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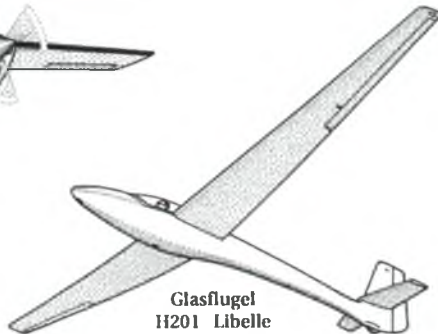


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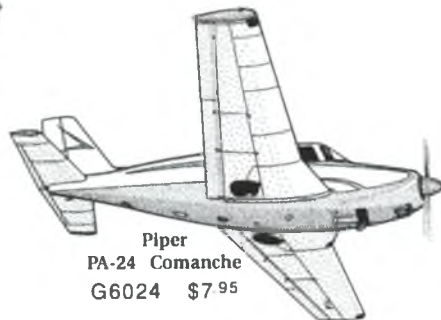
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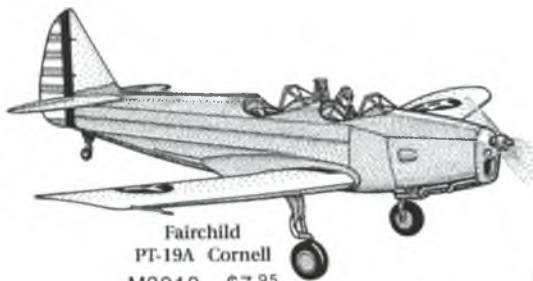
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## DECEMBER

8-11 — Convention of International Council of Air Shows, Las Vegas, Nev., 517-782-2424

# 1998

## JANUARY

28-02/01 — Lawyer Pilots Bar Association Meeting, Tucson, Arizona. Cecile Hatfield, 305-895-3330

## FEBRUARY

6-8 — 1998 Sport Aviation Conference and Flight Expo, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Office of Aeronautics, 612-296-8202

## MARCH

6-8 — International Board Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

6-8 — Women In Flight Conference, Pima Air & Space Museum, Tucson, Arizona. Elissa Lines, 520-574-0462

21 — Northwest Section Board Meeting, Eugene, Oregon. Susan Harper, 208-939-1004

## APRIL

8-12 — First Asia/Pacific Conference, Queenstown, New Zealand, hosted by the New Zealand Airwomen's Association, fax 64-3-312-5818

17-19 — South Central Section Spring Meeting, Gloria Blank, 830-510-4963

23-24 — West Canada Section Meeting, June Mills, Office 250-492-8017, Home 250-497-5731

## MAY

1-3 — Southwest Section Spring Meeting, Bakersfield, California. Donna Weeks, 805-393-6922

1-3 — North Central Section Spring Meeting, Saginaw, Michigan. Gloria (Eby) Buck, 313-653-6319

15-16 — New England Section Meeting, Concord, New Hampshire. Linda Fish, 603-632-5850

## JULY

8-12 — The Ninety-Nines International Convention, Guadalajara, Mexico, Pat Ward, 972-346-3517; fax 972-347-2917; e-mail 76764,1253@compuserve.com

13-16 — World Aerospace Education Organization 10th Biennial Congress, Perth Australia. Diane Cozzi, 847-248-2595 (day) or 630-495-6565 (evening)

## AUGUST

14-16 — Northwest Section Meeting, Kennewick, Washington. Marjy Leggett, 509-547-4347

20-22 — 3rd International Ladies Cup, Eindhoven Airport, The Netherlands. Thea Geris-Vogels, 31.77-4662555

## OCTOBER

1-3 — North Central Section Fall Meeting, Madison, Wisconsin. Krys Brown, 920-261-6651

25-26 — West Canada Section Meeting, June Mills, Office 250-492-8017 or home 250-497-5731

## ATTENTION:

GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRS  
To list your 99s events on this calendar page, send information to:

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## High Flyers: Women in Aviation Exhibition

Canadian women are the stars of the *High Flyers: Women in Aviation Exhibition* which runs through January 4, 1998, at the Reynolds-Alberta Museum and Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada. This multi-media exhibit celebrates the role of women in Canada's aviation history. The exhibition encourages women and girls to view aviation as a field which can provide exciting opportunities for them. Magnificent archival photos depict women who have been active in aviation and includes recollections and observations of many female Canadian aviators, such as Marion Orr, Molly Reilly, Helen Bristol, Elsie MacGill and Rosella Bjornson.

This national traveling exhibition was developed by the National Aviation Museum in Ottawa in cooperation with The 99s and Canadair Inc. For information, call 1-800-661-4726.—*Cynthia Blackmore, Reynolds-Alberta Museum*



## 21st Century Endowment Fund... An Investment in the Future

The 21st Century Endowment Fund is a permanent endowment. All contributions go directly to build the principal of the fund. After the endowment fund has accumulated \$1,000,000, the income may be allocated by the International Board of Directors to finance special projects for the benefit of women and aviation. Send contributions to Beverly Fogle, 6902 Riverside Dr., #2, Vancouver, WA 98664.

## NOTAM

### WAO Congress

The World Aerospace Education Organization will be holding its 10th biennial congress in Perth, Australia, July 13-16. The theme of the congress will be, "The Land of the Southern Cross" or "What's Up Down-Under?" Various tours and social events are planned during the congress, as well as a variety of pre- and post-congress tours.

The WAO Congress is open to all aviation enthusiasts and provides a fascinating and impressive forum of international aviation expertise and camaraderie. Contact Diane Cozzi for information at 847-248-2595 (day) or 630-495-6565 (evening).

If you have internet access, you can keep updated on WAO happenings via: <http://cid.unomaha.edu/~unoai>. Once you reach the site, scroll down to Organizations and then to WAO.

## NOTAM

### Amendments to Bylaws and Standing Rules

Proposed amendments to International Bylaws and/or Standing Rules to be presented at the 1998 International Convention in Guadalajara, Mexico, should be sent to Joan Kerwin, Bylaws Chairman, 1845 Howard St., Wheaton, IL 60187. Deadline for submission is December 31, 1997.



Lois Erickson

## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE!

### Unity in diversity: A formula for success

THE PROMOTION of aviation education in the schools and communities in which we live and work has long been a major component of who 99s are as an organization. On the next three pages

in this issue and in other issues next year, we will be showing you some of the students enrolled in the aviation programs in schools and colleges around the country.

Will they all become licensed women pilots? No, but many of them will—and we as 99s must continue to reach out to these women to encourage and support them in their efforts to achieve their career goals in the field of aviation.

Long ago, our founding members recognized the need to promote opportunities for women in aviation. They recognized that women who want to fly are special people with special talents so 99 of them joined together to help others maintain their courage, follow their vision, and turn their dreams into reality. Our purpose is to continue to follow their lead and help these women students be all that they can be.

This past year, The 99s were accepted as an Associate Member of the GA Team

2000. Ed Stimpson, chairman of this new entity, attended our October Board of Directors meeting to bring the leaders in our organization up to date on the progress which has been made in promoting more student pilot starts.

It gives me great pleasure to announce to the membership that the International Board of Directors has voted to become a Founding Member of GA TEAM 2000! Our thanks to past International President Susie Sewell for her generous donation to help make this possible.

Under the direction of Ilse Hipfel and Sheila Drayster, our membership drive is in full swing. Recruitment is only the beginning; Retention is the key to real success. Helping people learn to fly is the first step; encouraging them to continue once they have that first coveted certificate is vital to the future for all of us. We also need to support our women flight instructors and provide them with the recognition as professionals which, in my mind, is long overdue. *The world is a better place because of those women who refused to believe they couldn't fly.* Spread the word: Recruit a new member; bring a drop-out back.

It's an exciting time to be a 99. So spread the word. *The future is now...the opportunity is ours.* We can look forward and make things happen—or we can wait—and wonder “What happened?” What we give to others through the organization at the Chapter, Section and/or International level will come back to us a thousand times over. I guarantee it.

- **The Second Floor Museum** project is coming along nicely, thanks to all of you who have supported the work spearheaded by Co-chairpersons Claire Walters and C.J. Strawn.
- **The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum** is an exciting place to visit due to the tireless efforts of Chairman Marilyn Copeland and all of the AEBM trustees.
- **The 21st Century Endowment Fund** development is being worked on by Chairman Bev Fogle and her team.
- **A new German Section** was chartered by the Board of Directors on September 29. It will be my pleasure to present the ladies of the German Section with their Charter at their first official gathering in Frankfurt, Germany, on December 4.
- **The Membership Drive** is in full swing

## LETTERS

I ENJOY THE 99s tremendously, they are so often a source of support when I really need it. I do, however, have one question. Are there any other women out there who are employed in the corporate ranks with intentions of staying there?

I find myself being the sole female in every crew room. I greatly enjoy my corporate career and wouldn't trade it for the world, but it does get lonely. I feel the corporate ranks are too often overlooked by aspiring female pilots. There are not any books written about us, we are not invited to TV talk shows and do not write columns for any of the female aviatrix magazines.

My job is greatly misunderstood, and females comprise a much smaller percentage of pilots in the corporate ranks. I chose corporate aviation because I am home

almost every night and I do not work weekends or holidays. I realize that many corporate aviators do not have this luxury. I have been able to be with my family for all the holidays which is extremely important to my children.

I was fortunate to be asked through The 99s to do a career workshop for girls in middle school. The workshop sought women in nontraditional careers that utilized math and science. The energy these girls exhibited was rejuvenating for me. I would love to be of any assistance to anyone interested in corporate aviation.

—Laurie A. Stein  
Aux Plaines Chapter

THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE was especially great—lots of Canadian news.

—Grace Morfitt, Governor  
East Canada Section

JUST RECEIVED the July/August issue. Read it from cover to cover. Enjoyed every bit of it, even though I don't comprehend it all. You did a good job and I wish to thank you for your effort.

—Aleta M. Johnson  
Central New York Chapter

THOUGHT YOU might be able to use this great shot of Lu Hollander. With her is Lt. Col. Mumm, Commander and No. 1 pilot for the USAF Thunderbirds.

Lt. Col. Mumm was a guest at the Oklahoma Air and Space Museum chalet for Aerospace America '97.

You are doing a great job with the 99 News. I always enjoy.

—Don Finch, Exec. Director  
Oklahoma Air Space Museum



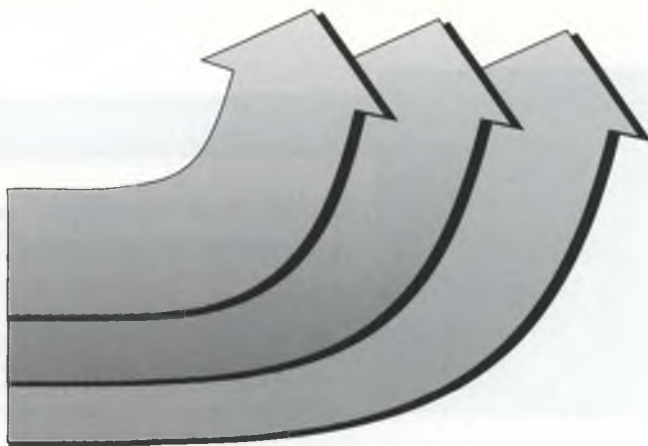
International Past President Lu Hollander and Lt. Col. Ron Mumm, Commander of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, watch the precision flying performance of the Canadian Northern Lights Precision Flight Team at the Aerospace America '97 event in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (Photo by Don Finch, Oklahoma Air Space Museum)

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# GENERAL AVIATION INDUSTRY ON THE RISE!

