

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS
SE SECTION



Miami, FL
April 29, 2017

Officers

Governor Myra Bugbee
Vice Governor Mae Marquet
Secretary Marilyn Shafer
Treasurer Jeanne Burklund
Directors Carol Voss & Karen Weldon
Immediate Past Governor Terry Carbonell
International Representative Martha Phillips

Call to Order

Myra Bugbee

9:00

- Largest attendance in years and even higher than last year's Tennessee Section meeting.
- Theme: *Airplanes, Alligators and Airboats*
- Introduction of and Thank You to the Florida Goldcoast hosts
- Thank Treasure Coast for swag bags
- Introduction of 1st time attendees, those who flew to the meeting in GA, and recognize years as 99s Member as well as Lifetime Members.

Roll Call

Marilyn Shafer

Declaration of Quorum 71% with 15 of 21 chapters in attendance.

Introduction of Guests and Past Governors

Mae Marquet

Mae recognized past governors and guests present:

Vicki Lynn Sherman – Past International President 2000-2002 and
Past SE Section Governor 1995-1997

Connie Wilds Poppenhager – Past SE Section Governor 1991-1993

Marie Grein Past SE Section Governor 2005-2007

Corbi Bulluck – Current International Vice President and Past SE Section Governor 2007-2009

Martha Phillips – Immediate Past International President 2012-2016

Terry Carbonell – Current International Director and Past SE Section Governor 2012-2015

Mae Marquet presented Myra with a framed list of Governors since inception of Section.

Approval of Minutes of Fall 2016 Meeting (Fall Creek Falls, TN) Marilyn Shafer

Corbi Bullock made a motion to accept the minutes;

Ginger Adelstone 2nd; unanimous vote to accept minutes as submitted.



Officers' Reports

Governor – Myra Bugbee

Vice Governor – Mae Marquet

Myra mentored Mae in the transition by inviting her to attend IBOD meetings in OKC and consistent communication.

Secretary – Marilyn Shafer

Thank you notes were sent to WASP benefactors. An email of document for attendance & tax deductions will be sent to all SE Section members to verify attendance at the Miami SE Section.

Treasurer – Jeanne Burklund

Directors – Carol Voss & Karen Weldon

International Representative – Martha Phillips

- San Antonio International Conference July 15-16 -- almost all rooms have been booked.
- International has a new Facebook group
- International marketing is being spearheaded by Terry Carbonell and has proven already to be a successful program with membership increasing.
- *Friends of the 99s* - There are almost 100. The memberships are given as a token of appreciation. Our “Friends” can attend conferences (except the business meeting) and receive the 99s magazine.
- WAI conference – 74 applications were gained from this outreach.
- Three of our trusts, Amelia Earhart Scholarship; Endowment Fund; and AE Birthplace Museum in Atchison, Ks are doing well. The Museum of Women Pilots needs assistance financially from chapters, if possible. It costs about \$150/day to run and chapters may want to consider sponsoring a day.
- International Board Meetings (IBOD) are held each spring and fall and everyone is welcome to attend.

Marketing

Terry Carbonell

- #Ima99 or @99sinc
- International is funding this endeavor. Internationally we had 4830 last March and since the marketing and rebranding endeavors we are up to 5010 members today.
- Retention is key since we seem to gain/lose the same number over and over. The SE Section is now at 601. International encourages chapters to contact those members who have gone onto STANDBY or HOLD and encourage them to renew their membership.
- Branding “I’m a 99” pins are on sale in the Hospitality Room
- *Designing Events* was hired to redesign our Annual Conference
- In Social Media use hash tags and @ for more exposure

Getting to Know Us BINGO Award

Myra Bugbee

Kim Elsholz won a jacket

New Horizons Scholarship Presentation

Trustees

Myra Bugbee

Jeanne Burklund

Janice Pelletti

Nancy Miller-Borg

Jaime Gonzales

- This award memorializes the passing of SE Section member Ruth Fleischer. Ruth was a WASP, instrumental in starting the FL Goldcoast scholarship, Air Traffic Controller, and retired Major in the Air Force Reserves.

- Recipient of scholarship: Lora Lewis who will use the scholarship to earn her Commercial Rating.
- More applications (12) than ever were submitted and all were very deserving!

Mommy Pilots Scholarship Presentation Liz Poepelman
Myra Bugbee
Jeanne Burklund
Martha Miller
Maria Burns

Five applications were submitted. And the winner, from the Alabama chapter, is Maria Sanders-Ingram who is an ESOL teacher online, has goals of becoming a CFI and ground instructor. Maria is active as an EAA member and a NASA STEM National Educator course developer.

Presentation of Section Awards Carol Voss

99 of Note

Nominated: Ginger Adelstone, Lisa Cotham, Rosemary Gibson, Mikki Kline, Laura Sherwood, Deborah Yarborough, and Ramona Banks. Ramona was chosen the WINNER.

Spinning Prop (Represents the 99 with the most uncompensated hours in a GA plane during 2016)

Nominated were Diane Burwen, Terry Carbonell, Julie Ann Jones, Mikki Kline, Naiara Petralanda, Liz Poepelman and Julie Wang. Julie was the WINNER as the first Chinese woman to fly solo around the world.

49 ½ (Our significant others in our lives who devote much to the advancement of the 99s)

Nominated were Kevin Banks (WINNER), Matthew Kline, Jimmy LaFountain, David Oreck, William John Shaw, Jeff Woodard, and Owen Yarbrough.

Financial Protocols Myra Bugbee

1. Treasurers of two sections received an informal email from the Governor requesting transfer of \$3500-4500. It was **FRAUD!** Nonprofits with money are being targeted. Your Section verifies EVERY expenditure, with board approval via email or conducts a conference call for small amounts. Large amounts are voted upon by the entire membership. Chapters Chairs and Chapter Treasurers should look at your budget and put reasonable financial protocols in place. Before making payments, require receipts, have expense report and be careful!

