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Calendar of Events:

- May 13th
Meeting @ Carolyn Cook's
- June 10th or 11th
Fly-In to Santa Teresa
- July 8th
Meeting @ Arlene Walsh's
- July 5th-9th
99s International Conf.

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DRO FLY-IN

The weather was perfect for our March 5th fly-in to Durango, CO. Five aircraft flew in from three different airports and met "locals" who drove in from Farmington.

Amy Ecclesine flew Cherokee N9497J from Los Alamos and brought our new German 99 friends, Christina Perincioli and Cecilia Rentmeister, with her. Ursula Durrer flew Skyhawk N5306U from Double Eagle and brought a guest, Darrel Ratchner. (A reminder about how flexible one's schedule must be when renting a plane for an out of town fly-in...one just might plan on staying for dinner as well as lunch!)

Three planes came from Sante Fe including Mary Schroeder in her Cessna Centurion 5318V with Arlene Walsh, Cathy Gates

and our new 99 friend and Katrina evacuee, Nanette Colomb. Elizabeth Hunke flew her Cherokee 4891T with Judy Bronson. And Susan Larson bought Mikie, Ruben Wexler, and Lilo Steffen. Let's see, Lilo is a 99, Ruben was Susan's guest and Mikie is actually Susan's 182!

The Farmington contingent included Cathy Farrell, Kelly Grossetete, Julia McElroy, Lindsay Manetta, Emily Nehring, Melanie Warren, Meghan Kincaid, and Beth Polcari, who lead a caravan of three cars.

One plane had already landed when the welcoming committee arrived but they were able to meet and greet the next four aircraft. After several rounds of hand shakes, hellos and hugs, all 22! piled into five vehicles

(including two FBO courtesy cars) and headed to downtown Durango to Gaucho's, a Brazilian restaurant, for lunch.

Durango is a charming town filled with wonderful gift shops and boutiques. After lunch the group split into smaller groups and spent time window shopping. Nothing like strolling down the streets of an historic town, sipping a latte with the March sun warming our faces!

We met up back at the airport for more handshakes, hugs, goodbyes and, of course, photos. One by one, the planes were pre-flighted and departed. All, that is, except for Ursula's, but that's another (maintenance) story!

EYH WORKSHOP



"S. T. E. M."

"We can do all of them!"

That was the theme and cheer for the day at the Expanding Your Horizons Workshop. The name

pretty much says it all.

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) technical career workshops for young women in New Mexico are licensed by New Mexico

Network for Women in Science and Engineering. NMNWS held a workshop at the University of New Mexico Los Alamos campus for 'at risk' young women



Ninety-Nine's
Mission Statement

Promote world
 fellowship through flight

Provide networking and
 scholarship opportunities
 for women and aviation
 education in the
 community

Preserve the unique
 history of women in
 aviation



to introduce them to the amazing world of science and mathematics.

Okay, the relationship between EYH and NMNWSE and UNMLA and the Los Alamos Lab can get confusing with who's using whose name with permission for what purpose. *Here's the real scoop:* A bunch of very talented and gifted women, including Elizabeth Hunke, a mathematician at the Los Alamos Lab, got together on March 15th at the UNM Los Alamos campus and presented hands-on workshops to young women in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Ginny Boylls helped with the group activity, having to do with geology, that kicked off the day. Later, Susan Larson, Lilo Steffen, Amy Ecclesine, Kelly Grossetete, Emily Nehring, Melanie Warren, and Beth Polari helped with Eliza-

beth's workshops. Ginny Boylls and Carolyn Cook worked with the Veterinary and Polymer groups.

Elizabeth Hunke's workshop was titled "Fluids in Flight". She began by introducing the four forces of flight and this thing we call pressure. Then the girls plotted a flight from SAF to DRO on VFR charts and determined the time, distance and fuel required in different types of aircraft and cars. The session ended with making paper airplanes and flying them around the room!

The grand finale was an afternoon career fair. The 99s had a booth to generate interest in women flying. The students from Mesa Pilot Development had a booth next to the 99s which was attended by women pilots in uniform. All in all, ten women pilots were available to talk with young women about the

exciting world of flight!

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What does 'at risk' mean? 'At risk' means...being raised in a household where the adults don't have the education to support math and science homework...being raised in a household where English is a second language for the adults and it's difficult to support any homework...being raised in a household with no adult support whatsoever...being raised in a narrow-minded household that continues to promote old school ideas about women's roles in the work place...these and other situations that tend to put young women at a disadvantage regarding future career opportunities, unfortunately, put them 'at risk'. The EYH conference was another opportunity for the 99s to put their mission statement into action.

COMPANION FLYING SEMINAR

You're not a pilot but you are a passenger on a GA airplane. Why do we have to get up a 6am for a leisurely flight across the state? Why can't we sleep in and go this afternoon? Why can't we take our golf clubs? Who are you talking to on the radio and what language are you speaking? I don't see any other airplanes, aren't we up here all alone?

These and many other questions were addressed

at the Companion Flying Seminar at the Albuquerque Balloon Museum on March 13th. Elizabeth Hunke, Susan Larson, and Ginny Boylls, along with four 99s from the Albuquerque chapter, spoke with folks not versed in the mysterious world of general aviation.

Discussion included topics such as turbulence and when is the best time of day to fly in the desert. Density altitude and why

we can't take all the extra luggage. What in the world is the pilot doing and why? Things we can do from the right seat to help the pilot.

