



The International Organization of Women Pilots

Florida Suncoast Chapter

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Chairman's Corner

It has been very disappointing lately to see how few of our members attend our meetings. Dima does a great job creating programs to make them interesting and fun. Do you need a ride? Call me, if I can't take you I can find someone who will. The meeting is held faithfully the second Saturday of every month, so it should be easy to plan your schedule. Everyone misses occasionally, with life, and family affairs intervening, but some haven't been seen in too long. If there is somewhere you would like us to meet, or a particular program you would enjoy let us know. Let us know if you would like to host a meeting. We really would like to see you!

Sun 'n Fun 2008 celebrates its 34th year and the theme is "Aviation Year Starts Here" The dates are April 8th - 13 and many exciting events are planned. Nancy and I attended two of the planning meetings and everyone is excited that the Thunderbirds are coming. They will be performing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Also there will be a convention of International Tanker Refuelers. Their craft will not be flying but on

display. The hot air balloon launch is scheduled for Saturday, weather permitting. Now, on a personal note for the 99s. We have started preparing the building with help from Jim and Jerry. We are planning a luncheon on Thursday, April 10, and hope we will have some WASPs attending. As of now, we haven't heard anything. In any event, we will have a 99 luncheon. The fifth graders from Skycrest Elementary School's "My First Wings" will be arriving by bus on Friday April 11th.

Our International President, Pat Prentiss will be there all week and will attend our meeting on Saturday.

We hope to have a good Chapter turnout. Admission for Florida residents will be HALF PRICE on Saturday and Sunday. Words of advice - prepare for heavy traffic and delays - so start early. Sun 'n Fun expects a record number of people those two days. Mark your calendar - April 10th, and 12th. Barbara Sierchio

I flew back from Philadelphia on the one clear day of the week On Feb 11th we never saw a cloud until we got to Titusville and then only the little white puffies. A total of 7 hours flying with a stop in Columbus County NC just above the SC

state line. Gas was cheapest there according to 100LL.com, and it worked for us. Some nearby airports (Grand Strand) were charging almost \$1 more per gallon. We attended the Mooney Pilot Proficiency Program at Melbourne. It was a good overall safety update for all pilots. ARC has assigned Mary and I Classic 20 as our race number. We're getting excited.

I am still looking for some photos and clippings. We are trying to create a DVD for Sun n Fun to show on a screen at our building. Please bring your pictures (especially those with an aircraft,) or clippings to our meeting in March or send them to me via email.

Blue Skies,

Barbara

Don't forget our Strawberry recipe contest at our March meeting at Plant City Airport. We are having a potluck for lunch. Any questions talk to Barbara Yeninas.



FEBRUARY CHAPTER MEETING

Tommy Duffs is one of those restaurants that you just have to see. The food was superb and the prices show it. It's decorated with pictures of numerous pilots from all over the world. There are model planes that are from all eras and the meal names are all in aviation verbiage. It's a great experience; delicious food and courteous service. This is a fun place to go with your family or a group of people. I have been fascinated with the ambience and the experience for years and love to go there! They have music and Karaoke on the weekends and it is always a comfy place to go. Tommy himself came in during our Feb meeting just to meet the 99s and say hi to all of us. We sure appreciated having the whole room in the back just for us!

The day was a beautiful sunny day in Clearwater Beach, FL and although I live on the beach I seem to never have time to enjoy it. I wished I had time to just go to the beach and relax! But duty calls, and I had to go back and do some work after the meeting with my friends the 99s. Thanks to all who showed up to the meeting and we wish that more were able to attend, so we'll have to go back to Tommy's again, real soon. Thank you Tommy!

Dima Haobsh

Why did I get interested in flying?

Just one of those things - the first time I was ever in an airplane or at any airport was in 1944 when I pedaled my bike to the airport for my first lesson. My first instructor, who liked playing

with the clouds, from take off, he flew right thru them all, and upon getting on top -- my first impression was.... three dips of ice cream. From that day on I was hooked. 7 instructors before I soloed at 12 hours. I think they just shoved me around thinking I wouldn't come back the next day. I fooled them. 64 years later and still flying.

