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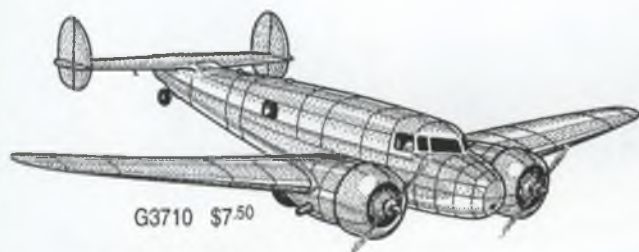
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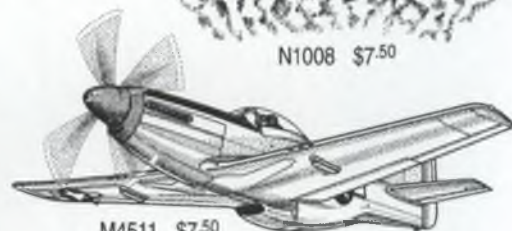


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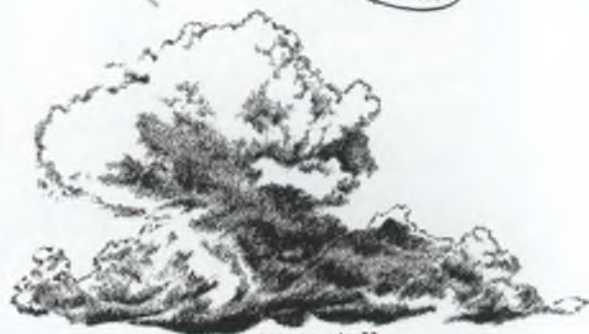
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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE!

Becoming all that we can be...

The Army has used the slogan "Be All That You Can Be" and the Air Force advertises "Aim High" to attract new recruits. Each offers promises of opportunities, both

financial and educational, for those who choose to enlist. The 99s offer the "enlistee" a chance to share with others the joy of flight and an opportunity to work without pay to support the projects and charitable endeavors of the organization.

This summer we have launched a membership drive that will enable us to reach one of the organization's goals, while we work with the GA TEAM 2000 to increase the number of student pilots and promote the growth of general aviation. Ninety-Nines, Inc. is now an affiliate member of GA TEAM 2000.

In Atchison, Kansas, many of us participated in the official dedication of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. Thanks to the tireless efforts of Chairman Marilyn Copeland and her Board of Trustees, both 99s and local Atchisonians, we can be very proud of the work that has been accomplished thus far to restore this historical building.

At the convention this year, Steven Brown, CEO and President of NAA, and I were pleased to present 99 Doris Lockness with the Katharine B. Wright Memorial Trophy for her personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation over an extended period of time.

James "Pete" Campbell was awarded the Award of Merit for his significant contributions to aviation and aviation safety education. Charter Member Louise Thaden was presented the Award of Achievement posthumously for her significant early contributions to aviation and to The 99s.

C.J. Strawn and Claire Walters were given the Award of Inspiration for their dedication and efforts to see the completion of the museum at Headquarters become a reality. Charter Member Fay Gillis Wells was presented with the President's Award for 21 years of promoting world friendship through flight.

MISSION STATEMENT

- Promote world fellowship through flight
- Provide networking and scholarship opportunities for women and aviation education in the community
- Preserve the unique history of women in aviation

Once again, the women who received the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships and United Airlines type ratings were outstanding examples of high achievers with firm goals in the aviation industry of today and in the future. The Amelia Earhart Scholarship Trustees are to be commended for their work, which each year culminates in awarding so many deserving young women scholarships that enable them to fulfill their goals of careers in aviation. Congratulations to each and every recipient, and thanks to each of you whose contributions help make these

scholarships possible.

The Mission Statement of The Ninety Nines, Inc. tells others what we do, how we become involved and what we aim to preserve for those who follow behind us. Thank you all for being the volunteers who make it happen. ✨

"I believe that we cannot live better than in seeking to become still better than we are."

—Socrates

The Road to Portland

BY BEVERLY SINCLAIR
Colorado Chapter

In March, when "the letter" arrived from Charlene Falkenberg telling me I had won the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship, I was surprised and elated! Only now, with the AE Awards lunch behind me, is the reality beginning to sink in. I have been working with United Airlines and crew-scheduling at work to coordinate the four weeks I will need off for training.

As such, 1997 has been a great year. However, I keep a quote from championship golfer Gary Player in my daybook that says, "The harder you work, the luckier you get." This year has proven the wisdom of those words. In addition to flying 90 hours a month at my commuter-airline job, I am taking classes through Embry-

Riddle Aeronautical University's independent study program to complete my bachelor's degree. In this competitive business, an associate degree just isn't enough.

I also learned a valuable lesson in perseverance. This was my fourth application for assistance from the AE Scholarship Fund. In 1991 when I was working toward my ATP, I made it to the national level of judging, only to be disqualified for a month lapse in my membership.

I was so disappointed, but made certain that my renewals were prompt after that! The next three applications were for generously donated Type Ratings from United in 1995, 1996 and 1997.

Reading the biographies of all of the winners has been a great inspiration. I feel so privileged to be a member of an organization that is doing so much to foster women in this field.

"The harder you work, the luckier you get." —Gary Player



Beverly Sinclair expresses her delight and appreciation for her United Airlines Type Rating Award at AE Luncheon

Attending my first convention in Portland was a tremendous experience. Friday morning, I registered and introduced myself to Charlene Falkenberg and Mearl

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AEMS Fund

BY CHARLENE FALKENBERG
AEMS Chairman, Permanent Trustee

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1941 in honor of Amelia Earhart, first president of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. One scholarship was given that year. Since that date, 302 Career Scholarships and nine Research Grant Scholarships have been awarded to eligible 99s. The objective of the Fund is to provide scholarships and/or grants for educational advancement in aviation or aerospace.



Mearl Frame, AEMS
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Six AEMS Trustees administer the Fund on a volunteer basis. All monies are received through contributions—half of which is applied to the principal and the remainder toward scholarships given that year. All memorials go directly to the principal. One-time memorial scholarships can be given for \$2,500; a perpetual scholarship requires \$20,000.



Madeline Monaco, newly-
elected AEMS Trustee

All Chapters and Sections have quotas as to the number of applications they can submit. Quotas were changed in 1997. All Chapter Chairmen and Section Governors received a notice of the change in their monthly mailing from Headquarters.

For the past several years, United Parcel Service has donated generously to the Fund and United Airlines has given two Type Ratings the past four years. Our grateful thanks to all those who contribute to the AEMS Fund.

Career Scholarships awarded this year included two Flight Instructor-Airplane, four Multiengine Instructor, one Instrument Rating, one Commercial Certificate, three Airline Transport Pilot and one B-737 Type Rating. Two type ratings were awarded by United Airlines out of 15 applications. The 1997 scholarship winners have until Dec. 31, 1998, to complete their training.

TO ALL ELIGIBLE 99s

To receive AE Career Scholarship application forms and forms to apply for Type Rating Scholarships donated by United Airlines, send request to 99s Headquarters in Oklahoma City with a *stamped self-addressed large 9x12 envelope*.

For the Type Ratings, you must have a copy of your Airline Transport Certificate on record at Headquarters.

All deadlines must be adhered to, so make sure you read the instructions very carefully.

1997 Amelia Earhart Scholarship recipients

Jennifer D. Bennett, Florida Panhandle Chapter - At age 10, my grandfather took me flying in a Learjet. Because of this, I started my own flight training in college and earned my Private in 1991. In 1993, I worked as flight coordinator for Federal Express as a co-op student and joined The 99s Memphis Chapter. After graduating from Middle Tennessee State University in 1994 with a BS degree in aerospace, I earned my Instrument, Commercial, Multiengine and CFI. I am now a full-time flight instructor in Florida. The AE Scholarship will fund my Multiengine Instructor's rating. My ultimate goal is to fly corporate or commercial.

Shirley Ann Betchce, Greater Pittsburgh Chapter - I obtained my Private in 1985 and joined the 99s in 1987. I have been and continue to be an active member, serving as secretary and newsletter editor/reporter through 1996. My professional career has been in sales and I am currently the sales administrator for Solid State Mea-

surements, Inc., a small company near Greater Pittsburgh International Airport. For a second career, my ultimate goal is to become a flight instructor. The AE Scholarship award will fund my Instrument Rating as the first step toward that goal. My sincere thanks to the AEMSF.

