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Chairman's Message

I hope you are accessing this newsletter from a remote location while on a well-deserved respite from the everyday. We will not have a meeting during July and August but will be sending an abbreviated form of our newsletter while many of us are vacationing.

A SPECIAL RECOGNITION!

I want all members of the Florida Suncoast Chapter to know that much of what has been done and will be added to our programs, activities and procedures is through the diligent hard work of **99 Michelle Raines**. Michelle is the founder and design director of Miss Aerial, an online social community for women in aviation and a boutique for aviation gear designed specifically with a woman's touch. Michelle also runs her own marketing business and has been instrumental in helping us plan for the future of our chapter. As our marketing consultant, Michelle helped to

guide our survey questioning to determine your needs and has offered many ideas for future improvement. We would like for you to join the board in thanking Michelle for her work on behalf of the Florida Suncoast 99s. The Best is Yet to Come!

CHAPTER CHANGES

Your executive board met to review our chapter's survey results and begin planning for the 2010-2011 Chapter Activities' Year. We hope you will be pleasantly surprised with the changes that are being instituted from your recommendations. From the Survey, the following changes will be put in place for the next year:

***Biographies** begin again with this issue and will continue each month to highlight a chapter member. Additional **member stories** will be included whenever submitted. SOOOO, if you have a flying story you would be willing to share with your Sister 99s, please send it to Jeanne Burklund. I've started the

member stories column with one of my own as we wait to hear from each of you. Our newsletter deadline for submissions is the 20th to make the next month's issue.

*As a result of our survey responses, beginning with September's meeting, the **"business" portion will be conducted starting at 10:00am** on the regular chapter meeting date of the 2nd Saturday of each month. Attendance at this business portion is **optional to members** but mandatory for elected officers, membership chair and our past-chairman, all of whom comprise the board. The program portion of our monthly chapter meeting will begin at 11:00. If membership voting is needed to enact motions from the "business" meeting, voting will take place promptly at 11:00am and be immediately followed by our program.

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Vice Chairman's Corner

LETS TALK SPEAKERS! LETS TALK PROGRAMS!

I'm working on programs and speakers for next year. If you know somebody that would be a good speaker please let me know. The survey said you wanted more informative meetings. We would like to give you a speaker or topic that meets your needs and need YOU to help us accomplish this survey request. Needs vary greatly from one pilot to the other so

please drop me a line with your request which will be most welcome. I won't know if you do not give me any input.

If you would like to host a meeting I need to know that also. Hosting includes arranging a space for the meeting, sometimes a speaker, and a place nearby for lunch. We have several dates that are already taken. Those being Oct, Nov, Dec, and April so far. That leaves a few dates that you could jump

on and help do something great. Feel free to email me or call as I would like to talk to you. My phone is (727) 946-1050 and my email is wright99@tampabay.rr.com. Let me hear from you so we can plan a great aviation year. Don't read this and think somebody else will come forward and help. It takes all of us to make the Suncoast Chapter a special place to come and participate. WE NEED YOU!!!!

Upcoming Events

Chapter Meetings

No meetings in July or August
Enjoy your summer!!!

Upcoming International Conventions

July 2010

The Ninety-Nines International Conference,
Kailua-Kona, Big Island, Hawaii

July 2011

The Ninety-Nines International Conference,
Oklahoma City, OK

Kudos

Eleanor Sharpe
Connie McConnell
Linda Kaufman
Meredith Kupcho
Gudi Davis

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Novice to Experienced in 15 Minutes...

By Marilyn Shafer

It happened not long after I had gotten my instructor's O.K. to solo. I would stop by the airport on my way home from work to gain confidence in my abilities by practicing touch-and-gos. I had done this many times and, at this point, was very comfortable in my Piper 140's stability and maneuverability.

It was a clear Spring day and the weather was beautiful. I planned to just stay in the pattern and improve my landings while forcing myself to concentrate on a particular point of touchdown as well. I had already completed 3-4 patterns and decided I had time for one or two more before calling it a day. I announced my final turn and intent to touch-and-go. I actually made a beautiful landing and was quite "full of myself". I opened the throttle to full and started my run for takeoff. Feeling the lift and reaching about 50 feet AGL, the entire plane began to shake violently and the all-too-familiar smell of oil filled the cockpit. My first reaction...PANIC! I called the FBO to report my situation with a loud quivering voice declaring "What do I do? What do I do?" The FBO started quizzing me on my instrument status and I answered quickly. I don't remember the questions or even my answers but I do remember my instructor's voice in my head saying, "Fly the plane. Just fly the plane." I knew an about-face was never an option so I continued to fly the pattern as I spoke with the FBO. I do remember one question though: "Do you think you can make it back?" STOP HERE! I'm a student pilot with less than 10 solo hours and you want to know from me if I can make it back?! Whoa! Of course, I gave them a "Yes" from my VAST experience in being a pilot (sigh) and continued in the pattern shortening my downwind leg to get her on the ground as soon as possible for the emergency landing with my instructor's voice again in my head taking me through my paces. All ended well and, as I pulled up to the fuel station and turned her off, a big gush let go and oil spilled from the engine. My Piper had blown a brand new push rod! The owner/mechanic later told me I probably had less than 30 minutes of flying from the break before the oil was completely gone. He was thrilled that such an inexperienced pilot brought his plane "home" and didn't ditch her in a local field.

