



# FLIGHTLINE

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## Governor's Corner

I am sorry for the delay of the Flightline the past two months! My Husband and I have both lost our Mothers within a 7 week period this year, so I have been rather busy with that.

I recently was in OKC at the IBOD meeting and have lots to share. I hope you will be at the Section Meeting in Pinehurst, NC May 4-6. I will be sharing all the information with the Chapter Chairs and members at that time. We are now having Chapter Chair Council Meetings on Friday afternoons, so make your plans for your flights accordingly. You can register for the meeting online. Go to the SESection99s.org website and then you will see a link to the registration form. Kitty Hawk Chapter has worked really hard to

host this event and we need a quorum to do our business meeting this spring!

I received some disturbing news from the IRS. They have "declined to rule" for our Group Exemption, stating, from our websites, and minutes they feel we are more of a social club than a group of educators, which they stated, is essential for the 501 c 3 status. I have discussed this with our International Counsel, Cecile Hatfield, at OKC, and she will be helping us with this issue.

Don't forget to sell your tickets for the SE Section quilt that will be raffled off at International Conference in RI. They are planning a lot to do there, and their early registration time is ending soon, too, so get on the 99s website and click on the link for the

International Conference, file out the form and it is sent to the agency to take care of the rest! Hope to see you there!

Blue Skies,



## Alabama Chapter

AL Newsletter

### AMELIA EARHART LUNCHEON

The event was a great success with \$1,818 donated to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison, KS. We had 48 guests in attendance. Thanks to everyone who attended and especially those who brought guests. Special thanks to Harriett Hall for the name tags and all the members who donated items for the silent auction and raffle. Thanks especially to the YWCA and staff for providing our wonderful venue.

The 36th anniversary ceremonies at the International Forest of Friendship will be held in Atchison on June 15 (Fri) and 16 (Sat), 2012. Come join us to make new friendships, renew old ones, and have a great time. Honorees will be inducted to join the nearly 1400 individuals who are enshrined along the Forest's pathways.

The Forest's overall theme is "World Friendship through Flying." Candidates for induction can be anyone who has contributed, or is contributing to all aspects of aviation and aerospace. Honorees need not be pilots. In 2012, the specific focus is on: "Flying, Forests and the Future." Candidates are particularly encouraged who:

- have contributed to the promotion of aviation and aerospace, or who
- have helped preserve or explore forests and natural habitats through aviation and aerospace (support of state and local units fighting forest fires, aerial resource surveys [domestic or overseas], environmental work, etc.)
- One of the 2012 themes is to emphasize achievements by younger honorees, so candidates who are under 35 are preferred, but this is not mandatory.

There will be a special ceremony to honor Dr. Wangari Maathai, who graduated from Mt. St. Scholastica College (now Benedictine College) in Atchison in 1964 and who passed away in September 2011. She founded the Green Belt Movement, an environmental nongovernmental organization focused on the planting of trees, environmental conservation, and women's rights. In 2004, she became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for "her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace."

The Forest would very much like to strengthen its ties with the Ninety-Nines in 2012, and hopes to induct twenty-five honorees sponsored by Ninety-Nines chapters. More information about the Forest, as well as sponsorship, registration and lodging information, is at the [www.ifof.org](http://www.ifof.org) website.

## Mississippi Chapter

Chapter Chair, Maryke Houben, spoke to us at the last SE Section meeting about another organization she is flying with called Operation PROP or People Reaching Outrageous Potential. She flew with them twice last year, once in May and again in November. She sent me a You-tube link about this organization.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9xo4eYqYKY>

## **FL Goldcoast Chapter**

The SE Section has a new author, who is a member of this Chapter. Ziva Bergman has written a book about Aviation Humor. It's a great book, and will put a smile on your face. Support Ziva in her venture and purchase her book, called "Aviation Humor". You can contact Ziva for more details at: [dbzqt2@yahoo.com](mailto:dbzqt2@yahoo.com).

## **FL Spaceport Chapter**

This Chapter has a Scholarship with a deadline coming up the 1st of next month. It is the Mary Blackwell—Anne Walker Memorial Scholarship. It is for \$1500.00! For details contact Bobbi Lasher at: [b919r@cfl.rr.com](mailto:b919r@cfl.rr.com) or call 321-636-5346.

## **FL Suncoast Chapter**

FL Suncoast has been very busy for the last few months. They conducted a Poker Run and Spot Landing contest with their local EAA Chapter and it was the second time they joined in this venture. It was a great success.

