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## CAREER PILOTS

**Lori Egge, Kristen King, Nichole Wall,  
Laurie Reeves and Aileen Watkins**

Pictured here: Lori Egge, Mat-Su Valley Chapter, and her  
amphibian. Story on page 14.



**Capt. Sonee Rana**  
Nepal's first woman  
airline captain.  
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### GOVERNORS

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## FUTURE

### WOMAN PILOT MEMBERSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

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Membership dues are \$20 per year, plus a \$10 initiation fee the first year. FWP members may remain in this category for up to two years (the life of their student medical) and this time may be counted toward an Amelia Earhart Scholarship.

## THE 99s MISSION STATEMENT

*Promote world  
fellowship  
through flight.*

*Provide networking  
and scholarship  
opportunities for  
women and aviation  
education in the  
community.*

*Preserve the unique  
history of women  
in aviation.*

# PERPETUAL CALENDAR

## 2000

### FEBRUARY

18-21 — Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Flying Association (PCIFA), Virginia Harmer, 909-987-0087

19 — Mid-Atlantic Section Board Meeting, Manassas Airport, Virginia. Marilyn Alderman, marilynalderman@cs.com

### MARCH

2-5 — International Board of Directors Meeting, International Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

9-11 — International Women in Aviation Conference. Memphis Cook Convention Center, Memphis, Tennessee. Jennifer Saddler Thomas. 740-452-6462

12 — Annual Poker Run and BBQ. Rosamond Skypark (LOO), Rosamond, California. Sponsored by Antelope Valley Chapter. Elle Coussens, 661-948-5960 or 661-256-4357

18 — Northwest Section Winter Board Meeting, Spokane, Washington. Betty Prakken, 503-266-7795

### APRIL

7-8 — Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting, Wilmington, Delaware. Mary Lou Hagan, wmquantril@erols.com

9-15 — Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida. Barbara Sierchio, 727-347-8945

14-16 — South Central Section Meeting, Denver, Colorado. Mary Ducey, 303-501-4151

28-29 — Southeast Section Spring Meeting, Radisson Admiral Semmes Hotel (historic hotel), Mobile, Alabama. Hosted by the Alabama Chapter. Hilda Ray, 205-221-2518 or e-mail hreray@bellsouth.net

29-5/1 — 2nd Fly-in and Elly-Beinhorn Trophy, Damme, Germany. Hosted by the German Section. Andrea Moeller, +49-6126-91212, fax +49-6126-988463 or e-mail german99s@t-online.de

TBA — New England Section Meeting, Connecticut. Laurie Reeves, 860-434-2804

### MAY

11-15 — Australian Women Pilots Association 50th Anniversary, Sydney, Australia. Lee McKerracher, Australian Section Governor, at e-mail leemac@ozemail.com.au

18-21 — North Central Section Spring Meeting, Sheraton Suites, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Hosted by the Women With Wings Chapter. Co-chairmen are Mary Ann Abbott and Donna Moore, 330-832-8593

19-21 — Southwest Section Meeting, Reno, Nevada. Hosted by Reno High Sierra Chapter. Lynn Meadows, 916-587-7281 or fax 530-587-3103

TBA — NY/NJ Section Meeting, Buffalo/Niagra Falls, New York. Darla Richter, 716-652-0715

### JUNE

20-23 — 2000 Air Race Classic, Tucson, Arizona, to Hyannis, Massachusetts, 520-721-0099

23-25 — Air Race Classic Terminus Festivities, Hyannis, Massachusetts. Katharine Barr, 978-664-2636

24-25 — Evelyn Sharp Days 2000. Ord Nebraska. Chairman Judy Welniak, 308-728-5727 or e-mail Heloise Bresley at vcfarm@micrord.com

### JULY

12-16 — THE NINETY-NINES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE San Diego, California. Hosted by the Southwest Section. Susan Larson, 408-274-9152, fax 408-274-9182, e-mail susanlarson@compuserve.com

24-8/05 — World Precision Flying Championships (WPFC), Sweden. Jody McCarrell, 870-642-2508

26-8/01 — EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Rita Adams, 847-913-0490

### AUGUST

24-27 — Northwest Section Meeting, South Center Best Western, Seattle, Washington. Hosted by Mt. Tahoma and Western Washington Chapters. Marilyn Moody, 360-678-6341

### SEPTEMBER

15-17 — South Central Fall Section Meeting, Sheraton Old Towne, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Hosted by the Albuquerque Chapter. Anna Taylor, 505-898-4987 or e-mail anna@taylor-nm.com

22-24 — Southeast Section Meeting, Clearwater Beach Hilton, Clearwater, Florida. Jeanne Burkland, 727-791-0035

### OCTOBER

9-13 — Powder Puff Derby Convention, Resorts Casino Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Clarice Bellino or Barbara Evans, 4307 Quail Run Lane, Danville, CA 94506, phone 925-736-1795

13-15 — Southwest Section Meeting, Monterey Beach Hotel, Monterey California. Hosted by Monterey Bay Chapter. Contact Pamela O'Brien, 831-658-0500 or e-mail dobpop@compuserve.com. Website: www.montereybay99s.org/sectionmeeting.html

10-12 — NBAA Annual Meeting and Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana

20-21 — Florida 400 Air Race, Albert Whitted Airport (SPG), St. Petersburg, Florida to Florida Keys and back to Albert Whitted. Sponsored by Florida Suncoast Chapter. Cheryl Finke, 727-581-3987 or e-mail cfinke@tampabay.rr.com

20-22 — AOPA Expo, Long Beach, California

TBA — NY/NJ Section Meeting, Hudson Valley, New York. Susan Sullivan-Bisceglia, 914-462-4622

### NOVEMBER

6-8 — 3rd World Aviation Education and Safety Congress, Khatmandu, Nepal. Sponsored by India Section. Chanda Budhabatt, 520-326-4597 or e-mail chandab@azstarnet.com

## 2001

### MAY

4-6 — Southwest Section Meeting, Queen Mary, Long Beach, California, Hosted by the Long Beach Chapter. Mary Jane McNeil, 562-430-5442 or e-mail mjmcneil@earthlink.net

### JULY

17-22 — The Ninety-Nines International Conference, The Westin Hotel, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

25-31 — EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Rita Adams, 847-913-0490

## 2002

### JULY

16-21 — The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Kansas City and Atchison, Kansas

In 2003, the 99s Conference will be held in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and in 2004 in Long Island, New York. Dates to be announced.



The name Louise Thaden probably conjures up thoughts of the 1929 race from Santa Monica, California, to Cleveland, Ohio, where the ladies cooked up the idea of a group of women pilots banding together for mutual support. Perhaps you recall that Louise won the 1936 Bendix Race with Blanche Noyes and was awarded the Harmon Trophy.

You probably also know that Amelia Earhart was our first elected President, but did you know she was not elected until 1931? And did you know that Louise Thaden, serving as our first Secretary, was the glue that held the organization together during the first couple of years?

Upon unearthing these bits of history, our current Secretary, Elaine Morrow, decided to name our marvelous new computer-based management information system, "Louise."

Thanks to Elaine's expertise and countless hours of dedicated work, we are ready to face the new century. She selected, acquired and installed the hardware and software, developed and converted the database, and trained our Headquarters staff and volunteers.

What's so terrific about the new system? To put things in proper context, it is important to understand that with the old system, *any change* required costly programming by an outside vendor. It was expensive, cumbersome and time-consuming, so we made only the most essential changes. Now, with "Louise," we are able to access membership records by any field on the application form without assistance and will be able to produce much more infor-



International Secretary Elaine Morrow inserts a network card in the 99s Museum of Women Pilots CPU during a recent working visit to Headquarters.

## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

### *"Louise"—Ninety-Nines Headquarters new management information system*

BY BEV SHARP

mative reports much easier.

For example, from now on, the monthly membership report to Chapters and Sections will include addresses and phone information along with renewal data. We can prepare ad hoc reports in a matter of minutes. We can also add fields to the database as needed.

The roster portion of our Membership Directory will come directly from the membership database, thus avoiding the multitude of inaccurate listings in the last volume. We can produce our own membership forms and cards, thus reducing our costs for pre-printed materials.

The system provides automatic backup and produces automatic transactions for seamless interface directly with our accounting system.

The membership archive databases were created in Lotus Notes/Domino which means reliability, security, ease of use and ease in modification.

These changes may seem obscure to you, but believe me, they will affect each and every member with improved service.

Thank you, Elaine. With you and "Louise," I am confident we are in good hands.

—Blue skies and tailwinds, Bev



The new system allows accountant Lisa Spencer to update a member's records as she is speaking with her.



Beverley Sharp

#### "LOUISE"

The hardware consists of a Compaq NT server and three Windows 98 workstations with a full complement of Microsoft Office and Small Business tools—all communicating via an Ethernet network, plus a Hewlett Packard network printer, scanner, CD-ROM creator, and a presentation monitor for use at meetings.

"The new computer system is already making our work easier at Headquarters. It's so nice to be able to look up member information at one of several locations. The ease with which we are able to update member information is fantastic."

—Lu Hollander  
Executive Director

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# ELECTION 2000

*The Nominating Committee presents the following candidates whose names will appear on the ballots mailed to all members on February 1. Ballots must be postmarked no later than May 1. Due to the large number of candidates and space limitations in the 99 NEWS, position statements have been limited to 100 words, except for the candidates for President. Candidates' statements of up to 500 words originally submitted to the Nominating Committee can be reviewed on the 99s web site.*

—Joyce Wells, Nominating Committee Chairman

## CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

### PRESIDENT

Carolyn C. Carpp, *Western Washington*  
Vicki Lynn Sherman, *Florida Spaceport*

### VICE PRESIDENT

Jody McCarrell, *Oklahoma*

### SECRETARY

Mary Wunder, *Eastern Pennsylvania*

### TREASURER

Elizabeth Lundin Jogtich  
*Greater Seattle*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mardell Haskins, *Las Vegas Valley*  
Diane Pirman, *Santa Maria Valley*

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

June Mills Benson  
*West Canada Section*  
Lois Erickson, *Southwest Section*  
Gayl Henze, *Mid-Atlantic Section*  
Elaine Morrow, *North Central Section*  
Anna Taylor, *South Central Section*

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Hilda Ray, *Alabama*

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Anita Lewis, *Utah*  
Lori Robishaw, *San Fernando Valley*  
Susie Sewell, *Oklahoma*  
C.J. Strawn, *Palms*  
Claire Walters, *Palms*  
Verna West, *Santa Clara Valley*

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#### Chairman

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Lois Feigenbaum, *Cape Girardeau Area*  
Jennifer Havens, *Greater Kansas City*

### AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND TRUSTEE

Jacqueline Boyd, *Golden Triangle*  
Michelee Cabot, *Eastern New England*

## CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT

### CAROLYN C. CARPP

#### For President

TO BE A CANDIDATE for International President of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. is a challenge and honor. I take this opportunity seriously and hope to continue to serve the family of friends I have come to love over the years. Writing this position statement has caused me to read and to reflect upon my statements in the previous elections. When I first ran for the office of International Director, I promised Commitment, Caring and Communication. These three "C" words remain essential to me as are the three "P" words in our mission statement: Promote, Provide and Preserve. Together they represent my goals for the office of President.



Carolyn C. Carpp

I promise my continued commitment as someone who can be defined as a "grassroots" member. I am a private pilot with a passion for flying that has translated into sincere devotion toward the Ninety-Nines. Reading and hearing about the incredible accomplishments of our members makes me feel extremely humble.

My aviation accomplishments have been mostly in working with young people to inspire a love of flying and with my Chapter and Section. I do honestly care about our members, which is similar in my profession as a teacher where I care and believe in each and every student. I have learned to listen to individuals, help them set goals and achieve their dreams. These are skills needed to be your President.

Better communication is a goal for all of us, and I will make every effort to increase positive communication. As Past Governor of the Northwest Section, I believe in the power of the Council of Governors as a two-way communication tool between the Board and the Sections. Serving as a member of our Publications Committee and Chairman of the Long Range Planning project, I know we have just begun to tap the resources that will provide improved communication. I am a strong supporter of technological advances and believe the new computer system at Headquarters, use of the Internet, as well as our regular

### VICKI LYNN SHERMAN

#### For President

VICKI LYNN SHERMAN says it's been a privilege to serve the Ninety-Nines in a variety of offices from Chapter to International level. Her love for aviation has inspired her to participate in many other aviation-oriented organizations, beginning with serving as the first woman on the DeLand Aviation Advisory Board, becoming vice chairman before moving out of the city. She has served on the Board of Visitors of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach for almost 20 years, has been active in Civil Air Patrol since 1974, and is currently captain and commander of her Squadron.



Vicki Lynn Sherman

Since the FAA Accident Prevention Program began in 1991, Vicki has been an accident safety counselor. She currently serves on the FAA's Speaker's Bureau and the FAA Production Crew. She was president of the Florida Race Pilots Association (The Great Southern Air Race), has been a judge there and also judged for the Air Race Classic and NIFA.

These commitments have deepened her appreciation of aviation and for pilots, but her service to the Ninety-Nines is the most rewarding. She was Vice Chairman and then Chairman of the Florida Spaceport Chapter from 1988-1992. Between 1992 and 1997 she was the Southeast Section's Treasurer, Vice Governor and Governor, serving as the Council of Governor's Spokesperson (1996-97). Vicki strongly supports the Council of Governors and the principal that governors be invited to speak to questions at International Board meetings.

