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## Florida Goldcoast Chapter hosts Southeast Section Meeting.

Great Weekend in Ft. Lauderdale!

By Tamra Sheffman

The Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the Ninety-Nines hosted the Southeast Section Meeting April 23- 25, 2010. What a delightful weekend – lots of fun, food, friendship and fabulous activities.

Several women flew into Ft. Lauderdale Executive and were warmly greeted by the Banyan Team and by Sonia Bortolin, transportation coordinator extraordinaire. (By the way, Nancy Swanner, won the prize for traveling the farthest in her own airplane.)

Friday evening we all enjoyed a an informative sightseeing cruise on the New River, followed by dinner and show on a private island. A nice way to start!



Saturday morning Kathy Carl gave an thought-provoking talk about accident investigations. It was interesting to hear how the accident scene is examined for clues of what happened.

Kathy Carl, Speaker, at Saturday morning Breakfast.



The business meeting followed with Lisa Cotham, Judy Bowser, Marlene Rasetta and Corbi Bulluck all professionally leading us through the business meeting. International President Susan Larson also attended the whole weekend and provided information about what is happening at headquarters as well as information about the International Conference in Hawaii, energizing us all. The Governor’s award was given to Judy Bowser, FLIGHTLINE Editor, and \$50.00 will be given to the Endowment Fund in her name.

Florida Goldcoast Chapter, President Pat Blasi, presented a plaque to Connie Wilds congratulating her on 50 years in aviation.

The 2010 Air Race Classic was well represented with 10 attendees who will be competing June 22 – 25 in this years race starting in FMY and finishing in FDK.



The hospitality room had lots of food and wine and some marvelous silent auction items. (Congratulations to Barbara Para on her new headset!)

Many thanks to Pat Blasi, Sonia Bortolin, Becky Ritter, Diane Reinken, Tamra Sheffman and the entire Goldcoast Chapter for an enjoyable and informative weekend.

Our guest speaker on Saturday night acted out the part of the Wright Brothers mechanic, Charlie Taylor, he was superb. He kept everyone's interest and we all learned a lot about the early days of aviation.

To sum it all up, I'd like to quote Barbara Strachan, "If you ever have the chance to visit one of the SE section meetings, try to make it, they are fun."



## **FL Spaceport Chapter**

May 8th; Our guest speaker will be Sir Ernie Hamilton Boyette, a self taught artist who has been interviewing World War II aviators since 1991. After interviewing the aviators, Ernie then draws a picture of their plane to go with the interview. He has created a series of art prints illustrating famous aircraft and the stories of the aviators who flew them. He has interviewed Tuskegee airmen and WASP pilots, including our own Helen Snapp. He has also interviewed top aviators from the US, Canada, Japan, Italy, France and Germany. Ernie's favorite aviator of all time is Jackie Cochran. Mr. Boyette will tell us about his work and about Jackie Cochran.

We will be meeting in Judy Tokar's hangar at Spruce Creek at 10 am. After the meeting we will adjourn to the Spruce Creek Country Club or the Airport Restaurant for lunch.

Fly in directions: Anyone flying in, be especially careful, because the Gaggle Groups go out on Saturday for breakfast and that could be 50 or so airplanes. They leave about 8:30 and return about 10-10:30. So landing here before 10 am would be good. Tie downs for visiting aircraft are behind the blue lines on the ground. Anyone can obtain this information from our web site: [www.fly-in.com/find\\_us.html](http://www.fly-in.com/find_us.html).

Driving Instructions: I-95 to exit 256 and go west on Taylor Road 2.3 miles to a large sign that reads "Spruce Creek A Fly-In Community". Security will ask for your driver's license, and then ask security for a map or directions to the Tokar's, 1856 Seclusion Dr. Park your car by the big tree next to the runway (go past Judy's house to the wide road/taxiway and turn left), park on the cement space under the tree. A golf cart will pick you up. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN JUDY'S OR ANYONE ELSE'S DRIVEWAY. Call 866-585-8366 if you need a ride from the parking area.

Please RSVP to Bobbi at [b919r@cfl.rr.com](mailto:b919r@cfl.rr.com) or 321-636-5346

## **FL Suncoast Chapter**

By Marilyn Shafer CC

A great time was had by all who attended Sun 'n Fun last month. The friendships renewed, the fundraising improved and the new members gained. The Thunderbirds were phenomenal and the overall spirit of the flyin was high. If you

Only two more meetings remain before our summer hiatus of June and July. If you would like to host a meeting, be sure to contact Nancy Wright and she will schedule YOUR FBO for our 2010-2011 meeting year.

Our May meeting will have an agenda of donations to approve

for the Endowment Fund and other International programs; a discussion about our proposed True Blue Award; Sun 'n Fun and Space Camp Committee Reports; Report on Clearwater Airpark Open House event and much more. You won't want to miss it! See you May 8th at 10:30am.

