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Newsletter/Reporter

Aviation Activities/Safety Education

We had my favorite meeting of the year last month at Plant City Airport. It includes a bake/cook off. All of the dishes must include strawberries. This year all entrants made sweet dishes, and I was one of the judges, Yum. See who won later in the newsletter. Before this during our meeting, we voted unanimously to approve the amendments to our bylaws as written up in the February's newsletter.

I went to Fantasy of Flight this week, which is a great place. I didn't have the opportunity last year when the chapter went. March is Women's History month and to honor women, Kermit Weeks, the owner, had two symposiums, and a meet and greet with the WASPs on Friday March 26. They did a fantastic job with presentation. A moderator asked questions of each of them. There were three WASP in uniform on the podium and an unexpected one in the audience. Some of these women will be at our luncheon on April 23rd at Linder Regional Airport in Lakeland during Sun n Fun. They are looking for rides to the airport so they can attend. One of them lives in Avon Park near Sebring and would appreciate a lift. One of the others lives on the east coast near Fort

Lauderdale. If you can provide a ride, car or airplane, I am sure, these gals wouldn't mind a flight, and I know, it would be greatly appreciated. Talk to Nancy Wright about the names and locations of those looking for a ride, and please plan on being at the luncheon yourself. There's not a whole lot of time left to see and talk to these pioneers.

There is a bill in Congress to Award the WASP the Congressional Gold Medal. All 13 Women Senators are co-sponsors of the bill. Go to the following link for more information. It would be a great tribute to them. <http://wings1944.blogspot.com/>

I went to their first symposium at 12:30. The second one at 2PM had a large group of children attending. I wondered how they would react to "older" women talking about their experiences from long ago. I bought a copy of Bernice "Bee" Falk Haydu's book "Letters Home 1944 - 1945". As I waited in line at the Meet and Greet to get her autograph, the kids were behind me. They were lined up for autographs too on anything they had handy. It was gratifying to see they were as impressed as I was about these fascinating women. The book tells how "Bee" got into the WASP and

then it is a series of letters she wrote home to both her Mother and brother. It is an easy and interesting read, and if we are lucky she will have some with her at the luncheon.

It has been so windy lately, that I decided if you are going to fly in Florida you need to fly in the wind. Of course, it isn't the flying, but the landing that is the tricky part. Thanks to much exposure, I am finally getting better at this. Whitted's north south runway is only 2600' long and either end would put you in the drink if you overshot, so it is quite challenging to land there in a crosswind, but great fun.

Our meeting this month is at Sun n Fun on Saturday April 25th and we are electing our new officers for the chapter board. If you are only going to Sun n Fun for one day, try to make it Saturday so you can attend our meeting.

Blue Skies

Barbara



The Vice Chairman's Corner

The Strawberry Fest meeting in Lakeland Airport was great!! Thanks to Barbara Yeninas for hosting a wonderful meeting !! There was lots of food and desserts and I wish I could have stayed but I had to run to take my first Sports Aviation lesson at the Vandenberg Airport / Tampa Executive Airport !! It was a little windy at 15 knots but I survived it and had a great time with my instructor Ben. In fact, I think I convinced him to speak in our next meeting on May 9th to tell us all about Sports Aviation !! We will be having it in the Vandenberg Airport / Tampa Executive Airport, so bring your own lunch and drinks as there isn't much in that area.

Although he is very young, he has been flying since he was 12 and was excellent at what he does!

Sports Aviation is the new easy and faster way to get your certificate without having to go through all the medical approvals, and FAA's many rules. As long as you have a valid drivers license, you may fly !!

The proposed board slate was presented in our meeting :

Chairman: Marilyn Schafer
Vice Chairman : Judy Bowser
Secretary : Jane Oparowski
Treasurer : Jeanne Burklund

Our election will be held at our April meeting. We will install the new board in May, and June will be the new officers first meeting !!

See my attached pictures and hope to see you there in May !

I also hope to see all of you for our Sun N' Fun meeting in April, please try to make it on Saturday April 25th where you'll meet lots of wonderful people that come from all over to this meeting.

Dima

Upcoming Events

April 25, 2009

Time: 10:30

This will be at Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland
We will vote for our Chapter officers.

