

The International Organization of Women Pilots

## Florida Suncoast Chapter

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## Chairman's Corner

At the beginning of November I went to OKC for the Fall Board meeting of the 99s.

#### Some of the highlights:

The 99s are pursuing a large grant for capital improvements, (which looks hopeful); the new roof on our headquarters building was being completed during the meeting, and short and long range planning work was done. Our Endowment Fund has now topped the \$400,000 mark J And presentations for Anchorage Alaska Conference 2008, Chicago Illinois 2009, and Kona, Hawaii 2010 were made. It was exciting hearing it all.

On the home front Wings n Things was held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. (see Marie's report).

Russell and I hosted a fly-in on November 17 for the Grasshoppers & 99s at Albert Whitted field with 24 showing up. We had a great lunch at the Columbia House Restaurant on the Pier with a spectacular view.

I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving Day, and your turkey dinner if that is what you had.

December 8<sup>th</sup> is our annual holiday lunch at St

Petersburg Yacht Club. Our two Space Camp winners should be there (See last month's newsletter for flyer/reservation form)

**On January 12 at 11 am** we will have our monthly 99s meeting and then lunch at Tommy Duff's in Clearwater, call Dima for reservations. Duffs would like everyone to bring a picture of themselves with an airplane for display on the restaurant walls. Find a good one!

The Ninety-Nines have been invited to join the Zontas for dinner on **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. This is a special event, as the kick off of the 2014 project will begin there. Benoist flew from St Pete to Tampa and made history. Come and join the fun and hear the details. We'll have a poster with more information and a reservation form next month.

*I need your help - and your input!*

The 99s give three awards at our annual conference. The Award of Achievement is presented to a 99 (or a Group within the 99s, such as a chapter, section, Trust, etc.) in recognition of contributions made to The 99s or to aviation in general (such as aviation history, education, science, exploration, etc.) The other two awards are

presented to "non-99s." The first one, the George Palmer Putman Award, is given in recognition of support of The 99s.

The other award, the Award of Merit, is given to recognize a contribution(s) made to aviation in general. Each of these awards may be presented to an individual or an organization. Individual winners may be male or female.

I am sure that you know several people or groups that deserve special recognition. Recipients may be living or deceased and from any country. The contribution may have occurred at any time in the past or present, as a single action or a series of events.

We will discuss these awards at our chapter meeting in December and hopefully we will have something to submit before the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

I hope everyone enjoys the holidays this month.

**Blue Skies,**

**Barbara**

## Wings N Things

Marie Grein

You missed a fun day at Wings 'n Things!

Nancy Wright made arrangements for 100 gliders. I made a show board of "A, Alpha; B, Bravo, etc". Nancy, Barbara Yeninas, Jeanne Burklund and myself worked with the youngsters developing their own Tail Numbers, putting them on the body of the glider, and constructing the gliders.

Lots of smiles from the youngsters and thanks for the info from parents.

The gliders were gone in an hour and a half with a long line of children sorry they missed out.

## Grasshoppers and Ninety Nines Holiday Fly Out Luncheon

Sunday, December 16, 2007  
Holiday Party at Spruce Creek

Located just south of Daytona Beach, Florida. Airport ID 7FL6 (Formerly 44J) CTAF 122.975 Spruce Creek Country Club (We'll be ordering off the club menu)

Arrive between 11 AM and 11:30 AM for lunch starting 11:45 (Parking will be on Cessna and Beech Blvds. Transportation will be provided)

Hosts: Pat and Lenny Ohlsson  
RSVP to Pat 386-761-8804 Home or 386-679-3117 cell or email: patohlsson@fly-in.com  
Mark your calendars!!!

## FLYING

Marie Grein

I got into flying as a result of a project I used as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher.

During the 1980's there was fierce competition between the USA and the USSR, which resulted in a push for science education in the schools. The Young Astronauts for elementary school children was an after school activity which I used for my fifth graders.

When the local CAP Education officer contacted my principal for names of teachers who taught Aerospace Education, I was informed of a National Congress of Aviation and Space Education (NCASE) meeting in Los Angeles. Encouraged by my principal, I attended the meeting.

My life changed! NASA, CAP, USAF, and FAA put together an absolutely wonderful meeting. I came back wanting to learn to fly. If I did not earn my license, I would have had the satisfaction of trying. If I did earn my pilot's license, it would be fantastic. I succeeded!