Number of new pilot starts going up  
Percentage of women in training going up  
Prospects for 99s membership going up



## Colleges and universities respond to 99 News request for information on their pilot training programs

### Dowling College School of Aviation and Transportation

HERBERT ARMSTRONG, Assistant Dean

Our school in Oakdale, New York, has made the recruitment and support of women students a high priority for the past three years. While women make up fewer than 6 percent of licensed pilots, nearly 16 percent of our students enrolled in collegiate aviation programs are women. Our goal is to raise the number of women in our aviation and transportation degree programs to 30 percent. Toward that end we have initiated several efforts to recruit women and to create a supportive and inclusive atmosphere for women within our aviation programs.

Three years ago, Mary Ann Turney, director of flight programs for the school, instituted a mentorship program, Women in Flight, designed to develop and promote a mentoring society for young women with an interest in pursuing careers in aviation. The program, funded by the AAUW and affiliated with the Long Island Chapter of The 99s, directly supported 10 young women (five high school and five college) by providing each with six hours of flight instruction. All introductory flights were taught by five professional women flight instructors—all 99s who had agreed to donate a total of 10 hours of instruction time.

Ground school group sessions were held during the mentoring process and several field trips were held, including a flight of three airplanes to the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

Dowling College women pilots have continued their relationship with the Long Island Chapter and are currently engaged in planning and participating in flyouts and aviation activities.

For three years, Dowling College has hosted the annual Women in Aviation and Transportation Forum which has brought many young high school and college women into contact with successful career women in aviation and transportation. Professional women in government, airline pilots, women managers and journalists have held learning sessions and provided networking opportunities for women hoping to enter the aviation field.



Mary Ann Turney (center, rear), director of Dowling College Flight Programs, and members of the "Women in Flight" mentoring program on the mall in Washington, D.C., during their flight visit to the National Air and Space Museum.

- Dowling College sponsored eight students to attend the Women in Aviation International Conference in Dallas this year. They were provided transportation, conference fees and hotel accommodations.
- Amelia Earhart Day was held at the College in collaboration with Zonta International.
- Women and men majoring in aviation and transportation at our school have started the first in the nation student chapter of Women's Transportation Seminar.
- Aviation majors have begun working with the local Girl Scout Council to mentor scouts working on aerospace badges.

All these efforts are beginning to pay off: Retention among women is up in all seven degrees offered. Our women have shone in regional and National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) competitions.

Through our recruitment and retention efforts, the school is directly challenging the stereotype of the aviation industry as the "old boys' network" and preparing young women for the rewards the industry offers to all young people.

## Central Missouri State University

KRISTINE POWELL, Graduate Assistant

Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, is Missouri's aviation university. Its Power and Transportation Department houses aviation baccalaureate programs in professional pilot, aviation management, aviation maintenance management, avionics management, agricultural aviation and systems design technology. Some 600 students are enrolled in aviation programs that are accredited by the Council on Aviation Accreditation. Approximately 20 of these are women pilots.

Central is a strong supporter of programs such as GA 2000, the EAA's Young Eagles and The 99s. We offer free flight orientation rides for those interested in a career in aviation, as well as other activities such as ACE summer programs and summer flight experiences for Boy Scouts.

We have a strong faith in the future of aviation and its inherent ability to unite cultures, countries and continents. We



*Ten of the 20 women students enrolled in Central Missouri's Aviation Program.*

are proud of the achievement of our graduates and have confidence in the ability of our students to assume the leadership of the aviation industry in due course.

## Southern Illinois Univ. at Carbondale

DAVID A. NEWMYER, PH.D.

Chair, Aviation Management and Flight

Our Aviation Flight degree program enrolls 226 total majors of which 28 (12.4 percent) are women. Our Aviation Management degree program enrolls 158 majors of which 22 (13.9 percent) are women. We have a total of four full-time female aviation professors/flight instructors out of a full-time faculty of about 30.

One of our efforts to recruit female students is the United Airlines-Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Aviation Career Day held each spring in cooperation with United Airlines. One of our female flight instructors who participates in this event is 99 Lorelei Miller.

Since 1994, United has taken a Boeing 737-300 out of the regular flying schedule at United and flown it to Carbondale for the day for the express purpose of recruiting female and minority high school students into a collegiate aviation program such as the one at SIUC. Thirty-three of the 72 high school students aboard the flight were women, and 10 subsequently en-



*Seventy-two high school students participate in Aviation Career Day at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.*

rolled at SIUC. Our next event is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 1998, at 8 a.m., tentatively scheduled from Chicago-O'Hare International Airport.

We have an excellent tradition of graduating women from SIUC, and we attempt to support women students in the aviation field through an established Registered Student Organization at SIUC called Women in Aviation, which has 22 members.

## San Jose State University

DARRELL L. ANDERSON, Department of Aviation

The Department of Aviation is not a flight training program per se. We provide a rigorous technical baccalaureate program to prepare students to become aviation professionals in operations, maintenance, maintenance management and administration. Flight training is the responsibility of the students. Most flight operations majors avail themselves of a well-established club whose membership is exclusively SJSU aviation personnel.

We conduct only limited recruiting at present, and while we make program information available to minorities and to women, we have no programs exclusively targeting these groups. We have 38 women majors, which is about 13 percent of our total student population.



*Six of the 38 women enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Aviation degree program at the Department of Aviation, San Jose State University in California.*



## Metropolitan State College of Denver

JO CAROL JONES, Chair, Aerospace Dept.

Metropolitan State College of Denver was founded in 1965 to serve the needs of non-traditional and minority students in the Denver area. Today, the college has an enrollment of 17,000. Five hundred of these students are in the Aerospace Science Department where we have the most sophisticated electronic aviation laboratory in the country.

The World Indoor Airport is a simulator lab composed of 15,000 square feet with 13 state-of-the-art flight simulators.

Women are our largest minority with a 20 percent enrollment in flight and management courses. We have a total of 62 women working toward a flying career. Courses are offered on a flexible schedule to help students who work. We offer a large number of internships that help students start on their careers before graduation. We keep our class sizes small, with no class enrollment more than 40 students.

While the women in the program are a minority in enrollment, they are not a minority in participation. Women are in Alpha Eta Rho, on the Flight Team and are visible in all activities in the department. Our female students take an active role in recruiting, and both male and female members of Alpha Eta Rho spend many Fridays conducting tours of the World Indoor Airport. Visitors are encouraged to fly the simulators on a flight from Centennial Airport to Denver International.



*Nine students enrolled at Metropolitan State College of Denver.*

Our female students have a very active support network within the Department. I am a 99. Twenty percent of our full-time faculty and 30 percent of our part-time faculty are female. The 99s Colorado Chapter holds its monthly meeting in the Aerospace Science Department and provides an additional support network for our female flight students. All students are encouraged to attend meetings. The chair of the 66 program is Jennifer Caine, an associate professor in the department. Because of her efforts, many of our students join as 66s and become 99s. Participation in the activities sponsored by The 99s increases the visibility of our female students.

## Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

LISA L. LEDEWITZ, Director of Communications

At Embry-Riddle, what we do best is teach the science, practice and business of the world of aviation and aerospace. Founded just 22 years after the Wright brothers first flew, Embry-Riddle and its graduates have built an enviable record of achievement in every aspect of aviation and aerospace.

The University makes a concerted effort to provide opportunities for women graduates and industry leaders to come to our campus and serve as role models by speaking to classes, participating in panel discussions or interacting with students on an informal basis. Overall, our student satisfaction surveys tell us that our women students perceive the campus to be gender friendly, a point in which we take pride. Combining in-flight training with rigorous academic study, Embry-Riddle's Aeronautical Science degree program prepares the graduate for a career as an airline, military or corporate pilot.

Recruitment efforts for women include the addition of several female recruiters. Roughly 14 percent of the student population at our Daytona Beach campus are women out of a total of 4,600 students. At our Prescott campus, 16 percent out of 1,500 students are female. One of our graduates who serves as a role model for women all over the world is Commander Susan Still, pilot of the Columbia space shuttle on the Skylab mission.



*Embry-Riddle hosted the 1996 Women's Air Race Classic, which flew from its Prescott, Arizona, campus to its Daytona Beach, Florida, campus.*

Cessna and Embry-Riddle recently announced a sales contract for nearly 300 Cessna single engine aircraft over a 12-year period. The aircraft fleet order, the largest in recent history between a university and an airframe manufacturer, will commence with the delivery of the first 15 aircraft in 1997.

Check out the Embry-Riddle Experts Database and News Releases on <http://www.embryriddle.edu>.

We would like to report on other colleges and universities that are recruiting women pilots into their training programs. Send information with a photo to Betty Rowley, editor, 99 News, 807 N. Waco, Suite 22, Wichita, KS 67203.



# Board of Directors Report

CAROLYN C. CARPP, International Secretary



*The Board of Directors met October 9-12 at International Headquarters in Oklahoma City.*

Every time we visit Oklahoma City Headquarters, the Second Floor Museum construction continues to amaze us as it moves further along toward completion. In view of this, the Board voted to hold the 1999 Annual Meeting/Convention in Oklahoma City, not only to celebrate the 70th anniversary of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., but also to celebrate the museum's opening. Dates for the convention and a specific hotel have not been finalized.

The Board also discussed the concept of having biannual conventions alternating with a more simplified annual meeting/awards event. Governors will be contacting members for their opinions regarding this concept.

Dave Turner of Turner Publishing visited the meeting and presented President Erickson with a \$3,000 check for royalties on the recently published 99s History Book. Mr. Turner then proposed that a new history book, more pictorial in nature, be published in 1999 in connection with the celebration of the 70th Anniversary and the opening of the Second Floor Museum.

The Board readily approved this project, anticipating the prospect of having yet another positive way to promote our image. The book will be prepared and published at no cost to the organization, and The 99s will receive royalties as with the book distributed this year.

Ed Stimpson, chairman of GA Team 2000, addressed the Board on Friday morning regarding The 99s becoming a Founding Member. As the Board looked at the objectives to promoting world fellowship through flying and providing education in the

community, it appeared nothing could serve our purposes any better than being a Founding Member. But money was the problem. Past President Susie Sewell delighted members of the Board with a donation of \$1,000 toward the \$5,000 Founding membership.

The Ninety-Nines will be represented in the coming year at AOPA and Women in Aviation conferences, as well as the EAA Conventions at Sun 'n Fun and Oshkosh. Reports were heard from all of the standing committees, and information was shared between the Board and the Council of Governors.

Along with a new time line for awards, the ad hoc Awards Study Committee revised and clarified procedures for International Awards, which was approved. The committee included Governors Martha Dunbar and Dorothy Dickerhoof, Director Vicki Sherman and Secretary Carolyn Carpp (Chairman).

Governor Marilyn Moody will serve as chairman of the new Awards Selection Committee, and the deadline for submission of candidates for the Award of Merit and Award of Achievement will be November 30 each year. All nominations should be sent to International Headquarters.

