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## SouthEast Section Newsletter

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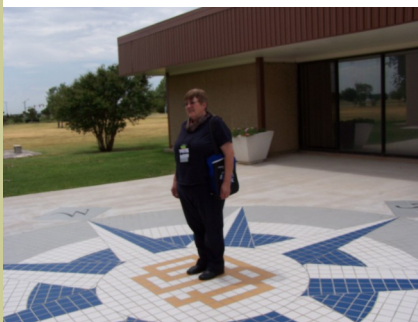
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## Governor's Corner 99s Went Home!

I left from KPIT on Wednesday, July 13. I arrived KOKC late on Wednesday evening, and caught a shuttle to the Oklahoma City Marriott Hotel. I had never been to OKC before, so there was much to do and see. Thursday morning found me in the International Board Meeting along with the IBOD and many Governors and other members. I had attempted to meet with Mary "Willy" Mattocks, Governor of the New York-New Jersey Section, many times before arriving at OKC, since she lives very near my Mom in Western New York. Willy and I had even talked about flying her plane to KOKC, but both of our schedules were interfering with the flying schedule. As it was, on Tuesday, July 12, there was a microburst at the airport, which did a little damage to HeadQuarters, building. The Mid-West sure has had their share of storms this year, as has our own northern part of our section. I say the northern part, as I am based in KFMY, SW FL.

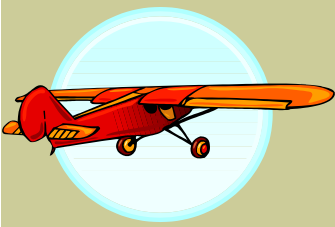
On Thursday Afternoon, we had an opportunity to tour our Headquarters, the Women Pilots Museum, which is located in the upstairs of Headquarters, building, and our leased building, across the way. In the middle of the two buildings, is our tiled compass rose. There was one Gold tile being auctioned during our tour, and I believe it is still being offered.



NY-NJ Governor Mary "Willy" Mattocks stands in the middle of the tiled Compass Rose, between the leased building and HQs



SC Section Gov. Norma "Jody" McCarrell auctions the Gold Compass Rose Tile, at HQs



Friday morning found us in seminars. I chose the "Leadership Training Session". I found this very interesting. Various presenters were there talking about our International Website and all the things that are there for our use. If you have a question, the answer is probably there! A CD was given to all attendees. I hope to review some of this at our Section meeting and will also offer CD's for those interested in sharing with their Chapters.

Keynote Speaker, NASA Astronaut, Shannon Walker, tells us about her training and time on the ISS.



Lunchtime was yummy and our keynote speaker was NASA Astronaut and 99, Shannon Walker. She had a power point presentation about her training years in Russia, and her time on the ISS (International Space Station) She flew to the ISS with the cosmonauts, in a capsule! It reminded me of our earlier years in space.



.Shannon Walker training for a water landing in the Russian space capsule



Shannon Walker, right, with Cosmonauts preparing to launch into space.

Working on the ISS



After Shannon spoke, we were invited to a communications session to discuss the upcoming conference meeting topics. Many in the room announced activities their chapters were doing. The Governors' networking session followed, and Governors from India, Germany, and Canada were there, among the US Governors.

Saturday morning was the Annual Business Meeting, which passed the proposed standing rules amendments, and elected and installed the new officers.



Past President, Pat Prentiss installing the new officers, Corbi Bullock, Kitty Hawk Chapter, SE Section, International Director; International President, Susan Larson, Rio Grande Norte Chapter, SC Section; Margy Leggett, Mid-Columbia Chapter, NW Section Governor, International Director. In the background, International Treasurer, Martha Phillips, Ventura County Chapter, SW Section and International Vice President, Pat Theberge, Eastern New England Chapter, New England Section.

Mary Wunder, Endowment Fund Chair, dressed up in her "Wonder Woman" costume, to fulfill a \$500.00 bet for the Endowment Fund, just before the iPad2 winner was announced. The winner was from Washington state. In case you are not aware of it, we (SE Section) are now selling raffle tickets for an iPad2. Your Chapter chair should have yours to sell. They are priced at 1 for \$5.00, 5 for \$20.00. The winner chooses which iPad2 they want and you can sell them to anyone over 18 years of age. This would make great gifts for students, Christmas gifts, and pilots. I have Foreflight on my iPad, and love the things I can do with it for flying! Plus it is a great calendar and contact holder. The iPad2 takes pictures and movies, as well. The drawing for this iPad2 will be at Fort Myers, FL during our SE Section Meeting, Oct 15. (see email attachment for registration)

