

# NOVEMBER 2008

## 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  
Vice-Governor - Catherine Cavagnaro  
Secretary - Becky Ritter and Barbara Yeninas  
Treasurer - Marlene Raseta  
Immediate Past Governor - Marie Grein

### **From Governor Corbi**

I attended a two-day meeting recently. The event was packed full of information and activities, all geared towards building on our group's successes while working to eliminate our weaknesses. I came away from the meeting energized and very excited about the progress that the group had made.

The following week, I was surprised when I compared notes with a colleague who'd also attended the meeting. Her first words were, "What a waste of time."

Although we'd attended the same meeting, we came away with two different impressions. My colleague saw the negative, while I saw the positive.

I think it's much more productive – and FUN – to look for the positive!

The 99s has made a very positive impact on my life. As Marina Saettone, a Phoenix Chapter 99, wrote recently, "There is so much more available to you as a 99. More networking, more scholarships, more unity, more history and more women, who will take you under their wing, lift you to the heights you desire, hold your hand when you need a friend and kick you in the pants when you need a boost. It's a true sisterhood very few find in their lives."

The more involved I become with The 99s, the more I realize that everything Marina wrote is true. Thanks to the networking, I have 99s friends around the world. Just this week, I exchanged emails with 99s from New Zealand, India,

New Mexico, Louisiana, and Florida – just to name a few. Two days ago, I sought advice on electronic logbooks. So far, I've received responses from Texas, Pennsylvania, and California. I know, without a doubt, my 99s friends – even those that I've never met – will come to my rescue if I ever need to send up an SOS.

Our organization isn't perfect, but what organization is? However, we've got a lot more positives than negatives.

Get involved, and see for yourself what a positive effect The 99s will have on you. I promise that you'll like what you see!

**Paradise Coast Chapter** is sponsoring their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sunshine Derby, November 22. All are welcome, not just 99s, or women. Derby packet is available:

<http://www.teamwildmama.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/sunshinederbyentrypacket.pdf>

NEWS: Insurance changes have broadened the aircraft available to race. Only EXCLUSION is home built aircraft. You will need to get your insurance papers to them in time to race, deadline is Nov 20, so hurry! You may fax your insurance forms to 239 772 2172. No cover letter needed. They are also raffling off an Aviation quilt, homemade, tickets are \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20.00. The drawing for this quilt will be Derby Day, so contact [sailawayjb@embarqmail.com](mailto:sailawayjb@embarqmail.com) for your tickets!

**Welcome New Members:**

Teri Bergman, Naples

Debora Nash, (FWP) Fort Myers

**Sad News**

Mario Carbonell, husband of Terry Carbonell, flew to the great beyond, today, November 17, 2008. Our sympathies and prayers are with Terry.

## **Florida Suncoast Chapter**

Co-sponsors for The 99s Fly-in for Breast Cancer cure, and sponsor of the Annual Wine Tasting Party, FL Suncoast Chapter has been busy the last two months.



Marie Grein, Past SES Governor  
Sophie Payton, & Becky Ritter  
At Fly-in Nov 15<sup>th</sup> KLAL

Marie Grein, and Becky Ritter Bid at the Silent Auction  
Nov 15<sup>th</sup> KLAL

## **FL Goldcoast Chapter**

Co-Sponsors for The 99s Fly-in For Breast Cancer Cure, The Poker Run, and tripping off to Marathon Key, in the FL Keys, keep these pilots in the skies.



Tamra Sheffman, Ursula Davidson, & Becky Ritter @ Marathon Key Aviation Day



Judi Betz @ KLAL



Becky Ritter, Pat Blasi, Sonia Bortolin,  
Tamra Sheffman, Judi Betz @ KLAL



Bruce and Marilyn Friedman @ KLAL

## **FL Firstcoast Chapter**

CC Eileen Tonkinson helped with the NIFA Region IX SAFECOM Competition Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Embry Riddle, Daytona, Florida Institute of Technology and Jacksonville University competed very well and had a good time.

Nov 15<sup>th</sup> was their Chapter Meeting in Palatka, FL. They are meeting there, now to give their members from that area a chance to fly to meetings and hope to acquire more members in that area.