Vicki has been an International Director since 1997, sitting on several committees, including the International Nominating Committee and Personnel Study Committee. She has also served continuously on the International Finance Committee both as a member of the Council of Governors and then as an International Director since 1996.

Vicki holds ratings for Single and Multi-engine, CFII, Ground Instructor, Glider Instructor, and ATP. She is an active real estate broker, president/owner of Rainbow Realty of DeLand, Inc. and president/owner of Aero Supplies & Express, Inc., in Daytona Beach.

Vicki says, "I greatly appreciate the opportunities



publications, will assist us to meet the goals we have set in this area.

As a member of the International Board for the past seven years, I have eagerly devoted my time and energies to Promoting, Providing and Preserving our unique heritage as Ninety-Nines. I plan to continue on our present path of reinstating responsible financial management. I offer to you a person who is known for her positive attitude, with the ability to organize materials and clarify information. While working as a negotiator in the arts community, I have developed many interpersonal skills that will be valuable to the office of President.

A new book by a prominent educational leader in the Seattle area defines leading: "Leading means inspiring and not commanding. Leading means loving the people you lead and communicating a vision of where you can go together." I wish to be your leader and pledge my personal best if elected to the office of President.

that I've had within The Ninety-Nines and other aviation organizations. The experience of serving in various offices and committees will be a valuable resource as President. We are a very unique organization, capable of using our special perspective of aviation to support and protect the aviation environment and to ensure the vitality of the aviation world. We are the guardians of the past history of women pilots even as we create new history.

"Presenting a 'Cockpit Cool' Seminar at Sun 'n Fun, taking young students for first airplane rides, getting together at Section and International meetings... there are so many rewards being a 99. We must ensure the future organization by maintaining a positive image and by attracting and retaining members worldwide. We must protect the viability of our organization by being stewards of the resources we have and by controlling budget and financial issues. I understand the commitment that is required to serve as President of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., and I would proudly serve as President of our wonderful organization."

## CANDIDATES FOR OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

### **JODY MCCARRELL**

#### **For Vice President**

I FEEL I AM A REAL TEAM player and have represented all of you to the best of my ability as International Treasurer. We now have an in-house accounting system and have held to a tight budget plan. As your vice president, I can continue to support these efforts.

I have been a 99 for more years than I can count, serving at many levels, including being named one of the first four women judges for Federation Aeronautique Internationale.

One of the things I have brought to the Board is a feeling of trust from the membership. My goal for our future is to keep growing.



*Jody McCarrell*

### **MARY WUNDER**

#### **For Secretary**

I HAVE SERVED The 99s for the past three years as Director. I am committed to strengthening our organization at the grassroots level because our members and those we motivate to join us are the life blood of the organization. It is vital that the Board be aware of members' needs, that we stay focused on our Mission and that we work to inspire the chapter membership committees to be more active with the support of the Board.



*Mary Wunder*

In return for your vote, I offer you my time and my dedication to The 99s to promote and encourage women pilots by continuing to serve on the Board of Directors.

### **ELIZABETH LUNDIN JOGTICH**

#### **For Treasurer**

FINANCIAL STABILITY and accountability to our members are critically important issues for our organization. My entire professional life has been spent managing money, achieving long-range financial goals and finding solutions to financial problems without jeopardizing future financial security.

As a member of the Finance Committee for the past two years, I have assisted the Treasurer in transferring our financial records into Quick Books. I have been involved in preparing the financial statements for the annual meeting and budgets for the coming year.

It is my goal as Treasurer to provide quarterly financial reports to the Board of Directors and the members.



*Elizabeth Lundin Jogtich*

### **MARDELL HASKINS**

#### **For Director**

A MEMBER SINCE 1980, I have served at all levels of the organization. A current Director on the International Board serving as liaison to the Advertising, Awards, Merchandising, Trade Shows, Public Relations, Publications and NIFA Committees. Under these com-

mittees, a new advertising catalogue is being developed, our PR package has been updated and a PR video obtained.

To foster closer ties with our International Sections, a Pen Pal-Key Pal and Vacation Exchange Program with our international members has been instigated. Lastly, our current project is to improve the roster and try to find a way to help fund the cost of both the 99NEWS and the roster.



*Mardeell Haskins*

### **DIANE PIRMAN**

#### **For Director**

DIANE PIRMAN SERVED as Southwest Section Secretary from 1994-1996, as Vice Governor from 1996-1997 and as Governor from 1997-2000. Diane is a single- and multiengine-rated CFII. She favors flying no higher than 1,000 feet AGL (preferably from coast to coast) in her Cessna 172, enjoys air racing and plans to do a lot more flying "before the parts start to fall off."

She says, "I believe that when women pilots can see that The 99s will augment their enjoyment of aviation and help them achieve their aviation goals, they will gravitate to our organization."



*Diane Pirman*



## CANDIDATES FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### JUNE MILLS BENSON

#### For Nominating Committee

FOR YEARS AS A 99, I have been also active in flying clubs, COPA, aerospace medicine and RCAFA. Through Chapter, Section meetings, etc., but also through my newsletters that I have penned, being mindful of the sharing of up-to-date knowledge, as well as interesting facts.

My recent two years as Governor broadened my understanding, along with input to the Board and output to all our members. Along with visits to Helsinki and England, this has helped to uphold our philosophy and aims to international tenantry.



*June Mills Benson*

### LOIS ERICKSON

#### For Nominating Committee

AS WE LOOK FORWARD to the new millennium, the responsibility of the Nominating Committee will be to continue working together to seek out potential candidates for the elective positions which occur each year.

We must encourage those members in whom we, as individual 99s, recognize the potential talent, experience and expertise to fill a given post. It has been my privilege to serve as Southwest Section Governor as well as



*Lois Erickson*

International Secretary, Vice President, President and Immediate Past President.

I believe I am well qualified to be a member of the International Nominating Committee for the 2000-2002 term.

### GAYL HENZE

#### For Nominating Committee

IN 20 YEARS with the 99s, I have held all Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter offices. Serving as Vice Governor and Governor twice of the Mid-Atlantic Section gave me the opportunity to get to know 99s from all over the world. By attending Section meetings, I have seen how important the elected officers are to the health of the Chapters, Sections and the International organization. I was Chairman of the International Elections Committee and have worked on the International Bylaws Committee. I would like to contribute to the organization by encouraging qualified and dedicated candidates committed to the membership to run for International leadership.



*Gayl Henze*

### ELAINE MORROW

#### For Nominating Committee

SINCE JOINING IN 1986, I have served the Minnesota Chapter in all elective offices and on just about every Chapter committee, plus numerous Section and International committees. I am the 1998-99 North Central Secretary and International Secretary.

Since the FAA medical regulations changed

recently for diabetics, I was unable to get my medical by the deadline to file for Board office. If elected to the Nominating Committee, I would use my experience and contacts at the Chapter, Section and International level to recruit candidates who will work hard to keep our organization progressing efficiently and effectively into the new millennium.



*Elaine Morrow*

### ANNA TAYLOR

#### For Nominating Committee

I JOINED THE 99s in 1987 and have been active at the Chapter, Section and International level. Our organization has grown in numbers and also complexity and diversity since 1929. I am dedicated to the belief that our Board of Directors should represent our diversity with character, ethics and vision.

If elected to the Nominating Committee, I'll seek the most qualified candidates whose character includes fairness, honesty, professionalism, open communication and, above all, integrity.

I consider the Nominating Committee a year-round commitment of effort to find candidates who are willing to offer their expertise and experience to responsibly serve the 99s and honorably uphold our public image.



*Anna Taylor*

## CANDIDATES FOR 99s ENDOWMENT FUND TRUSTEE

### JUDY BOLKEMA-TOKAR

#### For Trustee

I HAVE MANAGEMENT, computer design and investment skills. Since 1990, I have served the North Jersey Chapter and the NY/NJ Section as an officer for five terms. I have served in support positions at annual conventions. I have worked with The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund since 1996.

I believe this organization must have a firm financial base. We need a steady income other than dues. The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund is the answer.

The fund is growing and I wish to continue as a trustee to help the fund develop into an asset we can all be proud to own.



*Judy Bolkema-Tokar*

### HILDA RAY

#### For Trustee

I HAVE SERVED as a Trustee for the Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund for two years and currently seek election to a second term. We are beginning to see real growth in the fund now, and with careful leadership, we intend to grow the fund to a point where it can help to support 99s activities and keep us from having to raise dues to cover the expenses of the organization.

I have been an active 99 for 28 years, and have attended many International Conventions and many Southeast Section meetings. I have held every office in my Chapter and am currently the Southeast Section Vice Governor.

I love to fly and to help promote aviation activities. I am a member of AOPA and EAA, and although family circumstances have prevented me from going to Oshkosh, I hope to get there someday.



*Hilda Ray*



## CANDIDATES FOR 99s MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS

### LISA COTHAM For Trustee

AS A FORMER MUSEUM Director, I reorganized an aviation museum that was destroyed in a hurricane: exhibit design/fabrication, educational programs, public relations. During my tenure, the museum experienced record donations, attendance and gift shop sales—and received its first two grants.



*Lisa Cotham*

We must keep our Museum vibrant, seeking women aviators whose achievements are tomorrow's history and continue the tremendous work of The 99s in fulfilling this dream.

I can help expand our affiliation and cooperation with other museums through my knowledge of and contacts in the museum industry. I will help pursue museum assessment grants and national museum accreditation.

### GENE NORA JESSEN For Trustee

MY INTENSE INTEREST in the museum project evolved from volunteering for a solid two years in the 1970s, compiling and writing The 99s history. From that foundation came The Resource Center with archives, library, oral history collection, some film and a small museum of artifacts and collections, which I chaired for nearly 20 years.



*Gene Nora Jessen*

The new headquarters building was built with a second story shell anticipating a future expanded museum, now completed. Though we've opened the doors, much work lies ahead to establish a recognized aviation museum. New blood is a must, and my wish is to serve only one term under the new trustee structure.

### ANITA LEWIS For Trustee

IT HAS BEEN my pleasure to serve as interim chairperson for the 99s Museum. It was my responsibility to organize and implement the wishes of the Board of Trustees. Together, we accomplished an impossible task. Opening the Museum was exciting, scary, exhilarating and frustrating, a little like learning to fly. My professional experience has been mainly in sales and marketing and



*Anita Lewis*

public relations, and I worked the in archival library in college.

My volunteer life has been bountiful, including Camp Fire Girls, a geology and mining museum, a small aviation museum, and fund-raising for cystic fibrosis and other organizations. My 99s jobs have been everything from Chapter chair to NW Section governor. I believe that sufficient funding from outside the organization is critical to its success and I will work to accomplish that goal.

### LORI ROBISHAW For Trustee

THE 99S DID a yeoman's job in creating a beautiful museum and raising the funds to build it. Now we must help it grow and prosper. We are so few in number, and it's up to us to make sure that our past is remembered and preserved.



*Lori Robishaw*

I consider myself a management generalist with expertise in fundraising, marketing and public relations, financial management, planning and advocacy, all of which I believe can be helpful to the Museum's efforts.

I'd be pleased to be in a position to share my skills and help develop a sound operating plan for this very worthy endeavor.

### SUSIE SEWELL For Trustee

THE 99S MUSEUM of Women Pilots is one of our most exciting accomplishments! As an appointed trustee, I served the museum as its treasurer, helping set the course for fiscal responsibility of funds raised to complete the museum, a historical treasure.



*Susie Sewell*

I wish to continue serving as a trustee to help meet demands of further development. Membership support, however, is still needed. Additional funds will be sought through grants to operate the museum as an educational tool as well.

My background: Past International President, Vice President, Board member, AEMSF Trustee, Museum Trustee, Insurance Chairman, Headquarters volunteer. Business: Aviation management, accounting and insurance.

### C.J. STRAWN For Trustee

THIS IS AN EXCITING TIME for The 99s organization and I am privileged to be a part of the

creation of the 99s Museum of Women Pilots.

As architect and designer of the museum, it has been a challenge—meeting the deadlines, staying within budget and designing plus supervising from my California home base. It is my goal to complete and refine the interior and then move to the exterior where I have plans for a gazebo, walk of wings and memorial gardens.

As Director, I will continue to support the museum's progress and plan for its future, as well as stressing the need for money and memorabilia.



*C.J. Strawn*

### CLAIRE WALTERS For Trustee

I WILL REPRESENT the wishes of the membership and will oversee the proper use of the funds that will be provided to the museum in the future.



*Claire Walters*

I plan to continue to raise money for the museum as I have for the past four years. My heart is totally with The 99s and the preservation of our history. I will work constantly in the future as I have in the past for the good of The 99s, as they have been an important part of my life. I am committed to serving the organization with dedication and honor.

### VERNA WEST For Trustee

HOME NEAR SAN FRANCISCO. Pilot and 99 since 1965. Taught by WASP Patricia Thomas Gladney. Early 70s most Chapter offices. 1972-78 Secretary, Vice Governor, Governor, Section. USPFT Council 1982-87, to Norway with team. Nominating Committee 1988-90. Rewrite By-Laws 1991-92



*Verna West*

AWTAR Credentials 1972-77. AE Peak climb 1987; Air Space America San Diego 1988; Environmental monitoring Oceanic Society 1980s.

