

# TALEWINDS

TUCSON CHAPTER 99S

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*Chair Com by Evelyn Cowing*

## Summertime Doldrums

Doldrums is an expression referring to ocean areas near the equator where low pressure can cause the prevailing winds to go calm. History has many stories of sailing ships trapped for days and weeks, unable to make any headway until the trade winds resumed, causing havoc with the sailors' morale. Nowadays the term is used to describe such situations as a period of time that is characterized by inactivity, a lack of interest, a state of listlessness, or anything that gets us to that bleak state of mind. Although the "doldrums" can be experienced any time of the year, they are often associated with the hot, lazy days of summer and can affect our flying activities both in the air and on the ground....particularly with the record high temperatures that we've had the past few weeks.

The doldrums held off for the members attending our annual potluck in spite of June's heat. Fortunately, we had a nice cool place, thanks to Emily Brown for making arrangements to use her community clubhouse. We all had a good laugh when we realized that no one brought dessert! Can you imagine a potluck with no dessert!! That was definitely a first!!! Although we did not have an official meeting, we did manage to squeeze in couple of reports. Chris Bentley, our Scholarship Chairman, announced the winners of our Chapter scholarships (see separate article) and Wendy McCool Lewis and Amanda Fron reported progress for the fly-out on July 9<sup>th</sup> to the Payson Airport (see last page for info). We also wished farewell to our Secretary, Amy Mitchell, who is moving to Florida and acknowledged her involvement with the Chapter in presenting her with a variety of aviation-related items.

Whether or not we can avoid the summertime doldrums in July remains to be seen. Our July chapter meeting is the 8<sup>th</sup> which will be held at the Four Points Sheraton where we have a cool, quiet and relaxing set-up with good food and excellent service which should hold off those annoying doldrums! Let's make the summer doldrums our summer recharge season and be ready to rev up our Chapter's engine in developing some new, interesting and exciting activities for this fall!!! Best way to do so is to attend our monthly meetings and get those calm trade winds back in motion!!! Hope to see you at the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting!

*The cure for boredom is curiosity.  
There is no cure for curiosity.  
Ellen Parr*

## TALEWIND TIDBITS

IT'S A FACT: Since the launch of our website last year (2016-2017) we have had 12,847 visits. The top referring websites include sws99s.org (Southwest Section 99s website where you can find the link to Tucson 99s) and Google.com (which means people are searching for us on Google). And we are only halfway through 2017! Hats off to our Webmaster, Wendy McCool Lewis, who did a terrific job of getting our website set up and continues to maintain it!

NEW MEMBER: A big welcome to Barbara Herbert, a transfer from the New Jersey-New York Section. Although Barbara is new to us, she's not new to the organization having originally joined in 1967 and rejoining in 2007. We hope you can make it to our next meeting, Barbara....we're looking forward to meeting you and getting acquainted! WELCOME!

## *TALEWIND TIDBITS (continued)*

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board recently met to start the tremendous task of revising/updating our Chapter Bylaws which date back to 2009. This will not be a quick-fix project as much has changed throughout both the organization and our chapter, and care must be taken to make certain that any changes or corrections are in compliance with the Ninety-Nines International Bylaws. Upon the completion of a final draft, the draft must be sent to our General Counsel at Headquarters before it can be voted upon by our chapter members. Following the completion of the Bylaws revision project, the Board will then tackle the Chapter's Standing Rules (often referred to as Standard Operating Procedures or SOP).

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES:

Barbara Herbert – 5/15/1967  
(continuous - 7/23/2007)

Ellen Herring – 7/1/1974  
(continuous - 7/1/1974)

### NAME TAGS AND CHAPTER DONATION:

- Name tags may be ordered through the Chapter Chairman and are \$10 each. Payment must be paid in advance to the Chapter Chairman (cash or check payable to Tucson 99s).
- Voluntary Annual Chapter Donation: This \$12 donation is used to help defray various chapter expenses such as our storage room rent, the chapter website, printed handout materials for events, etc. Your donation can be paid in cash or check payable to Tucson 99s at any chapter meeting or mailed to our Chapter Treasurer.

*The pessimist complains about the wind.  
The optimist expects it to change.  
The realist adjusts the sails.*

## *SCHOLARSHIP NEWS*

*Christina Bentley, Scholarship Chairman*

Congratulations to the winners of the 2017 Tucson Chapter scholarships! Winners were announced at the June 10<sup>th</sup> potluck. Sara Mazzarella and Teresa Quintana, both members of the Phoenix Chapter, were awarded Advanced scholarships. Both are actively training for an Instrument rating. Good luck to Sara and Teresa!