By the end of the meeting on Sunday, the sky had turned wet and gray, but the blue-sky upbeat attitude of the first few days prevailed as the Board finalized plans for the 99s' Convention in Guadalajara.

'98 **WILL BE GREAT!** You won't want to miss it, so turn to the center section of this magazine, read all about it and begin making your plans now!

## DON'T LET OUR FREEDOM TO FLY SLIP AWAY TAKE ACTION!

### Legislation Liaison Report

BY MADELEINE MONACO

Information on aviation legislative issues is available from many sources. An especially good source is 99 Lynne Trupin's excellent and well-researched work that is published in the newsletter of the Illini Chapter of the Illinois Pilot's Association (contact Lynne for info on a subscription). There is also information in every issue of *AOPA Pilot*, *EAA Sport Aviation*, your own state's Division of Aeronautics newsletter, the N.A.F.I. newsletters and *Flight Training Magazine*; the list is endless.

What each member *can* do is to *do something about it*. It does no good to know what detrimental changes are pro-

posed if we do not take action. "Take Action" forms are in the North Central Section Chapter Chairman's Manual—or call me and I'll send you one. But a form is not necessary. Individually written letters really work.

Make a commitment now to write or call your state's Congressional representatives, send faxes and otherwise generally make a pest of yourself, in order to have some effect on the laws that regulate our flying. If each member in our large organization writes just one letter, think of the effect we can have on those who make the rules.

It is in your hands to preserve your freedom to fly. Don't let it slip away little by little. Take action. And do it today, right now, while you're thinking about it!

# Museum Report

BY MARILYN COPELAND, *Chairman, AEBM*

**T**hank you to all the wonderful contributors to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. The brick project is going well, with more than \$48,000 in contributions. For those who have not sent for an engraved brick, the project is continuing. We have bricks in the front for \$100 and on the side for \$50.

They may have three lines with 13 characters or less on each line.

*Please send orders to Carolyn Mohler, AEBM, P.O. Box 128, Atchison, KS 66002.* Funds are still needed toward further interior restoration, exhibits and furnishings.

Furnishings of the period when Amelia lived in the home (1897-1909) are needed. If you or your family wish to contribute furnishings, please contact this AEBM chairman for the donor agreement and what you wish to contribute.

Other items needed for the education center are: TV/VCR, video camera,

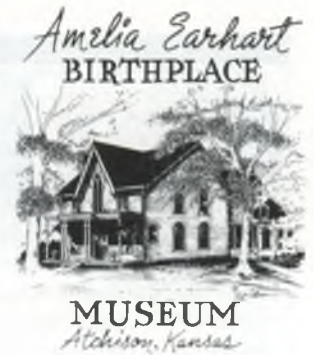
computers, computer software, file cabinets, historic video tapes, copier, display cases and more.

A grant application was submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing on October 1. This tourism development grant proposal is to develop an interpretive program to enhance the Museum's presentation of the life of Amelia Earhart, the Birthplace Museum and the history of women in aviation, including an electronic format.

The AEBM was recently given an excellent opportunity to place a one-third page color ad in a slick Kansas City Publication, *When Dreams Take Flight*. It was mailed to leading Greater Kansas City businesses and includes some great aviation history. Copies are available for the mailing cost of \$2 from AEBM Chairman.

The 1998 Amelia Earhart Calendar, commemorative second edition, is available for \$10 plus \$2 shipping from the AEBM, as well as a limited supply of cookbooks at the same cost. The second Navigators Club plaque still has room for your name, a relative, Chapter or Section for a tax deductible contribution of \$1,000.

The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum is one of the most exciting projects in our organization. Your participation in contributions and enthusiasm brings the past to the present and preserves it for future generations. Thanks to all of you.



*Tax deductible contributions for AEBM may be sent to Marilyn Copeland, 117 S.W. Winterpark Lane, Lee's Summit, MO 64081; or to AEBM, PO Box 128, Atchison, KS 66002*



*Amelia Earhart's suit which she designed and wore on her last visit to Atchison in June 1935 is on display at the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.*

## We wish to thank the following Sections, Chapters, organizations and individuals who have contributed to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.

<b>Navigator's Club</b> The International 99s San Fernando Valley Chapter World Flight, Linda Finch		Jess Ann Collier Marilyn Copeland Violet Cowden Grace Crist Thelma Cull Alice Cutrona Betty DeBaun Anette Decker Teresa Degraaf Dorothy Dickerhoff Rita Eaves Barbara Echermann Betty Edison Nancy El-Hajj Dorothy Estep Charlene Falkenberg Virginia Fantera Evelyn Farnham Lois Feigenbaum LaJean Firminhac Karen Folsom Norma Freier Barbara Fricke Dorothy Friedman Christine Gardy Darla Gerlach Virginia Geromi Linda Goodwin Marjorie Gorman	Fran Grant Marjorie Gray Janet Green Beverlee Greenhill Doris Grove Deloris Guthrie Lois Hailey Dorothy Haupt Wyn Hayward Margaret Hazlett Bonnie Hefte-Kodis Charlene Hengesh Eddie & Ann Holladay Catherine Houghton Judy Humphries Leslie Jenison Aleta Johnson Adele Kaufman Patricia Jayne Keefer Joy Klopfer Joan Knapp Esther Koffke Kathryn Koshan Beverly LaBrie Lenore Larson Susan Larson Amy Laws Margaret Lawson Dr. Sandra Leder	Nelda Lee Esther Lowry Janice Mabe Bunny Macarro Nell Sellers Magouyrk Pauline Mallary Dorothy Martin Marie McMillan Mary Mercker Elaine Morrow Linda Murphy Marla Patterson Jean Pearson Janice Perry Janet Phillips Louisa Porter Beverly Price Mary Quimby Sarah Ratley Georgianne Ray Hilda Ray Patricia Reed Paula Rellihan Victoria Ross Marilyn Ruzicka Cathy Salvair Charlene Sammis Carol Scanlon Jean Schiffmann	Pamela Schuerman Jean Schulz Susie Sewell Evelyn Shapiro Sally Shapiro Elris Shogren Arax Simsarian Janis Skliar Joan Smith Pamela Smith Constance Sprauer Martha Stanton Sandra Stokes Irma Story Donna Taylor Nancy Toon Shirley Tucker Sally VanZandt Nancy Waylett Joyce Weber Judy Wempe Florence Whipple Sandy Wickham Selina Wolf Robert Woods Nancy Lucille Wright Barbara Young Lucy Young
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Soroptimist International South Central Region is still working on a \$5,000 matching grant. The most recent contributors are: Augusta, Kansas; Big Country; Martha Hunt; Independence, Kansas; Lawrence, Kansas; Liberal, Kansas; and Mabel Rich



# SAFETY CORNER

BY  
ELIZABETH MATARESE  
FAA National Headquarters

**S**OIR/LAHSO! You have probably heard or seen the words...but knowing what they mean is very important to you as a pilot. SOIR means "simultaneous operations on intersecting runways." It is still being used, and a new term is beginning to be seen along with it: LAHSO, "land and hold short operations."

Why are they important to you? Mostly because they will require your informed consent. And it matters not whether you are flying a B737 or a C-172. This is for

everybody!

When two runways intersect and either the wind is calm or the wind direction and velocity make it possible to use both runways, it is possible to conduct simultaneous operations. This is good as long as some rules are imposed.

If two airplanes are landing on these intersecting runways (one on each runway), one will be asked to "hold short" of the intersection. This is predicated on a couple of things. First, that airplane performance requirements pertaining to both airplanes are understood. And second, that one of the airplanes *can* "hold short" of the intersection and *will*!

SOIR and LAHSO have been conducted for a number of years without much fanfare or formality. All that is about to change. The increase in the number of operations at our nation's airports is substantial. In addition, signage, marking and

lighting have become standardized, and all certificated airports, that is, airports serving air carrier aircraft of more than 30 passenger seats, are now required to comply with the standards.

Marking, lighting and signage have been developed for LAHSO to ensure safety. At certificated airports, you will begin to see the results of the installations rather soon. At airports where an ATIS, ASOS or AWOS is operating, the tape alerts pilots to the fact that "land and hold short" operations are being conducted. You have probably heard it.

It is still the pilot's prerogative to accept or decline LAHSO. And it is important to remember that. So, how well do you know your airplane's performance requirements for rollout, and how well are you able to judge distances? More on LAHSO next issue.



## 2ND FLOOR MUSEUM

### Second Floor Museum goes on tour

BY JAYE HOWES, San Fernando Valley Chapter

**H**ow can the Second Floor Museum be on tour when it is not complete and has no collections or artwork on display? Simple. We have a slide show outlining the progress of the museum. Thus far, we have presented our slide show presentation at the convention in Portland, Maine; at the Northwest Section Meeting in Spokane, Washington; the Southwest Section Meeting in Victorville, California; and the North Central Section Meeting in Rochester, Minnesota.

Eventually, we hope to make this presentation at most of the Section Meetings. Everyone who sees the show is very impressed by what has been accomplished. As I always say, it's amazing what talent, tenacity and money can do.

The talent comes from C.J. Strawn, designer of the museum

and member of the Palms Chapter. The tenacity belongs to Claire Walters, also of the Palms Chapter, and her extraordinary fundraising efforts. As of this writing, \$175,000 has been raised. With these funds, C.J. has been working her miraculous transformation of the Second Floor and it now looks like a museum.

Many thanks to all the Sections, Chapters and individuals who have contributed to this wonderful project. When we look over the contributions, we find that most of the money has come from individuals—members like you and me. That's no surprise because this great organization is built on the efforts of members like us.

We live in an exciting era. There has never been a better time for women in aviation. There has never been a better time for The Ninety-Nines. This museum represents everything that's positive about The Ninety-Nines and will take us soaring into the 21st century!

## SECOND FLOOR MUSEUM AT 99s HEADQUARTERS IN OKLAHOMA CITY

I want to help preserve historical artifacts for future generations of women pilots.

I want to make a tax deductible contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Second Floor Museum.

☐ My check/money order is enclosed made out to The 99s for Second Floor museum.

☐ Charge my ☐ MC ☐ VISA ☐ Amex No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Invoice me and I will pay over period of ☐ 6 mo. ☐ 12 mo.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ If 99 add Chapter and/or Section \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mail to Ninety-Nines Headquarters, Box 965, 7100 Terminal Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73159-0965 or Claire Walters, 13026 Psomas Way, Los Angeles, CA 90066

## Aerocamp for girls

BY MARCIA GITELMAN,

*Finger Lakes Chapter*

The Finger Lakes Chapter, in conjunction with EAA Chapter 44 and the Girl Scouts of America, held an aerocamp for girls at Ledgesdale Airport, Brockport, New York. Twenty-seven enthusiastic young ladies and their leaders pitched their tents for the weekend. The camp leader was EAA member Bob Barrett, who had previously conducted aerocamps for boys as a part of his master's thesis.

Chapter members and 66s provided the instruction. I was the coordinator for The 99s. Other participants were Judy Stiles,



*Aerocamp for Girls, Brockport, N.Y.*

Charlotte Shawcross, Mimi Litsche, Sandy Brown, Jonona Young, Peg Proceus and Nanci Arnold. In addition, we had the help of Mary Beth Bell, a recent Cornell graduate and aviation enthusiast.

