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WASPs attend WWII Air

I recently had the honor to fly three of these heroines from their home airports to Keystone Heights Airport, Keystone Heights, FL. Ms. Susan King called me one afternoon and asked if I would be available to fly three of the WASPs from N Perry/Hollywood, FL and Avon Park, FL to their World War II Airshow in Keystone Heights on 19 Feb 2010. I was so happy to be able to assist these women! I picked up Shirley Chase Kruse, and



Helen Wyatt Snapp at North Perry Airport (KHWO) and then we flew to Avon Park Airport (KAVO) where we were joined by Barry Smith. We arrived early afternoon at Keystone Heights (42J). We were met by several

volunteers and our luggage disappeared, and we were transported to the Salvation Army Conference Center where we were reunited with our baggage. I had the honor of sharing a room with Helen Wyatt Snapp, one of the first to become a WASP (Women Aircorp Service Pilot). There, we all roomed with one other person, most of the WASPs rooming with another WASP, or their husbands. There were no TV's in our hotel like rooms, but there was (con't page 2)



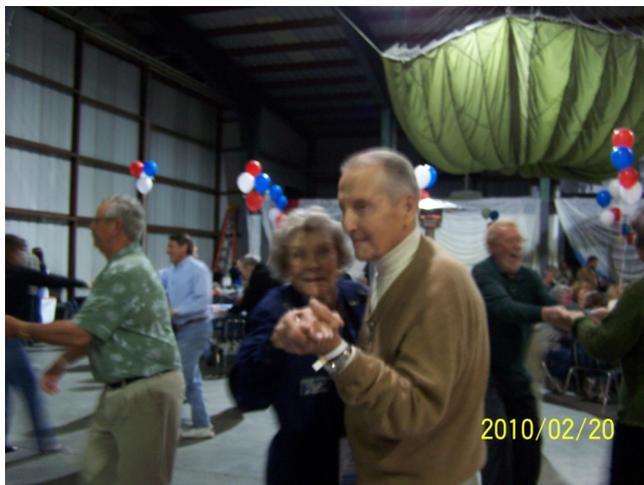
a large TV in the common area, along with a kitchenette and full sized refrigerator. That was where most of us spent our time when we were not at the airport. The first evening we were treated to dinner of BBQ grilled steak, huge Baked potatoes and garden salad. Most of us could only eat half a potato. We had chocolate cake for dessert. We were taken back to the Conference Center for the night and in the morning treated to breakfast of an egg casserole and handsqueezed orange juice.

We departed the Center and were taken to the airport for the ladies to be in a symposium. They were asked questions about their service experiences, which were awesome!

Next, two of them, Beatrice "Bee" Haydu and Janice "Hutch" Hutchison, have books about them to sell and autograph. You have to know I snatched up one of both. Bee's book is about her letters she wrote to her Mother while in service and Hutch's book was called "Heart of a Lion" describing her adventures as a girl growing up with a lion in her home.



Hoola Dancer



Bee Haydu dances with John from the Flying Aces.



Elvis sarendes the group

Sunday began with another great breakfast at the Conference Center and then we were transported, bag and baggage to the airport. The ladies signed posters and talked with the people. I packed up the plane and then looked around at the different aircraft and vendors areas.

We had lunch, and started back home, leaving Barry at Avon Park, and Shirley and Helen at Hoolywood, FL. I touched down at KFMY about 5:30pm and was grateful for a weekend of flying and comradery with WWII veterans.



