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SouthEast Section News- letter

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Governor's Corner Paradise Remembered



It was great to see all of you who attended the South-east Section Meeting last month. Those of you who did not attend, missed out on a great time!

The Group Exemption was one of the topics of discussion during our Saturday morning meeting. It is still in the IRS hands, and more paperwork has been requested by them, and I am currently working with

those chapters who needed more documentation.

I am sure you are all awaiting the news of the result of the iPad2. The winner was Eduardo Colon from Philadelphia, PA. He purchased his ticket from Barbara Para during one of her safety seminars. We have not been able to tally the exact numbers, yet, (life has gotten in the way) but we estimate the section made about \$3000.00 from the raffle. Thank you to all who participated in this money raising activity!

Speaking of raffles, Vice Governor, Terry Carbonell is working on the layout of the quilt, which is the next fund raising raffle for the section. If you have not sent her your two 12.5x12.5 squares from your chapter, you better do it quickly. Lisa Cotham Pizani's sister-in-law has generously agreed to sew the quilt together for us, as she has a long arm quilting machine. I spoke with Terry recently, and she thinks the quilt size will be a King-sized quilt and have at least one decorative pillow with it. Thank you to the chapters who have sent in their squares!

The goal for the section, for the next two years, will be to increase membership. The present membership is 486. Our goal is 700! We started a contest and discussed it at the section meeting, to increase membership. The Chapter who increases their membership the most from Oct 1, 2011-April 30, 2012 wins. The prize is yet to be determined, but the current budget for prizes was increased to \$100.00 during the meeting. As soon as the BOD determines the prize, we will be contacting all chapter chairs.





Several section meeting participants and their guests had fun on Friday during the



Dinner Cruise on our own Caloosahatchee. (Caloosa Indian for "Caloosa River").



Saturday afternoon brought seminars, and a special award for Paradise Coast member, Jessica Stearns for her 50 years of aviation without incident. Amy Laboda, seminar speaker and editor of Women in Aviation Magazine presented the Master Pilot Award to Jessica, before giving her seminar on "Technology in the Cockpit".

Saturday evening found some in their PJ's and all in their leis. This snapshot was by the pool between the social and the banquet, which was moved from the pool to the banquet room inside.

Thanks goes to the ladies of Paradise Coast, for their outstanding job hosting our section!



Next Section meeting host is Kitty Hawk Chapter and will be held in Pinehurst, NC, May 4-5. Spring is the time for awards, and I have the privilege of awarding the Outstanding 99 award (aka the Governor's Award) I would like everyone to think of a 99 in your area who deserves this award. Deadline for submission will be 15 April 2012.

I am in OKC and have just finished the last day with the International Board of Directors . It was a great experience and I learned lots! A quick review of the past two days follows: We saw a power point presentation of the trip to China arranged by our own Laura Gao. Past President Pat Prentiss, President Susan Larson, Director Joan Kerwin, and Director Marjy Leggett had a great time and signed autographs everywhere. What a difference between their countries flying and ours!!! Our own Corbi Bulluck gave a great power point presentation about the survey results. More info to come. The recent earthquake made some cracks in our HQs building and that will be looked into, soon. Glenna Blackwell presented the budget for the International Convention in Providence, RI July 2012. Lots to do there!!!! Bozeman, MT info was presented by Linda Marshall and looks like it will be an affordable trip. I presented info gathered for our section International Convention in 2014. But the BOD still want another bid, so let's give them what they want. Their suggestions were Charleston, or Asheville. Remember this is a Section job, not a chapter job, so don't feel like you can't pull it off with the few in your chapter. You have a whole section of sister's to help you! There were several committee reports, of which I have copies, so if you are interested, let me know and I will send you a copy. While I was here, Vice Governor, Terry Carbonell was at NIFA recruiting a new chapter! The girls at FIT filled out their applications and will be joining the section, then forming their own chapter, soon after. We are also working on forming the panhandle chapter, and helping those chapters who are struggling. Till next time..... Blue skies and tailwinds, **Judy :-)**

Goldcoast Chapter



Richard Tillery designated pilot examiner; Judy Rice, certified flight instructor; Joshua Henderson, President/COO, Atlantic Aviation, Inc.