2. A Section audit has been completed, at no expense to the section. It is an overall positive report and some suggestions have already been implemented. The report was accepted by the Board and the new Board will take a few weeks to review the information and the new Governor will get back to members to report any modifications that may be made. Thank you to Caroline Hodges who is a CPA and Laurie Reeves who has done many audits in the past.

2017-2018 Budget Discussion and Adoption Jeanne Burklund

A copy is in your packet

Reviewed budget

Proposed balanced budget for 2017-2018

Carol Voss asked to increase the line item from \$50 to \$100 for awards for next year

Motion to accept the budget with the addition was made by Carol Voss with a 2nd by Terry Carbonell.

The budget passed unanimously.

Consignment jewelry is still on sale and 99s rings are ordered individually

Application Submitted to IFOF

Myra Bugbee

Ellen Herr is our 99s representative on the International Forest of Friendship (IFOF). The SE Section has applied for induction into the forest. The Arboretum started in 1976 in conjunction with the City of Atchison, KS and The 99s. Trees representing inductees from all 50 states and 35 countries have been planted there. This year's theme is "Flying, Forests and the Future" and the celebration will be held on June 16 & 17 in Atchison, KS. Instead of planting a tree Myra requested that a bench with a plaque represent the SE Section and be placed in a prominent location with shade. The NOLA chapter is also inducting Karen Weldon into the IFOF. Myra, Mae, and Karen plan to attend the ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

Chapter Reports (Please limit to 2 minutes)

Chapter Chairwomen or their representatives presented information. Chapters who submitted written reports are attached to the minutes.

NIFA

Marilyn Shafer

Marilyn explained NIFA as the National Intercollegiate Flying Association where college students compete in a variety of flying and ground activities. This year NIFA will take place at Auburn University with date yet to be determined. Marilyn asked for suggestions and concerns about attendance to help encourage 99s to volunteer as judges for this event. Write to ProBBMom@gmail.com with your comments. NIFA is a great 99s recruiting tool. We strongly encourage 99s to volunteer.

Upcoming Section Meetings & Retreat

October 6 – 8, 2017 – Memphis, TN

Lois Horne

"I Follow the Mississippi River to Memphis"

Hosted by the Memphis Chapter

Lois made an interesting presentation about the fall section meeting, including:

Embassy Suites Hotel – 1022 S. Shady Grove Rd, Memphis, TN

Hotel \$169 double

Tours: St. Jude Hospital

FedEx Express Experience 8p-12a

Memphis Center Tour

Guest Speaker: Acrobatic pilot – How to Begin Flight Training for Aerobatics; Jimbob "Aircraft Crash Safety"

Memphis Attractions: zoo, aquarium, civil rights museum, bison farm; Checkout Lonely Planet video

Registration is \$99 for 99s; \$49.50 for 49 ½; and \$33 for children.

General Aviation planes should fly into Charles Baker airport.

April 13-14, 2018 – Sun 'n' Fun 4/10-15, Lakeland, FL Ellen Herr & Terry Carbonell

Hosted by Paradise Coast

Hotel \$170 double; camping is available but all these will have to be done early since they fill up fast!

Planning a dinner with the WASP on Thursday night. The Saturday night banquet will most likely be a cookout at the 99s House or in the campground.

International Conference

Myra Bugbee

Send ballots to Mae or Myra from chapter if a chapter member is not attending the International Conference; Chapter Chair signs each ballot but DO NOT write in a representative name.

Minds-on / Hands-on Activity

Myra Bugbee & All

State of the SE Section & 3-2-1 Exit Ticket

Myra gave a sincere thank you to Section Board & Directors.

Myra reflected on the Goals of the past 2 years and the growth of the SE Section.

Strategies for **Building Relationships and Building our Community while having Fun** provided common ground for conversation starters and helped many of you make new friends.

The Getting to Know Us Activities

BINGO – Like this Little Know Facts

Scavenger Hunts on the way to our Section Meetings

Minds on / Hands on Strategies at our Business Meetings provided a means for us to work together on the same **VISION** and **GOALS**, as well as a means to think about the **meaning** of our organization and also to propose **strategies** that you could take back to your chapters to strengthen them and your leadership teams.

In **Huntsville** – we worked in small groups to establish action plans for our goals relating to:

- 1) Mentorship and its impact on membership
- 2) Community outreach -- how can we influence our communities and be recognized as an asset?
- 3) How can scholarships and aerospace education empower women?
- 4) How can we use technology to support our organization?

In **Daytona** we focused on a shared vision for a strength-based organization and how our individual strengths could be used to strengthen our chapters and to build Leadership Teams at the chapter level and at the section level. The **take-away** was a large puzzle with interlocking pieces in which each of us wrote how our individual **strengths** or **passions** could be used to engage members, build membership, or build your leadership team.

In **Tennessee**, we looked at what makes 99s special and why is membership in the 99s the best choice. The take-away strategy was creating an **elevator speech** – a quick 30-second way to talk to someone about the 99s and a way to share your passion about the 99s and to recruit or retain members. Two elevator speeches are posted on the SE Section website.

Membership

Myra challenged us to raise our membership to 600 and we did it!!!! Today, we are 601 strong!!! Also, attendance at our SE Section Meetings has more than doubled in two years, with approximately 40 attendees at Huntsville and 78 today in Miami.

New Chapters

Many of our members within a chapter are hundreds of miles apart. We encouraged leaders to start new chapters. Myra believes that it is better to have more, smaller chapters with active members rather than large chapters with members that are rarely active.

Newly Chartered Chapters are

FL Heartland – November 2015

Treasure Coast – May 2016

Sarasota Ladybugs – August 2016

The GA Chapter, now *GA Flying Belles*, was in a holding pattern for several years and is now rejuvenated – January 2017. Middle Tennessee has relocated and been renamed *Appalachian Aviatrixes* – February 2017. We are working on chartering a *virtual Mommy Pilots Chapter*, which will probably be approved in July at the International Conference and a chapter in Ocala.

As you heard from our Chapter Reports, many of our chapters have raised the bar in the areas of Mentoring / Education / Community Outreach. Our Flight Line showcases educational articles, articles of interest, activities that chapters are doing, and bragging about your accomplishments.