Barbara Sierchio and Nancy Wright came to Belleair Elementary School to present an Air Bear program to the second grade. During the checking in process, they discovered a female teacher had her pilot's license. They stopped by the room to chat and invited me to join the 99s.

I did join the 99s and have enjoyed meeting and working with other 99s in the Florida Suncoast Chapter, the Southeast Section, and on the International level

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## Information Request

The following was sent in an email to governors and chapter chairs requesting information:  
Please feel free to respond directly to Laura Smith

At the request of the 99s President, I'm working on a new 99s Fact Sheet, and I need your help. The first version I'm doing is quite simple, one that will be easy and inexpensive for chapters/sections to print and distribute, as it will be plain text and some simple graphics. I have most of the material I need for the first version.

I'd also like to produce something with a little more pizzazz that could be posted on 99s websites, of course subject to the approval of the 99s IBOD first. So I'd like to collect some information from our members which gives us the true flavor of the 99s. Here's what I'm looking for:

I'd like to create a list of all the different types of aircraft that we have 99s currently flying (let's say within the last year), by make and model. If the aircraft isn't an airplane, please make sure that information is clear. So I want to hear about the more commonplace (Cessna 172, Piper Warrior, B-737, Airbus 320, etc.) to the more unique and obscure. General aviation, military, antique, aerobatic, airliners, corporate, helicopters, gliders, balloons, airships, space shuttle, and so on. Let me know what you are flying.

I'd also like to hear about the different kinds of pilots we have. We've got all sorts of professional pilots; so let me know how you would define what you do. And I'm just as

## Information Request- continued

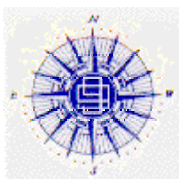
interested in the pleasure, competitive, and volunteer flyers, so some thing like Air Racer, NIFA competitor, EAA Young Eagles pilot, etc. fit the bill perfectly.

I also need some Cool Facts about the 99s. This could be an item about one of our Charter 99s to something about one of our current members. It could be an interesting fact about your chapter or section.

Another item I'd like is a list of the current activities that are done by 99s chapters and sections. Finally, I'd like some photos for use, and you need to make sure that you are willing to allow the 99s to use it and that someone else, namely the photographer, is not going to contest that use. High resolution in the aviation environment. Not used by any non-99s entity. Taken within the last year. Individual 99 or a group of 99s--but any group shots need to make it clear that this is a group of women pilots, so in the aviation environment or in pilot attire is preferable (not interested in just a group of 99s hanging out by the pool at a section meeting).

So if you have any information for me, please send me an email with "99s Cool Facts" in the subject line.

Thank you!  
Laura Smith  
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## Suncoast Chapter Calendar:

### Meeting Dec 8

St Pete Yacht Club



### Meeting Jan 12

Tommy Duff's Clearwater

Dima Haobsh



### Special Event Jan 15

Zontas Dinner

Top of The Bay Zonta Club

### Meeting Feb 9

Ocala

### Meeting March 8

Strawberry Festival Lakeland

Barbara Yeninas

### Meeting April 12

Sun n Fun

Lakeland

### Meeting May 10

TBD

## 2008 Grasshoppers Fly out Calendar

### January 26, 2008

Hosted by Bobbi Lasher

[b919r@cfl.rr.com](mailto:b919r@cfl.rr.com)

Winter Haven Airport at Foundation Flyers, Inc. a flight school specializing in Unusual Attitude Recovery Training.

The owner, Lowell Hincee, will give a presentation.

### Feb 23, 2008

Gs Birthday/Anniversary hosted by Ursula Davidson and John Archibald in Valkaria (X59).

### March 22, 2008

by Hank Friedman City Spirit of Stuart Paddlewheel

incl Lunch Approx \$26/pp depending the number of persons  
[PilotHank@adelphia.net](mailto:PilotHank@adelphia.net) or call  
Hank @561-746-6019

### April 26, 2008 FD88

Aero Acres hosted by Pam Owen  
Torell [N13507@aol.com](mailto:N13507@aol.com)

Contact Judie Betz,  
Lenny Ohlsson  
or Tamra Sheffman  
if you would like to host a  
Grasshoppers fly-in.

