



# Flight Line

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## Governor's Corner



**Vice Governor**  
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Happy New Year to all and welcome to 2015. I hope 2014 was a good year for all and you're all resolving to do great things for the upcoming year. I looked at last year's 99s resolutions and I did pretty good with them, so let's try again.

Let me help you with your 2015 99s resolutions. These are things that we can all resolve to do in 2015 to strengthen our Chapters and our International organization. Here we go:

**Secretary**  
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1. I resolve to attend one Chapter meeting in the first quarter of 2015. Even though I have all sorts of things competing for my attention, I will make the 99s meeting THE most important thing for just one meeting. If I cannot attend in person, I will call my Chapter Chair and make arrangements to attend via FaceTime or Skype.

**Treasurer**  
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2. I resolve to introduce one lady pilot, future plot or student plot to the 99s. I will tell her about the benefits of associating with 5000 of her newest best friends who share a similar interest and who will encourage her to attain all of her aviation goals.

**Directors**  
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3. I resolve to wear my 99s pin, charm or other show of support when I fly one aviation mission so I can tell the general public about the 99s when they ask the meaning of the logo.

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4. I resolve to attend either one Section meeting or the International convention in 2015.

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5. I resolve to pay it forward by mentoring a lady pilot, participating in a youth event, volunteering for a 99s aviation event, serving my Chapter, Section or International Board, writing an article or short story for the SE Section web site or Flight Line, or telling people about the 99s scholarships available to them.

6. I resolve to become familiar with the SE Section web site and/or Facebook page to keep up with the exciting things happening in the Section. I will try to post my progress with these resolutions when I accomplish each.

7. I resolve to fly and take aviation education classes or seminars as often as I possibly can. If I have the time and money and the opportunity presents, I will opt for an aviation event over a non-aviation event.

8. As your Governor, I resolve to do what I can to help you be the best 99s that you can be! (but you have to let me know what you want/need...)

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There. Look how simple it is to take the steps toward being a more active 99. Please adopt these 2015 99s resolutions and let me know by fulfilling Resolution 6: join the SE Section Facebook group, post something on the SE Section 99s Facebook page, or join our new "Mommy Pilots" Facebook group

Keep flying in 2015 and I will see you ALL at a meeting this year. Blue skies and Happy New Year.  
Terry Carbonell, SE Section Governor

### **Volunteers Needed Now to Run for a Position on the SE Section Board**

If you are looking for an opportunity to support your Section and guide the future of the Ninety-Nines, you should run for a position on the SE Section Board of Directors. These officers and directors are the ladies who help support your chapters and act as liaisons between International and you, the members.

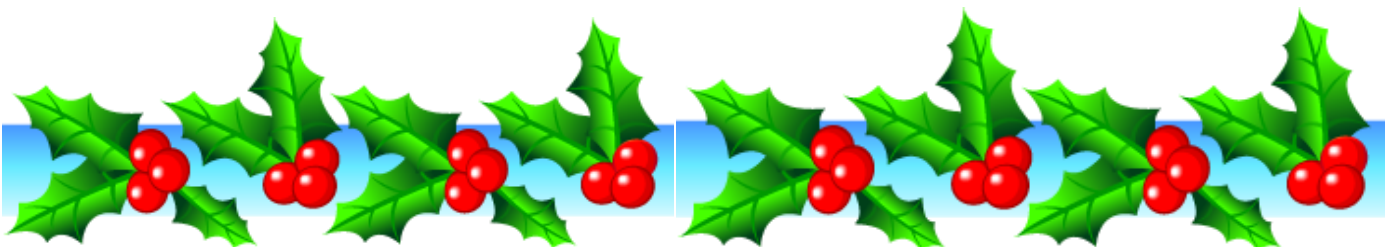
All officers and directors will be elected including the Governor, Vice Governor, Secretary and Treasurer, each for a 2 year term beginning May 16, 2015. Prior experience with accounting and/or CPA skills would be helpful for the office of Treasurer.

