

# APRIL 2009

## FLIGHTLINE

Corbi Bulluck, Governor, Southeast Section 99s



Corbi and her Piper

Judy Bowser, SES Newsletter, Editor



Judy and her 182 "Rudy"

**The Southeast Section officers:**  
Governor – Corbi Bulluck  
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Secretary - Becky Ritter and Barbara Yeninas  
Treasurer - Marlene Raseta  
Immediate Past Governor - Marie Grein

### Article deadline 5th of each month

### From Governor Corbi

Hello Sister 99s

I have been working 7 days a week, and have little time for myself. I want to thank every one of you for your support and help the past two years, while I have had the honor of being your Governor. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Speaking for Governor, I hope to see many of you in Pensacola for my last Section meeting as Governor. Our new Section officers will be installed and hopefully a new chapter will be born. Please, please, try your best to attend this section meeting and show other women pilots what fun we have together as 99s!

I will be attending the meeting of FL Suncoast Chapter, April 25<sup>th</sup> at Sun N Fun. They will be electing their new officers. If you attend Sun N Fun this year, (KLAL) Lakeland FL April 21-26, stop by the 99s club house on club house row. They have lots of goodies for sale for their scholarship fund, cold A/C, and a real restroom! Sign the book for your activities points!

As I said, I am working 7 days a week, so this farewell message is short and sweet. Hope to see you May 1-3 in Pensacola, FL (KPNS), for SE Section Meeting, the tour of the Museum and meet prospective 99s.

Thank you again for your support.

Corbi

## **WASP LUNCHEON**

April 23<sup>rd</sup> is the WASP luncheon, at Sun N Fun, Lakeland, FL. This is an IMPORTANT luncheon. This luncheon is to thank the WASPs for their contributions to our country. They will not be around forever, as will we, so let's get together to show them how much we appreciate them. Please sign up for this limited time event (This may be the last one). Come for fun, their stories and a catered lunch.

The price is \$16.00. Send your RSVP and check, payable to "Kathy Koshan", to:

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Advanced reservations are due by April 15th. After April 15th—please call Kathy or contact her at the 99s building during Sun 'n Fun. See you there!!!

## **Paradise Coast Chapter**

Their next meeting will be Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 1100L at KAPF, Naples, FL

## **FL Firstcoast Chapter**

If you did not get the FLIGHTLINE supplement, FL Firstcoast is in mourning for their Chapter Chair, Eileen Tonkinson. She past to great Horizons last month from a brain tumor. She will be missed greatly!

### **Eileen Carol Fuhrman Tonkinson**

Eileen Carol Fuhrman Tonkinson, age 66, of Ormond Beach, loving wife, step-mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend passed away Friday March 13, 2009 at Ormond Memorial Hospital, in the arms of her beloved husband, R. E. Tonkinson, as a result of a grade 4 glioblastoma brain tumor. Eileen was born March 31, 1942 in Darby, PA to Carl M. and Rowena Livermore Fuhrman. She graduated from Upper Darby High School in 1960. Eileen received her Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology from the University of Delaware in 1964. She received her MBA from the University of Pittsburg in 1975. Eileen worked at the Boston Hospital for Women, part of the Harvard Medical School; at the University of Pittsburg; at Upjohn Co.; at the University of Pennsylvania; for HBO & Co; and she retired from Siemens Medical Systems in 2007. She most recently worked for H & R Block. Eileen loved photography. She independently developed and marketed the Philadelphia Scene calendar from 1993-2000, and also sold some of her photographic work to corporate and individual buyers. She also enjoyed gardening. Eileen was a Captain in the Florida Wing of the Civil Air Patrol. She was the Chapter Chairman of the Florida Firstcoast Chapter of the Ninety-nines, an international organization of women pilots and a member of the Grasshoppers, a Florida women's pilots association. Eileen is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, R. E. Tonkinson, originally of Wyndmoor, PA; step-daughter, Kristl Tonkinson Munson of Mt. Pleasant, Utah; stepson and daughter-in-law, Robert E. Tonkinson Jr. and Cameo Tonkinson of Mahomet, Illinois; grandchildren, Jeremiah Munson, Brian and Megan Munson Askew, Mark, Taryn, Caleb, Nathan, Gideon and Adeline Tonkinson; brother and sister-in-law, Bruce L. and Janice M. Fuhrman; nephews and nieces Steve and Kim Fuhrman, John and Carol Fuhrman Delgado, Jim and Tanya Fuhrman; cousins, Marjorie Cherry, Lynn Fields, Linda Heacock and Ann Prater. She was preceded in death by parents, Carl and Rowena Fuhrman, and son-in-law, Richard W. Munson. A memorial service celebrating Eileen's life will be held Saturday March 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. at the Daytona Beach Moose Family Center #1263, 601 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach, Florida. In lieu of flowers, the family graciously requests donations be made in Eileen's memory to the American Brain Tumor Association, 2720 River Rd., Des Plaines, IL 60018. [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org) Cremation to be handled by A Newlife Cremation & Funeral Chapel, 333 S. Yonge St., Ormond Beach, FL 32174

