Chairman’s Message

Our September meeting hashed over many needed topics so be sure and read the minutes at the bottom of this newsletter! More details about the AOPA Summit and our 99s Booth! Parking in the garage across the street from the Convention Center is a $5 per day flat rate. If you leave and return, you’ll pay another $5. Parking on the street or under the overpass near the parking garage can range from $7.50 (metered black diamond locations) to $1.60 per hour depending on your choice of location. Go to the attached .pdf at the bottom to view parking locations and costs for your pre-planning.

I’m still in need of volunteers for the 99s booth for a couple hours during the Summit. Times are Thursday, Nov 5, 10a-6p; Friday, Nov 6, 10a-5p; and Saturday, Nov 7, 10a-4p. If you can volunteer for a 2-hour segment, your help will be greatly appreciated. I may have a 2-hour pass that must be transferred to the next volunteer but I would encourage each of you to take the day and visit the many exhibitors’ booths while you’re there. Valid until October 14, 2009:

1-Day Exhibits Pass Only ($25/day) — Includes all-day admission to the Exhibit Hall, Airportfest, and Summit Sessions. Plus, your Thursday pass includes a free “Exhibit Hall Meet & Mingle” in the evening. I’m sure you’ll be amazed at the innovations in aviation, be educated by many of the booth presentations and come away with freebies and ideas to benefit yourself and our chapter.

Our 99s Booth is #1035 and the map of the exhibit hall can be printed at http://fp37.a2zinc.net/clients/fpAOPA/aopa2009/public/fphtml.aspx. A schedule of events at the Summit can be seen at http://www.aopa.org/summit/schedule.html. More info about the breakfast location on November 7th in the Tampa Convention Center will be in the November newsletter. See you on October 17th at KLAL for our chapter meeting.

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Vice Chairman’s Corner

Hi all,

I just got back “home” (in PA) from another great SouthEast Section Meeting! You all missed another wonderful experience.

I flew to Hagerstown, MD, picked up Mary Wunder, Director of the Endowment Fund, and from the Mid-Atlantic section, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter. Mary has been a pilot for 30 years, and retired ATC, so it was a learning experience for me to fly with her in our (Bob and my) plane. She loves radios (of course) and I don’t like them, so I flew, she talked. I learned a lot from her talking to them.

We flew to Asheville, NC arriving about 1630L, Corbi Bulluck, Past Section Governor, picked us up at Landmark FBO, and took us to the Doubletree Biltmore, Asheville. Very nice hotel, with warm chocolate chip -walnut cookies greeted us at the desk. I roomed with Past Section Membership chair, Allie Franke from the Carolina’s chapter, who I roomed with last Section meeting in Pensacola. Allie is a retired RN, as am I. She also has been a Christian missionary in her life, so lots of great stories to tell.

We had a delicious reception Friday night and lots of previous friends to reunite with and lots of new friends to be made. Blue Ridge Chapter has a new Chapter chair, very enthusiastic, and a CFII fixed wing, and also flies helicopter. Her husband is from England, so lots of stories from her. Saturday morning was our meeting.

There was one most important issue that was brought into light by the board of directors. That is: in 1983, the SE section applied for a “group” tax exempt number, and it was acknowledged by the IRS, but something unknown happened, and the section never got the number. Therefore, each chapter, if they do not have their own tax exempt number, (that is two chapters in the section, not us) need to get paperwork to the section BOD’s. Your BOD’s will be working on this issue and we will be covered by the next section meeting. Just so you know, this was found during Marie Grein’s term, and the BOD’s have been working on it since. But Paradise Coast found in this year, with their new BOD’s that they were not tax exempt, and having an attorney, Terry Carbonell, on the board, they filed and obtained their own status. Terry has graciously volunteered to help the Section BOD’s file for the group status. Terry and I will be
Vice Chairmans Message—continued

going through the paperwork we do have, to let each chapter know what is needed for the group application. One of the BOD’s will be in touch with your CC when we have the info. Terry is presently gleaning some info and setting up the database for she and I to work with when I return to FL.

Kris Irvin-Herron, our International Rep, and International Treasurer was there to speak about the monies needed for the building in Oklahoma City. Apparently, when the HQ’s building and Museum were constructed, the plans called for an atrium to adjoin the two buildings, but money ran out and the atrium was never built. The outside materials were never adjusted for the change, and therefore were interior materials. So……….. the building has deteriorated much quicker than it should have and the interior of the buildings are in jeopardy. Now we need $60,000 to repair the issue and we need donations for the repairs. Southeast section has pledged $500.00 to be paid when out CD matures next April. All alternatives have been explored, and this was the most cost effective one. It would have to be repaired if we were to sell the building, so we may as well stay there, if we have to repair it anyway.

