



# Mountain Waves

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**MEETING NOTICE:** Our next chapter meeting will be on the second **Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** at the Reno-Tahoe Airport Fire Station [1805 Riley — one block north of E. Moana & Neil Rd. intersection] in Reno at **7 p.m.**

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## PUSH TO TALK

As I write my last column as your chairman, I reflect on the value and privilege it was to serve you the past two years. I have gotten to know so many of you on a personal level and have learned tremendously from the courage and knowledge you women envelop.

I would not be where I am today, professionally and personally, without the guidance and support from the members of this chapter — thank you. It was not only a learning experience to hold this position but an honor. To represent such significant women in an industry that is lacking females, I feel privileged to have learned from each of you.

The successes of so many of you from scholarship recipients, earning type ratings, flight ratings, passing knowledge exams and just expanding your knowledge and passion for flight. Please help continue our efforts and mission to get more women involved in aviation and continue our scholarship fund. Get involved within your communities, supporting and assisting women to attain their flight ratings and reach their personal goals.

We all struggle with different life challenges and it should be our biggest mission to support each other. Let's be an ACTIVE chapter, participating in fly-outs and events that promote our mission. I'm proud of the progress and the impact we've made and look forward for years to come!

As I move to vice chairman, I hope all of you will welcome our new chairman, Leah Ochs! I couldn't be more excited to support her leadership and carry our chapter to further heights. Please join me in welcoming Leah and supporting her efforts through her term.

*Katie*

## Happy 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Us!

For those that may not know the history of our chapter, here it is briefly:

- We were chartered on April 7, 1989 as the Nevada High Sierra Chapter. We had 20 chapter charter members; sadly none are still members. In 1995 we changed our name to Reno High Sierra Chapter because no one, including 99s International, seemed to know where we were located! Today we have 52 current members which is great.

### • Chapter Chairmen:

1989-1990 — Debbie Giese  
1990-1991 — Diann Laing  
1991-1992 — Charlie Peterson  
1992-1993 — Eileen Gay  
1993-1994 — Diane McCormack  
1994-1995 — Sally Evarts  
1995-1997 — Deb Richied  
1997-1999 — Marva Lewis  
1999-2001 — Kay Lynn Marble  
2001-2003 — Annie Rodewald  
2003-2004 — Eileen Gay  
2004-2005 — Candy Whitfield  
2005-2006 — Lynn Meadows  
2006-2007 — Diane Bigby  
2007-2009 — Kim Coulter-Davis  
2009-2011 — Claire Koch  
2011-2013 — Moe Makowski  
2013-2015 — Heather McCoy  
2015-2017 — Katie Greenwood

We've hosted two SWS meetings and the ARC start in Reno in 1995. AND we have given away over \$75,000 in scholarships! We rock!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR for upcoming events....

- **July 8, Saturday** — Truckee Air Show, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., FREE, Red Bull Wing Suit Team, L-39 Fire Cat Jet, Kirby Chambliss, B-25 “Executive Sweet”, etc. Go to: [trucketahoeairshow.com](http://trucketahoeairshow.com)
- **July 12-16** — 99s International Conference at San Antonio, Texas
- **July 13, Thursday** — Monthly RHS Chapter business meeting, 7 p.m., Reno-Tahoe Airport Firehouse
- **July 18, Tuesday** — Girls Night Out Dinner at Mimi’s in Reno. RSVP to Joan Herz.
- **July 21- Aug. 3** — EAA Air Adventure at Oshkosh, WI
- **August 8-13** — Hot August Nights car show in Reno. Our chapter can help and raise scholarship funds. Contact Jean Starr now to sign up!
- **August 10, Thursday** — Monthly RHS Chapter business meeting, 7 p.m., Reno-Tahoe Airport Firehouse
- **August 26, Saturday** — Young Eagles Rally at Silver Springs airport. Come volunteer as ground crew or to fly kids. Contact Lynn Meadows for information.
- **Sept. 13-17** — Reno Air Races work merchandise tent for scholarship money. Come help!
- **Sept. 28-Oct. 1** — Southwest Section fall meeting in Redding at the Red Lion.

