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Florida Goldcoast Chapter

By Barbara Ganson

My aviation history exhibit, Tango Alpha Charlie: Texas Aviation Celebration, opened at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, in Austin. You can Google the museum to read a description. I just completed my first biannual flight review, today, 10-10-10 at Premier Flight Academy, in Cleveland, Ohio. I attended the opening of the new Joan Hubrec Aviation Education Center at the International Women's Air and Space Museum, where I am a trustee.

Alabama Chapter

Some of the activities planned for this chapter are:

November 5th - Lunch at VJ's on the Runway, Birmingham. Special guest, Cheryl Stearns, skydiving champion - a great chance to sit down for lunch and ask questions, hear stories and do some "hangar flying". RSVP to Holly Roe at Vctrnrxn@aol.com no later than Nov. 3rd. 1130 AM at VJ's, be there!!

December 4th - Christmas potluck at Hilda Ray's house. Please let Hilda know if you will attend and if you will have any guests. It will be catered by Jim 'n Nicks BBQ and will be \$10.00 per person. Email Hilda at H_Ray@Charter.net no later than 11/30. Also, plan to bring a small gift (\$10.00 or so) for Dirty Santa. Directions to follow....

AMELIA EARHART LUNCHEON - Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, YWCA, Birmingham, AL. This event is co-sponsored by the Alabama 99s and the Birmingham Zonta Club with all proceeds going to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. Our speaker will be Julie Williams, author of Wings of Opportunity: The Wright Brothers in Montgomery, Alabama. 2010 marked the 100th anniversary of the establishment by the Wright Brothers of the nation's first civilian flight school, located in Montgomery,

AL. This significant event in Alabama history is marked by this timely publication. Peering through the lens of contemporary news accounts, Dr. Williams traces the history of the flight school and its reception by a southern community of the early twentieth century looking to move beyond the scars of the Civil War and warily intrigued at the opportunity offered by the Wrights and their modern technology. The press' reporting and sometimes misreporting "reflected the misconceptions, hopes, dreams, and fears about aviation in 1910, painting a picture of a time when flight was untested, unsteady, and unavailable to most people." Contact Nancy Miller-Borg, alallama@aol.com or 256-538-2672 for more information.

Blue Ridge Chapter

The Blue Ridge chapter 99s recently helped celebrate the Whirly-Girls first annual WHOW event, August 7, 2010. Whirly-Girls is the international organization of women helicopter pilots. They held their first Women Hovering Over the World (WHOW) event as a way of keeping WG's in touch and a way to meet other women in aviation. Blue Ridge chapter Chairman, Lori Irvin-Connorton is a member of both the 99s and the Whirly-Girls and thought it would fun for ladies of both groups to get together and share their common interest in aviation. The August Blue Ridge monthly meeting was held in conjunction with the WHOW event which was a fly-in lunch at the 57 Alpha Café located on the field of the Rutherford County airport. 57 Alpha Café offers tasty food and live entertainment in summer months. The owner, and a friend played guitar and sang in the outdoor patio eating area. Their music is a sort of "Jimmy Buffett" blend and was truly fantastic!

Some participants flew in while bad weather caused others to drive to the event. Whirly-Girls, Blue Ridge 99s member as well as spouses and friends had a great time meeting each other and enjoying great food and music. Rosaly McIntosh, a long-time member of the Blue Ridge chapter, invited participants to view her 1956 Cessna 172, which she hangs at the airport. Whirly-Girl, Patricia Fields Neubert, brought pictures of her years of flying and shared interesting stories with the participants. She has worked as a Huey and Chinook helicopter pilot with the Army and also as a pilot for several oil companies flying workers to off-shore rigs. Patricia so enjoyed meeting the Blue Ridge ladies that she decided to join the 99s chapter and is in the process of reinstating her 99s membership! The Blue Ridge chapter is excited and honored to have her join the group!

Florida Suncoast Chapter

We had a great time at the last business meeting with the breast cancer fly-in lunch. Pappy's Grill provided a great lunch with the proceeds going to Breast Cancer. This month we are going to meet at Panera Bread in the Clearwater Mall. Panera is on the opposite corner from Borders Book Store. We will meet at 11:30 AM. Included in the meeting will be a report on the latest from the Poker Run Steering Committee (EAA 282 and our chapter) with additional sub-committees being established. We will have a great lunch. How can you resist this day of FUN, FOOD and 99S. The December meeting will be the Christmas Party at Deb Palmer's.

