

WAI Gone with the Wind

February newsletter



WAI Gone with the Wind Chapter

Making a difference in Atlanta!

We invite you to join our chapter of the Women in Aviation, International (WAI).

If you are involved in aviation in some way, shape, or form, then you should consider the "Gone with the Wind" chapter of WAI. We are based in Atlanta, Georgia and promote the growth and development of women in all fields of the aviation industry. We strive to promote fellowship, education, and networking among other things in the aviation industry.

We are a diverse collection of air traffic controllers, pilots (including student pilots), customer service representatives, FAA employees, airport employees, mechanics, and much, much more.

• February's Program Description

Sport Pilot Certificate

Wed. February 17, 2010
7:00 p.m.

The chapter has arranged to have several speakers covering topics like the light sport aircraft (LSA) and rating, the FAASTeam, and general aircraft maintenance. In the wake of the annual Women in Aviation conference, this meeting is planned to showcase some of the topics that will be covered at the conference while giving members the opportunity to know who else is going to the conference and maybe meet and network in Orlando.

Whether you are completely new to aviation, you have an interest in aviation, or have flown aircraft before, sport aviation is the newest way to fly! Even though the sport pilot rule has been in place for a few years, the sport pilot certificate and sport aircraft are still a big unknown among many of us. Join us this month as Michael O'Neal reveals some general information regarding this type of recreational aviation.

Two gentlemen from the FAA's FAASTeam will speak on the program itself, their purpose and their programs. And last but not least, a flight school aircraft mechanic will give us tips on aircraft maintenance.

Come and join us!!

• February's Program Location

Pentagon Club

Dekalb Peachtree
Airport (PDK)

Address: Dekalb Peachtree Airport (PDK)
Administration Bldg. – Pentagon Club
2000 Airport Road
Atlanta GA, 30341

The Pentagon Club is the old airport tower located in PDK airport's administration building. We will meet on the second floor of the administration building punctually at 7 p.m. For those who might be running a little late, please call Evanthe Papastathis at (404) 210-1442 to gain access. Please try to arrive on time!

• February's Program Cost and RSVPs

Contact info

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for updates

Members are encouraged to participate and bring a friend. Members will be able to attend this event for free; however, the chapter will be collecting \$5 from non-members. RSVPs are recommended. To RSVP or for more information, contact Evanthe Papastathis at efp@skybnd.com.

• NEWS and UPCOMING EVENTS

February news

If you have any news you want to publish, please contact Yasmina Platt: yassoria@hotmail.com.

- **December Event:** The fundraising event at Barnes & Noble was successful. Many members volunteered their time for a good cause: raise money for our local scholarship fund. A total of \$267.65 was raised.
- **January Event:** A January event was planned and unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances the January get together did not occur.
- **Chapter Accomplishment:** Our chapter was mentioned on the "Chapters" section (page 8) of the *Aviation for Women* magazine. Please take a look! We will continue to submit information about what the chapter is doing to the magazine for future publications.
- **21st WAI Annual Conference:** This year's conference is at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida from February 25th to the 27th. With the theme of "Aviation - It's a Small World," participants in the 2010 WAI Conference will be immersed in the tactics and strategies necessary for successful aviation careers. FMI: <http://www.wai.org/10conference/index.cfm>
- **Planned Modifications to the Class B Airspace in Atlanta:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be holding airspace meetings regarding a plan to modify the Atlanta Class B airspace. The purpose of the meetings is to solicit aeronautical comments on the proposal's effect on the planned action. Two of the meetings the FAA is holding are scheduled for this month. Comments must be received on or before April 3, 2010. For more information and for a list of meeting dates and locations, visit: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-28900.pdf>, https://www.faasafety.gov/files/notices/2009/Nov/INFORMAL_AIRSPACE_MEETING.pdf, and <https://georgia-aviation.dot.ga.gov/Home/adhoccommittee.cfm>.
- Congratulations to chapter member **Alfred Adjokatcher** who was mentioned on the latest *Aviation for Women* magazine for having defended his graduate thesis and finished his Master of Aviation Science from Everglades University by way of obtaining the Airbus Leadership grant at the 2009 WAI Conference. He also became a private pilot last summer and is working on his instrument rating.
- If you have **accomplished a milestone** as well (any kind of certificate, additional ratings, a degree, etc.), please send a short description of your success to Yasmina Platt at yassoria@hotmail.com. We are proud of our members and want to let everybody know.
- The chapter's board would also like to **receive feedback and suggestions** from our members on how to improve the chapter, events for 2010, etc. E-mail info@wiaatlanta.org with suggestions.