

THE NINETY-NINES  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN PILOTS  
SOUTHEAST SECTION MEETING

October 6, 2017

Memphis, TN

**Governor** Mae Marquet

**Vice Governor** Marilyn Shafer

**Secretary** Barbara Strachan

**Treasurer** Jeanne Burklund

**Directors** Karen Weldon Ramona Banks

**Immediate Past Governor** Myra Bugbee **International Board Representative** Marjy Leggett

In attendance, Governor Mae Marquet, Vice Governor Marilyn Shafer, Secretary, Barbara Strachan, Directors, Karen Weldon, Ramona Banks, Immediate Past Governor, Myra Bugbee, International Board Representative Marjy Leggett

Call to Order 9:05 am

Mae Marquet

Roll Call: Quorum Declared 51 members present representing 13 chapters

Barbara Strachan

Reflection: Short remembrance for those who went through Hurricane Irma in our SE Section and many not able to attend for this reason.

Mae Marquet

- Welcome and Introductions International Board Representative, 3 past governors, and 8 first time attendees Marilyn Shafer
- Approval of Minutes of last SE Section Meeting in Miami FL, Spring 2017 Motion -Ginger Adelstone, seconded Vikki Greenleaf Motion Carried
- Motion to destroy ballot of last Spring's election Motion - Corbi Bulluck, seconded Melissa Burnett Motion Carried

- **Officers Reports**

- Governor – Mae Marquet: New chapter Mommy Pilots – Lora Lewis completed Commercial SEL add on with the New Horizons Scholarship Her thank you letter read
- Vice Governor – Marilyn Shafer Requested chapter Calendar events. The goal is to provide monthly update about meetings and activities. Yearly list is good too. Mae mentioned Chapter Buddy program. A pairing of a board officer with a chapter. Regular Communication should be encouraged.
- Secretary Barbara Strachan She will provide delegate slips to all who need them
- Director - Karen Weldon Successful sale-table sharing at the Fly Market by 4 chapters and section at our International Meeting in San Antonio. Karen also helped Appalachian Aviatrix chapter with fund raiser in Tennessee along with Mae
- Director – Ramona Banks No Report
- Past Governor Myra Bugbee Mentoring Mae in her new role as Governor for a smooth transfer of leadership. Covered financial report in Jeanne Burklund’s absence Will send out email to remind those not filed for their 501C3 status which is due October 15.
- Introduction of International Board Representative Marilyn Shafer
- Marje Leggett IBR Any questions about the organization please ask . Electronic voting coming and email addresses must be accurate to participate Check the directory to see that yours is correct Terri Carbonelle has made a big effort in marketing the 99s to promote the organization, and to increase membership by using a chapter donation of \$5000 and proceeds from earnings from the Endowment fund. Amelia Earhart Scholarship application deadline is coming on December 1 The EAA Air Venture Event brought us 90 people signed up as either new or renewing member and 6 Friends of the 99s.
- Corbi Bulluck presented new Life Member badges to all life members attending the meeting. Life membership means you are a 99 forever. It helps member retention at the chapter level . Life Membership is helpful in seeking grants for the organization. You are “Always a 99” We are the fastest growing section in the organization.

- **Committee Reports**

- *Website* Mae needs volunteers to help maintain the site Ramona to help get it current
- *Air Marking* Lois Horne There is a simplified process Tenn Chapter will help anyone who asks. We have a packet to send and Lois will travel to help Mae asks please update International about Air Marking activity
- *Awards* Ginger Adelstone no report

- *ByLaws* Terry Carbonell, Corbi Bulluck and now Janice Pelleti on committee
- *Education* Vikki Greenleaf Planning a monthly topic change using Heartland Chapter format and asking for others to send in their ideas to increase safety awareness
- *Flight Line* Needs another volunteer to edit
- *Membership* 656 members Jessica Rogers, chair, absent
- *Nominating Committee* Mikki Kline, chair, please get in touch if interested
- *AE Scholarship* Beth Schoppaul, chair December 1 applications due to Chapters
- *Ways and Means* - Mae jewelry for sale at back of meeting room. Glasses all sold. Please use Smile Amazon Smile.com to do purchasing on Amazon. After much effort the SE Section is set up as a charity and will receive a small percentage of each purchase with no cost to buyer. Here is the link <http://smile.amazon.com/58-1502880>
- *Fund Raiser Report* Janice Pelleti described the successful event held by the Appalachian Aviatrix in Tennessee with the help of the FBO, a B17 and the Mustang Club. Pictures were offered with a make-up and hair package. \$100 Family portraits were offered package.\$25 No admittance fee, but a donation box at the entrance was helpful.
- *New Horizons* Needs a third trustee and Mae would like it to be from the Tennessee area to keep it geographically balanced, but it is not necessary if someone else would like to volunteer
- *Mommy Pilots* Liz Poppelman, chair Looking for referrals for chapter and raising money for scholarships
- **CHAPTER REPORTS** Attached
- **Other Interests and Upcoming Events**
- *NIFA* Marilyn Shafer October 30–November 3 Held at Auburn in Alabama
- *AOPA* Tampa Florida Peter O'Knight Airport October 27-28 Janice McWilliams, Chair Florida Suncoast Chapter hosting International Booth
- *International Awards* Marilyn Shafer explained various categories Information available on International website Nominations due January 15, 2018
- *International Nominating Committee* Karen Weldon Intent to run for office on International Website Positions needing candidates: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Directors and 5 Nominating Committee members Deadline to file October 31, 2017
- *Spring Section Meeting 2018* Will be held in Education Building on Lakeland Airport. Contact Ellen Herr for meeting-only attendance. Sun n Fun Air Land & Sea Expo at Lakeland Airport held April 10 to 15 SE Section General Meeting will be in the afternoon. Saturday April 14

- WASPS Three WASPS were invited this year from Florida, awaiting response. Luncheon will be Wednesday April 11 instead of Thursday. An optional dinner with WASP may be scheduled for Thursday evening. An effort is being made to put a WASPS display together for Sun n Fun Museum. Please contact Myra if you have any suitable memorabilia.
- Spring Section Meeting Banning GA October 5-6 2018 located about 40 miles SW of Atlanta. Governors Retreat to follow meeting. all are welcome. Mae
- AOPA 2018 Gulf Shores, AL KJKA October 26 -27, 2018 Mae
- Section fly-out suggested to Forest of Friendship in Atchison Kansas next June
- Motion made to adjourn Janice Mc Williams –2<sup>nd</sup> Lois Horne Motion Carried
- Meeting adjourned 11:40 AM

The chapter reports are attached to this mailing:

WOMEN PILOTS

## Chapter Report for Section Meeting Oct.7, 2017

### Appalachian Aviatrixes Chapter Fall 2017 Section Meeting Report

We had a busy summer getting the Chapter up and running and planning our first big fundraiser; Warbirds at TRI for the 99s.

The week-long fundraiser included the B-17 "Sentimental Journey" and the P-51 "Ain't Mishehavin'". During the event we offered 1940s style professional pin-up photos and P-51 professional photos with Mustang Cars. The WWII re-enactors were especially popular. We raffled two introductory flight lessons for women and three "coffee-table" photo books, "Storm of Eagles". We sold-out our event t-shirts and accepted donations. Our net profit for scholarship funds is \$4000.

I want to express a special thank you to Governor Mae Marquet and Director Karen Weldon, who journeyed from New Orleans to help us.

Our next order of business is to de-brief the fundraiser and set-up scholarships. We hope to hold this event again, making it better each year. Several women expressed sincere desire to fly and have been added to our mailing list.

We have several fun programs in the works for the next few months. We're looking at a hiking or camping outing this fall, a program by our very own member who is an A & P and a mountain re-treat early next year. We have a Girl Scout Fun Badge Day scheduled for April 2018.

Our young Chapter is busy and growing. We hope to keep the momentum going!

Janice Pelletti  
Chapter Chair

Alabama Chapter  
Presented by Ramona Banks, Chairman

The Alabama Chapter has 37 members. We have gain a few new members these last few months.

In August, the Alabama 99s meet at Nancy Miller-Borg's farm for Aviation and Llamas. We had 2 new members show up for the meeting. We then got to visit with Nancy's llamas and we received numerous llama kisses.

It was a busy September for the Alabama 99s.

The first weekend, the Alabama 99s had a booth at Save Our Flying Heritage FlyIn at Huntsville Executive. It was the first event that we used our new hands-on educational exhibit about weight and balance. The children who came by the booth really enjoyed playing with them, along with numerous adults trying them out.

The second weekend, the Alabama 99s has a booth at the Moontown FlyIn. Once again, we had our weight and balance exhibit.

The third weekend, the Alabama 99s had a presentation at the UAH Girl's Engineering day. We covered who the 99s are, basic aviation, and the importance of being balance both for take-off and landing. The way the program was setup, we did 4 sessions with 20 girls in each session.

Upcoming events include a compass rose painting with the Memphis 99s, our Christmas party, and in January our Amelia Earhart Luncheon with speaker Carol Ann Garrett.

