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Chairman's Message

Welcome to YOUR Chapter! Our June meeting will have many things on the agenda and I would like to highlight just a few for your advance consideration.

Please take the time to review the Proposed ByLaws/ Standing Rules Amendments for our voting purposes at the next meeting. These can be found by logging into the "Members Only" section of the <http://ninety-nines.org> webpage. The amendments are thirteen pages long and therefore prohibitive for us to read, discuss and vote within the confines of our meeting timetable. We need to give our delegates guidance as they cast their votes for or against these amendments. At the end of each amendment, you will find

information about which committee submitted it, the rationale for the change and its financial and legal impact on our organization. In each case, the Board of Directors and International Bylaws/Standing Rules Committee members have concurred with the proposed changes.

Although we're starting summer vacations with no formal meetings during July and August, we have been contacted by headquarters to assist in the 99s Booth at the AOPA Convention in November. I have accepted the Chair for this project and begun the breakfast preparations for our Ninety-Nines but I will need a Chair to handle only the breakfast details as we draw closer to this event. Please consider this

opportunity to represent your chapter and assist our international organization.

And finally, I am working to create an online survey of our chapter members' needs, wants and talents. Be on the lookout this summer for a future mailing with a link to the survey which will be shared at the September meeting.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve and I look forward to the next two years!

Marilyn

**** NOTICE ****

Lake Alfred teacher wanting assistance next year for an aviation unit. Email or call Marilyn Shafer for contact information.

Vice Chairman's Corner

Our next meeting will take place at Crystal River Airport on June 13th at 10:30 a.m. hosted by Gudi Davis and the Crystal Aero Group. Our two Space Camp winners and their families will join us for an award presentation by Nancy Wright, our Aerospace Education Chair. They have been invited to join us for lunch afterwards at that marvelous Greek restaurant we visited last time. These arrangements have kindly been made through the efforts of Meredith Kupcho.

The programs for the year have been tentatively planned but your input and suggestions for future meeting loca-

tions or speakers would be greatly appreciated. I am striving to make our programs not only interesting but relevant to our flying. So if you have a friend or acquaintance who would be willing to share their experiences or expertise, please let me know. I'm always open for suggestions.

We are planning a Potluck Holiday Luncheon in December and would greatly appreciate your ideas for locations that would meet our chapter's needs of having a meeting and "breaking bread" together. Drop me an email (sailawayjb@embarqmail.com) or let Marilyn know at the

meeting on the 13th if you have suggestions. There are no meetings during July or August but we ask that you continue to check our newsletter each of those months for news and updates for our chapter.

Pencil in our chapter's meetings for the 2nd Saturday of each month starting in September. There may be some fluctuation to this schedule but we'd like to see as many of you as possible at our meetings and possibly lunch afterwards.

Have a safe summer!

Judy

Upcoming Events

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

Jul 18,

Pensacola Beach Air Show
Pensacola Beach, FL

July 27-August 2, 2009 :

EAA Air Venture, Oshkosh, WI

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

OTHER EVENTS—cont

Nov 13-15,

VNA Air Show-Stuart , Stuart, FL

Upcoming Southeast Section Meetings

2009

Fall Blue Ridge Chapter TBA

2010

Spring New Orleans Chapter TBA
Fall Paradise Coast Chapter TBA

Girl Scout Troop 684 Earns Their Aerospace Badges

By Jeanne Burklund

It was a beautiful day for an air race! Marie Grein has been working with Girl Scout Troop 684 on their Aerospace badge. The final requirement was completed at our end-of-year party on May 30th. We met at Largo Central Park and had an air race with the planes the girls built at a meeting last month.

The girls had 3 chances to fly their planes. They had flags to mark their landing spots.

The winners were awarded medals during our awards ceremony. The results were:

1st Place	Victoria McManning
2nd Place	Michelle Burklund
3rd Place	Francesca Ingrassia

We want to thank Marie for all of her work with our girls—and thanks to the Suncoast Chapter for supporting aerospace education in our area.



The Air Race starting line at Largo Central Park

My bio

By Marilyn Shafer

My introduction into aviation came at a very early age. My father was a Navy pilot and took two tours on the USS Wasp and the USS Coral Sea. Although he died in the line of duty when I was 5, my love for flying was entrenched in my DNA. My mother recounts the first time I saw a single-engine plane during one of our home visits to Michigan. She says I asked my father, "Are those planes made of cardboard?" These Cessnas were, of course, quite small compared to the F4U and P51 I was used to seeing.

