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We had a lovely dinner at the Woodlands Country Club hosted by the Top of the Bay Zontas. Mary Fletcher, Marie Grein, Nancy Wright, Jim Pappas, Marianne Mulder, Stan Mulder, Barbara Yeninas, John Yeninas, Eleanor Sharpe, Alice Paddock and myself attended. Amelia Earhart belonged to only two organizations in her life. One was the Zontas; the other was the Ninety-Nines. The Zontas dedicate every January to Amelia Earhart, and they extend an invitation to the Ninety Nines. The food was yummy, and Michael Norton a professional actor treated us to a terrific performance. He was dressed and in character as Tony Jannus, who was the pilot of the first flight of the earliest scheduled airline. The flight was from St Petersburg, near where Whitted Field is now, and Tampa Bay. Twenty-three minutes to Tampa replaced hours of driving. He discussed the Benoist Airplane (pronounced Benwah) and the circumstances that lead to his being there for the flight. It kept our attention; it was both interesting and informative. It was an all around enjoyable evening. Thanks to Mary

Chairman's Corner

Fletcher who is also a Zonta, she was instrumental in arranging the whole evening. The Florida Aviation Historical Society Flight 2014 cosponsored the event. 2014 will be the 100th year anniversary of the flight, and the organization is planning a celebration.

We didn't have an opportunity to meet at Tommy Duff's this month but we decided to do it in February. (for sure) Dima has more information further on in our newsletter, about time and date.

There are no minutes for this month.

Our weather has been surprisingly gloomy this past week, but still not the awful cold and nasty precipitation that much of the northern states are experiencing. Yeah Florida!

I am going to fly up to Philadelphia early in February to fly back down in a Mooney with a good friend of mine. (Mary Wunder) We will be practicing for the Air Race Classic in June. Once we get back here we are attending a Mooney Pilot Proficiency session in Melbourne. We have been promising ourselves we would do the race for a number of years, and now that we are both retired. (She is a former

air traffic controller from Philadelphia) this is our year. We will depart from outside Philly. If you want to see the air race route and all the course stops go to the web site: www.airraceclassic.org. The race begins in Bozeman Montana! Tamra Sheffman from Miami is also going to be in the race and has invited everyone to her "60th" birthday party in Mansfield Mass, which is the last stop and race Terminus.

I am still in the process of updating the Florida Suncoast Chapter Display. It is quite old and many of those pictured are no longer around. I would like to update it and add some new member photos to make it more current and interesting I need photos, please bring your pictures (especially those with an aircraft,) or clippings to our meeting in February and give them to Dima so I can work on this display. If you have pictures on your computer you can email them to me too. We can use the display at Sun n Fun and any of our other many events.

Blue Skies,

Barbara

FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

The meeting will be in Clearwater Beach at 11 am on Saturday the 9th of February at Tommy Duffs Aviation Pub where we will have a short meeting and a luncheon; all are welcome. Please feel free to bring your spouse, family or friends. We just need to know how many are coming to be able to make the reservations. Give us a call if you are flying in and need a lift from the airport. All the pilots must bring their favorite picture to give to Tommy so that he can display it on his walls. For more information and direction click on this link. Hope to see you there! <http://www.tommyduffs.com/>



Dima Haobsh

***Forget the pinch-hitter course...
I'm going to get my license!
By Jeanne Burklund***

When Chris and I moved to Florida – our love of aviation was re-kindled. The weather and the terrain are much more flyer-friendly than California. We were able to take many more day trips and found some great \$100 hamburgers.

I'd always been the passenger – and we thought it would be a good idea that I learn to land the plane – just in case. Well – I never did take that pinch-hitter course. After the first flight in the left seat – I was hooked. There is something magical about flying and I wanted to meet other people that shared the same passion I had.

I joined the Florida Suncoast 99s in 1995 - two months after I got my license. During that first meeting I knew that I had found a group that loved aviation as much as I did. And I was impressed by the work that was being done to share that passion with the children in our area.

Over the years, I have been active in our chapter. I've held the offices of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. I have also served as the Newsletter Editor, Webmaster and Aviation Activities committee chairs.

One of my proudest moments was passing my instrument checkride in January of 1999. I had done all my training while pregnant with my dear Michelle. We tell everyone that Michelle had 50 hours in the air before she was even born! Not a bad start for a future pilot.

Our family airplane is a 1941 Rearwin Cloudster named Peggy (short for Pegasus). We were lucky to buy her at an auction at Fantasy of Flight in 1999.

Along with the 99s, I am also active with our local EAA chapter. Our EAA Chapter holds regular Young Eagles flight days. That gives me another chance to share aviation with young people.