The next big deadline, for student pilot members, is September 15<sup>th</sup>. That's when the next Fly Now applications are due. The Fly Now scholarship is offered twice a year by International for student pilot members who are working on their initial certificate, e.g. Private Pilot. This is a generous award of up to \$6,000, paid incrementally upon the achievement of specific milestones. A Fly Now applicant must be a member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. no later than August 15<sup>th</sup>, which is right around the corner! To learn the details and how to apply for the Fly Now Scholarship, visit the International website <https://www.ninety-nines.org/fly-now.htm>. The Tucson Chapter 99s Scholarship Committee can also be contacted at [tus99schol@gmail.com](mailto:tus99schol@gmail.com).

## *JUST FOR LAUGHS*

### **A Pilot's Philosophy**

**A check ride ought to be like a skirt.  
Short enough to be interesting, but long enough to cover everything.**

## **IMPORTANT**

### *HELP WANTED AND NEEDED IMMEDIATELY*

Position: TEMPORARY SECRETARY. If necessary can be shared with another member or several on a rotating basis till further notice. Responsibility: To take minutes at the meeting(s); type them up and send to Chapter Chairman for distribution.

Position: NEWSLETTER EDITOR. If necessary can be shared by another member or by several on a rotating basis till further notice. Responsibility: To design as desired; prepare and send to the general membership and other interested persons such as prospective members.

Position: ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN. Position can be shared if desired. Responsibility: To plan and organize different activities such as arranging for a program speaker at a chapter meeting or independent of a meeting; a "field trip" or tour either in conjunction with a short chapter meeting or independently; or a social activity such as a luncheon or evening dinner not connected with a chapter meeting. Activities to be scheduled possibly 3-4 times throughout the year and to be coordinated with Chapter Chairman.

If anyone is interested in one of these positions and would like more information or have questions, contact the Chapter Chairman, Evelyn Cowing. Any help would be appreciated even if it is only for a short period of time until the positions can be filled

## *66 YEARS AND STILL GOING*

Did you know that this past month (June) was the 66<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Tucson Chapter 99s? Here's a brief look into the history of our chapter....let's call it "A BLAST FROM THE PAST".

"The Tucson Chapter was founded June 1951 by Maggie Schock, Chairman, Grace Pistor, Mary Pearson, Faye Jones, Gertrude Gelderman and Beatrice Ederly.

The first Annual Penny-A-Pound Airlift was flown December 7, 1958. In 1962, 122,260 pounds was flown increasing to 178,000 pounds in 1964. Money is used for Air Age Education materials in the public schools and for a flying scholarship begun in 1964.

An A W Tour was inaugurated August 1962 and held each summer for several years.

An annual event, The Tucson Treasure Hunt began May 1972 and is held each year at Marana Air Park west of Tucson.

The Chapter hosted many Powder Puff Derbies over the years and now has 35 members."

*Taken from the 1979 History of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.*

## **Tucson 99s July Fly-Out** **Let's get back into the air!**

Great people. Great food. Great conversations. Great smells (mmmm – cockpit)

**Where:** Payson Airport (KPAN) and Crosswinds Restaurant  
**When:** Sunday, July 9  
7:30 AM Meet at restaurant  
**RSVP:** Wendy McCool Lewis  
[mccoollewis@gmail.com](mailto:mccoollewis@gmail.com)

Friends, family, and instructors are welcome!



### **B.Y.O.A.**

#### **Bring Your Own Aircraft**

Rent, borrow, don't steal, maybe buy?

If you are an active pilot and have access to fly an aircraft, please do so! If you have seats available for other 99s who want to join us but aren't current, please let Wendy know.

KPAN is 55nm NE of Phoenix. Elevation 5,157ft. Plan aircraft performance for density altitudes of 7k or higher!

## CALENDAR

### 99S

#### JULY CHAPTER MEETING:

Saturday, July 8, 2017  
Four Points Sheraton  
11:00 a.m.

#### JULY FLY-OUT

July 9, 2017  
Payson Airport  
Crosswinds Restaurant  
7:30 a.m.

#### 99S INT'L MEETING

July 11-16, 2017  
San Antonio, TX

#### SOUTHWEST SECTION FALL MEETING:

Sept. 28- Oct. 1, 2017  
Redding, CA  
<http://ninety-nines.net/sws99sShasta/index.asp>

#### SOUTHWEST SECTION WINTER WORKSHOP

January 27, 2018

### OTHER

#### FAA-AZ FAAST SEMINAR

Takeoffs/Landings & Aircraft Control  
July 13, 2017  
7:00 p.m.  
Deer Valley, AZ

#### EAA AIR-VENTURE AIRSHOW

July 24-30, 2017  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin