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<u>Alabama Chapter</u>

AMELIA EARHART LUNCHEON - Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, YWCA, Birmingham, AL. This event is co-sponsored by the Alabama 99s and the Birmingham Zonta Club with all proceeds going to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. Our speaker will be Julie Williams, author of Wings of Opportunity: The Wright Brothers in Montgomery, Alabama. 2010 marked the 100th anniversary of the establishment by the Wright Brothers of the nation's first civilian flight school, located in Montgomery, AL. This significant event in Alabama history is marked by this timely publication. Peering through the lens of contemporary news accounts, Dr. Williams traces the history of the flight school and its reception by a southern community of the early twentieth century looking to move beyond the scars of the Civil War and warily intrigued at the opportunity offered by the Wrights and their modern technology. The press' reporting and sometimes misreporting "reflected the misconceptions, hopes, dreams, and fears about aviation in 1910, painting a picture of a time when flight was untested, unsteady, and unavailable to most people." Contact Nancy Miller-Borg, alallama@aol.com or 256-538-2672 for more information.

Tennessee Chapter

By Janice Pelletti

Evelyn Johnson still manages at the Morristown Airport. She's in her office 5 days a week. Tennessee Ninety-Nines gathered in Morristown, TN to make the first contribution to the memorial bronze bust of Evelyn Bryan Johnson being erected at the new Morristown airport terminal. Evelyn has managed the Morristown FBO since 1953. She is the recipient of dozens of awards and is in the National Aviation Hall Fame and both the Tennessee and Virginia Aviation Halls of Fame. She in the Guinness Book of World Records, having logged in excess of 57,000 hours.



Two days shy of Evelyn's 101st birthday, members of the 99s arrived in Morristown to

Two days shy of On Nov 2 TN 99 present the Morristown AM Rotary with a \$1000 contribution toward the bust of Evelyn Johnson.

> Front row, L-R Donna Stansberry, Jan Kuban, Evelyn Johnson, Jean Hammer, Linda Meese. Back row L-R Sherry Hensley, Adele McDonald, Judy Wayman, Janice Pelletti, Jim Ely (Rotary), Barbara Garrett (Rotary), Todd Morgan (Rotary).

present a \$1,000 check to members of the AM Rotary Foundation of Morristown. The AM Rotary Foundation is acting as host for gathering the donations.

Evelyn's former student, artist Laureen Barker, has graciously agreed to donate her time and talent to carve the bust. Organizers must raise the cost of the materials for the project which will cost \$12,000. Laureen currently lives in California where she has opened an art studio. Her carvings and paintings have been exhibited nationwide.

The bronze bust will sit on a granite pedestal. Barbara Garrett, a Morristown Master Gardner, will select the location for the bust on the grounds of the new terminal. Tennessee 99's returned to Morristown two weeks later to officially celebrate Evelyn's 101st birthday and hold their November meeting. Plans for the coming year include: painting a compass rose at the Upper Cumberland Airport, additional fundraising to help with the cost of the bust and educational programs in the schools.

The AM Rotary Club is happy to accept tax deductable donations in any amount for the bust. They can be sent to AM Rotary Club, P.O. Box 4 Morristown, TN 37815.





At the Nov meeting Jean Hammer helps serve Evelyn Johnson a piece of her **101st** birthday cake

The Endowment Fund Board thanks each of you for your participation in the Matching Challenge. We are excited nounce that we have successfully reached our matching goal of \$30,000. Congratulations and thank you for your continued

Kitty Hawk Chapter

SE Section, Vice Governor, Marlene Raseta and SE Section, Past Governor, Corbi Bullock, both of Kitty hawk Chapter, attended the IBOD meeting in Oklahoma City, October 30, 2010. During a "ice breaking" activity, the group found that Carol Rayburn Internatonal Bylaws Chair, was the longest 99 member (47 years) present and Marlene was the 2nd shortest member (7 years).

During their meeting at the Long-Range Planning Session, the ladies helped with the new updated 99s Mission Statement. While it incorporates the elements of the former mission statement, the updated version reflects our love of aviation, the



Carol Rayburn and SE Section Vice Governor Marlene Raseta.

glue that binds us. *The Ninety-Nines... inspiring women pilots since 1929*. Spread the message. **NEW MISSION STATEMENT: "**The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pi-



lots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight."

Also present, of course, was SE Section, and Goldcoast member, International Counsel, Cecile Hatfield, pictured here with VG Marlene. Cecile was the second longest member (46 year member she claims to have received her PPL at 6!!!!)

SE Section Vice Governor Marlene Raseta (Kitty Hawk Chapter) and International Counsel, Cecile Hatfield (FL Goldcoast Chapter)



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Your participation in the Matching Challenge. We are excited to announce that we have successfully reached our matching goal of \$30,000. Congratulations and thank you. For Holiday shopping. Simply go to <u>http://goodshop.com</u>, enter '99s', find your favorite store and go shopping. A donation to the Endowment Fund will be made for every purchase. In other news, free flying event insurance has been extended until November 1,

2011 for any Chapter donating 50% or more of the proceeds from a flying activity. Plan a fun flying event! Call or email Mary Wunder, Endowment Fund Chairman, at 610-489-0771 or <u>marywunder@gmail.com</u> for more information.

