

# Spaceport 99s

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*Spring 2023 - March, April, May*

## Future Meetings:

**-March 11:** For our March meeting, the Spaceport 99s will be meeting in Vero Beach this Saturday March 11.

Plan to meet at Vero Beach Airport Terminal at 10am for brunch overlooking the flightline at CJ Cannon's Restaurant. From there, we will car pool to Riverside Park for the "Under The Oaks" Fine Arts & Craft Show. This is one of the top arts & craft shows in the country and is held literally under the beautiful live oaks. It's really worth the flight or drive to Vero Beach. For those interested, there is also the Vero Beach Museum of Fine Art directly across the street from the art show.

<https://www.verobeachartclub.org/under-the-oaks>

Please let Bobbi know if you are coming for Brunch so we can make reservations at CJ Cannons.

Come and bring your friends. Admission to the Art Show is free.

If driving, the address for CJ Cannons is 3414 Cherokee Dr. Vero Beach.

If you fly into Vero Beach, KVRB, tell the tower you are going to CJ Cannons Restaurant. The restaurant is in the terminal, right next to the Sun Aviation FBO and is located off Taxiway C, between Taxiways C4 and D. Normally you can park right in front of the restaurant.



Art show Address and driving Directions: 3280 Riverside Park Drive, Vero Beach, FL 32963

From the Interstate I-95 take the Vero Beach exit #147 and turn left onto SR60 (heading east). Follow SR60 and merge into one of the left two lanes just past 6th Avenue. to the end at Riverside Blvd. Turn left at the next light onto Riverside Blvd. Merge into the far-right lane past the light at Royal Palm Pointe. Turn right at the next light staying on SR60 to cross over the Merrill P. Barber bridge. Turn right at the next light onto Riverside Park Drive. The park is on the left and the parking lot is on the right.

**April :** There will be no official Spaceport meeting in April. FIT is hosting a special Aviation Event on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

See the attached flyer. Here is the schedule for the speakers. Spaceport members are welcome to attend any or all of the events of the day.

Times	Speakers	Topic
0900-0950	Capt. Lindsay Johnson (USAF)	The A-10, serving as a USAF Pilot
1000-1130	Capt. Winston Scott (USN, retired)	Space, NASA, the F-14 and the F-18
1140-1250	1LT Jake Bacon, USAF(KC-135 Pilot) Capt. Jake Haines (C-130) 1LT Tyler Smith (KC-135)	Pilot Opportunities in the USAF Guard/Reserve
1300 - 1350	Jason Reimuller, Ph.D, Exec. Dir. IIAS	Project PoSSUM
1400-1450	Captain Shannon Ferry, American Airlines Marlon Dayes, Delta Airline Capt. Jim Belton, United Airlines	Airline Pilot Life, what to expect when hired, etc

 = Firm Commitment to Attend  
 = Maybe

**May 13:** speaker: Stacy Heaton, AOPA Southern Regional manager will talk to us about AOPA.

The Valkaria Airport support person for AOPA is Judi Oswald and Donna Wilt is the support person for Sebastian Airport. They spot issues that need to be addressed and pass it along. We are hoping to have this meeting at Spruce Creek. You will get full details prior to the meeting.

### **Exciting bits of news:**

**Elise Phillips:** I actually received my private pilot certificate back in October now. I'm planning starting my instrument training in February!

**Rachel Cuthrell,** winner of Spaceport scholarship in 2020:

Thank you so much for reaching out!! Thanks to your generous scholarship, I was able to complete my flight training!!

Due to Covid kicking off in 2020, the Coast Guard reached back out and asked me if I'd be interested in rejoining the service. At that point, Covid had just really started, my flight school and restaurant I worked at had shut down, and I didn't see very many options. I agreed to return to the Coast Guard, and rejoined (officially) in September of 2020. I reported in to my unit November 1st, and I was able to complete my Commercial Checkride two days before reporting in! It was a miracle but we somehow made it work!!

Due to my return to the Coast Guard, I was eligible for an Inter-Service Transfer to the NOAA Corps as a pilot! I competed and was selected to transfer branches, and anticipate (Coast Guard approval pending) transferring services this July. Quite a few detours and a few years longer than planned, but I will finally have a job that I love as a pilot!! I was fortunate to train at the same school (formerly FlightSafety Academy) that the NOAA pilots train at, so my licenses and time served will all transfer over with me, and I can keep my same pay and benefits!

I'd love to help you with the donation campaign! I know all too well how incredible the networking and friendships from the 99s are, and would love to help however I can! I'm happy to get you a more formal version of my timeline if needed, or provide any additional information!

Thank you so much! I hope you have a fantastic day!!

**Sandy Parks:** Last week we set off to Alabama to hold a shower for our youngest son and his wife who are due to have their first baby in mid-March. We worked up games, made cookies and cupcakes, put together decorations, and picked up DIL's grandma and grandpa at the airport. The theme was Harry Potter to match the nursery that was beautifully done by the kids. My DIL has a lovely design touch. We were laying out the duties to be ready for the next day's activities when my DIL came home from work saying something wasn't right. Off they went to the hospital an hour and a half away...and they didn't come back. We all packed up and headed out to stay closer to the hospital. The next day, instead of a baby shower, we had a beautiful granddaughter!!! Even though six weeks early, she is a good size, healthy, and got to come home today! Life is good.

**Sandy Park's husband Scott** is getting his Wright Brothers' Master Pilot Award at Sun-n-Fun on Friday morning at 9AM during a safety meeting. Friends are welcome to come cheer him on.

**Marcelaine Winger:** is in training for a job in Security at Disney. She will be part of Security at the theme parks and will work 3 days per week. AND she will get to wear a really cute hat as part of her uniform.

### **Scholarship news:**

**First Wings:** The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund First Wings Awards are semiannual awards of up to \$6,000 based on completion of specific training milestones. They are available to Student Pilot Members of The 99s who meet eligibility requirements. To be eligible, applicants must hold a student pilot certificate (or provide evidence that they meet their country's flight training requirement), have been an official Student Pilot member **three months** prior to the application deadline, have logged five hours in the six months prior to the application deadline and show financial need.

The Spring 2023 First Wings deadline is April 1. The instructions and application are available on [The 99s website](#)

**Spaceport Chapter:** This scholarship is for a woman pilot residing in the SE Section of the 99s to work toward an advanced rating. The award is \$1500. Deadline for applying is May 1. All members will get an email with the application attached within the next week, it will also be posted on our website.

### **Words of Wisdom from your Editor:**

To all of my Female friends from 40 years and up... most of us are going through the next phase of our lives. We're at that age where we see wrinkles, gray hair, and extra pounds. We have run households, paid the bills, dealt with sickness, sadness, and everything else life has assigned us. We are survivors... we are warriors in the quiet... we are Ladies...like a classic car or a fine wine. Even if our bodies may not be what they once were, they carry our souls, our courage, and our strength. We should never feel bad about getting older. It's a privilege that is denied to so many. Enjoy every minute. Ladies I challenge you to copy this proudly and share with your friends.