Description of the duties of these positions is listed in the "SOP Section Officers-October 2013". Please visit the SE Section website at [www.sesection.org](http://www.sesection.org) where the SOP is listed under the tab "SE Section Documents".

Candidates are also needed for the 2 Director positions, and for the 3 members of the Nominating Committee.

Each candidate will need to complete a nominating form, a statement describing her vision for the Section, and a short biography so your fellow section members can get to know you better. More information is available listed under "SE Section Documents" in the "2015 Intent to Seek Office Packet". Please consider "giving back" to your section and running for office.

Ellen Herr  
Nominating Committee Chair



**SOUTHEAST SECTION 2014-2015 NOMINATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS**

**Deadline for submission to the Nominating Committee: January 30, 2015**

A NOMINATION FORM is required of all those who wish to be considered by the Nominating Committee for elected position. The qualifications for elected offices are found in the Section Bylaws, available on the Section website, [www.sesection99s.org](http://www.sesection99s.org) (SE Section Documents tab), and referenced below. Check them carefully before submitting your Nomination Form.

**To be considered for elective office, prepare the following:**

- 1. Nomination Form**
- 2. A statement (100 words or less) that includes your vision for the Section.**
- 3. A short biography(200 words or less) and current photograph**

Submit the above material to each member of the Nominating Committee listed below. This material may be submitted electronically via email or through regular postal means and must arrive **no later than January 30, 2015.**

**APPLICABLE BYLAWS**

Please review and comply with the following bylaw to ensure your place on the ballot.

**Article VI. Elective Officers and Committees**

**Section 4. Eligibility.** Officers must be Active Members.

Please review the following bylaw for the details on the responsibilities of Section Officers.

**Article VIII. Duties of Section Officers**

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For additional information, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee:

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Electronic and Print Ballots will be emailed/mailed on February 16, 2015.

## **Fly it Forward Challenge March 2-8, 2015**

By Myra Bugbee

Do you remember the first time you saw an airplane in the sky? Were your eyes wide open in awe? Do you remember the first time you sat in an airplane – the feeling that you could do anything as the wheels lifted off the runway?

The SE Section, with the FL Goldcoast 99s Chapter as lead chapter, plans to participate in the Women of Aviation Worldwide – Fly It Forward event on March 7, 2015 at North Palm County, FL (F45), near West Palm Beach. One of our goals is community outreach and this will be a wonderful opportunity to inspire girls and women in the area.

The Fly It Forward Challenge is designed to celebrate the women who paved the way for us to enter careers in aviation and to fly freely anywhere around our country and around the world today. It is also designed to raise awareness among young people, especially girls and women, about the excitement of flying and to inspire them to pursue aviation as a career or hobby, as well as to help improve the gender balance in the aviation industry. Statistics report that 11% of student pilots are female and only 5% of commercial pilots are women.

In 2009, Mireille Goyer began to ask questions about how the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Raymonde de Laroche, the first woman to earn a pilot's license, was going to be honored. Raymonde de Laroche, a female from France, earned her license on March 8, 1910.

Finding nothing planned, Mireille initiated the Women of Aviation Worldwide Fly it Forward Challenge. Since 2010, pilots from 37 countries have given free first flight experiences to almost 10,000 girls and women who discovered the wonder of flying. Approximately 40,000 guests have participated in the event worldwide. ([www.womenofaviationweek.org](http://www.womenofaviationweek.org))

Prizes will be available to pilots and to passengers. To find out more about the challenge visit the website at [www.womenofaviationweek.org](http://www.womenofaviationweek.org)

I'm not sure if Maya Angelou was the first to say this but she said it often, "Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take but by the moments that take our breath away."

Let's be the extraordinary women who take away the breath of girls and women. Let's be the extraordinary women who inspire. Let's be the extraordinary women who serve as great role models. Let's be the extraordinary women who fly on March 7, 2015 at North Palm County, FL (F45). Who is with me?



