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From Governor Lisa

If only it weren't so hot! Our summer atmosphere is rather stable, making for good flying weather. I hope you're taking advantage of it either by air racing, flight training, proficiency flying or just hanging out at the airport. There were about 15 Section members at the Annual Business Meeting in Chicago. I don't have all the names, but it was great to see everyone and spend time connecting with the Section officers. The biggest news is that our Immediate Past Governor Corbi Bulluck was elected to the International Board of Directors. Unfortunately, there were only two positions and four candidates. Florida Gold Coast member Tamra Sheffman placed third in the voting, behind current Director Fran Strubeck who was elected to a second 2-year term. Knowing what a great job Corbi did for the Section, you just know she'll be a huge asset to The 99s. Congratulations, Corbi, and thank you Tamra for your willingness to serve The 99!

To recap the meeting, there were 203 members who represented 15 sections including East and West Canada, Germany, Britain, France, Australia, Russia, and New Zealand.

For the first time since 1993, the meeting had to reconvene in the afternoon to complete the agenda. The majority of the business was devoted to bylaws. Delegates approved the addition of a complaint process with 70% approval; with 83% voting for, membership requirements were amended to specify an applicant must have at least a Sport Pilot certificate and the FWP title was abandoned in favor of "Associate Member." A proposal to delete Academic Members was defeated with 58% against. Other votes were mostly housekeeping items that all

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passed, but if you want any specifics of the vote or the discussion, just contact me. More on the Annual Business Meeting next month.

Also for the first time in a long time, the Southeast Section had no Amelia Earhart Scholarship winners because, if I heard right, we had no applicants! Please encourage your sister 99s to apply for an AE scholarship. Funds are not restricted to just flight training, so check the website for current eligibility.

Have you checked The 99s website lately? The new site launched while we were in Chicago with updated photos and enhanced services which include on-line renewal. Check it out at www.ninety-nines.org. And keep an eye on our Section website. Mississippi Chapter member Stacy Booker is our new Webmistress and is working to bring the site up-to-date.

Finally, we certainly want you to join us in beautiful Asheville, NC, for the Fall 2009 Section meeting, Sept. 25-27. Remember the hotel reservation deadline is August 26. Hope to see you there!

Lisa

Paradise Coast Chapter

Five months ago two members became involved with a flying organization called Pilots and Paws. Ellen Her and Nancy Moore were looking for new flying opportunities beyond the \$100 hamburger when they discovered this organization Pilots and Paws. Founded in 2008 by animal lover Jennifer Bois, the organization acts as a meeting place where people from shelters or



rescue organizations that have pets to relocate can connect with pilots who can volunteer their aircraft and time to fly animals to a location where the animals can be adopted. The website is well equipped with an interactive map that can show available the pilots along a route between a start and destination location using just the zip codes. Shelters looking to place an animal can contact pilots along the route to a receiving shelter. Most legs are flown to airports approximately 300 miles apart. If an overnight stay is needed or mechanical or weather problems occur, volunteers are also available to keep the animal overnight and return them to the airport for the next leg of the flight the next morning.

In April they flew their first trip in Nancy's beautiful 1977 Cessna 182

N7577S. In Marianna FL (KMAI)

They picked up a 60 pound lab pup and a 30 pound terrier mix to take to a rescue organization in Stuart. A volunteer who transported these dogs to the Marianna Airport explained their shelter in Chipley, FL served a five county area. Due to the poor economy and lack of funding for spay/neuter programs, their high kill shelter had many more dogs available for adoption than they could hope to place. A



seven hour drive to a no kill shelter could be reduced to a 2 hour flight in the 182. They topped off their tanks, loaded their dogs, one in the baggage compartment and one in the rear seat, and away they went. They were a little tense as passengers and a little smelly, too. But soon both fell asleep on this beautiful VFR flight. Landing in Stuart they unloaded their passengers to the waiting volunteers of Dogs and Cats Forever, Inc. in Port St. Lucie. It was a long but a very rewarding day taking these dogs where they would have an opportunity for a second chance.