By Nancy Wright, Interim Vice Chair

Sun n Fun is over and was a great success. A great big thanks to Barbara Sierchio and all who helped and planned this event. The WASPs being there brought in a lot of visitors. They had their own tent in front of our building but had the use of all of our facilities.

The WASP luncheon had 72 people in attendance. The food was great and a big thank you to Rod Hamlet of Florida Barbecue. The Aero Shell Team and Patti Wagstaff both dedicated their performances to the WASPs and they were really thrilled. They were then driven down the flight line to receive the applause of the crowd.

We had a record number of 99s at our meeting which included two International Board members, Fran Stubeck and Virginia Harmer. These two gals and our past president Elaine Morrow also participated in the parade and loved it. Elaine signed up three new members and stayed outside during the meeting to sell merchandise.

**Laura Ying Gao passed her check ride! She is now a private pilot. Congratulations Laura!!!**

## Alabama Chapter

By Nancy Swanner (award winner for flying her own plane the farthest to Section)

Section: Fort Lauderdale, FL

Friday, April 23: After a few lazy days in Orange Beach, AL, Betty, a non-pilot friend, and I left Foley airport for Ft. Lauderdale. Folks, it is a long way down to Ft. Lauderdale. We made pretty good time to Ocala, FL, where we stopped and ate at a nice airport burger joint and re-fueled. Then we were off again. Now, from here, it gets pretty hairy. I can tell you tales of high excitement of flying through military airspace, all of which was "hot," being vectored to several intersections that seemed to have disappeared from my charts ("CAN YOU SPELL THAT, PLEASE?!!!!") then flying an approach into Ft. Lauderdale Executive. This airport was in town so was completely camouflaged. Thank goodness I was on the ILS and could pretend I knew where I was. The chapter in charge graciously paid for our cab to the hotel which was right on the beach. That's the good part. The not so good was I got into the hotel at 5:00 local time. The ride over to the beach cruise and dinner left at 5:15. Yes, I left poor Betty with the luggage, ran up to the top floor and grabbed my packet so to retrieve my cruise ticket, then back out where I begged a ride over to the docks. It was an hour through the canals where some huge homes sat right on the water, famous people still live there, movies were shot there. Our guide was wonderful in pointing all this out. We disembarked onto a private "jungle" spot where we ate ribs, chicken, and shrimp and the fixings, saw a comedy show, then cruised back to the hotel. Nice - nice!

Saturday, April 24: Business meeting and breakfast - 8:00 am to 12:30 pm. While we ate, we had a speaker that is doing investigations into air accidents. She was great. Not so much what went wrong but how an investigation works from start to finish, who is involved, how they decide on what happened. Very informative. Then the business meeting of which I remember little, alas. We voted on a lot of things, I can tell you that. A few things I did come away with: 1- The meeting for the fall section is in Nashville with a lot of cool things to do! Be on the lookout for this! 2- The 2011 terminus for the Air Race Classic will be Mobile. They want us to help. Of course I said, "Sure we will!" You can all kill me later. They will be in touch. 3 - There is a legal problem with our non-profit status. I have the paperwork at home (I'm at work right now.) Evidently wasn't filed with the state in 1958 when it should have been. I will get you more on this. 4 - International is in Hawaii. Evidently this is going to be a great shindig. Everyone is going. But me. Anyway, check that out on line, too.

I picked up Betty and we walked the beach. Orange Beach was a little chilly and totally deserted. Ft. L. was not. Shoulder to shoulder college age kids, all of them drinking and heavily tattooed. Wow. The beach right across from our hotel was packed, the towels laying within 6" of each other. Amazing. Music coming from boom boxes and the restaurants that lined the street. Hot hot hot. We found a place in the shade, ordered nachos and the drink special of the day (well, I did, Betty had water) and enjoyed the crowd. Came back to the room, found out there was a guitar player/singer out by the pool, put on our suits and enjoyed the music

until 5:00. The section hosted hors d'oeuvres at pool side. I sampled a little, but not much, as we were about to walk next door to Bubba Gumps. Great place! Had a good meal and a wonderful speaker. The Wright Brothers' machinist, yes, the man who made the first engine for the first airplane, showed slides and told about the brothers and their lives and the birth of the flying machine. It was great. He was very well spoken for a man who must have been at least 200 years old. Didn't look a day over 50, strangely enough.

The only shadow was the increasingly loud whispers of the bad weather moving in from the north. Yikes. I tried to ignore the talk but it was too much and at the hotel I got online and actually looked at the weather, and yes, as you know, it was bad. I decided to wait until the morning to make a go/no-go decision.

Sunday, April 25 -The briefer in the morning was so gloom and doom that it even scared me. But, he had to admit, if I waited until Monday the really bad stuff would probably be on top of Ft. L. by then so I would probably not get out until Tuesday. I had a bad case of "get home itis" by that time so I decided to make it back to Ocala and check weather from there.