The girls were divided into four groups for rotating sessions on Saturday: pre-flight, ground school, women in aviation and potpourri. Our hosts, the EAA chapter, made the facilities of their clubhouse available all weekend.

EAA member Tom Bowdler made his Cherokee available for pre-flight. Dawn Seymour, a local WASP, came on Saturday afternoon and made a wonderful presentation about her flying experiences ferrying newly constructed airplanes during War World II.

On Sunday morning, the EAA took over and hosted a Young Eagles Day so that all of our Scouts could have an introductory airplane ride, and Mimi Litsche brought her Cessna 150 so that each of the Scout leaders could experience the wonders of aviation. Door prizes of books, posters, T-shirts, videos and maps were donated by several women's aviation or-

ganizations, magazine publishers and our Chapter.

The camp was a huge success and is a project we plan on repeating. We hope that the concept will be adopted by other Chapters. The girls completed the equivalent of an aviation merit badge. (Girl Scouts no longer have an official merit badge in this category.) Hopefully, some of the girls will be inspired to pursue careers in aviation.

For further information, contact Marcia Gitelman, Finger Lakes Chapter, or Bob Barrett, 63 Edmunds Street, Rochester, NY 14607.

## Girls Exploring Trades and Technology Camp

BY MARILYN AFFLECK, *Atlantic Chapter*

The East Prince Women's Information Centre organized a Girls Exploring Trades and Technology (GETT) summer day camp for 20 girls in grades 6 and 7.

The camp is designed to give the girls an opportunity to explore various work fields in the trades and technologies, thus widening their choices of possible careers in a fun and safe atmosphere. GETT camps also encourage girls to stay in math and science courses.



*Marilyn Affleck and the GETT Summer Day Campers, Prince Edward Island, Canada.*

Atlantic Chapter Chairman Marilyn Affleck flew her Cessna 150 to meet the girls at Summerside Airport, Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada, to tell them of her experiences as a pilot.

## Women in Flight Conference

The second Women in Flight Conference sponsored by the Arizona Aerospace Foundation will be held the weekend of March 6-8, 1998. The conference will be held at the Pima Air & Space Museum, Tucson, Arizona. The conference pulls together women interested in aviation and aerospace and young women aspiring to careers in this expansive field.

## Aeronautics camp for school teachers

BY MARY VAN VELZER

*Orange County Chapter*

Twenty-five K-12 teachers from all over the United States came to Edwards Air Force Base in California for a two-week NASA Education Workshop on New Math/Science and Technology (NEW-EST/NEWMASST) at NASA/Dryden Flight Research Center. The workshop was sponsored by NASA/Dryden and conducted by Celia Vanderpool, Orange County Chapter member.

After the course in the aerodynamics of flight, Celia and her Cessna 180, Chris Stulik with her Bonanza A36, and Vicky Anderson with a Cessna 172 volunteered



*K-12 teachers from school districts throughout the United States at Gen. Wm. F. Fox Airfield, Lancaster, California, attended Aeronautics Camp sponsored by NASA. Teachers were (top row, left to right): 99s Vicky Anderson, Chris Stulik and Celia Vanderpool.*

their flying expertise to take the teachers up for their first ride in a single engine general aviation airplane.

Through this program, the teachers become Ambassadors of Aviation, returning to their individual schools to share their knowledge with other teachers, as well as their community. Most important, they return to their classes armed with exciting "hands-on" experiences to inspire their students in math, science and technology.



## Membership Drive

### —Get your supplies here

**A**s you can see from the article in this issue (and in future issues), there are a lot of women taking flight training, so there are going to be a lot of prospects out there, and you need to be prepared when someone asks you for information on The 99s. You need to be ready to help, to mentor, to provide the camaraderie and conversation that new pilots need.

For women on the go, keep a 99s Information Packet handy. Keep one in your plane, in your car, in your flight bag—ready to hand to a potential member, ready to provide all the ingredients necessary to introduce a new woman pilot to the world of The 99s.

A simple packet made up of a brochure, an Application Form, a chapter newsletter and a 99s business card is convenient, easy to assemble, and doesn't cost much. It's something you can have available to hand to any woman pilot you meet who is not already a member.

An Information Packet can provide an introduction to who we are, what we do and how we do it.

Your Chapter Chair can order a supply of brochures from Headquarters in Oklahoma City, but remember, if you don't carry anything else, always, always have an Application Form handy. You just never know when you might need it for a new pilot—or to welcome a former 99 back!

See last issue for information on the Membership Contest now in progress or call Sheila Drayster at 702-263-6798 or Ilse Hipfel at 626-967-5892. They'll be happy to send you an Information Packet.

Membership Application Form contained in this issue. Make copies so you'll always have some on hand.

## Spread the Word

### Order some business cards

### —and then use them!

A business card passed on to a woman pilot is a small investment that could pay off big time!

If you have not already done so, your Section and/or Chapters should provide funds in their future budget to order some business cards.

The business card acknowledges that The 99s are an International Organization of Women Pilots. It recognizes that almost 7,000 women pilots are joined as members to encourage worldwide support, promote aviation education and organize social activities for networking opportunities.

It may surprise you to know how such a small item, one that fits in the palm of your hand, can have such a lasting impression on the person you give it to.

To get you started on keeping a supply of business cards on hand for distribution by your Section/Chapter Membership Chairs, your Board and any others who request them, **we have a special deal for you.**

During our current 97-98 Membership Drive, the business cards may be ordered through Ilse Hipfel or Sheila Drayster *at no cost..* (Limit of 25 per Chapter; 500 per Section). When the Membership Drive is over, the cost will be five cents per card (postage included) minimum order of 25.

Let us hear from you today!

I. E. Hipfel  
P.O. Box 963  
Placentia, CA92871

Sheila Drayster  
960 Cedarcliff Ave.  
Las Vegas, NV 89123

## WELCOME THESE 59 WOMEN PILOTS TO THE NINETY-NINES

Jennifer V. Aiken, *Greater Detroit Area*  
Rosemary L. Albrecht, *Garden State*  
Barbara Ann Aparo, *North Georgia*  
Sarah Barber, *All-Ohio*  
Jody K. Bauder, *Western Washington*  
Patricia K. Beavers, *Mid-Atlantic Section*  
Irazu O. Bolves, *Florida Spaceport*  
Mary Bovee-Chesnut, *Southwest Section*  
Barbara A. Brinck, *Northeast Section*  
Rosemary A. Brinko, *South Central Sect.*  
Laura Bradshaw Buck, *E. New England*  
Suzan Siekmann Cairns, *Long Island*  
Sara Marie Christen, *Northeast Section*  
Margaret Marie Daflucas, *Greater KC*  
Maggie M. Dehart, *Mount Shasta*  
Jill E. Eichler, *Garden State*  
Colleen Gloria Eichmann, *Chicago Area*  
Nancy V. Fella, *Greater Cincinnati*  
Judith Yates Fisher, *Santa Clara Valley*  
Patricia Mary Flattery, *Arkansas*

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Stacia Marie Valentine, *San Gabriel Valley*  
Sarah Elizabeth Wilson, *Florida Suncoast*  
Amy M. Woody, *Montana*  
Ni Zhang, *Southwest Section*



## WASPS honored

After more than 50 years, the Women's Auxiliary Service Pilots were officially recognized by the U.S. Air Force at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. A bronze statue of a uniformed WASP was unveiled by the Honorable Janet Reno, United States Attorney General, and WASP Dorothy Swain Lewis, designer and sculptor.



Members of Pikes Peak Chapter Diane Rose, Col. Kelly Hamilton, USAF, Ret.; and Von Alter review memorabilia with a visiting WASP.

In attendance were more than 150 patriotic WASPs—women bound together by a love of flying and a fierce dedication to their country.

The WASPs were Civil Service employees who sacrificed much during WWII—separated from their families, their jobs and careers on hold—so that men could be released for combat. They fer-

ried planes to various locations in the U.S. and overseas. They experienced a camaraderie that lasts to this day.

Janet Reno was honored to be a part of the ceremony because her aunt, WASP Winifred Wood, was instrumental in encouraging Reno to choose a career as a lawyer, and Diane Rose of the Pikes Peak Chapter was especially pleased to be present to represent her mother, WASP Jean Reimer, who could not attend.

Coming from across the country to honor these women were their families (sometimes three generations), as well as 99 President Lois Erickson; Colonel Kelly Hamilton, USAF Ret.; and other military dignitaries.

President Erickson took time to visit and speak at our Chapter meeting. A special treat for her was a ride in a twin engine Partinavia owned and piloted by Chapter member Sandra Sweeney.—Onita Winfrey



## Thanks to UPS and United Airlines

Regina Eugene and Nancy Stuke, representatives from United Parcel Service and United Airlines, with Charlene Falkenberg (center). UPS contributed \$7,500 to the AE Memorial Scholarship Fund and United Airlines contributed two Type Ratings.

## LETTERS

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I REALLY DO BELIEVE that the Wings Program results in safe pilots and safe skies. I've seen it awaken pilots in our small town to safer and more proficient techniques. My husband and I are FAA Safety Counselors out of the Grand Rapids FSDO. We've put on a Pilot Proficiency Day each of three years now.

The Amelia Earhart Scholarship is a real plus for recruiting and for public affairs. One of our members, always a winner, won advanced training last year. Our Chapter also awards a scholarship to a Civil Air Patrol Flight Encampment to one female CAP cadet each year, which is how Janet Patton got started.

Thank you for helping me to feel in touch with my flying sisterhood.—Martha L. MacLeod  
Michigan Chapter

MANY OF MY FELLOW Chapter members have called to say how much they enjoyed reading my article in the July/August issue. Thank you for the opportunity to share a tribute to a lost friend who was so beloved by everyone who knew her.

I also wanted to share the wonderful news that I passed my private pilot checkride on August 12. The application to the 99s is in the mail. My jacket is on order. This is a proud time I'll remember for the rest of my life. An additional privilege I expect to exercise is reading your magazine as a regular subscriber.

—Lesley G. Miller  
North Jersey Chapter

BOBBI LASHER, Chairman of the Spaceport Chapter, called me because of what she read in the 99 News. She is also a greyhound res-

cue volunteer at the Melbourne, Florida, racetrack and we are talking about how she can get some dogs flown out from there to placement groups around and about her area. So if all of this keeps up, we will be starting "squadrons" all over the place!

As a result of the Fox TV News tape, I will be filming a "Wings for Greyhounds" flight for the Discovery Channel's "Animal Planet," and I also am flying a Los Angeles Times photojournalist on a trip.

Wings for Greyhounds can be found at <[www.wingsforgreyhounds.org](http://www.wingsforgreyhounds.org)> or contact us at 11288 Ventura Blvd., Suite B436, Studio City, CA 91604.

—Maggie McCurry  
San Fernando Valley Chapter



Maggie and her dog, Lance.



# Let's Meet in Guadalajara

1998 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MEXICO, JULY 8-12

By Pat Ward, Convention Chairman

If you have only been to the border cities between the United States and Mexico, you haven't really been to Mexico! With a history almost as old as the discovery of America, deep in Mexico lies the evolution of civilization on the North American continent.

