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Chairman's Message

Summer is here! As if the high temps didn't tell us that, August is the last non-meeting month before our new year begins in September.

We need YOU to attend our meetings and make your voice heard. Put a reservation sticker on your calendar for the 2nd Saturday of each month and fly/drive out to our meeting.

Remember that September begins our 10:00am meeting for those of you who want to attend the "meeting" portion and it will be followed by our 11:00am speaker/presentation in case you were one of the members who didn't want to come to meetings but just the

informative speaker. Any items brought up for discussion at the meeting and require a vote will have that vote taken at 11am when all attending members are present. Just a word of warning, there will be limited discussion time available before this vote since discussions take place during meetings. If you feel unprepared to vote for/against an item, you can refrain from the vote all together.

Voting requires membership. Therefore, your dues need to be paid in order to vote! Dues were due June 1st and will become past due on October 1st. Please mail your \$20 annual dues to Jeanne Burklund today!

A reminder also that we are planning more flying events for our chapter and that needs more hands to make it work. Your response to our surveys told us that you want to fly more and so we have a Poker Run planned for February but a committee must begin working on the details in September. Please let me know if you want to be a part of that committee to make this a reality. Drop me a line at ProBBMom@gmail.com or give me a call 813-949-7126. I'll reply promptly!

Have a wonderful August and I hope to see many of you in September.

Marilyn

Vice Chairman's Corner

The September meeting of our chapter will be held at Clearwater Airpark on Saturday Sept 11. We will feature our Space Camp winners. This will be a real opportunity for you to see and talk to our very good winners. This will show you how the Jessie Woods Scholarship money is being used. Both of these girls are quite unique and will have pictures and tell of

their experiences. Your questions will be most welcome. I am working on the next few months and will have more in the next newsletter.

I leave for my trip to visit with my children on Wednesday Aug 11 and return the Thursday before our meeting but am available on my cell (727) 946-1050. Be sure and call

if you want to host a future meeting or know of someone you want to give a program. Hope all of you are enjoying your vacations I know I will enjoy mine.

Fly Safe

Nancy Wright, Acting Vice Chairman

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

Connie Farrell

Please mail your chapter dues to:

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Hanging 'Round the Hangar We Hear...

Congratulations to....

Michelle Raines. She just completed her emergency mission training with the Sarasota Civil Air Patrol.



Wishing You Blue Skies....



Evelyn "Ginny" Van Kesteren died peacefully at home on July 9, 2010. A long time pilot, she led a storied life of adventure, travel and friends. Preceded in death by her daughter, Deborah. Survived by her husband of 67 years, Henry Van Kesteren; daughters, Ginnie Lea and Kelly and their husbands; and grandchildren, Maggie and Hank.

A Trip to Clearwater Airpark By Linda Kaufman

I wanted to share the photos of the Montessori School field trip to the Clearwater Airpark with you. There were 15 pre-kindergarten kids; I think they all had fun! I took the Cessna up & overflew the field once then demonstrated a landing! One little asked "are you sure she's not going crash!?"... :) Notice my 99s shirt and the Air Bear coloring books!.. One of the moms threw her fist in the air & shouted "Girl Power"! So I hope today was all a good representation of women in aviation!



Meet Our Members



My name is Gao Ying in Chinese. Gao is my family name, which comes before given name in Chinese tradition. I also go by Laura.

I live at Pilot Country (X05), an airport community north of Tampa, FL, with my husband Matt Wallis. Our plane is a 1968 M20C.

Life is an amazing journey. I didn't know how to drive a car till I came to the US in Feb. 2008. Later at the encouragement of Martha King (King School), Terry Carbonell (Director/Secretary of Air Race Classic) and Matt, I started flight training on December 15, 2009 and got my PPL license on April 23, 2010.

In June 2010, I joined Terry Carbonell and Ellen Herr (President of 99s Paradise Coast Chapter) for Air Race Classic 2010. My responsibilities included weather, timing and team support. 53 teams were in this year's race. It was a four day, day-VFR-only,

over 2,400-mile long cross country race. The race started from Fort Myers, FL, via Waycross GA, Tuscaloosa AL, Hot Spring AR, Cameron MO, Murphysboro IL, Elkhart IN, and Parkersburg WV, and ended in Fredrick MD. Every team gets a handicapped speed after flying a four-cardinal-heading test ride with ARC judge with full power, full throttles and properly leaned. The score of each team is their actual race speed minus the team handicapped speed. Our Team, Team Wild Mama came in first place for this year's race.

As our president Susan Larson once said, "Florida Suncoast is a great chapter and Florida has so many opportunities for aviation-related activities." I am honored to be a part of Suncoast Chapter and hope to get to know more of our chapter sisters and have fun flying together.

Currently I am a small business owner and an aviation column writer for a Chinese aviation website to promote general aviation knowledge as well as female piloting. Through my own journey, I come to see that flying is the best way to discover who we truly are, to see our strengths and weaknesses, and to so see what life really mean. My dream is to help more women, especially Chinese ones, to get their wings.



Team Wild Mama



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