

**RENO HIGH SIERRA 99s MEETING MINUTES**  
**Atlantic Aviation, Reno, 655 S Rock Blvd. – November 9, 2017**

Members: Leah Ochs, Karen Inda, Lynn Meadows, Moe Makowski, Candy Whitfield, Rocky LeBard, Jean Starr, Sandra Steffensen, Melody Luetkehans  
Guests: Amelia Lorson, Pat Chan (member of Bay Cities Chapter), Jennifer Prins (member of Reno Area 99s)

Leah Ochs called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

**I. Board member reports:**

Chairman – Leah welcomed everyone to the meeting. We had internet access this time and we successfully set up Skype. This was the reason for the delayed start time. The January agenda will include instructions on how to connect on Skype, so that you can attend the next meeting even if you are far away. Leah, Katie, Hailey Truax, and Jan McRoberts attended the High Sierra Fly-in at Dead Cow Lake and enjoyed it very much. There were a lot of young people there. Leah believes we should partner with Kevin Quinn for fundraising. It is also a potential group event for next year.

Vice Chairman – Katie was absent.

Secretary – Karen had no comment.

Treasurer – Please contact Lynn Meadows for the Treasurer's Report.

**II. New Business:**

- **RTAG Flying Challenge:** The Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group has launched a new challenge that involves three things we all love: flying, food, and raising money for aviation scholarships! Visit <https://www.renoaviation.org/flying-challenge> for all the details. The cost is \$25 per participant (pilot and flying companions). Complete your entry form and email it to Karen Inda <[aviator@xericdesign.com](mailto:aviator@xericdesign.com)> by December 1<sup>st</sup> in order to get your official RTAG Flying Challenge t-shirt. Payments are through PayPal. Late entries can still participate and win prizes, but will likely not receive a t-shirt. One hundred percent of the money raised goes to the Tom Pagnano Memorial Scholarship Fund. The RTAG Flying Challenge is open to everyone. You do not have to be a member of RTAG, or even based at RNO, to participate. There was a discussion about making some of the RTAG Flying Challenge destinations fly-outs for our group.
- **Operation Santa Claus:** This event is taking place Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, from 11am to 1pm, in Atlantic Aviation's big hangar. There was a discussion about what our group can do to help. Options include helping with set-up and tear-down, sponsoring a family, and participating in the

parade of planes. Karen Inda is going to contact the people in charge to find out what they need us to do.

- **Career Days Planning:** There was a discussion about participating in the Career Days at local schools. Amelia Lorson will ask if Galena High School is planning to have a Career Day.

### **III. Unfinished Business:**

- **Approval of Minutes:** Candy made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Lynn seconded. All in favor. None opposed.
- **Mountain Waves Newsletter:** Articles are due by December 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are new to this chapter, please send a brief bio to Lynn for the newsletter. If you attend a safety meeting, visit an air museum, read a book about aviation, etc., send a story about it to Lynn.
- **Social Dinner at Mimi's:** The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- **Review AEMSF applications:** Moe is the chairperson for Amelia Earhart Scholarship applications and the deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>. Tammy Augustin, our member in Australia, is applying, and our chapter can submit multiple applications. Applicants need to have been a 99 for at least one year before applying. Moe urged potential applicants not to wait until the last minute to give her their application forms, since there are often tiny errors that need to be corrected and this can take time. It is a full-ride scholarship, meaning that it will cover the cost of an entire rating. Moe has offered to show potential applicants a winning scholarship, so that they can see what they need to do to win. Contact Moe to set up a time for this.
- **Flying Companion Seminar:** Lynn has copies of the workbooks from two other chapters' flying companion seminars, which we can use to create our own seminar. This will probably happen next spring. We need five or six speakers: one for sectionals, one for radios, one for medical stuff (Lynn will ask Dr. Higgins to do this), and more. We will also need to arrange a location, lunch, and refreshments. The target audience is right-seat flying companions, who are generally the spouses and partners of pilots. The goal is to get them to be more comfortable in the right seat, more knowledgeable about what the controls and instruments do, and even have them consider becoming pinch hitters or pilots themselves. If you want to be involved in planning this seminar, please plan to stay after the January meeting.

### **IV. Standing Committee Reports:**

- **Chapter Scholarship –** Our chapter awarded \$9000 in scholarships last month! During the scholarship interviews, Click Bond was so impressed with our applicants that they doubled their scholarship funds on the spot in order to award a second scholarship. Thank you, Click Bond! Leah will ask Click Bond about doing a spring scholarship. The FlyNow Scholarship is also happening in the spring, with a March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

- **Public Relations & Oral History** – Rocky LeBard, whose surname means “The Poet,” has graciously offered to take this position. One of our guests this evening was Pat Chan, who has been a 99s Public Relations & Oral History chair since the 1980s. She has recorded the oral histories of a couple hundred 99s since then. Most of these recordings are on VHS tape and she’s in the process of digitizing the entire collection. Pat will send Rocky the copyright agreement to record something for our chapter. The 99s own the copyright for all of the oral histories, so they cannot be put on our chapter website. Lynn remembered that someone recorded the oral history of some of our members 7 or 8 years ago at the summer BBQ. All of us have valid stories to tell. Just think if someone had recorded an oral history of Amelia Earhart when she was a student pilot. How valuable would that recording be today?
- **Fundraising** – Lynn previously reported on Mission Fish and RARA. Jean said there has been no response from Amazon regarding the giftwrap fundraiser.
- **Airmarking** – Lynn said this is not a good time of year for it.
- **Webmaster** – The scholarship winners, chapter bylaws, and standing rules are on the website. Please give Leah any photos you have of yourself flying.
- **Aerospace Education** – We get credit in a contest if our chapter participates in aviation training. This can include museums, air shows, speeches, safety meetings, etc. Go to the Members page of our website < <https://www.renohighsierra99s.org/members/>> and click to download the Aerospace Education Form. These are due in February 2018. The more lines we complete on our forms, the more credit our chapter receives.
- **A.E. Scholarship** – Moe discussed this earlier. See above.
- **Woman Pilot of the Year** – **NEED CHAIRMAN**. The deadline has passed.
- **Chapter Aviation Activities** – Operation Santa Claus and the RTAG Flying Challenge were discussed previously. The Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3pm to 6pm, at the home of Jean Starr. RSVP to co-hosts Jean or Candy ASAP. Also, be sure that you and your 49 ½ wear your chapter nametags to the party.
- **Safety Education** – Moe will conduct a fun trivia night after the meeting. If you have an idea for a safety topic, let Moe know.
- **Scrapbook** – Nikki is working on the scrapbook. She will most likely be at Mimi’s and the Christmas party if you would like to give her your scrapbook items in person.
- **Forest of Friendship** – Lynn reported that this happens in June.
- **Membership** – Candy reported that we now have 56 members. Of the 42 chapters in the SWS, only eight have more members than we do.
- **NIFA** – The regional meet is taking place in Prescott, AZ, this month.
- **Bylaws/Legislative** – We voted last month to allow for electronic voting.
- **Annual NV state fees/Annual Federal Tax e-file** – Not currently applicable.

- **Newsletter, video library, chapter history** – See above.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Minutes submitted by  
Karen Inda, secretary