Scholarships

Our SE Section raised the amount of the New Horizon Memorial Scholarship and we started a new Mommy Pilot Scholarship. Additionally, many of our chapters offer scholarships and work hard at fundraising for them.

Fiscal Responsibility

We are good stewards of your money and we are solid financially. We had a wonderful estate donation that has helped further the message of the 99s and our educational pursuits. We've had some good fundraisers (wine glasses, jewelry, and charms). With a new Ways and Means Committee Chair, Ramona Banks, fundraising should increase. We were able to increase the amounts of our scholarships and help International with its new Marketing / Rebranding Design.

“An African Proverb says, “If you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk together.” “We have walked together and walked far. I see your enthusiasm and passion shared every day in so many ways. I am the very proud Governor of the SE Section 99s!!!” stated Myra.

Our **Take Away Strategy** was a **3 – 2 – 1 EXIT Ticket**. This activity will help our next Board set new goals. The results will be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Thank you to our Nominating Committee

Virginie Rollin
Elina Lunin
Meredith Holladay

We worked with Election Buddy, the electronic voting company selected by International. They were very responsive.

Virginie expertly put up the electronic ballots with bios of each candidate.

Electronic balloting went well and 37 ballots were placed in snail mail. Approximately 30% voted in this election. Possibly candidates running unopposed can be a reason for low participation.

Ballots will be held for one year and then the membership will vote to destroy the ballots.

Installation of New Officer & Directors

Myra Bugbee

Myra made a special presentation to all newly elected officers and gave them a sense of their duties.

Nominating Committee -- Virginie Rollin, Janice Pelletti, Mikki Kline

Directors -- Karen Weldon & Ramona Banks

Treasurer -- Jeanne Burlund

Secretary -- Barbara Strachan

Vice Governor -- Marilyn Shafer

Governor -- Mae Marquet

A Few Words from our New Governor

Mae Marquet

Link to History of SE Section 99s on website. <http://sesection99s.org/id1.html>

Be aware of high schools in your area, especially schools with STEM programs for outreach activities. Stimulate colleges and universities for aviation programs and possibly have aviation curriculum.

Call Laura Ohrenberg for promotional materials. Not all materials are free.
Need KLAL Compass Rose. Mae is working on the location and the details.
One goal is to have 100% of chapters represented at our section meetings.
Mae asked us to be calendar conscious so you can eliminate conflicts with our advance dates of meetings!

For the Good of the Order (open forum – please limit comments to 2 minutes)

Kitty Hawk poker run at TTA 9/30

Florida Goldcoast #beautyinthesky promoting female flyers (new CC) jessicamarin96@yahoo.com

FL Heartland CC spoke about the STEM program being a great resource.

Lois Horne compass rose – learn how to paint in 8 hrs or less Memphis knows how. Contact them.

Ramona: Southern Museum of Flight selling Bombshell Calendar of female pilots; professionally produced with period costumes, hair and makeup. \$20 towards \$5k scholarship. Ramona has calendars

Skyqueen31R@yahoo.com Mae is Rosary Mae. Please send emails with questions, comments, and suggestions.

Janice McWilliams – ornaments and jackets for sale from Florida Suncoast Chapter

Martha Phillips – There is a Karen Johnson solo scholarship \$3k and King School flight training course free. Planning an Oshkosh 99s dinner at night in Nature Center \$30. Make advance reservations.

Ginger Adelstone, Florida Heartland has hats and hoodies for sale

Goldcoast - Fly It Forward for girl scouts – 30 attended and received aviation badges. Write Laurene McEneny or Myra Bugbee for more information

Laurene McEneny for FL Goldcoast – housekeeping items

Committee Chairs – Submitted written reports will be attached to the Minutes

Air Marking – Rosemary Gibson

Awards – Carol Voss

Bylaws – Marie, Grein, Terry Carbonell, Corbi Bulluck

Education – Laurene McEneny

501c3 – Terry Carbonell

Flight Line Editors – Stephanie Wrenn & Odi Velazquez

Membership – Ginger Adelstone

Mommy Pilots – Liz Poeppelman

NIFA – Marilyn Shafer

Nominating Committee – Virginie Rollin, Elina Lunin, Meredith Holladay

Scholarship – Beth Schoppaul

Social Media & Webmaster– Samantha Gambon

Ways and Means – Ramona Banks

Adjournment

11:50 motion Carol Voss, 2nd Myra Bugbee

Group photo



Fly, Learn, Mentor, Inspire

Dear Maryke,

SOUTHEAST SECTION CHAPTER & COMMITTEE REPORTS APRIL, 2017

Alabama Chapter Ramona Banks, Chai

Members:35

New: 3 members since last section meeting.

- October: Did a presentation about the 99s with the author of *Crossing the Horizon* Laura Notaro. The book was about Ruth Elder one of the charter members of the 99s.
- December: We had our Christmas party in Birmingham.
- January: 21st Annual Amelia Earhart Lunch at the Southern Museum of Flight. It was our largest event to date. Dr. Deborah Barnhart, the CEO of the U.S. Space and Rocket Center was our speaker. We had corporation donate enough money to bring in 30 young women to the luncheon. We raised \$2700 for the AEBM.
- January: Presented our Minnie Wade Scholarship to Maria Sander-Ingram.
- March: Ramona did a presentation about how the 99s are tied to Women's Air Racing with the **American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)** in Huntsville.
- April: We are planning a Military Spouse Day at Golden Triangle Airport in Columbus, MS. We have about 30 spouse signed up currently.
- May: We have an afternoon with Ed Yielding, a SR-71 pilot.

Appalachian Aviatrices Chapter Janice Pelletti, Chair

At the February 25, 2017 meeting, the Chapter name was voted on and officially changed from the Middle Tennessee Chapter to the Appalachian Aviatrices Chapter. Until this meeting, the Chapter had been inactive.

