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HOLIDAY PARTY: Our Holiday Party will be held on January 14th at Merritt Towers on Merritt Island. The Chapter will provide ham, plates, cups and utensils. Coffee and tea will also be provided. The rest of dinner is pot luck. Bring enough of your favorite dish for about 6 – 8 people. Arrival time will be anytime after 10:30 and dinner will be around noon. There is a microwave that can be used.

FLYING DIRECTIONS: Fly into Merritt Island Airport (COI). Runway 11/29, paved, 3601 ft X 75 ft; CTAF 122.975; phone 321-453-2222. If you decide not to fly at the last minute, please call so that the drivers don't wait for someone who is not coming.

Taxi to the FBO, Space Coast Aviation, the big white building on the south side of the field. Tell the lineman that you are here for the 99s meeting. Ground transportation will be provided, if you let Bobbi know that you will be flying in. (321-636-5346 or b919r@cfl.rr.com)

DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS: From the north or south, take I 95 to exit 201, which is State Road 520. Go east, through Cocoa, Cocoa Village, over the Hubert Humphrey bridge, you are now on Merritt Island. Continue east until you see the Merritt Square Mall on your right. The road on the east side of the Mall is Sykes Creek Parkway. Turn right here. Merritt Towers are 3 tall buildings on the left side of the street. The party will be in the Recreation room, which is in between buildings 1 and 2. There is an awning over the front door. The total distance from I 95 is 7.24 miles. Please do not park in the car port spaces, any other space is OK.

WELCOME: to new members **Ellie Hoffman** and **Jasmine Nissen**.

Ellie flies out of Melbourne Airport. She has been flying about 3 years and is employed by Rockwell Collins in Melbourne.

Jasmine is a native of Israel and is doing her flight training at Flight Safety, Vero Beach. She is also taking Academic classes from Embry Riddle International.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Donna and Dennis Wilt. Their Light Sport Arion Lightning has successfully

Made it's first flight.



After the initial 40 hours are flown off by a professional test pilot, Dennis will go to Virginia, fly with an instructor to get comfortable in the plane and then fly it home to Sebastian.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS: to Pat Ohlsson who is now the proud owner of a 1940 J-3 Cub, N30937. Pat soloed and got here tailwheel endorsement on December 28, 2011.



SPECIAL GUESTS: Our October meeting was held at the Merritt Island Airport. We have some special Guests:



Tasha, Ashani and Shania



Eboni

These girls were brought to the meeting by Tuskegee Airman, Louis Bracey. Louis was the winner of our 50/50 raffle at Aviation Day, Melbourne Airport. The girls were interested in learning about women pilots and aviation in general. We showed a video about the history of some early women pilots and the Mercury 13 (the women who did all of the Astronaut training, but never got to fly because they had no jet experience and there was no way for them to get that experience.) The Good Ole Boy Network at work!!

JOINT VENTURE: November 12th was a **v-e-r-y** long day. Four members of our Chapter left home before 5 am to drive to Sebring (Mary Anne Demmer, Verba Moore, Laura Sherwood and Bobbi Lasher). There we started laying out a new compass rose. We were joined by Marilyn Shafer, Barbara Yeninas and her 49 ½, Don, and Dominique Mellow from the Suncoast Chapter; Ellen Herr and Terry Carbonell from the Paradise Coast Chapter; Carol Ann Scanlon and her 49 ½, Donald Goldbreg, from the Gold Coast Chapter. We all discovered muscles we forgot we had. The Rose was laid out and all of the white was painted when we went to JR's Runway Café for lunch, courtesy of the Airport Authority. After lunch we painted the blue and then black inside the center circle. The Work was finished about 4pm. We all had a good time and enjoyed getting to know some members of the other Florida Chapters.



Beginning the layout



Finished !



Laura Sherwood, Ellen Herr, Verba Moore, Barbara Yeninas, Terry Carbonell, Bobbi Lasher, Marilyn Shafer and Mary Anne Demmer showing that they really did get their hands dirty!