Guadalajara, capital city of the state of Jalisco, embodies the heart and soul of a people whose courage, dignity and faith has evolved over centuries of time, tears and proud perseverance. Guadalajara is the essence of Mexico and is world renowned for its venerable colonial architecture, flowers, art, music and culture, and the warm hospitality of its people.

Surrounded by the high plain of the Valley of Atemajac, Guadalajara, established in 1542, is on the same latitude as tropical Honolulu, with an altitude comparable to Denver (5,091 ft.). It has attracted the largest community of English-speaking residents outside of the United States and Canada to its combination of pleasant year-round weather, culture and leisure. Purple, red and pink jacaranda trees, cascading bouganvillea enhance nearly 150 public fountains scattered throughout the city, graced by massive statues and artistically designed buildings. Powerful guitar, violin and trumpet music and flashy, colorful costumes epitomize the native passion for life.

Guadalajara and its surrounding towns and villages is a sprawling metropolis of more than 5 million people. Progressive and modern, yet protective of its Old World culture and architecture, Guadalajara is the second most populous city in the Republic of Mexico. Museums, cathedrals, the arts and the performing arts provide a variety of entertainment for the visitor. The charro tradition of eloquent horsemanship, the distinctive sting of the nearby birthplace of tequila produced from its fields of bluebonnet-like agave plants, and the soul-reaching strains of mariachi music make Guadalajara and the state of Jalisco a beguiling destination.

At numerous nearby neighborhood communities surrounding Guadalajara, with names like Chapala, Tlaquepaque, and



Tonala, local artisans craft fine and delicate hand-painted clay pottery prized by collectors throughout the Republic of Mexico, intricate wood crafts, exquisite silver and gemstone jewelry, and hand-blown glass handed down through generations of tradition distinctive to each family. Scores of paintings and sculptures are sold by their creators in a festive atmosphere on the weekends in the Glorieta Chapalita community. One of the most important industries in Guadalajara is the manufacture of natural leather shoes and boots, all hand crafted and custom fitted. Guadalajara is a shopper's paradise with congenial shopkeepers housed in a myriad of storefronts in which to browse.

The largest distribution center in western Mexico, our destination city enjoys an affluent economy due to such commercial endeavors as high-tech computer manufacturers, as well as those which convert metals, hides and foodstuffs into many different products. The government of Jalisco encourages women-owned businesses and boasts a large contingent of professional

women's organizations.

It is with a great deal of excitement that the people of Guadalajara anticipate the arrival of our international organization of women pilots, a first for their city and a first visit to Mexico by The 99s. Convention attendees will be met at the airport, escorted to our 5-star headquarters hotel, and pampered from the time of our arrival until we bid our new friends adios on the last day. Hopefully, we will have an opportunity to meet with other women pilots in Mexico and interest them in joining our organization for world friendship through flight.



Guadalajara's 300-room Crowne Plaza Hotel.

In the next issue, more details about our schedule, speakers and events will be provided. Members are urged to register early in order to get the best seats available at our special discount airfares, and to secure accommodations in our headquarters hotel. Take advantage of our pre- and post-convention tours and rates, and join us for this historic first international convention in Mexico.

## GENERAL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Joan Granger, Southwest Travel, is the exclusive agent for the 1998 Convention. **Mail checks payable to The 99s, Inc. or fax credit card information (with signature) for convention package, extra nights, and day only registration to: Southwest Travel, 1594 Sara Road, Suite B, Rio Rancho, NM 87124 (Attention: Joan)**

### Convention Package

The convention package includes 3- or 4-night hotel room including tax and gratuities for bellman and room maid; full buffet breakfast Thursday through Sunday in the hotel restaurant; round-trip airport transfers; transportation, tour guide and gratuity for an excursion to the village of Tlaquepaque; reception and fiesta dinner with entertainment on Thursday night; AE luncheon on Friday; reception and Awards banquet on Saturday night; logo souvenir and convention program, documents and educational seminars.

There is no separate convention registration. A day rate is available for those who wish to make their own hotel and transportation arrangements.

Extra nights before (July 4-7) and after (July 12-15) convention are available at a special discount rate through Southwest Travel. Includes bellman and maid tips, room and hotel tax only (no breakfasts).

### Hotel Reservations

The convention headquarters hotel is the 5-star Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza. The hotel will not accept reservations for the 99s convention room block and rate from any individuals or any other travel agency except Joan Granger of Southwest Travel. No other discounts will apply. Any rooms blocked but not reserved at the headquarters hotel by May 7 will be released. Reservations made from May 7 - June 7 or later will have to go to the overflow hotel, where discount rates and transportation will also be provided for all tours and convention events.

Reservations for 99s' discounted airfares, optional city tour and pre- and post-convention tours through Southwest Travel only. Airline seats are limited in number and frequency, and all flights are booked full all year. If not confirmed early, maybe even months in advance, attendees may have to travel earlier or later than their preferred dates or pay higher fares.

### Airline Information

**Airline reservations by phone only to Joan Granger, Southwest Travel: 800-658-9338 M-F 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. MST**

American Airlines, the official airline of the 1998 convention, is offering 99s booking through a special contract with Joan at Southwest Travel of 10 percent off the lowest available fare, and 15 percent off the regular coach fare for tickets purchased 60 days or more prior to convention. Similar discounts are also available to 99s through Southwest Travel on Continental Airlines and AeroMexico.

### Private Plane

Contact Marjorie Thayer, Arizona Sundance Chapter, for information and possible group fly-out from some point in the SW U.S. Ph. 602-832-1492, FAX 602-969-5174. GDL airport has 100 tie-down spaces available, rings in the tarmac (bring your own ropes and chocks), approximately \$2 US landing fee, \$5 per day parking fee including security. Fuel available 100-110LL. Stay with your airplane until met by Immigration and Customs.

**Cancellation policy: Applicable penalty policy by airlines; one night at hotel if not canceled 48 hours in advance; \$175 of convention package forfeited if canceled after May 8th. (Not negotiable)**

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Tuesday, July 7

Early arrivals: Board of Directors, Executive Director, Parliamentarian, Council of Governors, Registration & Credentials staff

### Wednesday, July 8

0800 - 1700	Board of Directors meeting
1200 - 1900	Registration & Credentials
1900	Board of Directors
	Council of Governors Reunion
TBA	Other special interest groups

### Thursday, July 9

0800 - 1900	Registration & Credentials
0800 - 1700	AEMSF Trustees meeting
0900 - 1300	OPTIONAL TOUR # 1: CITY TOUR
1600 - 1730	Council of Governors and Chapter Chairmen
1800 - 1900	Pre-convention Communications Session
1900 - 2000	President's Reception sponsored by the Crowne Plaza
2000 - 2200	Guadalajara Fiesta - Mariachi Band, cash bar, local beers
TBA	AWTAR Reunion, Other special interest groups

### Friday, July 10

0630 - 0730	Registration & Credentials
0800 - 0900	49 1/2 Get Acquainted meeting
0900 - 1200	OPTIONAL TOUR #2: 49 1/2 and guests
0800 - 1100	First General Session
1300 - 1430	AEMSF Luncheon
1430 - 1515	AEMSF reception
1500 - 2030	Tlaquepaque Village Tour

### Saturday, July 11

0830 - 1230	Second General Session
0830 - 1230	OPTIONAL TOUR #3: 49 1/2 and guests
1400 - 1445	3 Seminars - concurrent - TBA
1500 - 1545	3 Seminars - concurrent - TBA
1600 - 1645	3 Seminars - concurrent - TBA
1830 - 1915	Cocktail reception
1930 - 2200	Awards Banquet

### Sunday, July 12

0800 - 1100	Board of Directors meeting
0800	Optional post-convention tours depart
TBA	Optional post-convention local tours

(See optional pre-convention local tours available July 4 - 7)



# Guadalajara

## REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - USE NAME YOU WANT ON BADGE

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Check enclosed (Payable to The 99s) ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_

Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Airline \_\_\_\_\_ Private Aircraft \_\_\_\_\_ Car \_\_\_\_\_

### Hotel Information

(Registration for Doubles or Triples will not be made until reservations and payments are received from all parties sharing the room. **Package prices are per person.**)

#### • FOUR-NIGHT PACKAGE — Wednesday, July 8 to Sunday, July 12

☐ Smoking ☐ Non-Smoking  
☐ Handicap ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ SINGLE @ \$678 \_\_\_\_ DOUBLE @ \$489 \_\_\_\_ TRIPLE @ \$449 = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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#### • THREE-NIGHT PACKAGE — Thursday, July 9 to Sunday, July 12

☐ Smoking ☐ Non-Smoking ☐ Handicap ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ SINGLE @ \$547 \_\_\_\_ DOUBLE @ \$408 \_\_\_\_ TRIPLE @ \$337 = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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#### • EXTRA NIGHTS BEFORE CONVENTION (July 4-7) and after convention (July 12-15)

\$93.50 per room single or double, \$114.50 per room triple, tax & gratuities included

\_\_\_\_ nights for \_\_\_\_\_ people @ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### • DAY REGISTRATION \$125 per person if 3- or 4 day package is NOT purchased. (no room, breakfast or transportation)

Thursday: Reception, Guadalajara Fiesta \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$125 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday: AE Luncheon, Tlaquepaque Village \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$125 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday: Reception and Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$125 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: SOUTHWEST TRAVEL (Attn.: Joan), 1594 Sara Road,  
Suite B, Rio Rancho, NM 87124 or fax to 505-858-0069

#### CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- ☐ Charter member
- ☐ International Officer/Director
- ☐ Past President (Yrs. \_\_\_\_\_)
- ☐ Section Governor
- ☐ International Committee
- ☐ WASP
- ☐ AEBM Trustee
- ☐ AWTAR
- ☐ AEMSF Trustee
- ☐ HQ Museum & Resource Center
- ☐ Chapter Chairman
- ☐ 1997-98 New member
- ☐ First Convention
- ☐ Non-U.S. member
- ☐ AE Scholarship winner (Yr. \_\_\_\_ )

### Private Aircraft Information

N # \_\_\_\_\_

PIC \_\_\_\_\_

Type aircraft \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Number passenger seats \_\_\_\_\_

Port of departure from U.S. \_\_\_\_\_

Date expected to file flight plan  
into GDL \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_

ETD \_\_\_\_\_ ETA \_\_\_\_\_

### 1. Guadalajara City Tour

**\$16**

*Thursday, July 9, at 9 a.m.* A "must do" to get acquainted with the city. Includes downtown Guadalajara and visits La Zona Rosa, Minerva Fountain, the University of Guadalajara, City Hall, the Metropolitan Cathedral, the Monument of the Illustrious Men of Jalisco, the Liberation Plaza, the Historical Government Palace, the Degollado Theatre and Murals, and the main residential district. (Approximately four hours)

### 2. Visit to the Tequila Factory

**\$14**

*Friday, July 10, at 9 a.m.* for 49 1/2s and guests during business meeting, and to early arrivals if enough requests are received). By motor coach, visit the Tequila Plant within the city to give you an opportunity to see the distillery of the world-famous Tequila where Tequila originated, as well as to taste the product. (Approximately three hours)

### 3. Zapopan and Zócalos Canyon

**\$18.50**

*(Also offered Tuesday, July 7)*

*Saturday, July 11, at 8:30 a.m.* for 49 1/2s and guests during business meeting (and to early arrivals if enough requests are received). Visiting the old village founded in 1541, the Basilica of Our Lady at Zapopan dating from the XVII Century. The Franciscans started from here to found the Northern Missions, including those in the United States; to the Huichol Indian Art Museum; to the impressive ZOBLATOS CANYON, the second largest in Mexico and to the beautiful "Cola de Caballo" (horse's tail) Waterfall. (Approximately four hours)

### PRE-CONVENTION TOURS

(A minimum of 30 passengers is required to operate the following tours at the stated prices. The tours can operate with as few as six people, but that increases the cost for the tour.)

