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## MARCH

16 — Northwest Section, Winter Board Meeting, Holiday Inn, Renton Wash., Nancy Jensen, 360-825-6777

30 — NCWA Annual Business Meeting, Phoenix, Ariz., 1-800-727-NCWA

## APRIL

10-13 — National Congress of Aviation and Space Education (NCASE), Little Rock, Ark.

14-20 — Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Fla., Barbara Sierchio, 813-347-8045

14-20 — Silver Wings Hospitality Tent & Meetings, Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Fla., Marion Banks Prophett, 619-272-7914 or 1-800-554-1437

26-28 — NY/NJ Spring Section Meeting, Holiday Inn, Ronkonkoma, Mae Smith, 516-757-7214 or Michele Cabot, 508-464-5443

TBA — Australian Section Meeting, Longreach, Queensland, Mary O'Brien, Tel: 61-2-713-2404; Home fax 61-2-712-5106

TBA — West Canada Section, Governor in Council Meeting, Sonja Wilford, 604-579-8584

## MAY

1-4 — NIFA National SAFECON, Daytona Beach, Fla.

2-5 — Southeast/Mid-Atlantic/Caribbean Sections Joint Meeting, Charleston, S.C., Louise White, 704-684-4878

3-5 — East Canada Section Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Louise Giacomo, 514-624-4444

14-16 — ISA+21 18th Annual Convention, International Society of Women Airline Pilots, Fort Worth, Texas, Pamela Mitchell, Phone/Fax 904-646-9995

16-19 — Southwest Section Meeting, Columbia, Calif., Peggy Ewert, 408-727-3686

16-19 — North Central Section Meeting, Louisville, Ky., Terri Donner, 502-267-9789

19-25 — Great Southern Air Race, Vero Beach, Fla., to Freeport, Bahamas, Alexis Koehler, 1-800-247-1006.

24-25 — 30th Annual Fly-In, The Antique Airplane Association, Greater Kansas City Chapter, Amelia Earhart Memorial Airport, Atchison, Kan., Gerry Gippner, 913-764-8512

## JUNE

1 — Garden State 300, Ocean City Municipal Airport, Ocean City, N.J., Barbara H. Para, 609-965-4824

8-9 — Annual Confederate Air Force Ranger Wing Fly-in/Open House, Waco, Texas, Joe Nemmer, 817-756-2135

8-9 — Eighth Ultralight Fly-In, Ickes Public Ultralight Airport, Osterburg, Pa., 814-276-3353

8-13 — U.S. Air Race & Rally, Durango, Colo. to New Orleans, La., 817-491-4055

20-23 — Air Race Classic, Prescott, Ariz. to Daytona Beach, Fla., Pauline Glasson, 512-289-1101

20-23 — South Central Section Meeting, Atchison, Kan., Carole Sutton, 402-324-5285

21-23 — 20th Anniversary Forest of Friendship, Atchison, Kan., Fay Gillis Wells, 703-960-4632

## JULY

3 — Grand Opening, Cessna single engine plant in Independence, Kan.

7-10 — World Aerospace Education Organization, 9th International Congress, Casablanca, Morocco, Col. Louis B. Cole, Fax 504-340-1145 or Chanda Budhabhatti, 520-326-4597 or Fax 520-325-7243

11-13 — The Ninety-Nines International Convention, Oklahoma City, Okla., Carol Sokatch, 405-840-1156

## AUGUST

1-7 — Oshkosh '96 EAA Convention, Catherine Mayr, Oshkosh Coordinator

9-10 — 18th Annual Okie Derby, Wiley Post Airport, Oklahoma City, Okla., Phyllis Miller, 405-721-2573 or Fax 405-842-5159

9-11 — Palms to Pines Air Race, Santa Monica, Calif. to Bend, Ore., Claire Walters, 310-397-2731

23-25 — 3rd Annual EAA All American Sport Aviation Fly-In, Alliance Airport, Fort Worth, Texas, 817-572-7455 or 817-439-3703

27-29 — Staggerwing Beech Commemorative Tour, Gillespie Airfield, El Cajon, San Diego, Calif., William Thaden, 207-439-1161

31-9/2 — Cleveland National Air Show Bicentennial Women's Air Derby, Deadline for entry 6-1, Debbie Fragapane, 216-781-0747

## SEPTEMBER

5-8 — North Central Section Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio, Meigs Adams, 216-650-4846

5-8 — West Canada & Northwest Joint Section Meeting, Victoria, BC, Canada, Sonja Wilford, 604-579-8584 or Nancy Jensen, 360-824-6777

11-15 — American Bonanza Society Convention, Norfolk, Va., Ken Johnson, ABS Headquarters, Wichita, Kan., Tel: 316-945-6913 Fax: 316-945-6990

12-15 — Reno Air Races, Reno, Nev., 702-972-6663

14 — Mile High Air Derby, Colorado Chapter, Christina Bentley, 303-220-0925 or Jan McKenzie, 303-226-1153

21 — Kansas Chapter Sunflower Rally, Karen Tucker, 316-733-4583

27 — South Central Section Meeting, Fort Worth, Texas, Carole Sutton, 402-324-5285

28-10/5 — World Precision Flying Championships, Ft. Worth, Texas (See page 21 for schedule of activities), Jody McCarrell, 501-642-2508

## OCTOBER

9-13 — Silver Wings National Convention, San Diego, Calif., Marion Banks-Prophett, 619-272-7914 or 800-554-1437

10-13 — Southeast Section Meeting, St. Augustine, Fla., (oldest city in America), Paula Reckson 904-788-8254

11-13 — Southwest Section Meeting, Redding, Calif., Nancy Everett, 916-244-9535

18-20 — AOPA '96 Convention, San Jose, Calif.

26 — Mid-Atlantic Fall Section Meeting, Ramada Inn, Newport News, Va., Connie Zook, 804-487-2067

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## JULY

9-13 — The Ninety-Nines International Convention, Portland, Maine

## OCTOBER

3-5 — North Central Section Meeting, Rochester, Minn., Elaine Morrow, 612-955-2802

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# 1996: A time to take stock

JOYCE WELLS

**I**N THIS EDITION OF THE MAGAZINE, you will find at least two topics that appear annually and are vital to the health of this organization. They are the articles about the candidates running for office and the Annual Convention information.

As in any organization, the members have the responsibility for its success. "Volunteering is the best form of philanthropy, because you give of yourself and because then you see the need."

One of the ways we can participate is by taking an active role in leadership. This requires the giving of our time, talents and resources. A candidate for office must be mindful of her words and actions. In a volunteer organization, it also means serving without personal gain and being willing to serve *all* of the members, not just the "squeaky wheels."

You may have already received your ballot and will see that there is a paucity of members running for leadership positions. Competition is necessary to ensure the well-being of any group and gives the opportunity for choice.

Though most of us prefer to be in the left seat when flying, not all of us have the left seat skills of leadership. So I ask you all

*"This issue contains all the registration information for the Annual Meeting and Convention in July."*

—Joyce Wells

to encourage those with business and leadership skills to give of themselves by running for office next time around. You will be glad you did.

Take the time to thoughtfully cast your vote. If you are uncertain, ask other Chapter members or the Governor of your Section for input.

The Convention has been cut to three days this year because the World Precision Flying Competition in September is also sponsored by The Ninety-Nines and will be using the time and

talents of many of our members. Some will be dividing their vacation time between the two events.

Oklahoma City is the Headquarters of The Ninety-Nines and I, along with the Board of Directors and the Oklahoma Chapter, encourage you to attend Homecoming '96. Come, see, and be proud of what you own. Take pride in the education and service that you provide to the public.

Double that pride by bringing a piece of aviation memorabilia to leave in the Resource Center when you visit. Register early and bring a planeload of members with you. Plan ahead and remember: "Procrastination is the thief of time."

See you all in Oklahoma City in July.



## New Brazos River Chapter

**T**he new Brazos River Chapter was a dream come true for Lana Kraeszig and Margaret Siedschlag. Both live on the air strip at the Pecan Plantation in Granbury, Texas. Soon after Lana earned her private pilot certificate, she asked me what I knew about the 99s—and I was happy to tell her that I have been a 99 for 19 years, beginning in the Indiana Dunes Chapter, then moving to Minnesota and then to Dallas.

After our talk, attending a Dallas Chapter fly-in and talking to other Dallas members, there was no stopping Lana and Margaret. Their enthusiasm was boundless and on Nov. 11, 1995, the Brazos River Chapter Charter Luncheon was held with South Central Section Governor Carole Sutton on hand to present the Charter.

All 15 Charter Members and three 66s were present along with Chris Swain, SCS Director, Jerry Witbeck, past SCS Governor and Dr. Jacqueline Boyd, International AE Scholarship Trustee. Other members and guests came from the Dallas, Ft. Worth, Golden Triangle, Dallas Redbird and Nebraska Chapters. In all, 57 persons attended the celebration!

Fourteen of the Charter Members are



*Charter Members of the Brazos River Chapter on the porch of the Secret Garden Restaurant, Granbury, Texas, on the occasion of their Charter Installation Luncheon, Nov. 11, 1995. Back row: Joyce Williaford, Kimberly Gillette, Kim Dignum, Lana Kraeszig, Nancy Beckum, Karen Sparks, Mary Erkes, Elysa Drillette, Margaret Siedschlag and Brenda Robinson. Front row: Nancy White, Bonnie Lewis, Ellen Segler, Karla Ross and Antoinette Anderson.*

brand new 99s! One more has already joined at this writing. Ten of us live on three different airstrips. We have a Navy Lt. Commander (a Navy Reserve pilot), one Air Force navigator and A&P, one Air Force Academy graduate, one flight attendant, two experimental aircraft builders, several instrument ratings, two mother/daughter teams, two families in which

each member is a pilot, one who owns her own business and one who participates in the management of a nationwide company.

Although there is still much to learn about each other, we are truly excited to be together and look forward to many years of flying together as sisters of the sky. —Bonnie Lewis, Brazos River Chapter



# CANDIDATES FOR SPRING 1996 ELECTION

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., such committee consisting of myself and Virginia Sutherland, Betty Prakken, Brooks Powell and Vicki Lynn Sherman, I am pleased to present the following candidates for the Spring 1996 election. (The names are presented in order of application date.)

All International candidates have the option of preparing a Position Statement of no more than 500 words. Their own words follow. —Shirley Winn

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## For Int'l President Lois A. Erickson

I understand the responsibility and commitment of the offices in our organization and know that I can capably serve as International President. My supervisory and management credentials include a Master's Degree in Business Administration, in addition to many years experience as a Professional Nursing Administration Consultant throughout the U.S. for agency reorganization, staffing, and budgets exceeding seven figures.

In 1992, as a member of the original Council of Governors, I served that body as correspondent on member and Board affairs. As Governor, International Secretary, and International Vice President, I have attended meetings in every U.S. Section as well as East Canada in the past four years.

