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# Southeast Section 99s Women Pilots

## From the Governor's Cockpit



I hope everyone had a great summer. I was lucky enough to hang out with the Air Race Classic Racers in June at the start in Jackson, TN hosted by the Memphis 99s and then headed to International in July. Sierra (my 1964 Cessna 182) and I headed up to Dayton on Tuesday, July 16. Being the social butterfly I am, I love hanging out with my 99s sisters at International, and this was just what I needed. I was able to visit the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. The Presidential Gallery is amazing. At the Museum, we were provided a seminar 99s about the Memphis Belle and a private showing of clips from a new movie about the WASP. Of course, there were many seminars, and I was even on the panel about hosting a Flying Companion course.



Another highlight of my trip was the Wright “B” Flyer Museum. They let us sit in the modern lookalike of the Model “B” Flyer, nicknamed the “Brown Bird”. In our group, about ten 99s took a quick flight on the “B” Flyer. The two proposed Bylaw Amendments were passed at the Annual Meeting to help modernize the Bylaws/Standing Rules, and our Mid-Term elections took place.

Next years International will be held July 8-12, 2020 in Long Beach, California, and we will be staying on the Queen Mary. It would be great to have a good showing from the SE Section next year, so go ahead ... mark your calendar and start planning your July 99 trip now!

Ramona Banks  
SE Section Governor



## October 4-6: SE Section Meeting in Greensboro, NC

We are just about six weeks away from the Fall Section Meeting in Greensboro hosted by the Kitty Hawk Chapter. There will be some great activities available such as Touring the GSO Control Tower, Flying Redbird Flight Simulators (bring your



logbook to log the time), Women from HondaJet, Stonefield Cellars Winery, and Homeland Creamery and the list goes on! The Kitty Hawk ladies have not one, but two guest speakers for us. Charles Willard, who's specialty is helium or hydrogen-filled platforms, presenting "Working Together to Overcome Obstacles and Create Solutions" and Chris Keon, Co-Founder/CEO of Synergistic Solutions International, which provides unmanned systems consulting,

training, and operation for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), Unmanned Ground Vehicles, (UGVs), and Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs). Come hang out with your fellow 99s to get reenergized and be Educated, Inspired, and have some Fun in the process!

[Download the Fall Section Meeting Registration Form](#)

## NIFA Regions IX SAFECON 2019 Competition

by Marilyn Shafer



The NIFA Regions IX SAFECON 2019 Competition will be held November 3-7 in Lakeland, Florida hosted by the Polk State College and SUN 'n FUN. All current information and schedule for the week is available [here](#).

I have emailed the Polk State team to inquire on the arrangements for judges who are flying in for the event. The biggest need for judges is Tuesday with Monday coming in 2nd. They would like to have many judges on these days to eliminate the need to recruit non-flying participants from the schools. If weather permits all flying events to go off "on

schedule", there will be little need for judges on Thursday (the make-up day) unless you want to stay for the noon banquet and awards' announcements.

We are hoping to have a gathering at the 99s House at SUN 'n FUN, and the schedule appears to have an opening on Wednesday, Nov 6, 1530-1900. I've sent an email to the Chief Judge to be sure this time is available and to see if we can announce the gathering to the female participants at the Welcome Briefing or possibly put it on the schedule. As soon as I get a response from Aaron, I'll let all of you know so plans can begin for this presentation and social.

Currently in the Airbnb house in Lakeland (20 minutes from the airport), I have a bedroom with a bunk bed and a room with two double beds still available. The Double room has Myra Bugbee in one of the beds for Monday and Tuesday nights, but she is willing to share the room during her stay. The rate is \$37/night for each bedroom. Rooms are reserved once payment is made on a first-come, first-serve basis. The other rooms have been reserved by Bev Mautner, Donna and Dennis Wilt, and myself.

Please have interested individuals contact me before making any payments to confirm availability.

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Payments can be made by check payable to me or through PayPal using my email. If a transfer through PayPal is made via your checking account, there is no service fee charged. If using your credit card, PayPal charges 3%.

Let me know if I've missed any pertinent information. I leave Monday for Iceland and return on September 13 but should have internet capabilities each night.

Looking forward to another great NIFA event with my 99 Sisters!

Marilyn



### AOPA Fly-In Tullahoma, TN

The AOPA Fly-In at Tullahoma, TN is right around the corner on Sept 13 and 14. International is providing a booth for the event and has asked the SE Section to man (or woMAN) the booth. [Maily Tran](#) from the Nashville Chapter has offered to be our Volunteer Organizer. If you are planning on attending the event, please contact Maily and volunteer to work the booth for an hour or two. You can see more information about the event on the [AOPA FLY-IN Tullahoma](#) page.



### 99s 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scavenger Hunt

Have you seen the news about the 99s 90th anniversary Scavenger Hunt? There is a list of 90 items to find before October 27th in commemoration of our 90th anniversary. The entry fee is \$25 then all you do is look for stuff as you fly. Create a photo album on the special Facebook group for the Scavenger Hunt and have some fun! I hope to see your pictures soon! Rules and instruction may be found [here](#).

### Fall Fly Now Awards Application Deadline Oct 1st



Are you a student pilot that needs a little help with fuel money? The Fly Now Awards are semiannual awards of up to \$6,000 based on completion of specific training milestones. They are available to Student Pilot Members of The 99s who meet eligibility requirements. To be eligible, applicants must hold a student pilot certificate (or provide evidence that they meet their country's flight training requirement), have been an official Student Pilot Member three months prior to the application deadline, have logged 5 hours in the six months prior to the application deadline and show financial need. The Fall Fly Now Awards

application deadline is October 1. Do not wait until the last moment to apply; start working on your application today! Visit the [Fly Now Award page](#) to learn more.

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## Chapters Upcoming Events

**Appalachian Aviatrixes** – On August 31, there will be a D-Day Memorial Celebration at Sycamore Shoals State Park, TN. Appalachian Aviatrixes member, Lorianne Carver will be doing a WASP re-enactment. The Appalachian Aviatrixes will also have a booth with historical aviation information at the event. For more information, contact [Janice Pelletti](#).

**Memphis** – The Memphis Chapter and Aviation Adventures are hosting a Let's Fly Now and Aviation Adventures Day Camp at McKellar-Sipes Regional Airport on October 26 in Jackson, TN. They need pilots to fly the children, so if you are available, please contact [JoAnn Speer](#) for more information.

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## Share Your Chapter's News and Upcoming Events

Has your chapter done something you want to brag about or one of your members has received a new rating or her pilot's certificate or you have an event you want to put out to the whole SE Section? Share it with the SE Section by sending an email to me at [ramona.banks@alabama99s.org](mailto:ramona.banks@alabama99s.org).




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## Chapters News

Carmen Heywood and Cenita Heywood of the St. Croix Chapter, completed the Drone Training Prep Course held in Newburgh, New York in July. Once their written test is complete, they plan on creating and teaching a Drone Training Program to the high school students and the 99s in St. Croix.

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Kitty Hawk member, Jordan York, the recipient of the Kitty Hawk Chapter's scholarship, received her CFI and her multi-engine rating this month!

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St. Croix members, Denali Georges and Teresse Sinclair, attended the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) ACE Academy in July. OBAP's Aerospace Career Education (ACE) Academy provides middle and high school youth with exposure to opportunities in aerospace and aviation through week-long summer camps. Denali completed her solo flight, but because of weather, Teresse was not able to solo. During ACE Academy, Teresse did win a scholarship from OBAP to cover her flight training.

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Kitty Hawk member, Amelia Irvin soloed.

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