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## Florida Suncoast Chapter

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#### Scholarships

Denise Rosenberger

#### Ways and Means

Nancy Wright

#### Aerospace Education

Nancy Wright

#### Newsletter/Reporter

#### Aviation Activities/Safety Education

I managed to have two rides cancelled for the flight to the Spring Section Meeting in Myrtle Beach. One friend went north, and the other wisely chose not to fly. As it turned out it was a good thing with the bad weather experienced all over Florida that weekend. I sent a Florida Suncoast Chapter Report to our Section Governor Corbi MCBulluck, which is due each spring. I also sent a Civil Air Patrol report to Barbara Yeninas who is the CAP Liaison to SE Section, as I am the Aerospace Education Officer for the Oakhurst cadet squadron.

The gals in Crystal River have agreed to host our September chapter meeting and are looking for a speaker and somewhere for lunch. More details when we hear. I will be heading North early in June, but will be back for the September chapter meeting. See details for the May and June meeting later in this newsletter.

I was so impressed with the photo screen we

purchased and the job that Chris Burklund did with the pictures from our chapter, and other chapters in Florida. We had a great response to the display from all who visited the 99s building. Many thanks to Jeanne and Chris.

Another year and another outstanding job by the crew at the Sun n Fun 99s' Building headed up by Nancy Wright and Barbara Sierchio. Many thanks to them for the long hours they put in and the wonderful job they did as hosts.  
Barbara

### Calendar of Events:

#### May Florida Suncoast 99s Meeting

May 10—10:30

PIE—SheltAir FBO

Speaker: Neil Corella

Topic: Building Airplanes

PIE—SheltAir FBO

15875 Fairchild Dr  
Clearwater, FL 33762 -  
727-530-3453

Main entrance to St Pete Ctrwtr Airport then first left turn which is Fairchild Dr follow around then a right to stay on Fairchild Dr to SheltAir

#### FAA Safety Meeting

May 20<sup>th</sup> 7PM  
Clearwater Solid Waste Building  
1701 Hercules Ave  
Clearwater FL  
Presenter: Denise Rosenberger

#### June Florida Suncoast 99s Meeting June 14—10:30 Fantasy of Flight

#### Air Race Classic

June 23-27

[www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org)

#### 99s Intl Conference

Aug 6-9

Anchorage Alaska

[www.ak99saviationfun.org](http://www.ak99saviationfun.org)

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*4/12/08 Meeting*  
**99s Sun n Fun Building**  
**Lakeland Airport**

Members present: Barbara Strachan, Jeanne Burklund, Dima Haobsh, Barbara Yeninas, Barbara Sierchio, Nancy Wright, Elinor Kline, Sophia Payton, Janice McWilliams, and Marie Grein.

Other 99s and future 99s: Virginia Harmer (International Director), Elaine Morrow (Past International President), Corbi Bulluck (Southeast Governor), Connie Jones, Patricia Ohlsson, Marlene Smith, Jillian Smith, Paige Carlson (Space Camp Winner), Shanna Empie, and Marilyn Schupbach.

Guests: Jim Pappas, Chris and Michelle Burklund, Steve Kline, and John Yeninas.

**Officer reports**

Marie Grein, Secretary: The minutes as printed in the newsletter were accepted. Marie reported she had attended the Southeast Section Meeting in North Myrtle Beach and brought back the Aviation Activities certificate given for second place in points earned.

Jeanne Burklund presented the treasurer's report, which was filed for audit.

Dima Haobsh announced the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting would be held at Shelt Air at the St. Pete/Clearwater airport with an airplane builder as speaker; this will be a "brown bag" meeting. The June meeting would be held at Fantasy of Flight.

Barbara Strachan showed the Florida Suncoast bear, which needed to be dressed in a Florida outfit. She will be auctioned for sale at the Amelia Earhart dinner at the Alaska Conference.

**Standing Committee reports:**

Aerospace Education---Nancy Wright

announced the themes for the Jesse Woods Space Camp Scholarships are due on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Membership---Barbara Yeninas stated we have 62 members plus 6 new members who signed forms at Sun 'n Fun for a total of 68 members.

Scholarship---Denise Rosenberger is the chair. Please share this information with possible applicants.

**Ways and Means**---Nancy Wright announced pillows and jackets are being sold at the building.

**Ad Hoc Committee report**---Nancy Wright stated the Fall Section Meeting would be held in St. Petersburg on Oct. 3 and 4. More information will be forthcoming soon.

**Unfinished Business:**

Members thanked Jeanne and Chris Burklund for the loop on our "frame". The presentation lasts 22 minutes and covers many activities.