I offer 25 years of service to The 99s from the grass roots level through my current position as International Vice President on the Board of Directors in my candidacy for International President. I have succeeded in my election to every office in the Southwest Section, and to each office sought at the Chapter level in both North Central and Southwest Sections. I have also edited Chapter newsletters, chaired Aerospace Education and Aviation Activities committees, and participated under the leadership of other 99s in a variety of projects and events. At the present time, I serve as International Long Range Planning Committee Chairman. I have served on both Section and International Convention host committees, flown and staffed 99s sponsored air races, and judged precision aviation competition.

As International President, I pledge to promote the ongoing evaluation and revitalization of our purpose, projects, and corporate operation to the benefit of the membership without whose support, dedication and labor this organization would not exist.

I am committed to The 99s as the premier influence on the role of women in all fields of aviation throughout the world. I believe that I can further facilitate that commitment in the office of President with the professionalism and dignity expected of that office by the aviation industry.

I believe that 99s worldwide are intelligent, independent,



thoughtful women who are drawn together by the fellowship, promotion and support of women in aviation envisioned by the Charter Members. I also believe that every 99 wishes to take part in the decision making process, expects her opinion to be heard with respect, and is willing to utilize her unique talents to serve the organization. We must continue to support the original philosophy and goals of the organization, while at the same time, make the progressive changes necessary to increase our membership and meet the needs of the members. We must communicate, evaluate and work together to ensure a strong and viable future.

My goal as President is to encourage the participation of all members in the governing affairs and policies of the organization. I pledge to serve you, the members, with dignity and respect as we move forward into the future together.

## For Int'l Vice President Pat Ward

I believe that the responsibility of our Board is to nurture and support the creative skills, resources, energy and enthusiasm of our members. As a candidate for Vice President, I submit my ability to objectively identify membership priorities and develop methods of achieving goals with efficient, practical solutions. I share your conviction that the major focus of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. is to provide a platform for camaraderie, fun, flying and fellowship among our members, for the preservation of our history and a moving forward to meet the needs of the 21st Century 99.

If elected, I pledge my continued interest in and effort toward making the 99s a more member-friendly organization from the grass roots to the corporate offices. I strongly believe in the involvement of members in corporate decisions and in providing services to members equal to their participation, interest and involvement in the future of the organization. I believe that the members of this organization hold within their hands and hearts the "mission" for and of our future.

I hold very dear a sense of deep pride in our beautiful facili-





ties in Oklahoma City and of the exemplary character of our total membership. I believe in the unique involvement by The 99s in the world aviation community, and I identify with the complicity of interests among our membership. I recognize and deeply appreciate the strength and influence of our collective membership.

I believe that we should assume the position of leadership in the global aviation community which our historic organization has earned over the past 67 years by taking the initiative to reach out and stand beside other aviation organizations with mutual interest in promoting and nurturing the endeavors and interest pursued by women in aviation.

With more than 30 years of experience and participation in The 99s, I have a strong allegiance to our organization and a solid appreciation for the responsibility of our elected and appointed offices at all levels. As current International Director, involved at the Board level since 1990, I have engaged in an in-depth study of and firsthand experience with the corporate operation of The 99s and its governing documents.

I wrote the resolution creating the Council of Governors at the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas in 1990, a body whose function and contribution at the corporate level has exceeded our timid but confident expectations in 1990. The participation of the Governors in the decision-making process at the Board table has become a vital link between membership and Board members. I have a sound working knowledge and understanding of the commitment to the membership of this organization necessary to the management of our corporate affairs by both the Board of Directors, the Council of Governors and the membership.

I offer my continued dedication to and abiding confidence in the high principles of our organization to my candidacy for the Vice President of The 99s, International Organization of Women Pilots.

### **For Int'l Vice President Constance Wilds**

For the past three years it has been my privilege to serve as a Director on the International Board. Two years prior to that I attended five Board meetings as a proud member of the Council of Governors

During my 36-year membership in The 99s, I have never been as enthusiastic or optimistic about the future of our organization as I am now.

We have established a Long-Range Planning Committee which is comprised of dedicated professionals who have heard your wishes (from the overwhelming response to the membership survey) and they have charted a course for our future that not only addresses member needs and concerns but insures our financial stability.

I would be honored to be a part of this excitement as your Vice President—a decision that has taken great deliberation on my part. It is my sincere opinion that anyone seeking this office should be prepared to make a long-term commitment, if elected. I pledge that commitment to you and ask for your support.



### **For Int'l Secretary Carolyn Carpp**

Continuing leadership in The Ninety-Nines, Inc. requires commitment, caring, and good communication. As International Secretary, I will continue to bring you my personal enthusiasm and dedication to serve the organization. I have learned much in the past years as your International Director and as a member of the Council of Governors. But most of what I have learned has come from listening to you, the members. I am committed to making The Ninety-Nines, Inc. a "member based" organization. I have always been fascinated with the job of secretary and have served in this capacity in several organizations besides The 99s. I have been newsletter editor on both the Chapter and Section level, while also doing newsletters for my school, Washington Aerospace Association and Young Astronauts. As Secretary, I wish to continue promoting healing and understanding between our many faceted members. I have enjoyed serving as Board Liaison to two important International Committees: Aerospace Education and Membership, as well as serving on the Long-Range Planning Committee. I am excited with our shared vision and wish to continue with the implementation. I come to you experienced and highly qualified in a variety of skills.

Working regularly as a union negotiator has provided me with writing skills appropriate to the job of Secretary. I have learned to be clear and concise in order to achieve common understandings. I have been able to reach peaceful solutions to problems while using aggressive organizational skills. I have learned to listen to all sides of an issue and concentrate on the facts while eliminating emotions and narrow viewpoints. I have developed skills in patience and communication to the whole, without forgetting the interests of individuals. Working with highly sensitive performing artists in contract negotiations and daily employment problems has given me skills which are transferable to other situations.

As a professional educator for 36 years, I also work effectively with people with a wide variety of beliefs, backgrounds and abilities and have been successful in challenging both students and professional colleagues to new ideas and direction. My writing skills have increased with continued experience in the educational field. I have devoted much of the last 16 years to sharing my love of aviation with the young minds under my charge by introducing innovative and creative Aerospace Education Programs into the classroom. I am active with Young Astronauts and Young Eagles in addition to serving on the Seattle Museum of Flight and Big World Flight educational committees.

Completing one term as International Director and having been elected for a second term, I am a past Governor of the Northwest Section and have served as the spokesperson for the Council of Governors and the International Grievance Committee. I am increasingly enthusiastic about flying and the friendships I have made in our wonderful organization. Therefore, I am eager to commit my time, skills and abilities to the office of International Secretary.





## Nominees for International Treasurer

### Elizabeth L. Lundin

We are at a point when financial security has become critically important to our organization. To survive we must administer our resources appropriately. I have spent much of my professional and personal life preparing budgets, managing money and achieving long-range financial goals. I can find solutions to financial problems so that these goals can be accomplished while spending the least amount of money. I believe the Board of Directors and the headquarters staff should be completely accountable to all members for all funds collected and spent. We must conserve our assets and spend our money wisely and conservatively for the benefit of the organization and all of the members. We can only achieve this by having someone with experience in the management of funds and financial reporting and auditing procedures.

For the past 15 years I have been employed as an Accounting Manager in the commercial real estate development field. In this capacity I was responsible for the budgeting and management of funds of projects totaling over 300 million dollars. These various projects varied in size from seven million to twenty million dollars each in office and warehouse space. Because of my constant surveillance, we had the lowest square foot cost of any office building on the entire east side of Seattle. In addition, I handled all of the contract administration. In this capacity I prepared and administered all of the construction contracts for the buildings. I was responsible for the property management and prepared the operating budgets for the buildings. If it involved money, legal matters or organization of a project, I was involved. Because of my extensive knowledge of financial matters, I will bring to the office of Treasurer the kind of leadership, experience and organization we desperately need.

I have been in The 99s since 1966 and have held all offices and most committee positions at both Chapter and Section level. With the assistance of Pat Jenkins from Idaho, I prepared the legal documents, wrote the bylaws and incorporated the Northwest Section in the State of Washington. Pat and I then secured a 501(c)(3) Group Exemption Status for the Section and all Chapters. I served on the Section Board of Directors and aided in setting up sound financial guidelines as we went from an organization with a deficit budget to one with a stabilized financial base. I was Treasurer, Vice Governor and then Governor in 1984-85. During my term as Governor, we hosted one of the more successful International Conventions in Anchorage, Alaska, with over 900 Ninety-Nines in attendance. I have attended all but three Section meetings since 1975 and 10 International meetings. I am currently serving as International Bylaws Chairman, Northwest Section 501(c)(3) Chairman and Rainier Chapter Newsletter Chairman. I was active in Civil Air Patrol as a search and rescue pilot, observer and Air Operations Officer. I belonged to the Washington Aerospace Association and set up the initial accounting records for the Fear of Flying Clinic.



### Beverley Sharp

As a candidate for Director in 1994, my primary goal was to "determine our members' needs, interests, skills, and expectations so we can conduct exciting programs to support our members and aviation." I stated further, "Once we find out what our members want from the organization, then we can focus our energies...I support strong pro-active committees to spread the work around." I am proud to say that as a result of our comprehensive long-range planning process, we are well on the way to achieving that goal! We've honed a clear mission statement based on your input. Six task forces, involving a broad cross-section of members, are implementing action plans supporting the mission. I want to stay in the Board room to continue this exciting venture.

Serving on the Finance and Long-range Planning Committees, I've learned many details about the problems facing the organization and helped forge solutions to some of these challenges. As Treasurer, I will focus on maximizing funds available for programs and activities by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of our administrative systems and procedures; providing greater visibility of our financial condition and usage and benefits of discretionary expenditures; maximizing our return through prudent management of investments; and developing and leveraging other sources of funds besides dues (e.g., corporate sponsorship of convention events).

Besides these financially related objectives, I am committed to pursuing the long-range planning process to ensure that our priorities are aligned with your needs and expectations and to encourage member participation at all levels.

I joined The 99s upon getting my license in 1982 and have been a working member ever since. As Chapter Chairman, I led the successful effort to raise \$25,000 for the perpetuating Gerda Ruhnke Memorial Scholarship Fund, administered under the AE Scholarship program. As Newsletter Editor, I established a standard that drew praise from many quarters, including the International President, and subscribers outside the Chapter. I've recently returned to my first job—Chapter Membership Chairman. I just completed a second term as Section Treasurer, having introduced standard fund accounting and financial statements, established fiscal year budgeting, and instituted annual audits in keeping with our bylaws in my first term.

