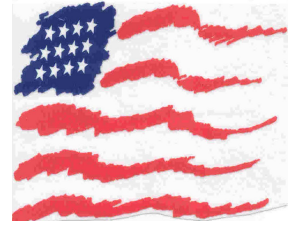




Las Vegas 99's Monthly Meetings

Las Vegas
Valley Breeze



Las Vegas Chapter wins Aerospace Education Award !

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Submitted by Mardell Haskins

Congratulations! Our Chapter recently won the Aerospace Education Award for small chapters. Seventeen chapters competed for this prize.

Four chapters competed for the Innovation Award. The committee felt that all the entries were worthy as equal winners, but in the end they selected Orange County for the prize. OC made a promotional film showing that women CAN and DO fly. They have shown this film at schools, community events and at their airport tours.

The Las Vegas Chapter did however receive a certificate for an exceptional project.

Antelope Valley who won the Aero Space Educational award last year, forgot to bring the trophy for us, so it will be coming in the mail. It is a large plaque type trophy that adds an engraved plate with the winner's name, each year the award is presented. When it arrives we will have Paula put in our new display. Congratulations to everyone who went places and did things that gave us this award. Great going girls!



Showing off our Aerospace Education Award: (L-R) Marie McMillan, Betty Walters, Melissa McKinley, Mardell Haskins, Victoria Paluzzi and Future Woman Pilot Jaiya (Marie's Granddaughter!)

Next 99's Meeting
15th June
North Las Vegas Airport

Special Guest Speaker :
Mark Hall-Patton

Mark is always a fascinating speaker. Make sure you hear him at our next meeting. This month he will be discussing the program for the Las Vegas 100th year Anniversary.



NEWS !



Mardell has designed a cool logo for the Section meeting which I would love to reproduce here.. However I have it on a fax copy only which doesn't reproduce well. Make sure you're at the next meeting to see it!

New Horizons - Carole DePue

To all Carole's "99" Friends

Our friend and fellow flyer Carole DePue has flown into the presence of God. She passed on May 18 2004; one day short of 71 years.

She loved flying and belonging to the club and read every news letter that came.

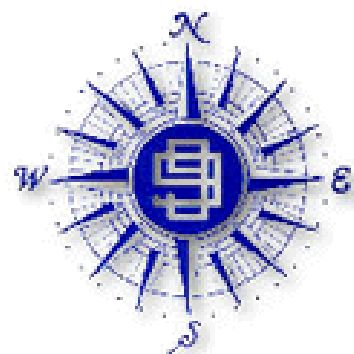
She was able to get aloft the last time about 2 months ago.

"Tweety Bird" took her out over the lake and she was reading the map "upside down" like always. She said it was the best way as she never could get the hang of where "left and right" were.

She touched every one that meet her in some special way.

Thanks for being her friend
Her Husband and
fellow flyer

Ben W DePue



Ninety-Nines Website



Las Vegas 99's - ***ONLINE!***

Don't forget ! Check out all the news and see the latest photos at the Las Vegas 99's Website

<http://lasvegas.sws99s.org>

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99's Around Town

Mardell Haskins has returned from a wonderful trip to New Zealand and will soon have some of the best photos up on the website.

Paula Helgrud tells us she is waiting to begin her Instrument training and is also researching many other ways to spend as much money as possible. Good luck Paula!

Marie McMillan is getting ready to head off to Alaska in the next couple of weeks then two days after she gets home, she jets off to Thailand! Can't keep Marie away from airplanes !



Caution: Clear Weather Ahead Visual Flight Reverie



Scenic vistas are one of the benefits of the aviation profession, but as this pilot of a light aircraft learned, they can also be a distraction. There is no substitute for a physical checklist, even on the picture perfect days.

"Approaching for a landing, I determined the active runway from broadcasts by a Learjet preparing to depart. On downwind and base, I observed the Lear's departure and did a mental landing checklist. I did not use the physical checklists available to me in the aircraft. I know of no mechanical malfunction. I either skipped the landing gear item on my checklist, or if I did check, I did not lower the gear and confirm it. The oversight was brought to light by the sound of the airframe impacting the runway. "

"The short duration flight and nice weather may have made my attitude more casual than it should have been. The beautiful, low sun with the Learjet departing out over the ocean may have interrupted or distracted me from my mental checklist.... I will always use physical checklists in the future and triple-check gear down. I became more involved in enjoying the view than attending to the business at hand."

Working hard for the Chapter

Several members attended a meeting at Marie McMillan's house to discuss plans for our participation in the 2005 Las Vegas Centenary celebrations. A grant proposal was put together and has since been submitted.

Fingers crossed that we are successful !

Many thanks to those who attended. And special thanks to Marie McMillan for the use of her lovely house (and the cake and the coffee!)



Discussing the Grant proposal: Melissa McKinley, Marie McMillan, Victoria Paluzzi and Mardell Haskins. Refreshments kindly provided by Marie!

Las Vegas 99's Monthly Meetings

Held every 3rd
Tuesday at 5:30 pm at
the North Las Vegas
Airport. Bring a friend,
bring a future woman
pilot!

The FAA safety
seminars are held
directly afterwards and
are always worth
attending!



New Editor for the Las Vegas Valley Breeze

Paula Helgrud has now assumed editorial duties for the newsletter. Many thanks to Helen Keidel for her wonderful work on the previous newsletters and for her kind help in making sure the transition was a smooth one.

Remember, contributions from members are ALWAYS welcome and gratefully accepted! I have such a collection of articles on my desk at the moment, I am spoiled for choice as to what to include this month.

Hope you enjoy the newsletter! Paula

Las Vegas 99's



Best Seats in the House !

Last week I was offered a pair of Business Class seats from the last DC-10 to be scrapped right here in Las Vegas. Always being on the lookout for a bargain and having an eye for aircraft memorabilia, I immediately accepted.

Now all I have to do, is find some place in my home to put these things. Luckily my husband Chris loves planes as much as I do !

Paula

Minutes of the Last Meeting & Treasurers Report

The Treasurers Report and the Minutes of the last meeting had not been received by the time this edition of the newsletter had "gone to press", but I'm sure that this information will be available at the next meeting to be held on the 15th June at North Las Vegas Airport!



Paula Helgrud
Newsletter Editor