



*from the Chairman*



The SE Section Meeting was held at Lakeland International Airport, Hilton Garden Inn on May 16 and 17. It was a rousing success, thanks to the hard work by the dedicated team of Bev Mautner, Lisa Watkins, Cathy Galati, Janice Rearick and myself. 51 attended from the majority of SE Section chapters. Special events included an in-depth tour of the NOAA facility by Science Administrator Michael 'Mac' McAlister, the Strawberry Shortcake social, sales tables by our Cathy Galati and representatives from Treasure Coast and Paradise Coast, a Trivia Game Night, meals at Abuellos and Sora Eatery, talks on remote tower operations by KBOW's John Helms and KGIF's Troy Heidel, and a intro to opportunities with the FL State Guard by Bryon Carp. And that amazing Hospitality Suite! And of course there was the SES meeting.

After years of work and restarts, the event finally happened. Two attempts at the event during COVID had been cancelled. There were many concerns for finances but with the generosity of Visit Central Florida, Sheltair, Alan Jay, and contributions by Publix, Gulf Coast Avionics, Sams Club and others, we added nicely to our Scholarship Fund. Our "transportation team" of Jim Watkins and Steve Alcorn were essential in getting our attendees to where they needed to be.

Our thanks to everyone involved!



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Next FL Heartland Chapter Meeting: June 7 @ 10 am by ZOOM

### Remembering the Spring SE Section Meeting 2025