Wendy Jean Boyes, British Columbia Coast Chapter - My first introduction to flight in a small aircraft was by way of aerobatics. This turned into a passion when I bought a 1946 Aeronca Champ. I obtained my Private in 1992 and maintained the aircraft as an apprentice aircraft maintenance engineer. I now have a night rating and Commercial. First meeting The 99s in Oshkosh, I joined the Eastern Ontario Chapter and am now proud to be the Vice Chairperson of the British Columbia Coast Chapter. I am grateful to The 99s that through the AE Scholarship I will obtain an Instrument rating with the ultimate goal of AME and Airline Transport Pilot.

Maria M. "Maggie" Byrne, San Gabriel Valley Chapter - My love for aviation began in 1992. I have a degree in accounting, a master's in business administration and an associate degree in commercial flight. For the past two years, I have served as Vice Chairman of the San Gabriel Valley Chapter. I was recently awarded Outstanding CFI in Los Angeles FSDO. My goal is to become an airline pilot and I will use the AE Scholarship to obtain Multiengine Instructor. With the encouragement of my family and friends, I have been able to reach for the stars and maybe with the Lord's help, I'll touch them. My motto is: Never stop believing in yourself.

Michelle L. Clawson, Mission Bay Chapter - I am originally from Colorado but did most of my growing up in San Diego, California. I have wanted to be a pilot since the age of 10 and started flight training at the age of 19. Four years later, I remain active in the aviation community, flying

a Piper Chieftain full-time for Aspen Helicopters and flight instructing. I am also the Chairman of the Mission Bay 99s. I will use my scholarship to complete my Airline Transport Pilot training in Farmington, New Mexico, with the Mesa Air Group.

Cheryl L. Cope, Illiana Cardinals Chapter - I started flying at the age of 43. I immediately joined The 99s upon earning my Private Pilot's Certificate in 1991. I am currently Vice Chairman and have been active and served on various committees, including helping with seminars for the Wings program. With the encouragement of The 99s, I received my Instrument Rating, Commercial Certificate and am working toward my Certified Flight Instructor. I am so thankful for the AE Scholarship. It will help me to pursue an exciting, fulfilling career as an instructor.

Jennifer J. Esterbrook, Colorado Chapter - I started down the path to a flying career in 1977 at



Previous years' winners join the '97 winners present at the AE luncheon to relate how their scholarships assisted them in their careers.

the age of 13 in Denver. I now hold ATP, MEL, CAX, ASEL and Professional Pilot Bachelor's Degree from Metropolitan State College. I began flying professionally in 1990 as copilot on a King Air E90 for Public Service Co. of Colorado. Currently, I am transitioning to a Citation and Learjet for the same company. I have been a member of the Colorado Chapter since 1981. I enjoy volunteering for the 99s Flight Without Fear Program. I am grateful for the opportunity the AE Scholarship will give me to obtain my CFI.

Jennifer Kelly Feeney, Aloha Chapter - I began flying in 1988 at the age of 16 and joined The 99s in 1990 while pursuing my BS in business administration at the University of Pacific in Stockton, California. During college, I obtained my instrument and commercial. After graduating from college, I returned to Honolulu, flying Cessna 402s between the islands until I was hired by Mahalo Air in 1995. In 1996, I became the first female ATR-42 Captain at Mahalo Air. I currently serve as Chapter Chairman. My goal is to

fly for a major airline. I will use the generous scholarship to attain my B737 type rating.

Victoria Rask Gassoway, Mid-Columbia Chapter - I received my Private Certificate in 1978 and my Instrument Rating and AGI Certificates in 1996. I am the newsletter editor for my Chapter. Flying is my passion. The Commercial Certificate scholarship will bring me closer to my goal of obtaining my CFII and ultimately my avocation as a charter pilot/CFII. I am very grateful to The 99s for awarding me the scholarship and for all the encouragement I have received in pursuing my goal.

Kristen M. Mansel, Mt. Diablo Chapter - Learning how to fly before I could drive, I obtained my private pilot license two days before high school graduation, and have since completed my Instrument, Commercial, Multiengine and CFI. I also graduated summa cum laude from San Jose State University in May 1996 with a bachelor's degree in aviation operation. I have been an active member of Mt. Diablo since 1991,

serving various committee and chairman positions. Thanks to the generous AE Scholarship, I intend to obtain my Multiengine Instructor and continue in pursuit of my dream to fly a corporate jet.

Janeen Ann Poklar, Greater Cincinnati Chapter - I began my flying career at Ohio University where I earned my Private through CFI Certificates. I currently teach first grade and flight instruct private through multiengine courses. I enjoy participating in various Chapter events. Flying has provided me with many benefits such as new friendships and challenges and a greater sense of accomplishment. My goal is to obtain my Airline Transport Pilot rating which will open new opportunities for my career. I am very appreciative of the opportunity fellow 99s have provided me through this scholarship.

Linda Rae Rogus, San Gabriel Valley Chapter - I am a graduate of Mt. San Antonio College (Walnut, California), and of California State University of Los Angeles. At Mt. SAC, I was involved with

the Mt. SAC Flying Team, receiving honors such as team captain, PCIFA Top Instrument Pilot and Top Woman Pilot. I am currently a CFII, simulator instructor and aeronautics instructor with Mt. SAC. I will use the AE Scholarship to obtain my Multiengine Instructor rating. I plan to build up multiengine experience to bring me one step closer to my goal of becoming an airline pilot.

Donna M. Stevens, Indiana Dunes Chapter - I began flying nine years ago for fun, never dreaming I would someday co-own the busiest flight school on the field and be seeking an Air Transport Pilot Certificate. After attaining my Private, I immediately became a very active 99. But it took me a few years to realize flying really was my niche in life. So I began building my time and ratings through all flight instructor certificates. But I would never have gotten this far if not for the encouragement of my fellow 99s, my father and an FAA examiner. I love flying, but a natural I'm not.

United Airlines Type Rating Scholarship recipients



Nancy Stuke, United Airlines representative

Beverly J. Sinclair, Colorado Chapter - I started flying for pleasure in 1977. In 1979, I received my Private and first flying job—selling aircraft parts in Colorado in a C182. I was one of two women in outside sales for the international company. After joining The 99s in 1980, I was laid off from my job due to the poor economy and returned to interior designing to finance my advanced ratings. After jobs as an instructor, air ambulance dispatcher and first officer, I am now a Beechcraft 1900D Captain for US Airways Express with more than 6,000 hours and aspirations to fly for a major airline.

Sandra L. Stephens, Oklahoma Chapter - I was graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1987, finishing at the top of my pilot training class and was hand-picked to become a T-37 Instructor Pilot. My follow-on tour was the E-3 AWACS flying worldwide operations as an aircraft commander with 621 combat support hours. At 29, I was medically retired with 100 percent disability rating due to a huge, life-threatening brain tumor. After a two-year recovery, I received an unrestricted First Class medical and I am currently a First Officer in the Metroliner with Merlin Express. The scholarship award will help me rebuild my flying career.

Judges for 1997 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship awards



JOSEPH B. BIDWELL, retired executive director of General Motors Research Laboratories, graduated with an engineering degree from Brown University before joining GM in 1942. During World War II he worked on uranium isotope separation at the Naval Research Laboratories. Returning to GM Research, he directed vehicle dynamics studies and development of automatic vehicle control among a wide range of other projects.

His interest in aviation goes back to model planes. While still in high school, he learned to fly in an Aeronca C-3 at what is now Glenview Naval Air Station. For the past 32 years he has flown a Piper Comanche 400. He has been a resident of Tucson since his retirement in 1981.



JULIE BRODERICK is vice president and general manager for AMR Combs, newly acquired executive aviation services business and fixed base operation at John Wayne/Orange County Airport (SNA) in Santa Ana, California.

She is responsible for the FBO operations at SNA which is under the direction of Jack Browning, senior vice president, Western Region, for AMR Combs, the executive aviation affiliate of American Airlines. Together, they are transforming the business formerly

known as Martin Aviation, into the AMR Combs Executive Aviation Services network.

During Julie Broderick's 15-year career with AMR Combs, she has held a broad base of management positions—from executive line service operations at the company's flagship facility at Denver as well as its expanding operations at Denver Centennial, overseeing services for transient customers and a sizable group of corporate flight departments. She also established and managed passenger service operations for the company's large-scale airline charter terminal services at Denver International.

She has recently taken on expanded responsibilities in the continuing expansion of the AMR Combs network, guiding the transition of the move to DIA, assisting in the transition of customer service operations for AMR Combs San Francisco and undertaking a leadership role in developing customer service standards for the AMR Combs network.



