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## Florida Suncoast Chapter

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#### Ways and Means

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#### Aerospace Education

Nancy Wright

#### Newsletter/Reporter

#### Aviation Activities/Safety Education

## Chairman's Corner

We had a great time and good food at our meeting at Plant City Airport. Thanks to Barbara Yeninas for creating a tasty competition with strawberries and all the covered dishes everyone brought for our meeting. We covered a lot of business, which you can read about in the minutes in this newsletter.

The results of our Strawberry Cooking Contest:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nancy Wright
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Michelle Burklund
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marie Grein
- 4<sup>th</sup> Barbara Yeninas

It was difficult picking the best one they were all so delicious.

Next month is Sun n Fun and our meeting will be at the Ninety-Nines building at Lakeland Airport on Saturday. Florida residents get in half price on Saturday and Sunday! See you there

*Barbara  
Chairman*

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Spring is here!! The weather has been just beautiful in Florida and I am looking forward to seeing more members come to our annual meeting at Sun 'N Fun in Lakeland, FL. We have lots of interesting people coming from our headquarters and other chapters. We are also going to be selling lots of goodies!!

The fee for Florida residents on Saturday April 12th is only \$15.00 for all day!

If you have any questions, feel free to call them at 863-644-2431 or here is some links for you to view.

Sun 'N Fun links for you

**Map link:** <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/content/interior.asp?section=yeararound&body=maps>

Getting There directions, phone numbers, airport directory & much more on this link:

<http://www.sun-n-fun.org/content/interior.asp?section=yeararound&body=gettingthere>

Fees & Charges link : <http://www.sun-n-fun.org/content/interior.asp?section=flyin&body=rates>

*Dima  
Vice Chairman*

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### Scholarship Opportunity

The application forms for the Mary Blackwell – Anne Walker scholarship offered by the Florida Spaceport Chapter of the Ninety-Nines, Inc are available now.

The scholarship is for \$1500.00. If you know of any female pilot planning on making a career in aviation that meets our requirements and is interested in applying for this scholarship, please give Denise Rosenberger a call 727-449-0014.

Applicant does not have to be a member of the Ninety-Nines.

If you have any questions, please contact me, at the above address, e-mail [b919r@cfl.rr.com](mailto:b919r@cfl.rr.com) or call 321-636-5346.

Bobbi Lasher

Florida Spaceport Chapter 99s Scholarship Chairman



## Calendar of Events:

### Sun n Fun April 8-13<sup>th</sup>

Lakeland Airport

[www.sun-n-fun.org](http://www.sun-n-fun.org) for directions

### 99s Southeast Spring Section Meeting April 4-5

N Myrtle Beach SC

See Southeast99s.org for more information

### 99s/Wasps Luncheon (open to the public)

Date :April 10<sup>th</sup> Lakeland Airport

Tickets: \$15 each

Make out and mail check to  
Barbara Sierchio, 8052 13<sup>th</sup> Ave  
St Petersburg FL33707

### April Florida Suncoast 99s Meeting

April 12—10:30 a.m.

99s Bldg Lakeland

Airport Contact

Nancy Wright for info

### May Florida Suncoast 99s Meeting

May 10—10:30

PIE—SheltAir FBO

Speaker: Neil Corella

Topic: Building Airplanes

### Air Race Classic

June 23-27

[www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org)

## 99s Intl Conference

Aug 6-9

Anchorage Alaska

[www.ak99saviationfun.org](http://www.ak99saviationfun.org)

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### **SUNCOAST CHAPTER** **3/8/08 Meeting Minutes** **PLANT CITY AIRPORT**

**Members present:** Jeanne Burkland, Jessica Bylsma, Mary Fletcher, Marie Grein, Dima Haobsh, Alice Paddock, Denise Rosenberger, Barbara Sierchio, Nancy Wright, Barbara Yeninas.

**Guests present:** Michelle Burkland, Shanna Empie, Allen Paddock, Debbie Palmer, Jim Pappas, Jerry Sierchio, John Yeninas.

Chairman Barbara Strachan called the meeting to order. She thanked Barbara Yeninas for organizing the Strawberry Cook-off and hosting the meeting.

The minutes of the February 9 meeting, taken by Nancy Wright for Marie Grein, were accepted as printed.

Jeanne Burkland, treasurer, presented the report. She stated she had not made the transfers, as voted upon at the February meeting, but would do so Monday.

Dima Haobsh, Vice-Chairman, stated the May meeting would be held at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater airport with an airplane builder as speaker.

June has not been decided. No meeting will be held in July and August (International Conference). The September meeting tentatively has been set for Crystal River Airport at 11:00.