The Blue Ridge Chapter, October 2017,

has been quiet. We have not had a meeting, but we did paint a Compass Rose back in April. It needs to be touched up and we are striving to make time to complete that task. Lee Orr is going to be the new chapter chair and will try to schedule a meeting, but we have not had much luck getting the gals together.

CAROLINAS CHAPTER Oct 2017

Since being elected to the position of chairman a few months back, our Section of the 99's has been busy.

- Our recent project has been to award a female aviator a scholarship to allow her to continue her flying education. Our Sections Scholarship is named after a 99 Member from our section: Jewell Bailey Brown, in the amount of \$1000.00.
- We continue to do continuing education by inviting professionals to our meetings to give us up-to-date information and to educate us in our flying endeavors. We have also been working with younger groups of girls and the STEM patch program with the girl scouts to encourage math and science background education that ties directly to aviation.
- We continue to recognize the achievements of our current and long term members by honoring them by awarding them a brick outside of the Asheboro North Carolina Air Museum.

Previous Notes that were not added from the previous Chairman

- 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.

Respectfully submitted by Paula Campbell, SE Section Carolinas Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc.

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> Daytona 99s chapter:

> - The chapter is growing steadily with 25 members.

> - Annual meeting in May with election results. All officers were elected for their first term. This is the first election since the chapter was revitalized, and it was done online.

> - Also at the annual meeting, we held a seminar on scholarships through the 99s. What is available, how to apply and best practices. Quite successful with both some of our members attending and outside student pilots as well. Gained one member from this presentation.

> - The chapter is preparing to paint its first compass rose in Williston, FL on November 4th, with guidance from the Spaceport chapter. All are excited for this opportunity to learn.

> - We are preparing our first fundraiser, a pennies-a-pound event, hopefully occurring around the holidays.

> - We may have a second compass rose in the Spring in Ocala, FL, not finalized yet.

> - Our co-chair Naiara just passed her commercial single and multi, congratulations!

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> Virginie, co-chair

Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast 99s Fall 2017 Chapter Report



The Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast Chapter spans from Tallahassee, FL to Alabama. Having numerous military bases in our area, such as Pensacola NAS, Hurlbert, Eglin, etc., our chapter is made up of women who are civilian and military pilots. It really is a great mix of ladies from all different backgrounds.

We have had some recent and notable feats amongst our members. The chapter is proud to announce that Samantha Gambon was able to complete her PPL with the help of the Fly Now Scholarship. She took her check ride on August 26<sup>th</sup> and passed with flying colors.

Members Kerry Sheridan and Kris Dubois are switching gears from flying C-130's in the Air Force, to flying on the civilian side, and both were hired on by American Airlines.

Kris is based out of Miami and currently flying, while Kerry just got off Active-Duty and is about to start training.

In July we had a wonderful turnout of women for a meeting at Trent Lott Airport, where our friend and guest speaker, Devon Meister, spoke about flying for the Air Force Reserve as a Hurricane Hunter. Not only was her talk informative and inspirational, Devon happens to be one of two women who are hurricane hunter pilots. What an accomplishment. We were extremely lucky to snag her, considering how busy this hurricane season was for her.

Most recently members Kerry Sheridan and Caitlin Kuersteiner volunteered at the Girls in Aviation Day hosted by Continental Motors in Mobile, AL.

On the Docket: The chapter is hoping to complete another compass rose for the Defuniak Airport in the Spring of 2018. Come next section meeting, we hope is to have one more completed compass rose in the Panhandle. Fingers crossed!

The Spring 2019 Section Meeting is on our Agenda and we are ramping up to start the major planning. We can't wait to host everyone in Pensacola!



## FL Goldcoast Chapter

October 7, 2017



The FL Goldcoast Chapter is over 90 members strong.

We held a successful SE Section Meeting in Miami, FL at the Miccosukee Resort from April 28 – 30, 2017. We enjoyed educational speakers, learning about the local culture as well as the unique Everglades, and networked with the largest attendance at a SE Section Meeting in recent years.

Several of our members attended the International Conference in San Antonio.

We were scheduled to hold our annual fly-in to the private island of Ocean Reef but Hurricane Irma interfered.

Several of our members staffed a table at the Marlins Game at the Aviation Day on September 30. This is an excellent outreach opportunity for aviation organizations, FBOs, flight schools, and aviation colleges and universities to introduce themselves to the community. Several young ladies, learned about the 99s and were inspired by conversations with our enthusiastic members.

