

# FlightLine

## Mae's Mission

In November while I was attending the IBOD meeting, five chapters came together to paint a beautiful Compass Rose at Williston Airport in Florida. The manager had come to me just after I was installed. I thought how could I arrange this rose in Florida when I live so many states away. After several emails I landed on Laura Sherwood, Spaceport Chapter, who arranged it with great skill. I was in awe to see such an organized, effective painting result. Virginia's report is in this Flight Line. To the team of girls who made this happen, your collaborative effort is praised here. I have painted roses but not with such organization or enthusiasm. I appreciate the mentoring that went on. You girls have shown what 99s are – incredible women with diverse abilities who will get it done! I am so proud of you. Not overlooking all the women who have labored in the field of painting compass roses – thank you!

### MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

Growth in the past six months has been phenomenal. We were teetering just over 600 in May 2017. Now on the brink of January 2018 we are 672 strong. Keep reaching out to each other. Remind each other how much they mean to our organization. On that note I would like to thank all those who worked the booth for the AOPA Regional Event in Tampa.

### SUN N FUN

Sun-N-Fun this year will be a first for us. The Section Meeting will take place there, that will be exciting, registration is in this Flight Line. But Section Meeting is not the First of which I speak! The First is our International Marketing has decided to rent a booth in one of the hangars. We will "woman" this booth from Tuesday, April 10 through Sunday, April 15, to spread the word of who we are! So, volunteers are needed. If you know you will be at Sun n Fun and willing to work a shift, a list is begun. Please email me any questions and especially your availability: [ses2017gov@gmail.com](mailto:ses2017gov@gmail.com).

### REGULAR MEETINGS

I want to mention that many chapters are using the free conferencing call methods to stay in touch. It is proving to be a great means of communication. Some use Zoom, others use Free Conference Calls and probably more options out there. If your chapter might need these options, try it; they are working well, especially if distance is involved. Members let your chapter chair know if you would like to sit in via a phone call. One number is accessed for all the participants to listen in. Speaking of the regular meetings would you please put into your agenda to consider a contribution toward our hosting the WASP at Sun n Fun? We will not have these great ladies for a whole lot longer and want to treat them with loving care. It is greatly appreciated.

### Director in the Spotlight

In this publication is a bio of our Director Karen Weldon. I hope you enjoy getting to know her.



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## Karen Weldon, SE Section Director

In 1983 a “Pinch-hitter” course was Karen’s introduction to flying so that she’d be better prepared while flying with her husband. In 1985 they bought a 1983 Piper Archer II, N8309K, and put it on leaseback. Karen received her private certificate in 1990 in Doylestown, PA when she finally had time from her career in Information Technology to learn to fly herself. At that time they took N8309K off leaseback and both her husband and Karen received their instrument rating. While living in PA they flew all over the Northeast and made several trips to FL.

In September 1993 Karen joined the Southeast PA 99s and participated in some young eagle events. She joined The NOLA 99s in 1997 after moving to Slidell, LA and became much more active. She has been Chapter Chair from 2013 to the present where she has been instrumental in growing the Chapter by encouraging women, both young and old, to pursue their dream of becoming a pilot and raising awareness and interest in The 99s. She is also currently a Director in The SE Section of the 99s and on the Nominating Committee for International. She strives to mentor and strengthen the awareness, appeal and activity of all 99s chapters and their membership. She is always available by phone, email, or text should you have a question, suggestion, or just need encouragement.



Karen retired from Lockheed Martin in June 2009 after 41 years of service with the first 25 years being with General Electric in Corporate and Aerospace IT Consulting positions in manufacturing in NY, FL, CT, and PA. The last 10 years were spent as IT Director at NASA's Michoud facility in New Orleans where the External Tank for the Shuttle was manufactured. During this time she witnessed several launches and became closely involved with the space program. Her lifelong goal has been to use her unique technical and people skills to help different organizations become the best that they can be.