MORT CRIM is a veteran journalist and pilot. He earned his private license in 1957, going on to acquire commercial, multiengine, instrument and seaplane ratings. His reporting assignments have included a five-year stint as national correspondent for ABC radio in New York. During that time, he covered manned space flight from Cape Canaveral from Gemini 5 through Apollo 12.

Mort is an Air Force veteran (SAC) and recently traded the Seneca he had flown for 11 years for a Cessna 414. He flies his own plane regularly to meet tight speaking and reporting schedules.

Currently, he is heard each day on a nationwide network of 150 radio stations with his motivational series, "Second Thoughts." He also is senior news anchor and vice president at WDIV-TV, the NBC television station in Detroit, Michigan.



NADIA ROBERTS joined the Canadian Armed Forces as its first female maintenance officer. She was later in charge of first- and second-line maintenance for three squadrons of F-5 aircraft including all engine test cell operations. In 1977 she moved from CFB Cold Lake to Mojave, California.

She is currently president of Flight Research Inc. and a senior flight test engineer instructor at the National Test Pilot School, which she co-founded. Since moving to California, she has been responsible for supporting the weapons certification programs on the S-76 A, S-76B, the Bell 206, 412 and the Hughes helicopters. She was the flight test engineer in charge of the American Jet Hustler 400 FAA certification program as well as several other aircraft modification programs. In 1992, she was the test director, flight test engineer and data analyst for the USAF Rivet Rider program.

Nadia was born in Quebec City and graduated from Laval University with a B.S. in science in 1969. In 1971, she graduated from the Aeronautical Institute of Technology in Montreal. She was the recipient of the Women in Aerospace 1994 Aerospace Educator Award.

THE ROAD TO PORTLAND

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Frame before the brunch activities started. After we finished eating, the awards program began. I can't begin to describe how flattered I felt to be honored by such a wonderful group of women. Listening to the success stories of the previous winners was great!

Friday afternoon and Saturday morning we attended to the business at hand in two very professionally run meetings. I was impressed with the efficiency and organization. All issues were addressed and

we even finished early.

Friday's dinner was on our own at the popular floating restaurant Delamico's. My husband was amazed when I actually finished the restaurant's fabulous twin lobster dinner. Saturday afternoon and Sunday were spent playing tourist. We even took a sightseeing flight out of Bar Harbor to see Acadia National Park. *Spectacular!*

I know each international convention will have its own special attractions and I am looking forward to next year's gather-

ing in Guadalajara, Mexico. For those of you who have not been to a convention, mark the date on your calendar and start making plans. Even without the scholarship award, the convention is a wonderful experience — one that I highly recommend. Hope to see you next July. In the meantime: Happy flying!

Museum Report

BY MARILYN COPELAND, Chairman, AEBM

We wish to thank the following Sections, Chapters, organizations and individuals who have contributed to the AEBM in recent months.

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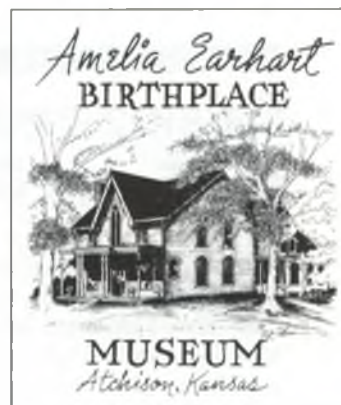
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President Lois Erickson and AEBM Chairman Marilyn Copeland with portrait of Amelia which will be displayed at the museum.

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LETTERS

WHAT A PRIVILEGE to be among so many members of The 99s in Atchison, Kansas, during the Amelia Earhart Centennial celebrations.

The CBS Sunday Morning news program which aired August 3 reminded me only a few days later of the dedication of the AE Birthplace Museum.

In my recently published book, *Whistled Like A Bird*, I publish for the first time a few of my grandfather's and Amelia's personal papers. Among these is a letter from AE to Ruth Nichols suggesting the formation of an aviation club for women. I also have Ruth's response to AE. I intend to give these letters to The 99s organization and other items will return to Atchison as well.

Each and every 99 member I met in Atchison was stimulating and

warm. I left there inspired and grateful for my place among them.

—Sally Putnam Chapman, Ft. Pierce, Florida

WE HAD A WONDERFUL weekend in Atchison with many special guests in for the Amelia Earhart Birthday Centennial Celebration. Of course, one of the highlights was the dedication of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.

Thank you for continually featuring the Birthplace in the 99 News. It is always a pleasure to have members of The Ninety-Nines visiting our city.

—Stan Lawson, tourism director
Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce

Raising awareness of AE and GA...

AE Birthday Centennial Celebration

BY BROOKS M. POWELL
AEBM Trustee

Thousands of people flocked to Atchison, Kansas, for the festive, four-day celebration of Amelia Earhart's Birthday Centennial. Representatives from nearly every state in the union crowded the Amelia Earhart Memorial Airport, the downtown Mall, the AE Birthplace Museum, Memorial Hall, the Santa Fe Depot Museum and other museums about the town. Under the blue summer skies of Kansas, the celebration offered fun for all ages with a combination of state fair and carnival, history lessons and aviation.

On Thursday afternoon, a beautiful Lockheed Electra 10-E appeared in the skies over Atchison. Restored by Linda Finch, it had just completed a successful flight around the world; a flight which followed the exact route Amelia had taken on her historic round-the-world attempt in 1937. The Electra sparkled in the sunlight as it made graceful circles over the town before turning on final approach to the airport. Cars lined both sides of the road all the way to the highway. The throngs of people crowding the grounds and tarmac cheered as Linda Finch emerged from the cockpit.

A podium had been erected with a big banner stretched across it which proclaimed, "Welcome To Atchison!" After warm greetings from the mayor and other dignitaries, Linda offered a few words of advice to the many children gathered to greet her. She told them not to be afraid to dream big dreams but to remember that big dreams were accomplished in small increments. After the talk, each child offered a long-stemmed flower to the lady whose travels had been part of their daily lives for the past months via the Internet.

Thursday evening, the Atchison Mall took on a turn-of-the-century flavor with people strolling about dressed in 19th century attire. Cake and ice cream were offered on every block. A bistro was set up at one end of the mall, and a beer garden at the other while in between, foods from around the world lent an international ambiance.

On Friday, there were lectures, a panel discussion, poetry read-

ings and book signings by Amelia Earhart authors. That evening, the Centennial Committee and the Board of Trustees hosted a VIP reception at the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. Several hundred special guests were served drinks on the lawn overlooking the Missouri River and a lovely buffet was served from the multipurpose room inside the house. Music wafted on the evening breeze as guests gathered on the lawn and along the riverbank.

When it was fully dark, the most beautiful and spectacular fireworks display began; orchestrated with music, it was awe inspiring. Everyone agreed that it was far beyond anything

they had ever witnessed.

As the last beautiful starburst slipped from the sky and the last notes of the concert concluded, the Kansas-Missouri Bridge was lighted for the first time. Created by an architect, the lighting will be permanent with seasonal changes in color. The color this night was a lovely stroke of blue defining the bridge from end to end. Two powerful lights set about 100 feet apart pointed upwards at an angle which created a tall arch of light rising some 500 feet in the sky, a landmark to rival any World's Fair achievement. Meanwhile, thousands of people enjoyed the music and fireworks from the riverbank below and afterwards a band played to a standing-room-only street dance.

Saturday afternoon, the AE Birthplace Museum was dedicated to "the present generation and to the future generations" by The Ninety-Nines and citizens of Atchison. (See next page.)

Five thousand people visited the house over the weekend. From a historic relic, it is well on its way to becoming a world-class museum. With its beautiful faux-grained woodwork and finished hardwood floors, documented paper of the period on the front and back parlor walls and new upholstery on the period furniture, it is truly a charming treasure.

It would not do to end this article without mentioning the tremendous impact this weekend has had on public awareness of general aviation. The publicity was national and judging from the hundreds of people who were at the airport from dawn to dusk, taking \$15 rides or just admiring the great variety of aircraft there, it is clear that new interest has been generated. Here is a great opportunity for The 99s. Let's press this advantage.



Activity at AEBM during Centennial Celebration.



99 Margaret Ringenberg, round-the-world pilot, at VIP reception.



Governor Dorothy Dickerhoof, South Central Section.

"You would have been proud..."

