

## Chairman's Report

### Section Governor Health Update

Great news! Our Section Governor, Jill Shockley, is recovering well from her serious illness, making progress in speech, respiratory, physical, and occupational therapy. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. Support is warmly welcomed at: [Jill Shockley GoFundMe](#)



### Ninety-Nines International - Member Need to Know

- Ninety-Nines HQ seeking volunteers for EAA AirVenture July 21-27. Limited daily passes available (4-hours per day required). [Hangar B Booth Volunteer Sign-Up](#), [WomenVenture Center Booth Sign-Up](#)
- Chapters cannot charge membership dues. They may request optional annual donations to support events, operations, or scholarships, clearly communicated as voluntary and not required for participation. Ours: "Chapter Operations Annual Donation" suggested \$25. To be requested in the Fall.

### Shout out! A Special THANK YOU!

I am so happy to announce, our friends at Tac Aero offered a Tailwheel Course to Grace, our "Spirit of the WASP" Aviation Scholarship recipient!



## AHC 99s Board



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## Scholarship Recipient

Meet Grace Gillespie of College Station, TX, the 2025 recipient of Austin Hill Country Chapter's "Spirit of the WASP Aviation Scholarship".

Grace was chosen for her motivation, passion and commitment to pursuing a career in aviation. She currently holds both Commercial Pilot and Certified Flight Instructor certificates. The \$7,000 award will support her completion of the flight training required to become a professional pilot.



Gillespie is a graduate of Texas A&M University and works as a customer service representative at Astin Aviation in College Station. She's a member of the Ninety-Nines, Women in Aviation, an active volunteer with the Civil Air Patrol and TAMU Agrilife Extension Service Youth Equine program.

"Grace's story of perseverance throughout her aviation journey thus far honors the spirit of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) for whom this scholarship is named," said Sarah Wendt, Chapter Chairman of the Austin Hill Country Ninety-Nines. "We are thrilled to support Grace on her way to becoming a professional pilot."

The "Spirit of the WASP Aviation Scholarship" honors the Women Airforce Service Pilots who courageously answered their nation's call, proved their place in the skies and were nearly forgotten for their service during WWII. This scholarship recognizes their service and sacrifice, inspiring the next generation of female pilots to carry forward their legacy of excellence in aviation.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



**Honor the WASP**  
May 22nd



**Aviation Trivia** June 11th





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## Meeting Recap

- Noelle (on the right in photo) is the new "Point of Contact" for Study Groups
- Tam adding Newsletter to her Secretary role
- Hallo-Wing discussion - reach out if you want to be added to the planning committee.



**99s Meeting** July 9th



**"Spirit of the WASP"**  
**Aviation Scholarship Dinner**  
July 18th



# 99s Calendar

**Aug**  
16th

## **Meet-up at the AAS Public Star Party (7:30 PM)**

(6500 St Stephens Dr, Austin, TX 78746) Let's harness our inner astronomer out of the heat of the day at the Austin Astronomical Society Public Star Party with WAI

**Sept**  
4th-6th

## **IAC Hammers Over Hondo Volunteer Opportunity**

The local International Aerobatic Club hosts an annual Aerobatic Competition called Hammers Over Hondo. They would greatly appreciate 99s volunteers.

**Oct**  
11th

## **AHC 99s Inaugural Hallo-Wing @ KGTU**

Mark your calendars for this family-friendly trunk-or-treat with an aviation twist! Airplane decoration contest, costume contest, candy, food trucks and more! Start the spooky season at Cutter Aviation at Georgetown Executive Airport.

**Oct**  
19th

## **San Antonio Chapter 99s Pumpkin Drop**

Pumpkin drop competition to support the chapter scholarship fund. More details to come.

**Oct**  
23rd-26th

## **South Central Section Meeting in Albuquerque**

Hosted by the Rio Grande Norte Chapter. The team is putting together a great agenda - think hot air balloon rides and Los Alamos tour. Be sure to put this on your calendar!

**Nov**  
8th

## **Two Different Volunteer Opportunities**

- CAF CenTex (San Marcos) Hangar Dance
- Wings, Wheels & Wine Airshow (Llano)

**Nov**  
15th

## **Girls in Aviation Day hosted by WAI Austin**

2025 Girls in Aviation Day program will be held at Atlantic Aviation at Austin Bergstrom International Airport. Our chapter will participate as volunteers.



## Other Exciting Aviation Events

**July 21st-27th:** EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh

**July 25th:** STXBAA Safety Day at Sugarland Airport

**September 27<sup>th</sup>:** Dallas Aviation Expo 2025

**September 27<sup>th</sup>:** North Texas Aeronautics (NTA) First Annual Fly-in and Poker Run!

**Oct 10th-11th:** Aviation Discovery Fest CAF CenTex San Marcos

**October 18th-19th:** Wings Over Houston Airshow Houston

**October 18th-19th:** Amigo Airsho El Paso, TX

**October 23rd-26:** 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Flying M Ranch Fly-In and Campout Reklaw, TX

**November 1st-2nd:** Texas Capital Air Show San Marcos

**November 8th:** CAF Veterans Dinner and Big Band Dance

### EVERY MONTH

EAA 187 (KGTU) hold their chapter meetings every second Saturday. EAA 1088 (T82) and EAA 958 (KHYI) every third Saturday. EAA 1607 (KRYW) every fourth Saturday.

Monthly airport breakfasts [Aviator Breakfast \(KGTU\)](#), [Lockhart \(50R\) Flying Club](#)

## Call to Action:

The Chapter Board would love to get more help and involvement.

Would you like to **boost your resume** with leadership experience or volunteer work? Would you like to **meet more people** in the aviation community? Do you want to work on your **event planning and organizational skills**? Do you have a passion for aviation that drives you to want to **share what we do** with the world? Do you want to **inspire the future generation of aviators**? Getting involved with our chapter can help you in all of these areas!

Please email us with how you would like to be involved.



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