Besides flying, Karen enjoys motorcycle touring, water ski competing and judging, snow skiing, hiking, singing in her church choir, listening to classical music, or just relaxing at her get-a-way in Bush, LA.



Ninety-Nines





# Chapter Happenings



## **Chapters come Together for Compass Rose Painting in Williston, FL (X60)**

Cardboard cutout from diaper boxes. PVC tubes held by stockings. There is no mistaking it, the 99s are getting ready to paint a compass rose! On November 4th, 2017, five Florida chapters came together in Williston, FL to paint a compass rose. The Spaceport chapter was training other chapters to do compass roses in a very efficient manner. Sixteen volunteers, seven planes and just over six hours of work later, the Williston FBO was parking fuel trucks around their new compass rose while the paint dried. Thanks to the Spaceport chapter for passing on their experience, the Daytona 99s chapter, the Paradise Coast chapter, the Treasure Coast chapter and the Goldcoast chapter, plus our guests. Special thanks to Russ Kipp, our only male volunteer and Laura Sherwood (Spaceport Airmarking chair) for her patience. Thanks also to the Williston FBO for providing a complimentary lunch at the airport restaurant, the Pyper Kub Cafe, giving us golf cart rides and keeping us hydrated. The weather was close to perfect, and a good time was had by all!



## *Alabama (Upcoming Event):*

### **AE Birthplace Museum Luncheon**

**When: January 20 at 11am**

**Where: Southern Museum of Flight in Birmingham, AL**

**Info: Our speaker will be CarolAnn Garratt who flew around the world to raise money for ALS and also set a new world record for circumnavigating the earth in 8 and ½ days. We will need volunteers to help for setup around 9:30 and to donation items for the silent auction.**

**POC: Nancy Miller-Borg / [alabama@aol.com](mailto:alabama@aol.com)**

## *Florida Goldcoast 99s*

### **Florida Suncoast Chapter Hosted AOPA Regional**

The Florida Suncoast Chapter served our mission at the AOPA Regional in Tampa. The girls worked two days telling many who came by who we are. A few of the spouses helped to close-up on Saturday. Many thanks go to those who worked: Alyssa Dorsey, Barbara Yeninas, Sophia Payton, Jeanne Burklund, Barbara Strachan, Nichole Marcus, Barbara Brotherton, Christine Stanback and Janice McWilliams. Our significant men involved were Russel Miller, Paul New, John Yeninas and Billy McWilliams giving their strength to the event where needed. Thanks to our members, family and friends.

## *Florida Heartland 99s*



**FL Heartland chapter AWARDS its first ever FLIGHT CURRENCY SCHOLARSHIP to TERRI CRUTCHFIELD. Terri is the current membership committee chair of the FL Heartlands 99's and has her own C-172 for flight. Terri Crutchfield of the Heartland 99's (left) is awarded a \$1,000 Flight Currency Scholarship from Chapter Chair Vikki Greenleaf (right).**

### Appalachian Aviatrixes Chapter

After months of planning, the new Appalachian Aviatrixes Chapter held their first week-long fundraiser at KTRI. The event was a big success thanks to the support of the Arizona Commemorative Airforce and the B-17, Wes Stower and his P-51, photographer Jymmi Davis and local WWII re-enactors.

The Chapter offered 1940s pin-up style professional photo shoots, professional photo opportunities for Mustang car owners with the Mustang airplane, and several raffles. Along with donations, net proceeds toward a new Chapter scholarship are \$4,000.

The t-shirts with the custom pin-up logo was so popular we've ordered more. They are a great deal at \$10 each. Plans are already in the works for a repeat event next September.

A winter retreat is planned for January at the Sugar Mountain Ski Resort near Boone, NC. The next big even scheduled for the Chapter is a Girl Scout Aviation Fun Badge day in April.



### Kitty Hawk Chapter

The Southeast Section Kitty Hawk Chapter, Inc. painted a compass rose at Raleigh Executive Jetport (TTA) at Sanford, NC on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We had a lovely day for it and were leaving by 3:30 after starting at 8:00. We are looking forward to doing another one in the spring.

