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## Governor's Corner

# Reflections



This is my last governor page to all. At our May SE Section meeting, we will be installing our Governor elect, Myra Bugee, and her board and Myra will have the honor to continue where I leave off.

In reflecting back over the past 3 years as governor, I am happy with the accomplishments of our Section. We have added 3 new Chapters. We hosted an epic International Conference with New Orleans leading the charge. We solved most of our SE Section paperwork woes. We finally got our group 501(c)(3) exemption back ... OK, we are still having more issues but our Taxpayer Advocate is working on the case again. Our membership number have increased from 454 to 543 - and we still have time to hit the milestone of 100 new members added! We have a great ongoing fundraising project and we are financially secure. We resurrected the Gann Memorial Scholarship and will have awarded 3 scholarships.

I have had the honor of meeting more Section sisters that I could imagine. While I was not able to visit all of the Chapters, I was privileged to be able to join most of the FL Chapters for a celebration or two, meet up with fellow GA sisters at AOPA and enjoy a retreat with our TN sisters....and then there was the International Conference at New Orleans....did I mention that was epic? Thank you one and all for opening your meetings, your events and your doors to welcome me to your Chapters.

I am excited that Myra and her incoming board will be taking the reigns. Myra and I have been working on transitioning the SE Section and coordinating my duties to continue to serve her board and the SE Section. I will continue to work with the IRS, resolving whatever issues they throw at us. I will continue to be available to assist our Chapters with the little snafus that crop up from time to time as they have over the past 3 years. I will continue to help this Section grow to be the strongest and best Section in our fine 99s organization.

I hope to see you all at Sun-n-Fun in April. I will assist the FL Suncoast Chapter in showcasing our SE Section hospitality at the 99s House as they have so gracefully done over the last umpteen years. Thank you all for an awesome 3 years. It was my honor and pleasure to serve you and the 99s.

*Terry L. Carbonell, SE Section Governor*

# Chapter Happenings

**EMERALD ANGELS of the GULF COAST CHAPTER** was on hand to assist **AVIATION ADVENTURES, INC.** with the 2015 “No Limits Girls Aviation Program” Aviation Olympics held in conjunction with the 2015 **AIR RACE CLASSIC** Terminus in Fairhope, AL.



Such an awesome day for the girls. The BGC South AL girls got to Fort Walton Beach Friday evening for an overnight at the Fort Walton Beach Boys & Girls Club. They were giddy with excitement when they got there and were hours calming down. I was wondering how they would be awake enough to compete in the morning.

Volunteer judges from the Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter 99s arrived at 0800 ready for briefings and set up. We had giant US maps to have ready, posters, papers, rooms full of events to set up. With everything completed in record time, the girls began to filter in for the events. Each of the 6 teams sported their own vibrant colored T-shirt with the BGC/Aviation Olympics logo that was specially designed for the event. We lined up everyone and started with the first event - US Map Assembly. The girls were cheering each other on as they took turns selecting puzzle pieces and started assembling the map. Nerves were apparently running high as some of the girls ran to the map only to draw a blank. We released the whole team to complete the map assembly and saw nothing but hands and puzzle pieces flying. In no time, the first map was complete; the rest fell into order shortly. Event ribbons were awarded and we were on to the next relay: Name the Airplane Parts.

This was a larger version of a former activity and the girls know exactly what to do. It was a real race to the finish as the teams all finished quite close together. It was really a matter of which team ran faster. The events continued on with both individual and team events. The individual events saw 12 girls per event head scratching and teeth gnashing as they worked their way through puzzles and aviation mind benders. Individual event ribbons were awarded.



The final event of the day was the Map Scavenger Hunt. The girls all surrounded the local area map with their magnifying glasses, rulers and dry erase pens to find all sorts of information by reading and understanding the map key. They had 30 minutes to complete the event and time was called. While the judges tallied all of the scores, the girls each were awarded Certificates of Participation. This was a big deal to them. They were competing against strange kids; they had to quash those inner little voices of fear and speak up, speak out and shine like the stars they are. They were all amazing and each girl walked away with a renewed sense of pride, a nice certificate and several event ribbons.

When the results were tallied all gathered in the middle of the gymnasium. Third place went to the Neon Green Team from BGC Emerald Coast, Fort Walton Beach Club. Second place was Teal Blue Team from BGC So AL, Soy Callahan. The gold medal winners were the Hot Pink Team from BGC South AL, Semmes Club.



## Goldcoast Chapter

### Fly it Forward Event

The Florida Gold coast Chapter of the 99s hosted a Fly it Forward Event on March 7, 2015, in conjunction with the Women in Aviation Worldwide Week. The event was assisted by the Paradise Coast and the Gulf Stream chapters of the 99's as well as the local EAA Chapter 203 based at the North Palm Beach Country Airport (F45). More than 150 interested guests showed up on a rainy Saturday in South Florida.



As the volunteer pilots waited patiently for the weather to clear, the guests participated in games, educational activities, and movies inside the Hangar. Speakers shared information about their careers and flying experiences. Some taught lessons about the forces of flight, how to read a chart, and the aviation phonetic alphabet, while others led children in relay games, chart scavenger hunts, and Aviation Jeopardy.

In between the rain drops some of the guests were able to venture out from the hangar and get up close and personal with the display planes. The guests learned how to preflight an airplane, and a few were even able to sit in the plane and have their pictures taken. Most of the girls were amazed at how small the inside of a Cessna 172 really is.