## **FL Suncoast Chapter**

Their last chapter meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2009 was very well attended!! It was a beautiful spring day at Plant City Airport and members flew in from all parts of Florida. Their thanks to Judy Bowser who flew in with 5 friends from Lee County. After their Business meeting they had the Strawberry Cook-off judging. The 3 judges were Barbara Strachan, Denise Rosenberger and Bill Oparowski. A Blind Tasting was conducted...meaning the judges did not know whose dish they were tasting. There were 5 Dessert entries by...Marie Grein, Mikel Fitterman, Judy Bowser, Michelle Burklund and Barbara Yeninas. After the 3 judges tasted (YUM!!!) and deliberated...the results were announced as follows:  
#1 Place - Barbara Yeninas  
#2 Place - Michelle Burklund  
#3 Place - Marie Grein  
#4 Place - Mikel Fitterman  
#5 Place - Judy Bowser  
Prizes were awarded and a Chapter Pot Luck luncheon followed. As usual, the luncheon food was delicious, with plenty of Strawberry desserts to pass around. Thanks to all who participated in the Strawberry Cook-off!!! It was lots of FUN!!!

## **Mississippi Chapter**

April 19<sup>th</sup> will be at Raymond Airport (M16), Raymond MS for a pancake breakfast.

## **Kitty Hawk Chapter**



Town of Salem

The April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting was at Winston-Salem airport with a tour of "Old Salem".

Salem was founded in 1766 by the Moravians – a Protestant faith that began in what is now known as the Czech Republic. The Moravians were missionaries who established an earlier settlement in Bethlehem, PA before beginning "Wachovia" in the North Carolina backcountry in 1753. In the Wachovia Tract of nearly 100,000 acres, Salem was the central administrative, spiritual, craft, and professional town surrounded by outlying congregations.

The Moravian Church and Salem residents kept meticulous records and accounts of their lives, their interactions, their buildings and landscapes, and their evolution into the town of Winston-Salem. These records, diaries, and accounts provide accurate details to tell the stories of those living and working in Salem.

Salem residents were also well respected for their architecture and eye for detail. The architecture and landscape of Salem are still quite accurate, as many of the Historic Town buildings are original structures.

Salem was also known as a trades town because of the town's production of essential goods like tools, ceramics, furniture, metals, and food. Today, costumed tradesmen and women re-create life in the 1700s and 1800s by producing these goods using traditional eighteenth and nineteenth century practices.

From the tavern keeper to the doctor, the Gunsmith to the boys' schoolteacher, every person in Salem played a vital role. Today, visitors can interact with costumed staff members through engaging conversation and by participating in hands-on activities. Activities throughout the year include intricate paper cutting (called scherenschnitte), pottery, sewing, writing with quill pens, fireplace cooking, painting, and much more.

## **EVENTS**

### **99s/WASP Luncheon at Sun 'n Fun Thursday, April 23rd**

The annual 99s/WASP luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 23rd.

Join your fellow pilots for fun, stories and a catered lunch.

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**April 21-26, 2009 : Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL**

**May 1-3, 2009: Southeast Section Meeting, Pensacola, FL**

**July 22-26, 2009 : The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Chicago, IL**

**July 27-August 2, 2009 : EAA Air Venture, Oshkosh, WI**

**November 5-7, 2009 : AOPA Expo 2009, Tampa, FL**

**July 2010 : The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Kona, HI**

**July 2011 : The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Oklahoma City, OK**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **COMING Southeast Section Meetings**

#### **2009**

Spring Pensacola/Destin May 1, 2, and 3

Fall Blue Ridge Chapter TBA

#### **2010**

Spring New Orleans Chapter TBA

Fall ??????????????????????????????

#### **2011**

Spring Paradise Coast TBA

Fall ??????????????????????????????

## **Editor Note:**

A couple of months ago, I met with a lady pilot, and sister 99, who I met at Southeast Section meeting last fall. I sat with her and her 49 ½ at our banquet dinner. Our Governor, asked me to do a story on her.

It was 1959, and her best friend had just moved from New Jersey to the Carolinas. How would they be able to see each other? An idea came to her. She'd learn to fly!

Betty

Hostler made her first lesson appointment. She was shocked when she got there. Her instructor was a 19

year old

6'2" boy! They got into the J3 Cub, and for the first 10 minutes, all she could do was hold on. She knew then, that this instructor was not for her.

She joined a flying club, and, of course, was the only woman, of the 13 members. It cost \$3.00/hour to rent the plane. Some of the pilots in the club would get drunk and go flying. One day, while doing their drinking thing, the guys decided to take their mascot, Minnie the Monkey, up for a flight and see if she could parachute down. Minnie didn't live after the fall.

Betty got her pilots license and joined the 99s in 1960. She bought her first airplane, for \$700.00. It was an Aeronca Champ, and was hyacinth blue.

She met another 99 and they decided fly to Florida. They packed their bags, left notes for their husbands and took off. The cruise speed was 60kts. They made it to Delaware and the weather was not good for flying, so they turned around, and went home.

In 1963, she and her husband, John, moved to Florida. She joined other women pilots, twice, and flew in the Angel Derby. It ran in May, started or ended in another country. They wore pink gabardine suits.

Some of the countries Betty has flown to are: Toronto, Canada; The Bahamas, Nicaragua, and she flew from Florida to Vancouver, Canada to a 99s convention.

Betty has owned five airplanes in her life; Aeronca Champ, Ercoupe, Tripacer, Cessna 182, and a Cherokee 140. She no longer owns a plane. She is too busy volunteering at the hospital, and playing tennis at Palm Coast, FL.