Women In Aviation Conference, Orlando, FL

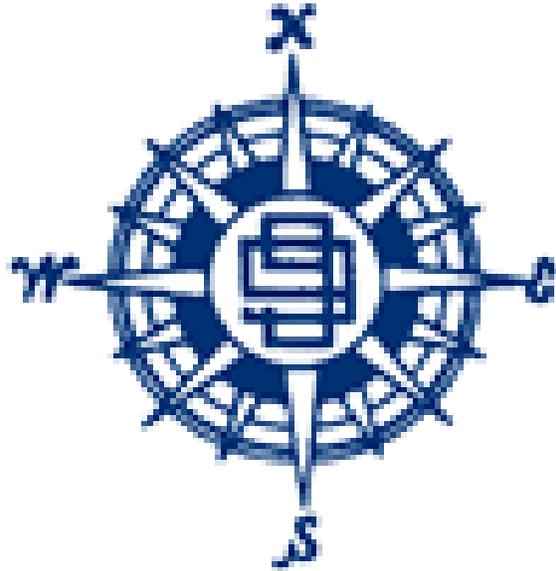
By Boobi Lasher

The Women in Aviation (WAI) Conference was held in Orlando Florida. Of course, the 99s had a booth. We were in a prime location – almost direct center of the convention hall. The Florida Spaceport Chapter was in charge of scheduling volunteers to man the booth. At least 25 members (I may have missed one or 2 in the excitement) spent time in the booth telling everyone how great the 99s are. Volunteers were scheduled for 2 hour shifts. Most stayed longer or came back on multiple days. We signed up 28 new members and got Interest cards from 60 more pilots. If you get an interest card forwarded from HQ, be sure to contact these gals ASAP and invite them to your meetings. The enthusiasm and electricity in the conference center was amazing! Many organizations were represented – many colleges with flight programs, the Whirly Girls, the Armed Services, jewelry sales, Air Lines, UPS, Boeing, Remos had a light sport plane on the floor, the WASP, the Air Race Classic, to name a few. Woman pilots from the US, England, Australia, Puerto Rico, Nigeria, Russia, Italy, Japan, South Africa, Nairobi and Mumbai, India stopped by the booth to chat.

“Better later than never”:

By Vera Bergman

Last year was very slow for me. As it came from part 135 - captain, (single pilot on multi-engine to the island of the Bahamas, every day, few times, Carry passengers) and left my job, *i* couldn't find anything to fit in. So, I worked on - how to improve the exist; i decided to work on my ATP rating, and to finish it, finally. It wasn't easy. Most of the pilots I know, taking their type rating, and somehow, manage to combine ATP into that. I took it "strait". so, it's took me a lot of time. Jan. 13, 2010 - I finished it finally. I am so happy. Now, time to look for a job.



Congratulations, Vera!

FL Suncoast Chapter

February 13th was the scene of the Chapter's annual meeting and Strawberry Bake Off. The Strawberry Contest was judged by Josh, an FBO employee. 1st – Barbara S. for a strawberry icebox cake; 2nd – Nancy Wright for an angel food cake with strawberry cream; 3rd – Barbara Yienas. for a strawberry/ peanut butter cake.

The Chapter is getting ready for the Sun N Fun meeting and week. The chapter does not sponsor the week, but is very active doing things during that week. They bring a bus load of children from area schools and also help with the WASP luncheon. (see flyer on page 4)

Also, they will be repainting the compass rose at Sun N Fun, so if you are interested, bring your sunscreen, a roller and paint pan, and help with the touch up project, March 13, 10:30 am KLAL!

I can't say enough about the WASP luncheon. These women sacrificed their lives and helped our "boys" during WWII. They are a lot of fun, and they are all in their 80's, so who knows how much longer we will have them around to talk to. They will have received their Gold Medals by then, and may have them with them at Sun N Fun. Take this opportunity to chat with these lovely ladies. This may be your last chance!

W.A.S.P. Luncheon

To Honor the Women Air Service Pilots for their Service



Of the hundreds who volunteered only a few remain to tell their stories. Eight plan to attend the luncheon. Be a part of living history and join us in honoring their service.

"If the nation ever again needs them, American women will respond. Never again will they have to prove they can do any flying job the military has. Not as an experiment. Not to fill in for men. They will fly as commissioned officers in the future Air Force of the United States with equal pay - hospitalization - insurance - veterans' benefits.

* **Thursday, April 15th, 2010**

* **Sun 'n Fun Fly-In at KLAL**

* **11:30 a.m.**

* **\$18.00**

THE WASP HAVE EARNED IT FOR THESE WOMEN OF THE FUTURE"
WASP Byrd Howell Granger, 43-W-1

Mail your reservation and check payable to Nancy Wright
122 Highland Road
Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

Or use PayPal:
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TRIVIA

submitted by Bobbi Lasher

At the end of 2008 (the last year that numbers are available) there were:

304,059,724 people in the US

613,746 active pilots

37,981 women pilots

That means:

Women are still 6% of the pilot population.

Women pilots are **.012%** of this country's population.

Therefore:

Most people probably have never met a pilot, let alone a woman pilot!

When was the last time you met someone new and said "Hi, I'm a pilot"?

Since most of us do not wear signs saying "I am a woman pilot"

Or spend all our time talking about flying (except with other pilots),

Others do not know or guess that we are pilots. Why are we hiding this special

Paradise Coast chapter

We now have a Facebook Page! Come join and be one of our Friends!

