



# The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

## Phoenix Chapter Newsletter

### February 2017

From our Chapter Chair, Emily Johnson



So I passed my instrument checkride. My first thought was, "I need to go home and sleep." My second thought was more of an emotion: a deep gratitude for all of my Phoenix

Ninety-Nine sisters. Literally, I don't know how I could have done this without all of you. Through the ups and grueling downs of flight training, you ladies have been there for me. You have dusted me off and helped me back up when I felt like I couldn't do it. You've talked me through awkward situations with flight instructors and given me advice about how to go forward. You've helped me study. You've mentored me. You've come to the monthly meetings, even if they're a little boring sometimes, and shown up to fly-ins and events. You've shown up for me and have become some of my closest friends. That is why I am dedicated to paying that support and mentorship forward. It brings me immense joy to watch our new members succeed and become pilots. To share in the sisterhood we've created, and to know that you'll encourage me when I need it and I'll do the same for you has made me into a Phoenix Ninety-Nine through and through.

## Events and Fly-Ins

### Sat. Feb. 4th

P08- Coolidge Pancake Breakfast (8 am-noon)

P48-Pleasant Valley Turf Backcountry Fly-In (8 am-3 p)

KBXK- Buckeye Air Fair (9-3) [www.buckeyeairfair.com](http://www.buckeyeairfair.com)

### Wed. Feb. 8th at 7 pm

Phoenix 99s Chapter Meeting at Swift Aviation.

2710 E. Old Tower Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85034.

### Thurs. Feb. 9th 5-7 pm

Az. Pilot's Assoc. Winter Social in Olde Town Glendale\*

### Sat. Feb. 11th, 9 am-4 pm at KDVT

Chapter Event- Hosting Flying Companion Seminar.

Volunteers needed! See info on pg. 2.

### Sat. and Sun. Feb. 11th and 12th

A39- Backcountry STOL Tips Seminar- Registration Required.\*

### Fri. and Sat. Feb. 17th-18th

Grapevine Monthly Fly-In Weekend. Diana LeSueur has asked the chapter to fly in and help paint runway markings on Saturday. Contact her at [dmlesueur@gmail.com](mailto:dmlesueur@gmail.com) for additional information.\*

### Sat. Feb. 18th

E95- Benson Can't-Pass-Gas Saturdays Breakfast Fly-In\* (8-11 am)

KFFZ- Falcon Warbirds Pancake Breakfast Fly-In.

Falcon Warbirds Hangar- 4626 Fighter Aces Drive

Mesa, AZ 85215 [www.falconwarbirds.com](http://www.falconwarbirds.com) (8-11 am)

### Sat. Feb. 25th, 11:30 am

KHII- Chapter Fly-In and Lunch at Lake Havasu Airport

Restaurant- Hangar 24 Brewery Grill. Contact Marguerite

Baier: [marg.pilot@gmail.com](mailto:marg.pilot@gmail.com).

\* For more information about these events, visit the Arizona Pilots Association website: [www.azpilots.org](http://www.azpilots.org)

# Flying Companion Seminar



**Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017**

702 West Deer Valley Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85027

(Deer Valley Airport terminal upstairs)

**9 - 4 with Lunch included**

All materials provided

Reservations required

For more info and to register go to

[www.phx99s.org](http://www.phx99s.org)

or call 623-486-7255 or

or [beenflying1979@gmail.com](mailto:beenflying1979@gmail.com)

This event is geared towards the Non-flyer, your "right seater". Cost \$50.00 for the day prepaid, \$60.00 at the door.



## Sherlyn still needs volunteers!

**Sat. Feb. 11th at KDVT**

Areas with no coverage: communication/radios

11:00-11:30 am, emergency procedures

12:00-12:30 pm, E6B/weight and balance

2:00-3:00 pm. Keeping in mind that the presentations need to be elementary, and times are estimates as we tailor the day to those who come.

To volunteer, call or email using contact information on the flyer above.

## Chapter Fly-In Event Schedule

Sat. February 18th, KHII-Meet at the airport restaurant at 11:30 am for lunch and social with chapter members.

March 16th KRYN\*

April 22nd Rainbow Bridge\*

May 13th KFLG\*

\*More information & times to come in future newsletters.

To share ideas for fun places to fly in the future, contact

Marguerite Baier: [marg.pilot@gmail.com](mailto:marg.pilot@gmail.com).

# FAA Safety Seminars

**WEBINAR: "Airman Certification Standards (ACS) Explained (ID71)"**

**On Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 12:00 Arizona, 19:00 GMT**

Select Number:

**SW1573436**

**Description:** This webinar will provide some background on how the ACS was developed and then explain how the ACS is used during both knowledge tests (AKA written tests) and the practical tests.

**"Advanced Mountain and Backcountry Flying Seminar by CC Pocock"**

**Topic:** Practices and procedures for safely operating in the backcountry strip operations.

**On Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 09:00 am**

**Location:**

**Pleasant Valley Fly-In**

**8700 W Carefree Hwy-West Hangar**

**Peoria, AZ 85383**

Select Number:

**WP0773543**

**Description:** This is a Free Event, held in conjunction with the 4th Annual Pleasant Valley Fly-In . For details see the [www.AZPilots.org](http://www.AZPilots.org).