Kris also explained that due to financial issues, the IBOD has decided to reduce the number of issues of 99s Magazine from 6 to 4, at this time. Also, the other high expenditure is the directory. The CD’s will go to every member, but if you want the paper addition, the member must pay $15.00. That includes shipping. Some new features are on the 99s website. One is to renew on line. You can not join online, due to the paper trail, but once you are a member you may renew online. She also told us the FWP’s, now know as Associate members, can renew their membership after 2 years, but it is at the 99s price. The Academic membership has stayed the same as it was.

Mary Wunder spoke to us about the Endowment fund. For those who do not know about it, the fund is to help 99s “live” in our HQ building. That is not to reside there, but to eventually pay our expense of everyday from that fund. But it must reach $1,000,000.00 before it can be used for expenses. We have $30,000.00 now. Mary suggested that if every 99 paid $10.00/month to the fund, we would have the balance in a year! There are many ways to do so. For further info, contact Mary Wunder marywunder@gmail.com or any of the other endowment fund directors. Let’s try to make it happen, and as Governor Lisa stated at the meeting, “shut the endowment fund up”.

After the meeting concluded, we had more wonderful food, for lunch. It was raining, so the planned activities were not a desired thing, and we all did our own “thing” for the afternoon. I stayed in the Hospitality Suite and chatted with those there. Then some of us went out “dutch treat” to Razzaz Restaurant, and had more great food! I had grazed all afternoon and by the time I got to the restaurant, I was full, so had an appetizer for my meal.

I sat beside new found friend, Danna Park, MD. who heads up an alternative medicine department at one of the local hospitals. Her husband is a pilot and an Opthalmic surgeon. They have two little boys, 5 and 3. Danna is learning to fly, and is an associate member of Blue Ridge chapter, living in Ashevile. When I found out she was a doctor, I let her know she was sitting between nurses; Allie on one side and I on the other.

I highly suggest those of you who have not attended a section meeting to do so. You have no idea what you are missing! The next meeting will be in the Memphis area, Spring 2010. Start saving now! You won’t regret it.

Our next meeting date is changed: Oct 17th, KLAL, Cessna See you there!

Judy Bowser
Vice Chair

Amelia Movie:
If you are contacting a local theatre and arranging to place a table with information about the 99s or planning to be there in person for the Amelia movie on 10/23 or the two weekends following, contact Nancy Wright. She received a large package of flyers and posters for your use! Make it easy to attract interested women pilots and FWPs while having something they can take with them. Be sure to write our local chapter info for a contact by interested parties. I think an email address would be best for their initial contact to assure privacy. You are welcome to use mine or Barbara Yeninas, membership chair,

Wishing You Blue Skies....
The Ninety-Nines, Inc. Breakfast
International Organization of Women Pilots

At the AOPA Aviation Summit in Tampa, Florida
November 7, 2009
7:30am-9:00am
Tampa Convention Center
Room TBD
Cost $30 in advance; $35 after November 1st
Space is Limited.

Buffet breakfast will feature assorted muffins, danish, butter & preserves. The entrée choices are country style scrambled eggs, link sausage, crisp bacon strips and breakfast potatoes with your choice of beverages: Starbucks freshly brewed coffee, Starbucks decaffeinated coffee, hot tea, freshly squeezed Florida orange juice, grapefruit juice and cranberry juice.

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Fantasy of Flight Chapter Holiday Event

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12, 2009. This year we’ll be celebrating at Fantasy of Flight!!! Starting off with a Holiday Luncheon at the Officer’s Club at 11:30 a.m. After Lunch the 99s will be given a Guided Tour of the FOF Aircraft Museum. The cost of 36.55/pp is all inclusive and includes admission to the FOF attraction, as well!!! Come and spend a Day of Fun with the 99s at Fantasy of Flight!!! See attached Poster in this newsletter with all the details!!!
Minutes of Florida Suncoast 99s
September 12th, 2009
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Present: Marilyn Shafer, Denise Rosenberger, Debbie Palmer, Barbara Yeninas, Nancy Wright, Sophia Payton, Dima Haobsh, 49 ½ Jim Pappas

Meeting called to order 10:44am.