Our February meeting turned into a night out for our members. We met at Mel's diner in Fort Myers to just have a nice get together and socialize. We are getting ready for the big event in June when we help host the ARC, starting June 22 in Fort Myers, (KFMY), and terminate in Frederick, MD June 25-27. Please come join the Race!

Speaking of flying, have you signed up for the 100th anniversary for women flying? It starts March 6 and continues until the 13th. See website for details:

<http://centennialofwomenpilots.com>

My Flying Activities

By El-Hagg

Since selling my airplane, I have just be busy administering Practical Tests for the FAA two to three times a week and that keeps me pretty busy. At our Designated Pilot Examiner Mandatory meeting in January with the Oklahoma Certification group, I was surprised when we were all introduced to each other, out of the 63 examiners in the N Florida FSDO, I was found to be an examiner for 38 years—longer than any other examiner in the FSDO. I was not, however the oldest in age! (Ha ha) It was a very interesting meeting. We hold these meeting every two years with the Oklahoma group, and every year with our own FSDO. Which is mandatory to be renewed and we are given a test which we must pass. Everyone have a Blessed day!



I was a volunteer for the Super Bowl and one of my assignments was Banyan Airport. There were many people there, either leaving for Haiti or leaving for charters. Not too many interested in the Super Bowl on that post!

B C Alper



I am an AOPA Mentor, and one of my former student pilots called me the other day to say he is starting up a “Wing” for Angel Flight in Sarasota, FL. They are holding a Pancake Breakfast on March 27th from 8-12 at Dolphin Aviation FBO hangar at KSRQ. On March 6th is the organizational meeting is at 9am, Dolphin Aviation FBO Conference room. For further information email: topgun34A@yahoo.com.

JB

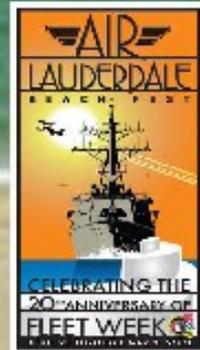
The Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the 99s, in the Southeast Section, proudly presents

Airfest on the Ocean



Join us April 23 – 25th, 2010 for the exciting Southeast Section Meeting during the Ft. Lauderdale Air Show, Directly on the beach in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Accommodations: Courtyard by Marriott, 440 Seabreeze Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316
For reservations call 1-800-321-2211 and use the code 99s
Room rates: \$129.00 per night with a 2 night min. for bayside view
\$149.00 per night with a 2 night min. for an Oceanside view.
Both rooms are available in doubles. A King suite is \$159.00.
This rate is good only until March 23, 2010 after that, if avail. \$ 259 - \$378
Parking a car will be an additional \$15.00 per day, with in and out allowed.
The hotel info can be viewed on the internet at www.marriott.com/FLLCO



Registration fees are as follows:

Registration for members (before March 15th) _____ @ \$ 89.00 _____
(after March 15th) _____ @ \$ 99.00 _____
Optional Dinner Jungle Queen Friday night _____ @ \$ 40.00 _____

Guest Tickets: (these are included in the registration fee above for 99s)

Saturday afternoon gathering by the pool _____ @ \$ 20.00 _____
Saturday Breakfast Buffet _____ @ \$ 35.00 _____

Total Registration \$ _____

Make checks payable to Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the 99s

For each 99s registering please provide us: Name _____
Nickname _____ Address _____
Email address _____ Telephone _____ Cell _____

For each guest attending please provide us with: Name _____

Saturday evening dinner: 7:00 pm at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company at the Marriott. Group seating, separate checks, order from the menu. _____ joining us.

How will you be arriving? Car Commercial Flight # _____ Airport _____ Airline _____
Private Plane _____ N number _____ FXE _____ Canyon FBO _____ DPF – Miami Executive Aviation _____ FLL
_____ estimated time _____ # in plane Will you be renting a car? _____ yes _____ no

Mail Completed registration form with payment to: Beery Ritter, 77420 Overseas Hwy, Islamorada, FL 33036

To pay by credit card, go to www.flgoldcoast99s.org

Announcements and Events:

WASP Luncheon April 15, KLAL

Southeast Section Meeting April 23-25, 2010 Ft Lauderdale, FL

Don't forget to email your activities, both of Chapters and Private, to me by the first of each month. If the deadline is close to your activity, email me and we will arrange something!

Thank you for your articles!

HAPPY ST. PAT'S DAY!

AND DON'T FORGET TO FLY ON MARCH 8th!