Attended more than 50 Section Meetings, 17 Conventions, including Hawaii, Australia, Vancouver. Photographed many conventions, air races, air shows and have thousands of photos of women pilots. Chairman Archives in OKC 1994-96. Section Historian since 1982, records beginning 1932.

Experienced, willing and able to serve.



## CANDIDATES FOR AEMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

### MARILYN COPELAND

#### For Chairman

NINETY-NINE SINCE 1962. Served as Chapter Chairman; Section Governor; International Headquarters Chairman (helped found two headquarters buildings, and Int. 501 (c)(3); International Convention Co-Chairman, 1971, 1988, 2002; Three World Aviation Congress Boards; International President 1992-1994.



*Marilyn Copeland*

Co-owner/manager, airplane dealerships, Copeland Airport, Wichita, Kansas. Presently Piper Saratoga owner with Private, Instrument, 3,900 hours. Flew 10 Powder Puff Derbys, two Air Race Classics, the Angel Derby and Shangri La Grand Prix.

Co-chairman, Amelia Earhart 100th Birthday Festival; past president, Auxiliary of the American Dental Association.

Has successfully led the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum restoration and fund-raising efforts since 1994 as Chairman.

### KAY ALLEY

#### For Trustee

SERVING AS A professional pilot for 18 years, Kay holds two Airline Transport Pilot ratings. As an international ferry pilot, she has flown across the Atlantic, Pacific and Caribbean.



*Kay Alley*

Kay maintains an extensive collection of aviation history books with special interest on the biographies of Amelia Earhart.

She has served in many aviation organizations including the Kansas Pilots Association, Kansas Aviation Museum and Kansas Aviation Advisory Committee.

Kay is quoted as saying, "I believe in the important mission of helping the AEBM grow into a nationally recognized historical museum."

Kay joined the Kansas Chapter in 1976.

### VIRGINIA COLBERT

#### For Trustee

VIRGINIA HAS BEEN A member of The 99s since 1983. She has been active in Chapter offices, Section meetings and many events.

The Colberts own a plumbing supply business. Virginia worked for Kansas State University, setting up the Aviation Department. Much of her life has been spent serving in volunteer work.



*Virginia Colbert*

Virginia has a true interest in the heritage and history of Amelia Earhart. She would like the opportunity to serve as Trustee of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. She is advantageously geographically located to attend the meetings and hopes to give her time and talents toward this project.

### LOIS FEIGENBAUM

#### For Trustee

PAST INTERNATIONAL President; Chairman, Cape Girardeau Area Chapter; first Headquarters Chairman, 1969; appointed by President Nixon to serve on FAA Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation, Co-chairman, 1975; first woman to receive Laurence P. Sharples Award, 1979; appointed Midwest Regional Representative for

AOPA, 1980; national chairman, USPFT, 1981; world chairman, WPFT, 1985; asked by President Reagan's transition team to accept FAA Assistant Deputy Administrator for Airports. (She declined, meant separation from family.) Listed in "Who's Who in Aviation and Aerospace"; special aviation advisor to Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, 1994; serves NAA Selection Committee, Katherine Wright Memorial Award; Chairman, 99s Election Procedures Committee; current Trustee, AEBM.



*Lois Feigenbaum*

### JENNIFER HAVENS

#### For Trustee

HAS OVER 14 YEARS providing business consulting and proven ability to implement effective solutions for clients.

Is passionate about aviation. Has accumulated 500 logged hours and currently preparing for her Commercial checkride. Is a member of the local Chapter and also a member of Wings Over Mid-America, Inc., Air Care Alliance, Women in Aviation, Save-A-Connie, EEA, Air Race Classic.



*Jennifer Havens*

Non-aviation related organizations include Ewing M. Kaufmann Fund for Greater Kansas City, coalition for Community Collaboration.

Formal education includes masters of business administration, bachelor of science and continuing maters work.

## CANDIDATES FOR AEMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND TRUSTEE

### JACQUELINE BOYD

#### For Trustee

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. since receiving my private pilot's license in 1975. I have been a member of the Nebraska Chapter, the Mid-Tennessee Chapter and currently the Golden Triangle Chapter. I currently serve on the AEMSF Board of Trustees as the Research Scholar Grant Chairman.

I believe that the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship is one of the finest scholarship opportunities available for women in aviation. My continuing goal as a Trustee is to maintain success and foster the expansion of scholarship opportunities for all 99s.



*Jacqueline Boyd*

### MICHELEE CABOT

#### For Trustee

ACTIVE 99 SINCE 1978; commercial, instrument, SEL, gliders, with 3,350 hours. Governor NE Section '94-'96. Av-Safety, Nominating and ENE Scholarship Committees (fund-raiser, judge). Current Director Section Board. ARC '91.

G.A. involvement: Director Aero Club of New England (est.1902), scholarship committee and newsletter editor-in-chief. Air Safety Foundation's "Hat in the Ring" Society. AirLifeLine pilot. Sport: past L-19 tow pilot, Greater Boston Soaring. Aviation Business: FBO office manager, 1970s, Aviation Post leader, BSA. '97-'98-'99 produced 99s' Convention Souvenir Programs, working with AEMSF Board.

Current responsibility outside aviation: Trustee, Higgins Armory Museum, Worcester, Massachusetts; 21st century long-range planning committee.



*Michelee Cabot*



Southern California offers a near perfect climate for rest, relaxation and our Flight to the 21st Century. The warm 75-degree temperatures are great for outdoor activities. And the ocean breezes cool down the evenings to the 60s—perfect for a pleasant stroll to reflect on the events of the day.

Your conference hosts, members of the Southwest Section, hope you will join us to experience this wonderful location and take advantage of the exciting things we are planning at the Doubletree Mission Valley Hotel conference

headquarters. The Doubletree is conveniently located next to the best shopping in Southern California and only 10 minutes from San Diego's Lindbergh and Montgomery Airports.

Southwest Airlines is offering discounts of 10 percent off most of its already low fares to and from San Diego.

You can check out the long list of activities available in San Diego on [www.sandiego.org](http://www.sandiego.org)



San Diego Aerospace Museum

# CONFERENCE 2000

## SAN DIEGO - JULY 12-16

*Unwind...relax... and discover San Diego*

BY KELLI GANT, Bay Cities Chapter

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Dinner reception at the San Diego Aerospace Museum** - This museum brings to life aviation's rich heritage. There is a new Women in Flight exhibit.

**Jam-packed Saturday seminar series** - Expand your aviation knowledge and learn new skills at some of our many seminars that are divided into *three* topic tracks which are recreational pilots, career pilots and nonpilots.

**Amelia Earhart Dinner on Friday** - Join other 99s and guests at this semi-formal event as we honor the winners of this year's Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships.

**Awards Banquet on Saturday** - Those who have given so much to our organization and have helped to promote women in aviation fields will be honored.

### AND MORE...

All of these exciting activities are in addition to the business meeting on Friday, the FlyMart room located next to the pool and the most hospitable of hospitality suites where you can visit with your 99s friends.



CONFERENCE 2000 LOGO DESIGNED BY  
SUNNI GIBBONS, SANTA MARIA VALLEY CHAPTER

### CONVENTION INFO

Detailed information about the conference and events is available on The 99s web site ([www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org)).

**Registration forms will be available in the March/April 99 News.**

The Conference 2000 coordinator is Susan Larson: e-mail at [susanlarson@compuserve.com](mailto:susanlarson@compuserve.com) or phone 408-274-9152.

## SPECIAL SCHEDULED TOURS DURING CONFERENCE 2000

**SAN DIEGO CITY TOUR**—Enjoy a narrated tour of this beautiful and historic city and revisit all the charm and romance of Old California.

**SAN DIEGO ZOO**—Located in beautiful Balboa Park, the 100-acre world-famous San Diego Zoo cares for over 3,800 animals of 800 different species.

**WILD ANIMAL PARK**—Originating as a breeding facility for the San Diego Zoo's large animals, the 2,100-acre park is now home to more than 3,000 animals.

**THE STENNIS**—Don't miss this nuclear-powered aircraft carrier based at the North Island Naval Air Station. Retired Admiral Raymond Burk, 49 1/2 of Ramona Burk, will be your host.

**STEPHEN BIRCH AQUARIUM**—Located at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, experience a dazzling variety of marine life from

the cold waters of the Pacific Northwest to the tropical seas of Mexico and the South Pacific.

**HARBOR CRUISE**—Spend some relaxing time motoring on the San Diego harbor in view of the San Diego skyline.

### POST-CONFERENCE CRUISE OFFERED—JULY 17-21

Just confirmed! The conference committee is offering a four-day post-conference cruise to Catalina Island and Mexico.

Carnival Cruise Line ship *Holiday* will depart San Pedro on Monday, July 17, and return Friday, July 21.

Cruise space is limited, so please book promptly. Inside and outside cabins are available.

Rates are expected to run between \$530 and \$660 per person, double occupancy, for all expenses (including ground transportation and port taxes), except drinks aboard ship.



# INDIA SECTION

*1979 to 2000 and beyond*

BY CHANDA BUDHABHATTI, India Section

## NEW NEPAL SECTION BEING FORMED

During a recent trip to Bangkok, I visited with Ms. Boobruay Chobchai, a woman Deputy Director General of Thailand. She was surprised to learn from Mr. Narayan Dongol, senior ATC officer in Nepal, that there are quite a few women working at Thailand's control tower. She was even more surprised to learn there were seven women pilots in Nepal and that six of them are airline pilots!



Capt. Sonee Rana

Capt. Sonee Rana, shown on the cover, was the first woman commercial pilot and first woman airline pilot of Nepal.

Sonee and the other five women—Bhawna Pant, Niru Shreshta, Sabina Shreshta, Prashansa Shrestha, Rakksha Rana—are being sponsored for one year of membership in The 99s by Fran Bera, Joyce Hilchie, Marilyn Copeland, Barbara Evans and me.

The India Section will introduce the Nepal Section to The 99s' existing 21 Sections at WAESC 2000

In 1928, three years before the birth of civil aviation in India, the first flying club open to civilians was established in Bombay. Although a few women were members of this Bombay Flying Club, they were unknown to each other.

### Indian Women Pilots Association

A chance visit in 1966 by an American 99 triggered the idea to form an association. In 1967, Rabia Futehally, Mohini Shroff, Mangala Joshi, Kumudini Rawal, Dr. Sunila Bhajekar and I formed the Indian Women Pilots' Association (IWPA), a nonprofit body with its headquarters in Mumbai. The current strength of this association is 105 nationwide.

IWPA's purpose (like The 99s) is to foster, promote and facilitate the awareness, education and development of aerospace to all—men and women—but especially women, through seminars, conferences, essay competitions in schools, etc.

### India Section formed in 1977

In 1977, IWPA formed the India Section of The 99s to facilitate and exchange experiences and ideas over the subcontinent and over the world. Several of us, who had been 99s since 1966, helped form the India Section.

For many years, there were only a handful of women pilots scattered all over India. The 1980s proved to be the turning point, reflecting the sustained and patient work of more than two decades. Since then, Indian women have become airline pilots, air force flight officers, coast guard pilots, flight dispatchers, engineers, air traffic controllers, airport managers, flight safety officers, etc.

In 1985, the Director General of Aviation in



Nivedita Jain Bhasin, world's youngest Commander on Boeing 737.

India issued 153 private and seven commercial pilots licenses to women.

Twenty years ago, our vision was to promote women in the field of aviation and space. Today, we have 27 women pilots flying for various airlines in India—and that includes five captains!

### Indian Air Force admits women in 1994

In 1994, the Indian Air Force opened the doors for women pilots and we now have women flying helicopters and transport planes; women are balloonists, ag pilots, flight instructors, engineers, technicians, flight dispatchers and control tower personnel.

### First aviation museum in India

We have been working for the past few years to have the first aviation museum in India, and have been fortunate to get a contribution of 5,000 square feet of built-up area in the existing premises of the Aerospace Hall at the Nehru Science Centre in Mumbai.

### What do we see for the future?

More excitement. Many challenges. And a bright future with new visions, new ideas and fresh approaches towards our aims and

goals. So let us be ready to plan our millennium celebrations with strong communication, camaraderie and spreading the wings of friendship of The 99s worldwide.



### INDIAN WOMEN PILOTS STAMP

In 1999, the government of India issued a postage stamp honoring women pilots, quite a remarkable feat in our country.





*The Second World Aviation Education & Safety Congress participants, Mumbai, India, March 1994.*

### **First World Aviation Education & Safety Congress**

In 1986, IWPA organized the first World Aviation Education & Safety Congress (WAESC), which was sponsored by The 99s and the Aero Club of India. The first of its kind in Asia, the Congress was inaugurated by then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. More than 300 delegates from different parts of the world participated.

### **Second WAESC in Bombay**

A second WAESC was held in Bombay in 1994 and included speakers such as Lt. Manja Block from Holland, the world's first woman F-16 fighter pilot; Capt. Susan Darcy, first woman test pilot for Boeing;

and aviator, author and actor Cliff Robertson.

### **Third WAESC will be held in Nepal**

After two very successful WAESCs in India, the India Section of The 99s—along with the Indian Women Pilots Association—are organizing the WAESC 2000 which will be held November 6-8 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

This will be The 99s largest international congress held outside the United States. Members of The 99s are invited to be members of its executive Board of Directors to prove that 99s can successfully organize a Congress of great magnitude anywhere in the world.

