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ARC Host Duo Place First!

Paradise Coast Chapter Vice Chair, Terry Carbonell, and her partner, Chapter Chair, Ellen Herr, and passenger, Laura Ying Gao, came into Frederick MD as the winner. Not only did they place first, they also arrived first! Also, from Paradise Coast Chapter was Treasurer, Cheryl Lynn Dratler and her partner, Immediate Past Chapter Chair, Jessica Stearns won first in legs 4&5.



Terry Carbonell, Ellen Herr, and Laura Ying Gao

A trip to New Zealand

By Kathy Koshan SE Section - Edgewater, Florida

My husband & I just returned from a month in New Zealand & met with Pam Collings, a member of the New Zealand 99s. Pam owns her own airfield, Forest Field, in Rangiora on the south island just northwest of Christchurch. She has just written a book called Silver Wings - New Zealand Women in Aviation, and I thought we might include a flyer for her in our next edition since they are our sister section. Pam & husband Ces invited us to dinner in Christchurch to a place called Willowbank, which was a Kiwi reserve. Kiwi's (the bird that is!), are getting scarce, & the reserve is trying to repopulate & release the birds back into their natural habitat. We had a lovely dinner amongst the Kiwi's, & Pam & Ces also invited us out to Forest Field, their home, to see the airport. What a luxury to have 3 grass runways right out your back door! Pam & Ces cleared all the trees over the years & made 3 very wide & quite long runways, which they share with some friends also living on their airfield.

Pam Collings, Kathy Koshan & Ces Collings right outside their back door.





Pam is also into Olive trees & has planted hundreds - hopefully we will soon see her olive oil marketed - perhaps with an airplane on the label? We had a wonderful cultural exchange . I forgot to mention that Pam was the 1st woman in 1976 to enter the World Aerobatic Championship which was in Keiv that year.

Pictured left: Willowbank Reserve in Christchurch; Kathy Koshan, husband Will Weatherbee, Pam & Ces Collins, and friend,/pilot, Bernice Hintz.

For more information regarding Pam's book, Silver Wings, see last page of this FLIGHTLINE.

ALABAMA CHAPTER

AUGUST - The Birmingham Aero Club will be hosting noted author and historian, Sarah Byrn Rickman at the Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham. She will be talking about her latest book, "Nancy Batson Crews, Alabama's First Lady of Flight". Crews was a Birmingham native, Aero Club member and 99 - she also was one of "the Originals", the first women pilots in the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron. Date is August 19th, at 7 PM in the South Wing of the Museum. Sarah will discuss her book with a PowerPoint presentation, answer questions and have books available for purchase. There will be a new exhibit about Crews to celebrate the Centennial of Licensed Women Pilots. Reception will follow. Reservations requested , suggested donation \$10.00. Email Ken Coupland at couplandk@earthlink.net with your number of guests.

As a side note to this, I have purchased a copy of the WASP Congressional Gold Medal and will donate it to the Southern Museum of Flight for the Crews exhibit in honor of the Alabama 99's. - HR

Air Race Classic flies through Alabama

Terry Carbonell, Ellen Herr, and Laura Ying Gao, of Florida, won the 34th Annual Air Race Classic for female pilots. The team flew a Cessna 182RG aircraft 2400 miles and garnered 16 points. "We had a great tem, a great plane and it couldn't work any better", Herr said. Alabama Chapter member Betty Myer was at Tuscaloosa Regional to cover Alabama Aviator, and wound up helping with fueling, hospitality, and ferrying pilots around the airport. Her article and video are available at:

[http://www.alabamaaviator.com/index.asp?record no=19471](http://www.alabamaaviator.com/index.asp?record%20no=19471)

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER

By Lori Irvin-Connorton

The Blue Ridge chapter's June meeting was BBQ held at Lori Irvin-Connorton's house. Lori's husband, Terry, cooked chicken kabobs and hamburgers. Deena Spradlin brought a delicious broccoli salad and Billi Willauer (long time 99s supporter) and her husband Chris brought drinks and a refreshing watermelon salad. Desserts were brought by Katie Hendricks, Lee Orr and Madeline Kennedy.



L-R Front Row: Roslyn McIntosh, Nan Soloman, Lori Irvin-Connorton, Lee Orr, Madeline Kennedy and Kate Hendricks. L-R Back Row: Billie Willauer (long time 99 supporter), Dana Spradlin (Newest member)

The ladies had a great time talking and catching up. It was great to see Rosalyn McIntosh back from wintering in Florida. It was the first time several newer members had the pleasure of meeting her. It was also bittersweet saying good-bye to long time Blue Ridge chapter member, Nan Soloman,. Nan is relocating to Alabama this summer. She will be greatly missed.

Prior to eating, the ladies held a short meeting. The primary focus was on an upcoming airmarking project at the Greenwood airport, Lori was contacted by the FBO about repainting the 99 compass rose. City surveyors have marked the position of N,S, E, and W and the area has been pressure washed. Members discussed the best time

to layout the paint the 80' compass rose and it appears the best time would be September 17 & 18th. This would allow for cooler temperatures. It also is just prior to the chapter's scheduled monthly meeting to be held September 19th. We are looking for volunteers to help with the project. Please call Lori to volunteer. Welcome new member Dana Spradlin!

