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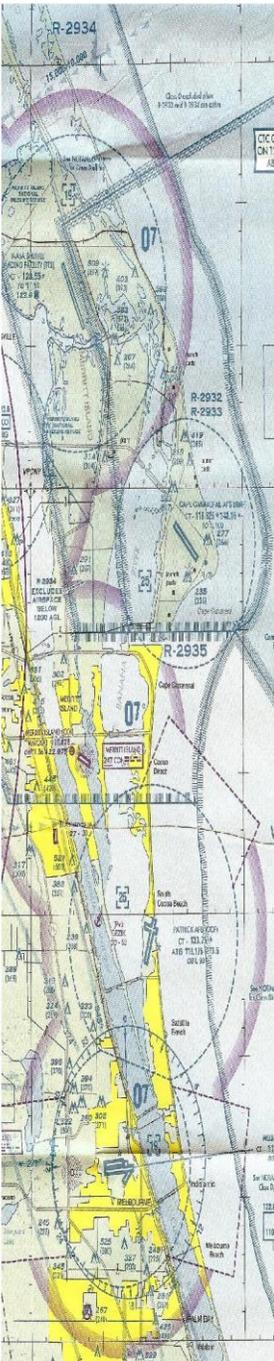
Our Mission --The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.



Winter 2018



Happy New Year!



Holiday Party: January 13th: You are invited to the annual chapter Holiday Party, January 13th at 11:30 am. Sandy Parks has graciously invited us to her neighborhood where there is a large pavilion available to us. In case of inclement weather, we can adjourn to Sandy's house. This is a Pot Luck. We have many great cooks in the chapter, so the food will be delicious. Ellie Hoffman will be cooking the ham for us. Drinks, plates & utensils will be provided. There will also be a gift exchange, so bring a \$15 - \$20 gift so that you can participate. As always, husbands, significant others, and guests are welcome. Dress is casual. Please RSVP to Sandy at sandyparks@earthlink.net no later than January 10th. When you RSVP Sandy will give you directions to her house.

Congratulations, Ellie: Ellie Hoffman retired from Rockwell Collins on September 29th after 12 years and an additional 40 years in operations. May you have a long and happy retirement.

Compass Rose Report: On November 4, 99s from 5 chapters met at the Williston Airport to paint a compass rose. Spaceport Chapter member, Laura Sherwood, taught the other chapters how to do this on their own in the future. The weather was sunny with comfortable temperatures. The area had already been surveyed and was ready and waiting for us. First order of business was to lay out the Rose. This is the most time consuming part of the process. When that was finished, some gals started painting the white areas. Others marked the North, South, East and West points using cardboard templates of the letters and painted them, while a couple of others marked out the 99s in the center. All the white was painted before we took a lunch break.

After lunch, back to work. First order of business, paint the blue area. The background of the center area was painted black around the 99s as the last step.

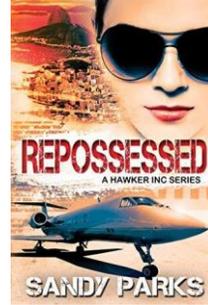
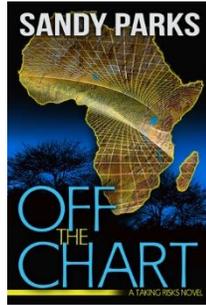
Almost done – touch up any areas that need it, cover the “OOPS” areas where paint got dripped, and clean up still to do. We used disposable roller covers, paint tray liners and brushes, so they got tossed into giant garbage bags. All equipment was staged together for transport home to Naira's hangar, ready for next time.

Laura Sherwood and her side kick, Bobbi Lasher, have been Airmarking Chairman and Equipment Manager for the Spaceport Chapter for about 20 years. Spaceport Chapter has painted 25 Roses and the name “Orlando” on the taxiway twice in that time.

Laura and Bobbi now feel that they have earned their retirement and passed all of the knowledge and equipment on to the young, energetic Daytona Chapter.



Good News: Sandy Parks' *Off the Chart*, Book Two in her Taking Risks adventure thriller series, WON the 2017 Maggie Award for Best Novel with Romantic Elements! It is judged by booksellers and librarians. *Repossessed*, Book One in the Hawker Incorporated Series, won the award in 2013. Congratulations, Sandy! We're proud of you.



Welcome: Tina Nash a new 99s. We're looking forward to meeting you.

Sad News: Long time member, Ruth Sitrer, passed away in September. Our condolences go out to her family.

Girls in Aviation Day, FIT:

The 3rd annual "Girls in Aviation Day" was hosted by FIT Aviation at Melbourne Airport on 9/23/2017. The free event was sponsored by the Florida Tech Chapter of Women in Aviation. There were many hands on events, such as a flight simulator provided by Rockwell Collins, an unmanned aerial system display, and air marshalling training. The event was supported by the Spaceport Chapter of the 99s, several local companies and airplane enthusiasts. It was a fantastic way for young women to experience aspects of the aviation industry and discover how their passion for flight may become a career. There were several hundred attendees and a good time was had by all. Thank you to all of the 99s that were able to attend, especially Ruth Jacobs from the Treasure Coast Chapter!



Park it here!

Of course, girls can do this.

On final approach