Recently, the Aviation Hall of Fame Museum opened in Miami. When some of our members attended the opening ceremonies, they discovered that there is no display about female aviatrixes. A committee of chapter members is working to create an exhibit promoting historical female pilots from the area. If any of our 99s have memorabilia or know of someone we can contact for items, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted by Myra Bugbee

Florida Heartland:

By Vikki Greenleaf: Our chapter members are engaged in a number of events, both local and distant. Our own JoAnne Alcorn flew in the Air Race Classic with pilot Lara Gaerte and placed 7 th . We are proud

of her. It was a difficult air race due to headwinds and storms. Then, two of our members went to Oshkosh, and experiencing all that is Oshkosh. One volunteered at the Front Gate, and the other took in all the educational and social opportunities. We plan on going again. I would like to see a regular contingent begin to go and volunteer in the future. This year brings some of our usual events, cookie boxes for the local FBO's and FAA workers for Christmas, our Christmas party, a booth at the as Light Sport Expo in January, and a Fly-in in Feb or March. As a fairly new chapter we are proud to be able to offer our first \$1000.00 flight currency scholarship for anyone in the state of FL. The deadline for application is later this month, so see me later today if you are interested in applying for this scholarship. I have applications with me. Our emphasis this year is for us to get more involved with groups like the Girl Scouts and STEM at the local level. We live in an area where most of the people are not as fortunate as the rest of us. Through these programs we could reach girls/women that really need our scholarships and mentoring. The easy one is STEM, we have a program going already with EAA that we can step right into and help with. The Girl Scouts is a new program for us and we are enthusiastic to start it up. I am very excited about our chapter and my new role in it. I am amazed at the women we have. We may be small and new, but we put our heart into everything that we do. Vikki

## FL Suncoast Chapter Chair Florida Suncoast Chapter of the 99s Fall Section Report

We had our April meeting at Sun n Fun.

We went to Chrystal River in May and Gudi Davis's husband Tom gave an excellent presentation on the history of aviation navigation starting with WWII.

June we had the installation of new officers at Albert Whitted Airport.

We do not meet in July and August and hurricane IRMA prevented us from meeting in September.

Our up-coming plans include;

October 14 meeting in Tampa our Vice Chair Allyssa Dorsey will give a report on her Africa trip.

October 27 and 28 we host the 99's booth at the AOPA Regional Fly-in.

November 11th we have our meeting at Albert Whitted Airport during the Veterans Day and Young Eagle festival. We will have a booth at the festival and will also provide general flight information for the participants in the Young Eagle Flight.

Our Chapter has 56 members. We add 4 new members since April.

Our chapter scholarship winner, Joelle Peterson completed her commercial check ride, and Lori Lewis our chapter member and winner of the New Horizons Scholarship completed her commercial rating.

Our chapter has jackets, ornaments, and garden flags for sale.

Janice McWilliams

GEORGIA FLYING BELLES

The Georgia Flying Belles eyeshadow and lip gloss fundraiser is continuing and doing well. We are working with regional Girl Scouts to plan a STEM workshop. We have struggled to have regular meetings due to summer travel, attendance at Section and International meetings, and storms. We are looking into strategies such as Zoom/teleconference meetings and possibly rotating meeting location to accommodate members across the state. Our chapter endorsed the Fly Now scholarship application for member Kate Napier and wish her the best!

## Southeast Section Kitty Hawk Chapter Inc.

### FALL 2017 CHAPTER REPORT FOR SECTION MEETING

In May The Kitty Hawk Chapter awarded its Marcia Keaton Scholarship to member Courtney Robson to obtain her CFI & II. In June we met at Margaret Riddle's and had a tour of her new residence. We did not have another meeting until August.

At the August meeting it was decided to postpone our Poker Run from September to June 2018 to allow us time for publicity and sales of hands since none of us had done anything over the summer. It was also decided to do an airmarking which will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup> at KTTA (Raleigh Executive Jetport, Sanford, NC).

On September 23, 2017, chapter members helped with the "Girls in Aviation Day" held at Sugar Valley Airport, 5NC2 in Davie County, NC. The event was organized by the First in Flight NC Chapter of Women in Aviation International. One hundred girls attended the event and 93 of them had Young Eagles Flights.

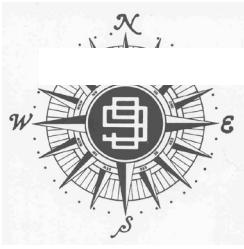
The chapter may have taken the summer off, but several members did not. Courtney Robson, our scholarship winner finished her CFI & II and only used half of her scholarship award. The chapter voted at the September meeting at Sugar Valley to allow her to use the rest of the money towards her Multi-engine rating.