BLUE RIDGE CONGRATULATIONS CORNER:

A big "atta girl" goes out to Danna Park who recently passed her Private Pilot written exam. Danna reports she is now preparing to complete her first solo cross country.

Katie Hendricks graduated Cum Laude from Wofford University on May 23rd with a B. A. in Intercultural Studies with Business and Spanish, and minored in Economics. Katie is headed to Charleston School of Law in August. She is excited to see where law school will take her and where her interests will lie when she graduates. One exciting prospect would be practicing aviation law— perhaps Boeing! Katie plans to complete her flying lessons and obtain her Private Pilot license prior to her departure for law school.

Best of luck to both of these ladies. We look forward to hearing future updates on them.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT

By Pat Theberge, International Vice President

The Ninety-Nines 2010 International Conference was held in Kona, on the big island of Hawaii. The Sheraton hotel provided a beautiful venue and we were truly “99s Pilots in Paradise.”

At the Annual Business Meeting, 175 voting delegates representing 16 sections were in attendance. All of the conference material may be found on The Ninety-Nines website. Delegates approved all of the changes to the bylaws and standing rules as presented. As a result, the Academic member classification will no longer be an available option for membership. During the meeting, Kitty Houghton, International Membership Chairman for offshore Sections, presented a video that featured the ladies of the Nepal Section. The video provided an introduction to some of the professional pilot members and a picture of the extreme flying conditions faced every day. The Amelia Earhart Scholarship Co-Chairmen Peggy Doyle and Madeleine Monaco announced that 28 scholarships were awarded for 2010.

Following the meeting, outgoing Past President Pat Prentiss installed newly elected members.

International Board: President Susan Larson, Vice-President Pat Theberge, Treasurer Martha Phillips, Secretary Frances Luckhart, Director Jan McKenzie and Director Joan Kerwin.

Nominating Committee: Kris Irvin-Herron, Barbara Strachan, Sandra Hawkins, Linda Mae Draper-Hivert and Fran Postma.

99s Endowment Fund: Andrea Chay, Virginia Harmer and Anne Marie Radel.

99s Museum of Women Pilots: Jennifer Cress and Carol Morris.

Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum: Janet Yoder.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund: Dorothy Berthelet.

Our guest speaker, Hawaii Airlines Captain Mimi Tompkins, presented Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM). Included in her presentation was a recounting of her experiences during and after the incident as first officer on Aloha Airlines, when the airplane experienced major structural failure during flight.

Other events included a Leadership Seminar, a traditional Hawaiian Luau held on the grounds of the hotel, and various Trust meetings and member gatherings. Overall, it was a wonderful gathering. Many thanks go to the Southwest Section for hosting.

Arabian	19	Mid-Atlantic	354
Australian	39	Nepal	17
Austrian	8	New Eng-	162
Brazil	3	New York-	228
British	13	New Zea-	15
East Can-	124	North Cen-	674
Far East	7	Northwest	422
Finnish	6	Norwegian	5
French	14	Russian	18
German	41	South Cen-	762
India	12	Southeast	530
Israeli	11	Southwest	1,507
Members at	12	West Can-	48
TOTAL			5051

Section Statistics as of July 31, 2010

SE Section at 2010 International Conference Hawaii

Governors Lisa Cotham and Jennifer Graham, Australia Section



Governors SE Section: Corbi Bulluck 2007-09,
Lisa Cotham 2009-11, and Connie Wilds 1991-
93.



Southeast Section members: Corbi Bullock, Immediate Past Governor (Kitty Hawk); Lisa Cotham, Governor (New Orleans); Sonia Bortolin; Ursula Davidson; Connie Wilds, Past Governor; and Cecile Hatfield, International Legal Counsel; (Florida Goldcoast). Not pictured: Barbara Harris-Para, (Carolinas); Lee Orr, (Blue Ridge).



Lee Orr, Blue Ridge Chapter with Governor Lisa Cotham

GOVERNOR LISA'S MESSAGE

For those of us in the southeastern United States, we're facing the dog days of summer and the increasing threat of tropical weather systems. The heat has been historical in many areas, so please be careful if you're out at the airport: keep hydrated, wear sunscreen, and watch those density altitudes.

The Fall Section meeting in Nashville will be here before we know it, hopefully offering cooler conditions for October in the Smokies. Your Section officers have worked with North Central Section Governor Shelley Ventura to make this a fun weekend. Shelley has handled all of the hotel and event arrangements and is even handling our preregistration.

It's now time for the Southeast Section to pony up for our share of meeting responsibilities. We need 2-3 volunteers to work the on-site registration table on Friday and 3-4 volunteers to work in the hospitality suite.

To the dedicated member who volunteers to chair Hospitality, we're offering a special incentive. Hospitality is in an 850 sq ft suite with a king-size sleeping room. We are offering the sleeping room to the Hospitality Chairman at a cost of only \$60 per night plus taxes, a 50% savings over a regular room.