**T**HIS IS AN INVITATION to all men and women aviation enthusiasts to attend this Congress. It will be an excellent opportunity to mix and mingle with world renowned speakers, famous aerospace persons, government officials from around the globe, other 99s—and the men and women pilots of Nepal. His Majesty the King and the Queen of Nepal have tentatively agreed to inaugurate the Congress.

Come revel in the grandeur of Mt. Everest, world's highest mountain. Visit the vibrant Buddhist Praharas, tranquil monasteries and safari to Chitwan. Trekking and river rafting are available on request. The cost includes round trip airfare, deluxe first-class hotel accommodations and breakfast.

The registration fee ranges from US \$2,200 to US \$3,800, depending on your choice of tours.

*Come join us at the  
**WAESC 2000!***

*November 6-8  
Kathmandu, Nepal*

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### **SOME "FIRSTS" FOR WOMEN PILOTS OF INDIA**

1932 - Mrs. Urmila K. Parekh was first Indian woman to obtain "A" license.

1947-54 - *Durba Banerjee* was first pilot of Indian Airlines.

1967 - *Chanda Savant Budhabhatti* was first to obtain FAA Commercial USA pilot license.

1976 - *Binodini Devi Laishram* was first flight instructor and agro pilot.

1985-95 - *Saudamini Deshmukh* was first Captain on Fokker Friendship F-27; first Captain in the world to fly an all women crew, LATA, scheduled flight on F-27; first check pilot on F-27 in Asia; first Captain on Boeing 737; first Captain in Asia to fly all women crew on B-737; first captain on Airbus-320; and first Captain in Asia to fly all women crew on A-320.



*Saudamini Deshmukh*

1990 - *Nivedita Jain Bhasin* at 26 years old was world's youngest Commander on Boeing 737.

1997 - *Dr. Kalpana Chawla* was first Indian-born to become an astronaut.



# CAREER PILOTS

*Lori Egge, Kirsten King, Nicole Wall,  
Laurie Reeves and Aileen Watkins*



Photo by Randi Hirschmann

*Lori Egge personalizes  
a custom aerial  
Alaskan or Canadian  
adventure for small  
parties of two to eight  
to experience North  
America's highest  
mountains and  
largest glaciers.*

## Lori Egge

BY JACQUIE BILOFF, Mat-Su Valley Chapter

The name Lori Egge had bantered the edges of my aviation activities for several years. She had been a fish-spotter for 15 years and owner of Sky Trekking Alaska, clearly tough and well able to hold her own. The hangar stories had easily framed an image of Lori Egge in my mind's eye. Her name had recently surfaced again on the Mat-Su Valley Chapter meeting announcement. She became a new member of our Chapter and was scheduled to provide the program for our monthly 99s meeting. I resolved not to miss the meeting; my curiosity was to be satisfied.

Lori's grin erased my mental chalkboard as she greeted me. A petite, almost dainty, blonde wiped away my preconceived perception. However, in the next few moments, she was to use her commentary and slide presentation to underscore her capabilities as a pilot, test pilot and stunt pilot. The latter was accomplished while flying for Canal Plus, the larg-

est private French documentary television company.

Lori was chosen to fly the Explorer, a "Winnebago with wings," which accommodates seven and a TV studio, the rear futon doubling as a queen bed. L'Avion (their name for the airplane) is an experimental twin engine, tube and fabric bulbous amphibian, the only one of its kind in the world. It was built in Grangeville, Idaho, by Dean Wilson. Cameras are mounted on the tail, wing tips, cowl-ing, as well as inside for underwater filming.

Lori Egge, Bill Weise and Terry Crafty served as pilots while the French company filmed from Yellowstone into the Gulf of Mexico, Belize and on to the tip of South America.

Lori's program also provided us with a capsule view of Sky Trekking Alaska. Lori personalizes a custom aerial Alaskan or Canadian adventure for small parties of two to eight to experience North America's highest mountains and largest glaciers. An escape to the Soviet Far East is also possible.

She offers world-class fishing, backpacking, camping and professionally guided glacier climbs, sled dog rides and/or long nature walks as an opportunity to photograph the vast array of flowers, birds and wildlife. There is even a chance offered to experience life in an Eskimo village or to follow the Iditarod, the world's last remaining great sled-dog race.

*Forbes Magazine* featured a story of Lori's work in its summer 1997 issue called "Northern Flights." Adventures for two are flown in her Cessna 185. Larger groups are accommodated in a restored 1943 Super Widgeon. You can access Lori's web site at [skytrekkingalaska.com](http://skytrekkingalaska.com). (Lori was married the day after Thanksgiving, so look for her under a new name: Lori Michels.)



PHOTO CREDIT: SKY TREKKING ALASKA

*L'Avion, an experimental twin engine, tube and fabric bulbous amphibian, the only one of its kind in the world.*



## Kirsten King

BY KRISTINA SOUTAR

This self-proclaimed adventurer started off miles from where she is now. Not encouraged in school to aspire to professions such as architecture, and never imagining that a woman could become a professional pilot, Kirsten leapt straight into the booming 1980s job market after graduation and, taking advantage of her accounting and computer skills learned in university courses and on-the-job training. She spent nearly two decades working in different industries in various Canadian cities before becoming a pilot and changing her career.

After working in Fort McMurray for the municipal government and in Toronto for a graphic design company which closed, Kirsten picked up on a childhood dream of being a pilot and spent the summer of 1990 flight training in Alberta. She stopped short of completing the written flight exam, however, and accepted a job offer from an architecture firm in Toronto.

She decided the West was where she really wanted to be, so Kirsten settled in Vancouver in 1991 where she quickly found new work in the architecture/design industry. After moving through several temporary positions—and adding the financial services industry to her repertoire—in 1996, with the encouragement of her father, himself a pilot, Kirsten once again set her sights on the skies, and she began in earnest to pursue the process of becoming a pilot.

Flying runs way back in Kirsten's family: Her grandfather was a commodore in the RAF for 28 years and over the course of his career, including duty in WWI and WWII, had logged 18,000 hours flying time.

Kirsten now has a Commercial License for single and multiengine land and sea airplanes. All that stands between her and a Boeing 737 is more hours in the air to earn her Airline Transport License for large, international carriers. She is getting close to achieving her Instructor Rating and getting a job as a flight instructor to gain those hours. Then it's onward and upward to commuter and, eventually, larger airlines.

At the end of a century that has been revolutionary in the apparently limitless opportunities available to women, the sky still remains a man's world in numbers of women pilots, as well as in the relatively low exposure professional flying has for young women choosing careers. Kirsten's advice is to "Be ready for the unexpected...and don't ever think you are too old to make a change, no matter how fundamental. You just have to remain flexible."

Kirsten also is an artist. Her watercolors hang

in galleries in Calgary and she takes painting commissions, mainly of people's homes and favorite landscapes. But for the time being, she is focused on making a reality the dreams of the girl who stood on the dock at her cottage, watching her father's plane fly overhead, and confirming that there are no limits to what we can achieve.

Kirsten is secretary for the Alberta Chapter.

*This article was adapted from one written by Kristina Soutar. The complete article may be seen by accessing [www.havergal.on.ca](http://www.havergal.on.ca), then choose "chronicle," then choose "taking wings."*



Kristen King

## Nicole Wall

BY FELICITY MCKENDRY, Eastern Ontario Chapter

The Air Cadet League of Canada was formed in 1941 to interest youth in aviation. At first, it was for males only, but eventually accepted female cadets. Nicole Wall was an award winning Royal Canadian Air Cadet. She was the only one in her family, brothers included, who was bitten by the aviation bug. She won a scholarship for her gliding license and the next year on another flying scholarship achieved her power license in 1989 at North Bay, Ontario.

Next, Nicole took the three-year aviation course offered by Red Deer College in Alberta. She graduated in 1993 near the top of her class with a Com-

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Nicole Parker Wall, First officer on Jetstream 31, British Airspace



mercial license, an Instrument Endorsement and a Flight Instructor Rating.

After her first job at Red Deer, she accepted an instructor's position at the Kingston Flying Club (KFC) When I went out to meet and welcome her to KFC, there was a certain bonding that took place. I had been the first female instructor when I was hired there in 1953.

While at KFC in 1994-95, Nicole earned her twin rating with IFR endorsement. A well-recognized 99s life member, Lorna DeBlicquy, conducted her multi-flight test in Ottawa.

A job flying a Navajo took her to Regina, Saskatchewan, followed by a six-month contract with the First Nations Air Services at Deseronto, Ontario. In 1996, she flew a C337 Skymaster out of Dryden, Ontario, on fire patrol for the Ontario government before moving to Yellowknife in December 1997 where she has been employed by North Western Air Lease.

Nicole is current on four types of twin engine aircraft: First officer on Jetstream BA31, Captain on BE 99, C-402 and C-337 Skymaster, so she is very busy logging hours—now more than 3,600.

The day previous to our telephone conversation, she flew the Premier of the Northwest Territories on his appointments. She also told me that she and her husband Justin have just completed the paperwork for the acquisition of a Maule which they plan to operate on wheels, skis and floats.

In addition to the flying bond, we have another common factor. In spite of a difference in our ages of 42 years, we each taught our future husbands how to fly!

## Aileen Watkins

One night, as a young girl, I sat glued in front of the television, awestruck, watching this beautiful woman with long, perfectly groomed hair stand in front of the huge, majestic Boeing 747. She wore four stripes. She was not only a captain, but the first woman in the world to fly a Boeing 747!

I've spent many years pursuing my dream of becoming an airline pilot, and I was keyed into a little secret a friend passed along as I visited the cockpit of the widebody airliner he'd just piloted into Tampa for an overnight. "Aileen," he said, "with your persistence and determination, you will wear the uniform. You will sit in the left seat. It will happen sooner than you think. Just hang in there—and never give up."

He was exactly right. Have persistence and remember where you started. Always keep track of how far you've come. Most importantly, enjoy the



*Capt. Lynn Rippelmeyer (left), first woman to fly a B-747, and Capt. Aileen Watkins in the cockpit of a 747.*

journey. You may be thinking, "If I could only afford my instrument...get more multi-time...get a freight job...get a commuter job...upgrade to captain...get on with a major...hold widebody captain. Heck, why not fly the space shuttle?" Each step, each accomplishment, needs to be recognized. You must remember where you started, and rejoice in your victories along the way.

Networking is important. Shooting for your goals will require help. Advice from those who have paved the way before you, financial ingenuity, and the 2% inspiration/98% perspiration rule applies. There are scholarships available for training and my advice is: Apply! You won't always get them as there is stiff competition out there, but you can't win if you don't apply.

I was interviewing with two female major airline pilots for a scholarship recently. I was asked about my ultimate career goals, and my answer involved mentioning my favorite aircraft, the Boeing 747, the aircraft I would love to fly. The lead interviewer asked why I was interested in the 747, and I began my emotional response about how majestic, immense and beautiful the airplane was, and how engineering and many minds and hands could create such a magnificent means of transporting so many people thousands of miles... the 747 is the biggest and the best.

When I finished my answer, she introduced herself. She was that woman—that captain I had seen on television that night so many years ago. Perhaps one day I will see my seat in the 747, and believe me, I am enjoying the journey there!

*Houston Chapter member Aileen Watkins is a captain for Continental Express on the ATR 42 and 72.*



*Laurie Reeves*

## Laurie Reeves

BY CAROL PHELPS,  
Connecticut Chapter

Laurie Reeves, Connecticut Chapter, is a Captain for United Airlines, flying the left seat in a Boeing 767. Prior to that, she was first officer with type ratings on B747-400, B767 and B-757.

At the New England/New York-New Jersey Section meeting last year, Laurie received the New England Section's Merit Award. Even though her flying schedule kept her quite busy, she does not forget about The 99s. She has held offices in the Section and has taken over the reins of the Chapter several times. She works hard to maintain the interest of the members in keeping the Chapter alive and active.

Laurie is an asset to The 99s and certainly an excellent role model for any woman interested in pursuing a career in aviation.



If you could pick one piloting ability whose importance ranks above all others during your flying career, which one would it be? Super smooth landings would certainly be nice for the ego, but when it comes to keeping you alive, and well-employed, I'd vote for outstanding instrument flying skills. Why? Because every phase of your aviation career can benefit from your thorough learning, continual practice and on-going application of your IFR abilities.

My interest in instrument flying began once I'd accumulated about 75 hours of flight time. At that point, I began to pay more attention to those other pilots who talked in what seemed to be a secret language, discussing approach plates, ILSs, localizers, DHs and all the other mysterious details of what seemed to be another world of flying. The more I heard, the more intrigued I became until I finally decided it was time to join the world of sightless flight and begin my instrument training.

That was just over 28 years ago. I began working on my instrument rating in a Cessna 150 equipped with one Navcom and precious little else for radio gear. If I had known how important instrument flying would ultimately become to me (my lifeblood, so to speak, as an airline pilot) I might have had a greater appreciation of the training I was receiving. Learning the basics in a slow trainer with one radio, helped me perfect my skills at a speed I could keep up with and saved me money as well. Later, when I proved I was ready to handle a faster ship, I moved into a 172, (and increased my hourly expenditure from \$15.50 all the way up to \$23 per flight hour!) which was – and still is – one of the best instrument training ships available.

