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Chairman's Corner

Hope everyone is enjoying their summer as it flies by. Let no one tell you it is too hot in Florida, it was 92 and unbearably humid here today and has been this hot all week. I got to fly my old Cub with a friend up in PA in a haze that only these days and days of hot can bring. I enjoyed the low and slow though.

I hope that everyone will have a chance to see or hear about the proposed amendments to the National Organization's bylaws that will be discussed at our August meeting in Lakeland. It is important for our delegates attending the International Conference in Colorado in September to know how the majority of our chapter members feel about these changes so they can vote appropriately. It's your organization and you want to be heard.

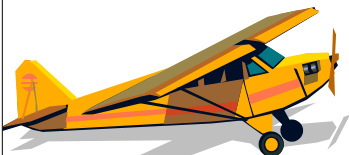
Dima tells me that the tour to the Coast Guard Station in St Pete was fantastic. Lieutenant Jessica M. Bylsma guided the 99s and guests through two hangars and two aircraft, one of which was her very own C-130. She has been with the USCG for ten years. Jessica was encouraged to join the 99s, and she said she is interested! Nancy Shivers, accompanied by husband Bill who is President of the Albert Whitted Pilot's Association attended and said she is also interested in rejoining the 99s. Sounds like a successful day all the way around.

I encourage everyone to attend our meetings which, thanks to Dima, always have an interesting program. If you need a ride, get in touch with someone nearby who may be going. Those of you that are going, give someone a call and see if they would like to accompany you. We try to give plenty of notice so you can plan ahead.

I am interested in our chapter starting a scholarship fund for women only in our area to help support them in their aviation pursuits, and to help support our local FBOs as well. Let me know if you can be of any help getting this started.

I am happy to say, I will see you at our next meeting.

Warm regards,
Barbara



Next Chapter Meeting

SATURDAY, August 18

Location: Sun n Fun Lakeland Museum
www.sun-n-fun.org/content/museum/main.asp?section=museum)
4175 Medulla Road
Lakeland Florida
863.644.0741

Driving Map info www.sun-n-fun.org/content/museum/museumdir.pdf
or Fly into Lakeland Linder Regional AipoRT

We have a couple of speakers from Last Flight Home www.lastflighthome.org. The BentStar Project Ltd was formed for research into the MIA mysteries that were left unsolved.

Meeting 10:30am 99s only
Speakers 11:30 open to all
Lunch 12:30 Tony's Airside Restaurant in the terminal building at the airport

Please RSVP to Dima dimaflly@yahoo.com or call her 727-595-0590.



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your Chapter Dues.

Annual dues are \$20.

Please send check to:
Jeanne Burklund, Treasurer
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Chapter Minutes

June 16, 2007 Largo

Members: Dima Haobsh, Nancy Wright and Marie Grein
Guests: Sue Haobsh, Jim Pappas and Nancy and Bill Shivers, Garry Moore, Garry Potts, Cathy Vinneau, and Rich Castle.

Dima Haobsh called the meeting to order at 11:00, at the Chili's Restaurant, Largo.

There were two corrections to the May 12 minutes. The two places where "Aerospace Education Fund" were used should be changed to "the chapter". The minutes were accepted as corrected.

The treasurer's report was not available.

The August 18th meeting place was changed due to the large number of folks expected to attend. Our meeting will be held at the Lakeland Sun 'n Fun Museum, at 10:30 followed by the program at 11:00. The program will be "The Last Flight Home", a group which investigates MIAs. Dima has arranged for the luncheon at Tony's Restaurant at the airport. NOTE: This is the third Saturday.

Dima will contact Jeanne Burklund to: modify the information about the August meeting; to update the activities on the web site; and to list the chairmen of committees in the newsletter.

Fundraising activities:

Nancy will continue to order jackets if anyone would like a jacket.

Contact her. Cost of jacket: \$75.00.

Dima will be willing to host another Wine Tasting gathering, on October 28th, Sunday. Please be ready to help and to sell tickets.

Nancy would like to have your Jessie Wood's, On The Wing, if you are ready to part with it. She needs them for the Jessie Wood's Scholarship winners.

Dima would like to start a library of used aviation books, videos, DVD's, head sets, and other aviation related items to loan to new pilots. She offered to house these items and to keep track of them. Please contact her if you have something to donate.

She would like to start a column in the newsletter which highlights a "99 of the Month". Please send her a picture and a short paragraph about you (family, career, achievements, etc.).

Nancy was asked to describe the Jessie Woods Scholarship program and Marie was asked to describe the WINGs program.

Members are asked to send \$20.00 dues (2007-2008) to Jeanne Burklund, treasurer.

At the August meeting, delegates to the International Conference in Denver will be chosen and the proposed Bylaw changes will be discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Marie Grein, Secretary.

Pictures from the Coast Guard Tour



Our tour guide—Jessica Bylsma (center of picture) is interested in joining the 99s.



Nancy Shivers—after attending our meeting—Nancy is thinking of re-joining the 99s

Future Meetings/Events

July 2007

No meeting—summer break

August 2007

Florida Suncoast Chapter Meeting—August 18, 2007

Where: Sun 'n Fun Museum, Lakeland FL

When: 10:30 a.m.

See Page 2 for details

September 2007

No meeting—International Conference in Colorado

October 2007

SE Fall Section Meeting-October 12/14, 2007

Florida Suncoast Chapter Meeting-October 20th

Air Show St Petersburg Albert Whitted Airport

Florida Suncoast Chapter Wine Tasting Fundraiser-October 28th

Dima's place, Clearwater FL

November 2007

Florida Suncoast Chapter Meeting

Wings and Things, Lakeland—November 10, 2007

December 2007

Florida Suncoast Chapter Holiday Party-December 8, 2007

St. Pete Yacht Club

January 2007

Florida Suncoast Chapter Meeting-January 12, 2008

Breakfast at Punta Gorda