In exchange for this benefit, it will be necessary to keep the hospitality room open on Friday evening for those who elect not to attend the Grand Ole Opry and probably on Saturday evening for a while after the banquet and maybe Sunday morning. We don't expect the Chairman to do it alone, so please offer your services, if only for a few hours. Please review the schedule to see what hours Hospitality will be open.

Also, there will be a silent auction and we're in need of goods. If you are coming to the meeting, just bring your items with you. If you cannot attend but would like to support the Section, you can send your items to me and I will bring them to Nashville for you. And if you have any door prize-type items, I can take those for you as well. Send them to: Lisa Cotham, 13512 Riverview Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70817.

I want to thank the chapters that provided their delegate credentials to me to register at the International Conference. Due to limitations on the number of votes a delegate can carry, some credentials were distributed to other Section members with instructions on how the Chapter wished to vote on specific issues. Please see the Conference Report in this Flightline.

Chapter Chairs and Chapter Treasurer's, remember, the section officers need your information for the Section Umbrella 501c-3 status to be completed this fall. Please send your information to Section Secretary, Judy Bowser, 167 First St. (Ursina), Confluence, PA 15424, or bring it with you to Nashville.

Finally, it's time to start thinking about running for Section officer. We will be holding elections prior to our April 2011 meeting. If you are interested, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee or any Section Officer.

Looking forward to seeing you in Nashville and having a Grand Ole Time!

Lisa

EDITOR'S CORNER:

Remember to register for SE Section Meeting. North Central Section and we are going to Nashville, TN Oct 1,2,3. There are many optional side trips to do, so see the attached registration form and fill yours out and send it in.

Note change regarding registration for hotel:

Booking rooms for our conference dates (October 1 to October 3 only) can be done online, through central reservations, or directly with the hotel. Our Group code is NTN. Valet parking will not show on the confirmation, however, it is included in the \$119 rate.

If anyone wants to book a night OUTSIDE of our conference dates, they must call Pam Knowlin at 615-747-4814 between the hours of 7:30 AM and 3:30 PM CT. Outside those hours, her phone transfers to central reservations and they are unable to override the rates for our negotiated 'shoulder dates'.

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.

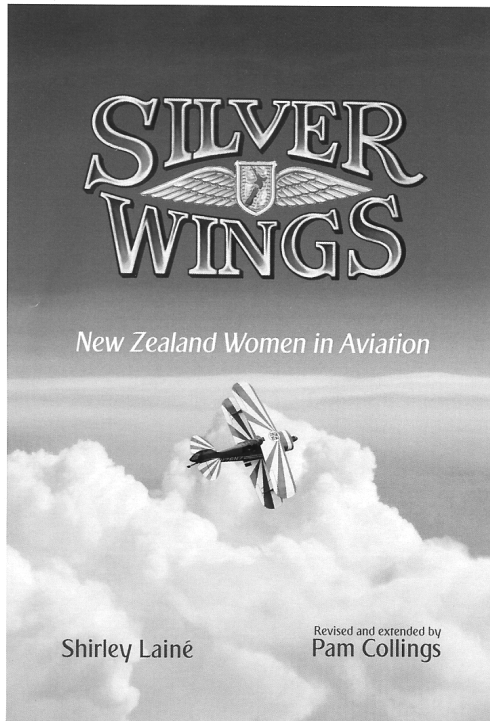
We'll have a Grand Ole Time!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SE Section Meeting: October 1-3, Nashville, TN

If you have a flying story, or an event you want to invite others to, email me at: sailawayjb@embarqmail.com Deadline for each month is the first. Summer articles may be delayed as FLIGHTLINE is not published monthly during summer months.

Thanks, Judy



Silver Wings New Zealand Women in Aviation

Have you ever had a yearning to fly? Do you look up when planes fly overhead? Have you ever seen a female pilot and wondered about her journey?

Silver Wings tells the story of New Zealand's women flyers, from the 1920s, when a woman's place was deemed to be on the ground (preferably in the home), until the present day, when women fly every type of aircraft and are involved in aviation sport of all kinds.

After 22 December 1925, when Gladys Sandford became the first woman in New Zealand to obtain a pilot licence, more and more women followed her example, despite some prejudice from male colleagues, from the aviation industry and from friends. Among the courageous early flyers of the 1930s was Jean Batten, whose name became a household word, and during World War II several New Zealand women flew with the Air Transport Auxiliary in England.

In the 1950s and 1960s women flew recreationally and were also active in the sports of gliding and parachuting. Some paved the way into professional positions as flying instructors and topdressing pilots. By the late 1970s women were accepted as airline pilots and air traffic controllers and the first women engineering apprentices started training in 1980. The first woman pilot to graduate in the RNZAF did so in 1988.

Originally published in 1989, and now updated and expanded, *Silver Wings* records the fascinating story of New Zealand women in the air from the pioneer era to the present day. Whether your interest is aviation, or women's history, this is an inspirational book, full of humour, adversity and adventure.

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