I am President of a computer consulting firm supporting small businesses and non-profit organizations with financial, accounting, and management information systems. As a United Way volunteer, I review the programs and budgets of hundreds of non-profit agencies with operating budgets exceeding \$400 million and allocate approximately \$30 million in non-designated funds.

I serve as an FAA Safety Counselor and represented the 99s on the General Aviation Action Plan Coalition Accident Prevention Working Group. I've flown Chapter and Section events, attended many Section meetings, conventions, and Forest of Friendship celebrations, and visited other Chapters and Sections. I *always* enjoy the special camaraderie of The 99s. It has been a privilege to serve you, the members. I will continue to bring my professional expertise and "can do" leadership to The 99s.





## Nominees for International Board of Directors

### Joy Parker Blackwood

**MISSION:** To serve all 99 members by focusing the business of the Corporation to its stated Purpose and the wishes of the member majority. "If you build it, they will come."

**BACKGROUND:** My formal college education in Fine Arts (Music and Theatre) has given me the poise and confidence needed in speaking in front of audiences and the discipline to work hard and meet deadlines...or, as they say, "the show must go on." My career for the last 20 years has been in industrial show business. I have held many positions that have given me a broad-based experience in such areas as office management, show and convention production management, project and corporate budgeting and accounting, human resources, policies and procedures, customer service, marketing and owner. My love affair with flying began with my interest in "Warbirds" as a lifetime member/squadron member of the Confederate Air Force in Texas. I received my pilot's license in 1983 and joined The 99s as a 66 and 99 in the same year. I have served our organization on Chapter-level committees, as Section Meeting Coordinator and as Chapter Chairman. I am currently finishing my term as Section Governor and Governor Spokesperson.

#### POSITION:

##### *Purpose:*

- Through the established Long-Range Planning Committee process, formulate a purpose statement that reflects the needs and desires of the organization.
- Focus on and enact plans, programs, policies and procedures that best sustain the organization and its members for years to come.

##### *Global Perspective:*

- A true "international" voice to encourage equal representation and unique perspectives of our worldwide membership.
- Help to determine how The 99s can have a stronger global influence on women in aviation.

##### *Grass roots:*

- The Board of Directors must service this important customer.
- Listen to, guide, learn from and respect the individuality of Chapters and Sections.
- These are the members who *really* shape our organization today and tomorrow.

##### *Communication:*

- Open and honest, clear and concise, across all levels of the organization.
- Utilize current technologies wherever possible for effectiveness and efficiency.
- Visit with and be accessible to members.
- Must have a complete member profession/skill/hobby database.

##### *Administration:*

- Streamline policies and procedures. Review organizational structure.
- Financial responsibility, accountability and disclosure to the membership.

##### *Leadership:*

- Must start from the top to influence, guide and challenge ourselves to be the best.



- Make decisions, define authorities and accountabilities, delegate responsibilities, motivate and manage, trust and commitment in one's self and our organization.
- Vision. Willingness to accept change when change makes us better.
- Love and respect what we do as 99s and the camaraderie and love of flying that binds us.

This is my challenge and commitment to you.

### Cathie Mayr

I believe The 99s—as the world's oldest and most prestigious organization for women pilots—should be the driving force in making a difference for women in aviation the world over. I believe I can contribute to this goal, and would appreciate your vote for the Board of Directors. Together we can (1) Set a focused, member-driven direction; (2) Develop programs and materials for Chapter use; (3) Portray a professional image; (4) Publicize ourselves widely; (5) Develop close working relationships with other aviation organizations; and (6) develop specific programs aimed at non-U.S. women pilots.



As an active instrument-rated private pilot, I've attended 14 Section Meetings and four International Conventions. A 99 since 1987, I've served at all levels of the organization: North Central Section Governor (1994-96); Secretary and Membership Chairman; Wisconsin Chapter Chairman, Council of Governors; International Long-Range Planning Committee (1994-96); and EAA-Oshkosh Coordinator (1992-present).

As North Central Section Governor, I am leading efforts to transform our second largest Section. With an emphasis on flying, we have downsized our committee structure, eliminated unnecessary business and meetings, focused our spending, and increased opportunities to share information between Chapters and members. It is our Chapters that need our attention at the Section and International levels so they can continue to conduct safety programs, put on educational programs for children, raise scholarship funds, support community aviation events, and raise money for important 99s' projects. At the International level, we need to develop and provide programs and materials for Chapter use.

It was my privilege to conduct the Long-Range Planning Survey last year. I received, read, analyzed and reported on what over 600 of you said. Your articulate, passionate and heartfelt responses showed the 99s mean a great deal to you. I consider it my responsibility to take your wishes to our Board, be actively involved in the process of crafting a long range plan for The 99s, and make the plan a reality.

I've worked hard to develop a strong relationship with EAA through regular meetings and correspondence with EAA management. I have managed The 99s' exhibit at the Oshkosh Fly-in where we now serve as a focal point for nearly 600 women pilots every year. As a management consultant with a Bachelor's Degree in business administration, I have spent the past 25 years helping organizations set a direction, achieve their goals and apply technology effectively. I believe these skills will enable me

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## Nominees for International Board of Directors, *continued*

to serve you well.

The 99s have enabled me to challenge my personal limits, broaden my horizons and make dear friends from around the world. I believe I can play an effective leadership role in our organization, and I would appreciate your vote for Director.

### Michelee Cabot

As Governor of the New England Section, and therefore a member of the Council of Governors, I have become increasingly interested in the dynamics of our organization and the vitality of its future. The complex world we function in today clearly needs not only intelligent women of great good will, but necessarily ones with a wide range of experience, to better serve our organization. My background in aviation, as well as the urban community at large, makes me well qualified to sit as Director on The 99s Board.



In the "civilian" world, I have served on boards of local institutions, and am presently a corporator of one of them.

I have been a radio talk show hostess, newspaper restaurant reviewer, and radio movie reviewer, as well as working behind the scenes as a local PBS TV volunteer.

I have staffed schools and museums with volunteers, and been a docent as well. I've run an Aviation Post with the Boy Scouts of America!

I have been the office manager at two FBOs, and for several years a glider tow pilot.

But particularly from my experiences within the 99s, I bring to the position of Director the full complement of struggles and successes. And having had the privilege and pleasure of being a part of the beginning of the exciting changes and revitalization of our organization through the instigation of the Long-Range

Planning Committee, I would like to continue being a part of that process as a Director. I would be very good at it. Thank you.

### Mary Margaret Wunder

As a candidate for the Board of Directors, my position is to help the 99s return to the grass roots. This means to me that the Board must *represent, support, and benefit* the Chapters and Sections at levels meaningful and effective to them.

After graduating from high school in 1971, I worked at Alan Wood Steel Company in the Operations Research Department until they closed in 1977. I completed my Bachelor's degree at Villanova University with a major in business and a minor in math. The following year I also earned my pilot's license. My career continued as manager of a Credit Union office waiting to become an Air Traffic Controller. In September of 1981 I was hired by the FAA and went to school in Oklahoma City (OKC). I worked at Wilkes Barre for four years, and Allentown (ABE) for one and one-half years, which are both level three approach control facilities. I advanced to and have been with Philadelphia Approach Control (a level five center), for the past eight years.



As Chapter Chairman for Eastern Pennsylvania for four years (1990-1994), I was instrumental in establishing our Chapter Scholarship, the purpose of which is to encourage women to start flying. I also initiated the associated scholarship fundraising activities.

I use my position as Air Traffic Controller to promote aviation through tours of the control tower, participation in Career Day Programs, and speaking engagements to both aviation and non-aviation groups. I received a Special Achievement Award from the FAA in 1992, and the Women of Vision Award from the Montgomery County Women's Conference.

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## Nominees for Nominating Committee

### Barbara Evans

Obtained pilots license in 1948 in a J3 Cub and joined the 99s in 1950. Served as Governor of NY-NJ Section 1953-55. Served as Chairman of the PPD Terminus and 99 convention in 1955 in Springfield, Mass. Elected to International 99 Board 1955-57, International Treasurer 1957-59 and International Secretary 1959-61.

Executive Vice-Chairman/Treasurer of All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (PPD) 1961-77. Flew many route surveys, edited the official race program for 13 years, co-edited the 1974 Powder Puff Derby Album and the 1983 PPD History Book. Flew four PPDs, the AWNEAR (winning copilot), and the IAR.

In 1959 co-edited *Thirty Sky Blue Years*, a history of the 99s, for the 30th anniversary. Served six years as Trustee on the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Board. For many years was Alice Hammond's assistant on the issuance and selling of the Official First Day Covers for the benefit of AEMSF. Upon Alice's death in 1993, have continued this annual project.

Have attended all but a few of the last 45 International 99 Conventions plus a lot of Section meetings.

Since 1990, have served as Trustee on the International Women's Air and Space Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

Having been a 99 for 45 years and knowing members from all geographic areas, I feel I am qualified and capable of serving the members well on the Nominating Committee.



### Joan Lynum

I joined The 99s in the summer of 1982 and have been a member continuously since. I have served at the Chapter level on various committees and on the executive as Vice Chairman and Chairman. In the West Canada Section, I have served as Treasurer, Vice Governor and Governor, attending all Section meetings since 1983. Additionally, I have attended eight conventions.

I am a strong proponent of consensus-building and cooperation.

I am a current pilot. My husband and I own a Cessna 182 and have done extensive cross-country flying, most of it in the mountains.

If elected, I will strive to encourage capable women who are qualified, to consider running for International Office in The 99s.



### Barbara J. Collins

It has been obvious for some time that, although The 99s is called the International Women Pilots, there is very little input by, or interest in the International members.

Accordingly, I consider it appropriate as a member of the largest "overseas" Section and, having been actively involved in the organization since 1974, I should be considered a most suitable member of the Nominating Committee.

As Governor of the Australian Section from 1986-1989 and again from 1991-1993, I became very involved and dedicated to The 99s. Our Section membership increased over 70 percent during my term as Governor.

I have attended five International Conventions, 16 Section Meetings, three Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) Conventions, a Canadian Women in Aviation Conference and the Inaugural New Zealand Airwomen's and Australian Women Pilot's Association Rally in New Zealand.

I was Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Inaugural Australian and New Zealand Women in Aviation Conference held in Adelaide, South Australia in March 1995. Ninety-Nines from America, Canada, Britain and New Zealand attended.

Since 1973, I have been actively involved at State Committee and Federal Committee level of the Australian Women Pilot's Association. During my three-year term as a member of the Federal Committee, I was actively involved in all areas of the administration of this major Australian aviation organization. During this period, I was also Airnews Editor, and responsible for producing the quarterly magazine.

In consideration of my experience, knowledge and concern for the future of The 99s, I am confident I would provide a positive and unbiased contribution to the Organization by serving on the Nominating Committee.