May 9, 2009

Place to be determined

We will install our new officers at this meeting.

June 13th, 2009

Time: 10:30

Location is unknown at this point and we need suggestions, & sponsors.

Upcoming International Conventions

July 22-26, 2009 :

The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Chicago, IL

July 2010 :

The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Kona, HI

July 2011 :

The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Oklahoma City, OK

OTHER EVENTS

Apr 18-19,

Cecil Field Air Show , Jacksonville, FL

April 21-26, 2009 :

Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL

May 1-3, 2009:

Southeast Section Meeting, Destin FL

Jul 18,

Pensacola Beach Air Show
Pensacola Beach, FL

July 27-August 2, 2009 :

EAA Air Venture, Oshkosh, WI

OTHER EVENTS—cont

Oct 03-04,

Cocoa Beach Air Show
Cocoa Beach, FL

Oct 17-18,

Air-Space Expo
Kennedy Space Center, FL

Oct 17,

NAS Whiting Field's 66th Anniversary Air Show / Open House,
Milton, FL

Oct 23-25,

St. Petersburg Airfest , St. Petersburg, FL

November 5-7, 2009 :

AOPA Expo 2009, Tampa, FL

Nov 07-08,

Jacksonville Air Show
Jacksonville, FL

Nov 07-08,

Wings Over Homestead ARB
Homestead ARB, FL

Nov 13-15,

Blue Angels Homecoming
Pensacola, FL

Nov 13-15,

VNA Air Show-Stuart , Stuart, FL

Upcoming Southeast Section Meetings

2009

Spring Pensacola/Destin
May 1 and 2

Fall Blue Ridge Chapter TBA

2010

Spring New Orleans Chapter TBA
Fall Paradise Coast Chapter TBA

99s/WASP Luncheon at Sun 'n Fun



Thursday, April 23rd

The annual 99s/WASP luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 23rd.

Join your fellow pilots for fun, stories and a catered lunch.

The price is \$16

Your RSVP and checks should be sent to:

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Phone 386.409.0629

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**Advance reservations are due by
April 15th.**

After April 15th—please call Kathy or contact her at the 99s building during Sun 'n Fun.

See you there!!!



STRAWBERRY CONTEST RESULTS

Our last chapter meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2009 was very well attended!! It was a beautiful Spring day at Plant City Airport and members flew in from all parts of Florida. Our thanks to Judy Bowser who flew in with 5 friends from Charlotte County. After our Business meeting we had the Strawberry Cook-off judging. The 3 judges were Barbara Strachan, Denise Rosenberger and Bill Oparowski. A Blind Tasting was conducted...meaning the judges did not know whose dish they were tasting.

There were 5 Dessert entries by...Marie Grein, Mikel Fitterman, Judy Bowser, Michelle Burklund and Barbara Yeninas. After the 3 judges tasted (YUM!!!!) and deliberated...the results were announced as follows:

- #1 Place - Barbara Yeninas
- #2 Place - Michelle Burklund
- #3 Place - Marie Grein
- #4 Place - Mikel Fitterman
- #5 Place - Judy Bowser

Prizes were awarded and a Chapter Pot Luck luncheon followed. As usual, the luncheon food was delicious, with plenty of Strawberry desserts to pass around. My thanks to all who participated in the Strawberry Cook-off!!! It was lots of FUN!!!

MESSAGE FROM SOUTHEAST SECTION GOVERNOR

Hello Southeast Section members,

Three important deadlines are fast approaching:

April 1 - Early Registration deadline for the Spring Section meeting in Pensacola. (For information about the meeting, go to <http://www.southeast99s.org/DataFiles/2009-05-Meeting.pdf>) You may register after this date, but not at the "early bird" rate.

April 8 - Cutoff date for hotel rooms for the Spring Section meeting. After this date, the room rate will increase significantly!

April 11 - Ballots for the Southeast Section election must be returned by this date. (The ballots were mailed to every section member last Saturday.) One correction: Barbara Yeninas, who is running for the Nominating Committee, is from the Florida Suncoast Chapter. Please show your support for the section by voting!

