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Newsletter/Reporter

Aviation Activities/Safety Education

This will be my last newsletter until September. Our last meeting is June until Sept. The June meeting will be at Fantasy of Flight and Dima will chair. See info later in newsletter.

Nancy Wright and Mary are doing a great job on organizing everything organizing the Section Meeting and getting commitments for help. All we need now is good flying weather for a large turnout in St Petersburg. Nancy will get information to Jeanne to put on line in August to keep all of us up to date on the planning for the Section Meeting. See more info in this newsletter.

We had a good May meeting at ShelAir at PIE in spite of our scheduled speaker not being able to show. Both of our scholarship recipients attended the meeting and it was a pleasure to meet them. We enjoyed hearing them relate their appreciation for the opportunity to go to Space Camp. Jessica Alzamora, sixth grade and Katrina Rupert 5th grade will be with us again at our holiday party at St Pete's Yacht Club in December to tell us all about their adventure.

Debbie Palmer a new member attended, and we were happy to welcome her

to our Chapter. Read more about her in our biography column.

I am heading north and will be gone by the time this newsletter is on-line and in the mail, but I am always available via email and cell phone to answer any chapter questions or hear any ideas.

Happy Summer

Barbara

Calendar of Events:

June Florida Suncoast 99s Meeting

June 14—11:00

Fantasy of Flight Compass Rose Cafe

1400 Broadway Blvd SE,
Polk City, FL

contact: Dima for info

NOTE: Please review the bylaw changes on the Ninety Nines website. We will need to vote on them at the June meeting.

Air Race Classic

June 23-27

www.airraceclassic.org

99s Intl Conference

Aug 6-9

Anchorage Alaska

www.ak99saviationfun.org

The Ninety Nines Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund supports world fellowship through flight, networking opportunities for women, aviation education in the community and preservation of the unique history of women in aviation. The Endowment Fund collects, maintains and manages tax deductible donated funds in a permanently restricted investment account. Please consider making a pledge or contribution and sending it to Ninety-Endowment Fund c/o Gayl Henze, Treasurer, 4130 Timber Lane, Philadelphia, Pa 191-29-5526. Contact Gayl for more information at galyhenze@verizon.net or 215-843-6456

Remember, if you list the Ninety-Nines as the charity and use www.goodsearch.com or www.goodsearch.com The EF will receive \$.01 for each search and from 1.5 to 25% of a purchase price.



FLORIDA SUNCOAST NINETY-NINES
ST. PETERSBURG / CLEARWATER
AIRPORT
SHELTAIR
MAY 10, 2008
Meeting Minutes

NINETY-NINES—Jeanne Burklund,
Mary Fletcher, Marie Grein, Dima
Haobsh, Marianne Mulder, Debbie
Palmer, Barbara Sierchio, Barbara
Strachan, Shirley Wilkie,
Nancy Wright, and Barbara Yeninas

Guests—Michelle Burklund, Jim
Pappas, John Yeninas, and the
scholarship winners with parents:
Katrina Rupert and her father,
Bradford Rupert: Jessica Alzamora and
her mother, Laura Alzamora.

Barbara Strachan called the meeting
to order at 10:30 and asked Nancy to
introduce the Space Camp winners,
Katrina (5th grader) and Jessica (6th
grader). Each girl was presented with
a bag of goodies in addition to the
voucher for Space Camp.

The minutes were accepted as printed.
Jeanne Burklund presented the
Treasurer's report, which was
accepted for review.

Dima Haobsh explained the June
program. She has made
arrangements for the meeting to be
held at Fantasy of Flight at Polk City.
Cost is \$28.95. If 15 people attend,
we will have lunch served in the
Officers Mess.

Barbara Strachan:

Barbara presented the new
Endowment form.

She will fly the Air Race Classic with
Mary Wunder in June.

Headquarters Dispatch reminded us to
update our personal information by
July 1, 2008 for the directory. Barbara
asked for a volunteer to serve as
Historian. Marianne Mulder
volunteered. She
thanked Jeanne for setting up the
newsletter and for putting it on line.

Standing committees:

Aerospace Education-

Two scholarships were awarded this
year.

Fly-Out

May 24 the Grasshoppers will fly to
Chalet Suzanne.

Membership

Barbara Yeninas stated Cherrie Fowler
will join Spaceport.

AE Scholarship

Jaime Gonzales of New Orleans won a
Multi-Engine Instrument Rating

Ways and Means

Nancy asked for fundraising ideas.

Fall Section--

Nancy Wright and Mary Fletcher are co-
chairs.

Hotel-- the St Petersburg Hilton. 15
rooms have been blocked at \$109.00
plus tax. Parking will be \$12.00 per
night.

Hospitality--Barbara Yeninas and Janice
McWilliams.

Door prizes--Dima Haobsh and Barbara
Strachan

Transportation--Barbara Sierchio

Goodie Bags--sewn by Rita DeBeer.