I spent many evening hours flying holding patterns as well as the FAA's infamous "A" and "B" patterns (found in the back of the Instrument Flying Handbook) in the FBO's back room, where they'd just installed a new Frasca instrument ground trainer. It occupied at least half the space of a real airplane, but fortunately cost a fraction of the aircraft's rental rate. I practiced those climbs, turns and descents repeatedly until they became second nature and I could then split my concentration to include tracking, timing and tuning. Later, when I started instructing instrument students myself, I could more easily see how important good fundamentals were to completing the course in a timely manner and becoming a competent instrument pilot. Without them the workload easily became overwhelming and the frustration level insurmountable.

In today's competitive accelerated training environment some schools advertise their total avoidance of simulators, preferring to tout the advantages of "all training in real airplanes." However beneficial logged flight hours can be, they aren't, in my estimation, outweighed by the advantages of learning, early in your career, how to handle what will become a staple in your flying diet: the flight simulator, be it a desktop version or a 3-axis Level III Wonder Machine.

One certainty in any professional pilot's working life is the biannual proficiency check, most always accomplished in a motion simulator. Indeed, some type rating training on new generation aircraft is now accomplished solely in simulators, the pilots never experiencing a "real" airplane until they begin their first revenue flight.

So, back in the beginning, when you're first learning your IFR skills, pay special attention to the basics. They're very im-

# CAREERS

## *Good instrument skills—a must*

BY KAREN KAHN, Santa Barbara Chapter

portant to your future success. Until they do away with the requirement for ADF training, you'll find the best preparation for what seems to be the most dreaded of all checkride maneuvers, is your ability to hold a heading. Without it, you're constantly having to divert your attention from the numerous other flying duties to correct what should come naturally, good old straight-and-level flying. You may be annoyed by your instructor's constant harping on your heading control, but it's the secret to the pro pilot's success.

As you progress up the career ladder, maintaining your IFR proficiency will be an on-going necessity. Many an airline or corporate job (or upgrade from second to first officer) has been lost for lack of a good sim ride. Indeed, some employers don't even bother with a personnel interview until after you've demonstrated your ability to master their simulator. Even if you think you're current on instruments, don't jeopardize your upcoming interview by failing to get some simulator practice sessions, including holding patterns, precision and non-precision approaches.

Staying proficient is much easier than trying to remove the IFR rust once it's accumulated. Even if you only crank up your desktop PC sim once a month, that's excellent practice which can keep your instrument scan fluid and current. Those steep turns I'm required to demonstrate every 6 months in the sim can't be practiced at work, but make for great training exercises at home on the FS200 I use for review and sim preparation. If it seems a bit too easy, just crank in a bit of turbulence to chal-

lenge your scan.

The instrument training you receive to start your career IS very important, as is your on-going proficiency maintenance. Even if you're not required to take that every 6 months checkride that will hopefully force you to keep your scan current, I recommend you pretend you've got a 6-month ride looming and challenge yourself to keep up your proficiency.

Your penalty for non-currency can be much more disastrous than mine. A failed checkride is peanuts compared to the crumpled aluminum tragedy that can result if you don't stay proficient at a skill that can, and will, take you to the top, and keep you there throughout your flying career.



Karen Kahn

Karen Kahn is a Captain for a major US airline and author of the new book *FLIGHT GUIDE FOR SUCCESS—Tips and Tactics for the Aspiring Airline Pilot*. Type-rated in the MD-80 and Lockheed JetStar, she holds an ATP, Gold Seal CFI:AIM and is rated in gliders, seaplanes and helicopters. In addition to being an FAA Aviation Safety counselor, she runs Aviation Career Counseling (805-687-9493), a pilot career guidance and airline interview counseling firm based in Santa Barbara, California.



# FINNISH SECTION

## *99s attend ceremony at Finnish Aviation Museum*

BY MARDELL HASKINS, International Director

*The Finnish Section has done a superb job of gathering and displaying information on the history of women pilots in Finland, Europe and the United States. Way to go, Finland!*

For the second time in 1999, The 99s have made a major contribution toward one of our goals of "Preserving the history of women in aviation" with the opening of an impressive and substantial exhibit at the Finnish Aviation Museum at the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport on September 11.

International Director Mardell Haskins, West Canada Governor June Mills Benson, German Governor Andrea Moller and three members from the German Section gathered together with Finnish Governor Leila Jylanki and members of the Finnish Section for a dedication ceremony and dinner-dance. They were joined by more than 75 Finnish pilots and friends.

The large and very impressive display shows women pilots in Finland from early days to present day activities. In addition to a rather comprehensive history of The 99s, the exhibit includes a simulator,



*Static aircraft display at Finland's first air museum.*



*The 99s impressive exhibit at Finnish Aviation Museum.*

airline pilots' uniforms, Finnish aviation awards, air racing photos and photos of almost every Finnish woman pilot to date. There are also displays featuring Amelia Earhart and the AE Birthplace Museum.



*Attending the opening of The 99s exhibit at the Finnish Aviation Museum at Helsinki Ventaa Airport were: (Back row) Pauliina Kuokka, Johanna Piirainen, Irene Ihme, Saija Forss, Paivi Salo, Marja-Siko Kiuas, Kirsi Seppala, Marjo Koskinen, Mila Kempas, Silvia Tomaschewski, Renate Schmidt and Ute Toelke. (Front row) Kaisu Urmas, Inkeri Kurkela, Eira Standertskjold, June Mills Benson, Mardell Haskins, Tiina Hakkarainen, Leila Jylanki, Andrea Moller and Heide Riech.*





PHOTO BY THERESA LUSCZEK

Pat Thaden Webb, Bill Thaden and Wayne Morris, president of NAAF Board of Trustees, at the induction ceremony honoring Louise Thaden.

## Louise Thaden in NAHF

BY HELEN WHITTAKER

Along with two male aviation greats, pioneer air racer Louise McPhetridge Thaden was enshrined into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton, Ohio, on July 24, 1999.

Louise's award, was presented by Patty Wagstaff, U.S. national and world aerobatic champion, and accepted by Louise's children, William and Patricia. Louise was a pioneer aviatrix, a race pilot and record setter. With Amelia Earhart, she helped form The 99s. She worked with Phoebe Omlie and other women pilots on a national airmarking project. She was a factory representative and demonstration pilot for Beech Aircraft Corporation, and was CEO of the Thaden Engineering Company.

Louise was born in Bentonville, Arkansas, in 1905 and began flying in 1927. She was the fourth woman in the United States to earn her transport license and was the first and only woman to simultaneously hold altitude, speed and endurance records.

In 1929, she won the first National Women's Air Derby, a nine-day cross-country race from Santa Monica, California, to Cleveland, Ohio, beating both Amelia Earhart and Ruth Rowland Nichols. In 1932 Louise and copilot Frances Marsalis set a new refueling duration record of 196 hours.

In 1936, she was the first woman to win the prestigious Bendix Transcontinental Speed Dash. She also received the Harmon Trophy that year as the outstanding woman pilot in the United States. Louise died in 1979.

An extensive story about Louise appears in the January/February 2000 issue of *Aviation for Women*.

The National Aviation Hall of Fame was founded in 1962 to honor air and space pioneers. For information on the NAHF, contact NAHF, Dayton Convention and Exhibition Center, Dayton OH 45402.

Helen Whitaker is a free-lance writer living in Kingsport, Tennessee, and a friend of Bill and Pat Thaden.

# HALL OF FAME 99s

## Capt. Sarah Deal inducted into Ohio Women's Hall of Fame

BY CHRIS GURNICK, Women With Wings Chapter

Capt. Sarah Deal, Charter Member of Women With Wings Chapter, the U.S. Marine Corps' first woman pilot and a 1992 graduate of Kent State University's aeronautics program, was inducted into the Ohio Women's Hall of Fame on October 28 at the Statehouse in Columbus.

Sarah was commissioned as a second lieutenant in May 1991. She did not expect to become a Marine pilot because of the military's ban on women in combat positions. In 1993, the ban was lifted and she became the first woman selected by the Marines to attend flight school in Pensacola, Florida.

In April 1995, she earned her wings as a naval aviator and became the first woman Marine pilot in its history. She was promoted to captain in 1996, is adjutant for the commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group 16 at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, California. She flies the CH-53-E Super Stallion helicopter, the largest flown in the U.S. military, used to support and supply ground troops.

In May 1996, Sarah became one of the first recipients of the Kent State Young Alumni Special Achievement Award and in 1998 was honored with the Kent State School of Technology Distinguished Alumnus Award.

She was chosen in 1996 by *Working Woman* magazine as one of the 350 women who changed the world, 1976-1996. She also was featured in a 1995 documentary, "Gender Wars," on The Learning Channel and on the Discovery Channel's "Flightline" program in 1997.

The Ohio Women's Hall of Fame was established in 1978 by the Women's Division of the Ohio Bureau of Employment Services to recognize outstanding contributions by Ohio women to their state and nation.

## LINDA SCULLY, MASTER CFI

Linda M. Scully, North Jersey Chapter, an Aviation Safety Counselor for Teterboro FSDO, was designated a Master Certified Flight Instructor by her professional aviation organization, the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI).

To help put this achievement in its proper perspective, there are approximately 78,000 certificated flight instructors in the United States. Although many of these pilots are presently working toward their MI designations, fewer than 200 have achieved that distinction thus far.

The Master Instructor designation is earned by an



Linda Scully

applicant through a rigorous process of continuing education and, much like a flight instructor's certificate, it must be renewed biennially.

Linda operates a flight school at Lincoln Park Aviation, Lincoln Park, New Jersey, with an enrollment of about 75 students. Approximately 6 percent of the students are women.

The MI designation is a means by which aviation educators are recognized for expertise above and beyond the minimum standards mandated by the industry and the government.

Linda will be recognized at the EAA AirVenture 2000 this summer at a "Meet the Masters" breakfast.

—G. Alexander Hill  
NAFI Director of Education



# FIRST DAY COVERS FOR AEMSF

BY BARBARA EVANS, Chairman

*Anyone interested in ordering a cover or receiving a list of some of the older covers that are still available can send a request (along with a self-addressed stamped envelope) to Barbara Evans 4307 Quail Run Lane Danville, CA 94506.*

In 1963 Charter Member Fay Gillis Wells was instrumental in finalizing Clara Studer's effort of getting the United States Post Office to issue an Amelia Earhart eight-cent airmail stamp on July 24, Amelia's birthday.

Several 99s gathered together in Atchison, Kansas, Amelia's birthplace and stamped several thousand envelopes with that stamp. Then, in the first of our once-in-a-decade flyaways from Amelia Earhart Airport in Atchison, these First Day Covers (FDC) were flown by seven Charter Members to the four corners of the United States.

Within two days, they had arrived at all but four of our state capitals and were sold for the benefit of the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund (AEMSF) established in 1941. After the initial sale, most of those not sold were returned to 99s Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

## How the Forest of Friendship got started

Fay was appointed The 99s Chairman for America's Bicentennial in 1976. One of her ideas (and she always has many of those) was to create a forest as a living, growing symbol for The 99s' motto: World Friendship Through Flying. She thought Atchison would be a perfect place for that forest.

To implement the idea, every state and many nations were invited to send a seedling from their state or national tree; these were planted in the new "forest." These 25-year-old trees have now truly created a forest, hence the name "Forest of Friendship."

There is a winding "Memory Lane" walkway through this area. Every year since 1976, people of many nations representing all facets of the history of aviation have been memorialized with metal plaques with their names set in this cement walkway.

## First Day Covers fund-raiser

Another idea of Fay's was: "Since all those First Day Covers from 1963 are valuable, they could be used to raise funds for the AEMSF." So every year since then, "new" First Day Covers have been issued by adding sufficient postage to the 1963 cover (with appropriate stamps when available) to commemorate some aviation event accomplished by women. In the 24 years

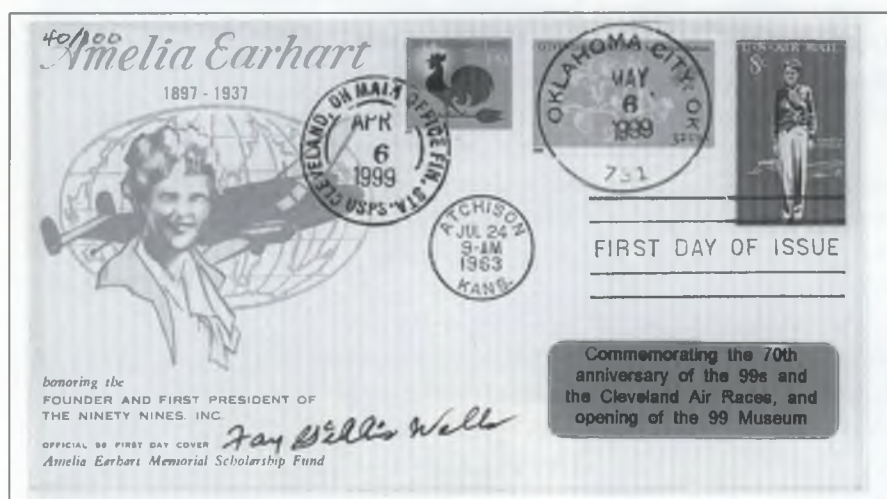


Fay Gillis Wells

of these covers, more than \$40,000 has been raised for AEMSF to use for AE Scholarships.