### FUTURE SW SECTION MEETINGS:

- Spring, 2018 — SWS Meeting hosted by Bakersfield. Dates April 26-29.
- Fall, 2016 — SWS Meeting hosted by San Gabriel Valley. Dates Oct. 4-7

### FUTURE INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS:

- July, 2018 — Int’l Conference in **Philadelphia**, PA
- July, 2019 — Int’l Conference in **Dayton**, OH
- July, 2020 — Int’l Conference in **Long Beach**, CA



## Check out our NEW RHS chapter website!!

Leah has set up a beautiful new website for our chapter. It is easier to use and has a new modern look. Go take a look now: [www.renohighsierra99s.org](http://www.renohighsierra99s.org) We are always soliciting photos and information about ourselves and women in aviation. Submit your items to Leah.

Also, thank you to Eileen Gay for being our webmistress for nearly a decade. You helped us move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century for sure. We needed your technical advice and expertise to pull it off.

## My Gosh How the Money Rolls In....

We are proud of our scholarship winners in Reno High Sierra! Katie Greenwood was the recipient of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund's (AEMSF) for her Multiengine Commercial training. For those who do not know, the AEMSF is from 99s International and provides the recipients with the cost of their total rating i.e. a 'full ride' scholarship.

We also had two winners of the Reno Area chapter's scholarships: Neita Montague was the recipient of their recurrency scholarship and she used it to get her Glider CFI rating current again. Congratulations to Neita. One of our new members, Camile Binkley Tricomo, was the recipient of their advanced rating scholarship and is using it to get her instrument ticket. She also was awarded the Auburn Pilots Association scholarship which she will use toward her instrument rating. Congrats to Camile, too.

Remember, there is money available out there for those of you who have further aviation goals and we have mentors who have been there to help with your applications. Don't be shy...apply.

## □ □ We have weddings! □ □

This spring we have had two weddings of our chapter members. The first was in April when Nikki Kovalcheck married high school friend Corey Buckley at South Lake Tahoe and became Mrs. Nikki Buckley. They had been planning their nuptials for a year and then took a honeymoon to Fiji and a little island hideaway. Both Nikki and Corey work for the Forest Service and are currently living in Chester, CA by Lake Almanor.

Camile Binkley married Ryan Tricomo in June at an Apple Hill wedding and is now Mrs. Camile Tricomo. They have a baby daughter named Riley who was born last September three days after Camile worked with us at the Reno Air Races and who came tieh Camile to one of our chapter meetings. Camile works as a nanny in Truckee and Ryan works as a forester for Tahoe Donner.

It has been a few years since we have had weddings in our chapter so we send out our congratulations to both couples. We are looking forward to meeting your husbands...now 49 1/2s...some time in 2017.



Nikki & Corey Buckley



Ryan & Camile Tricomo

## Book Review

### Flying Carpets, Flying Wings: the biography of Moye W. Stephens *By Barbara H. Schultz*

Little Buttes Publishing Co., 2010 hardcover, \$24.95  
ISBN 978-0-9652181-2-2, 284 pages

Many of you know Barbara Schultz and her Plane Crazy sales table at 99s section meetings. Well she is also an aviation historian and has written books on Pancho Barnes & Wedell Williams Air Service. This biography is about the man who 'invented' the flying wing airplane for the Northrop Corporation. Moye Stephens learned to fly in the Los Angeles area out of Rogers Field, Chaplin Field and DeMille Field in Wacos and Travelairs. He was in aviation in the 1920s and '30s and knew the early barnstormers, Hollywood movie makers and pilots. By 1928 Los Angeles and become a hub of aviation with 58 airports & landing fields, 12 aircraft factories and 6 aircraft engine factories. Moye attended Stanford to get a law degree and join his father's law firm, but he found aviation more exciting. He flew for Maddux Airlines, Transcontinental Air Transport (TAT) & later T&WA in Ford Tri-motors. In Dec. 1930 he began a journey as the pilot for author Richard Halliburton's around the world flight in the "Flying Carpet" which took 18 months. I think that is the most interesting part of the book, but that is my personal interest. In 1939 he was one of a select few who formed Northrop Corporation where he flew several prototypes including the flying wing. This book spans nearly 80 years of aviation history. — *by Lynn Meadows*



## Happy Birthday Wishes

7/3 Christina Turk	9/3 Tammy Augustin
7/5 Stephanie Luongo	9/4 Jojo Meyers
8/14 Sima Maleki	9/7 Katie Greenwood
8/16 Joan Herz	9/20 Serenity Enriquez
8/22 Maddie Montero	9/22 Marti Klemm
8/25 Claire Petrie	9/28 Jan McRoberts
9/3 Neita Montague	9/29 Heather McCoy

## NEW RHS Officers 2017-2018

Leah Ochs, *Chairman*  
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Katie Greenwood, *Vice Chairman*  
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Karen Inda, *Secretary*  
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Lynn Meadows, *Treasurer*  
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## Mountain Waves

### Special Show at Mather

On Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> there was a special air show at the former Mather AFB in Sacramento. The performers were the Patrouille de France... France's elite military jet team. It had been 30 years since they had been to the U.S. and this was the only west coast public performance.