Our members have been busy getting ratings and awards. **Jan Squillace** was

named FAASTeam Rep of the year for the Greensboro FSDO for the second year in a

row. Way to go Jan. **Sandra Smith** received her Civil Air Patrol Mission Pilot Certification and **Georgia Martin** earned her Tailwheel Endorsement. **Courtney Robson** earned her CFII using the funds from the Marcia Keaton Scholarship she won in the spring. She is currently working on her Multi-engine rating. She won the Carolinas Chapter Scholarship to help her with the rating.

One of our Future Women Pilots is no longer "Future". **Kristin Dwiggin**s just earned her PPL. Stephanie Wrenn, her instructor, is very proud of her "baby bird"



## SRQ 99s Flying Companion Seminar

Jan 27th 2018  
9:00am to 4:00 pm  
Rectrix Conference Room 2nd Floor



Has your companion wanted to know just a little bit more about flying? This will help!

**\$99 (breakfast, provided). All proceeds go to our scholarship fund  
All participants have an opportunity to win 2 separate raffles**

- win a discovery flight worth \$ 149 at UFT
- 2 hours of instructor time with one of our 99s

Details and sign up at

<https://www.sarasotaladybugs.wixsite.com>

or email [Sarasotaladybugs@gmail.com](mailto:Sarasotaladybugs@gmail.com)





### **Mommy Pilots happenings:**

**Maria Burns** obtained her CFI last month and started working for East Coast Aero Club.

**Heather Hatton** started flying for Piedmont Airlines after a seven-year break from flying.

**Drew Davis** just finished training and is flying for Delta Airlines.

**Kelsey Walters** just had a healthy baby boy in October.

**Valerie Annunziata** got married in November.

Sincerely,

*Liz Poepelman*

**Mommy Pilots Chapter of The Ninety-Nines**

## **Scholarships & Milestones**

**FLY-NOW Awards given in the SES: Madison Perry, NOLA and Melissa Markham, Goldcoast**

**Joelle Peterson: ASEL Commercial Add On & Multi. Commercial Instrument**

**Terry Carbonell: Multi. Engine Instrument**

**Melissa Day: ATP**

**Lora Lewis: Commercial SEL Add On**

**Nancy Bradshaw: Commercial Helicopter Add On**

**Nena Gorrell: Private Pilot**

**Alice Furr: Instrument Certificate**

# New Horizons



**Anne E. Roethke, MD, age 92, passed away October 20, 2017, in Ft. Myers, FL.**

After practicing anesthesiology at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee, WI, and Dr. Roethke relocated to Ft. Myers where she was on the staff of Lee Memorial Hospital from 1974 to 1996. Anne had been a member of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. International Organization of Women Pilots since 1958. Anne told us she learned to fly in 1945 in a Piper Cub, a single engine fabric-covered airplane. Tail wheel airplanes are tricky to fly, especially for a beginner, but Roethke shrugged and said " I didn't have a choice. I started flying in 1945 and there were no tricycle gear aircraft back then".

Anne flew twice in the AWTAR (Powder Puff Derby) in the 1960's, and the Michigan SMALL race in 1960.

After moving to Florida, Anne flew many years as a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 9-10 in Ft. Myers/Cape Coral. She flew VIP transport missions as well as coastal patrols, search and rescue, logistical and familiarization flights for new Coast Guard members. She flew her own Piper Warrior N1946H, which she also used for the Auxiliary's egress training. Anne cautioned auxiliary members being evaluated to be very careful of her airplane, even while trying to get out in the shortest possible time.

She was a member of the United Flying Octogenarians, and accumulated more than 6000 hours before she stopped flying. Aviation was her passion and she would join her 99s sisters aloft in their airplanes whenever she could. When Anne was no longer able to enjoy flying due to physical limits, she would remind her fellow pilots "there is life after aviation".