**"Working with ATC facilities and other pilots to use and share airspace"**

**Topic:** Best practices for Luke SATR, MOA, TFR and other use of airspace near Phoenix Goodyear Airport.

**On Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 09:00 Arizona**

**Location:**

**Lux Air Hangar A at Goodyear**

**1658 S Litchfield Rd**

**Goodyear, AZ 85338**

Select Number:

**WP0772985**

**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.



## Upcoming Events in 2017:

Tues. February 28th- deadline for Ladies Love Taildraggers Scholarships.

Sat. March 11th-Girls Can Fly Day at Deer Valley Airport. Contact Sherlyn Halloran to volunteer.

Sat. March 15th- FLY NOW Award Application submission deadline.

Apr. 27th-30th- Southwest Section Ninety-Nines Spring Section and Business Meeting, Oakland, CA.

Sat. June 10th- Young Eagles Event at KFFZ.

June 11th through June 16th- Discover Aviation Girl Scout Camp in Prescott.

July 11th-16th- Ninety-Nines International Conference in San Antonio, TX. Visit [travellplannerstexas.com/99s2017](http://travellplannerstexas.com/99s2017)

## **Southwest Section of the 99s**

*THE NINETY-NINES, INC.*

*International Organization of Women Pilots*

### **Spring Section and Business Meeting**

“Blue Skies Over the Bay”

Hosted By: Bay Cities Chapter of the Ninety-Nines

April 27th-30th, 2017

Oakland, CA

Hotel: Hilton Oakland Airport

One Hegenberger Rd.

Oakland, CA 95060

Tel: 831-475-5600

Hotel Booking Code is SSN 20170427

Use the code for booking with Hilton.com

Meeting Registration Website:

<http://ninetynines.net/sws99sBC/index.asp>

For Registration support, contact:

Kath Holcombe

Phone: 510-220-8104

Email: [kathsbird@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathsbird@sbcglobal.net)

## **Phoenix Ninety-Nines Photo Gallery**



Courtney Smith, Judy Yerian, Angela Dyer, Felecia Zahn, and Sara Mazzarella recently attended the AOPA Air Safety Institute Accident Case Studies event in Mesa.



Captain Robyn Hinnant and First Officer Helen Beulen, both Phoenix 99s, piloted this SkyWest flight with an all-female crew (pictured above).



Above, left to right: Ginger Rowley, Emily Johnson, Courtney Smith, Jordyn Matthews, and Keely Costello met up to celebrate Emily's successful checkride.



# Accomplishments



**Keely Costello, Private**



**Emily Johnson, Instrument Rating**

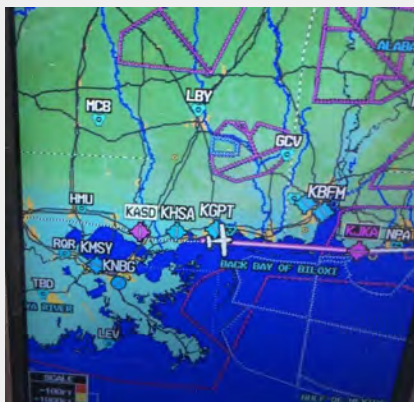


**Jeanne Rieck, CFII**



**Sydney Hedrick, Commercial Multi-Engine**

## A True Cross Country Trip



**By Marguerite Baier**

As pilots, we know that a "cross country" in training is a flight greater than 50 nautical miles. Starting December 26th, me and my 49 ½, Joe Horvath, started a true cross country from KPRC (Prescott) to X39 (Tampa North Airport). We flew our RV-10, and the

trip, with fuel stops and an overnight, was 9+ hours there and 11+ coming back. To summarize, it was quite an adventure! We had to stay low going through Texas due to clouds after Austin, also flying the beautiful coasts of Louisiana, Georgia, and Florida. Learning how to fly through the military areas around Destin was definitely interesting (if you look at a chart, there are a lot of them).

We had difficulty getting back due to all the weather in Prescott, but more so in Texas and had to extend our stay 1 week; luckily Florida was unseasonably warm. We are not instrument-rated, but the squall lines were a bit more than we wanted to fly into and we had a nice place to stay for free in Tampa; well worth waiting it out. On the flight back, our overnight stay (2 nights) was in San Antonio, which is where the next Ninety-Nines International Meeting will be. I plan on flying to the meeting and landing at the same airport, Stinson KSSF.



Images: Scenes out the airplane window, and a beautiful airplane tucked in a hangar at Stinson Airport, KSSF.



# Scholarship Opportunities

## The Ninety-Nines, Inc. FLY NOW Award

The FLY NOW Award is a progressive award given to Student Pilot Members with a need for financial assistance to become certificated pilots. The award provides up to \$6000 toward completion of the Recreational Pilot, Sport Pilot, Private Pilot certificate, or non-U.S. equivalent in any aircraft category. This award will be given progressively to winners AFTER they complete eligible milestones in their training.

