



# FLIGHTLINE

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## Southeast Section Meeting in Nashville, TN

By Judy Bowser

Several ladies gathered in Nashville Doubletree Downtown this past weekend. The weather was warm to start, and cooled as the weekend progressed. I flew N2104R from Somerset Co Airport, Somerset PA(2G9) with Mary Wunder, who drove from the Philly area to meet me. Her plane was having a bad day, as well as the weather (wind sheer at 1500-2000' in Philly). It was raining when we both arrived at the FBO, so we sat and Mary did email and I just talked to her, while we waited for the rain to let up. And the ceiling was 200' and vis 1 3/4 miles. When the rain let up, we loaded her items in the plane, and by then we had all of 300' ceiling but 5 miles vis. We took off with me at the yoke and Mary at the radios. We climbed to our cruise altitude of 8000' and broke out between layers at 5800'. Finally, after crossing WV we broke out of all layers and it turned into a sunny day. We landed at Upper Cumberland Airport (KSRB) and were met by Terry Carbonell, and Diana Noll. Each had flown in previously that day, Terry in "Wild Mama" a 182RG and Diana in her light sport plane, a Flight Design CTSW, she had purchased over the summer. Diana is a new sport pilot with less than 200 hours, but she has flown to NJ, PA and TN from FL, just this summer. Both ladies are from Paradise Coast. Mary and I joined the girls for some Chinese cuisine. They took me back to N2104R ("Rudy") after our dinner, and I flew a night flight to Nashville. How beautiful it was! I had never flown Nashville at night and never as PIC, but found John C Tune Airport (KJWN) with ease, as they have strobes at the end of their runway. I touched down, taxied to the FBO and was taken to the Doubletree Downtown Nashville, by staff, free of charge.

I roomed with a vendor at the Fly Market, named Wanda Johnston. Many of you may have bought a shirt from Wanda at some Fly Market. We hit it off well, despite the fact that I scared her silly upon meeting. She had the 2 key cards for our room and called me to tell me what room we were in. I was in the car trying to help the guy from the airport find the Doubletree. I had no way to write down the room number, and by the time I got to the hotel, I knew it was 6th floor, but forgot the room number. So I went to the front desk and told the desk clerk, I was rooming with Wanda and she told me we were on the 6th floor, but I could not remember the number. She handed me a key card for the room, told me the number, and I went up to the room. I opened the door, called out to Wanda, but she was not there. I set up my computer and got settled in. Wanda came in the room, and since she had the key cards she thought I had no way to get in. so when she opened the

door and I looked up and said Hi, she nearly fainted! I apologized, and introduced myself. We had a great time the rest of the weekend.

Friday meant SE Section Board of Director's meeting for the other board members and me. We met at 0900 and worked until 1300, broke for lunch and returned for an hour to clean up the loose ends. Many were coming in to register, and stop by the Hospitality room. Then they went to see "The Grand Ole Opry". I'm not a country music fan, nor is Wanda, so we stayed in our room and got to know one another better.

Saturday morning was our SE Section Meeting. If you were not there, you missed out on all the latest info! So I will give a quick run through.....

We always have an International Board member visit us at the meeting. This fall it was newly elected International Secretary, Fran Luckhart. She told us about the new compass rose being sold as tiles at headquarters. You can purchase tiles from \$99.00-\$299.00. The points of the compass rose are stainless steel plates, and the gold tiles are \$299.00; blue tiles \$199.00 and white tiles \$99.00. Just send in your check with the tile of request to headquarters and your name will be in the board inside the headquarters building as a contributor. No amounts of contribution will be posted, just names. There are few gold tiles, so if you want to purchase that color, get your money in!

If you follow the 99s forum, you may have seen a discussion about the break in continuous membership. The IBOD monitor that site and saw our discussion. They felt it was an item that needed to be addressed, so that will be one of the items on the agenda the end of this month's IBOD meeting.

Governor Lisa Cotham told us lots and lots, but for those of you who have an airplane and have not heard, the homeland security division of our government has decided we need to register our planes each year. If you do not do so, you will lose your registration and have to start the process over.

\*SOPs are being worked on by the SE Section BODs and they will be available within the next year.

- Election of officers for SE Section will be at our next meeting in Lafayette, Louisiana. We will be meeting with the South Central section members as well. The dates for that meeting are May 19-22, 2011. That's Thursday through Sunday. There will be a Dutch-treat Cajun dinner on Thursday night at Randol's. Tours of the Tabasco and other places on Friday, with a portable crayfish broil in the evening; meeting on Saturday and a banquet Saturday night. Put it in your calendars, PDA's or what have you, for a great time!
- If you are interested or know someone interested in running for Governor, Vice Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, or nominating committee, let Lisa know by February 1, 2011.
- Speaking of SE Section officers, we have a new one on board. Hanna-Mari Salo is our new SE Section Treasurer. She came on board this summer, and has been hard at work with the help of Vice Governor Marlene Raseta. Marlene was SE Section Treasurer for a term before this term, and Hanna and she have been gathering information to file the IRS form 990 for the section. She was born in Finland, obtained her private there, came to the States and is a new CFI as of this summer. She is married and has two busy young boys.



Immediate Past Governor, Corbi Bulluck, told us the Bahamas are looking for the 99s to paint them a compass rose. That brought about a couple of gals announcing their Bahamas Fly-ins. Tamra Sheffman, from Goldcoast Chapter is having a fly-in on Paradise Island, Bahamas Dec 3-5, 2010. They will be staying across from the Atlantis Resort. And Terry Carbonell, Paradise Coast Chapter, (and this year's ARC winner) is having a week stay at Stella Maris, starting Feb 27, 2011, right after the Annual Sunshine Derby, in LaBelle FL (X14).

