
Sagebrush Air News

Reno Area Chapter 99s Newsletter

July 2005

News Update

Kathy and Joyce Wells came in 18th in the Air Race Classic and won the leg prize for the last leg. Way to go, gals!

Chairman's Corner

It seems like everyone had a great time at our June meet-ing. We were sorry that some of you were unable to attend. You were missed! Thanks to Linda Mae for making the arrangements

and her nice recognition of our 49-1/2s. Thanks to Annie for collecting the \$, to Phyliss for representing the Nominating committee, and to EVERYONE IN THE CHAPTER for your contributions to making last year such a success.

Joyce Wells and I arrived, in Atchison on Friday afternoon (17th) after a stop in Sidney overnight. We attended a cocktail party on Friday night. They had a special trolley type bus for the Forest of Friendship inductees and a school bus to take everyone else out. We were out there early enough to find our plaques and were delighted to be met by Linda Mae and her mother. Carol Andrews (Sutter Buttes), Janet Hitt (Santa Clara Valley), and I found ours all

together. I found out at the end of the narrator reading my biography that my close friends, Thelma Cull and Joyce had sponsored me. It really is humbling to be among many greats in aviation and to have such wonderful friends. We went to the buffet luncheon and then were given a ride to the airport by Carolyn Carpp (Seattle).

We arrived in Lafayette before 5 p.m. The race was flown for the most part at light and variable winds. Joyce and I decided to just go. So we were the first ones in two stops and back here. No big deal. We had good wx the whole trip. We don't know any results until the banquet on Sunday night. (Ed. Note - that was a 3-day wait.) We will head home on Monday and will have more stories to tell.

Meanwhile, please don't forget, we are meeting at my house about 3:45 on July 3 to transport our plane to the marina. It shouldn't take too long. (We are supposed to be at a BBQ at 4ish). Then we hope everyone possible can come on Monday, July 4, about 8:30 a.m. to support our "plane." The crew needs to be there about 8:00 a.m.

Dates to Remember

July 3. Kathy's house at 3:45 pm to move plane to marina.

July 4. Marina — 8:00 a.m. for crew and 8:30 for spectators

July 14. Meeting at Kathy W's at 5:30 p.m. She will provide meat; please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert. We will be discussing by-laws changes for International and firming up details for the Spring Section meeting. Hopefully we will have some information from Dene or Ann on RARA.

August 11. August meeting — place to be determined.

June Banquet

What a great place to have a party! I admit I am prejudiced because I get to look out at the golf course, but Thunder Canyon has always done a super job for us on our parties, and this was no exception. I have forgotten the second menu choice because (as Dale Kintop put it) we were at a table of carnivores and the steaks were delicious. I was particularly struck by the number of certificates Kathy

presented as recognition for work done for the chapter in the last year. Tremendous participation in chapter work/activities, and that not only makes our chapter successful but fun. It was a good night for me since I so rarely get to a meeting since we have moved to southern California, so I was especially pleased to see so many of you.

Female Pilot Meets Scorn

Do we think that women pilots in this country have had a bad time? I hope you read the article about Captain Hanadi al-Hindi of Saudi Arabia. She went to Jordan for her pilot training and had been hired by a private aviation company to fly commercial planes. They just recently had an uproar in their Parliament over the suggestion that they study the issue of

women being permitted to drive cars! Nice to note that she is being strongly supported by her father!

Purely personal

Some of you have heard me say that I left a part of my heart in Nevada; that being the case we have to come back and visit it occasionally! It was a super trip and a real privilege to take part in such a great celebration. I have come to the conclusion that there isn't much in the world more important than good friends.

Be kind to each other . . .

Best - Pat O