Yes, we had a 30 knot head wind. Yes, the landing was slightly strange due to gusts but we were down. The briefer this time was even more negative, if possible, than the one I had that morning. He suggested getting a hanger for the plane and hunkering down for the night. Which I did.

Monday, April 26 - It was a good call, all in all, although the cross winds were terrible, the bumps horrible, and I spent most of the flight in the soup (hey, I did have some wonderful radar help from that fabulous Birmingham approach controller we all know and love.) I shot a VOR 36 into DCU and got it down without incident.

For those of you who have not been to a section, try and make it to the one in Nashville. It's a great opportunity to talk to a lot of women who fly for a lot of different reasons.

#### 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)

## *2010 Air Race Classic Race Route*

*We have an Alabama 99 in the race -*

Classic 12: Susan Carastro (FL)  
Marie Carastro (AL)

As you may be well aware, a large group of Women Pilots will be stopping at the Tuscaloosa, AL airport June 22 - 25, during the Annual Air Race Classic. We are looking for volunteers to help at this stop along our cross country race route. Some of the volunteer duties would include timing, driving racers to and from hotels, welcoming racers, prepare/distribute refreshments and goodies, etc. We are also still looking for a volunteer designated as a "Stop Chair" who would over-see all of the activities and volunteers at KTCL.

Please forward this information onto your members and anyone else who may be interested. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [heidilapine@yahoo.com](mailto:heidilapine@yahoo.com).



# Paradise Coast Chapter

By Terry Carbonell, VC

The weekend of April 23rd found 4 of the Paradise Coast members in Fort Lauderdale for the Southeast Section 99s Spring Fling Meeting. Jessica Stearns, Ellen Herr, Judy Bowser and Terry Carbonell were treated by the Gold Coast 99s to a weekend of food and fun.



Friday evening saw the group of 99s - some 40 strong plus guests, on the River Boat tour of the area with barbecue dinner included. Breakfast Saturday morning was accompanied by a guest speaking on aviation accident investigation. The meeting followed where the 501 (c)(3) issue was presented, among other things. 99s President,

Susan Larson, spoke to the group to tell of the exciting thing happening with International.



Terry and Ellen wandered the town to the shopping district on Las Olas Boulevard, churning the local economy as is required at every 99s meeting. Dinner found the gals gathered once again at Bubba Gumps Seafood for dinner and a show. . . . and a fabulous time was had by all!



The ARC (Air Race Classic) 2010 will begin in Paradise Coast Chapter home, Page Field (KFMY) Fort Myers, FL. For further information see their website:

<http://www.paradisecoast99s.org>



Fly the Air Race Classic!

June 22 - 25, 2010  
ENTRIES OPEN: January 2, 2010  
ENTRIES CLOSE: Postmarked By April 15, 2010  
2157.7 nautical miles  
2483.0 statute miles  
Start: Fort Myers, FL  
Terminus: Frederick, MD  
Fort Myers, FL (KFMY)  
Waycross, GA (KAYS)  
Tuscaloosa, AL (KTCL)  
Hot Spring, AR (KHOT)  
Cameron, MO (KEZZ)  
Murphysboro, IL (KMDH)  
Elkhart, IN (KEKM)  
Parkersburg, WV (KPKB)  
Frederick, MD (KFDK)

## **Air Race Classic 2010**

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Licensed Women Pilots  
1910-2010

Visit [www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org) to learn more!

We want YOU to help us continue the tradition of women's air racing in today's aviation!

Join us, in the spirit of Amelia Earhart, Louise Thaden, Bobbi Trout and many, many more.

Enter Air Race Classic's thirty-fourth race and become a part of women's aviation history.

Racers: Flight crews of two to four women pilots per airplane make up a team. Two licensed & current women pilots are the minimum. Additional crew members may be flown if they are women pilots with or without a medical or women student pilots.

Race Schedule: Required events that occur before and after the race should be part of race planning. Start arrival deadline is June 19th. Departure from the Terminus is June 28th. Race days are June 22-25, 2010.

Airplane: This handicap race is limited to STOCK and modified STOCK airplanes, certified in the normal or utility categories with normally aspirated engine(s), rated for CONTINUOUS MAXIMUM OPERATION at full takeoff power. Check the web-site or

contact [airplane@airraceclassic.org](mailto:airplane@airraceclassic.org) for additional airplane requirements.

Fees: The race registration kit is \$30.00. Additional fees are required for Race Entry, Start and Terminus activities.

Air Race Classic, Inc is a 501(c)3 organization. Your tax deductible donations are welcome.

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Order online [www.airraceclassic.org/2010entry](http://www.airraceclassic.org/2010entry) Or send check or money order to Air Race Classic, Inc.

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