The proposed SE Section bylaw passed unanimously. There is no longer a one term limit on SE Section BOD offices.

Chapter reports were given, scholarships were announced with deadlines, and I'm sure I'm forgetting other things.

Governor Lisa announced the SE Section will be selling raffle tickets over the web for a winner and 3 friends to fly with the Aeroshell Team at an airport where they will be performing. The drawing will be March 1, 2012. It is not limited to the US or 99s! More info to follow on this SE Section money raising project.



Corbi Bulluck, Immediate Past Gov.; Karen Baskin, Kitty Hawk Chapter Chair; Hanna Salo, SE Section Treasurer and Speaker, Peter Cassidy at lunch.

After the meeting we had a combined lunch with North-Central Section, a seminar about Charter Member Phoebe Omalie. The author of her biography just finished the 15 year project. It will be available in the spring. The second seminar was the paper-less cockpit. Peter Cassidy, who presented this topic, covered weather, charts, approach plates, and more. He suggested using an iPad for charts and approach plates,



Jannan Sherman, author of Phoebe Omalie's biography.

and more. I know what I want for Christmas!

The Fly Market was open after the seminars and soon, the cocktail hour was upon us, then the banquet and Line Dancing lessons. Wow what a busy weekend! A pretty flight across TN, KY and part of WV brought us back into IMC for the last hour of our trip home. Fortunately, we broke out of it on the FAF on the GPS 7 approach, so we could do a VFR final. No rain, just gloom and chilly weather.

Mary unloaded her items into her car and left for Philly, while I unloaded into my car, put "Rudy" to bed, and drove home. I'm ready for the next SE Section meeting.....they are so much fun!

## **FL Suncoast Chapter**

They are planning a Poker Run February 12, 2011 at Clearwater Airpark. Prizes for give away are being collected and all are welcome to participate.

Just after the first of the year, the airport manager of the Greenwood County Airport located in SC, contacted Lori Irvin-Connorton about painting a compass rose at their airport. He said that long ago they had a compass rose painted but it has long ago faded away and they were interested in having the 99s Blue Ridge Chapter paint a new one. Lori was excited but also a little intimidated as she and many members of the chapter had never painted a compass rose before. Lee Orr and a soon to be reinstated 99, Patricia Fields Neubert, were the experienced members who were on hand to assist. They each had painted 2-3 compass roses in past years.



Lori Connorton, Lee Orr, Terry Connorton, Deena Spradlin, Rossa Corwon, Assistant City Surveyor.

*Amber Senn, Lori Irvin-Connorton and 49 1/2er Terry Connorton went to work September 17, laying out the template for the compass on chalk and even had time to begin painting some of the white parts of the compass rose. The next day, brought more volunteers. Deena Spradlin (soon to be Associate member), Patricia Fields Neubert, and Lee Orr joined the group on September 18th. Amber even brought along her younger brother, Jonathan, to assist in the painting efforts. We jokingly referred to him all day as an honorary 24 3/4er! Amber and Jonathan marked the 99 symbol in the center of the design, while others grabbed paintbrushes and began filling in the compass rose. The county had requested the compass rose be painted green and white as that represents the color scheme they have at the airport. Rossi Corwon, Assistant County Surveyor, arranged for the paint to be provided. The green was a beautiful forest green and matched the roof of the terminal building perfectly. She and Kevin Irwin, Buildings and Grounds Manager for the county even lent a hand and helped with some of the painting. The county provided a nice pizza lunch for the participants which offered a nice mid-day break and allowed everyone to get to know each other better and of course swap flying stories. The event was a huge success and the chapter looks forward to doing more airmarkings around South Carolina. Spartanburg County Airport has already asked the chapter to paint a compass rose at their airport once the renovations and resurfacing at the airport are completed. The ladies report they have cleaned their brushes and are ready to roll!*

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As SE Section Secretary, I want to thank all the Chapter Chairs, Treasurers, and members who helped gather information for their chapter to be submitted for the non-profit section umbrella status. Some were out of town this summer, so the deadline has been extended to 1 Nov. But realize, if I do not have your information by then, you will not be included in this status at this time. You may apply for your own, or apply at a later date to be included. I hope to have our number by next SE Section meeting.

**Announcements:**

Breast Cancer Cure Fly-in: Sat. Oct 9, KLAL, Cessna Center. Contact Nancy Wright with positive RSVP

Bahamas Fly-in, Paradise Island, Bahamas, Dec 3-5, 2010. Contact Tamra Sheffman for details.

FL Suncoast Poker Run, Clearwater Airpark, Feb 12, 2011. Contact Jeanne Burkland for details  
3rd Annual Sunshine Derby, Labelle Airport (X14) Feb 26, 2011. Contact Paradise Coast Chapter Chair, Ellen Herr for more details.

Bahamas Fly-in Stella Maris Bahamas., Feb 27-Mar 5, 2011. Contact Terry Carbonell for more details.

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

Editors note:

This is your communication paper. Let others know what you have done or are planning to do. Have you flown some place for fun, or the \$100.00 Hamburg. We want you to tell us! Send articles and pics as attachments to email: sailawayjb@embarqmail.com. Deadline for articles is the first of the month. But don't wait till the first of the month. Send them to me now!

Hope you had a great summer, and are enjoying our great fall season. ( I know, FL doesn't have seasons!)

Fly safe,  
Judy