And, of course, ladies from this Chapter host the Sun & Fun Clubhouse each year. Thank you's go out to Nancy Wright, Barbara Sierchio and crew, for a wonderful week at the 99s clubhouse and I understand the WASP Luncheon was also a great success. You did a great job, again, ladies! Unfortunately, I was unable to get to the event as I had planned. I had visions of being there all week, but things happened and then plan B was to fly there on Thursday-Saturday, but N2104R was out of commission with a front gear strut collapsed and a dead battery, so by the time she was up and running again, Sun & Fun was over. My husband and I managed to drive up and be there for the afternoon on Friday, so I missed out on a lot!

Newsletter Editor, Linda Kaufman, had the pleasure of attending the Florida Museum Aviation Hall of Fame induction ceremonies where there were three inductees, this year. One of them was a woman, Nicole Stott, an Astronaut from the Clearwater area. Nicole completed her first long duration space flight as a Flight Engineer on the International Space Station from August 28 to November 29, 2009 – a total of 91 days. She launched to the ISS on the Space Shuttle Discovery with the crew of STS-128 and performed one spacewalk that lasted 6 hours and 39 minutes. Her second mission – STS-133 – was the 39th and final mission for Space Shuttle Discovery and launched February 24, 2011. By the conclusion of their mission, Nicole and her crewmates had traveled 5.3 million miles. Nicole is also an instrument rated private pilot.



## Blue Ridge Chapter

By Lori Connorton



Kim Bracewell is a 16 year old, student pilot who completed her first solo flight on March 14, 2012. Kim developed an interest in aviation after attending a summer camp program which introduced young people to flying. After her first flight she was hooked, she now had a dream - she wanted to learn to fly and become an airline pilot. Kim is also taking A&P courses at a local technical college. She believes it will help her in her flying. Kim participated in a national teen A&P competition last year in which she placed 7th. On the day of her first flight, Kim sat while she was nervous when her instructor got out of the airplane, that nervousness went away quickly. She said the experience was amazing and was her

best day ever! Kim learned recently that she was accepted into Embry Riddle University and will be starting college in the fall of 2012. Kim is well on her way to reaching her aviation aspirations - look to see her in a airline cockpit in the near future! (Editor's note: CONGRATULATIONS KIM!!!!)

## New Orleans Chapter

By R. Mae Marquet

The New Orleans 99's had a fabulous weekend (March 24th) entertaining the Girl Scouts of Louisiana. The Junior Scouts earned their badge as they participated in the classes held by the women pilots who drove and flew over to Abbeville Airport. Sixty girls and 30 parents enjoyed the presentations by our well informed facilitators (from the FAA, retired Lockheed Martin, current Coast Guard helicopter pilots, plane mechanic to excellent private pilots- all phenomenal Women!) The EAA joined to give these scouts a trip in the air! Appetites were surely wet to join our ranks in the blue skies!





By Lisa Cotham Pizani

New Orleans Chapter members conducted Girl Scout Day at the Louisiana Military Hall of Fame & Museum in Abbeville, LA, on March 24. U.S. Coast Guard helicopter from NAS JRB New Orleans flew in for static display with Chapter member Becki Fosha, second from left, as PIC. Approximated 60 girls participated. The local EAA Chapter provided Young Eagles flights.



From left, Lisa "Pancho Barnes" Pizani, Fosha, Mae Marquet, Alice "Capt Alice" Fanto, USCG PAO, Karen Weldon, Jan Oreck, Margaret Jones, Doris Good, Janet Gonzales. Not pictured, FAA Inspector Mary Donahue, and 49-1/2s Ed Marquet and Armand Pizani.

## Paradise Coast Chapter

Paradise Coast Newsletter

### 99s and Air Cadets Fly to Arcadia

Each year a group of young adults from Great Britain visits south Florida as part of a camp organized by the Royal Air Force Air Cadets Air Cadets program. This year 56 participants visited Florida and participated in general aviation educational and support activities. For more than 18 years the cadets have also volunteered marshalling traffic at the Sun 'n Fun International Air Show during their 2 week camp in Florida. They are also scheduled to visit Kennedy Space Center and the Civil Air Patrol. The cadets program provides a practical introduction to general aviation as well as the Royal Air Force. Flight programs available include glider training and powered flight in light aircraft such as the Cessna 172. For more information please see their website [www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets](http://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets).



## Tennessee Chapter

Janice Pelletti had informed me her Chapter is conducting a Girl Scout Badge event on April 14, In Knoxville, TN. They have at least 300 participants registered. They need help! If you can help, contact Janice:

[b747ac@aol.com](mailto:b747ac@aol.com) Great Job Janice! Wish I could be there!

## Calendar of Events

**Tennessee Chapter Girl Scout Event, Knoxville, TN .....April 14**  
**SE Section Meeting, Pinehurst, NC .....May 4-6**  
**International Conference, Providence, RI .....July 11-15**  
**Air Race Classic Lake Havasu City, AZ—Batavia, OH.....June 19-22**  
**EAA Air Venture, Oshkosh, WI .....July 23-29**

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