Elisabeth and Tom Wuetrich  
Fly it Forward

Let's make this a true SE Section Event. We will need:

Pilots

Ground volunteers

Speakers who may share their stories or present a 10 -15 minute presentation about such topics as pre-flight, the aviation alphabet, basics about flying...

Contact Myra Bugbee, FL Goldcoast Chair & SE Section Director at [mjbugbee1@gmail.com](mailto:mjbugbee1@gmail.com)





# WOMEN OF AVIATION WORLDWIDE WEEK

March 2-8, 2015



**TAKE THE  
FLY IT FORWARD™  
CHALLENGE**

*in your aviation community*

**2015 THEME:**  
Serving with honor:  
100 years of female  
pilots in combat

## AWARDS

- Most Female Pilot Friendly Airport Worldwide
- Most Female Pilot Friendly Training Center Worldwide
- Most Dedicated Female Pilot Worldwide
- Most Supportive Male Pilot Worldwide

## PRIZES

- Cash prize for First to Solo Challenge Winner
- Cash prize for Event Organizer Contest Winner
- Gift certificates & more for volunteers, organizers, & female first time flyers



[www.WomenOfAviationWeek.org](http://www.WomenOfAviationWeek.org)

# 99s Cross Country Adventure

BY ELLEN HERR



In November Myra Bugbee and I made a cross country flight to Georgia, searching for fall leaf colors, as well as planning an airmarking project with the Georgia 99s. We are both based in south Florida, which is mostly at sea level and doesn't have colorful seasons, so this would be a change of scenery for both of us. For this trip we would fly in N00NT, a Van's RV6A owned by Myra and her husband, Roger Hirschbein. With its 160 knot cruising speed, sprightly yellow color and sliding canopy, the RV6A makes a great cross country aircraft.

We chose Callaway Gardens Resort for our first destination. The resort is in the town of Pine Mountain, in the hills of western Georgia. While Callaway Gardens is known for its golf course, we were visiting to see the butterfly and botanical gardens, and walk the wooded trails. After two days there, we would fly north to Gilmer Co. Airport (49A) to explore northwest Georgia, and begin work on the air marking project. On Sunday morning we left for the airport and loaded up N100NT. Roger was very helpful with the preflight and fueling, but we impressed him with the amount of luggage we were able to stash in that RV6A. We had carefully packed and weighed our stuff, but did need those odd things like coats and gloves that we rarely use in south Florida, which take up a lot of space!

At 10 AM we departed North Perry Airport (KHWO) for the 2 hour leg across the Everglades toward Lake Okeechobee, flying over Sebring to avoid restricted airspace. High pressure dominated the area with VFR weather, but we did have a pesky 15 knot headwind at 4500 ft. MSL along most of the route. Myra was the pilot, and I did the navigation and handled the radio. After several instances of giving our call sign "RV 100NT" and having the controllers think we were flying for the Army, I finally got my pronunciation good enough that they did not think we were a military plane. We picked up flight following from Miami Approach, who kept an eye on us as we crossed the swamps. Our first leg ended in Lake City (KLCQ) where we stopped for fuel and dined on our home made tuna fish sandwiches.



After a quick check on the weather, we departed for the 1 ½ hour leg to the Harris Co. Airport (KPIM), where our rental car awaited us. Harris Co.'s runway is 5000 feet long, located just on the north side of a ridgeline at 900 ft. MSL. This makes it a little difficult to see, with the exposed Georgia clay from a recent construction project on the airport more visible than the runway. We joined the downwind for runway 27, following two other RV's and a NORDO Piper Cub to the field. We spoke to the Cub pilot while we were topping off the tanks at the self-serve pumps, and he assured us he has to avoid faster planes in the pattern all the time. Airport employee Steve assisted with the self-fueling, and pointed us to a tie down. Pushing the RV to her parking spot was a breeze since she only weighs 1600 pounds.