The afternoon brought a tour of the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, or seminars. I chose a seminar on aerial photography, thinking of a way to add to retirement money, that will soon be needed (Not mine, but hubby's. Don't want to make you think I'm old enough to retire! lol)

At the evening activities, we were entertained by a Barbershop Quartet, during dinner, and socialized. After dinner the 99s Awards were presented. Given the **Award of Achievement for Contributions to the 99s** was our own (recently married) Past Governor, Lisa Cotham Pizani. She was a co-winner this year, as Mary Wunder, Eastern PA Chapter, Endowment Fund Chair also won the award. **The award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation** went to Emily Howell Warner, Colorado Chapter. **The Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts** was won by Danielle Aitchison, Arabian Section (from New Zealand).

**The Award of Inspiration** went to Terri Donner, Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter. **The Award of Merit** recognizes a significant contribution to any facet of aviation made by an individual who is not a 99. Jerry Clubb was this year's recipient. **George Palmer Putman Award** went to Gail Mesa Norman.. She was given the award as an individual who is not a member of 99s for her support of the 99s. **The President's Award** was awarded to the Headquarters Staff, this year. Laura Ohrenberg, Manager; Lesley Niblett, receptionist, membership duties and escort for visitors to the Museum of Women Pilots; Nancy Thompson, Accounting Clerk; Kymberly Hazlett, has spearheaded the overall systemic cleanup of our accounting records and setting the needed tone of consistency and accuracy; and Carol Sokatch, Volunteer, who helps where ever needed.

It was a very busy time, temperatures of over 100 degrees, (but not humid as those of us living in Sunny FL) and I enjoyed my second International Conference, very much. I made new friends and saw others I had not seen for a couple of years. If you can do it, plan to go to Rhode Island in 2012.

*Judy :- )*

## **Blue Ridge Chapter**

Submitted by Danna Park (13 Jul 2011)

I passed my private pilot checkride on June 20th! A wonderful day!! Since then, we've bought (with a partner) a 182T, which I am in the process of learning, and I'm continuing to learn the Garmin G1000 on a 172 Nav III. Looking forward to returning to Oshkosh in a couple weeks as a certificated pilot!!! [Congratulations Danna!](#)



New Private Pilot, Danna Park and her plane



Instructor, Joey Maxwell, New Private Pilot, Danna Park, and DPE David Shields.

## **Tennessee Chapter**

Submitted by Linda Haynes 23 Jul 11

As you may have heard in 1940 several women pilots founded, the Tennessee Chapter at the old Knoxville Airport (now the site of West High School.) On August 6th we will be celebrating our 71st anniversary with a Tea at the New Knoxville Airport - McGhee-Tyson Airport. **We are very excited as we will be having a special guest - one of the charter members, Gladys Lacey Jones, is coming to the celebration!** Not many chapters still have one of their founding

members as a part of their anniversary celebrations. Gladys (age 100) will be coming in from Gainesville, GA that day with her daughter, Betty Jones Noble. The Metropolitan Knoxville Airport Authority is very excited to host this event and they are working to have coverage by the television stations and the Press.

Submitted by Janice Orr Pelletti 9 Aug 11

The Tennessee Chapter enjoyed a truly unique experience August 6 in Knoxville. The Chapter celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Tennessee Chapter Charter Member Gladys Lacey Jones at the same time as the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Chapter.

Ninety-Nine Linda Haynes presented a brief biography of Gladys at the ceremony. Tennessee Chapter Chair Martha Miller then presented Gladys with a copy of the Tennessee Chapter Charter and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Tea and refreshments accompanied a special cake in Gladys' honor. Ninety-Nines, 49 1/2s, and a number of Gladys' family members were present. Both local television and newspapers covered the event.

The original Charter of the Tennessee 99s was signed on August 9, 1940 in Knoxville. Gladys Lacy Jones is part of this group of aviation pioneers. The Lacy family is one of the first families to reside in Tennessee. The family roots date back to before the Revolutionary War.

Gladys earned her pilot certificate through the Civilian Pilot Training Program. From 1938-1944 the United States Government sponsored the Civilian Pilot Training Program. The program was designed to increase the number of pilots in the United States. Pilot hopefuls received 72 hours of ground training. Only the highest scoring candidates continued on receiving 35-50 hour of flight training. Gladys learned in a 40 hp Cub.

Her husband started in aviation as a flight instructor for King College in Bristol, TN. The couple went on to own a Taylorcraft. Gladys currently lives with her daughter, Bette Jones Noble in Gainesville, GA.



Linda Haynes, Charter Member Gladys Jones, and Chapter Chair, Martha Miller.