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Their second trip was from Craig Municipal (KCRG) at Jacksonville to Ft. Lauderdale (KFXE) in June. The passenger was a 5 month old purebred Australian Shepherd. Hyatt began his journey near Atlanta, GA and spent the night in Jacksonville. The foster volunteer delivered the passenger to Craig Air Center, where he thoroughly charmed the FBO's staff. The front desk personnel gave him a bowl of water, which he drained. They just hoped they wouldn't have a make an unscheduled pit stop. So this was Ellen's leg to fly, and so taxied to the runup area. Looking behind them, after completing the runup, she saw Hyatt out of his cage and wanting to join in the cabin. After shutting down to "reposition cargo" they departed with Hyatt stretched out in the back seat. Of course, this happened in front of the tower, so I'll bet the tower personnel got a good laugh watching two women struggle with one dog. At KFXE they were met by a thundershower, and Lisa of Mini Australian Shephard Rescue. And a special thanks to the personnel of Banyan Air Services who helped clean up the lobby floor when their passenger quite didn't make it outside in time after his plane ride. After all, it was raining!!



This has been a great flying experience for Nancy and Ellen, and they encourage other pilots to get involved. They can give you some tips about getting the proper size cages for your plane and how to secure them. Since Pilots and Paws, Inc. has



501(c)(3) approval, flight expenses are deductible. From September 12 to the 20th, Pilots N Paws 5000 is being organized nationwide to coordinate the transport of 5000 pets from high kill shelters to areas where shelters are available to place these pets. This is a great tool to promote the utility and visibility of general aviation while helping reduce the number of animals euthanized

nationally. Please see the website <http://pilotsnpaws.org/pnp5000-guidelines/> for more information

Georgia Chapter

Aug 12 and Oct. 13: Social dinner at the Downwind PDK 7pm
All welcome

Kitty Hawk Chapter

Meeting Aug 8, 12:00 PM at Brasa Brazilian Steakhouse in Brier Creek, near RDU Airport, Raleigh/Durham, NC. The restaurant is located at 8551 Brier Creek Parkway, Raleigh, NC; phone: 919-544-3344. For more information, go to www.brasasteakhouse.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Coming Events

November 5-7, 2009 : AOPA Expo 2009, Tampa, FL
Jan. 23, 2010: Sunshine Derby, LaBelle, FL (X14)

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June 22-25, 2010: Air Race Classic, Fort Myers, FL to Frederick, MD
July 2010 : The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Kona, HI
July 2011 : The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

COMING Southeast Section Meetings

2009

Fall: Southeast Section/Blue Ridge Chapter, Ashville, NC **See additional attachment**

2010

Spring: FL Goldcoast Chapter Key West, FL

Fall: Southeast/NorthCentral Sections TN, Host TBA

2011

Spring: New Orleans Chapter, Lafayette, LA,
Southeast/SouthCentral Sections

Fall: Paradise Coast Chapter, TBA

The next 4 pages is the newsletter from our sister Section, New Zealand:

For Southeast Section Meeting details and registration information, see Additional attachment

The Ninety Nines Inc New Zealand Section



Governor: Sue Campbell
Vice-Governor Gretchen Jahn
Secretary-Treasurer Thyra Blaom

Newsletter July 2009

Dear Members,

Well, Queens Birthday weekend has been and gone – we all had a great weekend and enjoyed our AGM in front of a roaring fire at the Mid-Canterbury Aero Club clubrooms – despite the sleet and hail outside!



Left to right: Rhona Fraser, Edith Robinson, Christine Dickinson, Gretchen Jahn (VG), Sue Campbell (G), Thyra Blaom (S/T), Dee Bond, Pam Collings, Joan Campbell and Ena Monk.

