

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.



Winter 2020

Spaceport 99s Schedule for 2021:

Jan. 9: Holiday Party -. We will be in an outdoor pavilion near Sandy's house. NOT a pot luck this year. We will be ordering boxes lunches. Watch for an email with all details. We also will have a gift exchange, so bring a \$15 - \$20 gift if you wish to participate.

Feb 13: Leah Murphy will tell us about the Ninety-Nines Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) program. Leah is a graduate of this program and currently serves as a Captain's Circle Coordinator. This meeting will be in a class room at Florida Institute of Technology (FIT), Melbourne.

March 13: Marcia Gitelman will tell us about Elinor Smith, a contemporary of AE. This will be a Zoom meeting.

April 13 – 18: Sun 'n Fun Lakeland, FL

May 8th: TBD

June 12: Installation of Officers

November 14: After several Zoom meetings, we met face to face on November 14th in an outdoor pavilion on Merritt Island. It was rainy, but we were under cover and never even noticed. It was especially nice to welcome new members Leah Murphy and Diana Aquilar to their first in person meeting.

December 12: Following our annual tradition, we held our December meeting at the Toys for Tots breakfast on Merritt Island Airports. Local pilots, friends and family bring a toy for Toys for Tots and are served breakfast.



Santa's helpers inspected the toys



We had our own table for breakfast



Santa and Mrs. Claus joined us this year. Florida temps were too much for Santa who removed his heavy coat.

Congratulations: Leonia Hunt graduated with her Masters degree in Aviation Human Factors from FIT. We are proud of you, Leonia.

I asked Leonia to write a paragraph to bring us up to date on her accomplishments and plans. Here it is:

Even with all the hardships that this year has plagued us with, I graduated last week with my master's in aviation human factor from Florida Institute of Technology (FIT). Due to all the support from amazing organizations like the Ninety-Nines, I was able to pursue my aviation dreams. At FIT, I got my instrument rating, commercial single and multiengine certificates, my CFI, and most recently my CFII. I got my CFII just a couple of weeks before COVID-19 started spreading rapidly throughout the USA, and it really threw a wrench into my career plans. I spent quite a while looking for an instructor position at flight schools throughout Florida, but no one was hiring. Finally, after a while, I was lucky to be hired part-time by Voyager Aviation, a part 61 flight school on Merritt Island. This was the place where my aviation journey started back in high school when I was obtaining my private pilot's license. It has not been easy and there were plenty of bumps in the road, but I absolutely love teaching and it feels so great to be able to bring aviation to others. I was recently hired by FIT Aviation and will start working there full-time next year and might also pursue my MEI certificate. My plans for the future include working for a regional airline, which might be a while from now due to the COVID. My ultimate goal is still to be an international

airline captain, but I am glad that I now also have a degree in aviation to fall back on in case another world epidemic occurs again! I wanted to say thank you again to all the Ninety-Nines for believing in me and being such an inspiration for me. I can't wait to be in a position where I can also directly help other women accomplish their aviation goals.

Congratulations: Isabel Garnett earned her tail wheel endorsement on November 28th.



Do you have any ideas for fund raisers and/or fun, interesting meetings? Don't be shy, pass your ideas along to Ellie.

Scholarships: The due date for applications for the Amelia Earhart scholarships is Jan. 1, 2021. Don't wait until the last minute to start working on your application. Karen Brun will be working with Bobbi Lasher to help our applicants submit their best application possible.

Instagram: The chapter has an Instagram account thanks to Isabel Garnett's brother, Diego Prado. Check it out - Instagram @spaceport99s

Since there isn't much news, I'll add a little humor to fill the page. I hope you enjoy and get a grin or a chuckle from the following:

Thoughts for the Day

- * IF MY BODY IS EVER FOUND ON A JOGGING TRAIL JUST KNOW THAT I WAS MURDERED SOMEWHERE ELSE AND DUMPED THERE.
- * RESPECT YOUR ELDERS. THEY GRADUATED FROM SCHOOL WITHOUT THE INTERNET.
- * I'VE DECIDED I'M NOT OLD, I'M 45 -- PLUS SHIPPING AND HANDLING.
- * WE HAVE ENOUGH GUN CONTROL. WHAT WE NEED IS IDIOT CONTROL.

- * BEHIND EVERY ANGRY WOMAN STANDS A MAN WHO HAS ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA WHAT HE DID WRONG.
- * LET'S STOP SENDING MONEY TO OTHER COUNTRIES AND LET THEM HATE US FOR FREE.
- * VEGETARIAN: ANCIENT TRIBAL NAME FOR THE VILLAGE IDIOT WHO CAN'T HUNT, FISH, OR LIGHT FIRES!
- * I LOOK AT PEOPLE AND SOMETIMES THINK "REALLY? -- THAT'S THE SPERM THAT WON?"
- * IN MY DEFENSE I WAS LEFT UNSUPERVISED.
- * MY DECISION-MAKING SKILLS CLOSELY RESEMBLE THOSE OF A SQUIRREL WHEN CROSSING THE ROAD.
- * SOME THINGS ARE JUST BETTER LEFT UNSAID -- AND I USUALLY REALIZE IT RIGHT AFTER I SAY THEM.
- * CAMPING: WHERE YOU SPEND A SMALL FORTUNE TO LIVE LIKE A HOMELESS PERSON.
- * I THOUGHT GETTING OLD WOULD TAKE LONGER.
- * A WISE MAN ONCE SAID -- NOTHING.

Happy and healthy New Year to all.