Anne was a founding member of the Paradise Coast 99s and served as Secretary from 2007-09, and treasurer from 2011-13. We always appreciated her words of counsel and wisdom, and she will be greatly missed.

God speed, Anne!



# Paradise 600 Air Race

## May 24-26, 2018

Join us for the inaugural Paradise 600 Air Race. The Paradise 600 is a handicap speed race of approximately 600 nm (567 nm to be exact) starting at Key Field, Meridian, MS and racing through AL and GA before making that full speed flyby at Punta Gorda Airport in beautiful Punta Gorda, FL.

The Paradise 600 is designed to be a fun and educational event for pilots of all skill levels. It is open to race teams of two or more people, males and females. Only one pilot required so grab your favorite travel buddy and join in the adventure of a lifetime.

For more information or to sign up visit:  
<https://paradise600.wixsite.com/paradise600> or  
Ellen Herr, Race Chair  
Phone: 239-560-8526  
Email: [elherr88@gmail.com](mailto:elherr88@gmail.com)  
Proceeds will benefit the Wings Over Paradise Scholarship fund.





# Spring 2018

## SE Section 99s Meeting

No need to choose between our SE Section meeting and Sun-n-Fun for 2018 ... Two great events, one fabulous weekend.

Thursday, April 12th—(OPTIONAL) Dinner with the WASPs

**Please RSVP to Myra Bugbee [mbugbee1@gmail.com](mailto:mbugbee1@gmail.com) dinner cost is extra**

Friday, April 13th—All day exploring Sun-n-Fun, Evening Campsite Cook-out

Saturday, April 14th—A day at Sun-n-Fun, 1:30 pm Business meeting, 99s dinner and the night air show.

**Registration Fee: 99s** \$75 includes Friday cook-out, Business Meeting, Saturday Dinner. Guests: \$50 (includes cook-out and Saturday Dinner)

**SUN-N-FUN ENTRY ON YOUR OWN—Purchase the ticket for the length of time you desire to stay.**

Please make checks to: Paradise Coast Chapter 99s, 100 S Airport Rd, Tavernier, FL 33070

For information: Terry Carbonell 239-633-0077 [godusty@hotmail.com](mailto:godusty@hotmail.com)

HOTEL: LaQuinta Inn & Suites Lakeland E.

4315 Lakeland Park Dr, Lakeland FL 33809

Thursday—\$170; Fri/Sat—\$194/night

Please contact: Marcy Lannon

[MLannon@TravelWithMeridian.com](mailto:MLannon@TravelWithMeridian.com) or

800-577-8855 to book your room.

**BOOKING DEADLINE: March 15, 2018**

You may also consider on-site tent or

RV camping as an option.

*Mark your calendar!*





**Two Great Events – One Awesome Weekend**  
 SE Section Spring 2018 Section Meeting  
 & Sun-n-Fun  
 Lakeland, FL (KLAL)  
 April 13-15, 2018  
**Registration Form**



99 member \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter/position: \_\_\_\_\_

49 1/2 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of arrival:** Car [ ] Personal Aircraft [ ] N Number \_\_\_\_\_  
**ETA** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hotel [ ] Camping [ ]**

**COMMERCIAL ARRIVALS use either Tampa or Orlando International.**

**DIETARY RESTRICTIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EVENTS REGISTRATION**

Full registration includes Friday Campsite Cook-out, Saturday evening dinner, Business Meeting.  
 NOTE THAT SUN-N-FUN ADMISSION IS EXTRA. If you plan to ONLY attend the business meeting, please  
 contact Ellen Herr 239 560 8526 at [elherr88@gmail.com](mailto:elherr88@gmail.com) before April 1<sup>st</sup> so we can make arrangements for  
 your BUSINESS MEETING ONLY entry (you will not be authorized entry to Sun-n-Fun).

**Full registration** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Registration**  
 (postmarked after March 1st) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$85 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Registration:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **Paradise Coast Chapter 99s**  
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