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Not just a "Passenger"!

Last month I ran an article about the ARC winning team. I wrote that "Team Wild Mama" had Paradise Coast Chair, Ellen Herr, and Vice Chair Terry Carbonell as pilots and Laura Ying Gao, Suncoast Chapter, as a passenger. I have been doing some more research and found two more things: 1. The ARC Board has placed a new title, if you will, upon people in the back seat who contribute to the flights. They are now no longer called "passengers" but are "team mates". My apologies to Laura! 2. Here is some more interesting information about Team Wild Mama "team mate", Laura.

Her name is Gao Ying in Chinese. Gao is her family name, which comes before given name in Chinese tradition. She also goes by Laura.

She lives at Pilot Country (X05), an airport community north of Tampa, FL, with her husband Matt Wallis. Their plane is a 1968 Mooney M20C -- tail number N9999s coming with the plane.

Life is an amazing journey. Laura didn't know how to drive a car till she came to the US in Feb. 2008 from China. Later, with the encouragement of Martha King (King School), Terry Carbonell (Director/Secretary of Air Race Classic) and husband Matt, she started flight training on December 15, 2009, soloed on January 28, 2010 around 15 hours and obtained her PPL on April 23, 2010 around 58 hours!

In June 2010, she joined Terry Carbonell and Ellen Herr (Vice Chair and Chair of 99s Paradise Coast Chapter, respectively) for the Air Race Classic 2010. Laura's responsibilities included weather, timing and team support. 53 teams were in this year's race. It was a four day, daylight hours-VFR-only, over 2,400-mile long cross country race. The race started from Fort Myers, FL, via Waycross GA, Tuscaloosa AL, Hot Spring AR, Cameron MO, Murphysboro IL, Elkhart IN, and Parkersburg WV, and terminated in Fredrick MD. Every team is given a handicapped speed after flying a four-cardinal-heading test ride with ARC judge with full power, full throttles and properly leaned. The score of each team is their actual race speed minus the team handicapped speed. The team, "Team Wild Mama" came in first place for this year's race.



As our president Susan Larson once said, "Florida Suncoast is a great chapter and Florida has so many opportunities for aviation-related activities." Laura is honored to be a part of Suncoast Chapter and hopes to get to know more of the chapter sisters and have fun flying together.

Currently, Laura is a small business owner and an aviation column writer for the largest Chinese internet aviation information and news platform to promote general aviation knowledge as well as female piloting. "Through my own journey, I come to see that flying is the best way to discover who we truly are, to see our strengths and weaknesses, and to so see what life really means. My dream is to help more women, especially Chinese ones, to get their wings. "

AOPA Live conducted an interview with Laura (representing Team Wild Mama) at Oshkosh. Here is a link for your reference: http://www.aopa.org/aopalive/?watch=gxbnlsMTqQ_aYAEetynaCt9CzKFXUoaK

Paradise Coast Chapter

As summer passes and autumn grows closer, the Paradise Coast Chapter Vice Chair, Terry Carbonell, has been working diligently to make this next season's "Sunshine Derby" proficiency race more interesting than ever. The event, is scheduled in conjunction with La Belle's "Swamp Cabbage Festival" and the "Grasshoppers" meeting. The Grasshoppers?, you say. Yes, it is a Florida Organization for women pilots and their significant other/spouses to fly to different airports throughout Florida and see the sights. They meet once a month and find interesting things to do.

Mark your calendars for February 26th, 2011 at LaBelle Airport (x14). This year, DB Catering will provide the chicken and all the fixings and the Annual LaBelle Swamp Cabbage Festival ("Swamp Cabbage" is the core of the palmetto palm tree and is aka "Hearts of Palm") will be ongoing. You can come for the race, the parade, the food or all of it. Entry fee is \$50 for the race includes 2 BBQ tickets or \$8.00 for the BBQ alone per person. Proceeds to benefit the *Wings Over Paradise Scholarship Fund*.

Also, after the Sunshine Derby, they are planning a trip to Long Island, Stella Maris in the Bahamas. If you think you would like to be involved in this excursion, start the process of getting a current passport. And at the beginning of the year, you will need to purchase a "customs decal" for your plane to enter the US upon return. Details will be upcoming.

The Paradise Coast Chapter is sending out a challenge to South East Section chapters to donate to the Starting chapter of the 2011 ARC. The challenge is: Our donation is \$250.00. Meet or beat it!

Terry Carbonell took an amazing tour in AK this summer after the ARC. I was going to give some highlights, but there is too much to tell. Instead go to: www.teamwildmama.com/id61.html

Governor's Message

The thought just hit me: in the southeast United States we look to Fall for cooler temperatures and lower humidity, but today, September 2, our east coast sisters are facing the wrath of a major Category 4 hurricane. I see on The 99s eNetwork that a sister in Ohio has offered her home as a refuge to anyone who needs to fly their plane out of harms way. How proud and amazed our charter members would be - proud that 81 years after realizing their goal of an organization to support women pilots, we extend an altruistic hand to fellow members and amazed that through technological advances we stay in close touch with each other in all parts of the world. If you have not signed up for the eNetworks, please give it a try.

