

GRASSHOPPER FLYER

April 2019



Saturday, April 27, 2019

Join the Grasshoppers at Vero Beach Regional



KVRB ETA: 11 AM

Runways: 12R/30L, 4/22, 12L/30R

Note: 12R and 30R have right patterns

Elevation 24'

ATIS 120.575 Tower 126.3 Ground 127.45



Lunch at C. J. Cannon's

(No fee or fuel requirement for parking your airplane behind the restaurant)

3414 Cherokee Dr., Vero Beach FL 32960

(772) 567-7727

Hosted by Jeri Lynn Stetz & Tom Inglima

Please RSVP by Thursday, April 25 Call, text or e-mail:

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March 23, 2019 DeLand Municipal Airport



By Judie Betz

Our hosts for our visit to the Airport Restaurant and Gin Mill in DeLand, Kathy Koshan and Will Weatherbee, did an outstanding job of getting all the unexpected kinks out so that those of us who flew in were easily set up in a safe parking space despite a lot of ramp construction. Kathy met us on the radio and directed us to Will who parked us; they made it a piece of cake! Big thanks for their advance planning with DeLand Aviation. Some of our drive-in members said the road entry amid the construction was no less confusing. Regardless, we had a great turnout of 22 members and guests sitting on the deck of the Gin Mill on a gorgeous sitting-out AND flying-in day. A cloudless sky made flights a pleasure and the parachute canopies opened as an on-going visual for us to enjoy the entire time, while we chatted and enjoyed the great food. No new members this time but a few folks we don't get to see that often made for extra icing on the top.

Our hardy drive-ins were Leslie Hart and her mom Mary Jane Law from DeLand and Merritt Island respectively. Vicki Lynn Sherman came from Daytona and Marcia and Dave Gitelman drove from Spruce Creek. Fred Stucklen flew his RV-7A from Brooksville. He announced that his wife's upcoming retirement will allow her to start attending, too. Pat and newsletter publisher Lenny Ohlsson flew Pat's Grumman Tiger with newsletter editor Evelyn Shapiro from Spruce Creek. New webmistress Stephanie Bensinger came with new Facebook guru Barbara Flynn in Barb's Citabria from Flying W. Barb was later joined by her adorable granddaughter, Emma Jean Flynn who, at three, will surely be flying ASAP and joining the Grasshoppers! Membership coordinator Judie Betz flew her RV-12 from Love's Landing and Elinor and Steve Kline flew their RV-10 from Punta Gorda. Activities coordinator Becky Smith and Paul Smith flew up from Vandenburg with friends Jay and Melissa

Ritter in the Ritters' turbo Cessna 182. Of course **Kathy Koshan** and **Will Weatherbee** flew their PA 28-140 from Massey Ranch. It was a treat to see former Gs members **Dawn Gorrell** and **Mike McCann** and their aviation-loving dogs, also from Massey Ranch, in their Cessna 180.

There were lots of interesting conversations going on all around our long table. At some point Becky Smith called us to a halt in the chatter and asked that we all introduce ourselves. She reminded us we are still looking for hosts from June, July and on! It's fun and it's easy. Pick a date on a fourth Saturday, pick an airport with or near a restaurant and let **Becky Smith** or **Judie Betz** know. It's as easy as that!



Becky Smith, Melissa Ritter, Paul Smith and Jay Ritter with the Ritters' Turbo Cessna 182.



Judie Betz in her RV-12. Who said planes know no gender?



Marcia Gitelman, Master Pilot, and Mary Jane Law, soon-to-be Master Pilot met at the Powder Puff Derby in 1973.



Our hosts, Will Weatherbee and Kathy Koshan

Membership News

Ladde Mayer wrote to Becky Smith:

"Many happy memories of being part of Grasshoppers until I moved to Alabama at the end of 2005. Some of my beloved friends are no longer around. But I keep in touch once a month with **Helen Kuhn**, 105 years young. She would love to hear from anyone she would remember. She still lives in her home. Her number is 407-215-8341."

Ladde Mayer 205-664-4034

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May 25, 2019 — KGIF — Winter Haven Hosted by Jo & Steve Alcorn

June 22, 2019 — July 27, 2019 — August 24 — September 28 — October 26

and November 23 need hosts. Would you like to host?

Contact Judie Betz (judiebetz@gmail.com) or Becky Smith (pilotbecky@gmail.com) if you would like to host a Grasshopper fly-in.

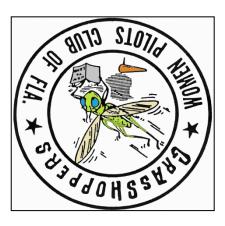
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