It was great to have so many members in attendance. We were sorry that Rosie Musters, Jenny Gordon and Pat Campbell could not be there due to being overseas or incapacitated (get well soon, Pat) and hope to see other members next time. Also on display in the photo is our beautiful stained glass logo, made by Dena Lilly from Rotorua. It is kept in the archives by brought to the AGM by Pam Collings husband Ces – who drove it down carefully in its case. Thanks Ces.

By now you will have received a copy of the minutes of the AGM plus a notification that your section dues are payable if you were not present at the Rally to pay them in person.

From the minutes you will be aware that Vice Governor Gretchen has headed back to the USA but has kindly agreed to stay on for the second year of her term. (Thank you Gretchen). Gretchen also agreed to be our delegate at the International Conference in Chicago which takes place this month.

You may also have noticed that there was mention of a NZ contingent to attend the Conference in Kona, Hawaii next year. A show of hands at the AGM indicated strong support for this.

Members' News

[From Christine Dickinson, Wellington:](#)

"We had thought that last year would be hard to beat with our trip to UK at Easter, my nephew's wedding in Bali and then the invitation to join Maria's friends and family to celebrate her birthday on a boat on the River Nile. Well, how could we refuse? And what a fabulous trip that was!

This year started with my niece Claudia's wedding in Sydney and after that brief sojourn we were expecting to settle down. Alas, this was not to be. John has accepted a job in London!

You may be aware that John has had a hankering to return to the UK for some time and has been quietly looking at the job market and applying for one or two jobs that he thought appropriate. The role of Manager of Professional Development with the Nautical Institute was advertised on their website and in their magazine and John was delighted to be offered an interview via Skype!. After much ado purchasing camera and speakers and attempting a couple of practice sessions, we found our PC's memory was not able to sustain the new equipment and had to buy a whole new PC.

Eventually the interview took place at 9pm NZ time. It started well but then the connection was lost and the interview was completed via the phone. Poor John was in need of a stiff whisky after that ordeal. The next morning John checked the email not really expecting to hear anything and there it was – the job offer, letter of agreement and contract.

We spent the weekend down in Ashburton at the Women in Aviation Annual Rally and slowly came to terms with the situation.

We have arranged to fly out to UK on 15 July. At this stage I will take leave from work and go over with John for a month and help look for accommodation. That should give us a bit of thinking time to work out what exactly we want to do with the flat in New Zealand.

So there you have it! It is looking like it's going to be another exciting year for the Dickinsons. We will miss all our friends in New Zealand but with modern communications (and Skype) there is no reason why we can't keep in touch. I am hoping to come back to NZ frequently – we will have to see and I'm sure we will have plenty of guests to stay with us in London!"

[From Pat Campbell, Christchurch to Secretary Thyra:](#)

"We have been really enjoying your articles in the various magazines and hope you continue to enjoy your flying life as much as you are now. Maybe we will fly with you soon. We are planning to go to Kona in 2010, so hope to see you then, if not before.

We are flying Singapore Airlines this trip, as we are flying to Manchester via Singapore and back from Cairo. We will be attending the Gathering 2009 in Scotland, with about 120 clans represented, and also the Campbell Highland Games at Inveraray Castle. We then tour Britain, with timeshares in Scotland, England and Wales, then cross to Calais, through the Chunnel, to spend a month in Europe, including a week of timeshare in the Bavarian Woods, in Germany. We have a couple of reunions with our German friends, then fly out to Beirut to do a month's tour of the Holy Land, including Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and Egypt. We then fly back to Singapore and up to KL for another reunion with our Malaysian and Singaporean Lincoln Alumni friends, then home on 2/3 November. We are really looking forward to this trip, but time is passing very quickly, with no less than one month to go. We hope to visit a few more aircraft museums and to spend some time exploring the battle fields of France, Belgium and Germany.”

Rosie Musters is currently in the UK and will write an article for the next newsletter on her trip to Hawaii.

Jenny Gordon is also away overseas.

Edith Robinson is on holiday in Australia.