Since we still had a couple of hours of daylight left, we took a short drive to the Franklin Roosevelt State Park, stopping for view at the Dowells Knob overlook. Roosevelt discovered the beauty of this part of Georgie in the 1930's, and located his summer home at nearby Warm Springs.

After a refreshing night's sleep at LaGrange, we had breakfast and set off for Callaway Gardens. Since we awakened to frost Monday morning, we decided to visit the butterfly garden first. The glass enclosed conservatory was spectacular and had many exotic butterfly species. A few native butterflies were stirring in the outside gardens as the temperature reached 60 degrees. We walked for a couple of hours on the paved Wildflower Trail and through the Azalea Bowl, and then visited the Memorial Chapel. The chapel is small church with very pretty botanical themed stained glass windows. Spring would be a better time to visit to see blooming flowers, but the subtle fall colors were beautiful. Callaway Gardens is definitely worth another visit!



On Tuesday morning we awoke to warmer temperatures (no frost), and VFR weather for the 1 hour trip to Gilmer Co., Ellijay, GA (49A). We were planning to meet with the airport manager, Jim Smith, who had expressed interest in having a compass rose painted on the south end of the ramp. Gilmer Co. Airport had been revitalized in the past 5 years by dedicated pilots and community members, and now has new bulk hangars and self-service fueling.

The 99s have a long history of involvement with airmarking, which can include the airport name, location or a compass rose. Phoebe F. Omlie, a founding member of the 99s, began the National Air Marking program in 1933. Before radios, VOR or GPS were available, visually determining your position while flying was your only option. Using prominent white marking to identify the town or airport over which you were flying made this much easier. After World War II 99 Blanche Noyes was in charge of the Airmarking Division of the Civil Aeronautics Administration. When money for the program ran out, she continued to champion airmarking as a valuable tool to enhance flight safety. The airmarking tradition continues today, funded by donations of paint and materials from airport supporters and local governments, and with the volunteer labor of 99s to lay out and paint the markings.



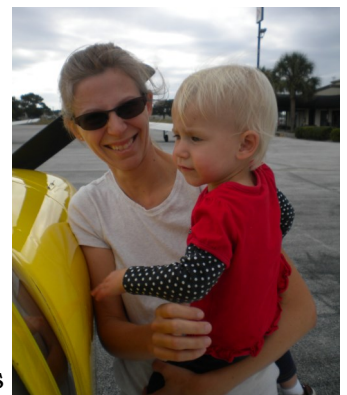
As we approached 49A, I noticed the sloping runway (.8% up NE) and was trying to remember if pilots tend to land long on a downsloping runway or is it land short? Anyway, while I was still wondering, Myra capably landed N100NT on the 3500 long runway 21.



Our reception committee of Jim, Marshall and Paul greeted us, and gave us a tour of the facilities. Marshall was a local pilot and Paul a member of the airport advisory committee, and all three were proud of the recent upgrades to their airport. Painting an 80 ft. diameter compass rose would require at least \$1000 for paint and materials, in addition to the survey required to accurately mark the primary compass points. After the airport folks are able to raise the money, the 99s will organize local volunteers to do the actual painting. There is currently not an active 99s chapter in northwest Georgia, which is why two gals from another part of the SE Section are helping to organize this airmarking. Our goal is to use this project to help bring pilots together and help stimulate interest in the 99s. All SE Section members will be encouraged to participate and help paint this compass rose, which is planned for April 2015. After our meeting it was off to town for lunch and a little shopping. Ellijay has a niche little downtown with some interesting shops and pretty décor, including many flower containers along the sidewalk.

The next morning it was time to head south toward home via Jacksonville (KCRG). A few more scattered clouds and the potential for showers in southeast Florida were promising to make the return legs more interesting. We were planning to stop at Craig Field and meet with Meredith Holladay, the new Chair of the Florida First Coast Chapter. Meredith and her husband, Dana, run a flight school at Craig.

