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Vice Chairman's Message

Hi everyone and hope you all had a great summer! We lucked out again and dodged another hurricane with little damage!!

I am going to visit my son Mike Briggs who is a police officer in Sacramento, CA area & I am trying to arrange a luncheon with the 99s there and hopefully I will be able to do that??

My son & I are also going to visit my daughter Linda Nodes & her hubby who is stationed in Oregon with the Coast Guard and I am also trying to see if I can meet some 99s over there as well?? Will let you know in the next newsletter if I had any success?

I would like to extend a special thank you to the following kind donors for the upcoming 99s Southeast Section meeting in St. Petersburg, FL.

1. Deb Palmer is bringing appetizers, soft drinks, decorations, items for the goodie bags and is fixing Hershey Bars with a 99 wrapper for the bags and she is getting some goodies from Coke for the bags.

2. Barbara & John Yeninas are donating shrimp, and would like to donate a platter of the Italian mini-pastries from the famous Mazzarro's deli in St. Pete and they'll pick it up!

3. Barbara Sierchio is paying for the speaker for Saturday night

4. Dima is donating wine and pasta salad, coffee pot, a basket of jams for the breakfasts, basket full of all kinds of tea box, airport transportation, set up and cleanup what ever else is needed?? Lots of items for the goodie bags, wine basket for the silent auction, plastic knives, forks, and trying to get a free ticket to a local museum.

5. Garry Moore is donating beer for Friday night reception

6. Patty Wagstaff has donated lots of items for the goodie bags as well.

7. Jeanne & Chris Burklund, will be doing the food and supply shopping from Costco, Fruit tray, Name tags

8. Nancy Wright - Meatballs, Check with Hilton about a free gift and check on time we can get in hospitality room, Cookbooks, visors, stuffed bear, and many more items for the goodie bags.

9. Janice can place the orders for Panera & pick it up. Cheese platter, Coffee, decaf and regular, Sangria mix, Two small coffee pots, Check with Albert Whitted, Check with Sunken Gardens

10. Mary Fletcher; providing donation for Panera, hospitality etc

11. Rita DeBeer is making pillows & the goodie bags.

12. Marie Grein is donating a jug of wine for the Sangria, a

death by chocolate cake and money (which is greatly appreciated).

13. David Headly of Chase Home Finance is donating a wine basket as well for either the silent auction or the raffle.

I hope I didn't forget any one?? If I did, thank you!!

Thanks again and again to all the wonderful people offering to donate money, food, drinks, plates, utensils, cups, decorations, raffle items, silent auction items, transportation, set up, and clean up. Unfortunately, we are still short and need more. Please don't be afraid to go to your employers, friends, and family for help, this is a non-profit organization and it is a write off to donate to us !!

Stay in touch and looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Dima



NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Date: Saturday September 13, 2008
Time: 10:30

Location Name: Crystal River Airport
Address: 718 N. Lindbergh Drive,
Crystal River, FL 34429
Phone number: (352) 795-6868
Web site for maps & directions or
any other info:

<http://www.crystalaerogroup.com/contact.html>

Email of location if available:
fullservice@crystalaerogroup.com
Cost or RSVP needed: None

99 contact person for emergency:
Dima 727-482-3131 or 877-Dima Fly

At the moment Meredith who is so kind to host this meeting is planning to do a

slide show called "Flying to the Bahamas with Troy & Meredith", all about the paperwork and procedures necessary to fly to the Bahamas. Since

it's so close, it's a great flying destination that many people forget about, or think it will be too complicated. Don't ask me how she finds the time to plan and do all this, but we sure appreciate it !!

For lunch, we're planning on going to The Olive Tree, which is a Greek-American restaurant located right around the corner from the airport.

Other important dates you might want to put on your calendar.

October 3, 4, & 5th Will be the 99s Southeast Section meeting in St. Petersburg, FL and should prove to be a dynamic event!! The flier with more information is on our website.

October Albert Whitted Air Show has been canceled.

November 9th at 3:00 PM Wine Tasting Fundraiser at

Clearwater Beach, FL. Please save the day on your calendar.

We are also having a Breast Cancer Fundraiser on November 15th at 12:00 pm Cessna Center in the Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland. Rod Hamlet is donating the luncheon but our luncheon will cost us \$17.00. Please contact Nancy Wright for further information.