If you have any questions about these dates or events, don't hesitate to contact me. We're looking forward to seeing everyone in Pensacola on May 1-3!

- Corbi

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER NINETY-NINES

March 14, 2009

Plant City Airport

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Wright (Jim Pappas), Denise Rosenberger, Barbara Yeninas (John Yeninas), Barbara Strachan, Dima Haobsh, Jane Oparowski (Bill Oparowski), Mikel Fitterman, Judy Bowser, Alice Paddock (Allen Paddock), Jeanne Burklund (Michelle Burklund), Debbie Palmer, and Marie Grein.

GUESTS: Anne Roethke, Janet Quinn, Sherrie Lorenz, Ellen Herr, Nancy Moore, Erin Endres, and Kelly Endres.

Chapter Chairman, Barbara Strachan, called the meeting to order at 10:30. The minutes, as printed, were accepted. The treasurer's report was accepted and filed for audit.

Barbara reviewed material from the Dispatch: Mid-term elections will be held at the International Conference, Chicago, July 22-26. The candidates will be elected by all present; issues voted by the delegates. Women must join International before joining a local chapter. Candidates for the Scott Crossfield Award must be submitted by May 1, 2009.

COMMITTEES:

Education---Marie Grein; continuing to complete rocket projects at Skycrest; will work with Jeanne Burklund's Girl Scout troop.

Fly-Outs---Jane Oparowski; Grasshoppers will fly to the New Smyrna Beach Airport, March 21.

Membership---Barbara Yeninas; 61 Regular, 8 Life, and 6 Future Pilots for a total of 75.

Scholarship---Nancy Wright; The Jesse Woods Scholarship for girls in grades 4-6 forms are available; she presented a history of the scholarship, which is attached.

Denise Rosenberger won the Greiner scholarship this year.

Ways and Means---Debbi Palmer showed various items, which will be on sale at Sun 'n Fun. She has made these herself. Debbi will obtain the soda and water.

BUSINESS:

The Aviation Activities and Safety Education forms must be given to Jeanne Burklund by March 31.

Nancy Wright, chair of the nominations committee, presented the proposed slate

of officers for 2009-2011: Chairman---Marilyn Shafer, Vice-chairman---Judy Bowser, Secretary---Jane Oparowski, and Treasurer---Jeanne Burklund. The election of officers will take place at the April 25 meeting at Sun 'n Fun. The new officers will be installed at the May 9th meeting.

The proposed changes of the By Laws were presented; Nancy moved to accept the changes, Jane seconded, motion passed.

Sun 'n Fun Report---Nancy---there will be a \$5.00 parking fee this year; shirts (\$40.00) will be sold for the Building Fund; please donate items for the raffle; the WASP luncheon will be held Thursday and cost \$16.00 (see details elsewhere in the newsletter); the children will come on Friday.

Barbara Strachan, chair of the International Endowment Fund, described the various ways members could donate to the fund.

Mikel Fitterman will submit her biography to Jeanne by March 28.

The next meeting will be held at Sun 'n Fun on Saturday, April 25 at 10:30 AM

The meeting concluded at 11:30

The program consisted of a Strawberry Recipe contest, followed by a potluck luncheon.

Marie Grein, secretary.



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2009 JESSIE WOODS SPACE CAMP SCHOLARSHIP RULES

Must be a female from Florida in grades 4 thru 6.

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.**

The subject of the theme is: **"USE YOUR IMAGINATION! THE YEAR IS 2015! YOU ARE GOING ON A TRIP TO OUTER SPACE. DESCRIBE, IN DETAIL, THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TRIP, MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, PLACES YOU MAY VISIT AND PEOPLE YOU MAY MEET. Feel free to be as creative as possible. You may include art work, pictures or anything else you think will enhance your entry.**

Must submit a letter of recommendation from an adult other than a family member.

Title page, biography, recommendation and theme must be submitted to: **NANCY L. WRIGHT BY MAY 2ND, 2009. MAILED ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY MAY 2ND, 2009.**

Entries will be judged on originality, subject and neatness.

BE SURE AND FOLLOW DIRECTIONS VERY CAREFULLY!

The finalists may be called for an interview on **MAY 8, 2009**. 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. Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from the camp.

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