Paradise Coast Chapter

On Oct 20, 2010, the Paradise Coast chapter and the Grasshoppers joined for lunch at a restaurant in Venice, FL (KVNC). The group had some dual members and the winning ARC pilots there: PIC, Terry Carbonell, Co-Pilot Ellen Herr and Team member, Laura Gao. Terry and Laura are Grasshoppers, as well as 99s, and Ellen is Chair of Paradise Coast Chapter. Terry is Vice Chair of Paradise Coast and Laura is a FL Suncoast Chapter member. Now are you well confused?!



The group is meeting for their Christmas Party meeting December 4, 2010 at Nancy Moore's home.

The Chapter is planning a "bombs away" meeting for their January Meeting. All 99s are invited to participate. The entry "fee" is \$10.00 and each participant must have at least one team member, a 2 lb bag of flour with their tail number plainly written on it as their bomb. Winning prize is 50% of all entry fees. For more details contact: Terry Carbonell at godusty@hotmail.com. The event



FL Suncoast Chapter

This Chapter, is having their Christmas Party December 11, at the home of Debbie Palmer. They are working on a variety of events. February will bring a joint effort of their local EAA and their 99s chapter in having a Poker Run. This event is February 12, 2011 0800-1300, at Clearwater Airpark (KCLW).

Their next event is March 12, 2011. It is at Plant City, FL (KPCM). This will be at 1100 for their annual Strawberry Cook-Off.

April, of course, sees them at SunNFun, which this next year will be March 29-April 3, 2011. Their meeting will be Saturday, 2 April 11.

They, too, will hosting a Bomb drop, but will also have a spot landing contest at their May meeting in Wauchula, FL (KCHN). This will occur May 14, with starting time TBA. For further details for any of their events contact: Nancy Wright, Vice Chair, wight99@tampabay.rr.com.

Air Race Classic

Remember, the Air Race classic is only 7 months away. Get your packets at <u>www.airraceclassic.org</u> for \$30.00. Volunteers are needed at the Terminus at Mobile, AL. Contact Rebecca Chadwell to volunteer: mbsarebecca@comcast.net or 215-391-4855.

Volunteers are needed for the youth "Adopt-a-Racer" Pilot program in Mobile, AL, taking place in conjunction with the 2011 Air Race Classic. We are working with at-risk girls trying to interest them in careers in aviation and encourage them to be all they can be, using aviation as the vehicle. We need people, planes and donations of stuff for the girls. We expect about 150 girls ages 8-17. For more information or to lend your support, contact Terry Carbonell ; godusty@hotmail.com or 239 633 0077. The dates are below for the program - you <u>do not</u> have to come to all days to participate. Any and all help is needed and welcomed! Thank you.

January 22, 2011	Documentary viewing and program introduction (<i>Breaking Through</i> the Clouds)
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February 19, 2011	Field trip to airport (Brookley Field KBFM)
March 19, 2011	Career Day/Fair (we need ladies to come talk about their careers in
	aviation or how they use aviation in their daily lives)
April 16, 2011	Navigation and aviation activities Event (if anyone has a good "hands
	on" idea, please share)
May 21, 2011	T-Shirt Event (girls will create their own "race shirts" - donations of
	shirts and decorating materials needed as well as help for the day)
June 23-24, 2011	Planes arrive (volunteers needed for the terminus in general)
June 25, 2011	USS Alabama Battleship and Aviation Museum Tour Event

Calling all 99s with planes: The "Wings of Dreams Airshow" at Keystone Heights, FL (42J) will be held February 11-13. Co-Director, Susan King, is looking for lady pilots to transport WASPs to the airshow. I went this past February and had a blast. Made friends with some of the WASPs. (you may recall my article in the March 2010 FLIGHTLINE). I can't tell you how important this is. As you know these ladies were in WWII and many of them are in their 80s. This is a tribute to these heroines. They love flying, as you can guess, and love to be flying with a lady pilot. So volunteer to take some to this event. And they also need flights to SunNFun, so if you can't help in February, try March 29-April3. Contact: **Susan@WingsofDreams.org** for more details. And THANK YOU!

Announcements

Bombs Away Event: January 15, 2010, LaBelle Airport (X14)1100 Poker Run: February 12, 2011, Clearwater Airpark , 0800-1300 3rd Annual Sunshine Derby February 26, 2011, LaBelle, FL (X14) Strawberry Cook-off, March 12, 2011, Plant City Airport (KPCM) 1100 Sun N Fun March 29-April 3 Lakeland, FL (KLAL) Bomb Drop and Spot Landing Contest May 14, 2011 Wauchula Airport (KCHN) ARC: June 23-26. 2011 Spring SE Section Meeting: May 19-22 Lafayette, LA International Conference: July 13-17, 2011, Oklahoma City, OK Fall SE Section Meeting: October 2011, Fort Myers, FL

If you have something to sell, or an event to advertise, just send me an email. All events and activities with pictures are welcome and <u>WANTED!</u> Also, if you have a new member or a member with an anniversary of being a 99, let me know who they are, so I can profile them, here.

Have a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