Name tags--Jeanne Burklund

Decorations for the banquet--Debbie
Palmer

Friday evening--Barbara Strachan wrote
the city of St. Pete asking for
permission to use the new terminal at
Albert Whitted, 6:00 to 8:00. Debbie
Palmer will check with Coca Cola to see if
she will be able to get drinks for 50
people. \$15.00.

The banquet will be held Saturday
evening, a buffet around the pool,
starting at 6:30; \$45.00 each person. A
cash bar will be available for pre-dinner
drinks.

Michael Norton as Tony Jannus will
entertain. Barbara Sierchio offered to
pay his \$150.00 fee.

Nancy Wright will handle registration.

Mary Fletcher will handle press releases.

The hotel has asked for a deposit of
\$1,000.00. Jeanne will mail the check.

Unfinished business:

Nancy will check with Elaine Morrow
regarding the caps and hats.
The banner needs to be redone; Nancy
was not pleased with it.

Jeanne has updated the website.

Barbara Strachan shared her Florida
Floozy Bear. She had dressed the bear
in "Florida Style" The bear will be
auctioned at the AE Dinner. Delegates
to the International conference will be:
Barbara Strachan, Barbara Yeninas,
and Marie Grein. The June 1
newsletter should include the Fall
Section information.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Marie Grein

Secretary

**Biography
Debbie Palmer**

Ever since the 10th grade at Watertown
High School in Watertown, New York
where I was born I have been flying
with my brother Mike as a passenger.
At that time he was taking flying
lessons at the Watertown Airport. I
was invited to go with him on many
lessons in a 172 trainer. He went on
to become the owner of the flight
school and began a charter service
flying local corporations around to
different cities in New York. During the
years I had so many opportunities to
pursue my pilot training with him but
never had a great interest.

I eventually moved to Florida in my
early twenties and found a great job
with GTE (now Verizon) and got
married. After 14 years with GTE and
the birth of my third son, Casey, I quit
work and concentrated on raising my
family and riding and restoring several
antique Harley-Davidson Motorcycles
with my husband, Bruce. All during
this time my brother would visit
regularly, flying down from New York,

Biography—continued

staying a while, buying planes, and giving me a few lessons. Still with no interest in becoming a pilot and my kids now older, I went back to college and graduated with an AA degree at the age of 45. I was a substitute teacher while my kids were in middle school and eventually went back to work full time with General Motors. General Motors decided to outsource and I moved on to Coca Cola where I work today.

When Casey graduated from school he went to live with Mike in New York and learned to fly the summer of 2006. He returned in the fall and found a job at the Plant City Airport. Casey has invited me to fly with him many times and we have had a lot of fun flying into Tampa International, shopping, and going for lunch. Now this is right up my alley. I began to really like flying because unlike Watertown, New York, there are more interesting places to go here in Florida and the weather is much more cooperative. I should probably mention also that due to a very unfortunate medical disaster that happened to Bruce six years ago, he was left paralyzed and is confined to a wheel chair for the rest of his life. Though Bruce's life has changed dramatically, this was a major life-altering event for my whole family. Due to limited things we can do and places we can go, Bruce and my three sons, Scott, Jeff, and Casey have all supported and encouraged me to go for my "ticket".

I began my official training at Plant City August 2007 and got my ticket March 2008. I am such a rookie and there is so much for me to learn, but I absolutely love flying. I may enjoy fair weather flying for a while and then go for my instrument rating in the future. I am not sure piloting would have been right for me when I was younger, but it sure suits me now! I have just joined the 99s and look forward to a wonderful and rewarding relationship with a great group of gals that Rock!!

OCTOBER SECTION

Meeting Update

October 3rd & 4th

We are making great progress on the Fall Section planning.

The Chapter decided on a fee of \$65.00 for registration to keep it affordable. Extra banquet tickets will be \$45.00 and extra welcome party tickets \$15.00. The hospitality room will be accepting donations from those not registered.

Committees were appointed as follows:
Hospitality Room-- Barbara Yeninas with Janice McWilliams as co chairs. We will need food donations or if you prefer cash donations will be gratefully accepted, any amount. The Hospitality Room will be open Fri afternoon, Sat morning before the meeting, Sat afternoon and Sun morning.

Goody bags--Rita DeBeer. Rita is making beautiful upholstery bags for all registered.

Prize Committee--Barbara Strachan and Dima Haobsh. Be aware that the whole chapter is needed on this committee. We need goodie bag prizes and door prizes. Start saving your aeronautical and any other nice gifts to donate

Decorations--Debbie Palmer, our new member, Debbie has also agreed to try and find a sponsor for the Welcome Party and will provide Coke products for the hospitality room.

Name Tags--Jeanne Burkland.

Banquet Speaker--Mary Fletcher. Mary has arranged for Michael Norton, a Tony Jannus impersonator, to be our guest speaker at the banquet and Barbara Sierchio has graciously agreed to pay the speakers fee. He was wonderful at the Jan Zontas Meeting!

Transportation-- Dima Haobsh, Jim Pappas, Russell Miller, and Barbara Sierchio.

Barbara Strachan is working on the location for the Welcome Party.

Registration--Nancy Wright.