Sandra Smith held a Ground school at Sugar Valley Airport, 5NC2 from May to August and had 19 people complete it. Sandra also received her Mission Pilot Certification for the Civil Air Patrol.

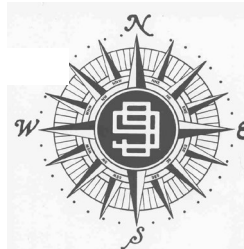
Margaret Riddle also completed a ground school for eight NC DOT Aviation personnel held at NC DOT Aviation at RDU.

Margaret Riddle and Audrey Floyd have begun planning for the 2018 Marcia Keaton Scholarship Cycle. They are also reviewing two Fly Now Scholarship applications before forwarding on to International.

We are starting a fundraising campaign to finish endowing the Marcia Keaton Scholarship. Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Gibson, Kitty Hawk Chapter Chair



## ~ Memphis TN 99s ~ 2017 Fall Report



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:

- Two brand new members joined the Memphis Chapter via encouragement from members of the Memphis Chapter.
- The chapter has been hard at work planning the Fall SE Section meeting.
- We had another Compass Rose Painting event in March 31, 2017 at Savannah, TN. Fall compass rose is planned for Winchester, TN in early November.
- The Chapter organized the flying of ten girl scouts as part of the EAA Chapter 182 Young Eagles.
- We have held another pancake breakfast for a fund raiser in conjunction with EAA Chapter 182 meeting. With the monies generated, the Memphis Chapter is able to host the Fall SE Section meeting at economic values.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois E. Horne

Memphis, TN Chapter Chairperson

### **Savannah, TN Compass Rose Spring 2017**

Mississippi Chapter report

The Mississippi Chapter of the Ninety-Nines is still a very small Chapter with 4/5 members out of the

10 registered who are active. We are trying hard to recruit but it seems that our members tend to move

away and thus for we stay at our 10 member mark.

We are also covering a big area which makes it more difficult. People living in the Southern part like to

join the Nola chapter and people living in the Northern side join the Memphis Chapter.

Several members of our Chapter attend all the FAASteam meetings set up by the Stick and Rudder

Club. They are very educational and we all learn every time we go.

We are planning on a compass rose, a website/facebook page and a girl scout event in the near future.

On September 3, 2017 we met with our Member Janet Green in Oceans Springs who is 92 years old.

Our Southeast Section Governor Mae Marquet and International Board member Lisa Cotham joined us as well.

Janet Green became 99 in 1961 and did hold all offices in the MS Chapter of the ninety nines. Besides

that she was Governor of the Southeast Section , International Vice President and International President.

Janet's daughter in Law had a table where she displayed all kinds of pictures and news paper clippings.

Lisa was able to recognize a lot of people on those old pictures and we got to hear a lot of aviation

history, related to the 99's. Janet did fly a lot of races as well.

It was a great couple of hours with a very interesting female aviator who is such an inspiration for all of us.

### **Chapter Chair Report for The NOLA 99s**

**May 2017 - October 2017**

**Chapter Chair:** Karen Weldon

**Chapter Membership:** 40 with several more interested in membership for scholarships, encouragement and networking

#### **Flying Activities:**

Three members flew in Erin Seidemann's "Big Chief" Seneca to the WASP Homecoming in Sweetwater, TX over Memorial Day Weekend.

Several members went to TN to see the total solar eclipse on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Education Events:** Meetings are held every month usually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Alice Furr, better known as Baby Alice, received the Fly Now scholarship and received her private pilot certificate as of August 18th. One of our newer members, Missy Day, a Blackhawk Pilot, received an ATP Embraer 145 type rating in September and will be flying for Envoy.

On May 20 several members participated jointly with The Blackhawk Flight Foundation in a Blackhawk Aviation Education and Career Day at Diamondhead airport in MS. Fifteen at-risk foster girls from New Orleans were introduced to flight and the possibilities that are available to them. NOLA provided ground support, education and encouragement. The girls flew in a helicopter and Yak among other planes. The program is part of the "Sideline Pass" through the Fox Sports Foundation.

**Community Outreach:** Over Labor Day weekend we repainted the compass rose at MS88, Oreck Farm, in Poplarville, MS. This was first painted in 2005 and previously repainted in 2012.

