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SouthEast Section

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Governor Lisa Cotham, message:

It's Spring with all its wonderful flying weather, and it's also Section meeting month! I'm so looking forward to hangar-flying with my 99s sisters in Ft. Lauderdale. If you haven't registered yet (like me!) you can do so at www.flgoldcoast99s.org.

One unexpected order of business at the meeting will be to install a new Section Treasurer. Nan Salomon has had to resign her position so we are in need of a member to fill the one year left in Nan's term. If you are willing to serve the Section or know someone who would be just right for the job, please let me know. It's no harder than shooting an NDB approach so if you're up for the challenge, the controls are yours.

This summer your 99s Museum of Women Pilots will have a second grand opening, of sorts, following some exterior renovations and repair on the headquarters building. Randy Bresnick, NASA astronaut and son of Albert Bresnick, well-known as Amelia's personal photographer, will be there to return Amelia's scarf which accompanied him on his November, 2009, shuttle mission.

Part of the renovations includes a newly designed tiled compass rose for the entrance area between the two buildings at Headquarters. We will each have the opportunity to memorialize our support of The 99s by purchasing tiles. We hope to have information available at the Section meeting on prices, sizes, etc.

We want you to start planning for this Fall's Section meeting, a joint meeting with the North Central Section. Mark your calendars for Oct. 1-3 in Nashville, TN, for "Two Sections – One Grand Ole Time." You can look forward to Friday evening at the Grand Ole Opry, a Saturday luncheon with Dr. Janann Sherman who has but one chapter left in her book about 99s Charter Member and Memphis Chapter member Phoebe Omlie, and a repeat performance by country music star and singer/songwriter Dwayne O'Brien who you may remember from the 2003 International Conference in Huntsville.

You might as well start thinking, too, about Spring 2011 when we have another joint meeting, this time with South Central Section, March 31- April 3 in Lafayette, LA. Fri-

Friday activities will include a tour of the world-famous Tabasco factory. This is the weekend before Sun 'n Fun, and we'll be encouraging 99s from across the U.S. to join us in Cajun Country before heading to Florida.

Late word – one of our Section applicants is a finalist for an Amelia Earhart Scholarship and two Associate Members will receive the New Pilot Award. You'll just have to come to Ft. Lauderdale to find out who they are!

See you soon.

Lisa

Editor's note:

Lisa has lost over 70 pounds! You go girl! Congratulations!

Beautiful but cold in the Bahamas!

by Tamra Sheffman

My husband Ron Mayer and I joined 7 other airplanes for the Bahamas fly-in Friday February 26th thru Sunday February 28th. As is often the case we had great tailwinds going to Marsh Harbor and of course headwinds on the return.

The new runway in Marsh Harbor is now open. They are still in the process of setting up the old runway in order to taxi on it, so, this weekend I had to back taxi on the new runway. Once in Marsh Harbor, it is a short cab ride to the ferry which takes you over to Elbow Key.

We stayed 2 nights at Harbor Town Lodge, a delightful resort, with hotel rooms in the main building and lovely cottages on the grounds leading past the pool to the bar/restaurant overlooking the beach.

A cold front was in the area so the air temperature was rather cool as we toured the island on the golf cart. We visited the Abaco Inn with Gregg Rolle and then later in the day climbed all 102 steps (each way) to the top of the Lighthouse. Coincidentally this weekend was the annual fundraiser for the Hope Town Volunteer Firemen, including a downtown festival, face painting for the kids, food and silent auction which was fun to see.

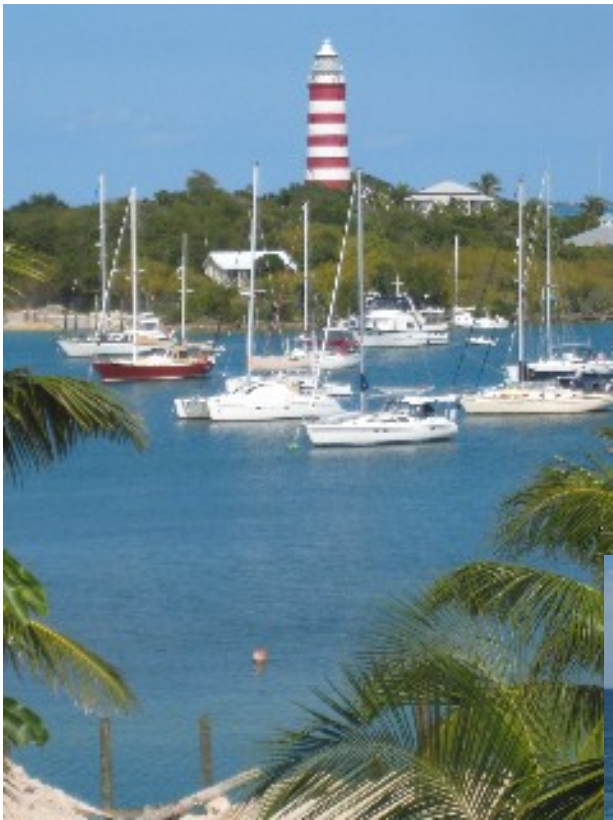
We were given good service at Cherokee Air, the new FBO on Marsh Harbor, they even have Bahamas Customs at the FBO. Instead of the free Blue Phones to call US Customs as you depart the islands, they have free regular phone lines direct to US Customs. (Remember to get the initials of the agent you speak to)