(Ed: we seem to have just as many members overseas or departing for overseas as we have in NZ at present! Just as well we have email, chat lines and Skype to keep us in touch).

[From Gretchen Jahn and Dee Bond](#)

Vice-Governor Gretchen Jahn and member Dee Bond have, since the AGM, competed in the Air Race Classic in the USA and placed 8th out of a field of 32 aircraft. This is an excellent result! Well done to both of you. Gretchen is now residing in the USA (and house-hunting!) and sends her greetings to everyone. She has sent some photos from the air race and Dee has kindly written an article. Thank you both.

“Gretchen and I headed to the USA on Monday 15 June and arrived in Winchester Illinois the same day after 31hrs of travel.

We then spent the next couple of days preparing ourselves (BFR for G, and a general briefing for us both on map reading airspace, common frequencies, flight watch, and radio speak), and preparing our aircraft C182R (cleaning, polishing, and applying race number) before a morning thunderstorm suggested we might leave for Denver a day early to avoid further approaching weather. We were to back fly some of the race route but 30kt headwinds persuaded us to take a more direct route and 6hrs of flying took us through St Joseph, Missouri for refueling directly to Centennial Airport KAPA, in south Denver, Colorado.

With an extra day in hand we sent the aircraft to maintenance to check the oil cooler filter and mixture control as leaning the mixture enroute saw the control almost at its outer limits. With replaced mixture control cable and new

filter the aircraft was ready to race. G and I needed a bit more work in our pre-flight which included two sessions at the local massage parlour and an afternoon having our toenails painted “racing red” and a complete manicure. After a visit to Wal-mart to shop for in-flight provisions we were now in tip-top condition to race also.

The weekend prior to the race consisted of pre-race briefings and sponsored functions. On arrival we had to present our “credentials” – logbook, medical and licence. Then the aircraft had to be inspected with static RPM checks undertaken and engine seals and propeller fixings waxed to ensure no post inspection tampering and aircraft logbooks and STCs presented to ensure all in order. Briefings included – General (pilot prep, aircraft prep, route planning, team planning, airspace, fuel planning, flight plans, Race start, flying the race, flyby procedures, each stop, CRM, scoring, first day of the race); Flyby Briefing (waivers to operate below 500ft AGL at full power at each airport and limitations thereon); Safety Briefing (Flight Watch, relevant winds aloft – 9000ft being only 3000ft AGL at KAPA, relevant ceilings – BKN060 would be on the deck at KAPA, NOTAMs, TFRs, PIREPs, MEFs, aircraft performance at altitude, “Speeds to Live by”, Mtn flying; cautions about density altitude and the need to lean for taxi and take-off at KAPA which is 5885ft AMSL before adjusting for temperatures of 30*+); Weather Briefing (Dryline fronts creating Ts, timing of wind aloft forecasts, MOA alert areas); and a Dual Flyby procedures briefing (G as an ARC Director gave this briefing).

We also took the opportunity to meet and get to know our “Baby Birds” – first –time racers who were assigned to us as their “Momma Birds”. In our case that was Australian team Heather Ford and Sophia Lazarou flying Classic 21. Unfortunately, just prior to leaving Australia 22yo Soph fainted and was hospitalized with suspected bird-flu. It turns out she has a heart problem that needs a pace-maker. That left Heather in Los Angeles with a C182T but no co-



Dee Bond, Lynda Meeks, Heather Ford and Gretchen Jahn
[7309246001](https://www.flickr.com/photos/7309246001/)

pitot. Fortunately ARC found her a new race partner in Lynda Meeks of www.girlswithwings.com (see her ARC diary) who was an air force pilot now flying jets and mentoring the next generation of young girls towards choosing aviation as part of their lives. Between them they had to learn a lot about the VFR charts used on the race as Lynda only has 40hrs SE VFR time acquired early in her training and Heather’s Australian maps don’t look quite the same.

