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Dima Haobsh, Mary Fletcher, Marie Grein, Jeanne Burklund and I got together at Dima's condo and packed the goody bags yesterday (9/28) for the Section Meeting next Friday and Saturday Oct 3rd & 4th. I hope we see you at the Section Meeting. Nancy Wright and Mary Fletcher have worked hard, along with many volunteers to make this fun and a way to meet and greet all of your fellow 99s.

For those of you unaware Nancy had a fall this month and broke her hip. She is in a transitional care facility right now after a stint in the hospital, and won't be home for another week, so send her your very good wishes for a quick and full recovery.

The 99s conference this summer in Alaska passed all of the bylaw changes that were presented. The most significant being the ability of both the President and Vice President of the 99s now being able to run for two consecutive terms. This bylaw has been presented for a number of conferences and carried this time with little objection. Of course they have to choose to run, and then be re elected so I don't see this as being a

problem for the organization.

I flew the Air Race Classic this summer for the first time, and although I didn't win, place or show, I had a great time and learned much about flying. This 34 years after I began flying. Flying the ARC is something I would recommend to all. It is not as difficult as you may think. In 2010 the plans are for the race to begin in Fort Myers, so you wouldn't have far to go to the start. I had to fly from Pennsylvania to Montana this year where it started, a trip of 2000 miles before the race began. We flew the course backwards, except for a couple of the stops to see the airports. The race is always more than 2000 miles in length, so altogether my team mate and I (The Dream Team) flew 5000 miles, and we are still friends! The name came from our realization of the dream to fly the race, something we had wanted to do for years. At one of our meetings I will show some pix of the race.

I flew to the Grasshopper's barbecue at Jack Brown's Seaplane base this last Saturday. 9/27 A busy day at Gilbert Airport thanks to an open house, but we had a good lunch and Brown's was offering discounted

rides in the Cub on floats, which lots of folks took. The Grasshoppers are having a Poker Run this month. Originates near Miami. Let me know if you are interested in going and I will get details.

The application for the Amelia Earhart Scholarship is on the 99s web site at [www.Ninety-Nines.org](http://www.Ninety-Nines.org) If you want to apply please contact our scholarship chair, Denise Rosenberger for assistance. Next month our meeting is at the 99s building at Lakeland Airport for our Wings n Things event Nov 8th. Please contact Marie Grein for more information. The following day Nov 9 is our annual fundraiser. The Wine Tasting. See info in this newsletter by Dima for further info. Please try to make one of these events, if not both. Hope to see you soon at a 99s event.

Blue Skies Barbara



## Vice Chairman's Message

Hello everyone!

First of all I want to express how grateful I am to Gudi & Meredith for hosting such a wonderful meeting at Crystal River Airport ! We had a great time and most of all loved the show that Meredith put on about how to take a trip to the Bahama's !!!

Thanks again for your hospitality & for taking the time to plan this meeting. I only wish that we could have seen the little one, Meredith's daughter :-((

A little bit about my trip to California and Oregon. Right before I left I found out that my son, the police officer, got hurt while chasing a criminal and jumping over a fence. I was shocked, terrified, and just wanted to be with him. A huge piece of wood went into his leg from the fence and just barely missed his main artery. Luckily all worked out and he will be fine ! So I was counting the minutes to be with him and make sure he was OK and thank God he was!!!

He even drove my mom and I to visit my daughter who is in the Coast Guard in Coos Bay, Oregon. We loved that area, cooked a lot, went hiking into a cave on one of their beaches, saw a couple of water falls, went to a wonderful light house, and chatted with a Sea Plane pilot in the marina area in Coos Bay. Then it was time to say good-bye to my wonderful daughter. It was very sad to leave her but I know that she has made the best decision to join the Coast Guard and that she will have a wonderful future with them and knowing that gave me a lot of comfort.

We headed down the coast to California and drove through Avenue of the Giants Road and stopped at the Red Wood National Forest. We drove through a couple of huge trees, which was an awesome experience !!!!

We got back to Sacramento and the

next day headed to Napa Valley for a little wine tasting and we had packed a picnic and found a great little park and just sat there and enjoyed the scenery!! We then headed north into a small historical down town of St. Helena and walked around in and out of shops. What a great little town, loved it !!

Then we went to San Francisco for dinner in little Italy, it was delicious !! The next day mom & I were picked up by my son's neighbor, Lori who took the afternoon off from work to take us to have a high tea luncheon in this wonderful Bed & Breakfast and then we went to Nevada City in California side and did more window shopping. That was also another great historical little city.

Next day, mom & I headed to Lake Tahoe for more sight seeing and lunch on the lake. It was just beautiful !!! I stopped at the Lake Tahoe airport to see if they offered any flights, but they only had one helicopter and he was out with a student.

Stopped in little Truckee down town, and then in Auburn down town and then headed back to my son. He had to sleep all day as he had to go to work all night.

Our trip ended with having one final dinner with my son in old Sacramento and lots of tears & prayers that he doesn't get hurt again. See attached pictures of my trip with mom.

Throughout my trip, Jim kept me posted with Nancy's health situation and I talked to her a few times and she sounded great! I have never met such a strong women like her, she is a fighter and I am sure she will be with us for the St. Petersburg Section meeting !!

Don't forget to come this weekend to our annual section meeting as the stars are coming out and I sure hope to see and meet all of you there!!

