

# STRAIGHT AND LEVEL

## Newsletter of the Keystone Chapter of the 99s

April 2010

### March Meeting

Five members and two guests held a very productive meeting to finalize plans for several events in April. These included our participation in the Aviation Day at Wilkes-Barre International Airport on April 10 (see separate article below), a boy scout tour at Queen City Airport, and the first Flying Companion Social.

**Boy Scout Tour** – Jen offered to make her airplane available for a one hour session with a boy scout troop of between 10 and 20 scouts and chaperones. Since the meeting, Jen contacted the Airport Authority for approval, and the troop leader to set a date. As of April 12, no date has been finalized, but they are still working on arrangements.

**Flying Companion Social** – LuAnn obtained permission from Paul Smith at Lehighon Airport to hold the event and serve alcohol. He also agreed to include our invitation with the monthly statements mailed on April 1. Jen completed the invitations and will print copies; she also completed a Powerpoint presentation for the introduction, and will bring a screen and projector. LuAnn contacted the Times-News, a local newspaper for Carbon and Monroe counties. They're interested in publishing an article before the event, which will be good advertising beyond the airport tenants.

**The social will be on Sunday, April 25, from 4-6PM.** Everyone is encouraged to come to welcome guests and share the fun and rewards of flying with other women. We are already looking ahead to additional socials at Slatington and Queen City.

**Chapter Elections** – If anyone does not want to continue in her current office, let Nancy know by the April meeting. Open positions so far include Vice Chair/Membership Chair and Secretary.

**Next Meeting**  
**Wednesday, Apr. 21**  
**7:00PM @ ABE Hangar 7**  
**600 Hayden Circle, Allentown**

### Aviation Day at AVP

Nancy traveled to Wilkes Barre on her own April 10, and was glad to be there to represent us at a very well-attended, well-run open house for the public. \$10 airplane rides were a big draw for 150 lucky people. Many attendees seemed genuinely interested in aviation, and kept Nancy busy most of the day (she thanks Irene for stopping by and chatting with people as well). Most of the people Nancy spoke with did not know about the 99s, so she was able to introduce our organization and the opportunities for women in aviation.

Our participation in the event was organized by Sarah Jeziorski, a student in the aviation program at Marywood University. Sarah has class Wednesday nights so she can't attend our meetings, but we hope to meet her this summer at a meeting in the northern part of our chapter's territory. Nancy also met two other young women: another student in the Marywood aviation program, and a student at Wilkes who plans to begin flying lessons this summer.

The day was a valuable opportunity to make contacts in another part of our chapter's territory. We already have several members in the Poconos and Scranton/Wilkes Barre areas, and there are many more women in the region who already fly or have an interest in aviation to whom we can reach out.

## **Safety Seminar at Queen City May 1**

A safety seminar and spot landing contest will be held at Queen City Airport on Saturday, May 1 at 9AM. We will sell coffee and baked goods as a fundraiser. We'll be listed as a sponsor on the notices posted and emailed by the FAA. So bring some homemade goodies, help staff our table, and demonstrate your skills in the spot landing contest.

## **Poker Run May 1**

Also on May 1, the North Jersey 99s are sponsoring a Poker Run to 5 airports: Sky Manor, Doylestown, Greenwood Lake, Trenton/Robbinsville and Blairstown (terminus). Visit some or all in any order (ending at Blairstown) between 9:30AM and 2:30PM. Price per hand is \$15. Rain date is May 2; call 732-326-1380 for go/no-go decision after 6:30AM. Call Angela at 973-575-8220 or go to [www.nj99.com](http://www.nj99.com) for more info.

## **On the Calendar**

**Apr. 13-18** – Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL

**Apr. 25, 4-6PM** – Flying Companion Social at Jake Arner (Lehigh) Airport.

**May 1, 9AM** – FAA Safety Seminar and spot landing contest at Queen City Airport. We'll set up to sell coffee and baked goods at 8AM.

**May 1, 9:30AM-2:30PM** – Poker Run sponsored by North Jersey 99s.

## **Queen City Airport News**

Recently, rumors that Queen City Airport is closing have been circulating, and while closure of the airport is not imminent, there is a clear threat. In January, Ed Pawlowski, the mayor of Allentown, was appointed to the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority board. He has been trying for years to force a sale of the airport to a developer. In an article in the Morning Call on January 15, he restated this as one of his priorities. Other local officials, including at least one Lehigh County commissioner, has voiced support for a sale.

Queen City pilots have revived the Queen City Airport Action Committee, which was formed in 1998 to oppose then-mayor William Heydt's attempts to close the field. The group recently elected a new board, and meets monthly at the airport. Check out [www.qcaac.org](http://www.qcaac.org) for details.

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