On Saturday, July 26, in Atchison, Kansas, our Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum was dedicated by our International President Lois Erickson. Amid flags waving and music playing, nearly 50 Ninety-Nines, together with hundreds of Atchisonians and others, met in the front yard of the Museum overlooking the Missouri River and dedicated it "to this generation and to future generations as a Museum. We will continue to restore and preserve this home to the period when Amelia lived here and to portray her life and that of other women aviators through educational and interpretative exhibits, activities and events."

Chairman Marilyn Copeland welcomed the guests and served as the general Mistress of Ceremonies. Among the VIPs attending the Centennial Celebration were Kansas Senators Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback and former Kansas Senators Bob Dole and Nancy Kassebaum-Baker.

Susan Graham White, a well-known composer from Maryland, sang her original songs, "Not Afraid to Fly" and "This House." Lois Feigenbaum, an AEBM Trustee, assisted by President Erickson, pre-

AEBM Dedication

BY LOIS FEIGENBAUM
AEBM Trustee



Chairman Marilyn Copeland and former Kansas Senator Nancy Kassebaum-Baker.

sented certificates to those 99s present who have flown around the world—Margaret Ringenberg, Patricia Jayne Keefer, Mary Kelly, Ann Pellegrino and Linda Finch.

Author Sally Putnam Chapman, Amelia's step-granddaughter, gave an exciting speech. She announced that she would see that much of the Amelia memorabilia she has would go to "this lovely little house." She presented to the AEBM a beautifully framed wedding certificate joining Amelia and Sally's grandfather, George P. Putnam, in marriage.

Then, former Senator Kassebaum-Baker gave a stirring speech enjoyed by all. Marilyn called on Lois Erickson to make the Dedication and invited all 99s present to assemble in front of the porch to participate. After a lovely musical rendition by Cecilia Carpinelli, exactly at 4:00 p.m. a B1 supersonic bomber flew over the AEBM at low level, kicked in the afterburners, and "blew us away." ...Awesome. Had you been there, you would have been proud to be a 99 and to have had the opportunity to celebrate the

huge success in the restoration of the house.

The work, however, is far from being finished, but with the leadership of Marilyn and the Board of Trustees, and with the help of the 99s and others, we know the job will be done, and that every 99 will be proud to have been a part of it.



President Lois Erickson and AEBM Trustee Brooks Powell with bust of AE.



Kathy Jambrosic, friend and supporter of The 99s, shows off parlor of AEBM.



Lois Feigenbaum, Amelia's step-granddaughter Sally Putnam Chapman, and AEBM Chairman Marilyn Copeland.



AEBM Trustees Carol Sutton and Lois Feigenbaum with wallpaper sample and portrait of Amelia.



Some of the more than 50 Ninety-Nines attending dedication of AEBM.

Boardroom Report

BY CAROLYN CARPP, *International Secretary*

The theme of your Board of Directors when it comes to conventions is, "Come early, stay late." The Board met on both the Wednesday before and the Sunday after the International Convention in Portland, Maine. Board members attending were Lois Erickson, President; Pat Ward, Vice President; Carolyn Carpp, Secretary; Beverley Sharp, Treasurer; and Directors Joy Parker Blackwood, Cathie Mayr and Mary Wunder. Also attending were Loretta Gragg, Executive Director, and Betty Green, Parliamentarian. Excused were Connie Wilds, Director; Joyce Wells, Past President; and Cecile Hatfield, General Counsel. Members of the Council of Governors were present at both sessions. The meeting began with a tribute to Peggy Ewert, Governor of the Southwest Section, who died in a tragic accident earlier this year.



President Lois Erickson



Executive Director Loretta Gragg

The Board discussed various methods of involvement which may include advertising, as well as participation in various GA 2000 projects.

The 99s have again been requested to participate in FAA Symposiums scheduled from 1997 to 1999. The FAA was pleased with results in the past and a new list of cities has been established in Oklahoma City; Burlington, Vermont; Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina; Phoenix, Arizona; Anchorage, Alaska; Salt Lake City, Utah; St. Louis, Missouri; and Memphis, Tennessee. A joint effort of state organizations, FSS, FAA and FSDO, the symposiums provide community aviation information and opportunity for regional discussions.

President Erickson also announced that a new educational curriculum is being developed in Colorado called "Cleared for Take-Off." The 99s have been asked to be involved in a three-year project if a National Science Foundation Grant is obtained. Secretary Carpp, who holds an MA in Curriculum development, volunteered to work with the project and represent The 99s along with the President.



Susie Sewell

The Board heard from Past President Susie Sewell regarding insurance. The Scioto Valley Chapter Right Seat Companion Course received preliminary approval and a manual was made available to the Board. All insurance matters need to be handled through 99s Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Beverly Fogle was appointed the new chairman of the 21st Century Endowment Fund. Her ideas and goals for immediately increasing the fund were well received and

the following resolution was made: "The revenue earned will be re-invested until the total in the fund reaches \$1 million. When the total fund exceeds \$1 million, earnings may be made available for specific projects at the discretion of the International Board."

The Board received updated reports regarding 99s Headquarters, finances, membership, and progress on the Second Floor Museum at the Headquarters building.

Plans were discussed for next year's convention in Guadalajara, Mexico, as well as Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in 1999, and San Diego, California, in 2000. Director Cathie Mayr reported on the Image Contest and the deadline was extended to February 13, 1998.

The Board will continue to study awards and the time line for International Awards was revised. The deadline for the Award of Merit and the Award of Achievement will now be November 30 of each year. Nominations for all awards should be sent to 99s Headquarters until a permanent committee is established. Carolyn Carpp will chair an ad hoc Awards Study Committee which will include Director Vicki Sherman and Governors Martha Dunbar, New England Section, and Dorothy Dickerhoof, South Central Section.

On Sunday morning, the Board welcomed newly elected Director Vicki Lynn Sherman to the table along with Mary Wunder who was re-elected at the same time.

The Board received an invitation from Cecile Hatfield, General Counsel, to have a Board Retreat and Finance meeting in Miami the week of February 15.

A publications report prepared by Past President Lu Hollander was distributed. President Erickson reconfirmed that the chapter meeting dates, Governors' names (with full address) and both chapter and section membership chairmen will be included in the 1997-98 Membership Directory.

The Council of Governors Report was read by the Governors' spokesperson, Martha Dunbar. The focus of the report was on membership issues and communication. All Chapter Chairmen registered at the Convention attended a meeting with the Council of Governors on Saturday, where there was active participation in a discussion regarding membership renewals and procedures. The Council of Governors SOPs are in the process of being studied and revised before being adopted.



Directors Vicki Lynn Sherman and Mary Wunder are sworn in.

NOTAM

Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws and Standing Rules

Proposals must be submitted by a Chapter or Section to the International Bylaw Committee, in order to be placed on the agenda at the 1998 Convention. Deadline: November 30. Send to Joan Kerwin, International Bylaws Committee, 1845 Howard St., Wheaton, IL 60187.



Joan Kerwin

1997 Ninety-Nines Convention - Portland, Maine



Ninety-Nines at work at the Convention Business Meeting.



The FAA Seminar attracted a number of male attendees.



Convention Co-chairmen Pat Ward and Mary Tait.



Laurie Reeves, Connecticut Chapter, at Fly-Buy table.



Charter member Fay Gillis Wells accepts the President's Award from Lois Erickson.



Convention speaker Ann Wood-Kelly and Fay Gillis Wells.



Jody McCarrell, Oklahoma Chapter, at Credentials table.



Bill Thaden and Pat Thaden-Webb accept the Award of Achievement for their mother, Charter 99 Louise Thaden.



New England Section Governor Martha Dunbar with President Lois Erickson.

Doris Lockness receives Katherine Wright Award



Doris Lockness with National Aeronautic Association CEO and President Steven Brown

Doris E. Lockness was selected to receive the 1997 Katherine Wright Memorial Award, which is presented annually to a woman who has made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time, or who has provided encouragement, support and inspiration to her husband and thus was instrumental to his success.