Around 20 people attended and the feedback was great. Sounds like this could become an annual, or even semi-annual, event!



AVID



AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) is a type of college prep program targeting middle of the road students who aren't working to their potential. The program is designed to generate advanced thinking; thinking outside the box, if you will.

Students in this program, with the help of parents,

administrators, teachers, counselors, and, yes, 99s!, are provided with tools they need to be successful. The students use these tools to broaden their horizons and gain exposure to different careers and endless possibilities for their futures.

In December, Lori Heimdahl Gibson, Ginny Boylls,

Elizabeth Hunke and Susan Larson (and again in January sans Susan) visited AVID classes in Espanola to share their love of flying with the future of tomorrow. Lori said they had tons of fun with the kids; making paper airplanes and sharing ideas about aviation and careers in aviation.



AS THE BEACON TURNS



Kelly Grossetete recently earned her Instrument and Commercial ratings. Yeah, Kelly!

And you thought the Tooth Fairy had *wings!* Who knew she really had *wheels!* Lori Heimdahl Gibson will

visit Arlene Walsh's kindergarten class on her Harley Davidson motorcycle acting as the tooth fairy. Arlene read Andrew's Loose Tooth to her class; a book about the tooth fairy arriving on a motorcycle.

You don't have to go to Hollywood to star gaze. Susan Larson and Lilo Steffen's husband's company, HeliNM, their company has been flying the likes of Paul McCartney and John Travolta!

WIA

Jacque Boyd, Julia McElroy, and Beth Polcari represented the 99s Rio Grande Norte Chapter at the Women in Aviation International Conference in Nashville, TN in March.

Jacque Boyd helped to keep the seminars moving and on time. One can only imagine she did much more, but it was difficult catching up with her, she moved

so fast! Participants could choose from seminars ranging from how to survive an interview to a discussion, hosted by the 99s, exploring countless aviation opportunities for women.

Both Julia and Beth worked a shift at the 99s booth where they visited with fellow 99s and met prospective members.

Conference booths included cargo, corporate, and commercial airlines, as well as companies displaying and selling every aviation gadget and trinket imaginable. The armed services were well represented; so were aviators committed to volunteer service such as Angel Flight and the like.

A *must* next year!

Don't Miss The 99s International Conference

in
Washington DC
July 5th—July 9th

Marriott Hotel

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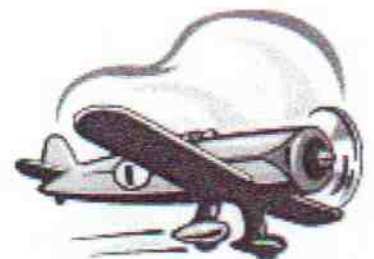
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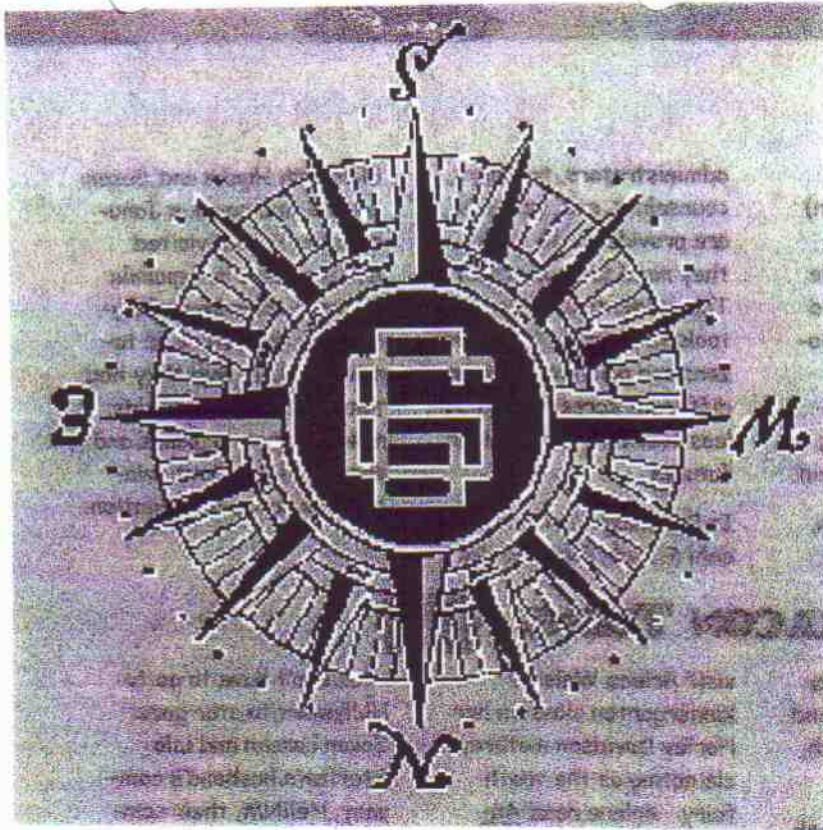
May 13th: Saturday, 6pm, meeting and potluck dinner at Carolyn Cook's in Sante Fe.

June 10th or 11th: Fly-In to Santa Teresa, NM (south of Las Cruces) for lunch and aviation museum tour. (Contact Susan Larson for your preference of Saturday or Sunday.)

July 8th: Meeting and fly-in to Los Alamos at Arlene Walsh's "Dreamcatcher" hanger.

July 5th - 9th: 99s International Conference, Washington, DC





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