



Austin Hill Country Ninety-Nines News



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March 2023

Officers

Chapter Chair: Sarah Wendt
Secretary: Marian Queern
Treasurer: Carol M. Foy
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Education Chair: Desiree "Dez" Staffeldt

A Note From the Chair

By now, surely you're wondering...where's my AHC 99s February newsletter? What have I missed?

February 29th gets skipped most years, so this year the Feb Newsletter got the boot.

... ok, the lack of a newsletter was not intentional.

In In all seriousness. My apologies. The second half of February flew by.

No excuses, but this will serve as an explanation. The short version - I went on vacation, followed by last minute work trips, got sick, had my phone stolen, and threw out my back. Anyone know a good chiropractor?! I am better now. Back in the beautiful United States. Back in the beautiful state of Texas! Happy bluebonnet season!

Here is a consolation prize for my newsletter negligence: A photo of the Northern Lights as seen from the cockpit of the G280 enroute from Gander, Canada to London, England; a picture commemorating my first oceanic crossing; and me and my crew in front of Big Ben (my first time in England)!



The News

Here we are now in March!

Our business meeting in February had a great turn out. 12 members, 2 Friends of the 99s, 1 guest, and one 49 ½.

The first order of business covered correspondence. We were invited to assist the San Antonio Chapter 99s with their Poker Run on March 25th. Planned route: KHDO-KSSF-KBAZ-KERV-KHDO. They requested 2-3 volunteers at the KERV and KBAZ stops. KBAZ from 11:30am-1:30pm and KERV from 1:00pm-3:00pm. Point of contact: Lacey Law.

The requested deadline to volunteer was February 15th, but it never hurts to ask after the deadline if there is still a need for help. See more information on their Facebook page.

Next, we've been asked to volunteer at the Bluebonnet Air Show in Burnet on March 18th. The VIP tent needs 1 additional volunteer. Dez Staffeldt and Cecelia Adamson will be our AHC chapter representatives. We also decided to have our own pop-up tent at the Burnet airshow to inform patrons about the 99s and our chapter. Come to the air show and stop by our booth to say hello! If you are planning on flying in: Arrive no later than 9:00 a.m. There are less than 30 tie downs available - when they are full, you cannot park. No reservations. Bring your own chocks and ropes. Additional airport information posted at the end of the newsletter.

The final piece of correspondence asked for any interest to volunteer for the EAA Oshkosh AirVenture (July 24-30)- Kiddie Kockpit area. They are seeking a new Chairman.

The next order of business covered chapter financials. \$954.29 in the account with no recent transactions. We have a Square with an activated account and working on a PayPal. It is taking additional time with authorizations, but we should have one soon. PayPal will be helpful for chapter fundraising, etc.

The membership report briefed 49 Members (37 Pilots, 12 Student Pilots). Welcome letters were sent to two recent members who joined in January.

In the Chairman's report we addressed Airmarking. San Marcos is a no go due to a lack of communication from the airport manager. We are seeking volunteers to assist with finding a different airport. Dez volunteered to call surrounding airports. Judie would reach out to Kerrville. Suggested airports: 1T8 (Bulverde), KKRK (Kerrville), 2R9 (Kenedy). SAT chapter has expressed a desire to work with us for this project.

Next, the Chairman proposed business meetings to be held 2 times annually, mirroring Section Meetings. We would still meet monthly as a chapter, but with events and activities that focus on the 99s mission.



The next business meeting is scheduled for Sept 9th, 2023, at 10 AM at Gillespie County Airport (T82) Terminal Building conference room.

Save the date: May 7th - "Starting a Flying Club with Pat Brown" and a potential Flying Companion Seminar. Dez is collecting more information.

Becky announced a scrapbook project update - 9 Scrapbooks have been fully scanned. She is making progress on putting together Flip Books that can be posted to our website.

The business meeting concluded with a presentation by Lucky Lindy Segall. An informative presentation on the history of the WASP with personal stories about Lindy's mother and her service. Lindy brought the stories to life with a beautiful display of historic memorabilia.

After we adjourned, several attendees decided to grab lunch at the Airport Diner.



Calendar

99s/ WASP Events

March

25th - SAT 99s Poker Run (KHDO)

18th - [Bluebonnet Air Show](#) The AHC 99s are hosting a pop-up booth.

31st - ARC Registration Deadline

General Aviation Events

March

25th - EAA 1607 Young Eagles Day (KRYW)

28th - April 2nd - [Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo](#)

April

~~1st - 2nd - Let's Fly Now - Texarkana (DATE CHANGE)~~

21st - 22nd - South Central Section Meeting - El Paso, TX

28th - 29th - WASP Homecoming Celebration - Sweetwater, TX

May

7th - Save the Date - 99s Seminar

April

1st - 2nd - [Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Expo](#)

22nd - [Dyess Big Country Airfest 2023](#)

May

6th - 7th - [The Buc Days Wings Over South Texas Air Show](#) (Corpus Christi)

20th - T82 Gillespie County Airport (T82), Fredericksburg, TX 75th anniversary - Career vendors, bi planes, food trucks - request pilots bring their personal planes for a static display. Contact Gwen Fullbrook.

Our friends at EAA 1088 hold their chapter meetings every third Saturday of the month at T82 and EAA 1607 every fourth Saturday at KRYW.

Would you like your event on the calendar? Please send Sarah Wendt all pertinent information to be posted in our newsletter, on our website, and social media.

NOTIFICATION

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF BURNET MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (Burnet, TX)

Dear Tenant/Airport User,

This email is to inform you that the airfield at Burnet Municipal Airport is waived to be closed on:

- Friday March 17, 2023 1500 - 1800
- Saturday March 18, 2023 1145 - 1700

This closure is taking place due to the annual CAF Bluebonnet Airshow.

All non air show aircraft within Burnet airport facilities associated with permanent hangars and/or companies located at the Burnet Municipal Airport which are not part of the static display or performers of the CAF Bluebonnet Air Show are to be parked in designated parking areas clearly separated from the static displays or hot pits. Tenants whose aircraft are based at the Burnet Municipal Airport will not be able to move their aircraft/vehicles to and from the hangars, sun shelters, and long-term parking during the above timeframes, due to the air show equipment, tents, displays and operations on site.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the City of Burnet.

Sincerely,

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