In addition to changing the name, the location of the Chapter was moved. As the Middle Tennessee Chapter, meetings and members were primarily located in the Nashville, TN area. The intention now is to hold meetings primarily in the Northeast Region of Tennessee in the Bristol area. Since Bristol is also located in Virginia, it is hoped that pilots from that area may also be interested in joining this Chapter.

At the February meeting Chapter officers were voted on and officially appointed. Janice Pelletti, Chair, Pam Phillips, Vice-Chair, Christina Gilbert, Secretary and Meagan Harr, Treasurer.

Since the re-forming of the Chapter, five new members have joined the 99s. We also have two prospective members.

The first meetings have focused business. We're working on the Bylaws and the SOPs. There has been very active discussion on fundraising projects. Two projects in the works include the design

of specialty apparel and offering a professional photo shoot when the Commemorative Air Force brings the B-17 to KTRI in September. The Chapter proposes the formation of scholarships from the proceeds.

Members have also discussed educational programs for local schools and other groups. We're also working to establish a Facebook page and a Chapter website.

Blue Ridge Chapter Linda Saniewski, Chair

We are painting a compass rose April 22, 2017 at KSPA (Spartanburg, SC) airport. I hope to have many pictures for the 99's magazine. We are also working with a young lady and hope to get her to join our chapter.

Carolinas Chapter Debby Dennis, Chair

- Bretlyn Marr was the first-place winner of the 2016 99's
- Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship and the 99's Amelia Earhart FLY NOW Scholarship. She is a member of the Carolinas Chapter and has since soloed and is currently planning her first solo cross-country flight!
- Purchased a brick for the Asheboro Airport Museum Walk with our Chapter name on it. The brick was set into the sidewalk, in March. Other bricks are available for individual names surrounding the chapter brick.
- Formed a scholarship committee, with plans to offer a flight-training scholarship, sponsored by our chapter. • Meetings o Mainly meet at Stanly County Airport (KVUJ) in New London, NC.
- In December, we had a fun meeting, including a Christmas covered-dish luncheon, and a gift exchange, at a member's home.
- Met at Asheboro, NC in March to view our brick. Montana Wright, a 17-year-old, also spoke to us about her Aviation School Project.
- We are planning a July 15th meeting, focusing on local air traffic control procedures. A lady pilot/controller from Charlotte TRACON and a representative from the National Guard tower will be making a presentation at the Stanly County Airport. Local pilots will also be invited.
- Currently have 30 members.

Daytona Beachin' Eagles Chapter Virginie Rollin, Chair

- 18 members
- The chapter had a "get to know each other" meeting in December, where local 99s members of other chapters were also invited. Burgers outside around the pool in December, what a better way to get to know other women pilots!

- Meeting at the Kennedy Space Center in February. We collaborated with the Spaceport chapter to visit the KSC, and they were able to arrange for free admission for 99s and families. 3 full planes from our chapter flew to Titusville and we met with the Spaceport chapter.
- The chapter is starting collaboration with Women in Aviation and the Commemorative Air Force for an education day in September, as well as helping setup an aviation explorer chapter locally.
- Elections ongoing for first elected board since chapter rejuvenation.

Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast

Caitlin Kuersteiner, Chair

The Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter currently has 18 members spread throughout the coast of Alabama to Tallahassee, FL. As it has been previously mentioned, the geographic widespread nature of the chapter can be difficult, but we still manage to congregate and move forward as a chapter!

The chapter still has a membership that consists of a strong mix between civilian and military aviators. We love having the mix of backgrounds amongst the ladies, but unfortunately we see some great ones who have to move on when duty calls.

We've had many highlights collectively as a chapter and amongst the members within the last few months. On November 6th the chapter got together in Pensacola, FL to take advantage of the local Blue Angels, who were performing for the annual homecoming show. We even had some visitors from the neighboring Alabama Chapter!

Last month the chapter took part in the Marvel of Flight Fly-In over in Defuniak Springs, FL. The event draws a large crowd each year. This is the second year of attendance for us. We went out to spread the word about the Ninety-Nines, find new recruits. and of course, have a reason to commune and talk airplanes. Fellow Ninety-Nines and aerobatics extraordinaire, Patty Wagstaff, even came by and hung out. What an inspiration!

Most recently we were excited to hear that not one, but two, chapter members, Kerry Sheridan and Kris Dubois of the United States Air Force, were both hired on as First Officers with American Airlines! As a chapter we are super proud of their new adventure moving onto the civilian side.

We also have to put the brags on Sam Gambon. Sam joined the chapter back in July, and since then has relocated and switched jobs to afford flight lessons. She is currently 22 hours in and about to solo!

She's managed to gain a lot of cross-country hours – most recently with a trip down with her instructor to Sun N' Fun. Her enthusiasm for the chapter and flying is getting her through the process quickly.

There should definitely be a new private pilot amongst our group by this time next year!

Last but not least, we have officially started the planning for hosting the SE Section Meeting in the Spring 2019. Pensacola, FL has so much to offer to aviation enthusiasts. As a chapter we want to make the most of area and cannot wait to show you ladies around the Emerald Coast!

Florida Firstcoast Chapter

Meredith Holladay, Chair

Florida Goldcoast Chapter

Kathryn Koch, Vice Chair

Jen Toplak, Chair

April

The South Florida Air Expo by SAFEE Flight is a K-12 STEM Day for Schools, Family Fun Day, Community Outreach, Aviation Seminars and Presentations, Aviation Career Fair, \$25 Discovery Flights, Touch & Go Competition, Fly-In, Aircraft Displays, Drone Exhibit, Flight Simulators, Food Trucks, and Kid Zone. The FL Goldcoast 99s had a booth to interact with the public and gave presentations both days on being a pilot, parts of the airplane, non-profit groups, and being a female pilot. The FL Goldcoast 99s visited Sun'N'Fun all week long. We enjoyed visiting the 99s booth, visiting with the WASPs, being on the set of Florida Aviation Network with Obie Young as Diego Alfonso received his 25 year volunteer service award, and visiting Jen Toplak as she treated the WASPs to some great Dare To Fly merchandise!

