

MARCH 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:

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From Governor Corbi

I discovered several years ago that whenever 99s get together, we have FUN. It makes no difference where or when we meet, or under what circumstances, we have a great time together!

Last weekend, I helped staff the 99s' booth at the Women in Aviation conference in Atlanta. Many members from the Georgia and Embry-Riddle chapters, plus a few members from other chapters, also volunteered to help us at the booth.

We stayed busy with non-stop activity – telling conference attendees about The 99s, signing up new members, and helping long-lost members renew their memberships. We were especially excited to sign up new member Pearl Judd, who flew as a WASP during World War II. Also, we had a great time visiting with the many 99s that stopped by our booth throughout the run of the conference. While exhibitors at the other booths may have felt like the conference was all "work," those of us at The 99s' booth worked hard while having fun sharing stories about our flying adventures.

One of the great things about The 99s is that we do enjoy getting together. Even if we are strangers when we meet, in no time at all, our love of flying turns us into friends for life.

There are several activities taking place in the next few months and I hope you'll join us. Whether you meet up with 99s at our cottage at Sun 'n Fun in April, at the Southeast Section meeting in Pensacola in May, at the International Board of Directors' meeting later this month in Oklahoma City, or at one of your chapter meetings, I promise ... you'll have FUN!

Paradise Coast Chapter

The newest chapter in the Southeast Section is busy with plans for working on a booth at Charlotte County Air Show, in March, and a Scout Day, in April, to help Boy and Girls Scouts achieve their Aviation Badges. There is also talk of trying a flyin to Naples Airport for a Saturday meeting and lunch in April.

FL Firstcoast Chapter

February 14th was a day of painting. The chapter repainted the compass rose at Keystone Airpark.

They met on January 17th again, at Palatka, where they, again, received a warm reception, especially since Bud Clarke arranged for them to meet in his heated hangar. In addition to their members Millie Thomas, Laura Riggs and Eileen Tonkinson, they were happy to have guests, Catherine Carabine (a potential member), Gayle Henze of the Eastern PA Chapter, Marcia Gitelman of the Finger Lakes Chapter and Beverly Hudson, a local pilot, joined them for the meeting.

Marcia Gitelman gave a presentation on Blanche Stuart Scott, the first aviatrix. Marcia has personally met Blanche and has become a noted historian of Blanche's life and adventures. Marcia's description of Blanche's earliest days with automobiles and aviation was entertaining and informative for all who attended. Also present during the presentation were 49-1/2s Herb Henze, Dave Gitelman, Terry Harmon and Jack Hudson.

(Editor's note) Chapter Chair, Eileen Tonkinson needs our thoughts and prayers.

FL Suncoast Chapter

At their January meeting Barbara Strachan gave a presentation on the Air Race Classic. She participated in this race in June 2008, and enjoyed it enormously. She had often heard about the race, but knew very little of the particulars involved, and there was quite a learning curve for her. Although they had a small turnout, those that were able to come, found it interesting and informative.

The February meeting was held in Clearwater Beach, Florida and it was a beautiful sunny day in February. Everyone brought lots of food and they had a wonderful brunch! Thank you again to retired Air Force colonel John "Jack" Casey who spoke to the chapter at their last meeting.

Jack regaled them with terrific stories about his days flying combat missions in his P51 Mustang during World War II and his lifetime of associations with colleagues such as Neil Armstrong and Chuck Yeager - to name a few - as well as stories about his career teaching at the Air Force Academy. (Not to mention the story about how he fell head over heels for that girl in the green dress back in "47").

Plant City Airport (KPCM) will be the March Meeting site. There will be a Strawberry Cooking Contest and a covered dish lunch. Meeting starts at 10:30am, with the Cooking Contest Judging. Sounds yummy, especially if you are a judge!

FL Spaceport Chapter

February 21st: Valkaria Air Fest: Valkaria Airport (X59). Spaceport 99s set up a display about the 99s. They also sold desserts. This was an opportunity for them to meet perspective members and to put a few more dollars in their scholarship fund.

March 14th: Meeting location to be determined

CONGRATULATIONS!

Carolyn Biter: Passed her instrument check ride on September 30th! What's next, Carolyn?

Ellie Odorico will be celebrating her 90th birthday on January 25th. *Happy Birthday!*

SAD NEWS: Margaret Stannah, a long time member of the Spaceport Chapter, flew to new horizons on September 29th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

Patti Sobala, Palm Bay, 321-984-8108

Mississippi Chapter

The Chapter's January meeting was held, the 13th at the home of Susan Coco-Gensheimer.

February meeting was a member social held in Newks, Flowood, MS

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.

The price is \$16.00. Your RSVP and checks should be sent to:

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Advance 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!!!

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 ??????????????????????

This month we are privileged to have our sister section, New Zealand's newsletter included. (See other attachment)

The Southeast Section Meeting flyer is also attached.

