



Spaceport 99s

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Established in 1929 by 99 women pilots, the members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.®, International Organization of Women Pilots®, are represented in all areas of aviation today. And, to quote Amelia, fly "for the fun of it!"

Winter 2024

December, January, February



Spaceport 99s Schedule for 2024:

Jan. 13: Holiday Party – We will be meeting at Sandy's house for a pot luck dinner. The ham will be provided. Bring your favorite dish. Dress casual. Guests welcome. We also will have a gift exchange, so bring a \$15 - \$20 gift if you wish to participate. You will be given directions to the party when you RSVP to sandypaks@earthlink.net . Please RSVP no later than January 9th.

Feb. 10: Big doings at Melbourne-Orlando Airport – more details below.

Mar 9 : FIT Aviation, MLB: Don Wilson will give us LOTS of background info about Air Force One, the President's plane. This will be an interesting and informative presentation. Don served as Command Chief Master Sergeant on Air Force One for many years.

April 13: No meeting this month

Apr 9-14: Sun N Fun

May 11: meeting will be in Pat Ohlsson's hangar in Spruce Creek. A special program is planned, Stay Tuned.

June 9: Installation of Officers, location to be determined.

June 18-21: Air Race Classic

All meetings are casual and guests are always welcome. Those who are interested go to lunch at a local restaurant after the meeting.

We always welcome ideas for speakers and activities for meetings. What would you suggest? What would you prefer? Is there something special that you can tell our members about? Don't hide your light under a basket, speak up and let us know!

Latest and greatest about our members:

Leonia Hunt was hired by Jet Blue in September.

Yes I finished training and it was a good experience! Very different from my initial training at Republic. The culture at JetBlue is quite different than the regionals. I just started my first trip on IOE and am pretty much in Boston for awhile. Leonia

Ellie Hoffman and Donna Wilt: Our fellow 99, Ellie Hoffman, also holds the position of Board Chair for Serene Harbor, a certified shelter for victims of domestic violence. The Spaceport Chapter has been a generous supporter of the shelter through all types of donations. Recently our chapter treasurer, Donna Wilt, donated a discovery flight in her "Yellow Bird" Cessna to be added to a basket that was offered during a live auction. In the basket a local hotel stay and dinner were also included. Sheriff Wayne Ivey was the auctioneer, and he was able to raise over \$800 to support Serene Harbor's mission! Everyone agreed that the discovery flight was the reason the basket went for such a high price. Thank you so much to the Spaceport 99s for their continued support! Thank you, Donna, for your exciting contribution!

Amber Brierly: our scholarship winner in 2023 has been a very busy gal! She passed her commercial Multi-engine check-ride; she was awarded another scholarship, which allowed her an incredible opportunity to tour Netflix. The experience was eye-opening and gave her insights into the vast world of aviation and the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Next she has recently taken a position at FlightSafety as a Second in Command. And then to top everything off she underwent spin training at Patty Wagstaff's school.

Marcelaine Winger: has had a series of health problems over the past months. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery and look forward to her attending 99s meetings again.

Carol Gosling: received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award on November 15th in recognition of 50 years of safe flying. The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots. The celebration and presentation was held at the Spruce Creek Country Club. Carol was the only woman in the group of seven receiving the award.



Carol receiving her plaque



Carol and her cheering section of Ninety-Nines.

Jade Chien is now flying for Sky West. She lives and is based in Huston and really loves her job. She already has over 500 jet hours.

Looking to the Future:

You are cordially invited to a special meeting on Feb 10th, 10am at the MLB airport. We hope you will join us and go "Backstage at the Airport". Our Hosts, the Melbourne Airport Authority, will be giving all attendees a bus tour of the airport, beyond the FBO and Fuel truck. This will include a guided tour of the Fire Station and the Tower. Following the tour, we will be treated to lunch in the Premium Lounge in the Airport Terminal. We are currently working on getting an exciting speaker as well. Please let Bobbi know if you think you will be attending, so that the Airport Authority can be prepared for all of us. Bobbi, b919r@cfl.rr.com You will be receiving more information next month.

Spaceport new fund raiser: Have you heard about **Challenge Coins**? A **challenge coin** is a small coin or medallion, bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. Traditionally, they might be given to prove membership when asked and to enhance morale.

The Spaceport 99s Chapter has designed and will be selling 99s Challenge coins, as shown in the picture below. The coins will be available in February. They will be 1.75 inches in diameter (about the size of the image below), and will cost \$15 each plus \$5 if they need to be shipped to you. All profits from the sale of these coins will be applied to our scholarship fund, which helps female pilots to reach their goal of becoming a professional pilot.

You can purchase one or more of these coins on our website or in person at a meeting. www.spaceport99s.org/challenge-coins

For more information contact Judi at Judi@spaceport99s.org

Thank you, Marcelaine, for this fantastic idea!



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