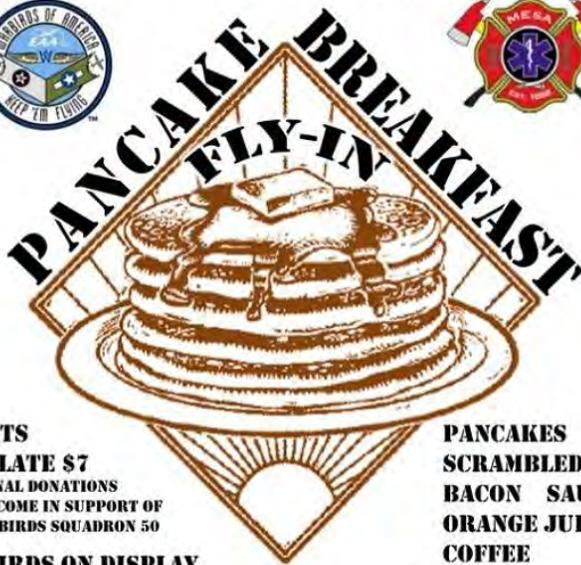
Above: Courtney Smith landing right on the money!



Above, left to right: Phoenix 99s Ginger Rowley, Jeanne Rieck, Judy Yerian, Karen Hausteen, Claudia Marquez, Keely Costello, Emily Johnson, Margot Myers, Theresa Farley, Courtney Smith, and Marina Saettone.



Above: Trophy Winners with Chapter Chair Emily Johnson and Event Organizer Karen Hausteen.

**TICKETS****PER PLATE \$7**ADDITIONAL DONATIONS  
ARE WELCOME IN SUPPORT OF  
EAA WARBIRDS SQUADRON 50**WARBIRDS ON DISPLAY**FALCON FIELD AIRPORT  
FALCON WARBIRDS HANGAR  
4626 FIGHTER ACES DRIVE  
MESA, ARIZONA 85215**602-705-4413**

Please join us for a hot and hearty breakfast or early lunch served up by Mesa Fire Department and Falcon Warbirds at Falcon Airport. Bring your family and friends to savor the steaming pancakes, fluffy scrambled eggs, crispy bacon and sizzling sausage...all in support of the EAA Warbird Squadron 50. Tickets at the door.

**PANCAKES  
SCRAMBLED EGGS  
BACON SAUSAGE  
ORANGE JUICE  
COFFEE****7:00AM - 11:00AM  
THIRD SATURDAY  
OF EACH MONTH  
(OCTOBER - MAY)**

## Pilot Statistics

From *Plane & Pilot Magazine*, May 2016 issue

Population of the United States in 2014:  
317.7 million

Number of Active FAA-certified pilots in  
the US in 2014: 593,499

Percentage of the Population: 0.002%

Percentage of active FAA-certified pilots  
who were women in 2014: 6.63%

Total Female Pilots in 2013: 39,621

Number of flight instructors in 2014:  
100,993

Percentage of female flight instructors in  
2013: 6.46%



## 2016 Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Noon until 2pm

EAA Warbirds Hangar on Falcon Field

Terry Shelton/Shutterstock



**Keynote Speaker will be Boeing Test Pilot  
Paul Runez  
"Boeing UAS Flight Testing in R-2310"**

### Other topics will include:

Elections, Financial Status, Grapevine and  
Backcountry Updates, Upcoming Membership  
Drive, Scholarship Program, Safety and GAARMS,  
Back to Basics, and Weekend Getaway Flights.



Number of student pilots in the US in  
2014: 120,546

Number of private pilots in 2014:  
174,883

Number of commercial pilots in 2014:  
104,322

Number of Airline Transport Pilots in  
2014: 15,511

Number of female Airline Transport Pilots  
in 2013: 6,205

Average age of student pilots in 2014:  
31.5

Average cost of obtaining a private pilot  
certificate: \$9,900

National average of flight training hours  
to obtain a private pilot certificate:  
75-80