Some events that have been used are: the 40th anniversary of AE's flight from Hawaii to Oakland; the 50th anniversary of AE's solo Atlantic flight; the 60th anniversary of Harriet Quimby's flight over the English Channel (she was the first licensed woman pilot in the United States and second in the world); the 60th anniversary of the first woman (Jean Batten of New Zealand) to fly solo England/Australia/England; Amelia's 100th birthday; etc. Fay passed the responsibility for this project on to Alice Hammond, who handled it for about 16 years. When Alice died in 1993, I took on the project.

One hundred covers, numbered from one to 100, are usually issued each year. The number 99 is always sent to 99s Headquarters for the archives. Some are reserved for certain people who request the same number cover each year. The covers sell for various prices from \$10 to \$30, depending upon the commemoration.



The 1999 cover was for the 70th anniversary of The 99s and the First Women's Air Derby from Santa Monica to Cleveland. It also commemorates the opening of 99s Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma City. It is available now from Barbara Evans for a fully tax-deductible contribution of \$25 to AEMSF. All monies received go to AEMSF.





# AMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

BY MARILYN COPELAND, Chairman

*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 66602*

**PHASE ONE:** The exterior rehabilitation began in 1994. Vinyl siding was removed; the exterior painted; windows, gutters and chimneys were repaired. A new wood shingle roof was installed along with brick sidewalks. This phase also included making a caretaker's suite out of two bedrooms, attic space and the stairwell, space which had not been used for at least 50 years. This phase was completed in 1996.

**PHASE TWO:** Basement level support under a load-bearing wall and installation of two central air conditioning systems was begun and completed in 1997.

**PHASE THREE:** Beginning in 1997, inappropriate furnishings and wall and floor finishes were removed. Hardwood floors have been refinished and woodwork restored with a faux-grained finish. Wallpaper—documented to the period 1897-1909—is in place in six rooms. Work continues on the interior rehabilitation with projected completion in 2000.

**PHASE FOUR:** The first three phases of the enhancement project have resulted in a well preserved physical structure. To effectively support interpretation of Amelia's birth in 1897 and residence in the home through 1909, the museum was in need of significant improvement to fulfill its goal to provide an enticing, exciting and comprehensive experience for its visitors. Showing the life of Amelia Earhart and the history of women in aviation is being provided through expanded programs and appropriate exhibits, including a new multimedia electronic format.

*A report on the goals initiated in 1994 to return Amelia's house to the way it looked when it was built and maintained by her grandparents and where she lived as a child from 1897 to 1909*

**PHASE FIVE:** Creation of an endowment for continued maintenance and operation of AEBM.

## SUMMARY

There continues to be overwhelming support for this AEBM preservation and interpretation project. The 99s and the 491/2s, as well as local individuals, foundations and trusts, the Atchison school system, Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Council, city and county governments and the Kansas State Historical Society have all provided financial support for the project and in many other ways.

For this fine support, that has made the five phases of development of the museum a reality, we thank all of you.

Work continues on Phases Three and Five, and efforts will be ongoing to update and improve this excellent showcase for Amelia and all the women aviators of yesterday and today.

## Recent contributions

Southwest Section - \$1,000 for a display case  
The Millennium Council of Governors  
Pat Vangraasbeck - 1928 *Cosmopolitan Magazine* with fine article by Amelia Earhart for new display area  
Jan Raymond - Turn-of-the-century clothing for wicker mannequin in south bedroom  
Betty Prakken  
Joyce Wells  
Beverly Allen  
Lois Gronau  
Candy Whitfield  
Mae Smith  
Adele Bachman  
Becky Hempel

## BRICK ORDER FORM

For a friend or a loved one, think about giving a brick with his or her name on it for the front walk for \$100 or for the sidewalk for \$50. Send orders to Carolyn Mohler, Brick Chairman, PO Box 128, Atchison, KS 66002.

*Make checks payable to AEBM.*

\_\_\_\_ Brick(s) in front walk at \$100 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Brick(s) in sidewalk at \$50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Limit is three lines per brick, 13 characters per line (including spaces). Please type or print very clearly.

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# FLYING COMPANION SEMINAR

## *Palomar Chapter holds Flying Companion Seminar at Bonanza Convention*

BY STACIE GOODWIN  
Palomar Chapter

*We had a great time and it was a wonderful opportunity to share our knowledge of flying and spread the word about The 99s.*

Six members of our Chapter participated in a Flying Companion Seminar for the American Bonanza Society during its annual convention in San Diego, California, at the Town and Country Hotel.

Thanks to Pat Prentiss of the Orange County Chapter, who referred ABS executive director Nancy Johnson to us, we were able to teach 39 women and one gentleman whose wife was a Bonanza pilot, quite a lot about flying and The 99s.

ABS time and space commitment limitations required that our usual eight-hour session be cut to fit within a three-hour period! That was quite a challenge to condense everything down—but we did it!

LeAnn Silberman gave an introduction to the group about The 99s and provided tips on how to be a successful flying companion. I taught the Basic Flying Characteristics with the help of movable life-size instruments loaned to us by Palomar College. We used a model airplane and almost life-sized board containing the six primary instruments that were

movable and visible to the entire room.

Anne Roberts gave a great lesson on navigation using expired Los Angeles charts. The attendees used the maps to plot a cross-country trip with some handy yellow rulers donated to us by AOPA.

Then Melissa Sliffe explained emergency procedures and was well equipped for an emergency by having with her a sleeping bag, extra flashlights and handheld radios.

Jaynine Cima helped teach the group about radio communications and how to use them. And we finished up with Darlene Kelley, who presented important medical information. Many were interested to see how sensitive the human body is in flight under the influence of medicines such as aspirin.

We had a great group. We inspired several women in just those three hours to take an introductory flight. A flight attendant from Northwest Airlines, who was attending the convention with her husband who is a Bonanza pilot, was thrilled to meet members of our Chapter and talk to women pilots.

She took advice to heart from Jaynine Cima, a CFII with our Chapter, on how to find a good instructor and flight school, and was inspired to find a local Chapter in Michigan where she lives to become a Future Woman Pilot!

The ABS made a generous donation of \$20 per participant for our scholarship fund and gave us each a T-shirt. They also published our booklets for distribution to all our attendees and provided AV equipment for the seminar.

On Saturday, ABS invited us to attend their Awards Banquet where we were introduced to the attendees and presented with a nice plaque for our efforts.

We had a great time and it was a wonderful opportunity to share our knowledge of flying and spread the word about The 99s. We can't wait to do it again!

PHOTOS BY PETRA COLLEEN



*Flying Companion Seminar presenters Melissa Sliffe, Jaynine Cima, Darlene Kelley and Stacie Goodwin with their mock panel.*



*Palomar Chapter members conducting Flying Companion Seminar at ABS Convention in San Diego, California.*



The Florida Suncoast Chapter has provided a presence at Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida, since 1985 when we were in a tent. Then in 1992 we purchased our existing mobile office. But Sun 'n Fun has requested that we build a permanent building before April 2000—and that's what we're doing.

On November 15, Sun 'n Fun Building Coordinator Barbara Sierchio presented Sun 'n Fun Managing Director John Burton with the deed to our old 99s building. Then Rudy Brown of Rodda Construction gave Barbara and Nancy Wright shovels and hard hats to break ground for a new building.

Attending the groundbreaking ceremony were Bonnie Perkins, Bob Highley and his wife Susan, Allan Duncan, Dale Faux, John Burton, Jim Pappas, Rudy Brown, Michelle Burklund, me and, of course, Barbara and Nancy.

Members of the Sun 'n Fun maintenance staff has been very good to us. Over the years, they built steps, painted the building and repaired the roof. Their generosity will continue with the new building as they plan to build our porch and a wheelchair ramp.

We are more than half-way toward reaching our goal to pay for this new building and Barbara is still accepting donations. Think how great it will be to have a central location to meet with fellow 99s and how wonderful to have a *real* restroom with *hot* water! What a thrill it is to see our dream coming true.

At last year's Sun 'n Fun, we greeted more than 300 members of The 99s and 175 other guests. We had visitors from many countries, including Scotland, Poland, Luxembourg, Germany and Belgium.

During the week, we signed up 21 new members, had two renewals, one reinstatement and gave Future Woman Pilot information to three 66s. The Old Dominion Chapter, the Florida Gulf Stream Chapter and the Florida Suncoast Chapter had their meetings at our building.

This year, we'll have a brand new building to greet old and new friends. Assuming the weather cooperates, the new 99s Sun 'n Fun building will be

# SUN 'N FUN

*A brand new building to greet old and new friends April 9-15*

BY JEANNE BURKLUND  
Chairman, Florida Suncoast Chapter

ready prior to our February meeting at Lakeland Airport when we plan to repaint the Sun 'n Fun lettering there. Then we will have a potluck dinner in the new building. You are welcome to join us to help celebrate the completion of a dream.



*An example of what the new 99s building at Sun 'n Fun will look like when it is completed later this year.*



*Barbara Sierchio and Nancy Wright, along with Rudy Brown of Rodda Construction, break ground for new building.*

## WANTED: Powder Puff Derby pilots/workers

A Powder Puff Derby Convention will be held October 9-13 at the Resorts Casino Hotel in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

This was a 99s event for 30 years. We don't want to overlook inviting any racers who have quit flying or dropped out of The 99s so we need their current address.

If you know anyone who is not currently a 99 who raced or worked in the Powder Puff Derby, please write to me at 1621 Gulf Blvd., #1501, Clearwater, FL 33767.

—Sophia M. Payton, Florida Suncoast Chapter

**DID YOU KNOW...**there were approximately 3,000 racers who flew the Powder Puff Derby between 1947 and 1977? Many flew more than one race. They flew 5,029,955 race miles, more than 200 times around the world, and were welcomed by more than 41 states and 175 different cities (some more than once). Some of these pilots are still active and still racing!



# From First Canadian Scrapbook, BY SHIRLEY ALLEN, First Canadian Chapter



Robin Murray, president of the new Toronto Aerospace Museum (TAM), presents 99s Award in Aviation to Margo McCutcheon as Nat McHaffie, general manager of TAM and Chairman of First Canadian Chapter, looks on.



Some of the Canadian women attending the Canadian Women in Aviation Conference in June last year on the campus of the Belleville Loyalist College near Trenton, Ontario. The conference was held in conjunction with the East Canada Section Meeting whose theme was "A Celebration of Women."



Seated at The 99s booth at the Toronto Aviation & Aircraft Show are Chairman Marilyn Dickinson and Lauren Nelson Boutet.



Following dinner at the Canadian Women in Aviation Conference, keynote speaker Dr. Dave Williams, a Canadian astronaut, autographs photos for Anna Pangrazzi, East Canada Section Governor; Rosella Bjornson, Captain, Canadian International Airlines; and Nat McHaffie, Chairman, First Canadian Chapter.



A mandatory stop for the Air Race Classic Race from El Paso, Texas, to Willoughby, Ohio, was the Toronto City Centre Airport. Toronto Stop Chairman Margo McCutcheon—along with Jackie Donaldson, Helen Swallow and Barbara Melot—were there to greet them.

## THE AUSTRALIAN SECTION

The Australian Section cordially invites all 99s to join them for their Section meeting May 12 at the International College of Tourism & Hotel Management in Sydney. And to join the Australian Women Pilots Association for their 50th Anniversary Conference May 11 to 15.

Sydney is the birthplace of the AWP. The conference offers a spectacular venue with the atmosphere of a retreat, as well as the intimacy of a large guest house where you can meet old friends and make new ones. Most activities are planned to take place at the college. Opening night of the conference will be at the Power House Museum where a new photographic exhibition, "Women Aviators," is on display.

An all-inclusive price of \$655 Australian dollars includes board and room.

For registration and program details, check the website ([www.awpa.org.au](http://www.awpa.org.au)) or contact Kerry Nolan, AWP conference, 16 Antoinette Ave., Narellan, NSW, Australia, or e-mail to [mp.obrien@uws.edu.au](mailto:mp.obrien@uws.edu.au)

## MID-ATLANTIC SECTION MEETING

The Delaware Chapter will host the Spring Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting April 7-8.

—Christine Schissler

## NORTHWEST SECTION MEETING

The NW Section Meeting was hosted by three Chapters represented by seven members from North Dakota, two from Montana and one from Wyoming. A seminar, "Flying the B-1 Bomber," was presented by two of the first women B-1 combat pilots, now members of

The 99s, who are stationed at Ellsworth Airbase in South Dakota.

We had a 50-mile bus tour to our banquet at Crazy Horse Monument and 50 miles to the awesome lighting ceremony at Mt. Rushmore Monument.

The North Dakota Chapter presented past chairman Beth Lucy with a unique stained glass "suncatcher" modeled after our 99s logo.

—Audrey L. Baird



Beth Lucy, North Dakota Chapter, holding stained glass 99s logo.



## SOUTHWEST SECTION MEETING

The Orange County Chapter hosted the Southwest Fall Section Meeting at beautiful Big Bear in California. Talk about flair, talk about style, talk about walking on air. Our Chapter is still up in the air over the tremendous success for everyone who participated in this event orchestrated by Beverley Allen. More than 250 of us gathered at the Northwoods Resort to enjoy the scenery, our exquisite accommodations, wonderful food, fascinating informative seminars and a reunion extraordinaire!

There were 55 private airplanes piloted by 99s that landed at Big Bear Airport. Other 99s flew commercially into Ontario, with the remaining ones driving. Everyone who flew in was met by local 99s or 49 1/2s and shuttled to and from the airport of their choice under the direction of Patty Murray assisted by Sandy Ruller. Patty also donated her hangar at Big Bear Airport for a welcoming committee to greet and Vicky Anderson videotaped the arrivals.

