

RENO HIGH SIERRA 99s MEETING MINUTES
Atlantic Aviation, Reno, 655 S Rock Blvd. – January 11, 2018

Members: Leah Ochs, Katie Greenwood, Karen Inda, Lynn Meadows, Candy Whitfield, Jean Starr, Heather McCoy, Rocky LeBard, Jenn Prins

Guests: Amelia Lorson (student at Galena H.S.), Jessica (student at Wooster H.S.)

Leah Ochs called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

I. Board member reports:

Chairman – Leah wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Vice Chairman – Katie had no comment.

Secretary – Karen had no comment.

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

II. New Business:

- **SWS Meeting – Spring Meeting:** The SWS 99s Spring 2018 meeting is being hosted by the Bakersfield Chapter and will take place from Thursday, April 26 through Sunday, April 29, 2018. Registration costs \$120, though the Saturday morning business meeting is free and generally runs from 9am until noon. If you are planning to go and have empty seats in your plane or car, please let the chapter know so that someone without transportation can attend. For more information and to register, click here: <http://ninetyines.net/sws99sBakersfield/index.asp>
- **WAI Conference:** The 29th Annual Women in Aviation International Conference will be held at the Reno-Sparks Convention Center from Thursday, March 22, to Saturday, March 24, 2018. This is an incredible opportunity to grow your aviation career without the expense of traveling to another city. Heather, Moe, and Katie are planning to attend. Katie

attended the WAI Conference two years ago and it changed the direction of her career. Our chapter may be asked to volunteer to man the 99s booth. Katie will contact Laura to get more information. The WAI website is: <https://www.wai.org>

- **Aerospace Education Forms:** Heather will send a reminder. The awards will be handed out at the SWS Spring Meeting in Bakersfield.
- **Mimi's Social Dinner:** The next Girls' Night Out will take place from 6pm on Tuesday, January 16th at Mimi's Café, 5090 Kietzke Ln, Reno, NV 89511. RSVP to Joan Herz. <joanmherz@gmail.com>.
- **AOPA Safety Seminar Reminder:** The next AOPA safety seminar will take place at 7pm on Monday, January 15th at the Atlantis Casino Resort. The topic will be "Collision Course: Avoiding Airborne Traffic". This is a free event and all members are encouraged to attend.
- **AE Medal Presentation:** Leah presented Katie with her AE Medal. Katie was an AE Scholarship recipient and used the funds to do her entire multi-engine rating from start to finish. Katie said that this \$10,000 rating would have been impossible without the scholarship. Congratulations, Katie!
- **WASP Museum Donation:** WASP stands for Women Airforce Service Pilots. A WASP Museum is being built in their honor in Sweetwater, TX, and our chapter has been donating \$75 per year to help with the construction costs. Candy made a motion to donate \$75 to the WASP Museum for 2018. Leah seconded. All in favor. None opposed.
- **Recap of Christmas Party:** Jean said that 54 people attended the Christmas party at her house last month and that the number of people was overwhelming. Candy suggested that the 2018 Christmas party should perhaps be held in a restaurant. Candy also suggested that we have a big outdoor party in June and celebrate our chapter's birthday with a potluck and birthday gift exchange. Jean Starr said that she and Ron could host that party in their backyard. Another idea was to host a progressive summer party in a series of hangars. The chapter will research a new space for the Christmas party.

III. Unfinished Business:

- **RARA check:** Discussed above.
- **High Sierra Fly-In Fundraiser Opportunity:** Several of our members attended the High-Sierra Fly-In at Dead Cow Lake last October. Katie and Leah would like to work with Kevin Quinn, founder and organizer of the High Sierra Fly-In, to raise money for our chapter. One idea is to host a pancake breakfast on the Saturday. Two companies that might be willing to donate breakfast supplies (pancake mix, etc.) are IHOP and Black Bear. The next High Sierra Fly-In is scheduled for October 18-21, 2018, and our commitment would be for the morning of Saturday, October 20th. Katie will talk to Kevin Quinn about this possibility. For more information about the

High Sierra Fly-In, click here: <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2017/september/25/high-sierra-fly-in>

- **Career Days Planning:** We had previously asked about participating in the Career Days at local schools. Amelia said that the principal of Galena High School is not currently planning to have a Career Day. Jessica will ask about a Career Day at Wooster High School. Rocky will also ask at a school that she has a connection with.
- **Flying Companion Seminar:** Our flying companion seminar may take place this spring, most likely a Saturday in May. The target audience is right-seat companions who are afraid to fly and don't understand what all the controls do. Lynn has copies of syllabuses from several other chapters to help us create our own seminar. We need five or six speakers: one for sectionals, one for radios, one for aeromedical, and more. We will need an airplane on static display and we will need to arrange a location, lunch, and refreshments. The cost to attend could be approximately \$60 for a full-day seminar, including a continental breakfast and lunch. Katie said that we could use the room at Truckee Airport for free. Atlantic Aviation also has a classroom upstairs. Leah will send an email to see who wants to be on the committee.

IV. Standing Committee Reports:

- **Chapter Scholarship** – Scholarships just ended.
- **Public Relations & Oral History** – Rocky LeBard spoke with Pat Chan, a 99s Public Relations & Oral History chair since the 1980s, and got the forms for interviews. She bought a GoPro camera and is ready for anyone who wants to be interviewed. Lynn has a VHS tape from years ago of several of our members being interviewed. Rocky will digitize it. Candy suggested that Rocky make a promotional video for kids, as well as a report for 99s Magazine.
- **Fundraising** – Jean said that the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival at Sand Harbor is looking for non-profits to help with traffic control, parking, etc., in exchange for pay. Leah suggested that Orvis might need help with gift-wrapping. It was agreed that, since there is no minimum number of people or hours, we could participate in Hot August Nights again.
- **Airmarking** – Lynn said this is not a good time of year for it.
- **Webmaster** – The latest newsletter will be on the website soon. 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 next month (February).
- **A.E. Scholarship** – Scholarships just ended.
- **Woman Pilot of the Year** – **NEED CHAIRMAN.** This is done in August.

- **Chapter Aviation Activities** – Lynn said that Plane Talkers is having a fly-out to Bridgeport in February. In April, we could have a fly-out to Borrego Springs Airport to watch our member Nicole Bringolf compete in the Borrego Akrofest aerobatic competition. The Reno-Tahoe Aviation Group's RTAG Flying Challenge involves three things we all love: flying, food, and raising money for aviation scholarships! Visit <https://www.renoaviation.org/flying-challenge> for details. (Leah will put this link on the chapter's website.) Lynn has a DVD called "Beyond the Powder" (about the Powder Puff Derby) that we could watch after a meeting.
- **Safety Education** – Moe is taking topic requests and suggestions.
- **Scrapbook** – Nikki is collecting things for the scrapbook.
- **Forest of Friendship** – Lynn reported that this has happened every June since 1976, but has now been moved to September. It will take place Sept. 21-22 this year. The Forest of Friendship is in Atcheson, KS, which is Amelia Earhart's birthplace.
- **Membership** – Candy reported that we now have 54 members.
- **NIFA** – This is not the time of year for it.
- **Bylaws/Legislative** – Lynn had nothing to report.
- **Annual NV state fees/Annual Federal Tax e-file** – Lynn will pay the \$50 state fee.
- **Newsletter, video library, chapter history** – Lynn is collecting articles for the next newsletter. The deadline is March 26th.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm.

Minutes submitted by
Karen Inda, secretary