Bee & Joe had seen them perform at Sun 'n Fun and loved them, so Tom and I decided we *needed* to go see them. They are an eight-plane team flying Alpha Jets. France's national colors are red, white & blue also so their performances with smoke were spectacular.

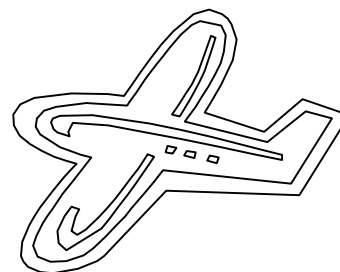
The crowds were large but there were shade tents set up and everyone brought their lawn chairs. There were food trucks lining the ramp area and also static displays of a C-130, a Yak and the French A400M Atlas that transports their stuff. Well worth the drive to see this impressive team.



### RHS Members Volunteered at RARA June Volunteer Dinner

On short notice Diane Bigby put out a request for our RHS chapter members to work selling the merchandise at the June 9<sup>th</sup> annual RARA volunteer dinner at Stead Airport. So Jean Starr and her son Derek stepped forward as did Lynn and Tom Meadows. They set up merchandise that seemed quite familiar and ran 3 cash registers during the dinner. Sales were brisk and they got to use the new equipment that we will be using in our official sales tent in September at the Reno Air Races: new credit card machines and new receipt machines.

The Pylon Racing School was going on at the same time and there were some planes in the air rounding the pylons. Awards were presented to last year's key volunteers, food was provided by J.P. of Pinnochio's, and a good time was had by all.



## We're Flying High

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS...

- **Kristi Mansel** — Kristi transferred to RHS from the Bay Cities chapter after she moved to Truckee. We are so glad to have her in our chapter now. *See bio pg. 7*
- **Hailey Truax** — Hailey spends most her time flying out of Rancho Murietta but has family in Incline Village. She passed her PPL checkride 10 days ago! We're glad you found RHS 99s!

### WHAT'S NEW IN OUR CHAPTER

- **Camile Tricomo** — Camile just passed her FAA instrument written test on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Congrats, Camile!
- **Nikki Buckley** — Nikki works holiday weekends doing boat inspections at the Truckee Airport station. She's keeping Lake Tahoe safe from aquatic invaders!
- **Reya Kempley** — Reya has moved from Colorado to Arkansas due to her boyfriend's job. She's adjusting...but misses her Rocky Mountains.
- **Heather McCoy** — Heather is now working for NDOT flying a Commander and a Citation. Last week she flew Nevada Governor Sandoval and Senator Heller to Las Vegas. Cool job for sure.
- **Stephanie Luongo** — Stephanie has her CFI ticket now and even a couple of students. *See photo on pg. 12*
- **Claire Petrie** — Claire is doing the Donner Lake Triathlon this summer. She and her daughter Sierra have been doing well on the NV dirt bike circuit, too.

## Spring Section Meeting in Oakland

April 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> was the gathering of nearly a hundred 99s in Southwest Section (California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona and Hawaii). The section meeting was hosted by Bay Cities chapter and began with an optional bus trip to San Francisco to see the current production of Beach Blanket Babylon. Those that attended said it was a laugh a minute and the usual outrageous spoofs and costumes with humongous hats were in full force.

Our chapter delegates were Katie Greenwood, Elaine Yeary and Lynn Meadows. Twice a year SWS conducts business and oftentimes votes on items such as financial spending, by-laws changes, etc. All attendees are voting delegates and thus can claim their registration costs, travel, lodging and meal costs as deductible expenses. Everyone is encouraged to attend...this fall the meeting is in Redding, CA. Check your calendars!