Life goes on with many responsibilities and financial priorities but I found myself still wanting a pilot's license at age 50! Having set aside enough money to complete my private license, I soloed in 2003 and completed in 2004 and immediately joined the 99s since I thought a pilot's license was required for membership. Although the past two years haven't allowed flying in my busy life, my instrument rating is the next step.

Having been the Vice Chair during 2005-07, I have accepted the Chapter Chair position and know I will continue to learn a great deal about flying and the Ninety Nines with help from each of you!



Air Race winners -Francesca, Michelle and Victoria

FLORIDA SUNCOAST NINETY-NINES
Tampa Executive Airport May 9, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dima Haobsh, Sophia Payton, Nancy Wright (Jim Pappas), Jeanne Burklund (Michelle), Marilyn Shafer, Judy Bowser, Barbara Yeninas, and Marie Grein.

GUESTS: Monique Chicvak and Nicole Chicvak

Chapter Vice-chairman Dima Haobsh called the meeting to order at 10:30.

The minutes, as printed, were accepted.

The treasurer's report was accepted and will be filed for audit. Marilyn Shafer suggested putting some of the Jesse Woods Scholarship money into a CD or money market fund to earn more interest. Jeanne will check into this.

Barbara Strachan, chairman, was unable to attend the meeting. She provided copies of the annual report of Florida Suncoast for all present.

Dima thanked the incoming board members for attending the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Education---Marie thanked the chapter members for their financial support of her WINGS program. She reported that she conducted an Aerospace Seminar at the SE Section Meeting.

Fly Outs---Judy will set the Breast Cancer Flyout for October.

Membership---Barbara stated three new members, for FL Suncoast, signed up at Sun 'n Fun. She reminded members that dues for the next year---2009-2010---should be paid now.

Historian/Scrapbook---Marilyn will need to check with Marianne Moulder.

Scholarships---Two winners were chosen: 5th grade, Meghana Chapalamadugu; 6th grade, Kayla Cox. The girls will come to the June meeting at Crystal River, June 13. It was suggested writing a note to recent winners to see if aviation is playing a part in their lives.

Ways and Means---Nancy suggested Debbi Palmer as Chairman.

Aviation Activities and Safety Education Report---Jeanne reported that 9 chapters had participated. Suncoast received a certificate for participation and a certificate for 3rd place in points overall. Lisa Cotham, new Governor, indicated this committee may be cancelled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sun 'n Fun---Nancy thought the volume of visitors was down. The WASP luncheon on Thursday was a success again. 60 people attended the luncheon. Four WASPS attended. They stayed at the Red Rose Inn. The format was a panel discussion with Ursula Davidson as moderator. Nancy thanked Rita DeBeer for making the pillows, Debbi Palmer for the sodas/water she donated as well as all the sale items she made, Kathy Koshan for the water, and every one else for the time they worked at the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dima installed the officers for 2009-2010---Marilyn Shafer, chairman; Judy Bowser, vice-chair; Jeanne Burklund, treasurer; and Jane Oparowski, secretary.

Lisa Cotham, SE Governor, is working on a fly out to the Bahamas.

Marilyn would like a Public Information Chairman, especially for news to the 99s magazine. She asked for a report and picture of the WINGS children at Sun 'n Fun. She is working with a Drop Out Prevention program at Gulfport Middle School, which uses an aviation theme. She will provide a report.

Since Judy Bowser and Elinor Kline will be our delegates, Marilyn gave the delegate slips to Judy. At the June meeting the members will give the delegates directions for voting on the proposed amendments.

The Fall Section meeting will be in the Asheville area with Blue Ridge and the section working together.

Individuals should send their newsletter article to Jeanne who will complete the newsletter.

Marilyn will add a survey link to the June newsletter. This will be a 'time/talent/service' survey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS;

International Conference July 22-26 at the Marriott Chicago Downtown, Chicago, Illinois.

June meeting will be held June 13 at Crystal River. Program: Gliders.

Monique Chicvak, a 15 year old, is very interested in flying; she hopes to earn her licence. Monique asked questions of the members present.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

Marie Grein, Secretary