For those of you traveling to the Bahamas, the new eAPIS system is fairly easy to use and coming back into the US was easy as they were expecting us.

We had a delightful weekend and are ready to go back when it gets warmer!



Ron and Tamra to go to the BahamasHope Town here we come!



Ron and Tamra relax at Hope Town Feb 2010



Hope Town Lighthouse Feb 2010 (above)
Beach on the Island (right)

Alabama Chapter

REGULAR AREA FLY IN SCHEDULE

FIRST SATURDAY: WINCHESTER TN FLYIN BREAKFAST

LAWRENCEVILLE, GA FLYIN BREAKFAST (LZU)

SECOND SATURDAY: MURFREESBORO FLYIN BREAKFAST (MBT)

HARTSELLE FLYIN LUNCH 11-1

MCMINNVILLE, TN FLYIN BREAKFAST (RNC)

ROME, GA FLYIN BREAKFAST (RMG)

THIRD SATURDAY: MOONTOWN FLYIN BREAKFAST

CHATTANOOGATN (3M3)

COVINGTON, GA (9A1)

DAWSON, GA (16J)

KENNESAW, GA (RYY)

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Birmingham Aero Club has an event coming up that 99's might be interested in. The regular Thursday night meeting on April 15th at the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham will feature Dr. Julie Hedgepeth Williams. If you were interested in Dr. Williams' book "Wings of Opportunity", but missed the book signing at The Alabama Booksmith, she will be the speaker that night. Social hour is 6 pm - 7 pm and dinner starts at 7 pm. If you are interested in attending, please email Ken Coupland at couplandk@earthlink.net no later than April 13th with a reservation request. Dinner is \$13.00.

The Alabama Chapter and the Birmingham Zonta Club held their annual Amelia Earhart luncheon, Jan. 9, 2010. This was the 14th annual luncheon to raise funds for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. Our speaker was Kim Green, a Ninety-Nine from Nashville and translator of *Black Death - A Soviet Woman Pilot's Memoir of the Eastern Front*. Kim donated her time and travel to help our donation total. We raised **\$1,434.38** to the AEBM. This event is a wonderful event for the Ninety-Nines and Zontians to socialize along with other invitees. From the luncheon profits, we held a silent auction and raffle to increase our donation.



left to right:

Kim Green, speaker, Fran Phelps, 2009 speaker, served in WWII with the Navy WAVES; and Bettina Boateng, Weekend Anchor/Reporter, NBC 13 News

Submitted by Nancy Borg-Miller

Nancy Swanner, a 23 year old veteran of flying was recently featured in the Decatur Daily News. In the article, the writer, Patrice Stewart, writes about Nancy wanting to be a pilot from the tender age of 9-10. No one else in her family had been a pilot. But that didn't stop Nancy. Her Dad knew of her desire and one Christmas he gave her money as a gift, and told her he wished she would learn to fly with the gift. That, along with her tax return gave Nancy the amount she needed to do so. At 30 she began flying lessons.

She has since received her ratings for IFR, Commercial, Multi-engine and CFI. She works with her family who were in the construction industry but now in real estate.

Nancy is a member of several aviation organizations; AOPA, EAA, and of course, 99s, to name a few.

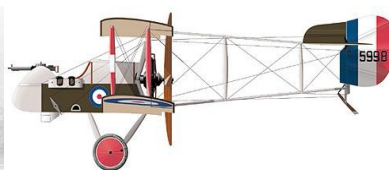
She flies to many different places in her area for the noted \$100.00 hamburger, and is planning to attend the SouthEast Section Meeting in Ft Lauderdale, FL this month.

Congratulations, Nancy, on the informative story.