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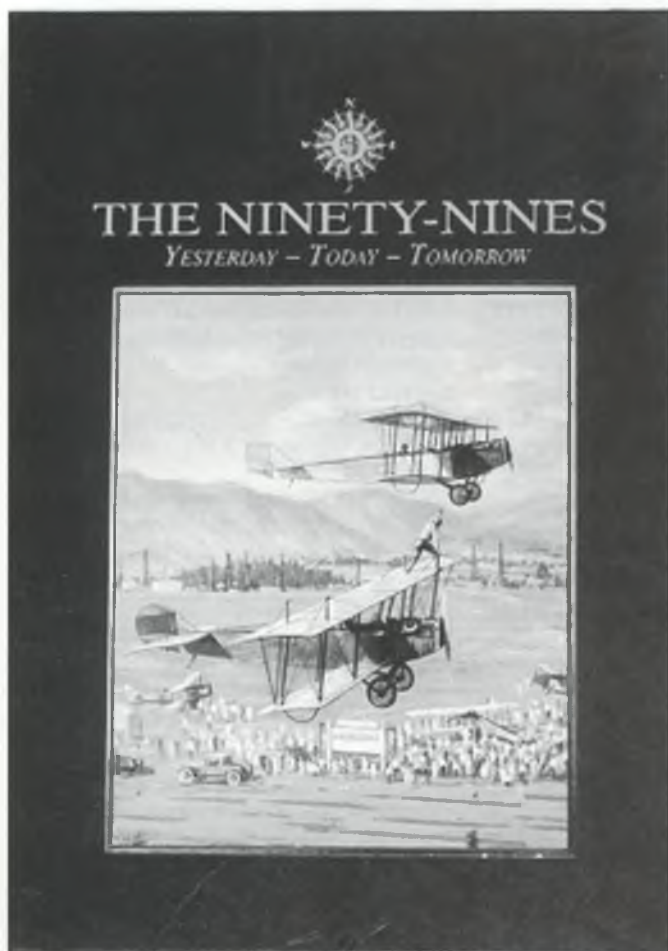
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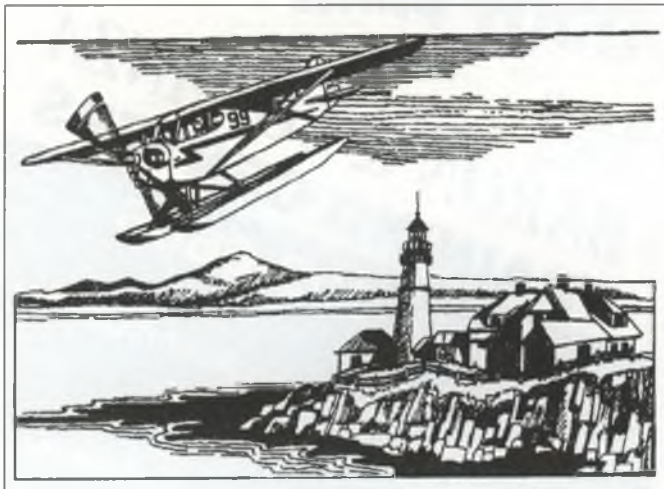
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Maine-ly Fun 1997

BY NORMA VANDERGRIFT, Oklahoma Chapter

The sea air and the creatures who dwell within its watery depths, the draw of seldom-seen friends and perhaps a thirst for knowledge brought about 315 Ninety-Nines and their friends to Portland, Maine, for International Convention.

Early arrivals sought out good food and novel nooks and crannies. (The Wednesday arrivals were greeted with a deluge of rain, but after that, good weather graced all functions.)

On Thursday morning, one group went to the Kennebunkport area for a tour that included wonderful old homes in beautiful settings, a Franciscan monastery and a "drive by" viewing of former President George Bush's summer home. Soon thereafter,



International Treasurer Bev Sharp, Washington, D.C. Chapter, and Marilyn Moody, Western Washington Chapter.



Future 99s. Granddaughters of Jody McCarrell and Pat Ward.



New England quilt being admired by Jean Scibetta, North Jersey Chapter.



A meeting of the 49 1/2 contingent at the Convention.



Robyn Williams, North Georgia; Cathy Salvair, Australian Section; Marilyn Moody, Western Washington; Susan Larson, San Joaquin Valley and Barbara Collins, Australian Section.

Dozens of snapshots taken at the two big 99s events this summer were mailed to me from many members, including Marilyn Copeland, Brooks Powell, Pat Ward, Diane Cozzi, Carol Sokatch, Barbara Collins, Koko Harris, Lu Hollander...and more. My appreciation and thanks to all of you for getting these photos to me. I regret that space doesn't permit more of them to be printed here.

Following publication of each issue, all published and non-published photos are sent to 99s Headquarters for filing in their Archives.

A word of caution: Some of the photos sent to me were spoiled because writing with a felt tip pen on the back offset black marks to the front of the next photo. Please make doubly sure the ink is dry before stacking the photos, or better yet, write on a file label when you describe what is in the photo, then stick the label to the back of the picture. Thanks again.—*The editor*



Hawaii entourage Lindy Boyes, Vivian Fagan, Bev Haid, Kelly Feeney, Coral Bloom and Sue Hillmann are having a wonderful time on their tour.

however, the lure of the unique shops and dining venues took over.

Other groups took a guided tour of Portland. Knowing the city's history made the area *all* the more interesting. The evening harbor cruise provided further history of the area, as well as the opportunity to enjoy a lobster dinner on Peaks Island. The evening's entertainment: attempting to eat and watching others eat a "whole lobster." What a show!

Friday included a morning com session and AE Brunch. Four of the 15 scholarship winners were there to receive their awards. Since the beginning of the program, there have been 302 career and nine research scholarships presented.

The Fly-Market was open whenever possible. Optional tours were available to the 49 1/2s during the day. Aviation seminars were offered during the three-day session.

Saturday morning breakfast and the second general business

session went by in an orderly manner. The evening banquet was indeed a "Maine Event." The wonderful dinner was followed by awards to really outstanding people, which left you with a job-well-done, finished feeling. The Katherine B. Wright Award went to Doris E. Lockness; the Award of Merit to Pete Campbell; the Award of Inspiration to Claire Walters and C.J. Strawn; Award of Achievement to Louise Thaden (accepted by her son and daughter); and the President's Award to Charter Member Fay Gillis Wells.

The speaker was Ann Wood-Kelly, whose great presentation kept us laughing and amazed. She was in the first group of ladies to be sent to England to ferry planes for them. This was before the WASP was organized.

A Mystery Fly-Out was available for those with planes on Sunday morning. Congratulations are due to all those responsible for this successful convention.



Laura Reed, Katahdin Wings, and Doris Lockness, Mt. Shasta, at the Lobster Bake.



Waiting for the whale watch boat.



Katahdin Wings members Laura Smith, Debbie Welsh and Jackie Murray.



Lenore Kensett, Kansas, and South Central Section Governor Dorothy Dickerhoof.

Lobsters, lighthouses and Kennebunkport are just a few of the memories of the 1997 International Convention. We learned a lot of the history of New England and cruised out in the bay where there were forts dating from the Civil War era. Another cruise took us along the shoreline where there were multimillion dollar summer homes and beautiful beaches.—Shirley Lehr

Sacramento Valley Chapter



Eastern New England members Michelle Cabot, Harriet Fuller, Ginny Ursin and Claire Wilson at hotel.



This group enjoys the Mystery Fly Out to Owls Head Museum



Carol Sokatch, Norma Vandergriff and Helen Holbird, all of Oklahoma, and Helen Cronk, San Antonio, at the Lobster Bake.



Portland Head Light.

Second Floor Museum

BY JAYE HOWES

Once again, 99s have risen to the occasion and come through with flying colors. The Second Floor Museum at headquarters is taking shape beautifully—walls are up, special track lights are in, floor has been laid, etched glass is in and oak doors are waiting for the finishing touches of brass hardware. CJ Strawn, member of the Palms Chapter and designer of the museum, spent another week in Oklahoma City in June to work with the on-site builders. By the time you receive this issue, CJ will have made at least one more trip to headquarters. This trip will be primarily to install several custom built display cabinets.

If you attended Convention in Portland, you may have heard the report I gave on the museum's progress. I showed about a dozen slides, each one telling us remarkable developments. What was once a cold, empty, inhospitable space has been magi-

cally transformed into a museum/gallery/library of astounding beauty. Isn't it amazing what talent, tenacity and money will do?

The talent is CJ. The tenacity is Claire Walters (also of the Palms Chapter) for raising close to \$170,000 and still going strong.

Thanks to all of you who have made this museum at headquarters a focus of your charity. Remember, it's not too late to be recognized and acknowledged at the museum. CJ is designing a special "Wall of Wings" that will incorporate benefactors giving \$500 or more. You'll really be sorry if you miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of this historic occasion. Remember, too, this is our museum—not some anonymous structure. It's part of our family. It's part of *us*. We are the museum.