### Margaret (Peg) Davidson

Margaret (Peg) Davidson has been an active member of The 99s after earning her license in 1936. She helped organize the Connecticut Chapter and became the first Chairman and is the Connecticut Chairman again. She served as Governor of the New England Section and has attended about 20 Conventions. She served on many committees including Bylaws (about 10 years), Nominating Committee for at least 15 years in Chapter and Section and one time International. Peg served on the Powder Puff Derby Board for seven years and entered many air races. Was awarded the Merit Award at Section level. Is a member of AOPA (32 years), Zonta (five years) and Silver Wings, and President of CAPA.

Part owner in the family electronics business and have BSRN degree from the University of Connecticut.



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## Nominees for Nominating Committee, *continued*

### Phyllis J. Kramer

I became a pilot in 1977 because I found I was not enamored with weekend housekeeping while my spouse was out enjoying flying. My next goal was to become a 99! This was accomplished during the time a prospective member was required to attend three meetings, with the third meeting the time members voted on the prospect's membership. My experience with the 99s program has been positive. I have enjoyed working with two Chapters, the Colorado Chapter (in Eastern Colorado) and the High Country 99s (in Western Colorado). While with the Colorado Chapter, I served as various Committee Chairs and as Vice Chairman 1985-1987. I also had the pleasure of serving as VIP Committee Chair for Colorado Chapter's Fall '90 Section Meeting.

My spouse and I moved to Western Colorado in 1988. It was lonely without my 99s' sisters. It was time to "found" another Chapter. Thus, the creation and start-up of High Country Chapter was accomplished during the Fall of 1990. I served as the High Country 99s Chairman 1990-1992 as well as the Chapter Newsletter Editor. I am still serving on the Chapter Board, 1992-1996, as Past Chapter Chair and as the Legislative Committee Chair. It was my pleasure to serve as the Chapter's fall '95 Grand Junction Section Meeting General Chair. At the Section level, I've been honored to have been selected as the SC Section Treasurer, 1992-1994, and currently as the SC Section Secretary, 1994-1996. During Spring 1993 I assisted International for a short interim as a 501(c)(3) Advisor.

My participation in local aviation includes memberships in the local EAA Chapter, the local Pilots Association, the Cherokee Pilots Association, and AOPA. I am particularly proud of my two terms as Vice President of the Colorado Pilots Association. During which I set up and developed a statewide program for area representatives for the Colorado Pilots Association. I am a member of the Delta County Airport Advisory Committee. I am a strong believer in and supporter of The 99s programs. I would consider it an honor to serve as a member of your International Nominating Committee. As a member of this important committee, I will work with the other members to seek and encourage candidates who are positive and dedicated to continue in the strengthening of our valuable 99s international organization.

### Anne M. Shields

Due to my jobs—as Flight Instructor 17 years and 28 years with the FAA as an Air Traffic Control Specialist in Flight Service, working shift work—I was unable to commit to many of the offices of the 99s. Therefore, I could only accept back-up commitments, such as Vice Chairman, Newsletter editor and committee worker. I have always been a promoter of women in aviation and solicited every woman pilot who came into the office to become a 99. I've been an FAA Safety Counselor since its inception until two years ago. I have



been an active 99 for 48 years.

Special aviation related awards: Outstanding Air Traffic Control Specialist 1969; Honored by Pennsylvania Region NAI - (Negro Airman Int'l.) 1974; Distinguished Achievement Award 1977 by Delaware Valley Council Aviation Committee; Woman of the Year 1985 by Silver Wings Fraternity; AOPA for a career of dedication and outstanding service to Aviation as a Flight Service Specialist 1987 (when I retired).

### Nancy Walters

I took my first airplane ride on my first anniversary in 1978, received my private pilot ticket in 1979 on the same day as my husband, and joined the Michigan Chapter of The 99s in 1980. I have attended numerous International Conventions, Section meetings, and other flying events. I have served as Chairman of the Michigan Chapter, and every committee you can "volunteer" for. Presently, I serve as Treasurer and Trustee of the Michigan Aviation Education Foundation and on the Board of Directors of Mercy Med Flights, as well as a Board member of the Michigan Aviation Association. I have flown in the Michigan Small Race every year since 1980 and flew in the Air Race Classic.

Presently, I fly a Bonanza and within a year plan to be flying our experimental Glasair "N99WR" when it is built. Both my husband and I love flying, which makes for a wonderful relationship. I'd like to be on the Nominating Committee to help find competent women to serve as officers of our wonderful organization.



### Nancy Lucile Wright

I have gained experience and know many members of The 99s through all of my committee work and international experiences. I would like to be of further service by serving on the International Nominating Committee.

I am fairly new to The 99s as I have only been in the organization since 1982. People have told me that you learn by doing so I jumped in with both feet. I began my 99 journey in the Florida Suncoast Chapter. I served on just about every committee and held all Chapter offices that there were to hold. One thing I did not do was be a Chapter Officer more than once. My journey continued to the Section level. There I served as Secretary, Vice Governor and Governor. I served on several committees as well. Onward and upward! International! I have been International Chairman for Aerospace, Standing Rules, '91 Convention Chairman Ad Hoc Committee for Conventions, Spokesperson for the Council of Governors, International Nominating Committee—and a few I've probably forgotten. I have journeyed to 10 Conventions and 18 Section Meetings. I am a commercial pilot with an instrument rating and I have all of my ground school ratings. It would be my pleasure to serve and help seek out members of outstanding ability to work and serve this wonderful organization.





## Nominees for AE Birthplace Museum Trustees

These nominees have been approved by the International 99s Board of Directors at their fall meeting. They were first selected by the AEBM Trustees before presentation to the BOD as in Amendments of the International 99s bylaws.

The Proviso approved at International Convention in Halifax stated: *"To establish the rotation system for electing AEBM Trustees, when elections are held in 1996, three trustees will be elected. The member receiving the greatest number of votes will serve a four-year term. The other two trustees will serve a two-year term."*

The current chairman of the AEBM will continue to serve for four more years, in addition to those who are elected by ballot in 1996. The nominees for AEBM Trustees (in alphabetical order) are: Lois Feigenbaum, Dorothy Maloney, Brooks Powell, Michele Stauffer, Carole Sutton and Sally Van Zandt.

### Lois Feigenbaum

Lois is Chairman of the Cape Girardeau Area Chapter and a past International President. She began her impressive flying career in 1962 and within 18 months of her first solo, she obtained Private and Commercial Licenses, as well as Multiengine, Instrument and Certified Flight Instructor Ratings. Thereafter, she received her Airline Transport Pilot Certificate.

Lois has flown in the Powder Puff Derby and placed in the top 10 in the past five Air Race Classic Races. She flies a Beech Baron and lives on a farm near Berryman, Mo.

During her 32 years as a 99, she has held numerous offices and served as chairman of many committees. She served on the International Committee to read and approve the Minutes of the International Convention for 1993 and 1994. Lois was the only woman to receive the "Area Appreciation Award" from Southern Illinois Incorporated for her contribution to the area through her interest in aviation. She was appointed by the President of the U.S. to serve on the FAA Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation which later became the Citizens Advisory Committee on Aviation, serving as Co-chairman in 1975.

She has been an Accident Prevention Counselor since 1972. In 1979, she received the Sharples Award at the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association Convention, the first woman ever to receive this prestigious award.

Among her numerous accomplishments and awards, Lois was appointed Midwest Regional Representative for AOPA in 1980; in 1981 was appointed National Chairman of the U.S. Proficiency Flight Team (USPFT); and was Vice-Chairman of the World Aviation, Education & Safety Congress held in Bombay, India, in 1994.



### Dorothy Maloney

Dorothy is a member of the Northeast Kansas Chapter. She has served as Vice Chairman as well as two terms as Membership Chairman. Dorothy is an active 99 who attends local and Section meetings regularly. She lives in Kansas City, Mo., is semi-retired and has the following business experience:

From 1950 to 1960, she was a co-owner of M&W Designs Studio where she designed, marketed, manufactured and distributed holiday design craft kits.

From 1960 to 1970, she was a fashion coordinator for the



House of Fabrics in Kansas City. She traveled extensively to all domestic and European markets to buy fabrics and notions and to assist with advance fashion information for all of their 250 stores. From 1976 to 1995, she was a fashion director at the Kansas City Apparel Mart where her primary duties included coordinating and producing all fashion shows for each season's market. In addition, she worked full time managing a showroom for the firm of Vunovich-Kilroy and Associates. Her duties here included bookkeeping, commission statements and working with out of town wholesale buyers of women's apparel.

### Brooks Powell

Brooks is a member of the Northeast Kansas Chapter. She has served as Chapter Chairman as well as other offices and on many other committees. She has a fine educational and professional background in restoration and interior decoration and lives in the historic home district of Topeka, Kansas. She has a degree in Fine Arts from Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., as well as from the School of Interior Design at the University of Kansas in Manhattan. She has pilot ratings of SEL, Commercial and Instrument.

She has worked in clothing design, as a legal secretary, and as a summer art school instructor. She is an artist who has participated in numerous shows and has paintings represented in several private collections. She is editor of *Runway Lights*, the Northeast Kansas Chapter newsletter.

Brooks is a member of Junior League of Topeka, Inc., Shawnee County Medical Auxiliary, a Lt. in the Civil Air Patrol, member of the Kansas State Aviation Committee and of South Central Section Governor's Advisory Board, the Forest of Friendship, Mulvane Art Center Woman's Board and St. David's Episcopal Church Altar Guild. She served as co-chair for the Northeast Kansas 99s Pinch Hitter Course, 1991-92.



### Michele Stauffer

Michele is a member of the Northeast Kansas Chapter who lives in Overland Park, Kan. Michele is presently serving as an AEBM Trustee. She has served as Chairman of her Chapter, as well as giving generously of her time and energy informing organizations about aviation, promoting aviation safety and industry expansion. She is an active and effective philanthropist for her church, spearheading



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## Nominees for AE Birthplace Museum Trustees, *continued*

fundraising operations for a \$6 million worship center and educational facility expansion.

Michele earned her private license in 1973 and has amassed 5,000 hours of flight time which include Commercial, Instrument and Multiengine ratings. She distinguished herself and women in aviation on April 13, 1993, by being the first American woman to pilot the Russian SUKHOE SU-27 tactical fighter. This flight was a result of an invitation of the joint venture of Sukoe Design Bureau of Moscow and Diamond Enterprises of California. After an intense ground school at Zhukovsky Air Base near Moscow, Michele flew the SU-27 at speeds of Mach 1.4.

Michele is probably best known for her successful efforts in aircraft sales. Under her guidance, Kansas Aircraft Corporation located at New Century Airport near Gardner, Kan., has become the fastest growing fixed base operation in the Midwest.