To read the story written by Patrice Stewart go to the website:

<http://www.decaturdaily.com/detail/55635.html>

Spaceport Chapter by Bobbi Lasher



Do you recognize the pictures above? They are planes from WWI, the SE5A, (a British plane), The Dahavilland DH2, and the Fokker mono plane. The Spaceport Chapter members had the privilege of viewing all three replicas at their March meeting at Arthur Dunn Airpark, Titusville, FL. Mark Oriza has built these planes and informed the members about them and their history. They went to lunch at LaCita Country Club. Kathy Culley was instrumental in planning this activity for the chapter.

There will be a balloonfest at New Smyrna Beach May 21-23, 2010. For more information:

www.NewSmyrnaBeachBalloonfest.com

Volunteers are needed to park cars. \$1.00 of the \$5.00 parking fee goes to the volunteer!

If you have never attended a balloon fest, you have missed out!

Suncoast Chapter

submitted by Marilyn Shafer, CC



Pictured on the left are Florida Suncoast Chapter 99s Barbara Sierchio (Left) and Mary Fletcher (center) with WASP Ruth Hubert as they attended the March 26th Ceremony in her honor in St. Pe-

tersburg. The photo on the right is of Ruth during her WASP days as a trainer in the AT-6 fighter trainer aircraft.



The 93-year-old pilot extraordinaire was presented with her WASP medal which was commissioned by Congress in 2009 by Civil Air Patrol Wing Ken McMann. Congressman Bill Young's aide presented Ruth with the flag flown over the Senate on March 25 along with her certificate. Present at the reception besides 99s Sierchio and Fletcher were long time Civil Air Patrol friends and the Hubert family. Ruth was a long time member of the 99s and the Florida Suncoast Chapter. Congratulations, Ruth, and thank you for your service and paving the way into aviation for the rest of us!

Suncoast Chapter is selling great windbreakers with rolled up hoods in the collar. They have Velcro on the end of the sleeves for better fit.

For more information contact:

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Blue Ridge Chapter



Members from the Blue Ridge Chapter 99s and the Carolinas Chapter 99 met at the Anson County Wings & Wheels event on March 27th. The Carolinas Chapter 99s hosted a table at the event. The ladies had a great day visiting with each other, viewing airplanes and vintage automobiles. The ladies were also able to speak with several individuals about the 99s and flying in general.

New SE Section Members

We welcome our new members!

Janin Hutcheson:

Janin is a licensed ATP, CFI, CFII, MEI, a First Officer with AirTran Airways, where she has been flying the Boeing 717 for the last 5 years. She is married to a man who is in Marketing, also for AirTran. She always meant to join the 99s, but just never got around it until recently. She has been a member of WAI since 1996. She is glad she finally joined the 99s. Welcome Janin!



Diana Noll

Paradise Coast Chapter welcomes new Light Sport Pilot and new aircraft owner, Diana Noll, from Nokomis, FL. Diana is a retired K-9 Officer from Philadelphia, PA area. She recently relocated to Sunny Florida. (maybe sunny this year, but not especially warm!) Diana is anxious to fly with her fellow 99 sisters! Welcome Diana!

If you are a recent member to 99s, or have a recent member in your chapter, please submit a pic and a short bio.

Editor note: Correction

Last month I ran a story submitted by Ziva Bergman, but stated that she was Vera Bergman. Sorry Ziva for attempting to change you name! My Bad.

Events:

April:

Sun N Fun: Lakeland, FL (KLAL) April 13-19.

WASP Luncheon: Lakeland FL (KLAL) April 15.

Southeast Section Meeting: Ft Lauderdale, FL April 23-25.

Airfest: Ft Lauderdale, FL April 23-25

Balloonfest: New Smyrna Beach, FL May 21-23

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"
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Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

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paysc99@fpcg.net

FLORIDA SPACEPORT CHAPTER
THE NINETY-NINES, INC.
2289 Cox Road
Cocoa FL 32926

APPLICATION FOR THE MARY BLACKWELL – ANNE WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is to assist a woman towards a career in the aviation field by providing \$1500 towards flight training. The money can be used towards any rating or certificate except Private Pilot.

I. To be eligible, you must be: 1) a female, 2) at least 18 years old, 3) at least a Private Pilot, 4) living in, or be a permanent resident of The 99s South East Section, 5) of financial need and (6) must have a desire to make the field of aviation your career. . (The 99s Southeast Section includes FL, GA, NC, SC, AL, MS, LA & TN.)