All the normal registration glitches were dispatched with ease by our fearless registrars Thon Griffith and Shirley Tanner, aptly assisted by their laptop computers. Handing out the numerous goodies and name tags were Marie Hoefer, Bev Allen, Shirley McFall, Kay Kimura, Letty Bassler, Cynthia Shoefer, Charlene Hengesh and me.

Sue Ballew, Marie Hoefer and Bev Allen handled the lakeside barbecue and treasure hunt Friday night. Vicky Anderson showed her "arrivals" tape at the breakfast Saturday morning. The business meeting was very informative and productive.

Seminars in the afternoon were presented to a standing-room-only crowd. At one of the seminars, Celia Vanderpool introduced the speakers, Lee Duke and Michelle Davis, from NASA-DRYDEN located at Edwards Air Force Base. At the other seminar conducted by Celia those attending were treated to a great look at Celia's solo flight from California to Alaska where she earned her float plane rating, which enabled her to be employed there flying sportspersons into the "outback" of Alaska. We learned a lot about mountain flying and survival techniques.

Our Silent Auction fundraiser was really exciting and very successful. Pat Prentiss and Brenda Jackson kept close tabs on the rapid-paced bidding. It was Brenda who also kept the "Fly-By" purchasing lively and fun.

Even the lighting for the gourmet banquet was enchanting, and our excellent speaker—SR-71 pilot, Marta Bohn-Meyer—kept all of us on the edge of our seats as she ran through the incredible information regarding the



*Ready for registration at the Southwest Section Meeting are Orange County Chapter members Thon Griffith, Mary Van Velzer, Shirley Tanner, Marie Hoefer, Letty Bassler, Bev Allen and Pat Prentiss. —Photo by Vicky Anderson*

craft's design, performance capabilities, history, purpose and her unique flying experiences, which ended by all of us rising for a standing ovation.

Vicky Anderson was presented the SW Section Pilot of the Year Trophy and Orange County Chapter received the SW Section's Public Relations plaque.

Sunday morning we congregated in the hospitality room where Eleanor Todd and Barbara Ward provided food and drinks, and C.J. and Steve Rietz gave us weather briefings before we departed with warm memories of a wonderful weekend. —*Mary Van Velzer*

## SOUTH CENTRAL SECTION MEETING

Lee Kensett and Dorothy Dickerhoof were the only Kansas 99s attending the SC Section meeting in Dallas. They reported the afternoon seminars were well attended. Wally Funk and Jerri Truhill were speakers.

The banquet speaker was Pat Jayne Keefer, who with her mother, the late Marion Jayne, won the 1994 Round the World Air Race and captured the Federation Aeronautique International Gold Medal. Her presentation included a video of the trip.

The Spring Section Meeting will be held in Denver April 14-16. There will be a flea market table of donated items from Chapters which will be for the benefit of the Section. The South Central Section recently donated \$500 to the 99s Endowment Fund. —*Jackie Sauder*

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### MARCH/APRIL

Conference 2000 information and registration materials

### MAY/JUNE

Reports on interesting flying vacations and trips

### JULY/AUGUST

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Chapter reports on one special activity: How long have you

been doing this? What have you learned? Do you have SOPs that would be available to other chapters? If it is a fund-raiser, who benefits from the event?

The emphasis will be on what each Chapter considers its "major" activity for the year. Articles should be 300-500 words, accompanied by one or two photos. These will be used on a first-come/first run basis.

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AE recipients and Convention Highlights

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Your comments are appreciated as well as your submissions of articles and photos to support the editorial themes for each issue.

—*Betty Rowley*

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## GRASS ROOTS — *Continued*



*Delaware Chapter Secretary Christine Schissler visits with aviation pioneer Bob Hoover at AOPA Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey.*



*Southwest Section member Ana Camberos Province was presented a plaque by Assemblyman Steve Baldwin of the 77th District of the California State Legislature for her dedicated service in promoting women in aviation.*

### BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST CHAPTER

Once again Libby Weiss did an excellent job of planning and organizing a successful poker run in which more than 20 aircraft participated, raising about \$1,000 as they flew to five out of seven airports. Final awards were held at Abbotsford (British Columbia) International Airport (CYXX).

—Colette Morin

### ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAPTER

The fall was filled with many activities. Our Fox Fly-In was a low-key sort of get-together. We manned the cold drink information booths and made a small profit. Swap-A-Ride was one of the highlights.

Our Flying Companion Seminar was a big success. We had 16 participants and feedback evaluations were positive. We have requests for another class focusing on sectional charts. Members who work on these seminars deserve a lot of credit because they require a whole lot of planning and a great deal of time and effort to be successful.

On Sunday, March 12, our Chapter will sponsor our annual Poker Run and barbecue at Rosamond Skypark. All pilots and friends of aviation are invited to participate in this day of flying to various local airports to gather poker hands. Lots of prizes, good food and fun. Proceeds fund aviation-related safety and educational activities and scholarships. For more info, contact Elle Coussens at 661-948-5960 —Diana Tanner

### COLORADO CHAPTER

Our trip to Hutchinson, Kansas, to visit the Cosmosphere Space Center was great, a very pleasant and "re-educational" experience. The SR-71 Blackbird plane, which is suspended from the ceiling at the entrance to the building, is awe-inspiring.

All of the exhibits are also very well done and make you want to reach out and touch things heretofore seen only on the television screen. After the tour, we had a choice of a rocket science demo, planetarium show in the Justice Planetarium Theatre or movie in the IMAX Theatre. —Anita Hessinx

### YAVAPAI CHAPTER

Proceeds from our silent auction and used book sale held at the Prescott Air Fair were used to benefit our Scholarship and Education Fund. Our members contributed time for research, typing and painting to Irene Leverton's display on "Women in Aviation" at the fair. Irene, one of the women chosen for the Mercury 13 Space Program, spent more than four months creating this comprehensive display which illustrates the contributions of women in aviation during the past 90 years. —Mary Samuels

### INDIANA DUNES CHAPTER

Jan Topp, T.J. Shaum, Audrey Karp, Dee Nusbaum, Cilla Meachem and Linda Mattingly manned a booth at an EAA-sponsored Pancake Breakfast Fly-in held at LaPorte Airport.

They sold aviation-oriented items and acquainted the public with The 99s. Chapter members recently painted a beautiful compass rose at this airport and conducted a highly successful air rally from this site as well.

—Christine Murdock



*Indiana Dunes Chapter members at EAA Pancake Breakfast Fly-in at LaPorte Airport.*

### VIRGINIA CHAPTER

Members helped retired air traffic controller Maxine Walker celebrate a dual accomplishment: her 80th birthday and the reinstatement of her medical! —Betty Vinson



*Virginia Chapter members Leo Barber, Sharon Blodinger and Betty Vinson accompany Sara Parmenter (front center) when she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Virginia Department of Aviation.*

### COYOTE COUNTRY CHAPTER

Our ninth Annual Poker Run at French Valley Airport in Temecula, California, was a great success with about 450 hands being sold and 70 prizes awarded. Six airports in mostly inland San Diego and Riverside counties were involved. Our thanks to the Oklahoma Chapter for giving us the idea of wearing red felt vests.

—Kathryn Buckman

### GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER

Vanecia Adderson, Joyce Harding, Ilovene Potter and Sandra Sullivan, four of our Chapter Charter Members, attended our 30th anniversary celebration at Pierce County Airport, Puyallup, Washington. Sandra spoke about her personal memories of people and events over the Chapter's 30-year history and reflected on the encouragement she received from The 99s as a new pilot.

Also, Capt. Susan Rank, C-141 Commander at McChord AFB, discussed general aviation activities in and around AOAs from the military pilot's perspective and told us about her recent trip to Antarctica via New Zealand.

—Marian Hartley



*Greater Seattle Charter Members Ilovene Potter, Sandra Sullivan, Vanecia Adderson and Joyce Harding celebrating the 30th anniversary of their Chapter.*



## GRASS ROOTS — Continued

### OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Our members had a lot to talk about when they met to celebrate the end of a big year for The 99s—with both the Convention and the opening of the new 99s Museum of Women Pilots. They are shown here at Gladys McCaslin's second home at Cookson Airport on Lake Tenkiller. Many Oklahoma Chapter members and former members live at Cookson.

Also attending the meeting was South Central Section Governor Bonita Ades. Bonita was in the state to help with the Regional NIFA meet at Stillwater about 100 miles away for a few days preceding our meeting, so Poochie Rotzinger, who also faithfully works at NIFA Regionals and Nationals, brought her along to our meeting.

—Carol Sokatch



### INDIANA CHAPTER

Member Margaret Ringenberg was among the six persons who received the prestigious Elder Statesman of Aviation Award from the National Aeronautic Association at their ceremony on November 4.

The purpose of the Elder Statesman of Aviation Award is to honor outstanding Americans, who by their efforts over a period of years, have made contributions of significant value to aeronautics, and have reflected credit upon America and themselves.

Margaret has been fascinated with aviation since she took her first plane ride at the age of 7. She earned her private pilot's license by age 21, and was called by the U.S. Army Air Force to join the WASPs.

Since WW II, she has been deeply involved in air racing—winning many trophies and awards. In 1994, she flew a Cessna 340 in an "Around-the-World Air Race." She has more than 40,000 flying hours. Her story has been widely covered by the media and she has helped to open many doors for other women pilots.

For more information, visit [www.naa-usa.org](http://www.naa-usa.org)

### MT. SHASTA CHAPTER

Our Flying Companion Seminar at Benton Field, Redding, California, was a huge success. We are blessed with some master teachers. The segments were so good that everyone of us in the group received something of value, as well as our students. One thing for sure though: It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

—Donna Taylor



Diane Schneeweis (middle with long blond hair) with students Elizabeth Johnson, Julie Ostendorf and Anita Libbee at Mt. Shasta's Flying Companion Seminar.

### COLUMBIA CASCADE CHAPTER

We held our annual banquet for the installation of new officers in October. During the banquet, a drawing was held for the beautiful quilt that was created for the purpose of raising funds to provide services and contributions to women in flight. The winner was Marcy Lange, a member of our Chapter. We want to thank all those who bought chances on this quilt at the International Convention in Oklahoma City.

—Leslie Dickinson



Marcy Lange, winner of drawing

### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

On November 6, our Chapter organized and hosted a birthday party at the Morristown (Tennessee) Airport for Evelyn Bryan Johnson who had just turned 90 years old. Evelyn has been a teacher, mentor and friend to so many people that more than 500 of them from at least six states came to help her celebrate.

Representatives came from the Tennessee Aeronautics Commission, the Silver Wings Fraternity, the Georgia Hall of Fame and the AOPA, to name a few. Author William Kershner was there from Sewanee to present Evelyn with a reproduction of the "Blue Max" and Darrell Sexton—on behalf of the McGhee Tyson Tower controllers—presented her with an Honorary Air Traffic Controller Award of Merit.

Tennessee 99s dug shirt-tails out of storage that had been signed by students who had soloed under Evelyn and hung them along the fence bordering the ramp of the Morristown Airport terminal building. The terminal building itself was adorned with festive decorations for the event.

"I have never seen a group of women work so hard, get along so well and put on such a wonderful party," Evelyn said. —Genie Rae O'Kelley

### WOMEN WITH WINGS CHAPTER

Members and 66s flew gliders at Marion County, Ohio, and ultralights at Hoder Field in Louisville, Ohio.

—Chris Gurnick

### TUCSON CHAPTER

Our Annual Tucson Treasure Hunt was truly a treasure. There was great anticipation among the members who met under Arizona's clear blue skies on Friday, November 12. In addition to Arizona contestants, hunters flew in from California and Texas to take part.

Judges were extra tough this year. They escorted hunters all the way to their planes and withheld clues from each crew until the props were spinning. Twenty airplanes flew the route to solve the cowboy-theme riddles.

Flour bombing provided the usual laughs for our ground crew. "The safest place was right in the middle of that orange and white parachute," reported crewman Dave Tornbom.

It looked as if a lot of spot-landing practice had taken place since last year's event, and without the aid of the video, it would have been extremely difficult to determine the winner.

Contestants took a break to refuel at Wilcox terminal and chow down on brown bag lunches. There was some conversation, but mostly they studied charts and clue sheets. Then it was back in the air to solve more clues on the way back to Tucson.

Eighty-eight happy cowpokes attended the Saturday evening banquet and enjoyed the slide show and video of the day's activities. Our emcee, Dave Fitzsimmons, editorial cartoonist for *The Arizona Daily Star*, provided on-the-spot cartoons and witty commentary which kept the diners laughing all night.

It was another happy hunt and all the effort and time spent by the group who planned and helped at this event was really appreciated. —Kaye Craig





## GRASS ROOTS — Continued

### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

Some of our members met at Ontario Airport to tour the UPS facilities—a fascinating look at how packages are sorted and shipped. There are 26 arrivals and departures daily. We toured one of their 747s and watched the unloading of an arrival plane.