Accompanied by their daughter, Alex, we shared lunch in their office and discussed projects and ideas to increase members' participation in our chapters. Meredith pointed out an issue faced by "mommy pilots", who have children needing day care. This makes it challenging for pilots who are moms to participate in 99s meetings and activities unless child care is available. The section is always looking for a way to have more 99s involved, and will offer child care at our next section meeting.



The final leg of our trip was south to North Perry. Flight following helped us negotiate the Class C and D airspace and intensive student training activity that dots the east coast of Florida. Thunderstorms were building over the Atlantic and blowing onshore at KHWO. The last 15 minutes of the flight were a race to the airport against a 20 knot headwind. We cancelled the flight following from Miami Approach after they vectored us west, away from the airport. Myra advised me that this vectoring away from the destination was a routine procedure, since separating us from the IFR traffic was a higher priority with ATC than getting us to North Perry. Since we needed to accomplish both goals, we stayed alert for traffic, and head back east. Myra indeed beat the storms in, landed without incident, and saw a wonderful rainbow on our approach.

So it was a great road trip-a little flying to anew part of the country, starting a project to carry on the airmarking tradition, and networking with our fellow 99s. Thanks to Jim, Marshall and Paul for their hospitality at Gilmer Co., and to Meredith, Dana, and Alex at Craig for the tasty lunch.

We have plans to come back to Georgia in 2015, and will post more details about the airmarking project when they are available.





# Flamingo FUNDANGO

**Southeast Section  
Ninety-Nine Spring Meeting  
May 15, 16, 17, 2015  
St. Petersburg, Florida**



**Hotel: HILTON St. Petersburg Bayfront**  
333 First St. South St. Petersburg 33701  
Phone: **727-894-5000**

**\$131** per night plus \$8 parking  
Make your room reservations by **APRIL 14, 2015**  
mention the **99 SE Conference** when you call.  
Starbucks on site. Tangerine Restaurant offering  
breakfast, lunch, dinner. The Hilton is walking distance to  
shopping, museums, and nightlife.



Dali Museum  
Museum Fine Arts

**\$110** 99 Registration - **\$75** - 491/2  
includes Friday night hospitality gathering, Saturday morning  
Continental Breakfast, Saturday evening Murder Mystery Dinner  
Buffet. **Late Registration \$125 after April 1, 2015**

- SCHEDULE: Registration In Hotel Lobby 1 to 5 PM Friday, May 15, 2015**
- May 15** •Hospitality Room open Friday, 5PM for food and fellowship
  - May 16** •Hospitality Room open 8 to 9 AM Saturday for Breakfast
  - May 16** •Business Meeting Saturday 9 AM - Noon. Lunch on own.
  - May 16** •Hospitality Room open Saturday 2 - 4 PM
  - May 16** •Cash Bar open 5:30 PM, Mystery Dinner Buffet 6 - 9 PM
  - May 17** •Sunday Breakfast on your own.

**Fly into Albert Whitted Airport  
Downtown Saint Petersburg**



Tower: 127.400  
Ground: 121.800

**FBO: Sheltair Avlation: 727-824-2880**  
Runway: 7/25 - 3,677 ft. length  
18/36 - 2,864 length



Saturday Morning Market

**Registration Form Cut & Send In Before April 1, 2015**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ "Nick Name" \_\_\_\_\_  
 49 1/2 Name \_\_\_\_\_ "Nick Name" \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Registration	\$110
49 1/2	75
Extra Dinner	65
<b>Total enclosed</b>	

**ETA at Albert Whitted**

*Free transportation to Hotel*

**Check payable to: Florida Suncoast Ninety-Nines**  
**Mail to: Jeanne Burklund, 1659 Palmwood Dr., Clearwater, FL 33756-3680**  
**Ph: 727-501-4776 [jeanne.burklund@fpcg.net](mailto:jeanne.burklund@fpcg.net)**



# Chapter Happenings

## Goldcoast Chapter

The Museum of Science and Discovery in Fort Lauderdale, FL has a grand opening of an Aviation Exhibit from December 19 - January 4. The exhibit allows guest to engage in hands-on experiences in simulators, as well as a 7D theatre ride.