### Carole Sutton

Carole is a member of the Nebraska Chapter. She lives near Chester, Neb. She currently serves as Governor of the South Central Section and Secretary of the AEBM Trustees. She earned her Private license in 1968 and continued to a Commercial in 1975. An Amelia Earhart Scholarship enabled her to complete her Instrument rating. She has logged over 3500 hours. Carole joined the Nebraska Chapter in 1973 and served as an officer at every level as well as all offices in the South Central Section.



Her goal is to continue to serve on the AEBM Trustees, to be involved with the restoration of this very valuable asset of The 99s, and to work in conjunction with the citizens of Atchison to see that it is completed and maintained successfully.

Carole and her husband own and operate an aerial spraying business. She earned her aerial applicators license in 1977, was the first female to be certified for aerial application in Nebraska and is currently the only woman holding an aerial applicator's license in Kansas.

Other affiliations with aviation are with the Flying Farmers, Nebraska Aviation Trades Association and the Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association. She is serving as president of the Belleville Flyers, Inc., and works with the local Chamber of Commerce to promote aviation activities.

### Sally Van Zandt

Sally is Chairman of the Nebraska Chapter and has served all other Chapter offices. She joined The 99s in 1972 as soon as she was eligible for membership. Sally lives in Lincoln, Neb. As a representative of The 99s, Sally has worked with the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics in sponsoring Flight Safety Clinics, Air Bear presentations and the statewide Aviation Art Contest. She has served two terms as South Central Section Membership Advisor and is currently active advisor of the Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee.



Sally has served as head timer for the Powder Puff Derby at Kearney and Ainsworth, Neb., and Belleville, Kan. She was responsible for the donation of the Nebraska State Tree for the Forest of Friendship from the State of Nebraska.

Sally earned her Bachelor's Degree in Home Economics and Master of Science Degree in Human Development and the Family from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Since that time, she has been a teacher there for 30 years. Her expertise is in the field of gerontology. In 1994, she studied elderly widows in Beijing, China, and found more similarities than differences between the two cultures.

She also has conducted research with elderly individuals who lose their sight, research with middle-aged persons and their aging parents, and research with grandparents and grandchildren. She is presently Professor Emeritus at the UN-Lincoln. She has received honors including Distinguished Professor at UN-Lincoln, student selected Outstanding Advisor and Award of Merit from the American Personnel and Guidance Association.

## Nominees for AE Memorial Scholarship Trustees

### Genie Rae O'Kelley

Genie has been flying for about 30 years. She was given an application to join The 99s by Evelyn Bryan Johnson the day she became a private pilot and has been active in the Tennessee Chapter ever since. She lives in Knoxville.

Of her many honors, she became the third woman to receive the FAA National Flight Instructor of the Year Award in 1986. Currently, Genie is a Chief Flight Instructor, a member of the Board of the Air Race Classic, and teaches ground schools for the University of Tennessee.

Throughout her career, she has continued to support women in aviation and safety through education.



### Madeleine Monaco

Madeleine is past Chairman of the Chicago Area Chapter. She is a business rep for a labor union and serves as an Alderman and Commissioner for Palwaukee Airport. Madeleine has a degree from National Lewis University, and is a Commercial pilot with Instrument and Multiengine flight instructor ratings.

Her 99 service includes a term as International Legislation Chair, terms as Section Legislation, Membership, Bylaws Chair and Secretary, as well as many positions in the Chicago Area Chapter.

Madeleine has been a 99 since 1978. She is a proud 1987 AE Scholarship recipient and has long been a supporter of the AE Scholarship program. She wants very much to contribute to its ongoing success. She has two grown children and loves to travel.







# **International Convention Registration Information**

*Oklahoma City, Oklahoma — July 11-13, 1996*





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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### JULY 10, WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

International Board of Directors Meeting

Open to membership on a "space available" basis

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Optional tours

Early arrivals

Private aircraft: *Wiley Post Airport -*

*transportation provided by local 99s*

*Will Rogers World Airport - FBO courtesy*  
*transportation available*

Commercial flights: *airport shuttle or taxi*

1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Early Registration and Credentials

2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room

### JULY 11, THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Exhibitor and 99s Fly Market set-up

7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Registration and Credentials

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund

Board of Trustees Meeting

10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Fly Market/Exhibits open

1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Hospitality Room

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tours of FAA Mike Monroney Center

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception with Exhibits and Fly Market

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room

### JULY 12, FRIDAY

6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Continental breakfast

Registration and Credentials

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Communications Session

8:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

49 1/2s tour of AWACs facility at Tinker AFB

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

AEMSF Luncheon/Scholarship presentations

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Reception for AEMSF winners

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration

Hospitality Room

3:00 p.m. - 3:50 p.m.

Women in Aviation and Aerospace panel

Donna Shirley, Mary Kelly and others

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Rap Sessions

*Large Chapter/Small and Medium Chapter Management •*

*Long-Range Planning • Membership • Aerospace Education •*

*Public Relations • 21st Century Fund • AE Birthplace Museum*

5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Homecoming '96

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bus shuttle to Headquarters

Open House. *Admission: Don't forget, admission to Headquarters requires some item of aviation memorabilia such as an article about a Chapter activity, photographs with identification pasted on the back, your own photo and resume, etc.*

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Bus shuttle to Bricktown

Dinner on own at Bricktown

Bus shuttle to Hotel.

### JULY 13, SATURDAY

6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Continental breakfast Registration and Credentials

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Business Meeting continued

49 1/2s golf or airport activity

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Lunch on own, transportation to

Oklahoma Air and Space Museum

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Aviation Seminars & museum tours

1:00 - 1:50: GPS Research Project - Univ. of Okla.

Aviation Safety Seminar (WINGS qualifier)

2:00 - 2:50: Patrick Boyarski, Manager of Cessna's  
new single engine facility in Independence, Kan.

2:50 - 3:10: Break

3:10 - 4:00: MARS Project - Donna Shirley

Setting Aviation Records - Jack Cole

4:10 - 5:00: 1929 Air Derby - Gene Nora Jessen

Fit to Fly - Margaret Rappaport

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hospitality Room

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Transportation to Hotel

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

No Host Cocktails

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Awards Banquet

10:00 p.m.

Continuation of Business Meeting, if necessary

### JULY 14, SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Weather Briefing

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Departures

Wiley Post Airport (*transportation by local 99s*)

Will Rogers World Airport (*courtesy van to FBO,*  
*airport shuttle or taxi to commercial flights*)

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Post-Convention Board of Directors Meeting

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Post-Convention Tours

*Detailed information about Convention tours and options can be found on page 19 of this issue.*



## HOME COMING

## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First name or nickname for badge \_\_\_\_\_

Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

First name or nickname for badge \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest's full name \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date/Time\_\_\_\_\_Airline\_\_\_\_\_Flight #\_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date/Time\_\_\_\_\_Airline\_\_\_\_\_Flight #\_\_\_\_\_

Type aircraft \_\_\_\_\_ Registration # \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ ETD \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Charter Member
- ☐ International Board
- ☐ Past International President
- ☐ Section Governor
- ☐ International Committee Chairman
- ☐ WASP
- ☐ AWTAR Alumna
- ☐ AE Scholarship Board of Trustees
- ☐ Chapter Chairman
- ☐ New Member
- ☐ First Convention
- ☐ Under 35 years of age
- ☐ Former AE Scholarship Winner

**I need special assistance:**

I wish to volunteer for:

*All reservations must be guaranteed by first night's deposit with check or credit card.*

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking/Non-smoking \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_ Special Requests \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_ C/C No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Required for Credit Card)

**Single or double occupancy, \$69.00 per day**





HOMEcoming '96

## REGISTRATION FEES

Register by June 3, 1996

Deluxe Registration postmarked by June 3, 1996 \$ 199.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Includes Welcome Reception, Headquarters Open House, Friday/Saturday Continental Breakfasts, AE Luncheon, Awards Banquet, Registration and other printed materials, Souvenir program, Hospitality Suite and Transportation to scheduled events.)*

Budget Registration postmarked by June 3, 1996 \$ 129.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Includes everything except AE Luncheon and Awards Banquet)*

Registration postmarked after June 3, 1996, add \$50.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### EXTRA TICKETS FOR REGISTRANTS:

NO. ATTENDING

Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Luncheon \$ 30 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards Banquet \$ 55 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Homecoming '96 Headquarters Open House \$ 10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Air and Space Museum Aviation/Space Fair \$ 7 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 49 1/2 EVENTS

Tinker Air Force Base AWACs Tour n/c x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Morning Golf Game \$ 35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### CONVENTION OPTIONS:

Federal Aviati:

6-foot table/\$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Individual or Company: 6-foot table/\$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT INFORMATION:

☐ Check enclosed (Payable to The Ninety-Nines, Inc.)

☐ VISA ☐ Master Card

Card no. \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Required for Credit Card

*Mail checks for Registration/  
Convention fees/Fly Market  
to: Convention Coordinator  
Jennifer Anderson  
12912 Deerfield Circle  
Oklahoma City, OK 73142*



## GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

### Registration Services:

The Convention Registration Service Center will be located outside the main ballroom in the foyer. Hours of operation are listed in the Schedule of Events.

### Credentials:

Be sure to bring your current Ninety-Nines membership card and check in with Credentials, located near the Registration area, before attending the Annual Business Meeting. Make sure your Chapter's delegate votes are distributed among members who are attending, or assigned to individuals who will be attending the Annual Business Meeting. Hours of operation are listed in the Schedule of Events.

### Fly Market:

Sections or Chapters wishing to sell merchandise should reserve a table (\$20 each) by mailing their check (payable to The Ninety-Nines, Inc.) to Convention Coordinator Jennifer Anderson, 12912 Deerfield Circle, Oklahoma City, OK 73142. Cost for individuals is \$50 per table. Neither the Marriott Hotel nor The Ninety-Nines will be responsible for items missing or stolen. You will be responsible for finding a secure place for your items each day.

### Hotel Reservations: (by June 3, please!)

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Oklahoma City Marriott for the special convention rate of \$69.00 single or double. Because of the heavy demand for rooms, we are asking that you make your reservations no later than June 3. After that date rooms may not be available. A hotel reservation form is included with this magazine insert. Please fill it out and mail directly to the Marriott Hotel, 3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112 with your payment.

### Arrival by Commercial Airline:

Will Rogers World Airport - Airport shuttle service is available for \$12.00 one way, one passenger, \$2.00 each additional passenger.

### Arrival by Private Aircraft:

Wiley Post Airport - Million Air. Tiedown free with gas purchase for duration of 99s Convention. Avgas \$1.79 per gallon firm. Free transportation to hotel provided by Oklahoma Chapter 99s.

Will Rogers World Airport - AAR. Tiedown free first night only with gas purchase. Airport shuttle/\$12.00 first person, \$2.00 each additional person.