## **FL Spaceport Chapter**

November 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting was "Learning about Ballooning. (Editor's note: I had planned to attend this meeting, as I was at the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, NM last month, but fell and dislocated me elbow putting out of flying commission for a while). Hope you all enjoyed the discussion!

## **Tennessee Chapter**

### **Evelyn Johnson's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

The weather for Evelyn Johnson's birthday party was ordered up to be a perfectly sunny day with little wind. We got an overcast sky and the wind sock sticking straight out but that did not deter some from flying in to the Morristown Airport to help us celebrate this most honorable day. Donna Moore, Vice President of the International Chapter, made the trip in a 182 with a student and friends from Ohio (~3 hours) and an octogenarian with his flying stories flew in with his friend from Greenville, TN to eat lunch with us at Justin's in Morristown.

There was a good group waiting at Justin's with Evelyn where Sherry Rhodes, artist that she is, had painted Evelyn her very own EBJ monogrammed 99s blue and white compass rose on a MOR runway at her place at the head table. The yellow runway went great with the lovely fall flowers. A money tree provided by the 99s (made by Adele McDonald) and a basket full of party-favor paper airplanes flanked the door entering into the yellow balloon filled room. Each of the tables was decorated by Sherry's skill (plus the help of her 49 ½) with runways and airplanes to the delight of some little boys accompanied by their grandmother. After our meal, with Evelyn surrounded by 99s, our very own Adele and Martha Miller introduced our guest of honor and other guests. Several guests told stories of flying with Evelyn, flying as her student – Jean Hammer's long cross country, and some really good hanger stories. Evelyn's sense of humor and personal ability to captivate an audience has not diminished. Evelyn told her own story of flying commercially only to find out the captain of the plane was her former student. He announced over the loud speaker how honored he was to fly her to receive the Flight Instructor of the Year award. To her surprise he had a red carpet and roses awaiting her departing the plane. After watching a clip of our very own Evelyn Johnson staring on the TV show "To Tell the Truth" -filmed in 1980 at the age of 71, we all left the restaurant to go to the airport to continue the celebration.

Sherry's description says it all:

Evelyn Johnson turned 99 years old on Nov. 4th. On the 8th, our chapter of 99's had a celebration in her honor in Morristown. Not many people flew in due to the breezy flying conditions, but we had trophies and door prizes -

It was a lot of fun! We even had a banner-tow, all the way from Knoxville - good job to him - it sure was windy.

A good time was had by all.

Trophies and prizes:

Dirtiest plane / won a bucket of cleaning supplies

Loudest plane / won some earplugs

Smallest plane / won a magnifying glass

Fanciest paint job / won a paint kit with brushes

Shiniest plane / won sunglasses

Baldest tires award/won a magic marker (to draw tread on the tires)

Best of Show - won the biggest trophy

Sherry

(The splendid pictures are also provided by Sherry)

Sherry acquired prizes from AOPA with our own Ernesteen Hunt winning a new flight bag and Sherry's brother, Ted Hensley, winning a new Clark head set – hmmm. Just kidding; it was all fair and square. I believe Martha Miller drew the winning tickets out of a coffee filter. Interestingly enough, Ted was short one head set when he flies EAA Young Eagles at the Greenville Airport.

Cutest was the award for the smallest air plane. When Adele asked who had the smallest air plane, one of two small boy (about 5 or 6 years old) standing watching the awards raised his hand. It was obvious his airplane was so small it could not be seen; Adele decided. So, of course she awarded the proud little fellow his very own trophy of a large magnifying glass. He was so happy; you could tell it was a day he would never forget. Sherry's prizes and trophies were enjoyed by all. Thanks for all your hard work, Sherry and John.

