

STRAIGHT AND LEVEL

Newsletter of the Keystone Chapter of the 99s

October 2010

September Meeting

With eight in attendance, discussions at the September meeting focused on membership and fundraising. We had no new contacts in the last month, but Nancy suggested it would be a good time to reach out to the three Marywood students we spoke with earlier this year. She will contact them and suggest a dinner meeting in their area. Late October was agreed upon as a good time during the semester to arrange a meeting.

We discussed holding a raffle for our next fundraising event. Several good ideas for prizes were suggested: a glider ride (Nancy confirmed that Beltzville would donate a ride if we pay for the tow); fuel (LuAnn to ask at Slatington if they would donate a predetermined amount at half price); and gift certificates at airport restaurants. Everyone is encouraged to come up with ideas and approach possible donors by our next meeting.

Susannah brought a request from the Lehigh Valley Flying Club for our participation in a possible Pinch Hitter course they are planning. Several people expressed interest in helping teach. Susannah will get more details from the LVFC.

We tabled further planning for the flying companion socials and the compass rose project at Queen City until Jen can attend.

Save the date! Helen has generously offered to host our Christmas party again, on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4PM.

The Right Stuff award went to Cathy Lokes in honor of her trip to all 48 states in a Citabria. We enjoyed more stories of the places she and Bill visited, and we eagerly await seeing their many photos.

Congratulations!

To Larissa Tauber, who completed her first solo, and Emily Lokes, who passed her checkride for her seaplane rating.

Next Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 20
7PM @ ABE Hangar 7

600 Hayden Circle, Allentown, PA

Important Issue to Vote On!

Our discussion of the Marywood students we hope to connect with led to concern about the elimination of the Academic membership category. We believe that membership dues are unaffordable for most full-time students. Therefore, we decided to offer a subsidy to any full-time student who wishes to be a 99. First year membership for a pilot is \$75 (\$65 dues plus \$10 initiation fee). Our proposal is to pay \$45 towards the first year membership (the full-time student would pay \$30); in subsequent years, the chapter would pay \$35 with the student's portion remaining at \$30, as long as the student maintains full-time status.

We will vote on adopting this proposal at our next meeting. If you cannot attend, please send your vote, and any questions on the proposal, to Nancy before Oct. 20.

Annual Section Meeting

Nancy, Susannah and Sally attended the Mid-Atlantic section meeting in Frederick, MD on Sept. 25. Highlights of the business meeting included the induction of the new West Virginia Chapter; reports on the year's activities from each chapter (Nancy presented our report); and the attendance of Susan Larson, 99s International President, who addressed the group and chatted informally with members all day. The

afternoon sessions were all very informative. About a dozen women who worked in aircraft manufacturing plants during World War II spoke about their experiences. Becky Roman-Amador, a past Amelia Earhart and ISA+21 Scholarship winner, gave tips on applying for scholarships. And Erin Gormley, an aerospace engineer with the NTSB, described how she and her colleagues use forensic engineering to determine the cause of aviation accidents by stepping through the analysis of evidence from actual events.

On the Calendar

Oct. 9 – Poker run sponsored by Eastern PA 99s, 9:30AM – 2:30PM. Visit Doylestown, Smoketown, Trenton-Robbinsville, Pottstown Municipal; end at Chester County. \$15 per hand. Call Mary at 484-571-8145 or see <http://sites.google.com/site/easternpa99s/> for more details. Rain date Oct. 10.

Dec. 19 – Annual Chapter Christmas party at Helen's house, 4PM.

See the latest calendar info at:

www.keystone99s.org