### Name Tags, Tickets & Admittance:

**WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS!** Name tags are required for all general sessions and meal functions. In addition, tickets will be issued for optional tours, AEMSF Luncheon, Air and Space Museum Aviation/Space Fair and Saturday Banquet.

### Banquet Seating:

Banquet seating is by advance seating reservation. Please present the card in your registration packet to registration personnel who will help you reserve your table. No seating will be assigned without presentation of the reservation card. If you wish to sit with certain people, get your group together *before* making your table reservations.

### Additional Information:

#### Hotel Information

Reservations and special requests	405/842-6633
Convention Information	
Jennifer Anderson, Con. Coordinator	405/751/8801
Carol Sokatch, Local Coordinator	405/840-1156

## CONVENTION TOURS AND OPTIONS

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

**Cowboy Hall of Fame optional tour.** A visit to the National Cowboy Hall of Fame is like stepping back into the Old West, just as it was before the turn of the century. It is an exciting, action-packed journey, where visitors can explore the pages of history in a lively setting that transports them to the days when gunslingers walked the wooden sidewalks of the West, and blacksmith shops and general stores were gathering places.

**Remington Park Racetrack optional event.** Summer quarterhorse racing will be under way at this top-notch racing facility. Enjoy this exciting form of horse racing in air-conditioned comfort.

### THURSDAY, JULY 11

**The Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center** is the training resource for a majority of the world's air traffic controllers. In addition to the FAA Academy, the Center also houses the U.S. Coast Guard Institute, the Transportation Safety Institute, the FAA Logistics Center and the Civil Aeromedical Institute. At the Academy, a guide will explain and demonstrate the air traffic control Tower Simulator, a fiber optics, state-of-the-art simulator where conditions from dawn to dusk, severe clear to zero-zero visibility, and any combination in between, can be evoked by the trainer. The next stop is the 727 simulator where, number and time permitting, actual simulator time is planned.

### FRIDAY, JULY 12

**49 1/2 tour of AWACs facility, Tinker AFB.** Visit one of the U.S. Air Force "eyes and ears of the battlefield commander," the E-3 AWACs aircraft. AWACs aircraft are based in only four locations in the U.S., they're also utilized in counter-drug sorties. Tinker is also home to the Navy's Strategic Communications Wing ONE which provides command/control capabilities for submarines, bombers and land-based missile sites.

**Headquarters Open House/Bricktown Tour.** The first bus departs from the Marriott Hotel at 5:30 p.m. to Ninety-Nines Headquarters for a tour and light reception. Buses will depart from the Marriott every 20 minutes until everyone has been transported to Headquarters. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the first bus will leave for Bricktown and dinner on your own. A list of restaurants will be provided in your registration packet. Buses will return you to the hotel during the evening.

### SATURDAY, JULY 13

**49 1/2 Options.** Golf - Silverhorn Golf Course, Edmond, OK - \$35.00 per person includes cart and green fees. Transportation will be provided by local volunteers.

**Oklahoma Air and Space Museum.** It's an afternoon of soaking up aviation and space-related information in a rich setting of early-day to space aircraft. Speakers listed on the next page are just a few of the talented presenters you'll hear.

### SUNDAY, JULY 14

**Cowboy Hall of Fame Tour**  
**Remington Park Racetrack**  
(same as Wednesday)



## SPEAKERS



Donna Shirley, manager of the Mars Exploration Program office for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology, will present slides and videos of the upcoming Mars missions. Shirley, who was raised in Wynnewood, Okla., has a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering and 30 years of experience in aerospace and civil systems, including previously managing the Mars Pathfinder Microrover Flight Experiment. JPL's Space Station Program, Mission Design Section and project engineer for Mariner 10, to name a few.



Jack L. Cole, Jr. is president and CEO of the National Aeronautic Association, the National Aero Club of the U.S. A certified flight instructor/commercial pilot with an instrument rating, Cole has logged over 6,500 total flying hours, including extensive instructor and check pilot time in the DC-3 and Cessna 172. Cole directed and operated VIP air transportation for the President, Vice President and senior governmental officials, and worked the Desert Shield/Desert

Storm airlift of 482,000 troops and 513,000 tons of cargo half way around the world. A native of Wheatland, Wyo., he will present information about setting aviation records.



Gene Nora Jessen, a native of Evanston, Ill., worked her way through the University of Oklahoma teaching flying. She later became a sales demo pilot for Beech Aircraft in Wichita, Kan., flying the entire Beech line in a 48-state territory. A past president of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., Jessen is a Gold Seal Flight Instructor and an aviation insurance broker with Sedgwick James in Idaho. She has written a book about the 1929 All Women Air Derby, and will present in-

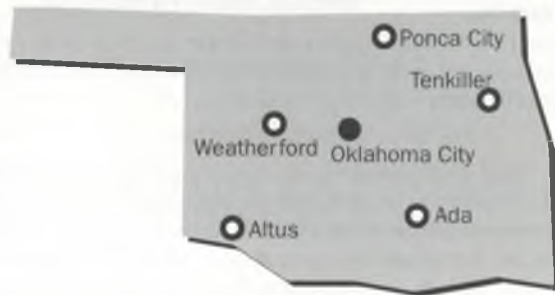
formation and slides about the precursor of the famous Powder Puff Derby.



Patrick W. Boyarski joined Cessna Aircraft Company in 1978. In his 17 years with the company, he has served in various positions in training, customer service and product support. Today he is General Manager, Single Engine Piston Aircraft, and will lead the effort to resume production of single engine aircraft at Cessna's new assembly facility in Independence, Kansas, which is scheduled to open July 4. An honors graduate of Arizona State University with a bachelor's de-

gree in Aeronautical Technology, he is a private pilot as well as a licensed airframe and powerplant technician. Boyarski will bring us up to date on the new Cessna 172s, 182s and 206s soon to be rolling off the assembly line.

## AIRPORT INFORMATION



### ON THE FLIGHT PATH TO CONVENTION

Are you always in a hurry to get to your final air destination? Why not pad your schedule a bit and give yourself time to enjoy a little of the flavor of Oklahoma? One of the spots below is bound to be close to your flight path. Write ahead and we'll send you a free Oklahoma Trip Kit.

• **TENKILLER AIRPARK (44M).** An upscale 2,600 ft. grass strip in a resort area, this is a great place to take a stretch and a look at grass-roots aviation at its finest. Mary Kelly, Tulsa 99 and airport manager, will be glad to give you a "Better Homes and Hangar" tour of the field, a 10-percent discount on gas, or arrange transportation to the nearby Smokehouse restaurant. If you have a teenager, ask about the summer flying camps. Locals recommend approaching over the lake and landing uphill on 05.

• **PONCA CITY (PNC).** Need a Mexican food fix? Then this is the place! Enricque's Mexican restaurant in the terminal building is popular with the fly-in crowd and locals alike. Plan to stop on the way to Convention, though, as they are closed on Sunday. There are two FBOs on the field.

• **ALTUS (AXS).** A welcome oasis in the barren landscape. Airport manager, 99 Zvyonne Powell, will make you welcome and give you a 10-percent discount on fuel. Town's not far away and if you're hungry, a courtesy car and directions can be arranged.

• **WEATHERFORD (F91).** Home to Thomas Stafford, a pioneer who overcame obstacles of the Oklahoma Dust Bowl to become a pioneer on the moon. Stafford made four space flights, including the first lunar module to the moon and the hookup with the Russians in their first meeting in space. Take a moment to browse through the Stafford Museum, located right in the terminal building.

• **ADA (ADH)** Who can come to Oklahoma without a taste of good old barbecue? A long-standing tradition among local pilots is a stop at Ada. Taxi down to the end of the southwest taxiway, pull off in the grass and park the airplane. Then slip through the gate in the fence and on down the street a couple of blocks to Bob's Barbecue. Open Tuesday through Saturday. You won't go away hungry.

### FREE OKLAHOMA TRIP KIT AVAILABLE

An "Oklahoma Trip Kit" with an Oklahoma Aeronautical Chart, Oklahoma Airport Directory and other goodies can be yours for the asking. Send your request to:

Oklahoma Trip Kit  
99 Headquarters  
Box 965  
Oklahoma City, OK 73159-0965  
or fax request to 405-685-7985.



## WPFC Update

BY JODY McCARRELL  
COMPETITION DIRECTOR



As you are all well aware by now, The Ninety-Nines, Inc., under the National Aero Club of the United States of America, was entrusted to organize and put on the 1996 World Precision Flying Championship. It will be held Sept. 28 to Oct. 6 at Meacham International Airport in Fort Worth, Texas, U.S.A.

Pat Ward and I attended the FAI General Aviation Commission meeting in Luxembourg. It was a marvelous place and I only wish we had had more time. Pat had a real introduction to the autobahn in Germany. That is their version of the U.S. interstate highways—but there is no speed limit and we cruised along, as they say over there, at 160 clicks—and narrowly missed getting creamed from the rear.

Hans Menting, who will be our Chief of the Jury from the Netherlands, was our gracious host. He and his wife Greta drove us over to Luxembourg. Pat was able to see four countries on our way back to Holland.

The meeting went well and Pat was amazed that the representatives struggled so hard with English, which is the official language. We presented what they call our local rules. In reality, it is the cost and schedule, as well as some items and rules which will apply.

For those of you who are thinking about coming to Fort Worth, the planned schedule is provided with this article, but keep in mind that all aviation events depend on weather.

I have sent out the first mailing of invitations to 60 countries. We will soon be getting a feel for how many are seriously inter-

ested in being a part of this exciting adventure.

If you know of someone who might help sponsor an event, a party or a meal, please let me know. I have promotion and advertisement kits available.

A great big THANK YOU to all those Chapters and Sections who are sending money. Keep it coming!

ADDRESS ALL WPFC CORRESPONDENCE TO:  
Jody McCarrell, Rt. 1, Box 487B, DeQueen, AR 71832, USA  
Phone: 501-642-2508 and Fax: 501-642-4829.

### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES, SEPT. 20-OCT. 6

#### SEPTEMBER

20-27	Practice week and training
27 - Friday	Final arrival of competing teams and registration
28 - Saturday	Parade, Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party
29 - Sunday	General Briefing and Official Landing Practice
30 - Monday	Official Navigation Test Practice

#### OCTOBER

1 - Tuesday	First Navigation Flight
2 - Wednesday	Landing Competition
3 - Thursday	Second Navigation Flight
4 - Friday	Landings Competition and Western Party Time
5 - Saturday	Reserve date, Closing Banquet and Awards
6 - Sunday	Departures

## A E B M



## AE Birthplace Museum Report

BY MARILYN COPELAND  
CHAIRMAN, AEBM TRUSTEES

Thank you to all 99s and friends who have contributed to the 99s Matching Fund (20%) for the Kansas Heritage Trust Grant (80%) for exterior restoration of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. The goal was accomplished by Dec. 31, 1995. As additional contributions are received, they will be mainly dedicated to the interior restoration of the home and will be appropriately recognized there.