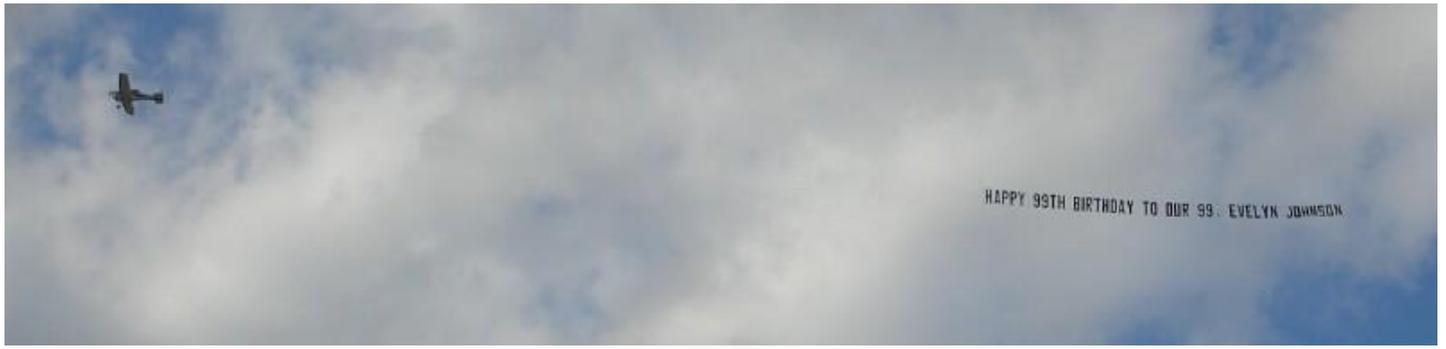
The cake was made especially for Evelyn with a radial engine with a wooden propeller surrounded by fall colored roses. With the good sized crowd, there was just enough cake left for Evelyn to take a few pieces home. Many of Evelyn's admirers jumped at the chance to have their pictures made with her.

The banner tower- Frank Wilson- fought his way through a tough wind to circle over Morristown to bring more attention to our favorite pilot. (He said it took him an hour longer due to strong winds.) Sure enough, a surgeon from Morristown, off for the weekend, hurried over to wish Evelyn Happy Birthday.

Sunday, Evelyn went to church with Martha Miller, Jean Hammer and Jan Kuban. Lunch at the MOR FBO was Olive Garden lasagna, salad, bread sticks and tea. We had a nice group of people around the main table in the lobby. Everyone helping cook and clean up was greatly appreciated.

After two days of celebrating everyone was ready to pack it in, but Evelyn was still going strong. We packed her in Jean Hammer's car back to her home with her cake and flowers in tow. What a birthday bash! If you could not be there, you were missed.





**FROM YOUR EDITOR:**

Some of the Pictures from Albuquerque: The date is really 10/09/08



## EVENTS

**February 26-28, 2009 Women in Aviation 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA** <http://www.wai.org>

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

**May 1-3, 2009: Southeast Section Meeting, Destin 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:**

→ **The 99s give three awards at our annual conference.** The Award of Achievement is presented to a 99 (or a group within the 99s, such as a chapter, section, Trust, etc.) in recognition of contributions made to The 99s or to aviation in general (such as aviation history, education, science, exploration, etc.). The other two awards are presented to "non-99s." The first one, the George Palmer Putnam Award, is given in recognition of support of The 99s. The other award, the Award of Merit, is given to recognize a contribution(s) made to aviation in general. Each of these awards may be

presented to an individual or an organization. Individual winners may be male or female. Recipients may be living or deceased and from any country. The contribution may have occurred at any time in the past or present, as a single action or a series of events.

The nominating requirements are:

A. Nominations may be submitted by any individual or group within The Ninety-Nines.

B. The nomination should be in the form of a one-page letter and up to three additional pages of substantiating material. The name, address and phone number of the nominee or the nominee's next of kin, if the nominee is deceased, should be included.

C. The nomination should give complete, but concise, details justifying the award to the nominee with such background information as considered pertinent, and any other relevant information, that would assist the Awards Committee.

D. Nominations from previous years may be resubmitted.

E. Nominations should be sent to The Ninety-Nines Headquarters to the attention of the Awards Committee.

F. Nominations may be submitted by electronic transmission (fax or email) or by post. The nomination must be received on or before January 15, 2009.

Contact Corbi Bulluck, International Awards Chairman, MCBulluck@aol.com 919-387-6664

→ **The Amelia Earhart Memorial Fund Scholarship** Trustees are pleased to announce that the 2009 Scholarship and Awards Application forms are now on the 99s website <http://www.ninety-nines.org>. Please note the following important changes:

- All Chapters now have a DECEMBER 1 submission deadline, rather than choosing their own date.

- All submissions to Section Scholarship Chairs are due by no later than DECEMBER 20.

- Both New Pilot Award and Maule Tailwheel Award submission deadlines are now the same as the Scholarship deadlines.

### **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 Paradise Coast Chapter TBA