The chapter banner will be completed next week.

Dima had asked about the possibility of an "online chapter application". Elaine Morrow showed a sample, which is on the Minnesota website.

Barbara Sierchio reported 5 WASPS and 49 guests attended the WASPS Luncheon. The CAP will look into the possibility of helping WASPS get to Sun 'n Fun.

**New Business:**

Elaine Morrow has made arrangements for caps (\$20.00) and visors (\$15.00) to be decorated with "99s" on them. The proceeds will go to the Jesse Woods Space Camp Scholarship Fund. She discussed

the possibility of an "ad page" on the SE Section website. This will be looked into.

Virginia Harmer announced she has scheduled radio spots about the 99s, covering a myriad of topics. She

indicated the 99s Building and Sun 'n Fun activities needed to be included in the International 99s budget.

Barbara reminded members of the chapter web site and asked Jeanne to update the site.

The Southeast web site will be found at [www.southeast99s.org](http://www.southeast99s.org)

Marie Grein  
Secretary

**Biography**

**By Denise Rosenberger**

I have always wanted to fly. In the 1960's I wanted to be an astronaut, but being a girl, was told I should consider other options. Other options were few and unacceptable and I was too short to be a flight attendant. I have actually had several careers. I was a dental assistant and lab tech for many years. I was a floral designer, an artist's manager and fiber artist specializing in wearable arts and the Florida Environment, and finally a line manager for a flight school.

I actually began flying hot air balloons in 1981 when I met my second husband. I obtained my commercial hot air balloon rating with on-board heater so that I could pilot while he photographed for a book that we authored and co-published called The Art of Hot Air Ballooning. I soloed in Sevierville, TN just outside the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. It was an amazing flight, so beautiful, peaceful and free. After we divorced and he got custody of the balloon I didn't fly balloons but a few more times. I miss it terribly. I decided that I had listened to what I couldn't be for too long and began my fixed-wing training at Clearwater Airpark in 1990 and finished the following year at PIE with the same wonderful instructor. I was (and still am) a single parent with two girls, no money and no steady job. (I did have 6 part time jobs.) When I got enough money for a flight, I booked

## Biography—continued

a lesson. Sixteen months, June 16, 1991, later I flew to Lakeland Linder Airport on a beautifully clear morning and took my check-ride. I had my doubts, but my instructor trusted my ability and I did very, very well.

I joined the Ninety Nines in 1994 and with the help of three 99 angels I joined International to be eligible for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. After a few tries I actually won twice! for my Instrument rating and for my commercial multi-engine with instrument. I had obtained my commercial in between on my own. I owe so much to the Ninety Nines and the friends I have made here that it is inexpressible. I have worked as Operations Manager for two local flight schools, both now out of business, administrative assistant for a charter/lease/ management/ maintenance/avionics company, (while there I was able to fly as first officer on a few flights) and now as a Customer Service and Operations Agent for Allegiant Air. Airlines are a whole other ball of wax, but I am enjoying myself immensely. I was appointed as an airport Aviation Safety Counselor, now called a FAASTEAM Representative, for Clearwater Airpark and then at large. I hold monthly safety meeting here in Clearwater on Hercules Ave. Go to [www.FAASafety.gov](http://www.FAASafety.gov) for listing. I coordinate a display in the local library every other year on Women in Aviation and I speak annually during the Great American Teach-In in local schools. I LOVE to talk about aviation and Women in Aviation. Just ask me! I had some health setbacks but am again current and currently working on my CFI (again) with the help of 491/2 Jim Pappas and hope to be done later this year. I want to make pilots and pass on my passion for flying and aviation as well as make dreams, sometimes long held like mine, come true.

## Barbara Sierchio writes:

We had a very busy week in our building with over 350 guests from all over the US, Canada, England, Finland and Spain. We processed 23 applications, including 16 for the SE Section and 8 of these were for the Suncoast Chapter.

Forty nine people attended the WASP luncheon and we were fortunate to have five WASP as guests. Marie's fifth grade group came on Friday. Our chapter meeting was well attended on Saturday and the Volunteer Workers' Parade was on Sunday. International Officers attending were Elaine Morrow, Immediate Past President; Virginia Harmer, Board Member and Corbi Bulluck, SE Section Governor.

Nancy Wright and Barbara Sierchio want to thank all of the Chapter members who helped with our building at Sun 'n Fun.