Kelli Kuntz is tirelessly spearheading (working 16 hours per day) an effort to collect and distribute donations to hurricane Harvey victims in Texas. A panel truck with Disaster Relief markings was even donated to carry supplies to TX. The NOLA Cajun Air Force has also been started to fly supplies to TX with Julie Jones still flying several trips. Donations are being collected at Kelli's home and Louisiana Regional (KREG). Two previously unknown men even flew in from Missouri and made two flights over a weekend to deliver supplies. Kelli opened her home to them to stay overnight and NOLA was invited to a fly-in location in the Ozarks sometime in the future. Kelli shared the story of a great kid in Beaumont who helped them unload supplies even though his family lost everything. The family is now living at a church. Kelli is spearheading an effort to replace the boy's PlayStation that was lost. The boy's school was also wiped out/flooded so the children in the school are being supplied with book bags containing school supplies.

**Other:** Three members attended the 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of The Forest of Friendship in Atchison, KS on June 16-17. Karen Weldon was inducted into The Forest sponsored by the chapter.

The Chapter now has new chapter shirts with a modification of the International logo. We have a second approved NOLA 99 logo of a woman with flowing hair and a plane that was designed by JoAnn Dawson, one of our newer members.

#### PARADISE COAST OCT. 2017 CHAPTER REPORT

In April we held our Chapter's 10<sup>th</sup> 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:



- Terry Carbonell was awarded NAFI/King Schools CFI Scholarship.
- Judy Schiff obtained her Commercial rating.
- Gabriella Ferra was awarded the 2017 *Wings over Paradise Scholarship*.

Over the summer there were more accomplishments so more accolades to:

- Congratulations to Joelle Petersen on passing her Commercial check ride in Alaska in a SEAPLANE!!!
- Paradise Coast 99 member Donna Hendrickson is now a First Officer with Silver Airways.

Paradise Coast 99s fall meetings are starting up again beginning in October. Our meetings will begin at 6:00 P.M. at KJ's Fresh Grill, [10950 South Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers, FL 33907](http://www.kjsfreshgrill.com) on the following dates. We are planning for speakers at some meeting and have plans for new fundraising activities. We would like to invite everyone to join us!

*Wednesday, October 11\*\**  
*\*\*Rescheduled from September due to Hurricane Irma*  
*Wednesday, November 8*  
*Wednesday, January 10*  
*Wednesday, March 14*  
*Wednesday, May 9*

Co-chair Lisa Hannon and her husband flew their 1962 Beechcraft Musketeer to Oshkosh this year – a first for them both. They enjoyed camping in the Vintage Plane campground for the full Oshkosh experience. Lisa was PIC as they landed on Runway 27 on the Orange dot!  
 3 members did cross country flights evacuating from Hurricane Irma –  
 Terry Carbonell went to Tennessee, Jessica Sterns went to Georgia and Ellen Herr went to Kentucky – GA planes in ACTION!!

**AND** the Paradise Coast 99s are hosting the Spring 2018 Section Meeting at Sun-n-Fun. Two great events, one fabulous weekend. See enclosed flyer and registration form.  
 The Paradise Coast 99s are working on a spring scholarship fundraiser which will be tremendously exciting...more details to come as they become available...as a hint...start thinking checkered flags!  
**Save the date** – On October 21, the Witches are flying again back to Bartow, FL (KBOW) for the Witches Fly-in. Friend us on Facebook and more details will follow.

#### SARASOTA LADYBUGS OCTOBER 2017

MAY-----Dots our mascot join us. Dots has been donated by one of our members, She is a stuffed ladybug that will be traveling each month with someone in the chapter and pics will be posted on FB  
 MAY-----Desoto Speedway  
 JUNE-----Plane wash to raise scholarship funds  
 JULY-----Pottery Painting  
 AUGUST-----Fly Inn-Lunch- Tour of the Tower at PGD  
 SEPTEMBER 30----GIRLS iNC SRQ meet SRQ Ladybugs for a tour of jet center and Silver Wings documentary at Universal Flight School  
 OCTOBER 7-----Dream Catcher making and their story. Told by member Suzanne Geyer, Movie and Dinner at [1675 Bay Harbor Ln](http://www.1675bayharbor.com)



OCTOBER 21-----Witches Fly Inn

NOVEMBER 11-----One Year Anniversary Celebration-TBD-

DECEMBER 8----- -Christmas Party- Can donation for Sarasota Food Bank - [1675 Bay Harbor Lane](http://www.bayharborlane.com)

DECEMBER 15-----Fly Inn SANTA HATS and Cookies to SRQ & PGD towers.

JANUARY 27-----Flight Companion Seminar at SARASOTA AVIONICS - Fundraising-

## ***Spaceport***

**2016-2017**

### ***End of the year wrap up***

Sept 24th: **Girls in Aviation Day at Melbourne Airport.** The Spaceport 99s set up a table and talked to LOTS of young girls about Aviation. Flight simulators, building balsa planes and drones were very popular with the girls.