Rooms will be available at the Bay front

Hilton for \$109.00+taxes. Tell the hotel that you are with the 99s. The block of rooms guaranteed at the above cost will be ours until Sept 3, and after that on an available only basis.

The Banquet will be open and will welcome any guests you might like to bring. Unregistered guest Banquet Fee \$45.00.

This is a chapter event and we will need your support. If you see a committee you would like to work on just give Mary or me a call.

As things progress we will let you know. Again thank you for your support.

Nancy Wright and Mary Fletcher

From Dima, the Vice Chair's desk:

My visit to Kitty Hawk and The Wright Brothers Museum !!

We headed out to Virginia and made lots of stops along the way. All of our stops were very interesting. We visited Williamsburg, York Town, and James Town, which were unbelievable!! Lots of history about the birth of America! Leaving Virginia we made our way south down Highway 158 and followed it as it merged with Highway 12 along the Outer Banks. This area is like no other. The persistent elements of sand - and more importantly "wind"- characterize the Outer Banks, and it quickly becomes very evident to even the casual observer why those brothers from Dayton chose this place in their quest to master powered flight. As Orville remarked in a letter to his sister over a century ago, "we came down here for the wind and sand, and we have got them."

After passing miles of motels, condo developments and seafood restaurants, we finally reached our destination, Kitty Hawk. The birth of aviation little beach town. But for the modern-day pressure to develop the waterfront, remains a

From Dima—continued

remarkably unspoiled and open to the elements. The National Park Service has created an excellent museum complex on the grounds just off of Kill Devil Hills, it's filled with photos, memorabilia, and replicas related to the Wright's years at Kitty Hawk. With only a few hours to spend, we quickly made our way through the museums and then exited onto the open expanse of field where the Wrights made their historic first flights, and even though grass now covers most of Kill Devils Hills and the surrounding fields, one can still imagine those days and the difficulty the Wrights must have faced in dealing with the incessant wind-blown sand and fickle winds. We marveled at their genius as we quietly walked the grounds and read the markers that mark the very spots where aviation history was made.

If you ever have a chance to go, you really should try to, it was spectacular !!

Now on to our June meeting. As always, we try to have our meeting on the 2nd Saturday of every month. The meeting will be on Saturday June 14th at 11:00am, which happens to be Flag Day ! It will be held at the Compass Rose Cafe at Fantasy of Flight located at 1400 Broadway Blvd. S.E. Polk City, FL. 33868

Telephone number (863)984-3500 X 220 Stephanie Connor

Web Site: <http://www.fantasyofflight.com/index.htm>

Directions link : <http://www.fantasyofflight.com/directions.htm>

Business Hours of operation open 10 am - 5 pm daily

There will be no fee to attend the meeting in the cafe but we are not

guaranteed that we would all have seats. The way to do it is if we can get a group of 15 or more to go as we can get good discounts that way and we can meet in the officer's club room and be served lunch. If you wish to visit the museum, the regular daily fee is \$ 28.95 but if we have a group of 15 or more, we would get that rate with lunch served in the Officers Club room !!

Unfortunately, I could only get 10 people to commit to come so we'll just do our own lunch and if you are interested in visiting the museum after our meeting and luncheon, you really should, it is unbelievable. I will be giving back the checks and cash I received in May's meeting for you guys to do as you wish that day. Of course you are not obligated to buy lunch or visit the museum. We would just love to have you in the meeting, which is free of charge.

You cannot fly into Fantasy of Flight unless we have 10 airplanes going to land there so that won't work for us.

Nearest airport is [Winter Haven Airport](http://www.winterhavenairservices.com)
[WWW.winterhavenairservices.com](http://www.winterhavenairservices.com)

Address: 3000 21st St NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881
Phone # (863) 293-2501

Do you need a ride? We would be glad to pick you up, just contact one of us please.

We are taking off for the summer and no meetings for July and August. We'll meet you in September in Crystal River !

Keep in mind October is going to be a busy aviation month as we are having our Fall Section Meeting in St. Petersburg on the 3rd and 4th, we would appreciate any donations to this wonderful event. I have emailed all my friends and all my aviation contacts and so far we have had some generous offers from Kirsten Mitchell is donating a Martini and Rossi gift basket for a door prize and also Martini postcards that come in sets of 3 or 4, Patty Wagstaff,

Shelt Air, my friends from Boca, Ellen Adler and Garry Stark, are sending some goodies as well, and my friend David Headly from Chase where I work is donating a bottle of wine! Thanks to all for your generosity, we truly appreciate it.

Albert Whitted Air show is going to be on October 18 & 19, 2008 also in St. Pete and they desperately need volunteers so please let me know if you can go to that?

November, Wings & Things in Lakeland & maybe the wine tasting fund raiser in Clearwater Beach??

December as usual, we have the Christmas dinner at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club!

We look forward to your continued support, please do write and tell me all about your experience, suggestions, or anything you wish to put in the newsletter.

This will be our last meeting for the summer & next one is in September. Hope everyone has a great summer!!

*Take care,
Dima
Vice Chair*

**See pictures from
Dima's trip to Kitty Hawk
on our website**