

North West Section 99s meeting  
Edgefield - Troutdale September 14-17.

Idaho Chapter activities reported: Flying Companion Seminar (FCS), Facebook page, Idaho 99s Flying Companion Seminar facebook page, Two International 99s scholarship winners, Three members participated in the Air Race Classic. (ARC), Netflix filming for the Mercury 13 women with our own Gene Nora Jessen with Sarah Rutley and Wally Funk. Several women have joined our group and volunteered for chapter offices and jobs, Constructed briefcase like bags for the FCS and members, Gene Nora's 80th birthday party, 10 members picked additional ratings and received private pilot's licenses,

53 Members attended the Section Meeting. The quilt that was raffled to help pay for the Section Meeting, raised over \$3000.

Idaho 99s in attendance: BJ Carter, Pat Jenkins, Sherry Kandal, Susan Harper, Kelli Gammons, Alana Erickson, and Stacey Budell.

International Director, Marjy Leggett provided the following information: Beginning the first of November, we will receive an email asking for our personal interest in participating in Electronic Voting at the International level. This is your opportunity to also double check your email on file.

Membership: Creation of our Straight & Level Newsletter. We also received two donations towards the Organization's marketing campaign. In the last year, we have increased our membership by 250. We increased our membership by 90 at this year's Oskosh Event. (The NW Section increased its membership by 50.)

Marjy indicated 99s Car Stickers will soon be made available to members.

Deadline for AE Scholarship applications to the Chapter has been moved to Dec 1, 2017.

Other news items from Section Meeting:

Life Membership dues have been reduced.  
3 templates for business cards available through vista print. Minnetta Gardner is responsible for the program.

Results of 2017 Election - NW Section Officers:

Karin Rodland - Governor

Patty Mitchell - Vice Governor

Erin Hightower - Secretary

Aileen Coverdell - Treasure

Nominating Committee: Beth Chapple, Fran Postma, Andres Chay

Section Directors: Miranda Edwards, Elizabeth Harris, Stacey Budell

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Idaho 99s

Current Officers

Brenda (BJ) Carter - Chairman

Kelli Taylor Gammons - Vice Chairman

Lois Chattin - Treasurer

Pat Jenkins - Secretary

Claudia Marquez - Membership Chair

**Upcoming meetings:**

September 24 11:00am

Nampa Airport FBO

October 8. 11:00am.

Nampa Airport FBO

September 30 McCall 2:00pm

Congregational Church

Kathy Hughes speaker

Kathy Hughes joined our chapter some years back when she was assigned Air Force physician for the National Guard at Gowan Field. Kathy has been based in Ohio and recently retired from the Air Force. Bob and I are hosting the Silver Foxes, Beech Aircraft retirees, to be in McCall the end of September. Kathy has agreed to be the featured speaker for our group Saturday, September 30 @ 2:00 PM. Since there are many pilots and retired military in McCall we are opening up Kathy's talk at the Congregational Church to the community. Of course The 99s are invited. Gene Nora

We are looking to start two projects. One being the Aviation Beacons that were used back in the 30s and 40s for airplanes to use as navigation aids. Montana still has an active system of them. We want to know if Idaho has any working beacons which we don't think we do. But also if we have any at all. You're someone who's interested in researching it please contact me.

We are also looking at trying to find if Idaho had any WASPs because the Air Race Classic start for 2018, is in Sweetwater, Texas home of the WASP World War II program. Again if anybody's interested in researching that for us, please let me know

Upcoming events / ideas

Mary Christopherson Award

November membership meeting and December winter meeting.

Air beacon sponsorships

Airmarking 2+ projects

Let me-us know what you are doing in aviation (education-flying, etc.) so we may list/report it.

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Northwest Section Spring Board Meeting will be held in Spokane, Washington - date to be determined - expected sometime after March 2018. All are invited.

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Northwest Section  
September 13-15, 2018  
Hilton Garden Inn  
Idaho Falls

Contact with the local airport reveals that Aero Mark will provide free tie-downs and they expect discounted fuel to 99s.

Our chapter assignment for the Northwest section 2018 so far is as follows. meet and greet 99s as they arrive at the airport on Thursday (Sept 13th) and to ensure they are shuttled to the hotel. Stuff bags for registration. BTW, the Chapter Chairman showed us the bag she will make for each member. Help at the registration table and the hospitality room.

Goody bags contents - Possibilities

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The photo was provided by Al Hallonquist who is the Mercury 13's webmaster & gate keeper and who invited Sarah Ratley and me to represent the M 13 group at the Spacequest 2017 - he's also an organizer of the event. In the photo are Eileen Collins, the first woman commander of a U.S spacecraft and who also joined us the first time the M 13 group gathered and met each other, next Gene Nora, Sarah Ratley of Kansas, and Nicole Stott an astronaut who spent 104 days in space in both the shuttle and space station - also a terrific artist. And Al is in the photo.

I made a quickie trip to the event Spacequest in Tucson. There were two dozen astronauts there plus numerous NASA people who made it all happen, all in booths in a huge ballroom, including merchants selling art, books, photos, coins, etc. I was also privileged to have a long conversation with Rhea Seddon of three shuttle flights and among the fist six women to enter the astronaut program - and I'm enjoying her terrific book. The brain power in that hall was overpowering.

Al insisted that I send a box of books for the book signings to which I objected - who would be interested in my books with all the space books available. But I followed his lead, and shore 'nuff, they sold out instantly and I continued signing programs, etc! Amazing. Although I could stay only one night, there were programs, speakers and seminars for four days.

I can only say it was an awesome experience meeting these extremely talented people and I was greatly privileged to wander among them.

Regards, Gene Nora