Followed by our famous 5th Annual Dima's Wine Tasting Charity event on Sand Key Beach !! This is another reminder to please mark your calendar for this important Fundraiser. We need people to come & sell items for

Christmas shopping, we need donations for the silent auction, food, raffle items and door prizes please. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.

I have already booked the harpist who plays like an angel and it will be on Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Please come, bring your friends, and family. The cost is \$25 per person, which will include wine, food, music, and not to mention a beautiful view of the beach !!

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 !!

Marie Grein, Jeanne Burklund, Barbara Strachan, Mary Fletcher, and I spent time this afternoon just to package all the goodie bags we are handing out next week and I must say, we have some great items!!! Thanks to all for taking the time to donate stuff and to come over and spend your afternoon to do this. It is just great to see how much you all give up your time for the 99s!!!

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

Dima

NOTE: See pictures on website.

Please email or call me and the home office about updating your personal information on line so the next printing of the directory is correct.

To contact home office to make changes, please click on this link: <http://www.ninety-nines.org/contact.html>

## Upcoming meeting/event details

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

November 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Sand Key / Clearwater Beach, FL. Please save the day on your calendar. We'll have the flier for this event soon.

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 13<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Given by the Florida Goldcoast Chapter of the Ninety-Nines

Download Application at  
[www.flgoldcoast99s.org](http://www.flgoldcoast99s.org)

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## **A World Record Attempt to Fund ALS Research**

Over the last year we have been excitedly planning for this world record attempt to fund ALS research. As we enter the home stretch, only 10 weeks left, we are finalizing the most important details. We are determining the exact route, obtaining international permits, preparing flight plans, and analyzing weather Go/No-Go parameters.

What a fun process planning The Dash has been. As with any cross country trip, the better planning and more attention to detail, the better the execution. Many things can happen on an overseas flight, but we are on top of it, contacting country ATC folks ahead of time to confirm our flight plans and routes. Just this past week I spoke with Oakland Oceanic and New York Oceanic to confirm our first leg across the Pacific and our final leg across the Atlantic. The controllers were extremely helpful, added recommendations and confirmed the flight paths. Our next step is to do the same with Asia, India, and Africa.

Please read on to learn more about the progress we have made and our upcoming plans. We appreciate your support and look forward to our flight in just 10 weeks!

### **Preparing for the World Record Departure**

At EAA AirVenture, we simulated 24 hours in the airplane in Oshkosh, WI. What does this mean? We sat in the plane for 17 hours, got out to do a simulated two-hour refueling, and got back into the plane for five more hours! Although this started as a media stunt, it was most beneficial. We now know that we can sleep, eat, and pee in the small cockpit. We also determined where to stow everything and what to eat. Our next test is from Florida to Tucson, AZ and back on October 30th and 31st. We have a SPOT, Satellite Personal Tracker, and if everything is working, you'll be able to track our progress across and back on our website, [www.alsworldflight.com](http://www.alsworldflight.com).

Currently, we plan to depart Orlando International Airport, MCO, on December 3rd or 4th based on weather across the US. Our first stop is San Diego Brown Field, SDM.

### **Spread the Word**

The flight will put us under extreme circumstances, but the real challenge is meeting our fundraising goal. We've received \$123,000 for ALS research, but we've still a long way to go to get to \$1 million. We'd like to thank Fusion PR who's been getting the word out to media outlets nationwide about our trip and the cause. Universal Weather, from Houston, is not only providing weather services, but also actively marketing our adventure to help this worthy cause. Our Platinum sponsor, Scheyden Precision Eyewear is providing us with sunglasses for our trip. They have also donated 3 pairs of sunglasses that will be auctioned off on eBay. We need all of you to spread the word. Tell not only your flying buddies, but also non-flying friends about this trip. It's an adventure that everyone can share and a cause to which everyone can donate. If you know of any companies that would contribute to this cause; please advise them to see the Sponsors' page on the [alsworldflight.com](http://alsworldflight.com)

### **The Dash Sweepstakes**

If you haven't already, sign up for the Dash Sweepstakes to win many items including Autolite spark plugs, Scheyden sunglasses, a Jeppesen flight bag, and two cases of Exxon Oil! Forward this email and tell all your friends, they'll get these newsletter updates and be entered for a prize. You can also support ALS research by bidding on supplies and equipment on Ebay. GAMI has donated a set of Gami injectors, Champion has donated fine wire spark plugs, Concorde has an offering of multiple batteries, and Scheyden has sunglasses on auction. One-hundred percent of the auction donation goes straight to ALS Therapy Development Institute; the largest group of scientists researching a cure for ALS. Other items will be added as they are donated by sponsors.

### **Get Involved!**

There are many ways you can be involved in The Dash including a donation to support ALS research. You and your club/chapter/group can "Donate a Mile" by sending \$10 per mile to ALS TDI. Visit Ebay and start bidding on one of our aviation auction items being sold to benefit ALS Research.

Together we can set a new world record and find a cure for ALS.

Carol, CarolAnn, the staff at ALS TDI, and patients with ALS thank you for your interest in this world flight, your donations to ALS, and helping to spread the word to your friends. We appreciate your support in helping us achieve our goals. Stay tuned for our next newsletter in November!

CarolAnn Garratt and Carol Foy