Submitted by Kimberly Lowe

September 7, 2011 RE: FRAN SARGENT SCHOLARSHIP - Certified Flight Instructor WASP, Frances Rohrer Sargent may have heard as I did when growing-up that "Good girls don't fly". I was a good girl and did not learn to fly until I was 40, earning my private pilot license in 1997. However, there was not a moment that I cannot remember when I had not dreamt of flying.

As of September 7, 2011, I fulfilled my lifelong dream by earning my flight instructor certificate. I plan to teach those that have been told they should not - or could not fly. I will encourage females, assuring them that "We can fly!" I begin with my first two students 4 days after completing my CFI.

I can only hope that I have as long and successful a career as Frances Sargent. I am honored to carry forth her legacy and thankful to having been awarded the opportunity to bring my dreams to fruition.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to each of you, to the selection committee, and Kimberley Lowe and Ursula Davidson for all of your support.

Respectfully Yours, Judy Rice, Certified Flight Instructor

Editor's note: Congratulations Judy!

FL Suncoast Chapter

Taken from Suncoast newsletter

On October 8, we had a very educational tour of the Air Traffic Control Tower at the Sarasota airport. Angela & Kristin Inderwiesen hosted the event and we had a decent turn out for the meeting and tour. It was very windy on the day of the tour and as such, no small planes were flying in or out of the airport (except for one go-around and leave). The air traffic controllers were very laid back and it was comforting to know that not much seems to rattle them. We had a nice lunch afterwards at Olive Garden and shared flying notes. Thank you Inderwiesens for a fascinating tour!

Our Chapter is scheduled to meet on November 12th at the Sebring airport in a joint effort (with the 99s Spaceport, Paradise Coast & Gold Coast Chapters) to paint the 99s Compass Rose on the field. (There will be no meeting but only the Compass Rose painting). The painting starts at 8:00 a.m. and friends and family members (including the 49.5s) are invited and more than welcome. We look forward to seeing you on November 12th in Sebring for another great get-together with companion 99s.

Chapter coming events:

December 10 Christmas Party at Columbia Restaurant – Ybor City, Tampa

January 14 St. Petersburg, Albert Whitted Airport

February 11 Poker Run fundraiser (in conjunction with Clearwater EAA Chapter)

March 10 Plant City Airport

March 31 Sun 'N Fun

May 12 Winter Haven

June 9 Crystal River Airport

Aviation Trivia: On 23 October - In the Year 1910 -

Blanche S. Scott became the first woman to make a public solo airplane flight, reaching an altitude of 12 feet at a park in Fort Wayne, IN.

Many of you will be having Christmas and Holiday gatherings soon. Please send me articles and pictures with names, to share with the section! :-) email: skylanegirl@gmail.com

Southeast Section Member celebrates 60 years in The 99s!

Georgiana McConnell had her sixtieth anniversary of being a 99 on 1 November 2011. Georgiana earned her pilot's license at age 18, in 1943. She followed the footsteps of her Uncle, a Tennessee National Guardsman for whom the former Nashville Airport was named (McConnell Field). In the 1940's and 1950's, many high schools and colleges added aviation classes to their curricula. After the US entered WWII, Georgian took the aviation course offered at her high school during her senior year. This class helped to allure her to flying.

She joined the Civil Air Patrol. Civil Air Patrol members could take advantage of group lessons to get flight training and airtime. The CAP also offered ground school, the classroom education required to receive aviation ratings (certificate of advanced skills). Some squadrons found ways to extend their flying instruction beyond the official training exercise. Georgiana remembered that members of the Nashville chapter formed a club to buy a Piper Cub and took turns flying it to accumulate hours and experience.

In the 1960's the Lovelace Clinic, in Arizona, was testing for astronauts. 45 woman rearranged their schedules to under go this testing. Georgiana had been working for 12 years at the same insurance agency, as a cashier, when she quit her job, to be one of those women. Of course, we all know what happened, none of those ladies were considered for the program. Today, Georgiana lives at Bordeaux Long Term Care Home in Nashville, TN. We want to say thank you for all you have done in your lifetime to inspire other women to do what you did or tried to do. Congratulations, Georgiana for your 60 years as a 99!

Southeast Section Joins Facebook

If you missed the Southeast Section Meeting in Fort Myers last month, check out our new Southeast Section FaceBook page! Website mistress, Terry Carbonell has created a FaceBook page for our section where we can find events, pictures or activities. Please friend this site and add your activities, pictures and stories.