An optional tour on Friday was to the USS Hornet berthed at the former Alameda NAS. Our group was split into thirds and we had wonderful docents (mostly veterans) who showed us the whole ship after a short intro video. We even ate our box lunches in the ward room on the ship. The weather was gorgeous and the view of downtown S.F. from the flight deck was amazing. A tour of the Oakland Tower was also offered.

Friday night we had a private cocktail party at the Oakland Aviation Museum. So many things of interest to see and so little time! Besides socializing and museum viewing, there was a great group of youngsters playing blue grass music throughout the evening.

Saturday's business meeting included reports from SWS Gov. Alice Talnack, 99s International report from Director Cathy Prudhomme on what's new at headquarters, report on our Museum of Women Pilots at OKC by Barbara Schultz, an AEMSF report on 2017 winners, a NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Assoc.) report by Virginia Harmer, and by-laws to be presented at San Antonio by Pat Prentiss. One minute chapter reports were also given and Katie presented our chapter's quite nicely.

Saturday afternoon there were seminars...the best being a talk by a real "Rosie the Riveter" who is a docent at the WWII National Park in Richmond. What a lively gal she was! She had us all in stitches as she told her life story. Others included: IFR refresher, women in air racing, a professional pilot panel, and aviation adventures.

The Saturday banquet speaker was Catherine "Cat" Fish, a long-time CFI, FAA DPE, and AOPA seminar speaker. She was entertaining and the meal was good. Awards were presented and our chapter received a certificate for participating in the SWS Air & Space program. As we all departed on Sunday we were already planning on being in Redding at the end of September. *See photo on page 12.*

## Mimi's in May...

We had a lively, fun time at our Girl's Night Out Dinner at Mimi's Cafe on May 16<sup>th</sup>. I was happy to have Neita, Jean, Sue, Kristi and her mom Ginger, Moe, Eileen, Melody, Erika, Karen and her 49 ½ husband Trygve, Karen's friend Cheryl and Beth Wear join me for a great meal.

There were spirited conversations with topics ranging from Neita's CFG scholarship, to Beth's purchase of a Zodiac with her father that she is just learning to fly. Kristi shared stories about her job as a pilot with Southwest Airlines and Moe described her schedule as a pilot of a Citation Jet for Reno Flying Service (midnight wasn't going to come soon enough for her!) Karen is continuing her flight training and has been co-piloting with her pilot husband. Cheryl and Karen shared their 'small world' connection with stories of family and life in Pennsylvania. Sue is busy with her work with the Reno Rodeo and Hot August Nights.

We were so busy talking that I'm amazed we were able to finish our meals. There were so many stories being shared that I couldn't keep up with everything. Our Mimi's dinners are such a good way to network and support each other in so many ways. I hope many of the regulars and many new faces will be able to attend the July dinner on the 18th. — *by Joan Herz*

## Getting to know Kristi Mansel...

The red and orange flames in the fireplace danced merrily all evening as my grandfather entertained us with his flight adventures and war stories. I was the last grandchild awake, begging for more stories. But as the embers in the fireplace grew dim, my grandfather covered me with his leather jacket that was decorated with patches and medals and finished his last story for the evening. His spirit and song soared deep into my soul and as I fell asleep, he pinned his wings onto my chest and whispered to me that one day I would wear them.

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I dreamt of flight every night thereafter and planned my goals at an early age to become a pilot. I spent countless hours at the airport, as my brother and father started flying lessons first (my brother was two years older). I was the tag along sister and back seated many hours before they put me at the controls on my 15th birthday. No sooner than my introductory flight was over, I jumped at the first chance to start my flying lessons and no one could keep my feet on the ground. Soloing at age 16, I never looked back...just kept looking up as I completed my flight ratings over the years.

Soon after I obtained my private pilot license, I was recruited to the 99s and served all positions in the local chapter (Mt. Diablo) and was very thankful to receive two Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships for my Multi-Engine Instructor and B737 type ratings. It was a long, slow road getting all my ratings while working at the local FBO, flight instructing, and attending San Jose State University. But a journey well worth it in the end, especially with good friends and support I received from the 99s along the way.