NIFA: NIFA, the National Intercollegiate Flying Association, is divided into 11 Regions, we are in Region 9. Each region holds a competition for the Colleges with aviation programs. The three top teams in each region then get to go to the National Competition. The Region IX competition was held November 9 – 12 at Melbourne Airport. Seven of the ten eligible schools competed; Auburn University, Broward Community College, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Florida Memorial University, Florida Institute of Technology, Jacksonville University, Miami Dade College. There were 4 flying events; Navigation (a cross country flight), soft field landings, power off landings and message drop. There were also 5 ground events: aircraft preflight inspection, ground trainer (simulator), computer accuracy (E6B problems), aircraft recognition, and Simulated Comprehensive Aircraft Navigation [SCAN] (flight planning). These events are not as easy as they sound. The Ninety-Nines were well represented in the Judges area: Joyce Ackers, Bobbi Lasher, Sonia Bortalin, Terry Carbonell, Mary Anne Demmer, Tamra Sheffman and Elizabeth Bishop., shown in the picture below. Those who were not available for the picture were Marilyn Shafer, Vickie Sherman and Pat Picornell, who is a Grasshopper, but not a 99.

The young people representing their schools are the cream of the crop. They are professional, polite, dedicated to aviation. They are the future of aviation and, believe me, aviation is in good hands!. It is always a pleasure and privilege to judge NIFA meets and be around these wonderful young people.



WE NEED YOUR HELP: Time goes by quickly and it will be time for our election of officers before we know it. We need a couple of people to serve as a Nominating Committee – no experience necessary. If you would be willing to serve on this committee OR serve as an officer, please contact Verba at pipper4@cfl.rr.com to volunteer. Mary Anne has been Chairman for 3 years, Laura has been Secretary for 6 years and Carol has been Treasurer for more years than we can count. They are all ready for a rest. Please give some serious thought to serving.

FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP: Lin Wells provided me with an article about the Forest of Friendship ceremonies for this coming June.

The 36th anniversary ceremonies at the International Forest of Friendship will be held in Atchison on June 15 (Fri) and 16 (Sat), 2012. [Come join us to make new friendships, renew old ones, and have a great time.](#) Honorees will be inducted to join the nearly 1400 individuals who are enshrined along the Forest's pathways.

The Forest's overall theme is "World Friendship through Flying." Candidates for induction can be anyone who has contributed, or is contributing to all aspects of aviation and aerospace. Honorees need not be pilots. In 2012, the specific focus is on: "Flying, Forests and the Future." Candidates are particularly encouraged who:

- have contributed to the promotion of aviation and aerospace, or who
- have helped preserve or explore forests and natural habitats through aviation and aerospace (support of state and local units fighting forest fires, aerial resource surveys [domestic or overseas], environmental work, etc.)
- One of the 2012 themes is to emphasize achievements by younger honorees, so candidates who are under 35 are preferred, but this is not mandatory.

There will be a special ceremony to honor Dr. Wangari Maathai, who graduated from Mt. St. Scholastica College (now Benedictine College) in Atchison in 1964 and who passed away in September 2011. She founded the [Green Belt Movement](#), an environmental non-governmental organization focused on the planting of trees, environmental conservation, and women's rights. In 2004, she became the first African woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for "her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace."

The Forest would very much like to strengthen its ties with the Ninety-Nines in 2012, and hopes to induct twenty-five honorees sponsored by Ninety-Nines chapters. More information about the Forest, as well as sponsorship, registration and lodging information, is at the www.ifof.org website.

We look forward to seeing you in Atchison.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

FEBRUARY 11: Mary Wunder will tell us about the Air Race Classic and her adventures while flying it. This meeting will be at the Great Outdoors, Titusville.

MARCH 10: This will be a joint meeting with the First Coast Chapter at the Flagler Airport.

APRIL 14: Barbara and Pat Phillips will be our hosts.

Further details and directions to the meeting places will be posted on our website (www.spaceport99s.org) and will also be sent to you in emails prior to each meeting.