## Carolinas Chapter

Carolinas Newsletter

### A Night with Amelia at the Sunrise Theater

The evening started nicely with Anne Honer, Chrissi Culver, Liz Lee, Reva Carpenter, Sylvia Harris, Eileen Malan and Barbara Harris-Para having dinner at the Whispering Woods Café. Agnes Buckley who volunteered to help, also ate with us. It was a great fast meal then onto the theater. Kendra Burgin met us at the theater.

We had Shirley Starkey help us sell tickets, a manager from the theater, to help with the popcorn, Gregg Z. a theater volunteer, worked as our doorman.

We had about 100 people, on a hot Tuesday night, attend. We would have liked more but it was a beginning. Both movies were received well. We heard some comments on Wednesday & Thursday, in the positive vein. A few folks came on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. I was told, by the manager of the theater, that it would be a good idea to have another, as she thought we would get more folks out a second time around. Thanks to all that bought tickets!



## Alabama Chapter

Alabama Newsletter

Walker County Tornado Benefit Fly In Draws Crowd - thanks to Betty Meyer.

JASPER ALABAMA- Great food, entertainment, airplanes and outstanding live music drew a crowd at Sanders Aviation in Jasper, Alabama, for the Walker County Tornado Benefit Fly In. Organizers say a crowd of over 800 flew in or drove in, during the event, at the Jasper airport. After the April 27, 2011, tornadoes destroyed lives and property across Alabama, volunteers and victims in these communities continue working on massive clean-up. Miles and miles of devastating tornado damage, with some signs of hope, mark the small towns of Argo, Cordova and Sipsey, in Walker County, where nine people lost their lives.

Joey "Gordo" Sanders wanted to help his community with what he does best-"aviatin". At the home of Big Red-Sanders Racing and Sanders Aviation FBO, Gordo organized a fun filled benefit for fly ins and drive ins. All of the money raised went to the Walker Area Community Foundation for tornado relief.

Many locals and folks from as far away as Montgomery, enjoyed a fresh fried fish lunch with all the trimmings and an afternoon of fun for a suggested \$20 donation. Members of the Alabama 99s, Harriett Hall, Betty Meyer, Nancy Miller-Borg, Hilda Ray and Sara Rutland, volunteered for serving and hospitality assistance.

The World's Fastest Jet Van, operated by Captain Rocket Read, of Wright Attitudes, raced down the runway at a speed of 300mph, flaming afterburner blasts sent shock waves up to a

mile away. A wide variety of aircraft were on display. The featured plane of honor, "Ain't Mis-behavin" a P-52, flown in by Billy Strickland, was the crowd favorite. Air Alabama had their hot air balloon waiting to go on display, but windy conditions kept it on the ground. Central Alabama Rodders Society had a good showing of antique and classic cars all day. Outstanding live music was performed throughout the event from Rolling n the Hay, a bluegrass southern rock group ranked on the list with Lynyrd Skynyrd, the Allman Brothers Band, and Dave Matthews Band. These guys alone were worth the donation, top-notch! Gordo says, "We raised about \$5,000 that will go directly to help the people of Walker County recover from the storms".



Alabama Chapter members help at Walker County Tornado Relief Fund raiser.



**Southeast Section Fall Meeting**  
**Fort Myers, FL**  
**October 14-16**

Come join us in Paradise for a fun weekend in Sunny Fort Myers, FL. We have a fun weekend planned at the Homeward Suites. The price is right and includes a hot buffet breakfast each morning. We'll have fun at our Pool Luau and it's so casual, we are encouraging pajamas as attire! So mark your calendars now. See email attached registration. See you at "The Pajama Party in Paradise".

**Editor's Personal Note:**

I apologize for this being sent later than Aug 6. My oldest daughter had an emergency C-Section, for twin boys (one being in distress) on July 30. I stayed with the other 5 children while she was in the hospital, and her husband drove up daily to be with them. Everett was released, with his Mom and Eric had to stay a week, in the NICU. I drove my daughter, Julie along with twin Everett, everyday after they were released, to nurse the babies. We were an hour away from her home, for more 14 hours a day. Her husband stayed with the other 5 kids, at home. Bob and I were also blessed with another Grandson, August 3rd, from Bob's youngest son. Trevor had a small hole in one of his lungs, so is still in the hospital. Prayers are appreciated.

The twins are Eric Daniel (4# 6oz) and Everett Octavious Schleede (6# 3 oz). Our other Grandson is Trevor Daniel Bowser (8# 11oz).



Marilyn Shafer, FL Suncoast Chapter Chair, is a new Grandma, too. She has two Granddaughters, not twins! Congratulations, Marilyn!