### 4. Town of Tequila and Distilleries

**\$26**

*Wednesday, July 8.* Visiting the town of Tequila where the famous drink originated, you will see the Maguey Plantations and the old Herradura Distilleries, as well as the modern Sauza Plant. Optional lunch in one of the best restaurants in town. (Approximately six hours)



### 5. Lake Chapala and Ajijic

**\$26**

*Wednesday, July 8.* Visit the largest lake in Mexico, known to have one of the best climates in the world. It has the largest settlement of North American expatriates outside the United States. San Juan Cosala spa is known for its hot springs and big pools. Ajijic, a small romantic village by Lake Chapala, is the home of many artists and artisans where you can see Mexican weavers at work. Along the way you will have an opportunity to see many typical small Mexican villages. Optional lunch in La Nueva Posada or similar. (Approximately five hours)

### POST-CONVENTION TOURS ONLY

Departing Guadalajara on Sunday morning (July 12).

- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach transportation
- Bilingual tour guide for the entire trip
- Coffee and soft drinks on board the bus
- Entrance fees to museums and sites of interest
- Mexican federal tax
- Tips to bellmen and chambermaid
- (No meals included)

### 6. Mini-Colonial Tour in Guanajuato (4 days, 3 nights) **\$355 dbl.** (min. 16 passengers required to operate this tour.)

*Day 1:* Morning departure to the city of Guanajuato by guided, air-conditioned motor coach, overnight at the Castillo de Santa Cecilia Hotel. In the afternoon, sightseeing tour through the city visiting the Juarez Theatre, the University, the Alley of the Kiss and the Alhondiga de Granaditas.

*Day 2:* In the morning a visit to Balauzaran Street, the Pipila Monument and the Valenciana Church and Mine. Afternoon free for shopping, exploring and resting.

*Day 3:* Departure to San Miguel Allende. Overnight at our hotel. In the afternoon, walk around San Miguel de Allende, visiting the main square, the impressive San Francisco Church and the Allende Institute and Museum.

*Day 4:* A few free hours for last-minute shopping and return to Guadalajara, drop off at hotel of your choice or the Miguel International Airport to board your return flight to your home port.

### 7. Tour to Puerto Vallarta (4 days, 3 nights) -

(Requires 20 passengers to operate)

**El Camino Real Hotel (DeLuxe) \$238 dbl., \$393 single**  
**Las Palmas Hotel (4-Star) \$208 dbl., \$333 single**

*Day 1:* Departure by bus on a guided scenic drive to Puerto Vallarta. Check into hotel.

*Day 2:* Enjoy a great Trimaran Cruise along the Bahía de Bandras on board the Bora Bora, or similar boat, with time to swim or snorkel at Las Animas private beach. Lunch and open bar are included.

*Day 3:* At leisure for exploring, shopping or just relaxing on the beach.

*Day 4:* Transfer from your hotel to the airport for your return flight to your home port.

**Rates are in U.S. dollars.**



# GRASS ROOTS



## East Canada Section

Sue Ehrlander, Maple Leaf Chapter; Grace Morfitt, East Canada Section Governor; and Joy Parker Blackwood, International Director, attended the Canadian Women in Aviation Conference August 6-9. It was a good mix of civilian and military women pilots.

Speakers detailed accident investigation from SAR/CASARA (Search and Rescue); a career panel discussed both military and civilian flying and a number of other subjects were covered.

The Abbotsford Airshow/Tradeshow occupied Friday. Saturday's speakers and sessions included the Troubled Skies, the state of the airline industry; a wellness expert; and a recap by Shelley Breedon on the Canadian Precision Flying Team's adventures. The president of Canadian Regional, Mary Jorden, was the banquet keynote speaker.



Joy Parker Blackwood (left), Sue Ehrlander and Grace Morfitt (not pictured) enjoyed a side trip to Squamish, B.C., for some unique glacier flying while at the Canadian WIA Conference.

Susan Begg, Kathy Fox, Dee Brasseur and Dorothy Bertholet attended the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (COPA) Annual Convention at which the Canadian Precision Flying Team received COPA's Award of Merit.

—Pat Crocker  
Maple Leaf Chapter



East Canada 99s at the Women in Aviation Conferenc. (Standing) Shirley Allen, Jan Beattie, Sue Ehrlander, Glenys Robison, Suzanne Pettigrew, Sue Davidson, Shelley Breedon, Cathy Fraser, Bonnie Calwell and Anne Starret. (Kneeling) Denise Egglestone, Anna Pangrazzi, Pat Lee and Grace Morfitt.

Shirley Allen, First Canadian Chapter, and Dr. June Mills, Governor of the West Canada Section, with their pilot, Colette Morin, British Columbia Coast Chapter, enjoy some glacier flying at Squamish, B.C., while attending the Canadian WIA Conference in Vancouver.



## British Columbia Coast Chapter

The Chapter's 18th annual Poker Run organized this year by Libby Weis, Wendy Boyes and Denise Kits was a great success. We sold 264 poker hands, earning more than \$1,000 for the Chapter. Proceeds will be used for our annual safety seminar to be held in February.—Colette Morin

## Greater Seattle Chapter

Chapter Vice Chairman Georgianne Ray and Dan Hartley (49 1/2 of Marian) have been appointed by Ron Sims, King Co. executive, as representatives on the newly-created King County Airport (BFI) "Roundtable Committee/Commission." Along with 14 other voting members, they are to "advise and make recommendations to the airport management, County Executive and County Council on the airport budget, programs, regulations, master plans and noise reduction strategies and other related matters."

Georgianne is also a member of the ad hoc Noise Committee at BFI and chaired the committee that developed a special brochure for general aviation pilots that gives recommended/preferred arrival and departure procedures for BFI, the 15th busiest airport in the United States. The brochure includes maps showing noise sensitive areas and landmarks, and gives general information regarding the noise abatement program at BFI.—Marian Hartley

## Indiana Dunes Chapter

Dee Nusbaum and Phyllis Webb were again featured speakers at the International Oshkosh Exposition. They presented two Flying Companion Safety courses,

which were very well attended. Chapter Chairman Marilyn Horvath attended a seminar given by Linda Finch.

The 100th birthday of Amelia Earhart was celebrated with a talk and excellent presentation by Bernie Rice, a local South Bend historian. He spotlighted several of the first women pilots and reviewed Amelia's life and adventures using a video to compare the flight of Linda Finch with Amelia's flight—a nice birthday present for our Chapter.

—Christine Murdock

## Coyote County Chapter

The 7th annual poker run event was held in October. We had a great turnout of 34 planes.

—Kathryn L. Buckman

## North Jersey Chapter

We had a very successful annual "Pennies-A-Pound" in September. More than 200 passengers were flown by 99s and other local pilots.—Aileen Trotter

## Long Island Chapter

Irene Reef, a 99 visiting from Australia, was greeted and treated to an impromptu get-together dinner with eight of our members. Dottie Campbell donated a flight in her Cessna 172 to her church raffle. She then flew the delighted winner around Long Island.

—Patricia Rockwell

## Chicago Area Chapter

Our members were invited to join in the August 23 DuPage Pilots Association "Picnic" meeting at DuPage Airport and assist in the EAA Young Eagles Program which offered a number of free airplane rides for 8- to 17-year-olds.—Jean Ingle





**Aloha Chapter** - Members Aimee Kuprash, Linda Boyes, Vivian Fagan, Tweet Coleman, Lisa Kaku and Kelly Feeney were honored to welcome Linda Finch as she arrived at Honolulu International Airport on her World Flight. Linda was presented with a koa wood bowl to commemorate her achievement.

—Kelly Feeney



**Indiana Chapter** - Members Olive McCormick, Margaret Ringenberg and Betty Nicholas celebrate their 50 years as 99s. Also honored but unable to attend was 50-year member Jane Roy who lives in Florida. Twenty-three 99s and their guests met to celebrate the 50 years of membership.

—Lois Hawley

#### Women With Wings Chapter

Two of our charter members, Martha Case and Pam Sprang, were honored at the First Annual Women With Wings Chapter Recognition Dinner held in September. Martha was awarded "Pilot of the Year" and Pam "99 of the Year." Both have generously given of themselves to increase member-

ship, promote aviation and support all 99s.—Heidi Dietz

#### Michigan Chapter

Nancy Walters and Patti Uncapher participated in the Michigan Air Tour and helped fly 252 kids in the Young Eagles Program in Zeeland, Michigan.

—Lisa Root



Janet Yoder, Marguerite Lawrence and Bonnie Johnson participated in the Flying Companion Course at the American Bonanza Society Convention in October in Wichita, Kansas.

#### Kansas Chapter

In October, our Chapter conducted two Flying Companion Seminars for the American Bonanza Society's annual convention in Wichita, Kansas. More than 60 Bonanza members attended—and judging from the seminar evaluation forms, it was a huge success!

Presenters were Linda Black, Communication Procedures; Karen Tucker, Aircraft Instruments; Joy Hatch, Cross-

country Planning; and Ruth Hill, Introduction and Evaluation. All subjects were presented in Power Point format. Members who helped during the busy Cross-country Planning segments were Bonnie Johnson, Janet Yoder, Vicki Hunt, Mickey Axton, Phyllis McCollom, Linda Leatherman, Kim Fazzino, Carol Lanning, Phyllis Blanton, Marguerite Lawrence and 66 Phyllis Sears.

#### Alabama Chapter

Harriett Hall and Nancy Miller recently returned from a visit to England where they enjoyed meeting several members of the British Women Pilots at a dinner organized by Jill Honisett, British Section.

Chairman Linda Carroll organized a group of fourth- and fifth-grade Girl Scouts who completed their aerospace badges.

—Nancy A. Miller

#### Orange County Chapter

Three of our members, Pat Prentiss, Vicky Anderson and Sue Ballew, were winners in the Palms to Pines Air Race. Pat flew with Santa Maria Valley member Diane Pirman in Diane's Cessna 172 to win 5th place, and Vicky and Sue flew in their first race in a Cessna

172, winning three plaques for best time. There were 28 entries in this "back to basics" race over the beautiful terrain from Santa Monica, California, to Prineville, Oregon.

Our chapter celebrated its 35th year with a high-flying Pilot-of-the-Year Banquet. Sandy Ruller, a 99 for many years, was awarded Pilot-of-the-Year, and Pam Hengsteler, also a long-time member, was awarded Professional Pilot of the Year.