## Barbara Strachan, Chairman,

1. asked members to send her 99s pictures to be used at the "loop" showing at Sun 'n Fun. Jeanne and Chris will take the pictures and develop a program. To show the program, members present voted to ask Barbara Strachan to purchase a "moving picture frame" for no more than \$200.00.
2. had cards with Good Search by Yahoo information. The Endowment Fund receives 1 cent for every search.
3. the chapter has been asked to dress a bear to raffled by the Amelia "Bear"hart Scholarship Fund at the Alaska Conference.
4. new software has been installed for the three 99s sites. Sign up if you are not on the list.
5. she will fly the 2008 Air Race Classic.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Airmarking**---Denise Rosenberger will check with Albert Whitted Airport to see if they are ready for us to paint. No other group is on the list at this point.

**Aerospace Education**---Nancy Wright stated the 2008 Jessie Woods Scholarship application has been sent out. The bus to transport the WINGS members has been paid. Members present voted to pay a maximum of \$50.00 to Nancy to provide the extras for the children's lunches.

**Fly-Outs**---Jane Oparowski is organizing our fly-outs and invites us to join with the Grasshoppers on their monthly flyouts.

**Membership**---Barbara Yeninas uses the lists from headquarters and contacts members who need to renew. Letters have been sent to members who had not paid the dues for 2007-2008.

## Scholarship

Denise Rosenberger volunteered to serve as committee chair.

### **3/8/08 Meeting Minutes— continued**

**Ways and Means**---Nancy Wright explained the various plans for Sun 'n Fun:

*Aerospace Education Fund*--- glasses, pens, and packs of cards; proceeds of the raffle.

*Jessie Woods Scholarship Fund*--- pillows (made by Rita DeBeer), selling sodas, and ½ of the profits of the jackets sold.

*Chapter Operating Fund*---1/2 of the profits of the jackets sold.

Chapter Banner--- Nancy mentioned a digitalized banner on vinyl, 4 x 6, would cost between \$130.00 and \$150.00. A motion was made and passed to purchase a new Florida Suncoast Banner for no more than \$150.00

Raffle Donations Needed: Nancy is accepting donations for prizes for the raffle at Sun 'n Fun. Dima has donated a basket of wine glasses with airplanes, a bottle of wine, etc. Please contact Nancy if you have something to donate to this fundraiser.

**Aviation Activities**---Jeanne Burklund accepted the completed Aviation Activities Forms.

#### **Announcements:**

Spring Section Meeting---will be held in Myrtle Beach on April 4 and 5. If you have not reserved a room, do so immediately.

Fall Section Meeting---Mary Fletcher will prepare a flier to advertise the October 3-5 meeting in St. Petersburg.

The WASP Luncheon will be held on April 10 at Sun 'n Fun. Contact Barbara Sierchio for further information.

Denise Rosenberger, who conducts Safety Meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of

every month at 7:30, in Clearwater, described her programs. She reminded members to sign up for information at [www.FAAsafety.gov](http://www.FAAsafety.gov)

A request was made to the newsletter editor that the meeting times and directions be included in the newsletter.

After much sampling of the strawberry entries, the first place winner was declared---**Nancy Wright**.

Meeting adjourned,  
Marie Grein  
Secretary

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#### **Looking For Partner in Airplane**

I just renewed my medical recently since I broke my foot last June (2007). I was wondering if there is any way to see if any of the 99's in the Clearwater area is interested in a partnership - either limited or share in their airplane where we could share in the expense? I'm looking for single engine low wing - preferably a Grumman Tiger or Diamond ideally at PIE or Whitted. I sold my Grumman Tiger about 1.5 years ago (Guy and I had it for about 15 years.)

Thanks

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#### **Biography**

**By Barbara Sierchio**

I never thought much about flying and certainly never dreamed of being a pilot. My first flight was in a Piedmont Airlines DC-3 from Washington, D.C to Bristol, Tennessee. I was six months pregnant and got air sick. The next flight was from New York to Seattle with a six-month old baby. Those were

the days before jets, when it took all day, but the seats were roomy and the passengers were treated like honored guests.

There were some interesting flights while stationed overseas, including stops at Wake Island, Iwo Jima and being blown off the runway just before takeoff in Hong Kong. My first flight in a small plane was in a Cessna 150 in Cobleskill N.Y. I didn't like being tossed around in that little plane.

When we moved to Florida, my husband bought a Cessna 172. I still didn't care for those little planes. He sent me to ground school at St. Pete Junior College and it made a world of difference in my understanding and enjoyment of flight. A friend took me to a 99 meeting and it was amazing that I received such support. Got my license in 1979 at age 45 and my instrument rating in 1985. If it weren't for the 99s, I would probably have remained a right seat passenger.

I have served as Chapter Chairman and been Co-Chair for Sun 'n Fun and raised funds for our building. I have attended 20 International Conventions, and many Southeast Section Meetings. Have helped with the World Precision Flying Competition in Kissimmee and Ft Worth and with three NIFA competitions, flown poker runs, the Great Southern Air Race and participated in spot landing contests.

I became involved with Sun 'n Fun in 1980 and have seen the growth and our involvement from a tent to our building.

We own a A-36 Bonanza and I have flown many trips back and forth to our farm in Virginia and flew friends to the Bahamas. I am no longer actively flying but still enjoy flying right seat.