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TOUCH & GO'S

• **Marcia Greenham** won the Governor's Service Award at the North Central Section Meeting.

• **Kathleen Newhouse**, Greater Detroit Area, was hired as a First Officer for Corporate Air Management in Troy, Michigan.

• **Audrey Cook**, Greater Detroit Area, has been hired by Spirit Airlines.

• **Lisa Bleier**, Greater Detroit Area, has been hired as manager of Suburban Aviation in Toledo, Ohio.

• **Laura Smith**, Katahdin Wings, was hired as a corporate pilot for Raytheon Co. in Pittsfield, Maine.

• **Lisa Reece**, Katahdin Wings, was awarded the New England Section Scholarship and is now working on her commercial rating.

• **Mary Tait**, Katahdin Wings, recently started her own seaplane operation, Brownfield Seaplane Service, which, among other things, offers scenic flights in Naples, Maine.

• **Anna Kozak**, Florida Gold Coast, has left Jacksonville, Florida, and relocated to Hagerstown, Maryland, to begin flying a King Air for Phoenix Color Company.

• **Patty Moody**, Florida Gold Coast, has received her degree from Embry-Riddle and also completed her Multiengine rating. She is now on the way to CFI.

• **Debra Barbeau**, Eastern Ontario, spent the summer at the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa, Ontario, teaching children about flying.

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Georgia Combs	High Country	ATP
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Joanie Infusino	High Country	Seaplane
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Reba Ludlow	Florida First Coast	Seaplane
Linda B. Mathias	Hampton Roads	Commercial Glider and CFI Glider
Jean Scibetta	North Jersey	ASES
Christy Smith	Florida Gold Coast	Seaplane
Pat Stapleton	North Jersey	Instrument
Deanna Strand	High Country	Commercial, Instrument, CFI
Mary Talley	Florida Gold Coast	Seaplane
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Christine Murdock	Indiana Dunes	Phase IV
Jackie Murray	Katahdin Wings	Phase IV

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Our January/February issue will focus on pilot training...on schools that teach people to fly. What are the best schools for women to attend? Write and tell your experience. Deadline December 9.

How women pilots succeed

BY KAREN KAHN, Santa Barbara Chapter

If you're thinking about turning your passion for flying into a full-time profession, there are several ideas I'd like to pass along to you to help make your venture a successful one. There are numerous keys to getting ahead, not the least of which is learning how to deal with the gender-sensitive issues, along with learning to be yourself rather than trying to be "one of the boys."

Start by distinguishing yourself as you progress through your training. Make sure you're well prepared by doing your homework and reading ahead by a lesson or two so you know what's coming and can ask some intelligent questions. Show up early, ready to pitch in and do the job. Show them you're qualified and sincere in your interest and enthusiasm. Don't expect any favors because you're a woman.

Too many men like to attribute a woman's progress in aviation to her gender. We've all heard the "she's just there because she's female" lament and I feel it's our job to demonstrate our presence is due to our "T&A"—that's *talent* and *ability*! Let them know that you may get noticed because you're female, but you got the job because you're qualified.

Networking, another key, is a known female talent which can rapidly accelerate your progress up the career ladder. There are several good books on the subject that can help you develop your skills and use them to your advantage. My favorite is *The New Network Your Way to Job and Career Success* by Krannich and Krannich, which details how to use, rather than abuse, the contacts you make. The "Good Old Girl" network is alive and well, waiting to help you if you'll only demonstrate that you're worth their time and energy.

There are a number of gender traps that can, and have, pre-

sented problems to women advancing through what is most certainly a man's world. Rather than ignoring the differences, study them, understand them and use them to your advantage. Learning about the world in which you're working can be very revealing, particularly when you understand how they view you as a part of that culture.

Because men do most of the hiring in the aviation world, there are some important rules to be learned to help you get ahead. These include learning the game (of flying) well, understanding the structure and hierarchy of the players with whom you'll be working, as well as the importance of setting goals and focusing to win.

Women tend to see relationships as a goal in itself and are quite process-oriented. Men, on the other hand, see relationships as tools to get the job done. Said another way, women *talk* about it while men *do* it. Learning how the two viewpoints differ and can affect your progress is crucial to your advancement.

We could, of course, spend pages discussing each of these ideas in depth, but let me list the most important ones to analyze regarding the potential for your future success.

In closing, I'd like to offer a few tricks I've found to be helpful in overcoming obstacles in our male-dominated world of flying. Be assertive, find a mentor and learn to be a leader. In a word, use your power wisely. Don't take yourself too seriously

and let 90 percent of everything you hear (about what you said or did) go in one ear—and out the other! Learn to laugh at yourself. Remember that success in this business is bound to incur occasional disappointments, jealousies and rumors, along with any new experiences and lots of hard work. Use your assertiveness, creativity, flexibility, perseverance and courage to enjoy each step along the way.



Karen Kahn

Rules for success

- Be goal-oriented, rather than process-oriented.
- Work well with other women, as they contribute to your success.
- Focus on one item at a time in your dealings with men.
- Use your power; that's what it's there for!
- Be direct in your approach, particularly when dealing with conflict.
- Remember, business is a game—and act accordingly.
- Hold no grudges—a particularly important requirement for women aviators.

Karen Kahn is a captain with a major U.S. carrier. Type-rated in the MD-80 and Lockheed JetStar, she holds a Gold Seal CFII-MEI and is rated in gliders, seaplanes and helicopters. She runs Aviation Career Counseling, a career guidance and interview counseling firm based in Santa Barbara, California. Karen can be contacted via e-mail at 76147.135@compuserve.com or phone at 805-687-9493.

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GRASS ROOTS



Canadian 99s at the dinner when Capt. Rosella Bjornson was inducted into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame. (Back) Bonnie Calwell, Elaine Tanton, Laureen Steinke, Rosella Bjornson, Sonja Wilford, Sue Ehrlander, Marie Oswald, Karen Bailey and Melody Jackson. (Front) Nadine Cooper, Yvonne Coates, Gladys Bowditch Gordon and June Mills.



Florida First Coast Chapter

Chapter Chairman Reba Ludlow displays an AOPA Project Pilot kit, along with AOPA President Phil Boyer. Others attending the very informative AOPA Town Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, were members Darlene Hayes, Christy Smith and Linda Ross.

Women With Wings Chapter

The Chapter hosted the Second Annual Girl Scout Day, June 7, with three troops in attendance. More than 40 Girl Scouts were registered and then directed to display areas. Activities included studies of aeronautical charts, weather, a wind tunnel with scientific explanations, the making of paper airplanes, lunch and a flight over Akron, Ohio. These educational opportunities allowed the girls to complete their Aerospace Badge requirements. But a special treat was still to come when Chapter member Marla Gaskill flew into Akron Fulton Airport in the Ohio State Highway Patrol Cessna 172 and taxied to where the girls were meeting. Marla disembarked from the plane in full uniform. What an entrance! The Girl Scouts were thrilled to hear about her job as an OSHP pilot. In all, the day was memorable, and surely, seeds were planted for the future.

—Heidi Dietz



Ninety-Nines from around the country attended the 19th Annual Women Soaring Pilots Seminar July 7-11 at Caesar Creek Soaring Club near Waynesville, Ohio. Gathered around a Grob 103 sailplane are (Standing L to R) Joyce Hilchie, Yavapai; Linn Buell, Mid-Atlantic Section; Beth Deener, Kentucky Blue Grass; Phyllis Wells, Pikes Peak; Janet Sorrell, Greater Cincinnati; and Monique Weil. (Seated) Pat Valdata (president of the Women Soaring Pilots Association), Mid-Atlantic; Doris Grove, Central Pennsylvania; and Erica Scurr, All-Ohio.

Willamette Valley Chapter

The Oregon Air and Space Museum, in Eugene, Oregon, formally dedicated the Northwest's first permanent display case honoring women in aviation. Conceived and spearheaded by Chapter Chairman Sheri Lamont, this display became the project of the Willamette Valley 99s. The

actual display cabinet was made possible by a generous donation from the family of Bonnie L. Bradford, who was the Chapter's first president. Members Roxanne Caron, Carol Clark, Gretchen Bencene, Jane Capizzi, Pat Osman, Dorothy Schick and Lou Wicks helped with the project.—Sheri Lamont



Members of Willamette Valley and Oregon Pines Chapters at the dedication. (Top) Sheri Lamont, Gretchen Bencene, Patience McArthur, Lyn McGuire, Rhonda Harper and Pat Osmon. (Bottom) Roxanne Caron, Dorothy Schick and Darcy Mueller.