For a short video of the Start see <http://videocenter.denverpost.com/services/player/bcpid934052406?bctid=2>

The Race itself was pretty straight forward – HEADWINDS all the way around a stationary HIGH! A Race best suiting FAST aircraft. Fortunately no inclement weather was encountered enroute and all aircraft that started the race this year also completed the race too.

Day 1 – we opted to stop at Liberal after our flyby as better winds were forecast later in the day. Unfortunately on rechecking the wx at LBL we discovered a change in conditions meant we should have continued straight on to SWW. We stopped in Sweetwater for the night, home to the WASP Museum where Jacqui Cochran ran the flight training school at Avenger Field. Classic 26 had Bea Haydu, a former WASP, as their passenger.

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Day 2 – we stopped at Lufkin and refueled to enable us to fly by Russellville and continue onto Grenada for the night. The afternoon Leg saw us at the giddy heights of 6500ft with the clouds in order to pick the best winds.

Day 3 – we stopped at Sparta and Jacksonville where our sponsors were waiting to greet us for lunch. We had hoped to overnight there but the winds for the final leg showed best first thing in the morning and thunderstorms were also forecast so we headed off to Racine and beat the thunderstorm that threatened to cut us off.

Day 4 – early start across the plains into Atlantic where we were greeted by our Welcoming party of Karl and Neil.

The post-race welcome by Atlantic was fabulous and we had a nice time there before heading our separate ways. Ed Frost, our sponsor, drove up from Winchester for the Presentation Dinner and flew the aircraft home so that Neil and I might take a few days to drive back and see some of the country. We headed south through Clarinda, Glen Miller's birthplace, and visited the Pony Express Museum in St Joseph and AE's birthplace in Atchison. Then onto



Gretchen and Dee in their NZ T-shirts

Kansas City to visit the Hallmark Cards Museum before heading East across Missouri to ascend the Gateway Arch in St Louis and visit the World Heritage site of the Cohokia Mounds. We then travelled to the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers having learned about the sale of Louisiana by Napoleon Bonaparte to the Yankees and President Jefferson's assignment for Lewis and Clark to find the source of the Missouri River and a gateway to the West coast in the early 1800s. Once back in Winchester we celebrated 4th July (Independence from the Brits in 1786) and then visited the Abraham Lincoln Museum in Springfield which is celebrating his life 200yrs on, to learn about the Civil War between the North and South and the slavery issue that claimed the lives of 1.3m people over the 5 years of Abe Lincoln's Presidency from 1860-1865 when he was

assassinated.

G and I were very pleased to have placed in the Top Ten and to have had the opportunity to see more of the country and meet up with old friends and make some new ones. This year a record number of College Teams entered and with 7 this year we hope that more will enter in future years offering young women the opportunity to taste air racing before they embark on careers as airline pilots far above the surface and in the clouds.

For more info please visit the website www.airraceclassic.org where you will find details of next year's Race also which starts in Florida and finishes at the home of AOPA in Maryland celebrating 100yrs of licenced women pilots.

Thanks for the support.”

Donation to NZAWA 50th Year Celebrations

Another matter proposed and agreed by vote at the meeting was that our Section donates \$1000 to the NZ Association of Women in Aviation. As we all know our 99s Section uses the NZAWA Rally weekend as the occasion for our AGM and we benefit from having a ready-made venue. As a token of our appreciation for this generosity and in recognition of the 50th year of the NZAWA we felt it appropriate to make this donation to assist with the extra cost involved in making the event a special one.

Our 30th Year next Year

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Yes, that's right – we shall celebrate 30 years as a 99s Section in January next year – and to help celebrate the occasion Pam Collings has invited all members present and past to a fly in weekend at Forest Field in Canterbury. The details are to be firmed up in the next few months. Secretary Thyra and I shall be looking at the membership records from past years to find all our former members so we can invite them to celebrate with us. If you know of a former member who could be interested please let them know and forward their current details to Secretary Thyra.

In the meantime – look out for a brief article on the NZ Section AGM in the next issue of the 99 News!

Sue

Sue Campbell

Governor