December 13th is the Christmas luncheon at the St. Petersburg Yacht club

Other Nationwide Events :

<http://www.ninety-nines.org/events.html>

November 5-8-10, 2008 : AOPA Expo 2008, San Jose, CA.

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

Biography—by Meredith Kupcho

As a child, I spent many hours flying between parents, grandparents and other relatives. I always enjoyed the thrill of it, especially at take-off. When I was about 12, my dad had a car with a moon roof - fancy for those days! He would take my sister and I on the back roads of Las Vegas, behind the airport. We'd open the moon roof and sit right at the end of the runway, watching the huge jets take off right over our heads. It never occurred to me that I could do that, too!

Fast forward 20 years or so to Christmas of 2001, when I received a gift certificate for an introductory flight. Of course, I thought it was cool, but in the hustle and bustle of running my busy physical therapy practice and participating in several other hobbies, the certificate was forgotten. Several months later, I was cleaning out my

junk drawers and I found it - and noticed that it expired in less than a month! So I moseyed on down to the Crystal River Airport and presented them with my certificate, and was able to take my intro flight right away. Once again, that take-off roll got me hooked. And despite a blocked pitot tube, which cut my flight very short, I immediately went in and signed up for lessons.

I soloed on July 4, 2002 - truly a memorable Independence Day! Dusk was starting to fall, and the residents of the golf course community on the approach end of Runway 9 were a little overzealous. As I was coming around for my first landing, they started shooting fireworks! I was nervous enough to begin with, but that almost made me quit right then and there. My instructor encouraged me to continue, explaining that the fireworks couldn't hit my plane if I was at the correct altitude. It took me the rest of the summer to finish my training, and I earned my private pilot license on September 10, 2002.

I began my instrument training in November, and passed my instrument checkride on the first try - September 28, 2003. Since then I have gotten my complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements. I took a short aerobatics course in a Citabria, which I enjoyed very much.

My pilot certificate has allowed me to fly to many places that would have been inconvenient or impossible for me to go to otherwise - Key West, the Bahamas, Baltimore, Oregon, the Minnesota-Canada border, and tons of places in between. Currently, we have a Cessna 182 with a nice Garmin 530 & 430 panel mount GPS, and a handy S-Tec 55 autopilot. Since my daughter Katherine was born in March 2007, I haven't been as active as I'd like to be - but I'm hoping that as she gets a little older I can find more time to go fly.

Aviation Scholarship for Women

Criteria: Must have a Private Pilot's License and be an active and current member of a Florida Chapter of the Ninety-Nines for One Year.

Scholarship may be used for: FAA Certificate or Rating, College Program or other Worthwhile Aviation Endeavor

Maximum Amount Awarded: \$2000.00

Scholarship Deadline: October 15th, 2008

Given by the Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the Ninety-Nines

Download Application at
www.fgoldcoast99s.org

For Any Additional Information contact:
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Southeast Section Ninety-Nine Fall Meeting

October 3 & 4, 2008



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SCHEDULE:

Friday- Registration in Hotel Lobby Hospitality Room open at 2 pm
 Friday Night Reception Hospitality Room 6 – 10 pm

Saturday Hospitality Room (breakfast) 7 – 9 am
 General Session 9 am – 12 noon
 Lunch on your own
 Hospitality Room Open: 2 pm – 5 pm
 Saturday Buffet Dinner by the Pool 6 pm – 9 pm
 Special guest speaker, Tony Jannus, pilot of the Benoist Airplane

Sunday Hospitality Room (breakfast) 7 til 9 am

Remember rooms are reserved by calling the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront
 Rate is \$109 per night +tax (\$12 parking if you drive) if reserved no later than September 3rd.
 up to 4 persons per room. Say you are with the Southeast Section 99s

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Chapter _____

Full Registration: \$65 before September 26, 2008. \$70 after September 26th.
Full registration includes: Saturday meeting, Continental Breakfast (2) Friday night reception,
 Saturday Night Buffet Dinner, goodie bag and full use of the hospitality room)

Extra Tickets: Friday night Welcome Reception \$15
 Saturday Buffet Dinner Tickets \$45

Total Enclosed _____

Fly into Albert Whitted Airport (free transportation to hotel) TOWER/CTAF: 127.4 GROUND 121.8
 ETA: _____

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