

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, 2023 Sept., Oct., Nov.



It happened over the Summer

Leah Murphy passed her multi-engine commercial check ride! Her training was made easier with a scholarship awarded to her by the Sugarloaf Chapter. Leah is an accomplished fixed wing and rotor pilot!



Leah after earning her fixed wing commercial

Yuko Query sent the following:

Flying has been adventurous progress. I finished up at SkyWest last month and am currently in Atlanta training for Delta. I have been awarded LAX base on the Airbus 320. I can't tell you how thrilled I am. It's a lot of study but I'm enjoying it.

After completing Indoc last week, we were awarded our Delta wings at the Wing Ceremony.

But we're not done yet— systems training starts tomorrow. Each day, I'm closer to my dream of wearing my Delta pilot uniform.



Yuko receiving her Delta wings



Sharonjeet Dhillon

Bay Cities Chapter,
Southwest Section

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I'm Sharonjeet Dhillon, and I'm from Singapore. I began my aviation pursuit with a 10,000-mile journey to Florida where I began a professional pilot program. After graduating during the pandemic, I moved to San Francisco to continue towards my goal of flying for an airline in Singapore. Now, I'm a flight instructor with a diverse group of students from Silicon Valley, and I'm pursuing a Master of Science in aeronautics with a focus in human factors. I aspire to design evidence-based flight curricula that incorporates human performance and limitations while working towards my goals.

Sharon Dhillon was a member of Spaceport Chapter when she first came to the US, in 2019. Congratulations. Sharon, we're proud of you!

Spaceport BOD: Met in July to plan for next year. The minutes of the meeting are attached to this newsletter. Some exciting things are planned, so be sure to read the minutes. Suggestions for programs and activities are always welcome so don't be shy about contacting any of the officers.

Special presentation: Spaceport chapter voted to present a plaque and a check to a female flight instructor at FIT Aviation in appreciation for them allowing us to use their meeting room for our meetings. Judi Oswald, Chair, went to FIT Aviation to make the presentation.

They "rang the bell" and everyone in the building came out to recognize Amaelle Copeland. She is working on her CFII so she said she is very appreciative of the money to continue her flight lessons.

Here is some info about Amaelle:

- she is a Senior at FIT
- She is taking her B SC. in Aviation Management - also doing a minor in Aviation Dispatch - which will also give her an Associate's Degree in Aviation Dispatch.

- she will graduate in May and is in the Aviate Program with United Airlines.
- while she is working with United Airlines Regional, she will do her Master's in Aviation Safety online.
- she has a total of 415 hours so far.



Amaelle Copeland and Judi Oswald



Close up of the plaque

Judi Oswald hangs her plane at Valkaria Airport. She has been attending the EAA 1288 pancake breakfasts on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Recently she has been volunteering to collect the money from diners before they get to eat. Judi is now the Spaceport Chapter's chief recruiter, talking to all gals about the 99s, Spaceport Chapter and scholarship opportunities. Way to go, Judi!

A Day at Kennedy Space Center: Spaceport chapter received a donation of admission tickets for a day at the Kennedy Space Center (KSC). We were able to sell these tickets and earn some money for our scholarship fund. Marcelaine volunteered to be our chapter representative and arrive early to collect the tickets and distribute to the purchasers. A good time was had by all. Thanks, Ellie, for getting these tix for us and to Marcelaine, for being our "official hostess" for the day.



Spaceport 99s Survey: We sent out a survey via email on August 17th. Your officers want to get to know you better. Thus far, as of Sept. 4, 30 of the 57 gals who got it have opened the email. Of those 30 ONLY 12 have sent us a reply. We want to hear from EVERYBODY. We can't make our meetings appealing to you if you don't tell us where improvements are needed. The survey was resent on Sept. 4th to those who had not replied. Please take a couple of minutes to give us some feedback. If you did not receive the latest copy of the survey, contact Bobbi at b919r@cfl.rr.com to get another copy

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund First Wings Awards are semiannual awards of up to \$6,000 based on the 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 Fall 2023 First Wings deadline is October 1. The instructions and application are available on The 99s website.

JUDGES NEEDED FOR ALL NIFA (National Intercollegiate Flying Association) REGIONAL COMPETITIONS! NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A PILOT! Judge for a half day, full day, or longer. Southeast Section members in Regions 4, 8, 9, and 10 are asked to attend their closest competition site and introduce these young women aviators to The 99s. Interested 99s should contact their NIFA Regional Rep in your area listed above.

October 24-28, 2023 Region 9 at KLAL. The 99s' Social will be held at the 99s House at Sun 'n Fun on Wednesday, October 25 at 1630. All women competitors are invited to attend this social and last year everyone came. Interested judges for Region 9 should contact Marilyn Shafer at ProBBMom@gmail.com or Region 9 Chief Judge Brendan Goldfarb at ba.goldfarb@gmail.com.