The weather never did clear, so no one got to have their discovery flight, but the day was still filled with many fun and educational activities, and everyone promised to come back again next time the event is offered!

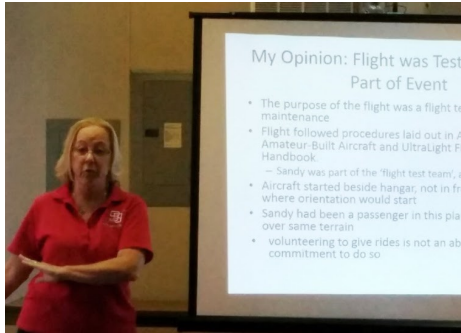
All pictures were taken by Jennyfer Toplak.







## Goldcoast Chapter



On February 7, 2015 the Florida Gold Coast Chapter held a meeting at the Lantana Airport (KLNA), Palm Beach County, Florida for an insightful speaker presentation from Donna Wilt, PhD. Donna F Wilt holds a Ph.D., an ATP, a Master CFI, and is an associate professor of Aviation at FIT. She is also very active with the aviation community as a chair for the Spaceport Chapter of the 99s, a member of EAA, a member of Orlando FFAST team, a chair of the board of society of Aviation and flight Ed (SAFE) and a special advisor on Board of the Link Foundation.

Donna was an expert researcher and witness in a law suit that was filed after a plane crash at Richard's Field (04FA) which resulted in two fatalities on October 29, 2011. Her presentation was called "What Really Happened? An option of the accident N58784" The accident happened on a day when the local EAA chapter was holding a Pig Roast and was going to offer free intro flights to first time flyers. The plane involved in the accident was a Skyboy, at the time the Skyboy was listed as an Experimental, exhibition plane. The Skyboy had a Garmin 496 onboard and had several modification made to it in the week prior to the event, including vortex generators (VGs) on the wings.

Donna described her research process, which included reading Police Reports, depositions, re-researching best practices and consulting subject matter experts in many areas. The GPS track data provided by the Garmin 496 and analyzed by Donna was critical to helping understand the events of the morning. The suit was settled out of court after Donna's presentation and did not go to trial, due to privacy laws we will never know if it was Donna's presentation that gave the parties the motive to settle. But for those of us that attended the presentation, we left with a vast knowledge of how accidents are investigated. Her presentation was a springboard for our members to ask many questions and have many discussions on various areas of aviation safety, including: pilot medicals, A&P responsibilities, importance of logbook entries, aircraft design, weight and balance, pilot installed modifications, the responsibilities of PIC, crew resource management, rules and safety for airshows and demo flights, and much more.

After the presentation, many of the members gathered for lunch at the nearby Old Key Lime House Restaurant to enjoy more discussions, lunch and some wonderful Florida Sunshine.





## MOMMY PILOTS GROUP

I try to plan ahead, I really do. However, even my best plans fall victim to an unexpected blow-out, missing socks, or my baby in the throes of a blood-curdling tantrum. If this sounds vaguely familiar (*aka you've been there, done that*), you are in the prime of

it, one day you hope to experience it all, or you wish to just support those in the middle of it all—"it all" called being a mom, then we need you! We, a few mommy pilots, are working together to make the Southeast Section of The Ninety-Nines more inclusive of all of our mommy pilots!

### How?

**Mommy Pilots Facebook Group.** This group is open to anyone who is a pilot, student pilot, a mom, a mom-to-be, I-hope-to-be-a-mom, I-want-to –support-moms, and non 99s. This group page was formed with the intention of building a virtual support group. It is for posting questions, stories, and more related to flying or being a mom. Need encouragement to keep pursuing that rating while balancing family life? (*I do!*) This group is for you! Worried about being pregnant and flying? Join us!

**Spring Southeast Section Meeting.** FREE CHILDCARE! Yes, you read it correctly! We are excited to offer free childcare for your 33s during the spring section meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida, May 15-17, 2015. We will also be offering a Mommy Pilot forum focusing on Traveling with Children in General Aviation. This will serve as time to network, socialize, and discuss the future of Mommy Pilots too.

### How Can You Participate?

**Join our Mommy Pilots Facebook Group.**

**Register for the Spring SE Section Meeting.** Email me, Liz Poeppelman, at [lizpoeppelman@gmail.com](mailto:lizpoeppelman@gmail.com), if you plan to bring your 33 with your 33's name and age. We currently have five 33s. We would love for there to be more. So join us and please bring your 33s! We are all here to help each other out, so don't let finding childcare or other child-centered concerns keep you from attending.

See you in Florida!

Liz Poeppelman, Meredith Holladay, and Maria Burns  
Mommy Pilots Committee



# 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.



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Museum Fine Arts

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Downtown Saint Petersburg**



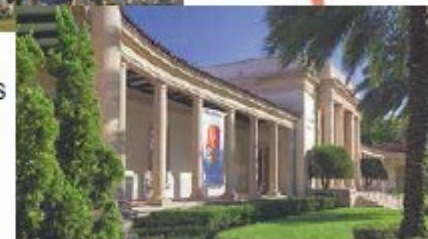
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**FBO: Sheltair Aviation: 727-824-2880**  
Runway: 7/25 - 3,677 ft. length  
18/36 - 2,864 length

**\$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.



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

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