One of the first important steps in effi-

### MOST RECENT CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MATCHING FUND FOR EXTERIOR RESTORATION OF THE AE BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

Elaine Regier	Linda Sutton	Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter 99s
Illiana Cardinals 99s	Harriet Hall	Adele Kaufman
Elizabeth Coble Glenn	Antelope Valley Chapter 99s	Lois Feigenbaum
Carol Morris	Joanne Nissen in honor of	Ruth Jacquet
Jerry Ann Witbeck	Connie Breien	Carole Sutton
Penny White	Dallas Chapter 99s	Bonnie Butler Miller
Misty Flaspohler	Velma Lee Barnett-Copeland	Kay Kohler
Betty Costa	Muriel Majneri	Marilyn Smith
Diane Bartels	Elizabeth Christian	Poochie Rotzinger
Norma Kudiesy	Shirley R. Davis	South Central Section

Contributions should be sent to this new address: Marilyn Copeland, P.O. Box 20660, Wichita, KS 67208-6660

cient use of the interior is to relocate the caretaker's living area to the second floor, southeast corner. This will facilitate much more appropriate use for the first floor exhibits and educational projects.

George Gerardy, a fine Atchison craftsman who has a practical working knowledge of the home, is coordinating these plans with the AEBM Trustees and the caretaker. Meanwhile, AEBM Trustees have been meeting with the Kiwanis and

Rotary Clubs, as well as the Advisory Committee and the Atchison Financial Committee.

#### NEW AEBM Keepsake Cookbook!

Send your favorite recipe to Joan Adam, AEBM Trustee, 305 N. Terrace, Atchison, KS 66602 for inclusion in the First Edition planned for purchase by June '96.



GRASS  
ROOTS**Finnish Section**

Three women pilots of the Finnish Section met the first still living Finnish woman pilot Helvi Karhumaki nee Marttila and asked her to be an honorary member of the Section. She joined the Air Defense Alliance as early as 1928 and started flying in 1930 with a Tiira aeroplane made in Finland. Helvi married her flying instructor and she and her husband Niilo Karhumaki are the creators of the largest Finnish private airline company. Shown are Mila Kempas, Helvi, Leila Jylanki and K. Anneli Kukkola—*K. Anneli Kukkola*

**New England Section**

President Joyce Wells was honored with a presentation of artwork by Vice Governor Denise Dostoler. At famous Kennebunkport, Maine, 35 members heard Jody McCarrell speak on the WPFC and Joyce on the Air Race Classic. Left to right: Joyce Wells, Jody McCarrell, Denise Dostoler and Governor Michele Cabot.

**San Fernando Valley Chapter**

The 17th Annual Howard Hughes Memorial Award was presented to 99 Charter Member Bobbi Trout by the Aero Club of Southern California at a gala ceremony held at the Bel-Air Bay Club in Malibu, Calif. Shown are Paula Sandling, San Fernando Valley Chapter, with Award Recipient Bobbi Trout and 99s President Joyce Wells.—*Bertie Duffy*

**Southwest Section "Goes for the Gold"**

The Spring Meeting/Fly-In will be held May 17-19 in the California Gold Country town of Columbia, Calif. The Columbia airport within Columbia State Park, nestled in the Sierra foothills, will be the site of the Southwest Section meeting. Located on Hwy 49 near Sonora, the field is only a mile's walk to town. Pilots can look forward to on-site camping, the touring of historic Mother Lode towns, Gold Rush era museums, live theatre, and artisan craft demonstrations. Bed and breakfast inns are also available.

Registration packets will provide a complete list of accommodations, camping facilities and restaurants. Ninety-Nines' guests are welcome. Contact Peggy Ewert for more information at 408-727-3686.

**Coyote Country**

The Chapter has established a Kay Brick Perpetual Scholarship through The Ninety-Nines Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trustee Board. This requires a sum of at least \$20,000 to start. Make your checks to Coyote Country Chapter 99s and indicate it is for Kay's scholarship. Mail to Nancy McSheehy, 619 Hillpark Lane, Fallbrook, CA 92028.

Our 4th Annual Poker Run held Oct. 7 was a great success. Forty-two planes flew and 402 poker hands were sold. Pilots and passengers returned to Fallbrook Air Park for a hotdog lunch, prizes and much socializing. The Chapter enjoyed excellent news coverage as member Vivian Steere flew a reporter from the Oceanside *Blade Citizen*, and 49 1/2 J.C. Boylls flew a photographer and feature writer from the Fallbrook *Enterprise*. The poker run proceeds are divided between the Chapter's two scholarship funds in memory of two very special members, Pam Van der Linden and Kay Brick.—*Emily Ives*

**Florida Firstcoast Chapter**

Jetta Schantz, Firstcoast member, and our cover subject on the Nov/Dec. 1994 issue, set a new world Women's Duration Record for hot air balloons of 15 hours 11 minutes for the AX-7. Jetta's "Vision Flight III" surpassed the previous record of 11 hours and 10 minutes which had stood for 22 years. She now claims nine new world records from this flight as its duration betters the mark for all subclasses from AX-7 to AX15. This outstanding privately funded flight was her first flight at night. She and her husband, Rob, who is also a balloon pilot, have been

planning this flight for the past 18 months. They named the attempt Vision Flight III to reflect Jetta's goal of flying all three record categories—distance, altitude and duration. For details, contact Jetta at Skysigns Unlimited, Inc., P.O. Box 51591, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32240 or call 904-223-4362.

**Kansas Chapter**

Mary (Chance) VanScyoc has written and published a new book called *A Lifetime of Chances*. Mary one of the first air traffic controllers. She holds Commercial, Instrument and CFI single engine certificates/ratings and soloed a helicopter at age 64. This is the story of the Chance family and their many accomplishments. Mary's brother is the founder of Chance Industries that makes carnival rides. The book is available for purchase at the Kansas Aviation Museum for \$15.95.

—*Karen Tucker*

**South Africa safari, anyone?**

I am looking for some 99 members to join me on a six-week all-woman flying safari in South Africa. The tour would include Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. Ms. Barbie Smith who owns Smith Travel Agency in Easton, Md., has traveled extensively in South Africa and will be assisting me in making plans for the safari. At least six women flying six airplanes will be needed. (Each woman could possibly sell a seat or two to friends or relatives who wish to go along as passengers.) If any of our 99 members are interested or know of non-member women pilots who might be interested, I welcome them to contact me as soon as possible.—*Barbara L. Feader, Maryland Chapter*



**Lt. Col. Eileen Collins Youngs,** Kansas Chapter (our cover one year ago) has a baby girl, Bridget Marie, born Nov. 17. —*Teresa James, Florida Gulf Stream*

#### New England Section Poker Run

To participate in this event on June 8, register and pick up cards at any of these airports: Danielson, Ct., Meriden, Ct., No. Central, R.T., Southbridge, Ma. Prizes awarded and food available at Westerly Airport, R.I. For info, contact Laurie Reeves, 127-6 Joshuatown Rd., Lyme, Ct. 06371. Tel 860-434-2804. Raindate: June 9.—*Carol Phelps, Conn. Chapter*

#### Garden State 300 Air Race

Entries for the race May 31-June 2 will be accepted until May 1. An entry packet may be obtained from Racquel McNeil, 50 Tarrytown Road, Englishtown, NJ 07726, by sending a check for \$5 payable to Garden State 300. The entry fee is \$40 from which you may deduct the \$5 paid for the entry documents.—*Anne Roberts, Fingerlakes Chapter*

#### "GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION!"

Mark your calendar for July 3, 1996, for the opening of the Cessna single engine assembly plant in Independence, Kan. A gala celebration is planned by Cessna and Independence. Watch for details in our May-June issue.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Due to the number of pages required for information concerning nominees for offices and the upcoming Convention, a great deal of the Section and Chapter news could not be included in this issue.

The July/August issue will feature Races, Rallies and Reunions. The September/October issue will cover the Convention, new officers and Amelia Earhart Scholarship winners. Articles and photos relating to these subjects are encouraged.

The covers and features for the May-June and November/December issues are open for your suggestions and ideas. Remember to include your address and phone/fax numbers. Please tape identification information on the back of photos. (All photos are sent to 99 Headquarters following publication.)

Please send magazine material directly to me at 807 N. Waco, Suite 22, Wichita, KS 67203 or fax 316-263-7350.

—*Betty Rowley, Editor*



#### RATINGS AND WINGS

##### RATINGS

Deborah Kaeder-Carpenter	Minnesota	737-300 Captain (UA)
Heather Ryan	Keystone	Commercial
Sylvia Lowe	Keystone	CFI
Jackie Whitford	Phoenix	Instrument, Commercial, Multiengine
Nancy Haugarth	Sacramento Valley	Learjet Type Rating
Donna Stevens	Indiana Dunes	CFI II & MEI
Linda Scully	North Jersey	ATP
Jessica McMillan	Colorado	CFI (AE Scholarship)
Laura Smith	Katahdin Wings	Multiengine (AE Scholar)

##### WINGS

Jackie Whitford	Phoenix	Phase I
Emily Ives	Coyote Country	Phase III
Kathy Buckman	Coyote Country	Phase IV
Pamela O'Brian	Sacramento Valley	Phase VII
Dorothy Flynn	Sacramento Valley	Phase VII
Sue Fuller	Katahdin Wings	Phase I
Lisa Reece	Katahdin Wings	Phase II
Mary Tait	Katahdin Wings	Phase II
Laura Smith	Katahdin Wings	Phase III

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**ACCESS TO INTERNET?** Yes

**SOFTWARE?** No charge. Call 1-800-848-8199 for General Aviation Kit and 10 free hours for 30 days.

**HOW DO I ACCESS 99 "FORUM"?** Use GO word: NINETYNINE and send a message with your name, chapter and section.

—Pamela O'Brien, 99s Forum System Operator, CompuServe, 73003,2274, Tel: 510-525-7897

#### NOTAM

Correction to the new directory. Denise Hixon is not the chairman of the Careers Committee. The position has not been filled. Please forward all inquiries to Loretta Gragg at 99s Headquarters.