I loved competition of any kind -- racing cars, racing sailboats and racing airplanes. Over 100 trophies later still haven't got racing airplanes out of my system. Flown in many Powder Puff derbies (All women transcontinental air races; IAR (International Air Race); and many other races throughout the United States. My first race was in Ohio when my twin and I placed 2nd in 1946. I was fortunate to marry a private pilot in 1949, who later became an airline pilot, retiring from USAir with 31 years and over 31,000 hours of logged flying time-Accident free. Neal was always 100% supportive. I hadn't flown in a race from 1985 until 1996 as I had other priorities. At age 70, I heard of the re-enactment of the last two legs of the first 1929 Air derby in 1996 and decided it was time for a comeback.....I got the handicap sheet, decided on an airplane I thought I could win in, went out and located one, entered the race.....and won! Next year I decided it was time for a long course again and entered the 1997 ARC Boise, Id to Knoxville and won!

At age 79, I became the 4-time winner of the ARC with my last win in 2005 when I took my niece as passenger and won! In 2006 I was going to take my third niece for a chance to go for a 5th win, withdrew from the race due to an unfair decision by the board to change my handicap 2 days before I was to depart for the start of the race. My most memorable wins were when I took my 2 nieces in two races and won. I am proud to have received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award and others along the way. I have been very fortunate to enjoy all the jobs that I have had in aviation throughout the years--aircraft sales, charter, manager FBO, and Air Route Traffic Control simulator operator, air shows in my glider. I am a lifetime member of the

99's since 1946 - having participated in many projects in the All Ohio Chapter, Indiana Chapter,(started the first air race in Indiana) and participated in over 12 air markings in one year in Indiana; started the Pittsburgh Chapter as well as their first air race and now belong to the Florida Suncoast Chapter. I may go for the US-Air Race this year.

Sophia M. Payton

Calendar of Events:

March 99s Meeting

March 8—10:30

Plant City Airport

Barbara Yeninas

Sun n Fun

April 8-13th

Lakeland Airport

www.sun-n-fun.org

99s Southeast Section

April 3-4

N Myrtle Beach SC

Southeast99s.org

99s/Wasps Luncheon

(open to the public)

Date :April 10th Lakeland Airport

Tickets: \$15 each

Make out and mail check to
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**Calendar of Events-
continued:**

**April 99s Meeting
April 12**

99s Bldg Lakeland
Airport Contact
Nancy Wright for info

**May 99s Meeting
May 10—10:30**

Speaker: Neil Corella
Topic: Building Airplanes
Bob Evans Restaurant
3335 Ulmerton Rd. CLW

Air Race Classic

June 23-27

www.airraceclassic.org

99s Intl Conference

Aug 6-9

Anchorage Alaska

www.ak99saviationfun.org

**Feb Chapter Meeting
Minutes at Tommy Duff's
Feb 9**

Present at the Meeting:

Nancy Wright
Barbara Sierchio
Dima Haobsh
Sophie Payton
Alice Paddock
Jeanne Burklund

Guests

Jim Pappas
Allen Paddock
Chris Burklund
Michelle Burklund

Vice Chairman Dima Haobsh called the meeting of the Florida Suncoast Chapter to order at 11:18 A M. The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were approved. Nancy Wright made a motion to take \$2566 from the general fund and transfer it to The Jessie Wood Space Camp Scholarship Fund to bring the Scholarship Fund to \$10,000.00 dollars. Alice Paddock seconded the motion. Motion carried. The treasurer Jeanne Burklund will transfer the funds. Barbara Sierchio made the motion to make a \$100.00 donation to the 99s Endowment Fund. Jeanne Burklund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reports given were:

Aerospace:

Nancy Wright reported that the bus arrangements have been made to bring the Skycrest Elementary students of My First Wings program to Sun n Fun. She also reported that the rules for Space Camp Scholarship were in the last newsletter. Jeanne will email Scout Leaders the rules. We should also take them to schools in our areas. Jeanne will also serve on the Selection Committee for the Scholarship.

Aviation Activities:

Feb 28 is the deadline for the aviation activities to be sent to Jeanne Burklund. Nobody had the forms so Jeanne will email them to us.

Membership:

Everyone needs to be sure that Dima has your email address.

Ways and Means:

Discussions were held on various things we can sell at Sun n Fun.

Nancy gave a report on the upcoming International Elections. Our Chapter Chairman, Barbara Strachan is running for Trustee of the Endowment Fund and Chapter Secretary Marie Grein is running for the Board. Other Southeast Section members who need our support are Lisa Cotham for Vice President, Sonia Bortolin for Nominating Committee and Nancy Miller-Borg for A E Birthplace Museum. Support our SE Section by voting for these people.

Meeting Adjourned.

Submitted by:

Nancy Wright for Marie Grein.