I continued building valuable flight time in a Fairchild Metroliner. My first job was flying an air ambulance contract for UCSF medical center. I then flew prisoners for the state of California, and then moved on to flying classified military missions and on demand air charter. My long-term goal was to be hired at Southwest Airlines by age 30 and was so thankful to be hired there at age 32. I didn't miss the mark by far, it just happened to be my timing with hiring, experience, and hours. Now, I'm living the dream flying the B737, based in Las Vegas commuting from Reno, living in Truckee close to my parents and being able to recreate on my days off in the beautiful, majestic Sierra mountains. I am approaching my 12-year anniversary with Southwest Airlines and while I could have upgraded to captain a few years ago, I'm enjoying a senior First Officer schedule so I can enjoy the days off I chose to enjoy playing tennis, hiking, mountain biking, walking, and spending times with friends and family. I have an 18-year-old cat named Amos who is the love of my life and also enjoy being home with him as much as I can.

I often reminisce about the evenings around the fireplace with my grandfather and cherish his leather jacket, medal, and wings (which are on display at the Southwest Airlines training center). They tell a story of their own — a story of spirit, enthusiasm, and passion. I'm thankful I have his passion for flying, that my parents supported and encouraged me in this incredible journey, for family adventure because of this passion, and for the freedoms I have experienced that come along with being a pilot...so proud to have his wings and still soaring high.

## Do *YOU* Shop On-line at Amazon? Then Why Not Try The AmazonSmile Foundation Fundraising for Our Chapter!



If you order on-line from Amazon, you can help the chapter make money. AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com. The difference is that when customers shop at AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

Our chapter is registered...along with about 30 other chapters in SWS...so be sure you are donating to our EIN #90-0734029. **How does AmazonSmile work?** When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. Once you have chosen that, your purchases automatically go to that choice. Each quarter the AmazonSmile Foundation will make the donation to eligible charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer. TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, TOO. Anyone can shop on-line at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)

We hope those of you who shop Amazon on-line decide to use AmazonSmile. It is just another income stream for our chapter! So shop 'til you drop! Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) now...

### Mission Fish is Our Fundraiser

Yes, we have made over \$19,100 in the last four-and-a-half years on our eBay non-profit site called Aviatrix\_Group. Go to our chapter website ([ww.renohighsierra99s.org](http://ww.renohighsierra99s.org)) and click on the link that takes you right there.

We only sell aviation and military items: books, lapel pins, patches, jewelry, clothing, posters, art prints, diecast planes, airline collectibles, ball caps, mugs, toys, videos, E-6Bs, pilot supplies, etc. But to keep this fundraiser going, we need constant donations from you, your friends or thrift stores!

At the end of the year each donor will receive a letter on our chapter letterhead listing their donations and what they sold for. To date we have 100% positive feedback and are "*power sellers*"! So get your items to Lynn at a meeting or at Mimi's.



**Left:** Highball glasses from Continental Airlines once owned by Lynn's parents.



**Right:** Patriotic F-35 pin donated by Leah Ochs.



## Nicole Lives on the Edge for Sure...

Many of you have met our chapter member Nicole Bringolf. She was the first deaf instrument pilot in the U.S., her email is 'deaf ski bum' and she has competed in ski racing, and she received our chapter scholarship for aerobatic training! Well she started her aerobatic lessons in late winter with CFI Chris Olmstead in Santa Paula. She had her first competition this spring at Apple Valley, CA and she came in second place with 1006.53 points and 82%...about 21 points behind the first-place contestant. Wow...impressive! Her next competition is in the fall at Borrego Springs in southern California. We are so proud of her and her amazing accomplishments.

In her spare time she does things like snow climb at Mt. Shasta on her days off from her geological work in South Lake Tahoe. She may be going to firefighting areas this summer in the southwest. She is certainly living her motto: "If you aren't living on the edge, you are taking up too much space."

**Below:** Nicole and her instructor Chris Olmstead with the Pitts biplane she trains in.

**Right:** Nicole on Mt. Shasta this spring.



## Do you know how to find other 99s members on our International website?

Did you know that finding any of your sister 99s' email addresses or phone numbers is just a click away? Just go to <https://www.ninety-nines.org/members/?Fuseaction=Directory> and you can type in any member's name and hit *Search*. Voilà! The member's information including Section and Chapter information is available. This is a great link to save to your favorites!

## A Day-Trip to Nampa, Idaho by Karen Inda

Our friend Elisabeth spent her childhood in the backseat of her dad's Long-EZ, so when we invited her to join us on a day-trip to Nampa, Idaho, she jumped at the chance. We departed Reno at first light in our 1979 Piper Dakota, named Jellybean. Elisabeth enjoyed the view from the right seat and was astonished by the new Technology in Jellybean compared to the Long-EZ.

