

Spaceport 99s

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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.

Fall 2018

Important Dates:

September 8: FIT Aviation, 801 Harry Goode Way, Melbourne, FL, 32901

10 am, Beverly DeMeyer will tell us about Serene Harbor, a shelter for battered women, their kids and pets.

When Beverly is finished, Dennis Wilt will walk us thru the requirements for getting our drone license.

October 5 – 6: SE Section meeting – Whitesburg, GA

October 13: Girls in Aviation Day, 9 am – 2 pm, FIT Aviation

October 20: 10 am, Spruce Creek Realty Office – Alex Coultrup will tell us about her trip to China over the summer

October 27: 9 am to noon - Young Eagles Flights, Merritt Island Airport

November 10: 9 am, Spruce up grave sites of 2 local WASPs: 10 am regular meeting at Ellie's house

December 8: Toys for Tots pancake Breakfast at Merritt Island Airport. Breakfast at 9, meeting at 10

January 12: Holiday Party and pot luck at Sandy's house.

September 8th: . Beverly DeMeyer will tell us about Serene Harbor's services and facilities, a Brevard County shelter for battered women, their kids and pets.

Would you like to earn your Drone License? Dennis Wilt will teach us. The class should be fairly short, 30 - 45 minutes. If you want to actually do the course on the FAA FAASTeam website, then you should bring a laptop or tablet to do the course. If you want to do this, Dennis will work you through it. Otherwise I don't think you need anything except what you would use to take notes. He will have a handout for you all that will have the important information. if you want to do the online FAASTeam course, then you also need your log book (active BFR required) and Pilot Certificate. Of course, you can participate to increase your knowledge, even if you do not apply for the license. **Please let Bobbi know if you are planning to attend this session – b919r@cl.rr.com.**

October 13: Girls in Aviation Day, FIT Aviation – Spaceport Chapter will have a table set up and will be talking to girls about aviation and flying. Please plan on spending at least a little time at the table talking to the girls.

Join us for Girls in Aviation Day Saturday, October 13, 2018

- Connect with other girls and women who are excited about aviation!
- Explore the opportunities for work and play in aviation and aerospace!
- Experience the high-flying fun aviation offers!

Date: October 13th, 2018

Time: 9am-2pm

Location: FIT Aviation (801 Harry Goode Way, Melbourne, FL)

Contact: Leanni Tibbetts (321) 317-3343 | fiftygirls@gmail.com

or visit www.WAI.org/chapters



October 20: 10 am - Pat Ohlsson has graciously offered her conference room for this meeting. Earlier this summer, Alex Coultrup was selected as part of a four-student delegation to represent Florida Tech at the Inaugural Sino-American Space Policy Workshop at Beijing Institute of Technology! The delegation, led by Dr. Andrew Aldrin, joined a group of students and professors from The Ohio State University and BIT's School of Law for 5-day intensive series of lectures, discussion panels, Moot Court proceedings, and cultural exchange around space exploration. Alex will give us a presentation about this very exciting trip. **Please let Bobbi know if you are planning to attend this session – b919r@cl.rr.com.**

After the meeting we will adjourn to the Country Club for lunch.

November 10: At 9 am we will meet in the parking lot of Florida Memorial Gardens, 5950 S. US 1, Melbourne where we will spruce up the graves of the two local WASPs who are interred there. There will be a regular chapter meeting at Ellie's house at 10:30.

You are a very unique person – you are a woman pilot:

323,130,000 is the population of the United States

609,306 is the total number of pilots in the US.

42,694 is the number of women pilots in the US

That means that pilots are 0.189% of the population

Women are 7% of the pilot population
Women are **0.013%** of the population of the US

Most people in this country have never met a pilot and only a VERY few people have ever met a woman pilot.
The only woman pilot that most can name is Amelia Earhart.

How do we change that?
Talk about planes and flying
TELL people you are a licensed pilot
Answer their questions about flying
Stress that ANYONE can be a pilot

If you would like a button like the one below, come to the September meeting and I will give you one.

Wear it proudly!



What you should know about the chapter scholarship:

Each year the Spaceport Chapter awards an aviation scholarship. It is the MARY BLACKWELL JOEHRENDT/ANNE WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, named to honor 2 early members of our chapter who were killed in aviation accidents. This scholarship was started in 1978. Initially, the scholarship award was \$99, but is now \$1500 per year, due to inflation. Thus far we have awarded a total of \$34,744.

The scholarship is administered by three trustees who are members of the Spaceport Chapter: Laura Sherwood, Carol Gosling and Bobbi Lasher who is the Permanent Trustee.

The annual awards are funded by interest from the scholarship fund investments. **NO DUES MONEY GO INTO THIS FUND.**

This scholarship fund is to aid the advancement of women in aviation. To be eligible for said scholarship the individual is to: (1) Be a female; (2) Be eighteen (18) years of age or older; (3) At least a Private Pilot; (4) Must reside in or be a permanent resident of the area of the Southeast Section of the Ninety Nines, Inc. (FL, GA, NC, SC, AL, MS, LA & TN.); (5) Must demonstrate a financial need; and (6) Must have a desire to make the field of aviation her career. She does not need to be a 99.

Early each Spring application forms are sent to all Chapter Chairmen in the SE Section of the 99s, to colleges offering flight training, many flight schools and every member of the Spaceport Chapter to distribute to anyone who might be eligible. Applications are accepted between March 1 and May 1. Three judges look at the applications and select their 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice and send their choices to the Permanent Trustee, who then determines the winner. Two of the judges are NOT 99s but are involved in aviation in some way. Different judges are recruited each year. Award is made in June. The money is sent to the flight school of the winner in 2 equal increments.