March

We represented 99s during the opening exhibition of- "A century of flight: The Story of Aviation in Miami", created by History Miami Museum and the Miami International Airport - MIA's Division of Fine Arts & Cultural Affairs. It was exciting to see how passionate everyone there was about aviation and how the space was transformed by the exhibit, hoping to educate visitors of the airport about the history of aviation in Miami. We will be joining efforts with them to work on a future art exhibit about women in the history of aviation. We attended the celebration to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of Barrington Irving's flight around the world as well as the completion of Experience Aviation's 4th Build & Soar plane project at Wayman Aviation.

We hosted a Fly It Forward event to teach and inspire the Girl Scouts during Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week 2017. 30 Girl Scouts attended and 50 were on the waiting list due to space limitations so we plan to host a larger event next year. We enjoyed sharing our passion with every girl and were thrilled by the enthusiasm for learning they all shared! We also drew the winners for our 2017 raffle for Boeing and Airbus Simulator experiences and a Cirrus Discovery Flight. We nearly sold out of all raffle tickets and were awed by the generosity of member Kimberly Lowe who purchased one ticket for each girl scout who came out to our Fly It Forward event.

February

We hosted the Advanced Weather Seminar by Capt Jack Boyd with Gold Standard Aviation. From students to airline pilots and everything in between, we also had pilots from South America and Europe joining us.

January

We attended the Sport Aviation Expo in Sebring where Myra Bugbee was interviewed to speak about the 99s and the role of women in aviation. Myra Bugbee and Veronika Bensova of the FL Goldcoast 99s Chapter made a presentation at the Zonta Chapter in Miami at the Curtiss Mansion. Myra spoke about the Ninety-Nines and Veronika told great stories about Amelia Earhart. Rebekah Seifer also spoke about her journey to becoming a Coast Guard pilot. Zonta is an organization that promotes the empowerment of women. Amelia Earhart was an early member. The Zonta Chapter gave an Scholarship in honor of Amelia Earhart to Natalie Fierro, an FIU Mechanical Engineering Student. Natalie will be designing important parts of our airplanes, especially related to ejection seats.

We had a great turn out for our monthly meeting at Wings Over Miami Air Museum in Miami Executive Airport. It was very exciting to see everyone on the first week of the 2017 and talk about the New Year's Resolutions. We welcomed 4 new members and after touring the Hangar we meet and got lot of the planning done for our upcoming big event in April, the SE Section Meeting in the Everglades

The community outreach event Marlins Aviation Day at Marlin's Stadium was cancelled at the last minute due to the death of the star baseball player Jose Fernandez. Our Friends of the 99s member, Will Shaw, jumped into action for our members and volunteers by hosting a spontaneous Miami International Airport Tower Tour. We left feeling enlightened about aviation and it's career opportunities as well as inspired after detailed and comprehensive tour of MIA tower.

December

We had a great celebration at our annual Scholarship Brunch. We were pleased to award our two annual scholarships. After an entire year of hard work promoting aviation, participating in educational and community events, networking with sponsors to raise funds, we finally were able to chose the two most meritorious applicants to help them achieve the career of their dreams. We also heard about the groundbreaking, gender bias bending accomplishments of our guest speaker Maria Ziadie Haddad in Jamaica.

November

The FL Goldcoast 99s visited the American Airlines Maintenance Hangar at MIA where we were able to see how the work gets done behind the scenes on a Boeing 777. We climbed into the cargo area, saw the black boxes, sat in the cockpit, saw the complex landing gear, the inside of the engines and so much more.

October

We gathered for a Halloween Hanger Gathering to strengthen our bond and get to know each other better by playing games, eating sweets, dancing, and having fun together. Pilots from Paradise Coast 99s, Sarasota 99s, Heartland 99s and FL Goldcoast 99s met at Bartow for the annual Witch Fly In.

The FL Goldcoast 99s met with some local Girl Scouts and their parents to educate them on Aviation and start the process of earning their Aviation Badges. We were honored to attend the Greater Miami Aviation Association's Annual Gala.

Three major scholarships were awarded to our members Odanys Velazquez, Jessica Marin, and Rocio Duarte. These girls are driven and focused toward their dreams. Also Ursula Davidson was awarded the "Amelia Earhart" Award for her long and rich contribution to aviation in our community. It was a night of celebration, laughter and pride. SFL Air Expo Sun'N'Fun WASPS Barrington Irving Fly It Forward Severe Weather Seminar Sport Expo Zonta Wings Over Miami MIA Tower Scholarship Brunch AA Hangar Halloween Witches Fly In Girl Scouts GMAA Gala

Florida Heartland Chapter Ginger Adelstone, Chair

Our membership has increased and the new ladies joining us are a retired ATC and another a nutritionist.

We had a wonderful Christmas celebration and made up cookie boxes for the ATC at 2 different airports, Volo Aviation, the Sebring Airport Authority and our restaurant there.

We opened our new year with a very successful Fly in, and our chapter fundraiser of hats and hoodies are selling so well so we added some nice scarves. We are now able to offer a chapter scholarship!

Last month we started doing seminars, and offered one from NOAA pilot Lindsey Norman, on how they use ForeFlight. I am now working with the FAASTeam to help promote the Sebring Airport as a destination for all pilots for seminars. Since the first one was so successful, we are having another on June 3 on the FAA Master Pilot Award. A fascinating FAASTeam mgr, Bob Jex, will be the speaker. We have plans to qualify for as many as we can for this honor in the SE Section. So if you know someone flying 50 years since their solo, contact me or your nearest FSDO office and the local FAASTeam rep to start the qualification process!

So we are growing and having a ton of fun! Our next chapter chairman will be Vikki Greenleaf as she takes over this two year old chapter in June.