Members of the FL Goldcoast 99s Chapter volunteered at the exhibit by sharing brochures and information about the Ninety-Nines organization. Some members also made short presentations to groups of children and adults.

Myra Bugbee and Tamra Sheffman made a presentation, titled *The Fun of Flying* in which they excited six to eight year olds from Camp Discovery about flying. Many of the students had flown on an airliner. In the presentation they learned about flying in small airplanes, how old they need to be to earn a pilot's license, and what different gauges tell the pilot. Comparisons were made between airliners and small general aviation airplanes. The children asked questions and were encouraged to study hard in school.

Barbara Ganson of the Gulfstream Chapter also made a presentation, titled *Pioneer Women Aviators*.







On Sunday, December 7, 2014, the FL Goldcoast 99s Chapter hosted its annual Scholarship Brunch & Holiday Celebration in Miami, FL with members of other Florida 99s chapters. From the original Florida Chapter there are now eight chapters. With the help of many dedicated 99s and organized by Chapter Chair, Myra Bugbee, everyone had a fun-filled, action-packed, fast-paced, and interactive Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Chapter. Many members donated items for the Silent Auction and Chinese Auction raffles which resulted in approximately \$1,600 for the Fran Sargent Scholarship Fund.

Captain Laurie Reeves, retired from United Airlines and FL Goldcoast 99s member, was the guest speaker. Captain Reeves' presentation titled, "Women in the Cockpit -- Transforming the '70s" was truly enlightening and ended with a standing ovation. She shared her experiences as a female airline pilot. Laurie was one of the females who paved the way for other women to have successful flying careers (*My words, not hers. She is very humble about her contributions*).

The FL Goldcoast Chapter has awarded \$41,500 to 32 Florida aviatrix over 32 years. 2013 Scholarships were awarded to:

Nicole Hester, a student at Embry Riddle, who will use her \$2000 Fran Sargent Scholarship to earn her Multi-Engine rating.

Jody Smith, Assistant Chief Pilot at KPBI with NetJets, received a scholarship for a 737 - 800 NG Jet Checkout from ADF Airways, an approved FAA part 141 Flight Academy, at the Kendall-Tamiami Airport in southern FL.

Many thanks to all those who helped behind the scenes, to those who donated items, and purchased items, making this a wonderfully fun and successful celebration.

## Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter



On October 18th 2014, the Emerald Angels of the Gulf coast Chapter completed their 1st Compass Rose, after months of planning and prep, at the H.L. "Sonny" Callahan Airport (KCQF) in Fairhope, AL. The ladies joined forces with the local EAA Chapter 1265 and the "no Limits" Girls Aviation Program of the Boys and Girls Club of Mobile, AL.

The chapter already has a slew of activities lined up in the upcoming months. Most immediately, the Emerald Angels will be celebrating their First Anniversary on January 18th 2015. Since their initial luncheon meeting in Pensacola, FL, this enthusiastic group has rapidly grown from 9 to 23 members!

The women of the Emerald Angels are also working alongside Terry Carbonell to assist with the upcoming projects involving the "No Limits" Girls Aviation Program and the Aviation Adventures, Inc. organization. This will be a great chance for the ladies to spread their love of aviation to the youth of the area and hopefully help mod and inspire some future pilots in the upcoming months!

On March 2nd 2015 a Pancake Breakfast is in the works at the Ferguson Airport. Mark your calendars! And of course, what can be more exciting then having the Air Race Classic Terminus in their backyard at the "Sony" Callahan Airport (KCQF) on June 22-25th. Members have already signed on to work with Continental Motors/ Zulu Flight Training to host a successful 2015 Terminus.