Oct 24<sup>th</sup> – Larson Motorsports: We were shown around the Larson 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 of this meeting were members of the Daytona Beachin' Eagles, and FL Goldcoast Chapters. (Written by Marcy Lannon of the Treasure Coast 99s. Thanks, Marcy!)

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



**January 14<sup>th</sup>:** Our Chapter Holiday Party was held at Sandy Park's home in Melbourne. Of course, the food was delicious, the fellowship was great and the gift exchange was fun.

**February 11<sup>th</sup>** was a super day. The weather was perfect and it was a 99s meeting day. The Spaceport Chapter and the Beachin' Eagles Chapter met at the ticket window of the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) at 0930. Everyone got their tickets and we all set off to explore (a total of 36 people). There was no way to keep all those folks together, so we split into small groups and went our own way. Everything at KSC is spectacular and well presented. However, the Atlantis Exhibit is by far the most impressive.

WOMEN PILOTS



About 1 we all met at one of the restaurants for lunch and a much needed chance to sit down. After the refueling stop, we headed out again. KSC closes at 6 pm, otherwise some of us would have spent the night.

**May 20:** We met in the conference room of Spruce Creek Realty, 9 members and 5 guests attended. We brainstormed ways to expand our membership and attendance. Thanks, Pat and Lenny Ohlsson for your hospitality.

WOMEN PILOTS





**Officers:** Our officers for this year: Ellie Hoffman, Mary Anne Demmer, Sandy Parks and Carol Gosling, did such a great job, that we convinced them to continue for another year. They all agreed. Thanks!

**Award Nomination:** Our chapter nominated Laura Sherwood for the **Ninety-Nine of Note Award**.

Here is the nomination letter written by Ellie, so that everyone can appreciate how much Laura does for the Ninety-Nines and for Aviation.

Please accept this letter to nominate Laura Sherwood for the “Ninety-Nine of Note Award” for the Spaceport Chapter.

Laura’s passion for flying started at a very early age. Like many aviators of her generation, her favorite TV show was Sky King. Her first exposure to the 99s was with her Aunt Evelyn. Aunt Evelyn was a 99 and took her for her 1<sup>st</sup> airplane ride when she was in high school. She got to fly right seat from Vero to Palm Beach and she was hooked! It wasn’t until she was in her mid- thirties that she earned her private ticket. She joined the 99s as a student and has been an active member ever since.

Laura’s service to aviation only begins with the 99s. She has been a key member of the Air Operations for Sun N Fun for 25 years. She works directly on the flight line and sorts out aircraft, directs aircraft traffic, and marries up the planes with their motorcycle escorts. Each year she works in the same area, directing Warbird traffic, which is now known as Laura’s Corner. Last year she received the Chairman’s Award for her dedication. She is well known in that community and highly respected.

She has held all elected positions in the Spaceport Chapter and has been the chair three times. She has long served as our Air Marking chair and has trained and mentored many others, including a boy-scout working on his Eagle Scout Badge! She has personally supervised over 100 compass roses. This fall she will be training the 99s from our newest Florida chapter, the Beachin' Eagles. Laura has organized numerous Hospitality Suites with amazing success. Her latest effort was when the Spaceport Chapter hosted the SE Section meeting in May 2016. It was truly enjoyed by everyone who stopped by. She also completed all of the legal paperwork for our chapter to receive our 501(c)(3) status (a Herculean task!). Laura's commitment to our chapter has been one of the keys to our long running success and our ability to remain a vibrant chapter.

Laura also volunteers at Science fairs and does a lot of charity work for her church. She is always willing to help and takes every opportunity to mentor our young aviation enthusiasts. It is with great pride that we nominate Laura for the "99 of Note Award" for 2017.

**Annual Meeting:** Our Annual Meeting will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the Dixie Crossroads Restaurant on Garden Street, Titusville at 11:30 am. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

### **Sad news:**



Julianne (Julie) Dearth, 90, of Palm Coast, FL, passed away on May 19, 2017. Julie was born on March 12, 1927 in Columbus, Ohio.

Julie wanted to learn to fly airplanes at a very early age and obtained her Private Pilot's License in 1945 and in 1948 she earned her Commercial Pilots License with Flight Instructor Rating. Julie enlisted in the first group of woman to join the United States Air Force after World War II. She was selected for the first co-ed Officer Candidate class. She joined the All Ohio Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, the International Organization of Woman Pilots, as a life member. She is currently a member of the Spaceport Chapter. After service, Julie worked for three major California Aircraft companies.