What struck me the most on this Spring 2017 journey was all the water. Every dry lake was full. Lake Winnemucca was a lake again, decades after its water had been diverted to Fallon for irrigation. The Black Rock Desert, where Burning Man is held, was also a lake.

We met up with Highway 95 north of Winnemucca and enjoyed breathtaking views of the snowy Santa Rosa-Paradise Peak mountain range out the right side of the plane. From McDermitt, on the Nevada-Oregon border, we continued northeast, making a beeline across the flat, nearly featureless desert of southeastern Oregon. The scenery improved near Jordan Valley, Oregon, at the Idaho border – an area of deep canyons and fertile valleys.

Crossing into Idaho, we passed one stunning, snowy mountain after another before entering the Snake River Valley and descending into farm country. Nampa Municipal Airport is not towered and is very busy. Backcountry airplanes with tundra tires are a common sight here.

We landed on Runway 29, tied Jellybean down, and walked to the airport restaurant for lunch. The Tower Grill opened in Autumn 2016 on the second floor of the FBO building. It is owned and operated by a local couple with six kids and they serve breakfast and burgers every day except Tuesdays. Although they have indoor tables, it was a gorgeous early-spring day, so we grabbed a table on the patio with a view of the runway.

The friendly owner, Nate Lindskoog, took our order. The freshly brewed iced tea hit the spot and the burgers were absolutely delicious. The burgers were on the small side, however, and I will order a double next time. They came with a side of coleslaw or fries. All three of us were thrilled with the whole experience.

After lunch, we walked four minutes north on Municipal Way to the Warhawk Air Museum. This museum is housed in several large hangars and has an incredible collection of airplanes and wartime memorabilia. We saw everything from a fully restored Fokker DR-1 tri-plane to the "Programme for the Victory Opening" of the British Parliament in August 1945 to children's wartime toys. We would like to have stayed longer, but we wanted to arrive back in Reno before dark.



*Left:* Warhawk Museum in Nampa, ID

Elisabeth sat in the backseat on the way back to Reno and fell asleep almost immediately after takeoff. We turned her headset off so she wouldn't be bothered by the radio calls. She awoke as the sun was setting over Pyramid Lake. It was an amazing day, but it felt a little bit rushed. Next time we will stay overnight in Nampa so that we can spend more time at the Warhawk Air Museum and have breakfast at The Tower Grill.

## Our Chapter's 28th Birthday BBQ at the lake...

On Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Collins opened her home with killer Lake Tahoe views to our chapter members for our annual birthday celebration and officer installation for the coming year. Enjoying the sunshine and camaraderie were: Nikki Buckley and her grandma Jolene; Bee Ferrato & Joe Rafael; Eileen & Jon Gay (Grillmaster Extraordinaire); Katie Greenwood; Melody Luetkehans; Kay Lynn & Jere Marble; Heather & Randy McCoy; Lynn & Tom Meadows; Claire Petrie and her daughter Sierra; Deb & Paul Richied; Jean & Ron Starr; newest member Hailey Truax; Candy & Gary Whitfield with guest Bonnie; Elaine Yeary; pilot guest Beth Ware and of course, Elizabeth.

In addition to visiting, eating yummy food, sharing aviation tales, looking through historic chapter scrapbooks, catching up on who is doing what, we announced the results of our officer election: Leah Ochs, Chairman; Katie Greenwood, Vice chairman; Karen Inda, Secretary and Lynn Meadows, Treasurer. Outgoing chairman Katie was presented with a gift of a flowing scarf covered with colorful airplanes. Katie presented Lynn with a lovely vase of white roses for her help during the past two years.

Jean circulated sign-up sheets for helping at Hot August Nights (contact Jean ASAP if you still need to sign up!) and sign-up sheets for working at the Reno Air Races were also available. Our birthday party wouldn't be complete without cake — we had yummy wine cake, decadent German chocolate cake and even a 99s blue cake. As we bade farewell to our friends, we were reminded of the sisterhood of female aviators that is 99s.

**Below:** RHS 99s chapter celebrating 28 years

**Right:** Katie with her gift and her new airplane.



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## Photo Gallery



Stephanie Luongo after her CFI checkride



Elaine, Lynn & Katie at SWS spring meeting

**Below:** The 'blue' birthday cake

**Right:** Moe on a work day

**Bottom:** Nicole with her support team at Apple Valley, CA