Florida Suncoast Chapter Barbara Strachan, Chair

- We left Tennessee after our last fall meeting full of enthusiasm and good ideas. It was a great affordable section event.
- We especially liked the Memphis chapter banner that they displayed. It took us almost five months, but we now have a handsome one of our own.
- Our chapter has maintained our membership numbers in the 50s, in spite of two splinter chapters breaking off from us.
- We continue having monthly meetings across the still very large geography that is our chapter's area.
- We were thrilled to receive three applications for our Florida Suncoast Chapter Scholarship in March. We awarded the \$1500 to Joelle Peterson for her .Commercial a Rating. We announced this at our chapter meeting at Sun n Fun in Lakeland.
- We did not receive any applications for our Jesse Woods Space Camp Scholarship and may tweak that a bit for next year.
- This is my last Section report as Florida Suncoast Chapter Chair as my term is up in June. I've run for Section Secretary and was accepted, so I'll be in touch with you all soon.

The Georgia Flying Belles Chapter Mikki Kline, Chair

At the Fall SE Section meeting in Tennessee, I was approached to rejuvenate the Georgia chapter of the Ninety-Nines. On February 19, 2017, we held a meeting at KPXE to reorganize the chapter. We nominated officers - Mikki Kline-Chair, Lorynn Carter-Vice Chair, Susan Delgado-Treasurer, and Ariel Eickler-Secretary. We also charted the future direction for the chapter and looked at outreach and educational activities, fundraisers, and scholarships. We renamed the chapter the Georgia Flying Belles of the Ninety-Nines. We had our second meeting on March 19 and nominated chairs for various positions such as education, membership, historian. We will be working with Girl Scouts to do a STEM educational seminar. On May 6, we are invited to join the Robins AFB Aero Club at the Middle Georgia Airport open house. We are excited about the momentum for the chapter and the future ahead.

Kitty Hawk Chapter Rosemary Gibson, Chair

We have had a relatively quiet Fall and Winter season. In October we met for business, safety program and lunch at TAA since the planned air marking fell through.

Our November and December meetings were combined the first Saturday in December for a luncheon graciously hosted by Jan Squillace at her home.

In January member Audrey Floyd hosted the chapter in Greensboro at the Guilford Technical Community College facility, Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO), where members were able to fly the Red Bird Simulators. A good time was had by all.

February saw us welcoming our newest member 10 week old Harper Thorsen and celebrating with her mom, Ashley. Harper was wearing the cutest shirt with a baby bottle on it and saying "8 HOURS bottle to throttle".

March saw us back at TAA where Sandra Smith, a FAASTeam member, presented an interactive Wings Program about making decisions while flying.

April 8th saw members Ashley Thorsen, Jan Squillace and ground school student Tamra Finn hosting a table at the Blue Line Aviation Open House at RDU.

Sandra Smith has been offering free ground schools to the flying community where she lives in Mocksville. The chapter has hosted two free pilot ground schools at LHZ and RDU courtesy of member, Margaret Riddle.

Our two scholarship winners from 2015 and 2016 have completed their ratings. Nina Piskareva and Sandra Smith are now both commercial rated pilots.

Memphis Chapter Lois Horne, Chair

The Memphis chapter holds regular business meetings on the second Saturday each month except when special events are planned. Some notable events are the following:

- We have added a wind blade banner to increase the community's awareness of our presence in a given meeting location like our business meetings or just recently our compass rose painting at Savannah, TN. Check out the Facebook page for photos of the compass rose activities; it was very successful.
- We have another Compass Rose Painting event in Nov 2017 planned for Winchester, TN. Come out and join us Nov 3-4, 2017.
- We cover an education element, discuss scholarship opportunities, and highlight any recent flying endeavors by the membership in our meetings in addition to discussing updates on planned activities. We have some members completing their private pilot certificate, practicing for their IFR certificate and conducting flight training.

- We have held a pancake breakfast for fund raising in preparation for the FALL 2017 Section Meeting in Memphis. These monies generated has allowed us to offer a great program in the Fall for very reasonable cost.
- The Chapter was also granted a TDOT grant from the department of aeronautics to support the Fall 2017 Section Meeting as well.
- The Chapter has been hard at work making preparations for the Fall Section meeting. We have two great speakers, have 3 great tours arranged, and currently working on rounding up items for the silent auction.
- In May 2017 we will be helping the EAA perform from young eagle flights for a girl scout troop out of Memphis, thus allowing the Memphis Chapter to encourage future young female aviators to get started on their aviation career or passion.

The Chapter has 6-9 faithful members that attend regularly, which allows for great planning and sharing of our flying experiences (new and old). Several ladies are very active in flying.

The Chapter has been encouraging women we meet to join the ninety-nines.



**Mississippi Chapter
Maryke Houben, Chair**

We do not have a report because we have not done anything outside of flying together and meeting socially.

COMMENT: Don't know about anyone else but I think THAT is a great report, Maryke!

The NOLA 99s Chapter Karen Weldon, Chair

Chapter Membership: 38 with 3 potential new members

Flying Activities:

Impromptu chapter lunch fly-ins are continuing as part of our chapter activities. A couple were held in October 2016 and one in January 2017. On April 4, 2017 one was held to Gulf Shores, AL for 15 members and guests. Lisa Cotham's birthday was celebrated during this very special lunch. These are known as field trips and are recorded on videos.

Education Events: Meetings are held every month usually on the 2nd Tuesday. We try to alternate meetings in New Orleans with meetings at Hammond (KHDC) or some other airport. Each meeting starts with a Safety moment which leads to good discussions of personal experience to make us all safer pilots. Our annual Top Gun Fly-in and November meeting was held at Oreck Farm in Poplarville, MS on the 5th. Our February meeting was held at Louisiana Regional (KREG) on the 11th in conjunction with an EAA 2nd Saturday fly-in and fish fry. Our 1st quarterly fly-in for 2017 and March meeting was also held at "The Farm" on the 4th. During the April meeting Lisa Cotham led a discussion on Basic Med and steps to becoming a student pilot.

On March 16th one of our new members, Missy Day, a Blackhawk helicopter pilot, hosted 6 other members to Blackhawk simulator time and actual flight time at the National Guard facility at the Hammond airport (KHDC). Missy has since retired and she has passed all her check rides for General Aviation flying.