Treasurer Report - None available

Secretary Minutes – From June, approved as posted in the newsletter

Old Business:
99s Booth at the AOPA Summit, November 7th – 7:30-9:00a, Tampa Convention Center. Breakfast will be a chapter fundraiser. Any monies left after expenses met belong to the chapter. Breakfast will be $30 if paid by November 1st or $35 if paid after November 1st. Michael Norton will portray Tony Jannus at our breakfast. Nancy Wright is Breakfast Chair. She and Jeanne Burklund will be in weekly contact to keep an updated list of reservations for this event. No AOPA registration is required to attend the breakfast. Downtown parking fees will be incurred. Marilyn will investigate parking costs.

Volunteers are still needed to man the booth on the Exhibit Hall Floor during the following days/hours: Nov. 5 (Thurs) 10-6p; Nov 6 (Fri) 10-5p; Nov 7 (Sat) 10-4p. A one-day pass into the exhibit hall is only $25. If you volunteer, you should take the time to check out all the displays and exhibitors while you’re there.

Secretary Position still needs filling. Nancy attempted to find someone to take Jane Oparowsky’s place but was unable to find a candidate. If you would like to volunteer for this position, please contact Nancy Wright. Snowball may have to become our secretary. Come to the next meeting to meet her!

Florida Tax I.D. is not part of our chapter’s financial status at present. We have a U.S. Tax I.D. as a non-profit and Jeanne completes the necessary 501C paperwork each year as required for this status. The FLORIDA exempt status would be required if we want the ability to solicit large corporate sponsors and scholarships. We will continue this inquiry through Jeanne Burklund.

Holiday Luncheon to be held on December 12th at 10:30am at Fantasy of Flight with a cost of $36.55. This includes the luncheon, museum entry fee and personal tour guide. A full day of fun! Transportation from Winter Haven airport will be provided. Schedule to be set later. Make your reservations today!

Space Camp recipients had a wonderful time and will report to our group at Sun ‘n Fun 2010.

New Business:
Welcome new member Angie Fox!

Looking into CDs and our ability to make our money make money will be discussed in November immediately following the breakfast at AOPA. Jeanne Burklund is checking into this possibility and will give us a financial statement for each of our accounts.

Headquarters Dispatch was highlighted with results of the voting for by-laws (all passed) and Directors (Corbi Bulluck and Fran Strubeck). Check the next 99 News for our chapter’s submission. Send YOUR news for this magazine to Sophie Payton no later than December 1st for the next edition. This magazine should be used as a public relations’ tool. Board members will be contacting past members to solicit reasons for the non-renewal of their membership. Next year’s conference will be held in kona, Hawaii on July 5-9, 2010. For more info from the dispatch go to: https://www.ninety-nines.org/ and login to the Members’ section to read all Dispatch issues archived there.

Section Flightline highlighted the upcoming movie “Amelia” starring Hillary Swank and Richard Gere. We are encouraged to contact our local movie theatres and see if they would be “willing to provide you some space in the lobby” to meet and greet people and tell them about the Ninety-Nines, Inc. Let Marilyn know if you are planning to do this activity at your local cinema.

Airmarking repainting planned for KLAL in preparation for Sun ‘n Fun. Tentative plans for March 2010 meeting at KLAL with painting and potluck included in meeting day at 99s Building.

Clearwater Airpark conducts meetings four times per year to get input from pilots on its use and topics of interest to pilots. Attendance is needed to gain your input. Next meeting will be November 4th – 3:00pm. Denise Rosenberger is on the board so contact her with your input/concerns if you are unable to attend the meeting: 727-449-0014 evenings only please.

Fundraising Ideas
Barbara Yeninas brought a sample of a placemat that she intends to make and sell as a set of 4. Debbie Palmer has made potato cookers for the microwave that were a big hit and will make those too. Denise Rosenberger is going to make some domino pendants and photo albums to donate part of the proceeds to our chapter. If you have aviation material and don’t know what to do with it, bring it to our meeting in October for one of these crafty ladies!

Next meeting will be 10:30am on October 17th at KLAL Cessna Building for the Breast Cancer Fly-In. Cost is less than $20, there will be a silent auction and donations are needed. Contact Nancy Wright.

Meeting adjourned 12:00pm

UPDATE!!! The Breast Cancer Fly-in has been cancelled. We will still meet on the 17th in the 99s building at KLAL but there is no need to bring food! Nancy Wright has arranged for our lunch at the Deli across from the airport terminal. This is the same deli that caters for our WASP and Breast Cancer endeavors. It’s a great way to pay him back for all he does for the Ninety-Nines!

The meeting will be held first at 10:30a - 99s Building. We’ll walk/drive over to the deli afterwards.