Your help was invaluable to us. Thank you to Rita DeBeer for making 26 pillows to sell and sell they did. We have only three left. Thank you Denise Rosengerger for the magnets. Thank you Elaine Morrow for your support of our Space Camp Scholarship. She donated note cards, wooden planes, chart envelopes, hats and visors.

Thanks to Barbara Yeninas, Elinor and Steve Kline, Alice Paddock, Marie Grein, Dima Hobsch, Pat Hange, Jerry Sierchio and Jim Pappas. If we left any one out please excuse us as old people forget things some times. We had great help from other chapters with Kathy Koshan and Will Weatherby, Elaine and Glen Morrow, Faith Olen-Glick, Corbi Bullock, and Virginia Harmer from Headquarters.

Another year with outstanding help!

Thank You All.

## From Dima Vice Chair:

Sun 'n Fun was spectacular!! It was wonderful to meet all the members that came from everywhere to attend our meeting. Thank you for coming. It was a pleasure meeting everyone. The meeting was very exciting, and we had lots of new members join us. I cannot wait to get to know them and see them at our future meetings! I am always looking for new ideas of meeting places and things to do and ideas for how we can raise funds towards education.. I would like to personally welcome all the new members and tell you that we would love to hear from you on how to bring more new members into our chapter. Please do not hesitate to come to me with any questions or suggestions you may have.

May 10th is our next meeting, which is going to be a very interesting one in the St. Pete/Clearwater Airport at the Shelt Air FBO. I have my friend Neil Corella who builds airplanes!! He is going to tell us all about his experience and we are actually going to see one of his airplanes that he built. Barbara Strachan was able to convince him to bring his plane over to Shelt Air after our meeting so that we can see it. Thank you Barbara! I hope you can all attend. Here are links to where we are meeting with maps, etc.

The meeting will be at 10:30 on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup>, at Shelt Air. Bring your own lunch if you wish to visit or you may go after the meeting to a nearby restaurant..

Shelt Air  
15875 Fairchild Drive  
Clearwater, FL 33762  
t. 727.530.3453  
f. 727.535.4372  
c. 727.492.2833  
ARINC 131.975  
their web site has maps and all kinds of information if you wish to fly or drive. <http://www.sheltairaviation.com/aviation/pie.html>



**From Dima Vice Chair—continued**

As always, we would love to pick up any one that needs a ride. Please contact any one of us on the board and we will do our best to accommodate you.

I am already working on June's meeting and have some information for you to digest and give me your feed back ASAP please. As always, we try to have our meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month at 10:30 am. The meeting will be on Saturday June 14th at 10:30 am which happens to be Flag Day! It will be held at the cafe at Fantasy of Flight located at 1400 Broadway Blvd. S.E. Polk City, FL. 33868

Telephone number (863)984-3500 X 220 Stephanie Connor

Web Site: <http://www.fantasyofflight.com/index.htm>

Directions link : <http://www.fantasyofflight.com/directions.htm>

There will be no fee to attend the meeting in the cafe but we are not guaranteed that we would have seats. The best way to do it is with a group of 15 or more, as we can get good discounts and we can meet in the officer's club room and be served lunch.

If you wish to visit the museum, the regular daily fee is \$ 28.95 but if have a group of 15 or more, we would get that rate along with lunch served in the Officers Club room !! Lunch is Ham or Turkey & American Cheese served with lettuce and tomato on a round deli roll, with Potato Chips, fresh baked brownie and iced tea or lemonade. You have to tell me which you would like, either ham or turkey when you RSVP. I would also need the checks to be made out to me Dima Haobsh and sent to my address 1460 Gulf Blvd # 1210, Clearwater Beach, FL 33767. The room is only available for exactly one hour and if we go over this it is \$100

for each additional hour. I cannot make the reservations for that room unless I have exact confirmation of 15 or more people as I would have to put a deposit and sign an agreement. I would just pay them directly for the entire thing since I have to send a check in advance. You may cancel if you wish by May 15th and I should be able to get you a refund but please send the check to me by Friday the 9th of May if possible? Please let me know ASAP.

We are taking off for the summer and no meetings for July and August. We'll meet you in September in Crystal River !

Keep in mind October is going to be a busy aviation month as we are having our Fall Section Meeting in St. Petersburg on the 4th and 5th, then Albert Whitted Air show is going to be October 18 & 19, 2008 also in St. Pete and they desperately need volunteers so please let me know if you can go to that?

November, Wings & Things in Lakeland & maybe the wine tasting fund raiser in Clearwater Beach??

December as usual, we have the Christmas dinner at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club!

We look forward to your continued support, please do write and tell me all about your experience, suggestions, or anything you want to put in the newsletter.