AOPA Event— Top 5 Mistakes Pilots Make

February 5

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Clarion Hotel & Conference Ctr
Ballroom I & II
2701 E. Fowler Ave
Tampa, FL

Funding for this project provided in part by the Florida Dept of Transportation and the Florida Airports Council

Suncoast Chapter Calendar:

Meeting Feb 9

Tommy Duffs Aviation Pub
Clearwater, FL

Meeting March 8

Strawberry Festival Lakeland
Barbara Yeninas

Meeting April 12

Sun n Fun
Lakeland

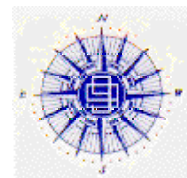
Meeting May 10

TBD

Welcome our newest member—

LT Jessica Bylsma,

From Poolesville, Maryland, graduated USCG Academy in 2001, graduated flight school in 2003, MPA at American Military University in 2006, became C-130 aeronautical engineer in 2006, have flown in C-130s, King Air 90s, Piper Tomahawks and T-34s. Have 1800 flight hours. Wanted to fly ever since a junior in college when I was forced to fly in a Coast Guard helicopter. Before that I didn't think that women flew - I had never seen a female pilot in person before.



Winging to the Carolinas

By now, we in the Carolinas Chapter of the 99s hope that you have received your invitation to the section meeting which we have planned for you at North Myrtle Beach (SC), April 4–6, 2008.

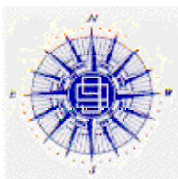
Registration is \$60 per member. After March 4, fee will be \$80.

We want to stress, how important it is to REGISTER EARLY, especially with the hotel Bay Watch Resort & Conference Center 800-845-9700 or 843-272-4600. That week is the beginning of its busy season, and the block of rooms that we have reserved will be picked up quickly if we don't reserve them.

Based on past attendance at section meetings, we have blocked off only about 25 rooms, so PLEASE register ASAP if you think you or any members will be coming.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or our chapter chair, Liz Lee (elizlee@comporium.net), if you have any questions.

Ann Honer
For the planning committee



I attended the Grasshoppers meeting with a friend, Alison Chalker, who was visiting me from Philadelphia, this past weekend.

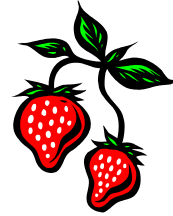
We attended the Grasshopper's meeting that was an unusual attitude recovery presentation at Gilbert Field. Lowell Hinchee, the owner gave the presentation and it was intriguing. He tells us that the ten-hour course in their Cap10 will make us unafraid of upsets in any aircraft we are flying.

After lunch we went back to the field, and walked over to Winter Haven. Alison and I each took a seaplane ride. I haven't flown a Cub for a couple of years and it was a thrill to get back into one. Landing on water is really different.

Barbara Strachan



Alison and "Red" the instructor



Strawberry Cooking Contest & Meeting—March 8, 2008

It's almost Strawberry Festival Time in Plant City!! The fields are overflowing with luscious red berries. So I thought to myself, let's have a 99s Chapter Meeting in conjunction with this Fruit Festival...Let's have a "99s Strawberry Cooking Contest".

To enter, just bring one of your favorite Strawberry recipes...in any category, Appetizers, Salad, Main Course or Dessert.

Jeanne Burklund and a panel of Judges will do a blind tasting and prizes will be awarded. It will also be a covered dish Chapter Meeting, so everyone gets to participate in the festivities!!

Hope you can come on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. Plant City Airport/ Pilot's Lounge.



Thanks,
Barbara Yeninas





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2008 JESSIE WOODS SPACE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP RULES

1. Must be a female from Florida in grades 4 thru 6.
2. Must submit a theme created by entrant. The theme must be a minimum of two handwritten or two typed pages (double spaced). You may have more than two but no less. The theme should be placed in a secure folder with the title page to include: **NAME, COMPLETE ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, AGE, YOUR GRADE, PARENT'S NAME, AND PARENT'S DAYTIME PHONE NUMBER. PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR SCHOOL: THE NAME OF THE SCHOOL, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND THE NAME OF THE PRINCIPAL.**
3. The subject of the theme is: **NASA AND IT'S PARTNERS HAVE COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION FREEDOM. YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS A REPORTER TO DESCRIBE ACTIVITIES DURING THE FIRST COMPLETE WEEK OF OPERATION. RESEARCH SPACE STATION FREEDOM AND USE THOSE FACTS IN YOUR IMAGINATIVE STORY. YOU MAY INCLUDE PICTURES, DRAWINGS OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU THINK WILL ENHANCE YOUR STORY!**
4. Must submit a letter of recommendation from an adult other than a family member.
5. Title page, biography, recommendation and theme must be submitted to: **NANCY L. WRIGHT BY APRIL 25, 2008. MAILED ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY APRIL 25, 2008.**
6. Entries will be judged on originality, subject and neatness.
- 7. BE SURE AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS VERY CAREFULLY!**
8. The finalists will be notified where to appear for a **MANDATORY** interview on **MAY 2, 2008**. At the conclusion of the interviews, the winner will be announced. The camp slot is for July. The winner will attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama.

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