Member Bio: Charleen Ramus Jaffe

Charleen was born and raised in the Cleveland, Ohio, area and moved to St. Petersburg to attend Stetson University College of Law, from which she graduated in 1985. She did not come from a family in which anyone was a pilot and none of her close friends are pilots (although in the process of her training, she learned that her father had surreptitiously taken flying lessons when he was 18 & stopped training because when his father learned about it, he was not permitted to continue). Her interest in piloting came specifically from a client in Naples who talked her into getting her pilot's license by insisting that the license would give her much freedom in traveling around the State. Her client was over 70 years of age and had been flying for about 30 years. He had his own aircraft and was IFR and multi-engine rated. Charleen obtained her pilot's license when she was almost 47 years of age. She didn't do the work because of a love for flying itself but more for the challenge it poses. People ask her if she loves flying to which she responds, "No, but I love the challenge of flying." She has had numerous Federal and State court jury trials over the years and nonetheless, says that getting her pilot's license was probably the most challenging thing.



Charleen passes her FAA check ride and becomes a private pilot

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Did you know that Nicole Passonno Stott, NASA Astronaut and Mission Specialist, began her flight training at Clearwater Airpark and claims Clearwater as her home town? And, did you know she is going to carry a Florida Suncoast Chapter's patch on the STS-133 space shuttle? Launch target was 1 Nov., 1640 EDT, but due to inclement weather the target is for Friday, 5 Nov 10.

Paradise Coast Chapter

The Chapter hosted a showing of the Heather Taylor documentary Breaking Through the Clouds, October 27th, at the RSW Training Center. It was open to the public. It started at 1830 and was proceeded by snacks of subs and other munchies. Those who attended were very glad they did! Next month the chapter will be joining the "Grasshoppers" for their meeting at Venice Airport (KVNC) for lunch.

Carolinas Chapter

Christine Chrissi Culver, who's birthday was October 2, turned 16 years old and can now has her medical and soloed an aircraft. Her Dad got her interested in flying when she was 12 years old. She loves the freedom that flying gives her, especially general aviation. For her 15th birthday, her parents took her to Asheboro Regional Airport for her first flying lesson. She completed her first solo on her 16th birthday, hopes have her check ride on her 17th birthday, and instrument will be next, hopefully, in her 17th year. She is planning to apply to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, next year, when she is a senior in high school, and hopes to get accepted. She wants to major in aeronautical studies or homeland security. She is applying for membership in 99s and Carolinas Chapter. Welcome Christine!

Amelia Earhart Scholarship

Established in 1940 to help deserving members to further accomplishments, today the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund exceeds \$4 million and provides:

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships for licensed pilot members to advance in training and education in aviation and aerospace, including scholarships to complete additional pilot certificates and ratings, jet type ratings, college degrees, and technical training.

Research Scholar Grants to add to the world's knowledge of women in aviation and aero-space.

New Pilot Awards of up to \$1500 towards completion of the recreational pilot, sport pilot, or private pilot certificate.

Flight Training Scholarship: Fully paid scholarship to complete an additional pilot certificate or rating or pilot training course . . .

Jet Type Rating Scholarship: Fully paid scholarship to complete type rating certification in any jet aircraft . . .

Academic Scholarship: Up to \$5000 scholarship towards one year of a college degree in aviation or aerospace...

Technical Training Scholarship: Fully paid scholarship to complete an aviation or aerospace technical training or certification course . . .

Procedures & Deadline: Each Applicant who belongs to a Chapter needs to request a recommendation from her Chapter and the application must be submitted by DECEMBER 1.

Application forms: Are available at www.ninety-nines.org/aemsf.html

The Grasshoppers

Founded in 1962 and Flourishing with those Fabulous Fliers from Florida... The Grasshoppers in a group of Florida pilots who fly for fun, food and proficiency. They generally meet the 4th Saturday of the month. It is open to anyone; membership is not required.

***November 20, 2010 (3rd Saturday this Month) Venice – VNC**

Honoluana Island Grill

<http://www.honoluana.com>ETA 11:30am hosted by Judie Betz

RSVP: judiebetz@gmail.com

Announcements:

Bahamas Fly-in, Paradise Island, Bahamas, Dec 3-5, 2010. Contact Tamra Sheffman for details: tamras@the-beach.net

FL Suncoast Poker Run, Clearwater Airpark, Feb 12, 2011. Contact Jeanne Burkland for details: Jeanne.burklund@fpcg.net

3rd Annual Sunshine Derby, Labelle Airport (X14) Feb 26, 2011. Contact Paradise Coast Chapter Chair, Ellen Herr for more details: eherr@earthlink.net

Bahamas Fly-in Stella Maris Bahamas, Feb 27-Mar 5, 2011. Contact Terry Carbonell for more details: godusty@hotmail.com

SE Section Meeting combined with NC Section, Lafayette LA, May 19-22, 2011

If you have a flying activity, story, or related item, **please** send it to me for all to see! Newsletter Editors, send me a copy of your newsletter, **PLEASE!**

Judy Bowser, Editor

Happy Thanksgiving to ALL!