To be eligible, applicants must hold a student pilot certificate, have been an official Student Pilot Member **one month prior** to the application deadline and show financial need.

**Spring 2017 Fly Now Award Application deadline is March 15, 2017. Membership join date must be no later than February 15, 2017.**

<http://www.ninety-nines.org/userfiles/file/FlyNowInstructions.pdf>

Each applicant who belongs to a Chapter needs to request a recommendation from her Chapter Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Chairman. In addition, each applicant must have a Mentor, a 99 who will support her through the training process.

If you are planning to apply for the Spring scholarship, Sara Mazzarella will be in charge of those application submissions. Send completed application to [Sara.mazz@gmail.com](mailto:Sara.mazz@gmail.com) Call if there are questions: 484-319-7450.

## Ladies Love Taildraggers Scholarships

This year we have five awesome scholarships, each a unique opportunity for our Ladies Love Taildraggers members, and non-members, to increase their tailwheel skills.

- THREE scholarships for women pilots wanting to earn Tailwheel Endorsements
- TWO scholarships for women tailwheel pilots; a Stick & Rudder Master Class and a STOL workshop

It's an exciting assortment of adventurous classes with top-notch instruction by

- Brian Lansburgh at Tailwheel Town, Oregon
- Charles Lewis at South Oaks Aerodrome, North Carolina
- Billy Werth of Billy Werth Airshows, aircraft donated by IndyJet Center, Indiana

Details and links to each scholarship application form: <http://www.ladieslovetaildraggers.com/blog/applications-now-being-accepted-for-2017-ladieslovetaildraggers-scholarships/>

Last day to apply: February 28, 2017

## MEMBER PROFILE: Vanina Walsh



**Private Pilot**

**Total time:** 165.2 hours

**Rating/certificate**

**working on:** I am working on my instrument rating with Falcon Executive (KFFZ)- Hopefully checkride will be in mid-February.

**Aircraft:** Cessna 172

**Aviation Goals:** My goal in aviation is to be a

full-time professional pilot. I would love to work for an airline or fly corporate someday.

**General Background:** I grew up in Hawaii as a professional surfer. I started a swimsuit company January of 2016 and also began flying at that time. My passions are flying, surfing, design, and travel.

**Scariest Aviation moment:** My scariest aviation moment was when I came in for a landing and my brakes started acting funny as soon as I touched the runway. For a minute I was scared the airplane wouldn't come to a stop in time.

**Most exciting aviation moment:** My most exciting aviation moment was passing my private pilot checkride since it was something I had been looking forward to for a long time.

## MEMBER PROFILE: Jordyn Matthews



**Student Pilot**

**Total Time:** 50.2 hours

**Aircraft:** Piper Archer

**Certificate/ Rating**

**Working on:** Private Pilot Certificate, training at Chandler Air Service (KCHD), checkride in February.

**Scariest aviation moment:** Dutch Rolls!

I'd never done airwork, so I didn't know you were allowed to do that!

**Most exciting aviation moment:** Hitting my short field landing spot exactly during my second stage check.

**Aviation Goals:** To become an airline pilot and fly all over the world.

**What got you interested in aviation?** Both my Grandma and Grandpa are pilots, and my mom is a flight attendant, so I grew up traveling and have always loved being up in the air.

**About me:** I lived in Spain for almost a year, I speak Spanish, I've done bungee-jumping and I plan to go skydiving this year. I also work in the Chandler Air Service Dispatch Office.



# TUCSON FLY-IN LUNCHEON



Above: Celeste Ripley (right) brought future student pilot Lauren Bills in this C-152 from Chandler.



Jordyn Matthews, Keely Costello, Helen Consolino, and Courtney Smith arrived in a Cherokee from Chandler.



The whole group of ladies at the event on January 22nd-Phoenix and Tucson Ninety-Nines- pictured above. Phoenix Members in attendance: Sara Mazzarella, Anne Muirhead, Magdalena Jarda, Judy Yerian, Sherlynn Halloran, Karen Hausteen, Keely Costello, Celeste Ripley, Helen Consolino, Jen Amundsen, Diana LeSueur, Lauren Bills, Jordyn Matthews, and Courtney Smith.



Above: Sherlynn Halloran and Karen Hausteen flew Karen's C-182 from Deer Valley.



Above: Sara Mazzarella and Magdalena Jarda flew this C-172 from Chandler, with a stop at Casa Grande to pick up Jen Amundsen.



Sara Mazzarella, Keely Costello, Jordyn Matthews, Courtney Smith, Magdalena Jarda, and Helen Consolino on the ramp before heading home.

Judy and Richard Yerian flew their C-182 from Pegasus Airpark, and Diana LeSueur and Mike Anderson arrived in an RV-10, for a total of six aircraft coming from Phoenix area airports for this event. Thanks, Sara Mazzarella for being our organizer for this event!