Our members also worked at the Brackett Airport and ElMonte Airport Air Fairs providing information to potential members and representing general aviation to the community.—*Judie Wilson*

### HOUSTON CHAPTER

We held our 40th anniversary party at the Old San Francisco Steak House in Houston, Texas, on October 30 with 51 members, friends, relatives and guests present. Chairman Andrea Chay showed a PowerPoint presentation by Brooks Cima of photographs found in old scrapbooks. Guest speaker Maybelle Fletcher highlighted some of her amazing flying experiences. We are looking forward to many more years of fun in 2000 and beyond.—*Ava C. Sumpter*



*Jessica McMillan was an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship recipient in 1995. "If you set your heart on something you really want to do, you can do it," Jessica told AEMS recipients at the 1999 awards luncheon.*



*Kansas Chapter members Phyllis Blanton, Janet Rine, Marguerite Lawrence and Karen Tucker at the "Famous Women" show at the Wichita Center for the Arts.*

### KANSAS CHAPTER

Phyllis Blanton, Janet Rine and Karen Tucker built a display for a Holiday Tables design show at the Wichita Center for the Arts Museum in November. The theme was "Famous Women."

The background structure of the display was constructed from old corrugated aluminum, with tools, work benches and other aviation memorabilia arranged to resemble a 1929 hangar.

The table was set with a silver tea service, cookies, flowers and candles. Completing the display was an oversized invitation—like the one Amelia sent to women pilots in 1929 inviting them to a meeting to talk about forming a new organization composed of women pilots.

The show, which was attended by more than 2,000 people, provided very good exposure for our Chapter and The 99s.

### HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER

How many chapters have a member who manages an airport? We do. Jessica McMillan operates the Glenwood Springs Municipal Airport and our Chapter is very proud of her. We had heard about the difficulties encountered by Jessica and her husband as they were getting the airport and its buildings into shape. "After I bought the flight school," Jessica says, "I went three months without a day off, working 14 to 16 hours, from sun-up to sundown, seven days a week."

Jessica now has one of the busiest flight schools in the western part of Colorado. In September a group of us drove from Grand Junction to Glenwood Springs to the airport's open house to see the finished product.

The airport is located in a valley surrounded by mountains on all sides. There is one runway, 3,300 feet long by 50 feet wide. On a calm day, landing is easy, but add some wind or fog and the slogan on the airport's T-shirts says it all: "Glenwood Aviation: Where GOOD pilots land."

We arrived in time for a picnic lunch. Free Glenwood Springs hats were available, and a nice crowd was busy buying T-shirts. Rides were offered in a motorized hang glider and in other planes.

Jessica has six airplanes available for rental or flight instruction. She has a Jeppesen flight simulator and the airport is well-stocked with pilot supplies.

—*Ruth S. Anderson*



*Connecticut Chapter members held an Aviation Day for Hartford Girl Scouts. Peggy Loeffler, Laurie Reeves, Maureen Snider, Beth Robinson, Bea Desper and Nina Anderson hand out souvenirs to the Scouts.*

### CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

The end of 1999 found our Chapter very busy accomplishing projects we had planned. An airmarking at the Chester Airport was completed with many compliments from the FBO and other pilots who fly out of Chester.

Peggy Loeffler contacted a Girl Scout Troop in Hartford and initiated an Aviation Day for its members. They toured the Bradley Air Museum, the airport, the control tower and the United Technologies fleet of aircraft. Several members flew their planes in and invited the girls to visit their cockpits.

Our own professional members provided an insight into the careers to be found in aviation. Among the speakers were members, Capt. Laurie Reeves of United Airlines; Marilyn Pearson of the FAA; Nina Anderson, a retired corporate jet pilot, and former member Ruth Zimmerman, a retired airline pilot.—*Carol Phelps*



*Archivist Enid DeBois (center) shows an Air Transport Auxiliary uniform worn by Margaret Dunlap. With her are British 99s Jill Honisett and Daphne Poynter and 49 1/2 Lou Benson.*

### CANADIAN ROCKIES CHAPTER

In addition to enjoying the 99s' exhibit at the Finnish Aviation Museum, Director Mardell Haskins and I flew to England to visit with 99s attending the British Women Pilots Association Annual General Meeting.

—*June Mills Benson*



## AIRMARKING

### MID-COLUMBIA CHAPTER

Calm winds and a clear sky greeted all those expert painters who flew in to LaGrande, Oregon, on September 18 for an airmarking activity. "Many hands make light work" as the old saying goes—and Susan Johnson, Anne English, Marjy Leggett, Elayne Brower, Mary Cooke, Lise Pederson, Karyn and Mike Wiemers, Vickie Gassoway and sons Gabe and Dave working together made an easy job of repainting "La Grande" on the tarmac. Vickie's husband Dave provided sandwich fixings for a light picnic lunch before everyone took off into the afternoon winds.

—Victoria Gassoway



LaGrande Airport, Oregon, with its repaint job.



Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter airmarking crew at Brandywine Airport, West Chester, Pennsylvania: Lola Tomlinson, Linda Robinson, Julie Compton, Eileen Tonkinson, Shelly Katz, Fran Kominsky, Grace Lloyd, Kate Macario, Gayle Henze, Alice Wright, Laura Fonseca, Anne Shields, Nancy Kyle, Elise Hanlan and Canivet Macario.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER

On Saturday, September 18, a beautiful sunny day, the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, under the guidance of Carol Knickerbocker and her committee, undertook an airmarking at Brandywine Airport for "EL 466 BRANDYWINE 123.0" and the painting was completed early that afternoon.

International Airmarking Chairman Ellen Nobles-Harris and her 49 1/2 Jerry, were on hand to watch our progress and photograph our work as it unfolded.

Afterward, everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch provided by the Brandywine Airport Pilots Association.

—Joan Landrey



Admiring the Yerington (Nevada) Airport compass rose are Ann Batty, Jerry Barden, Jerry Beatty, Phyllis Ross, DeWitt Ross, Dorothy Barden and Elaine Brown.

### RENO AREA CHAPTER

Last July, the Reno Area Chapter airmarked the airport in Quincy, California. We also put a compass rose near where the helicopter markings are. Those helping at this airmarking were Linda Mae Draper, Jan Bishop, Elaine Brown, Dorothy Baer, Pat and John Brinnand and my 49 1/2, Jerry Barden. We also had the help of Bus Hogenson and Kent Karge.

Then in September, we airmarked Yerington Airport in Nevada, finishing painting of the name, elevation, numbers, thresholds and a compass rose on September 29, just two days before their Air Show. The city of Yerington was very grateful for our efforts. They treated us to dinner, gave me a key to the city and we received many letters of appreciation for all our work.

All of our markings show up great from the air!

—Dorothy Barden



Eastern New England Chapter members attended a recent AOPA "Town Meeting." They are Martha Dunbar, Allegra Osborne, Pat Theberge, Katharine Barr and Michele Cabot.

Photo by Glenn Greenhagh

### MISSION BAY CHAPTER

Charter Member Bobbi Trout and Fran Bera of Mission Bay Chapter cut the ribbons at the San Diego Aerospace Museum ceremony September 14 to mark the commencement of a year-long recognition of "Women of Flight." Also in attendance were members of the "San Diego Six" Chapters (Palomar, San Diego, Mission Bay, Coyote Country, Borrego Springs and El Cajon Valley).

—Darlene Kelley  
Palomar Chapter

## LETTERS

I AM VERY INTERESTED in finding information about women in space. I am a journalist and would like to write an article about the first all-woman crew in the space flight planned by NASA. Can you help me contact some women pilots here in Europe?

My e-mail address is: ingrid.kragl@euronet.be.  
Thanks. —Ingrid Kragl

PEGGY (MEANEY) HAYNES, my 88-year-old mother, was a member of The 99s a long time ago. She is from Ardmore, Pennsylvania, and spent a lot of her time in Pinehurst, North Carolina.

She now lives in Port Charlotte, Florida. She is in great health. She often talks of her great days of flying and would like to hear from some of her flying companions.



Peggy (Meaney) Haynes

You may write to her in care of my address, 6204 Spanish Main Drive, Apollo Beach, Florida 33572 or e-mail mjoiner883@aol.com.

—Peggy Joiner



Fran Bera and Bobbi Trout at San Diego Aerospace Museum ribbon-cutting ceremony.



## WINGS

Wendy Stefaniak  
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Indiana  
Phase IX

Marjy Leggett  
Mid-Columbia  
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Adelle Bedrossian  
Eastern Pennsylvania  
Phase XIII

## BOOKS

*Amelia Earhart, Young Air Pioneer*, originally published nearly 50 years ago by Bobbs-Merrill, has been redesigned and published by Patria Press as Volume I in a new Young Patriots Series.

Now an octogenarian, author Jane Moore Howe says she gained fascinating information for writing the book in 1949 by corresponding with Amelia's sister, Muriel, who provided many details of their childhood that she couldn't have found any other way.

The hard-bound book of 112 pages retails for \$14.95.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### MARION BARNICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Our Marion Barnick Memorial Scholarship offers \$1,000 toward a rating. Recipient must have been a 99 for at least two years. For details, contact Jeanne McElhatton, 2621 Belmont Canyon Road, Belmont, CA 94002. Phone: 650-591-0565.

—Pat Lowers  
*Santa Clara Valley Chapter*

### BONNIE AND ARCHIE GANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Bonnie and Archie Gann Memorial Scholarships will be awarded at the Southeast Section Meeting in April.

These awards of \$1,000 each are

open only to qualified women and men pilots in the southeast section of the United States looking for CFI/CFII ratings. Entries will be open from February 15 to March 15. Winners do not have to be present.

Inquiries may be made to Shirley Zillig, Head Trustee, 779 E. Merritt Island Cswy., PMB 732, Merritt Island, FL 32952-3309. Phone: 321-633-1427 Fax: 321-631-0395 e-mail: shirlzee@aol.com

### SHANNON L. JIPSEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Kevin Morris and Michelle Richards each received \$500 from the Shannon L. Jipsen Scholarship Fund at Central Missouri State University in



*Shannon L. Jipsen (center) with scholarship recipients Michelle Richards and Kevin Morris.*

Warrensburg, Missouri.

Shannon is a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter. She is currently accident investigation chair for the Independent Pilots Association union for UPS pilots.

## TOUCH & GO'S

• **Mary Ann Knierim**, *Gulfstream Chapter*, is teaching a course in Fear of Flying at the Aviation Institute at Broward Community College in Hollywood, Florida.

• **Lee O'Reilly**, *British Columbia Coast*, is 1st Officer with Air Canada flying an A320.

• **Denise Kitson**, *British Columbia Coast*, is 1st Officer with Sky Service Ltd. flying an A320.

• **Laurie Reeves**, *Connecticut Chapter*, has been upgraded to Captain at United Airlines. She is flying left seat in a Boeing 767-200.

• **Ann Piggott**, *Top of Texas Chapter*, will instruct ground school at Amarillo College.

• **Sue Weitz**, *Women With Wings*, was named First Officer in a King Air for TWA.

• **Linda Wood**, *Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter*, was elected president of the Wilmington, Delaware, Chapter of EAA.

## NEW HORIZONS

*The 99s extend their prayers and thoughts to the families of this 99 and 49/12.*

**NORMA McELVAIN BARR**, San Antonio Chapter, succumbed to liver cancer in November at the Air Force Village Health Care Center. It was little wonder that Norma became a pilot since both of her late husbands were military pilots, as well as her two sons. Her efforts in flying and working with The 99s were well supported by all her family. She was a continuous member for more than 35 years, and held various chapter offices and was chairman in 1965. She was the glue that held the San Antonio 99s together by faithfully telephoning the entire Chapter roster to remind us of special activities, event reservations and general information.

—Gloria Blank  
*San Antonio Chapter*

**Harold Wertz**, 49 1/2 of Kathy Wertz, Coyote Country Chapter, passed away on November 21 after a stroke. Harold is well remembered as a child star in the "Our Gang" movie.

—Kathryn Buckman  
*Coyote Country Chapter*

## GENERAL AVIATION

**AIRLINE PILOT HIRING** set an all-time record in 1999 with almost 16,000 new pilot jobs for the year. The hiring forecast for 2000 should exceed 14,500. —*Air, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia*

**SPEAKERS AT WOMEN IN Aviation International Conference** to be held March 9-11 at Memphis Cook Convention Center in Memphis, Tennessee, will include two 99 NEWS former cover girls: astronaut Eileen Collins and SR-71 pilot Marta Bohn-Meyer.

**AIR, INC. SEMINAR** drew 434 pilots and 83 airline recruiters to its Career Day Seminar held at Atlanta, Georgia. "We need pilots!" was the

message airline recruiters sent to new hires in attendance. To learn more about future Air, Inc. seminars, visit [www.jet.jobs.com](http://www.jet.jobs.com) or fax 404-592-6615.

**"LIBERTY BELL" RESTORATION** is taking place at Kansas Cosmosphere & Space Center in Hutchinson, Kansas, where a crew is dismantling and cleaning the spacecraft once piloted by Gus Grissom and recently recovered from the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean. The spacecraft is credited with the considerable increase in attendance at the Center.

For more information visit their website ([www.cosmos.org](http://www.cosmos.org))

**EMBRY-RIDDLE** Aeronautical University has a new competitive pay-and-benefits package in place at both ERAU campuses in Florida and Arizona which exceeds the industry average. ERAU expects this new package to attract qualified instructors from around the world to meet its need for instructors. Their website is [www.embryriddle.edu](http://www.embryriddle.edu)

**20TH WORLD ASSEMBLY** of the International Council of Aircraft Owner and Pilot Associations will be held September 24-29 in Edinburgh, Scotland. This meeting will focus on the state of world general aviation and aerial work and plan future courses of action.



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