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The rains abated, the sun came out and the crowds came; Toni Reinhard, Johanne Noll, Doris Smith and Barbara Kajiya answer questions for visitors.

Greater Seattle Chapter

The Arlington, Washington, EAA Fly-in, third largest in the U.S., was held July 9-13 this year. Despite coinciding with The 99s International Convention, there were still some willing volunteers left in the Northwest to staff the 99s Hospitality and Information booth for three-hour shifts all five days. Those who staffed the booth were Fran and Jim Heaverlo, Betty Kramer, Georgianne Ray, Barbara Kajiya, Kathleen Sekreta, Vanecia Adderson, Phyllis Sproul, Sonya Steiner, Nichole Vander Ley, Teresa Oakley, Doris Smith, Toni Reinhard, Johanne Noll, Kathryn Gunther, Dorothy Anderson, Shirley Wallis, Priscilla Cox and Marian Hartley.

Reno High Sierra Chapter

Over the past two years, this Chapter has recreated itself into a vibrant, fun and working organization. I am proud to have been a part of this process. We have become and remained solvent, incorporated and changed our name (We were formally the Nevada High Sierra Chapter.) And we fly. We have given our first-ever scholarship (and are about to give our second); started educational programs at meetings; and won prizes for APT. And we fly. We have been instrumental in bringing Angel Flights to Reno. And we fly.

In short, we have worked hard, been creative and had fun. We are the women who fly...we stand for other women who seek to push their own limits in a similar way.—*Deh Richied*

Pikes Peak Chapter

Von Alter and Phyllis Wells flew to the Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas. Their Mooney was part of the Flight of Honor. They watched proudly as member Kelly Hamilton was inducted into the Forest (one of 50). When Kelly

retired from the Air Force as a full Colonel, she began working on her type rating in the Boeing 747, using the United Airlines scholarship she was awarded last year at the AE Scholarship luncheon. Phyllis and a group of 99s climbed AE Peak in Yosemite on Amelia's birthday, July 24.—*Onita Winfrey*

Tennessee Chapter

We are proud of Betty Gay Blanc who just completed her instrument rating and passed the flight test. It is not too many who do this just a couple of months before their 70th birthday. The Terminus of the Air Race Classic was very successful and the Chapter worked hard to get everything ready.—*Evelyn B. Johnson*

Chicago Area Chapter

The 1997 Kristin Glick-Nuchols Memorial Scholarship was presented to Julie Savage, who plans to use the \$1,700 award toward further flight ratings at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Illinois.

Member Tina Thomas and her husband, Steve, received the Privately-Owned General Aviation

Airport of the Year award for their airport, Poplar Grove. The plaque was presented to them by William L. Blake, IDOT's Division of Aeronautics Director.—*Jean Ingle*

Long Island Chapter

Eileen Wild, along with 25 members of the Antique Airplane Club of Greater New York, attended the Twelfth Annual "Sentimental Journey Fly-in" held at the William T. Piper Memorial Airport in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania. This reunion was established to salute the original "little yellow Piper Cub." The J-3 Cub, being the most well-known but certainly not the only Piper Cub there, was joined by well over 100 airplanes, creating a sea of yellow with flakes of blue and red intermingling the Aeroncas, the Cessnas, the bi-plane Stearmans and Wacos with the family of Piper aircraft.

—*Patricia Rockwell*

Crater Lake Flyers Chapter

On June 20-22, the Chapter hosted the Chiloquin Fly In/Camp Out. Members Rhea Bastian, Elizabeth Buelna, Neva Ivie, Shannon Haitan and Mary Carroll taught survival skills for an air crew after a forced landing. They were assisted by volunteers from the Kingsley Air National Guard Life Support. Twelve pilots signed up for the course, which included hands-on vectoring of the Coast Guard Rescue helicopter from North Bend, Oregon. The Chap-



Bev Haid and Sue Hillmann at their home office where they handled pre-registration for the annual convention.

Katahdin Wings

The Chapter and individual members awarded two scholarships for Maine students to attend ACE camp, a co-educational aviation program for students ages 13 to 17.

Besides the Chapter's sponsorship, our new members Sue Hillmann and Beverly Haid also personally sponsored a student. The Kennebec Valley EAA Chapter 87 also provided an additional \$195 scholarship.

Thirty students attended this year's camp, held in Bangor, Maine, from July 7 - 11. The camp is sponsored by the Maine Education Council for Aviation and Aerospace.—*Debbie Welsh*

ter provided dinner Friday and Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. Local flight instructor Lee Saunders flew 14 EAA Young Eagles in member Mary Carroll's Cherokee 6N99WD (99 Woman Driver).—*Mary Carroll*



Jean Scibetta and Aileen Trotter at Mystery Fly-out.

North Jersey Chapter

Nine 99s from our Chapter went to the International Convention in Portland, Maine. Jean Scibetta and I went on the Mystery Fly-out to Knox County Airport and the Owls Head Museum. We flew from there to Rangeley, Maine, to take float training—a truly wonderful and rewarding experience (the reward being our ASES rating).—*Aileen Trotter*



Janice Cannell, Barb Scaiff, Cindy Glover and Rani Tolton at the Manitoba Chapter Poker Derby.

Manitoba Chapter

On May 31, the Chapter held its annual Poker Derby. Once again, the weather was on our side and 26 aircraft and six airports participated. Following the Derby was a pig roast organized by the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association, which also had a great turnout. The Poker Derby is held annually to raise funds for a scholarship which is awarded each year to a woman pilot in the region. Our goal is to increase the scholarship by \$100 each year. This year we will be awarding \$800 to the winner.—*Lou Milhausen*



Bakersfield Chapter used their new booth to sell T-shirts, fruit bars and soft drinks at the Warbirds-in-Action Air Show.

Bakersfield

In May, the Chapter co-hosted and participated in the Hayward, Las Vegas Air Race scheduled stop at Minter Field. Member Sharon Biloff was awarded the special 99s trophy for the highest ranking 99 in the race.

We are in the planning stages of a celebration party commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Bakersfield Chapter in October and our first Section meeting (April 1948). We will be celebrating by hosting the 1998 Southwest Spring Section Meeting in Bakersfield, California, May 1-3.—*Lois Collum*

Greater Detroit Area Chapter

The GDAC annual weekend Pinch Hitter was held at the Ann Arbor (Michigan) Airport and was again a success with 14 students completing the course. Nancy Hecksel and 66 Jennifer Aiken co-chaired a large group of people. Nancy Lammers was hospitality chairman. Kelly Angott, one of the six or seven flight instructors, had one student who was convinced

she had made a mistake on Friday but by Sunday was thrilled to be there.

Sandy Hazlett gave a presentation in April to the Milan, Michigan, Girl Scout Cadet Troop about women in aviation. The 14-member group of 16-year-olds enthusiastically responded in the discussion. As an added treat, Kyle Patton, 49 1/2 of Michigan Chapter 99 Janet Patton, rolled out their

beautifully restored Stinson Reliant and gave a fact-filled presentation on the airplane and its history.

Sandy recently attended an AOPA-sponsored seminar in Palm Springs, California, covering recent developments in aviation law. This seminar fulfills a requirement for periodic refresher training in aviation law to maintain her appointment to the AOPA national

panel of attorneys qualified to represent pilots, mechanics and certified aviation businesses against FAA enforcement actions.

—*Rosemary Sieracki*



Yavapai Chapter members admire their handiwork after an air marking at Valle Airport, located about 25 miles south of the Grand Canyon. Valle Airport is the home of the Planes of Fame Museum.—Mary Woodhouse



Florida First Coast Chapter members painted a Compass Rose 75 feet in diameter on the run-up area of Runway 14 at Craig Field in Jacksonville. Pictured are Jetta Schantz, Christy Smith, Jessica Kammerer, Reba Ludlow, Mary Talley, Andy Renbeck and Anne Kelly. The Chapter plans to paint at least three more in the near future.—Reba Ludlow, Airmarking Chairman

1997 Air Race Classic

According to a news release from the Air Race Classic, Ltd., the first place winner of the 21st annual ARC was Sophia Payton, of Clearwater, Florida, flying a Cessna Skylane in her sixth ARC. Her copilot was Sheilagh Wagner of Osprey, Florida. Sophia's niece, Janet Cochoff of New York, went along as a passenger. This is the second time Sophia has won the ARC, the first in 1978. She has an extensive aviation career in aircraft sales, as a charter pilot, in air traffic control, and as a glider pilot.