One of our members, Allie Smith, received the Multi-engine commercial rating on November 10th, the MEI on January 4th, the Single Engine commercial rating on January 10th, the CFI on January 11th, and CFII on January 17th. She is now instructing out of Georgetown airport near Austin, Texas.

Erin Seidemann bought a PA34-200T multiengine plane, Big Chief, and received her Multi-Engine Commercial rating and has accumulated many multiengine hours. She also got tailwheel recurrent in a Cub at a grass strip and ferried a Widgeon.

One of our new members, Melissa Holley, received her private certificate on March 2nd and she has purchased a Cesena 182.

Community Outreach: Our Christmas party was held on Saturday December 3, 2016 at Oreck Farm in Poplarville, MS. Prior to the evening festivities we held a joint fly-in and BBQ with locally based Quiet Birdmen (QBs).

We sponsored a Fly it Forward event as part of the Institute for Women of Aviation Worldwide (iWOAW) worldwide week on March 11th. One hundred fifty girls and women registered for this event and 90 first-time flights were given. Several chapter members had lunch with Mireille Goyer, President of iWOAW, on March 9th at Huomas House in Darrow, LA.

Also in attendance at the Fly it Forward event was 16 year-old Alyssa Carson (aka call sign Blueberry) from Baton Rouge. Alyssa is the Mars Generation and has become the youngest astronaut-in-training with a goal of being the first or one of the first people on Mars in the 2030's. She spent time talking with the young girls who came for their first flight. (Follow her on NASABlueberry.com)

Five chapter members attended Sun 'N Fun and assisted in educational activities and in hosting the WASPs who attended.

One of our members flew right seat for a Pilots for Patients flight on December 16th and another flew a similar community service flight in late 2016.

Other: The Chapter has sponsored Karen Weldon into the Forest of Friendship for 2017.

The Chapter recognized 49 ½ David Oreck with the renewal of the membership in the Friends of the Ninety-Nines in honor of all his contributions to the New Orleans Chapter. David was also recognized as the Chapter's 49 ½ of Note for 2016.

Alice Furr has applied for a Fly Now Scholarship.

Paradise Coast Chapter Ellen Herr, Co-Chair

Paradise Coast has welcomed three new members. With some of our new members being from the Naples area a "Meet and Greet" was organized at a restaurant in Naples. A great turnout!

- For our scholarship fundraiser a special 99's knee length support sock was introduced and sales have raised more than \$1000 for the *Wings over Paradise* scholarship.
- In October we hosted the Wicked Witch Fly in @Bartow with a great response of airplanes and 99s from various chapters.
- Aviation Day at Page Field in November is always a great opportunity to advertise the 99s organization. Many members participated.
- In February more than 40 pilots attended a WINGS seminar "Unmanned Aircraft Systems and You", sponsored by Paradise Coast Chapter.
- In April we held our chapter's 10th Anniversary Party which featured member CheryLynn Dratler presenting an armchair flying tour of Northern Chile. Sandwiches and desserts were provided as we celebrated the following accomplishments....
- Gabriella Ferra was awarded the 2017 *Wings over Paradise Scholarship*.
- Terry Carbonell was awarded NAFI/King Schools CFI Scholarship.
- Dannela Varel obtained her IFR rating.
- Joelle Petersen obtained her IFR rating, and won a flight training scholarship from FL Suncoast Chapter to use to train for her commercial rating.
- Judy Schiff obtained her Commercial rating.
- Patty Berg received a GIFT scholarship for an all girl flight academy in Texas.

St. Croix Island Paradise Chapter Natasha Sinanan, Chair

Sarasota Ladybugs Chapter Elina Lunin, Chair

We are the Sarasota Ladybugs. For almost a year a few of us entertained the idea of becoming an official chapter of 99s International, but unfortunately, we were short two members to form. While we tried to recruit enough members, we met once a month and discussed names for our chapter, talked about our logo, had shirts made and got to know each other. We finally became part of 99s International as the Sarasota Ladybugs last November. Since then, we have visited and brought cookies to the Sarasota tower, have participated in a Wings Seminar in Punta Gorda where we met Amy Laboda, the speaker at the event. Later on, we invited Amy to come to Sarasota to be the speaker at another Wings Seminar. We also had Terry Carbonell present about survival equipment and ditching.

Angela and Mary Ann shared their adventure to Cuba in two events at a cook out at the Sarasota airport and later one with the local group of pilots at the Venice airport. Between both events we collected \$680 that are part of our scholarship funds. Our goal is to reach \$1000 that will be awarded in March 2018. We also got together to watch the movie Sully, had a Christmas party, were invited by a local fashion designer to a fashion show, and joined the Witches Fly In at Bartow.

We had one of our members Lucinda Raber win the scholarship Fly Now. We had three members join different airlines while other members finished Private, sport, ATP, ratings, and one of our members got promoted to area manager for a well-known aviation company.

We are at the time developing several products that will help us market the 99s and raise funds for our first scholarship. In addition, we are working on different activities that are fun as well educational for the upcoming months. We are a very diverse group in ages and work may take them away for months or weeks so we select events when they are in town to get them involved. My goal is to have each member participate by grouping on events that interest them and assign one manager per event to help supervise/execute. Also, a few neighboring chapters and ours have agreed on passing information of any event so we can get to know each other. "The more the merrier." We are currently 18 members and for the next Section meeting our goal is to be 20.

Spaceport 99s Chapter Ellie Hoffman, Chair

Holiday Party: January 14th: Sandy Parks graciously invited us to her neighborhood where there is a large pavilion. This was a Pot Luck since we have many great cooks in the chapter and Ellie Hoffman cooked the ham.

Congratulations to Marcia Gitelman: On November 16, 2016 the Federal Aviation Administration awarded Marcia K Gitelman, of Port Orange, FL (formerly of Rochester, NY), The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. This "Master Pilot" Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots certified under Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, part 61. It is named after the Wright Brothers to recognize individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill and aviation expertise for at least 50 years. Now that the award has been issued, her name, city and state will be published to a "Roll of Honor" on the FAASafety website.