Julie moved to Maryland where she worked and retired from Fairchild as Director of Quality Engineering. She went on to breed and show miniature Schnauzers. Julie retired to Palm Coast, Florida, where she enjoyed playing tennis and at the age of 65 became an avid golf player. She enjoyed playing golf on all the Palm Coast golf courses.

Julie was known for her extraordinary caring and generosity. She was always there for her friends, putting their needs above her own. She will be greatly missed.

#### Tennessee Chapter Annual Report 2017

2017 has been a wonderful year for the Tennessee Chapter! We have had great informational and educational meetings, our chapter has grown, and we have had a member win a FLY NOW Scholarship. We are so proud of Melisa Grissom and our Scholarship Chair Nancy McGinnis. November 2016 we toured the Knoxville McGhee Tyson Tower and had a very instructional look at all the tower activities as well as good interaction with the controllers.

Our January meeting was at the Chilhowee Gliderport hosted by Sarah Arnold, who will be inducted into the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame in November. She is the first woman in history to represent the USA in a World Soaring Competition.

Our February meeting was held at the Swift Museum in Athens, TN and we were hosted by Sandra Mercandetti and her husband Paul who have been very active in the Museum.

In March we toured the new Cirrus Maintenance and Training facility on Knoxville.

In April we attended the Rusty Pilots Seminar at Morristown hosted by Karen Hughes. June found us at Sky Ranch Airport with a program presented by Frank Wilson on Banner Towing. Nancy McGinnis also had some interesting stories about banner towing!

In August we met at the Gatlinburg Pigeon Forge Airport we toured the Tennessee Aviation Museum on the field.

We are preparing to paint a compass rose at the Johnson County Airport in Mountain City, TN September 30, 2017.

And in October we will meet in Tullahoma and tour the Beech Museum. November will find us with our Elizabeth Keller at MTSU touring the Aeronautics Department at MTSU. They have a fully functioning tower simulator among other interesting things to see.

And in December we will have a holiday gathering and review the year and prepare for an exciting 2018. Our membership numbers have grown from 23 in December 2, 2016 to 32 as of September 28, 2017.

We are proud of Melisa Grissom for winning the FLY NOW Scholarship and we hope to award more scholarships in 2018.

We are also proud to have celebrated our Chapter's 77th Birthday this year and welcome back a charter member Gladys Lacey Jones who is currently age 106!!

We have plans for a STEM day for the Girls, Inc at Morristown in October 2017 as well as a Pilot Companion Class in January 2018.

Blue Skies from the Tennessee Chapter! Martha Miller

#### Treasure Coast 99s 6 month recap 10-2017

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 27 members, up from our original charter of 13 members a little over one year ago.

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. She has now been successful with accomplishing her commercial helicopter add on.

MacKenzie Shepherd received a scholarship to attend Aviation College in Ft Pierce. She is working on attending school, getting flight time and earning additional ratings.

Julie Wang, Treasure Coast 99 and solo circumnavigator, received the Spinning Top Award at the spring SE Section meeting having flown over 600 non compensated hours in the past year.

Our monthly meetings have included

April 11 – We met at Ruth’s office and assembled the goodie bags for the SE Section meeting.

May 18 – We met at Jupiter Country Club and JD DeBoskey presented WINGS program Air Space Information, TFRs.

June 10 – We visited the Miami Center for a great tour of the facility and meeting the people behind the screens.

July 11 – Met at Signature Aviation, PBI. Susan Carastro made a great presentation on flying the Air Race Classics. We have 5 members who have flown the race. Odi, Anita and Paige made short presentations on their experience with the race.

August 11 – We had our one year anniversary celebration meeting at Jody Smith and Ray Mason’s new home in Stuart. We had a special celebration to honor Bee Haydu with an all girl CAP presentation of the flags. She had been awarded the Inspiration Award at the International meeting and was unable to attend. Past governor, Myra Bugbee, was present to present Bee with the award. Also, Cynthia Putnam, granddaughter of Amelia’s husband, presented Treasure Coast 99s with a book and picture from Amelia’s birthday place. We had a successful Chinese Auction raising over \$400 for our scholarship fund.

September – Meeting was canceled due to Irma.

Ruth along with Liz Ann made an effort to keep in touch with Treasure Coast 99s and their circumstances regarding Irma. Made contact with several 99s who are not associated with any chapter in welfare checks.

Our next meeting will be October 10 at Atlantic Aviation, PBI, where we will have a Hanger Flying session with a round table of our members discussing their flying experiences and what they learned from that.

Looking forward to the next 6 months .

A few chapters have not sent a report. I do hope reading these will give you ideas of the many activities we can hold for the benefit of all.