



Florida Suncoast Chapter

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Hi Everyone!

Our June meeting at Clearwater Airpark was rained out but thanks to Chris and Jeanne Burkland, we regrouped and had a seminar at the Clearwater Library. And what a presentation Chris did, showing us how to navigate on the web, to flying web sites, and tips on using your computer when flying. With technology advancing so rapidly, it



is easy to get behind and lost. **Thanks again to Chris for this informative seminar.**

I would like to see more information type meetings and so with this in mind, Chapter Vice Chair, Marilyn Shafer has gotten approval from Centennial Middle School in Zephyrhills/ Dade City to have our September 10th meeting there. Danny Sesker, Centennial's Technology Specialist, will be happy to work with Chris on loading the necessary software and making sure the lab is up-and-running. This will be a hands-on computer flying! Fly-in will be to Z-Hills Airport and Marilyn will be available to transport those flying-in to the School.

Those driving could meet at the Z-hills Airport and Marilyn will caravan everyone over.

We will have directions for those who want to go directly there.

So mark your Calendar for September 10, Z-Hills Airport, 10AM. More on this in the August update as THERE WILL BE NO AUGUST MEETING. Everyone is either too busy or on vacation July and August, so the decision was made to cancel meetings these two months plus International Convention is August and Marie, Ann, and Elinor will be going as delegates.



In case you haven't heard, our Chapter member Sophia Payton has won the Air Race Classic.

Congratulations Sophia!

Look for FLIGHTLINE, the SE Section newsletter to be in your mailbox this month. It will be the only mailed copy and from August on it will be

on the website: www.ses99s.org I've been thinking our chapter will do the same ...quit mailing paper copies and have the news on our website 1st of every month. The Officers and I would like your comments on this change that will probably occur with the September news. Chapter Dues for 2005-2006 are due: **\$20** Mail checks to:

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Stay safe and have a good July and August.

Mary



June 11, 2005 Minutes of Florida Suncoast Chapter Meeting- Clearwater Library

Those in attendance were: Mary Fletcher, Sophia Payton, Jeanne Burklund, Marilyn Shafer, Alice Paddock, Denise Rosenberger, FWP Dima Deluise, Denise's daughter and Jeanne's daughter were guests. Chris Burklund is a 49 1/2.

At our June meeting, we were privileged to have Chris Burklund give us a fast-paced introduction to the world of a Pilot's best resource, your computer.

He explained the many hardware accessories and internet sites that can be used prior to and during flight. Having a tablet PC with built-in GPS or a PDA that can attach to your cockpit GPS allows for advanced planning in the comfort of your home and transfers easily for use during flight.

A handout of websites broken down by categories of weather information, flight planning, flight simulation, pilot resources, aviation news, pilot shopping, and fun and travel was given to everyone in attendance.

A visual overview of many of the websites with an explanation of their effective use was invaluable. Both purchased and free flight planning software were explained and differences noted. Jeppesen has the best "for purchase" software with a requirement to pay a yearly fee to receive monthly updates. Pilotage.com is free but should be verified to insure yourself that all information is accurate and you are legal. Airnav.com gives information on all airports and is the most up-to-date since the information is provided by pilots. From rental cars to current fuel prices, this website could save you a bundle.

Simulation software and equipment were discussed and noted for use in logging time towards an IFR. Entertainment simulation provided by Microsoft Flight Simulator is the most useful for pilots and allows you to pre-fly to a new airport before taking off. The graphics can be updated to increase situational awareness.

PILOT RESOURCES ON THE WEB

Information to assist in flight planning can be received at any of these sites: www.eaa.org: www.aopa.org www.faa.gov AOPA can provide renter's insurance, lawyers when a problem occurs, current value of a plane if you are buying and even help with the purchase if buying from a friend instead of a company. The FAA site will give you a listing of all airport problems to help in choosing a landing site.

If you have your pilot's license listing your Social Security number on it, you should change this with the FAA to a generic number to avoid becoming a victim to identity theft. Other sites of interest:

AVIATION NEWS

Avweb.com is the most current news source for aviation with a twice weekly email newsletter. AOPA and EAA are always valuable resources. If you're interested in the Flying Magazine online, go to www.flyingmag.com Almost the entire magazine is free online but you can subscribe for the

full version.

Mypilotstore.com has aviation items along with the very familiar sportys.com. Aviation jewelry can be purchased at www.aviationjewelry.com.

FUN & TRAVEL

Info provided by pilots can be found at www.100DollarHamburger.com.

The Bahamas & Caribbean Guide gives actual photo of runway & what to expect when you land. You can purchase it at www.pilotpub.com.

CHAPTER/REGION WEBSITES

The 99s Website was presented by Jeanne Burklund. It is currently under construction but already has officers listed with emails & addresses, space camp information, and will add a NEW bullet to draw attention to updates on the compass rose. All newsletters will be archived here for easy reference to past activities and minutes. The chapter is checking into advertising to defray costs which are currently absorbed by our sponsor, Chris Burklund. The Southeast Section will have its own webpage:

www.ses99s.org and **FLIGHTLINE** will be on there.

Eventually both the chapter and the section pages will be accessed as "**online only**" to eliminate mailing expenses.

If you missed this very informative meeting, you truly missed a great deal. The September meeting is being planned in the Zephyrhills area to accommodate an in-depth look at computer Flight Planning Software and give you an individual hands-on experience. Stay tuned for more exciting developments with each subsequent meeting! Respectfully reported,

Marilyn Shafer for Denise Goldberger

Mark Your Calendar

2nd Annual Chapter
Wine Tasting
Fundraiser

will be

Sunday October 23

4 to 7 PM

Clearwater Beach

(Dima Deluise's Condo Club House same as last year)

**This is the Chapter's Fundraiser
for the Aerospace Activities.**

Silent Auction Items Needed

Door Prizes Needed- more to come



More Sun 'n Fun Pictures...