As of the latest update, 30 Southeast Section members and guests have registered for the Fall Section meeting in Nashville. With over 35 North Central Section members, it really is shaping up to be "One Grand Ole Time." I know there are more to come – like mine! You can still register at the late, full registration fee of \$90 per person. The registration form and meeting schedule is available at <http://www.ncs99s.org/>.

All non-smoking rooms at the Doubletree have been booked, and only a limited number of smoking rooms remain. As a result, we've reserved a few rooms at The Holiday-Inn Vanderbilt. It's only two miles from the Doubletree and all rooms are non-smoking. There's free parking and a free shuttle within a 3 mile radius included in the \$119 (plus tax) rate. The free shuttle hours are from 7:15 AM to 10:45 PM. Cutoff date to reserve a room is September 18, 2010. Cancellation must be received before 6 pm on the day of arrival to avoid a one room-night charge. [Click here to book a room](#) or call 615-327-4707. Our Group Code is NIN.

Grayline Shuttle between BNA and either Doubletree Downtown or the Holiday Inn Vanderbilt is \$20 roundtrip. [Click here for Grayline info.](#)

There are still a few Grand Ole Opry tickets available in our group. Please let North Central Section Governor Shelley Ventura know if you want to attend so she can reserve one (or two) for you. Her email is sventura@aldridge-electric.com.

Thank you to Memphis Chapter Member Virgilea Sworts for volunteering to transport silent auction items to Nashville. We are asking that each chapter either bring at least one item or send it to Virgilea. Any member who wishes to participate may also send an item. A donation to the 99s Endowment Fund will be made from silent auction proceeds. Virgilea's mailing address is Medicine Man, Inc., 569 Highway 46, Dickson, TN 37055. 615-446-5044.

We still need a volunteer or two to work at the registration table and in the hospitality suite. If you can help out, please let me know.

Section Secretary Judy Bowser tells me that she is receiving IRS compliance documents from the chapters. Thank you for following up on that important business. We'll have a full update at the business meeting.

Chapter Chairmen and Section Committee Chairmen, please send a brief report of your chapter/committee activities since April 2010.

The International Board of Directors meeting is in Oklahoma City Oct. 28-30. It is open to all members. I will be unable to attend, but Section Vice Governor Marlene Raseta will represent the Section. This will be her first time at Headquarters. Thank you, Marlene.

If anyone has an agenda item for either the Board of Directors meeting or the business meeting, please send it to me.

Finally, another reminder that elections will be held in spring 2011. Please consider serving The 99s and the Southeast Section by running for office. Look for more details in future issues of Flightline.

See you in Nashville.

Lisa

It's wonderful to climb the liquid mountains of the sky, Behind me and before me is God and I have no fears. — Helen Keller, at age 74, on flight around the world, news reports of 5 February 1955.

Just an update for you all ... the registration form is now online at www.ncs99s.org We can accept Paypal payments at auxplaines99s@yahoo.com if that is easier for you, but please still either mail your registration form to Shelley Ventura, or scan it and send via email to sventura@aldridge-electric.com. Please note: if using the Paypal option, calculate the total amount due, then select 'Send Money – Personal – Payment Owed'. If you use a Paypal balance or bank account to fund the payment, there are no fees. If you use a debit or credit card, please be prepared to accept the fee of 2.9% of the total amount plus \$0.30.

Shelley Ventura

Section Secretary Request

I want to thank all section chapters who have sent me their legal paperwork for the non-profit status umbrella. I am still awaiting the paperwork for minutes, news articles, photos, etc. If you plan to bring these, or other legal papers to Nashville, please let me know!

Thank you again.

Judy

Proposed Southeast Section Bylaw Change

The amendment is as follows:

Southeast Section
Proposed Amendment

October 2010

ARTICLE VI: ELECTIVE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Section 5. Term of Office.

No officer shall serve more than one consecutive term in the same office.

All officers and directors shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms in that office. A term shall be for two years. Service for one year or less shall not be considered a term for the purpose of the Section. **The Immediate Past Governor shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall serve one (1) term.**

Submitted by the Southeast Section Ninety-Nines' Executive Board.

Rationale: to align the Bylaws of the Southeast Section Ninety-Nines with the current Bylaws of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., International Organization of Women Pilots.

Italics---that which will be deleted.

Bold and underlined---that which will be added

Announcements

SE-NC Section Meeting, Oct 1-3, Nashville, TN

Breast Cancer Cure Fly-in, October 9, Lakeland, FL (KLAL)

Sunshine Derby February 26th, 2011, LaBelle, FL (X14)