Forty planes left Boise, Idaho, on June 24 as participants in this all-women's cross-country speed race flying timing lines (with optional fuel stops) at Evanston and Newcastle, Wyoming; Jamestown, North Dakota; Duluth, Minnesota; Sault Ste Marie, Michigan; Elkhart, Indiana; and Wheeling, West Virginia, to the terminus at Knoxville, Tennessee—a total of 2,700 statute miles over 13 states.

Each plane was handicapped based primarily on horsepower and design. Winners were determined by how well the planes exceeded their handicaps in ground speed (mph). Altitude, wind, pilot skill, weather and aircraft condition are among the factors which influence the final score. This year, the race took place in very good weather across most of the country; and in addition, there were no mechanical difficulties.



Air Race Classic 1st Place winners: copilot Sheilagh Wagner, student pilot Janet Cochoff and pilot Sophia Payton.

Watching the takeoff

The 1997 Air Race Classic began on a cool, crisp morning in Boise, Idaho, with blue skies dotted by a few puffy white clouds and hot air balloons floating over the city. There was a 5:30 a.m. breakfast and weather briefing for the racers and then at 7 a.m. everyone gathered at the airport for last minute good-byes and good lucks, picking up brown bag lunches furnished by the Idaho 99s, and checking out aircraft, loading up charts—all under the watchful eye of the officials.

The TV camera crew arrived and set up their equipment. Racers with their good luck hats, jackets and so on, huddled in small groups near their planes. Ninety-Nines on FBO flight decks hoped for a better view by hanging out of second-story windows to take pictures. All were waiting for the call to start engines.

About 7:45, we heard the first, then the second engine turn

over. The pace aircraft, followed by several automobiles (including an antique Ford and a Rolls Royce), began to move out towards the taxi way. From the left, turning in behind the last car was racer No. 1, 2, 3, etc. Other engines started, planes began to taxi and we waited until ...there they went: No. 27 with Jan Liberty and Marilyn Moody of Western Washington slowly moved forward and joined the others.

We cheered and waved and took pictures and cheered some more and waited and waited. The end of the runway seemed a long way down. Other aircraft arrived and departed and we waited. Then all of a sudden, there went Racer No. 1 and on and on and we waited, keeping the camera pointed and ready for No. 27. Then, we waited on through the last racers to take off, No. 41: Pauline Glasson and Gene Fitzpatrick. As they flew past the judges, a wing-wave said good-bye to all. —Georgianne Ray



Air Race Classic Top 10 Teams (Seated) First place winner: Sheilagh Wagner, Kentucky Blue Grass, Sophia Payton, Florida Suncoast, and passenger Janet Cochoff. Second: Dené Chabot-Fence, Southwest Section, and Gloria May, Fresno. Third: Susan Collier and Nancy Toon, North Georgia. (Standing) Fourth: Suzanne Azar, El Paso, and Susan Larson, San Joaquin Valley. Fifth: Marjorie Thayer, Arizona Sundance and Ruby Sheldon, Phoenix. Sixth: Denise Waters, NY-NJ Section, and Ruth Maestre, All-Ohio. Seventh: Jacqueline Siegel, New Jersey, and Royce Clifford, Southwest Section. Eighth: Dottie Anderson and Jean Sloan, both All-Ohio. Ninth: Lynn O'Donnell and Laura Knipmeyer, both North Jersey. Tenth: Gary Wheeler, Foothills, and Michele Murphy.

RACES AND RALLIES



Western Washington and Greater Seattle Chapter members, Doris Wolfstone, Marilyn Moody, Jan Liberty, Liz Lundin Joglich, Carolyn Carpp, Nancy Jensen and Georgianne Ray traveled to Boise, Idaho, to assist in the start of the ARC.—Marian Hartley



Members of the Indiana Dunes Chapter hosted the Air Race Classic pilots at the Elkhart (Indiana) airport stop June 25, providing them with excellent food and hospitality. Pictured with Chairman Julie Feakes are Pauline Glasson, Tip of Texas Chapter, and a future 99 in front of Pauline's Cessna 172N. The veteran celebrity pilot has more than 40,000 hours and has never missed an ARC.

—Christine Murdock, Tip of Texas Chapter

Western Washington Chapter

In the 1997 ARC, our leg from Duluth, Minnesota, to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, Jan Liberty and I set a national speed record for the approximately 368 miles for our class of airplane at 219 mph! (Pretty fast for a single engine air-

craft.) We will be recognized at the annual banquet of the National Aeronautic Association in Washington, D.C. at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in March 1998 when all recipients of world and national records receive their awards for 1997.

—Marilyn Moody

The 1998 Air Race Classic will begin in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and finish in Batavia, Ohio. For more information, contact Pauline Glasson at 512-289-1101.

Buckeye Air Rally

The 22nd Annual Buckeye Air Rally was held at Sporty's in Clermont County, Ohio. Our host was Hal Shevers. There were 21 entrants. All-Ohio member Peg Figley won second place. Ann and Kathy Samuelson were the Best 99s Team, as well as finishing fifth

place. Dottie Anderson and Jean Sloan won the spot landing.—Marge Hazlett

Illi-nines Derby

Vi Blowers Stamm and Brown Dillard, both of All-Ohio, won third place in the Illi-nines Derby. They had the best score for all speeds.

NOTAMS

Contest deadline extended

The contest for a 99s' "new image" graphic and tag line has been extended to February 13, 1998. Winner receives a full registration for a 99 and guest at the 1998 Convention in Guadalajara, Mexico. For a copy of the contest rules, contact International Headquarters.

Names of women DFC winners requested

Bob J. Taylor has asked the 99s for help in locating a list of names of all women aviators who have been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. The government offices he has contacted and the Air Force have informed him that no such list exists. If you have information on DFC recipients besides Amelia, please contact Mr. Taylor at 2412 Canyon Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068. Phone/fax 213-485-0963.

Awards deadline, November 30

Nominations for the Award of Merit and Award of Achievement must be sent to Headquarters by November 30, 1997. The awards will be presented at the 1998 Convention in Guadalajara.

Proud to be a 99

BY PHYLLIS WELLS
Pikes Peak Chapter

We often hear the questions, "Why should I join the 99s?" and "What will I get out of it?" and "Is it worth the cost?" The answers really depend on the attitude of the person asking them. When I attended the Forest of Friendship ceremonies recently in Atchison, Kansas, I got several answers.

When 87-year-old Doris Lockness arrived flying a Malibu and made a beautiful high speed low pass and a perfect landing; when Patricia Boldhahn was awarded \$1,000 for her outstanding contribution to flying as a pilot for the Forest Service in Boise, Idaho; and when I saw the entire community of Atchison going overboard to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Amelia Earhart's birthday, I was proud to be a 99.



Phyllis Wells

Powder Puff Derby Reunion Palm Springs, California

The 50th anniversary reunion of the Powder Puff Derby will be held November 7 and 8 at the site of the first All Woman Transcontinental Air Race takeoff in 1947. Anyone who flew or worked in any capacity on the PPD is welcome.

Bring pictures and memorabilia for "show and tell" to the Palm Springs Hilton Resort. (Make your own reservations.) Send your \$50 registration fee to: Barbara Evans, 4307 Quail Run Lane, Danville, CA 94506.

RUTH WOLFE THOMAS. Charter member of the Tennessee Chapter, died suddenly July 14. She and her husband Farris, her flight instructor, had been married for 57 years. She raced in the Powder Puff Derby many times, as well as in the International Race.

We could always depend on Ruth to work with the Tennessee 99s whenever and wherever she was needed. The 99s held a special memorial service for Ruth and at the cemetery eight planes, two of them flown by 99s, flew over as a final tribute to our departed friend.

—Evelyn Johnson
Tennessee Chapter

Hillman "Butch" Howren. 49 1/2 of Evelyn Greenblatt Howren, North Georgia Chapter, died June 13 in Atlanta, Georgia. Mr. Howren served in the Army Air Corps during WWII as a flight instructor, and Evelyn flew for the WASPs. Upon returning to Atlanta after the war, they co-founded Flightways, Inc. and Airfuel at Atlanta Municipal Airport. The Howrens shared their love of aviation in their business partnership and marriage for more than 50 years.—Carol Brown

Rev. Lester A. Wyse. 49 1/2 of Rosalie Bracht Wyse, All-Ohio Chapter, died June 7.

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If you need marketing materials, supplies of posters, brochures, orientation packages, business cards, membership applications and informational cards are available. Here's how to get them:

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