—Mary Van Velzer

#### Atlantic Chapter

The Chapter sponsored a tree planting project at the Prince Edward Island Heritage Aircraft Association site at Slemon Park, P.E.I.—Marilyn Affleck



**Potomac Chapter** - Co-chairpersons Doreen Branch and Debi Katzen admire their work at completion of a 60-foot compass rose at Suburban Airport, Laurel, Maryland. Chapter members made four visits to the airport to get the job done in spite of weather complications.—Vera Foster Rollo



## Sunflower Rally

The 16th Sunflower Rally sponsored by the Kansas Chapter was held Sept. 20. Bonnie Johnson in her 1946 Luscombe 8A launched first, followed by 16 other airplanes with a two-crew minimum. Teams were from Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa and Washington.

The secret race course of approximately 250 statute miles was revealed the night before, allowing the pilot/navigator teams to plan the cross-country prior to the Saturday departure.

This is a flying proficiency contest where contestants are scored in order of the minimum number of points attained, with the winner attaining the lowest score. The scoring is based on navigation points, fuel estimate vs actual, and time estimate vs actual. In addition, a spot-landing contest is held as a tie-breaker.

Navigation questions might be: Hillsboro, Kansas:—How many green public tennis courts are in the town? Marion, Kansas—How many light poles on the Marion Reservoir Dam?

Bonnie Johnson with her navigator Jennifer Reilly won with a score of 0.483, her first rally win in more than 10 tries! Their score beat out a second place of 2.100. The Luscombe was also the winner of the spot-landing contest with an 18-foot distance from the spot. Bonnie's time was 4 seconds off of her estimate of 3 hours 25 minutes.

The time trophy went to Linda Black in her Piper Cherokee with 2 seconds off her estimate of 2 hours and 15 minutes. Bonnie's fuel usage was off 0.2 gallons from an estimate of 14.1 gallons. They missed no navigation points (the only team to do so). After years of flying her Luscombe 8A in rallies and navigating Cessnas across tens of thousands of miles in cross-country races, Bonnie Johnson had to win one sooner or later.

The results were announced and prizes awarded at a BBQ Saturday evening. Many individuals and organizations contribute prizes and financial support to the annual rally.



Sunflower Rally winner Bonnie Johnson and her navigator, Jennifer Reilly.

## Michigan Small Rally

The 41st Annual Michigan Small Rally (formerly the Southern Michigan All Ladies Lark) sponsored by the Michigan Chapter had a total of 29 racers. Airplanes ranged from Beech V35s to a PA-20 Clipper. The day ended with a banquet.

—Lisa Root  
North Central Section

## Wings Over the World Sky Derby

Norma Freier won first place in the Wings Over the World Sky Derby at Keokuk, Iowa, in August. Ruth Frantz and Marjorie Sundmacher came in second; Madeleine Monaco placed third.

—Jean Ingle  
Chicago Area Chapter

## Marion Jayne Air Race

As part of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum celebration, the 92 Marion Jayne Air Race participants from 22 states were scheduled to enjoy a dinner and overnight activities organized by Ninety-Nines Dorothy Dickerhoof, Brooks Powell, Jackie Geldersma, Sondra Ridgeway and Marilyn Copeland.

The Atchison stop was scheduled as the third checkpoint after the race started in Albuquerque with stops in Guymon, Oklahoma, and Hutchinson, Kansas. The race is a VCR-only event but weather at Guymon wouldn't cooperate.

The dedication of 99s supporting other pilots was sorely tested as the dinner had to be canceled because racers stayed in Albuquerque through the first race day and

half the second. The racers had to overfly Guymon to reach Hutchinson, where the race actually started. The 99 volunteers in Atchison stayed through the night and greeted each pilot with cool lemonade and gracious hospitality.

Thirteen 99s participated in the race with Maisie Stear and Mary Creason placing sixth and Susan Collier and Nancy Toon placing eighth.—Patricia Jayne Keefer  
Dallas Chapter



Some of the 99s who participated in the Marion Jayne Air Race were: (Front) Pat Keefer, president, Sherry Hardin and Esther Gupenhagen; (Back) Denise Waters, Nancy Toon, Eddie Whistle, Barbara Bormes and Royce Clifford.

## Okie Derby

Sixteen aircraft—from a twin-engine PA 30 to an Aero Commander 100—and their pilot/copilot teams placed proficiency on the line for eight place trophies and eight special awards at the 19th annual Okie Derby, sponsored by the Oklahoma Chapter. Participants included 99s Wyvema Startz, Phly Howard, Ann Leininger and Phyllis Miller from the host Chapter; Diana Burton and Diana Cummins, Tulsa Chapter; Charli Lamb, Fort Worth Chapter; Carol Lanning, Kelly Martin and Marilyn George, Kansas Chapter; and South Central Section member Jeannette Hackler, Arlington, Texas.

First-place winners were pilot Mike Grimes, an Oklahoma Highway Patrol official, and copilot Doug Frantz, with an overall score of 99.61

Proceeds from the Okie Derby provide scholarships for



Heather Fritts, 1997 Okie Derby Scholarship winner, and Donna Jackson, Okie Derby Scholarship Chairman.

women pilots in Oklahoma. The 1997 recipient of the \$1,000 "Wings of the Future" scholarship was Heather Fritts of Broken Arrow, a student at Tulsa Community College and a member of the Tulsa Eagles Intercollegiate Flying Team. Phyl Howard, founder of the Derby, will chair the 20th anniversary event in 1998.

—Carol Sokatch  
Oklahoma Chapter

## Letter from the editor:

I'm celebrating three years as editor of your magazine, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for sending me your articles and letters and reports on your activities.

From my home in Wichita, Kansas, the air capital of the world, I feel so lucky to be watching the development of an exciting new era in general aviation. The news that crosses my desk indicates there is surely going to be a huge demand for new pilots—and a whole lot of them are going to be women.

When I read about the large numbers of aircraft being ordered by corporations and governments and airlines; and when I monitor the reports on the number of airplanes coming off the assembly lines at Cessna, Learjet, Boeing and Raytheon Aircraft in Wichita; when I read articles like the one by Sara Miller, an English

teacher at Northern Virginia Community College, in a recent issue of *Newsweek* about the achievements of learning to be a pilot; and when I see the numbers growing on pilot hirings published by Air, Inc., I know there are a whole lot of places where there are prospects for membership in The 99s—and you are the ones to help them on their way up in their career.

In this issue and the next few issues, perhaps for the next entire year if I receive enough articles, we will be featuring women student pilots.

What I need from some of you is input about where you went to school, what prompted you to want to be a pilot, some of the difficulties you have overcome. These need not be long stories—less than 500 words will be best. As you are aware, our space is limited. This maga-

zine is for sharing information, for networking with other women in all parts of the world. And we need your input.

The 99 NEWS is a magazine for women pilots by women pilots. It's a networking place where you can trade information on what you or your Chapter does to encourage other young girls and women to learn to fly.

In addition to reports on the 99s' organization, the magazine's content is dedicated to articles about youth education, scholarships offered to pilots for furthering their careers, piloting activities that you engage in—rallies, races, fly-ins—and achievements of members in other aircraft-related organizations.

Thanks for your support. I wish you blue skies. A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A GREAT '98!

—Betty Rowley

## TOUCH &amp; GO'S

- **Elizabeth A. Clark**, New Orleans Chapter, a King Air and Beechjet captain with Mississippi Chemical Corporation, has been elected president of Women in Corporate Aviation (WCA). WCA represents the interests of women currently employed in the corporate aviation industry and those interested in a career in corporate aviation.
- **Denise Kitson**, British Columbia Coast Chapter, is First Officer in a C-401, flying charters for Vision Air Inc., Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- **Donna Moore**, Women With Wings Chapter, and friend Andy Zavodney flew three young girls from Eastern Ohio to Teterboro, New York, in Andy's A36TC. The children, from Chernobyl, were in the United States to receive medical treatment for radiation poisoning. This action prompted an invitation for Donna and Andy to be guests on the Jenny Crim Show, "One of a Kind." The focus was on Angel Flights.
- **Jennifer Reep**, Alabama Chapter, is now flying as First Officer for ASA out of Dallas-Fort Worth.
- **Carey Smith**, British Columbia Coast Chapter, is First Officer in a BE 1900, flying charters for Central Mountain Air, Smithers, British Columbia, Canada.
- The original 99s pin (from 1957) of **Wally Funk**, Dallas Chapter, was recently flown by astronaut **Eileen Collins**, South Central Section, to the Russian Space Station MIR.



Wally Funk

## Attention: Chapter 99 NEWS Reporters

There is a new spiral-bound book, *Newswriting for Non-journalists*, which is available from the University of Missouri Extension Council of Greene County, 833 Boonville Ave., Springfield, MO 65802. To order, send a check for \$10 which includes postage and handling to them, (attention of Teresa). This is an easy-to-read and highly practical tool to help the layperson better communicate with newspapers and other media. And if you have not received a Reporter's Form from me, please let me know at fax 316-263-7350 or write to me at 99 NEWS, 807 N. Waco, Suite 22, Wichita, KS 67203.

## RATINGS AND WINGS

## RATINGS

Ann Blaiser	North Jersey	Instrument
Wendy Boyes	British Columbia Coast	Seaplane
Amy Brown	Orange County	CFI
Laura Crosson	Orange County	Multiengine
		Commercial
Lynne Erbaugh	Women With Wings	ICC
Courtney Hamel	Orange County	Single Engine
		Commercial
Margaret Napolitan	Florida Spaceport	Instrument
Patricia Rockwell	Long Island	BFR
Jean Scibetta	North Jersey	Instrument
Sue Weitz	Women With Wings	AFI (formerly CFI)

## WINGS: THE SIGN OF A SAFE PILOT.

Candace Oldham	North Jersey	Phase II
Penny Fedorchak	Coyote Country	Phase IV
Mary Hermann	High Country	Phase IV
Bozena Syska	Long Island	Phase IV
Rosemary Zimmerman	Alaska	Phase IV
Kathryn Buckman	Coyote Country	Phase V
Joy Black	Indiana Dunes	Phase VII
Martha L. MacLeod	Michigan	Phase VIII
Barbara Sierchio	Florida Suncoast	Phase VIII
Vicki Lynn Sherman	Florida Spaceport	Phase X
Wally Funk*	Dallas	Phase XV

\* Wally Funk was incorrectly reported in the last issue as having achieved her Phase XIV Wings. She should have been listed as having achieved her Phase XV Wings.



**ESTHER BERNER**, Indiana Chapter, died on July 18 after an extended illness, following a long and varied aviation career. She talked her way into the WASP program in 1943, flying PT-19, BT-13, AT-6 and the Cessna AT-17.

After graduation from Sweetwater, Texas, she was assigned to Wilmington, Delaware, flying pursuits, the P-39, P-40, P-47, P-51 and the DC-3 from the factory to embarkation points.

After deactivation, she secured a job flying the Beech Staggerwing for a company in Houston, Texas. Esther moved to Indianapolis in 1945 and became active in the Aero Club. She was named the city's "Outstanding Woman Pilot of the Year" in 1956. The Aviation Association of Indiana named her "Man of the Year" in 1975. Esther joined The 99s in 1955 and remained a member until her death.—*Lois C. Hawley*

**JULIE ANNE SWENGAL**, Indiana Chapter and a junior at Purdue University majoring in aviation technology, died September 12 in a plane crash at Purdue. She was 20 years old. She held private and commercial pilot certificates. Anne was the copilot on Purdue's aviation team in the 1997 ARC and was to be the pilot in the 1998 ARC. Memorial contributions may be made to the Aviation Technology Department in care of the Purdue Foundation.—*Lois Hawley*

**CORAL BLOOM-HANSEN**, Aloha Chapter, succumbed to cancer at her home in Walnut Creek, California.

Coral participated in this year's 99s Convention in Portland, Maine, as a delegate from the Aloha Chapter, Southwest Section. It was her "Last Hurrah!" which she did enjoy, especially since several other Aloha Chapter members were with her.

