



GRASSHOPPER FLYER

February 2019



Saturday, February 23, 2019
Celebrate the Grasshoppers'
57th Birthday.



Flying W Air Ranch
9FL1 (Bushnell)
ETA: 11 AM

Runways 9/27 (turf) 3415 x 100 feet
Elevation 58'
AWOS 119.975 (Inverness - 11.2 NW)
CTAF 123.0
No fuel on site.



Barbara Flynn, our host, will be bringing in food from OakWood Smokehouse & Grill. Steve Flynn will likely be on the radio letting you know where to park. Lunch will be at the green house and hangar on the south side of the runway at the east end. It is where Flying W has their fly-in breakfasts. Cost will be \$15 per person. (maybe less if the food costs less)

3300 SW 52nd Ave., Bushnell FL 33513
Please RSVP by Thursday, February 21
Call, text or e-mail Barbara: (407) 808-5808 bjflynn33513@gmail.com

January 26, 2019
Flagler Executive Airport
Highjackers Restaurant



Left: John and Betty Hostler, Buddy Richardson Right: Mary Jane Law, Leslie Hart, Carol Gosling

By Ying “Laura” Gao, Our Host

“What is the organization called the Grasshoppers?” Danielle Anderson, a local freelance reporter, came to our January Grasshoppers’ meeting in the Highjackers Restaurant at the Flagler Beach Airport (KFIN) and asked this question.

According to our Membership Directory, the club started with only three ladies in February 1962, and it is now over 100 members strong. Over the years the Grasshoppers welcomed family members and male pilot members. The Grasshoppers are all about flying for fun and fellowship and food, along with proficiency. You do not have to dread a lengthy business meeting. The wonderful liaison persons remind you at least once a month that is it time to go out and fly. The Grasshoppers always opens its arms to new friends.

During the January meeting, we had the honor to meet with one of the early members, Betty Hostler, who is over 90 years old and who drove in with her husband John. A few folks living nearby also took advantage of the convenience of a short car ride: Pat and Lenny Olsson, Evelyn Shapiro, Carol Gosling, Buddy Richardson, Leslie Hart and Mary Jane Law.

On the flying side, we got to see the beautiful smile of Becky Smith, who flew from KVDF with her Locust Paul Smith in a Cessna 182. Our long time Cricket, Vincent Minnillo, flew with his guest Donna, also in a Cessna 182 from KOCF. February's host, Barbara Flynn flew in her Citabria from Flying W. Rex Myers shared his ride in a Cessna 310 with Kelly Prince, a CFI who is building time to become an airline pilot. Carolyn Myers and I had fun getting tailwinds in a Mooney M20C, flying to and from our home airport X05. We also had a RV-7A piloted by Cricket Fred Stucklen and Marcia Middleton from KBKV. The most colorful airplane of all was the Ercoupe "Bumble Bee" piloted by Murray Sellers and her Locust George from Leeward Air Ranch. A friend of mine from St. Petersburg, Pat O'Brien flew his beautiful Cessna 400 Columbia to Flagler Beach for his first G's meeting, and he became the newest member of the Grasshoppers!

Danielle Anderson, the journalist mentioned earlier, got her answer to "What is a Grasshopper?" On February 13, 2019 her article about our meeting at Flagler Executive was in the Daytona Beach News-Journal.

A special thank you to Bill and Kim Mills for exhibiting their L-39 Albatros, a former Czechoslovakian high-performance jet trainer, and to Sean Carrol for showing and explaining the jet to the Grasshoppers. Mr. Roy Sieger, the airport director at KFIN, graciously let Grasshoppers have full service fuel at the price of self-serve.



L-R: Marcia Middleton, Donna, Vince Minnillo, Fred Stucklen



L-R: Paul & Becky Smith, Rex Myers, Kelly Prince



Left: Barbara Flynn, Murray Sellers, Carolyn Myers, Pat Ohlsson

Right: George Sellers, Laura Gao, Pat O'Brien, Evelyn Shapiro

Mark your calendar!

February 23, 2019 — 9FL1 — Flying W AirRanch, Bushnell Hosted by **Barbara Flynn**

March 23, 2019 — KDED — Deland Hosted by **Kathy Koshan & Will Weatherbee**

April 27, 2019 — KVRB — Vero Beach Hosted by **Jeri Lynn Stetz & Tom Inglima**

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

June 22, 2019 — **Would you like to host?**

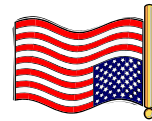
July 27, 2019 — **Would you like to host?**

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

If you have something for the newsletter, send to Evelyn Shapiro (EvelynShapiro@aol.com)

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