It has been an exciting year for the Emerald Angels. The women are eager to see what 2015 has to bring and are looking forward to further growth and development of their chapter.



## MEMPHIS CHAPTER



Jo Ann Speer, Memphis Chapter chairman, scheduled "Aviation - Aerospace Education Day" with the Obion County Central High School's newly formed Institute For Aerospace Education class for September 27, 2014 at KUCY, the airport in Union City. We have one of the first Tennessee schools to become associated with the Institute for Aerospace Education. We feel that it is important to get the students out to the airport as quickly as possible. This is an awesome program and introduces aviation as a career choice to high school students who may have never even considered it possible. It is a 4 year program and they can even earn some college credits. Jo Ann Speer, Lois Randall, and Linda Richards attended the all day event. Speakers included a corporate pilot, crop duster, aviation mechanic, military pilot, retired airline pilot, CFI, Civil Air Patrol Cadet, TFP pilot and TDOT Transportation Planner. Information was presented on navigation and compass. Jo Ann Speer discussed the Ninety-nines and the Air Race Classic. On September 27, we also had our first planning meeting for the Union City stop of the Air Race Classic.



## New Orleans Chapter



Members from the New Orleans chapter have been busy flying! Margaret Jones received her tail wheel endorsement in order to fly their new plane, a Decathlon. Janet Gonzales was checked out in her new plane, a Cardinal. Mae Marquet is busy training and studying for her commercial rating using the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship she was awarded by the 99s. In early November we had our annual "Top Gun" weekend at a private air field in Poplarville, MS, Oreck Farm. Margaret Jones' daughter and her father Larry, flew in in their Decathlon. Hopefully, we've got a new 99 in the making! Mae Marquet flew in with her 49 ½, Ed, in her Mooney. A strong crosswind made for a challenging landing. Janet Gonzales flew in with 49 ½, Chris, in her Cardinal. On Saturday Erin Seidemann flew in with a ten year old girl named Brea who is steadfast in her determination to become an airplane pilot. Brea lives in Slidell with her grandmother and has flown out of the Slidell airport with friends. Attached is a picture of Brea at Slidell. Erin wanted to show Brea that no matter what your background is you can turn out as cool as we are! Another future 99. She just needs to continue to hang with us!

The chapter voted to reinstate the Marlene Morris Scholarship for a Louisiana resident who is a Student Pilot member of The 99s and enrolled in a flight training course at any facility in Louisiana leading to a Private Pilot certificate in any category of aircraft. The applicant must have soloed by the time the scholarship is awarded. The chapter voted to be the starting location of the 2018 Air Race Classic. Jaime Gonzales will be the chair for this event and the preparation leading up to it.

The chapter held their Christmas party on December 12th at the Oreck Farm in Poplarville, MS. Janet Gonzales flew in for the occasion. Fun and good food was had by all that could attend.



# Bragging rights



Both of these aviators have something to brag about! Pictured above is American Airlines' first woman pilot, Captain Bonnie Tiburzi Caputo, and Gulfstream Chapter member Barbara Ganson. Barbara featured Bonnie's story, among others, in her new book, "Texas Takes Wing: A Century of Flight in the Lone Star State." Here is a brief description from Amazon:

"Tracing the hundred-year history of aviation in Texas, aviator and historian Barbara Ganson brings to life the colorful personalities that shaped the phenomenally successful development of this industry in the state. Weaving stories and profiles of aviators, designers, manufacturers, and those in related services, Texas Takes Wing covers the major trends that propelled Texas to the forefront of the field."

Barbara gave a lecture and did a book signing at the C.R. Smith American Airlines Museum in Fort Worth, Texas on October 23rd, 2014, along with Bonnie. Bonnie arranged a special tour of AA's flight simulators, including the simulator now used for the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.