This experience taught me a valuable lesson. Look at what is going right and don't panic and concentrate on what is going wrong. The plane was still gaining altitude and, besides the major shaking and strong oil smell, was under my control. Those two factors allowed me to make decisions. Next time I will focus less on what's wrong and more on what's right while listening to my CFI remind me to "fly the plane".

Chairman's Message-continued

*Flying activities are being planned starting with a Poker Run in February. We are currently investigating the possibility of partnering with a local EAA chapter. If you requested more flying activities, this one will need your time and talent in forming a committee.

Without this ad hoc committee, we will cancel this event. For this event to be a success, a minimum of 4-6 months planning is needed! "*Many hands make light work*". (John Heywood) Volunteer today! Organizing will begin with our September meeting so there's nothing to do until then but get your name on this committee's list. Contact me to express your interest in serving on this committee.

*A **mass mailing** to every 99 in our chapter area will be completed prior to the September meeting. This mailing will be used to establish contact with all 99s to ensure they have important information about our chapter and know of our website to access the newsletter for the latest information.

This is just the beginning of some great plans for the chapter in the coming months. To be successful in our dreams, it takes action. When the dreams and plans are for the many, it takes action BY the MANY! "*Many hands make light work*". If you can make a few phone calls, mail some letters, attend a meeting, head a committee or donate a little time and talent to your chapter, YOU will be the difference in Florida Suncoast being an active, viable entity for all of us who ever dared to dream of being a pilot AMONG women pilots. Volunteer today by contacting me!

FLORIDA SUNCOAST NINETY-NINES Crystal River FBO June 12, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Brignola, Laura Ying Ciao (husband), Gudi Davis, Marie Grein, Meredith Kupcho (Katherine, daughter), Linda Kaufman, Alice Paddock (Allen), Marilyn Shafer, Barbara Yeninas (John), and Nancy Wright (Jim Pappas).

GUESTS: Antonette Barnes and her parents

Marilyn Shafer, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:30.

Nancy Wright, Chairman of the Jessie Woods Space Camp Scholarship Committee, introduced Antonette Barnes, one of the two winners. Since she is a rising 6th grader, Antonette will attend Space Academy. Antonette thanked the group profusely!

Minutes---Barbara Yeninas moved to adopt the minutes as printed/posted; 2nd by Sue; motion passed.

Treasurer's report---Marilyn shared the report which was sent to her by the treasurer, Jeanne Burklund. Since there was a question Marilyn could not answer, the report was tabled.

Delegates will vote on the proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules Marilyn read each one and the members present discussed each one. #1 Bylaws amendment---eliminate the Academic Class---8 for and 2 against. #1 Standing Rules amendment---worldwide at large members would be grouped in the South Central Section for disciplinary actions---10 for and 0 against. Since no-one from the chapter will be attending the International Convention, Marilyn will send the delegate slips to Lisa Cotham, Southeast Section Governor, with our recommendations for voting.

Marilyn had constructed two surveys and put them on line. 24 people took the background survey and 18 took the How to Improve the Chapter survey. The Executive committee will meet and plan for the coming year in light of the results of the surveys.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10.

Marie Grein, Secretary

PROGRAM: Over 30 people gathered in the hanger to listen to CarolAnn Garrett speak about her 8 ½ day trip around the world.



Meet Our Members

My name is Angela Inderwiesen and I am a new member of the Ninety Nines. Born and raised in Bradenton, Florida, I work as a middle school bookkeeper. I have been a private pilot since June 2004. My first introduction to flying was during my first year of marriage in 1972. My husband Chuck, a pilot, "talked" me into buying a 1940 Taloycraft with our meager savings. I took one or two lessons while we owned that plane. But then life happened.... A business, two grown children and twenty five years later, Chuck said I want a plane again, to get Charlie (our son) into flying. We bought a Piper Cherokee 140. Soon after, Charlie and I were neck and neck going for our check rides. I took mine on Wednesday and he took his on Friday of the same week. I added a tail dragger endorsement to my license but he has gone on to get several licenses and endorsements. He is an aerial applicator (crop duster). Now, my daughter Kristin, a teacher, (and a 99's member) moved to town and she is a student pilot about to take her written. What fun to fly with your kids! Every time I drive away from Wauchula Airport (CHN) after a flight, it never ceases to amaze me that just a few minutes ago I was up in the air... flying!

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