### Welcome these 64 women pilots who joined The Ninety-Nines in January

Deborah D. Ackley  
Laurie Ann Adams  
Manuela Alustiza  
Deborah Ann Anderson  
Charleen Sue Barrett  
Sheila P. Benjamin  
Bertha Margaret Bisanti  
Thea Nancy Bishop  
Denise Ann Bolen  
Gladys M. Buchanan  
Ginger Marie Burdick  
Linda S. Butler  
Amanda Faith Chambers  
Georgia L. Combs  
Margaret Virginia Crader  
Alison G. Dale

Sharon Aileen DeLay  
Alessandra Katarina Djurklou  
Barbara Fisher  
Alicia Jane Franklin  
Elizabeth Marie Gawlik  
Jacqueline Ann Geraci  
Sabrina Marie Gibford  
Janice C. Greene  
Jane Anne Hayes  
Jan Hayner  
Carol Rebecca Hood  
Deborah Gaye Houston  
Margaret R. Watson Hyland  
Kayla L. Jauch  
Diana S. Kelly  
Naomi Gabrielle Kelman

Janice Duncan Kennedy  
Gale D. Kerbaugh  
Dana A. Kupchuk  
Deidre A. Larson  
Sharon Lee Lewis-Minschwaner  
JoAnna Lynn Loewinger  
Deborah Anne Mantello  
Tonya Lee McDonald-Waugh  
Kristin L. Mellinger  
Jette Mortensen  
Jackie L. Murray  
Mary Elizabeth Nasypany-Downey  
Deborah Jo Nellis  
Jennifer M.H. Oleson  
Denice K. Pandorf  
Suzanne Margaret Robinson

Jacki-Lyn Rogers  
Dorothy M. Rooney  
Christiana Lee Sanders  
Sherie G. Schmauder  
Karen Gloria Schmid  
Joyce Ellen Schroeder  
Kimberly Kay Schumacher  
Marykate J. Scott  
Linda L. Sheets  
Judith L. Smith  
Pam Steenland  
Lynda Marie Ulrick  
Barbara J. Wadington  
Nancy Lee Yoder  
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The 99s extend their prayers and thoughts to the families of the following 99s and 49 1/2 s.

**FRANCES BLAIR**, Palms Chapter, was born in Oklahoma Dec. 16, 1926. She learned to fly there, became a flight instructor and joined The 99s on Feb. 18, 1946.

After earning a teaching degree, she bought a Cessna 140 and flew to California where she taught high school in Carson, California.

Frances always loved to travel and spent a good deal of time in her RV. She helped time off the Palms to Pines Air Race in Santa Monica and then would drive to Bend, Ore., to be with us at the terminus, bringing with her the written times off sheet, in case the fax didn't work out. Then she would go on a tour from there.

About two years ago she learned she had cancer. Surgery was unsuccessful and she began to make plans for her death, including disposition of her property which included a much appreciated bequest to 99s Headquarters to be used toward completion of the second floor.

Fran died Dec. 8 at her home in Carson. I will scatter her ashes in the area and at the time she requested in the spring. I knew her for 35 years. —*Claire Walters, Palms Chapter*

**GUSTAVA OLIVIA ANDERSON**, Long Island Chapter, passed away Aug. 8 at the wonderful age of 86. Aunt Gus was a joy to us all and related many a story of her flying experiences in her retirement years. Thank you for all of your correspondence over the years and I'm sure she's up there with her plane, "Lady Bird." —*George Anderson, nephew*

**RUTH MAGILL**, a charter member of the Alameda County 99s, died Dec. 31. Ruth learned to fly after she passed 50 years old and during the many years that Ruth was a 99, she was involved with the Chapter as much as she could. She and her husband Joe lived full lives, helping others in scores of unexpected ways. In honor of Ruth, an aviation scholarship is being established by the Alameda County 99s. —*Lynne Allen, Alameda County 99s*

**CONSTANCE M. SEWELL-MEIER**, Florida Suncoast Chapter, died Jan. 10. She was born in Highland Park, Mich., and moved to Florida shortly after her school years. She was employed by Petro-Chem Equipment Co. She earned her private pilot rating in 1984 and was the proud owner of a Cessna 152. She was involved in the plan-



**DOROTHA HENDRICKS** passed away Nov. 29 at St. John's Medical Center. She was active in aviation circles from 1940 until her death. She received her private pilot certificate Oct. 15, 1941. During World War II, she served in the Civil Air Patrol and was the only woman in the Anderson Aero Club. A 99 since 1941, she worked to reactivate the Indiana Chapter after the war, serving as Chairman. She was an officer in the North

Central Section and later Historian of the Indiana Chapter.

In 1989, she accepted an appointment by President Marie Christiansen to International Scrapbook Chairman. She visited International Headquarters in Oklahoma City to view and study scrapbooks from the archives of The 99s. She was also interested in the Library for research on women pilots housed there.

After Dorothea passed away, The Ninety-Nines, Inc., learned her interests in Headquarters had translated into a most generous bequest totaling \$70,545.98. Our gratitude and appreciation to this caring lady and her family has been expressed to her nephew, C. Robert Elrod, whose help is deeply appreciated. —*Loretta Gragg, Executive Director*

ning and organization of the Florida 400 Air Rally and numerous other FAA-sponsored functions and Chapter projects. She held many Chapter offices, including Chairman. She was also a member of The Grasshoppers. For the past 14 years, she worked at Sun 'n Fun. —*Judy A Lester, Florida Suncoast Chapter*

**Everett Syverson**, beloved husband of 99 Margaret Syverson of Mt. Tahoma Chapter, passed away after a lengthy illness. Margaret and Everett met through their shared interest in aviation. —*Judith Masura, Mt. Tahoma Chapter*

**Hamilton S. Hedges**, the husband of Jessica Wimmers Hedges, Scioto Valley Chapter, and lovingly known to us as Hammy, died Dec. 5 after a valiant but unsuccessful fight with cancer. He was one of our staunchest supporters. —*Marilynn Miller, Scioto Valley Chapter*

**Correction:** My apologies for an error in 49 1/2 "Doc" Harvey's obituary last issue. Debby Rihn-Harvey of Space City Chapter will be flying in the '96 World Aerobatic Championships in Oklahoma City *not* the WPFC in Ft. Worth as I reported. My error. —*Editor*

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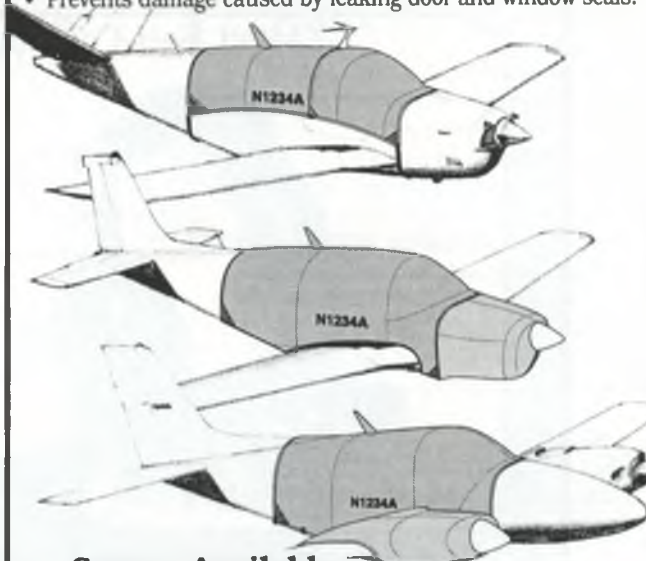
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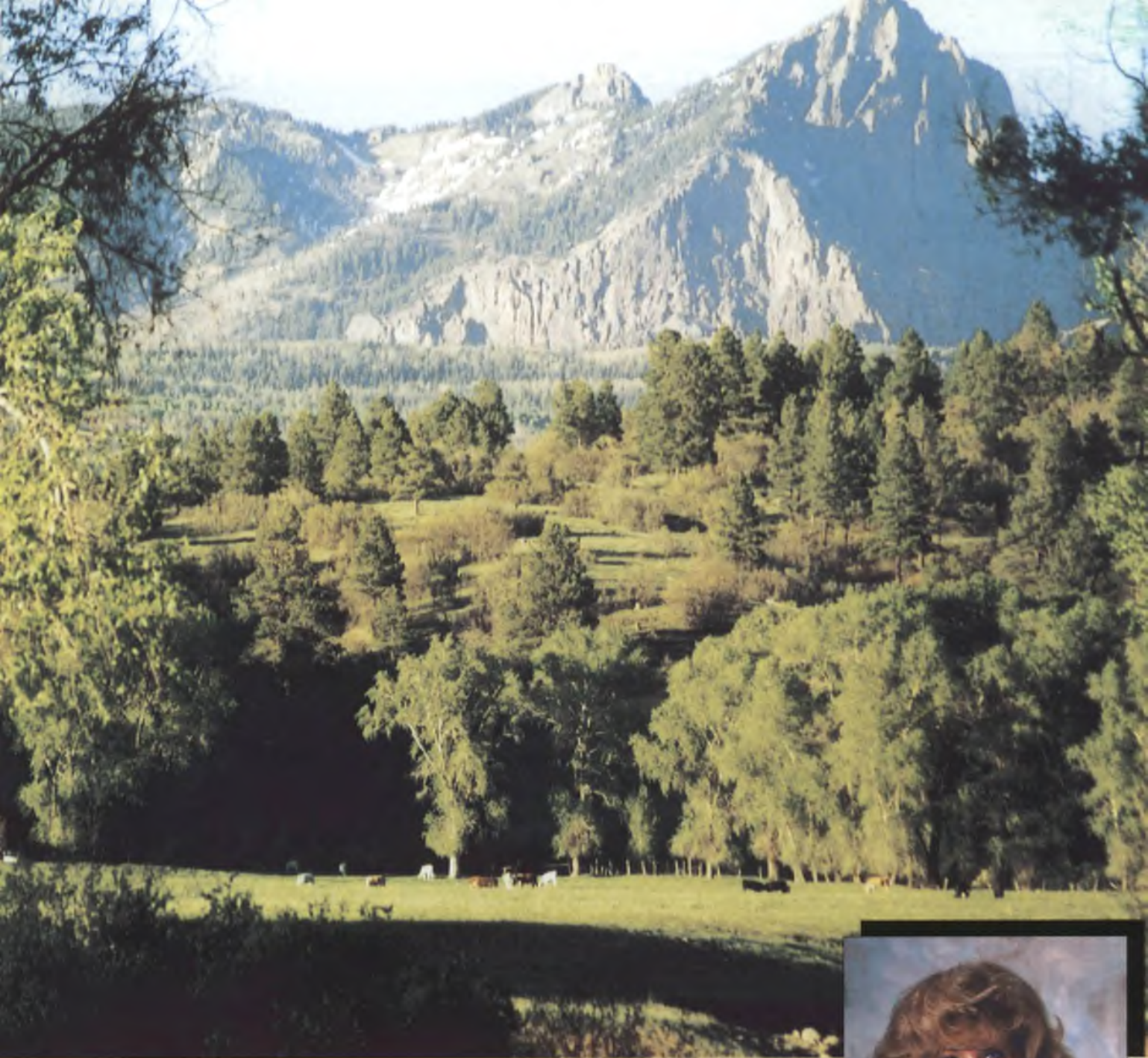
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