Coral joined the Bay Cities Chapter in 1947 and later was a charter member of the Sacramento Valley Chapter. Still later, she joined the Aloha Chapter when she moved to Honolulu. She was a Life Member.

She served 22 years as chair of aeronautics at Diablo Valley College in Concord, California. After

moving to Hawaii, she was chief pilot of a 141-school, Hawaii Country Club of the Air. She retired in 1985 with more than 23,000 hours flying time.

Coral is survived by two children, son Roger Bloom, a captain with Northwest Airlines, and daughter Cheryl Berryman and two grandsons, one of whom is aiming for a career as an airline pilot.—*Lindy Boyes*

**RUTH VOLLMERS HILL**, Garden State Chapter, of Dunsmuir, California, passed away at her home July 27 after an extended illness. Ruth spent time in Teller, Alaska, assisting her two aunts in running a trading post on the Arctic Circle. It was there that she learned to fly a single engine aircraft and earned her pilot's license.

She was unique in that she was one of the few women of her era who had the courage and commitment to learn how to fly in severe arctic conditions. She was a "bush pilot" because she had to learn how to land her Taylorcraft on skis and pontoons as well as wheels.

She met and married Robert E. Hill, who was stationed in Alaska while serving his military service training Eskimos. Later she moved to New Jersey where she started the first Girl's Wing Scout Unit. Ruth was an admirer of Amelia Earhart and earned the Amelia Earhart medal for her service with the Civil Air Patrol.

She is survived by a son, James, and a daughter, Kathleen.—*James Hill, Geneva, Switzerland*

**DONNA MAZE**, Arkansas Chapter, passed away March 21. Donna loved animals and had an African trip planned when she was diagnosed with brain cancer.

The first female Bengal tiger born after Donna's death at the Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, was sponsored by 99 Emmy Hall and named "Donna" as a living memorial.—*Nelda M. Donahue*

**JOYE CROSS**, Arkansas Chapter, and 49 1/2 **John** died August 12. They were passengers in a Beech King Air that crashed on takeoff from the airport in Alice, Texas.—*Nelda M. Donahue*

**SHARON STROBERG**, Kansas Chapter, passed away February 14 as a result of breast cancer. She loved to fly and she grew up in an airplane as her father was an avid aviator.—*Roger Stroberg*

**HELEN I. SIMMONS**, a charter member of the Kansas Chapter, passed away July 17 in a nursing center in Melbourne, Florida. She was 97.

Helen was born at home in Abilene, Kansas in a two-room house. She attended school with Milton and Earl Eisenhower, brothers of Dwight.

She married Roy Simmons in 1923. They bought a Cessna 170 in 1950 and that is when she learned to fly. After I became a 99 in 1983, I remember this energetic lady who would drive from Abilene to Wichita to attend our Chapter meetings. Nothing seemed to stop her, not even the weather. At age 88, Helen was still helping paint runway markings, right along with the youngest of our members.—*Karen Tucker*

**SIGRID RAMELLI**, 56, Long Beach Chapter, died September 13 at her home in San Pedro, California. Many will recognize her by her byline on many stories and photographs in the 99s' magazine. Sigrid and her camera were regulars at International Convention, Section meetings and other aviation-related events. Aviation was a magic carpet for Sigrid, taking her all over the world, either in her own plane or via commercial flights. She could always be counted on to fly the fund-raisers for the Long Beach Chapter.

Sigrid earned her private license, instrument and commercial licenses in the early 70s. The 1982 all-women air race from Long Beach to Cabo San Lucas was the only race Sigrid ever competed in, and she won first place.

In 1983, Sigrid suffered a severe stroke and after a delicate neurosurgical operation, she achieved complete recovery and was able to re-instate her medical certification and continue flying.

She and her husband pur-

chased a Beech A36 and began flying patients for Angel Flight. In 1993, she learned that she had been infected with the HIV virus from a blood transfusion received during the surgery in 1983. So she became actively involved with the Women at Risk Organization and served on its board.

At the memorial service in Rancho Palos Verdes, California, 56 white doves were released into the air, one for each year of her life.—*Carolyn Brown*

**BETTY JANE FAUX**, Long Beach Chapter, died August 25 after an extended battle with cancer. Born in Anderson, Indiana, she moved to California with her family in 1940, grew up in Santa Monica and graduated from UCLA in 1954.

Betty started taking flying lessons on December 27 and soloed on January 2, 1960, with just 8.4 hours of flight time. Later she became a co-owner of the flight school.

In 1965, Betty flew solo from Hillsboro, Oregon, to Melbourne, Australia, in an Aztec PA-23. The cockpit was filled with auxiliary fuel tanks.

Her flying career was intermittently sprinkled with other professional and business ventures. But in 1976 she returned to aviation full-time, participating in many facets of the business of managing and operating flight schools, helping establish two commuter airlines, conducting aircraft management for executives, flying business people and politicians, including President and Mrs. Jerry Ford and finally, working full time as a designated FAA Flight Examiner.

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—*Barbara E. London*



## SCHOLARSHIPS

### Women in Aviation, International Scholarship opportunities

Industry support for the 1998 Women in Aviation International Scholarship Program is at a record high. To date, more than \$200,000 in scholarships will be awarded in March 1998 at the International Women in Aviation Conference in Denver, Colorado.

To receive more information regarding specific requirements for the individual scholarships, contact WAI Headquarters at 3647 S.R. 503 South, West Alexandria, OH 45381 or call 937-839-4647. Scholarship applications must be received by December 12, 1997.

### Eastern New England announce 1998 scholarships

The Eastern New England Chapter is accepting applications for two scholarships. They are for \$1,000 each and are to be used toward education or training in pursuit of an aviation career. *Applicants must reside in one of the six New England states* (Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island) or be studying in one. Deadline for applications is January 31, 1998. Applications may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed business sized envelope to Karla Carroll, Scholarship Chair, ENE Ninety-Nines, 14 Cooke Place, Warwick, RI 02888-4202.

## GENERAL AVIATION

Leaders of GA Team 2000, of which The 99s, Inc. is now a Founding Member, report very positive results from an industry-wide effort to increase the number of student-pilot starts.

The number had declined 25 percent since 1980, but the first six months of 1997 have shown pilot starts increased 6.6 percent over the same period last year. In fact, 1997 marked the first six-month period of growth in 17 years!

Although the original belief was that married people over 40 would be the best prospects for redeeming the \$35 coupons that GA Team 2000 is promoting, a random sampling of the people who redeem the coupons has revealed that six out of 10 are single and nearly half are under 40. Of those who had requested an introduc-

tory-flight coupon, 44 percent of them had contacted a flight school and nearly half had taken an introductory flight.

As for airplanes being built for these new pilots, spokesmen for Wichita-based aviation manufacturers say "strong backlogs make the future look sweet"...and "Shipments at Raytheon, as well as at Cessna and Learjet, are booming." (*Wichita Eagle*, October 25).

In the first nine months this year, the nation's general aviation manufacturers have already billed more than they did all of last year. And the industry appears to be on the way to top 1996 delivery numbers of 1,130 airplanes, according to figures from General Aviation Manufacturers Association in Washington, D.C.

Airline pilot hiring continued very strong through September with 983 new jobs for the month and 8,864 so far in 1997. The majors alone have hired 2,977 (34 percent) of the total pilots hired, nearly matching last year's record total of 3,080 in the first nine months. The current rate of hiring throughout 1997 will produce approximately 4,000 new jobs at the majors, 3,200 at the nationals and 12,000 new pilot jobs overall in 1997.—Kit Darby's AIR, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia

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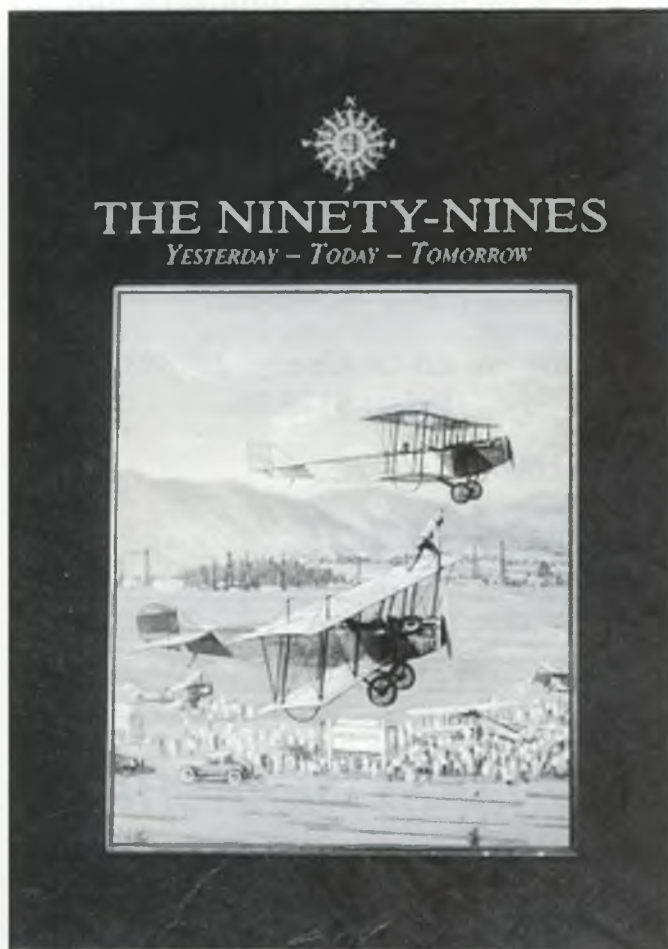
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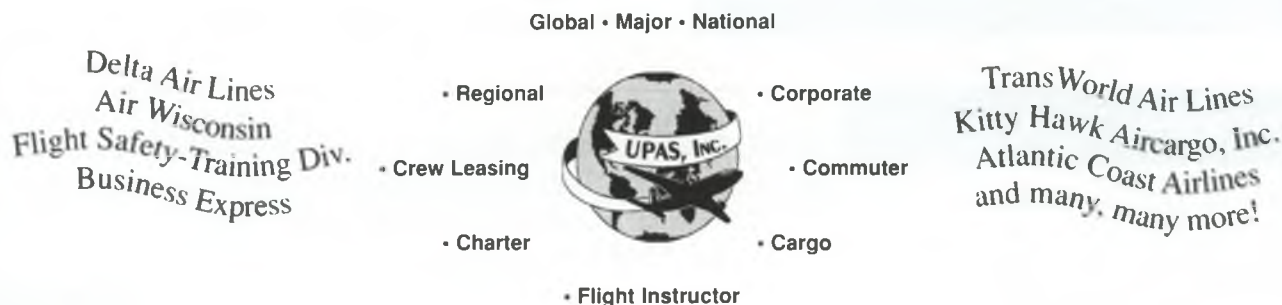
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