II. Each application package should include:

- Application form, all 3 pages completed, and notarized
- Letter telling a) what certificate or rating you will use it towards, b) how you became interested in an aviation career, c) your reason for applying for this scholarship, d) why you need financial assistance, and e) how this training will further your career.
- Letter of reference
- Wallet size head and shoulder photograph
- A copy of your Pilot Certificate, Medical Certificate, and, if applicable, flight review endorsement.
- Disclaimer form, completed and signed
- Any other information you think will help the scholarship committee choose you to receive this scholarship

III. Submit THREE complete application packages.

IV. Applications are judged on your: a) demonstration of financial need, b) desire to pursue a career in aviation, c) ability to be an ambassador, representing women in aviation, d) likelihood of success at reaching your goals, and e) neatness and completeness of application package. Application packages will not be considered unless they are completed as specified and in triplicate.

V. Mail the application in triplicate to the address above. Applications must be postmarked between March 1 and May 1,

NAME: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

_____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS (if different) _____

TELEPHONE: BUSINESS _____ RESIDENCE: _____

DATE OF

CERTIFICATES & RATINGS: _____ TOTAL FLIGHT HOURS: _____ MEDICAL: _____

DATE OF DATE OF

BFR: _____ FLIGHT REVIEW _____

AGE: _____ MARRIED ? _____ HUSBAND'S NAME: _____

PRESENT POSITION (List employer's Name and Address): -

PREVIOUS POSITION: _____

HUSBAND'S POSITION & EMPLOYER: _____

ELIGIBILITY FOR
APPLICATION FOR THE MARY BLACKWELL – ANNE WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The following is to be completed by a responsible Official of the School or the person who will give the instruction.

_____ Flight Hours – SOLO \$ _____ /HR \$ _____

_____ Flight Hours –DUAL \$ _____ /HR \$ _____

_____ HOURS – GROUND SCHOOL \$ _____ /HR \$ _____

Other – Describe\$ _____

Less discount (if Applicant is an employee of the school)\$ - _____

TOTAL NET COST OF INSTRUCTION:.....\$ _____

AIRCRAFT TO BE USED; _____ MODEL: _____

I have examined the credentials (certificate, logs, etc.) of the applicant and find her to be fully qualified to accomplish the following course or rating.

FULL NAME OF COURSE OR RATING: _____

I hereby certify all information stated above is true and correct.

SIGNED: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

MUST BE NOTORIZED

BE IT KNOWN THAT:

If I receive this scholarship I will complete the “Rating” for which this application is submitted within 24 consecutive months after the date of the first check.

I understand that this Scholarship is for the sum of \$1,500.00 to be used ONLY for the “Rating” for which I am applying.

I understand, also, that the funds will be paid directly to the School named above.

Signed: _____

Subscribed and sworn before me this _____ day of _____, 2010

Notary Signature: _____

My Commission expires: _____

Disclaimer

Neither the Spaceport Chapter of the Ninety Nines, Inc., nor their agent, members or representatives, are responsible for, nor are liable for, the quality of any training, incident, or any other event which may occur while the recipient of this scholarship is performing flight training or activities relating thereto.

The applicant signed below agrees to this disclaimer.

Name: _____

Date: _____

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 – Banyan FBO ____ OPF – Miami Executive Aviation ____ FLL

____ estimated time ____ # in plane Will you be renting a car? ____ yes ____ no

Mail Completed registration form with payment to:

Becky Ritter

77420 Overseas Hwy

Islamorada, FL 33036

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

Our Proposed Flight Plan:

Friday: Registration open from 2:00 to 5:00 (if you need later please let us know)

Hospitality Room open from 2:00 to 5:00

Jungle Queen (wings along the Intracoastal) – (optional) includes dinner and show: cost is \$40.00. The Jungle Queen will depart at 6:00 pm (meet in the lobby at 5:30 pm)

Saturday: Registration open 8:00 am to 8:30 am (if you will be arriving later, please let us know)

Breakfast Buffet and speaker in the Meeting Room: 8:30 am

Meeting will be during breakfast to be able to finish early so we can see the airshow.

Saturday afternoon gathering by the pool 5:30 - 6:45 pm

**Dinner Optional at Bubba Gump Shrimp Company with speaker 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
(see info in above)**

Sunday: Checkout time is 11:00 am.

If you need help with transportation to or from an airport, please let us know how many people, the time and place so arrangements can be made.

Local Area Restaurants, Attractions, Transportation and Shopping information is available at the hotel website www.marriott.com/FLLCO

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A-1 Race Route Flyer 06/27/2009

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Tuscaloosa, AL (KTCL)

Hot Spring, AR (KHOT)

Cameron, MO (KEZZ)

Murphysboro, IL (KMDH)

Elkhart, IN (KEKM)

Parkersburg, WV (KPKB)

Frederick, MD (KFDK)