Orlando FSDO rep Bob Jex, Marcia, and Dave Gitelman

We started LAMB (leave a magazine behind) to **put old 99s magazines to good use and help spread the word that we are here.** Take the magazines with you to Doctor's appointments, the beauty shop, the Blood bank, your lawyer's office, the library, or anywhere else where you find stacks of magazines in the lobby or waiting room. Leave your magazine on one of the tables for others to read. **BUT** first add a label that lists your chapter and a contact person.

Oct 24th – Larson Motorsports: We were shown around the Larsen Motorsports facilities by Elaine Larson and her husband. Elaine drives her race car faster than we fly our planes!



Elaine in her race car- a really snug fit!



Elaine and the 99s.

Nov 12: The Treasure Coast 99s loaded into their airplanes and flew to Sebastian Airport X26 to attend the meeting of the Spaceport 99s for a presentation featuring Al Hallonquist - Aerospace Historian, speaking of the Mercury 13 (female astronaut program). These women trained at the same time the Mercury 7 male astronauts and had to pass all the same physical and psychological tests as the men. But during the 1960's, the world was full of prejudices, and NASA was no different, despite all their work, these women were not allowed into space. Also in attendance at this meeting were members of the Daytona Beachin' Eagles, and FL Goldcoast Chapters.

We were also pleased to have Governor Myra Bugbee join us for the day.



**Tennessee Chapter
Lilly Winburn, Chair**

**Treasure Coast 99s Chapter
Ruth Jacobs, Chair**

It has been an exciting 6 months for the Treasure Coast 99s in South East Florida.

Our chapter is happy to report that we currently have 23 members, up from our original charter of 13 members. Our Chairman Ruth Jacobs has written over 200 letters to women and student pilots trying to recruit new members. From that mailing she has gotten a reply of 12 and 7 of which even attended our last meeting.

Our group is responsible for the goodie bags, including a book by Marc Rossi, "Flying on Fabric" and many items from different aviation businesses.

Our members have been busy with their training as well. Nancy Bradshaw received a Whirly Girl scholarship and Amelia Earhart scholarship for commercial helicopter add-on

Our monthly meeting have included

October 11 – dinner with members and leaders of the Boynton Aerospace Science Academy

November 4-6 the TC99s had a booth at the Stuart Air Show and promoted the new chapter.

November 12 – flying up to Sebastian Airport and joining the Spaceport 99s with their presentation on the Mercury 13 by Al Hallonquist

November 19 – Pilots n Paws Fly out organized by one of our 99s for her Aero Club and within the 15 planes she had going, there were 4 TC99s in the group.

December 13 – dinner and talk with retired 737 Captain and author Susan Menear who writes fiction novel with aviation themes.

January 21 – Tour of the new FAA tour at PBI, with extensive time allowed in the cap. Followed by a tour and short presentation at the NetJets FBO at PBI, by fellow 99 Jody Smith a NetJets' pilot.

February 14 – Boca Raton meeting with Zheng (Julie) Wang, who is the first Chinese person to have flown a single-engine airplane solo around the world.

March 18 – Meeting at Fort Pierce airport with Dr Donna Wilt as she talked about her experience as an expert researcher and witness in a lawsuit filed after a plane crash in 2011.

April 11. 6 of us got together at Ruth's office and put together 60 goodie bags for the SESection meeting.

Bee Haydu, MacKenzie Shepherd, Kathy Stafford and Ruth Jacobs have visited Oxbridge High School giving presentations about flying to the three aviation classes where Treasure Coast 99s Debbie Donnelly-McLay is head of the aviation department. As well as several of our members have visited the BASA (Boynton Aerospace Science Academy) for presentations to the students about our various adventures in flying.

Looking forward to the next 6 months – one meeting to include the FAA Miami Center .

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

Ginger Adelstone, Chair

Our membership was at 537 members since the Fall SE Section meeting in Spencer, TN in 2016. This covers the 8 southeastern states, of North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama.

Today we report in at 601 members. This is a growth of 11.92% since the Fall Section meeting!

We welcome the new chapters and the reorganization of older chapters which all contributed to promote this wonderful growth for the SE Section of the 99s!

Thank you so much for all the Section Membership in promoting this wonderful organization! It can't happen without you!

MOMMY PILOTS OF THE NINETY-NINES COMMITTEE REPORT

Liz Poeppelman, Chairwoman Media

We have an active Mommy Pilots Facebook group which I reported to be at 278 in fall 2016 and it is now 326 members. We have been receiving more traffic to our website. I believe advertising for the 2017 Mommy Pilots Scholarship helped.

Scholarship

We had a successful "Fly Away to Charleston" Raffle which allowed us to offer an \$800 Mommy Pilots Scholarship to our 2017 winner, Maria Sanders-Ingram of the Alabama Chapter. We hope to increase the amount of the 2018 scholarship.

Fundraising:

We have Mommy Pilots hats available for \$15. We are also selling kids, youth, and adult airplane jewelry to include bracelets, necklaces, and earrings. Prices range from \$5 - \$25. Each item is unique. To view the jewelry, we will be posting our items for sale on the Mommy Pilots Facebook group page soon. 100% of the proceeds will go to our scholarship fund.

Education

We presented a "Flying with Kids" seminar at the fall section meeting in Tennessee which counted as WINGS credit. In July, we will present this seminar at the 99s International Conference as well as participating in the Maximizing L.I.F.T. (Leading into the Future Together) program. We will also host a Mommy Pilots networking opportunity after Maximizing L.I.F.T.

Mommy Pilots Promotion

Thank you once again for purchasing another round of brochures. I was able to purchase 2500 with \$500 from the section. We have been distributing these at various aviation events to include the Women in Aviation Conference, in Orlando this year. Advertising for our first scholarship has also brought in more interest about us. Mommy Pilots Chapter I just submitted the paperwork for chartering a Mommy Pilots chapter which will be mostly a virtual chapter. It has been well received! We have ten charter members.