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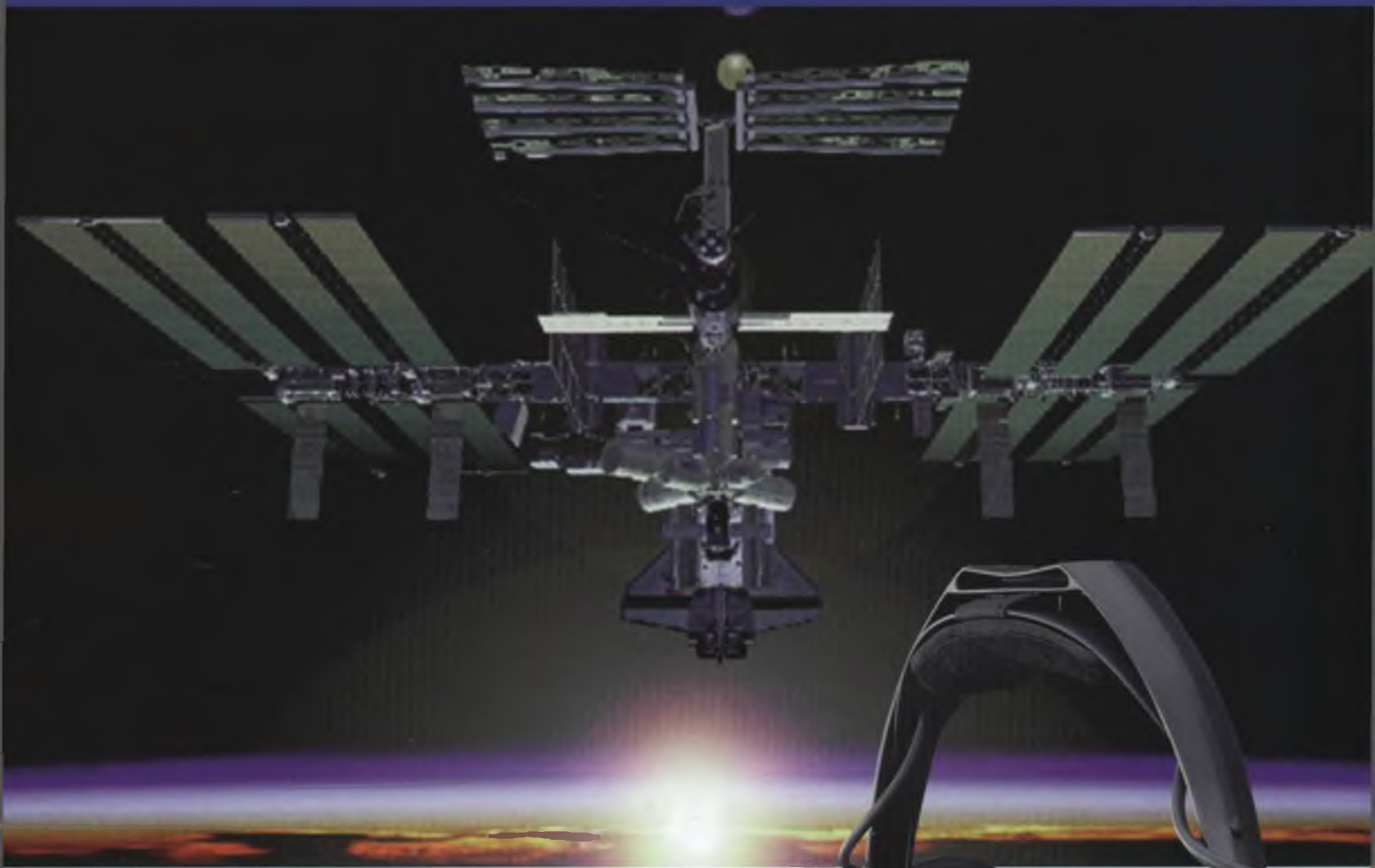


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On July 16-21, 2002, The 99s International Conference will be held in Kansas City and Atchison, Kansas. In 2003, The 99s Conference will be held in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and in 2004 in Long Island, New York. Exact dates to be announced later.

2000

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

MAY

5-7 — **NY/NJ Section Meeting**, Niagra Falls, New York. Sponsored by the Western New York Chapter, Darla Richter, 716-652-0715

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

16-20 — **NIFA SAFECON**, Grenada, Mississippi. Gary Hemphill, 601-846-4208

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

JUNE

10 — **28th Annual Garden State 300 Proficiency Air Race**, Flying W Airport (N14), Lumberton, New Jersey. Sponsored by the Garden State Chapter. Racquel McNeil, 732-446-9759 (Entry deadline, May 15)

16-18 — **Forest of Friendship**, Atchison, Kansas

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

15-16 — **8th Annual Torrance Air Fair**, "Reach for the Stars," Zamperini Field, Torrance Municipal Airport, Torrance, California. Nancy Clinton, 310-325-7223, fax 310-325-1248 or e-mail toairfair@earthlink.net

22-23 — **United States Air and Trade Show**, Dayton International Airport, Dayton, Ohio. Call 937-898-5901, fax 937-898-5121 or website www.usats.org

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

11-13 — **Palms to Pines Air Race**, Santa Monica, California, to Bend, Oregon. Claire Walters, 310-397-2731

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

2-4 — **Cleveland National Air Show**, Burke Lakefront Airport, Cleveland, Ohio. Call 216-781-0747, fax 216-781-7810 or website www.clevelandairshow.com

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 Burklund, 727-791-0035

22-24 — **North Central Section Fall Meeting**, Columbus Ohio. Hosted by All-Ohio Chapter

23 — **New England Section Poker Run**. Hosted by Eastern New England. Claire Wilson, 508-385-4105, fax 508-385-4289

OCTOBER

9-13 — **Powder Puff Derby Convention**, Resorts Casino Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Clarice Bellino, 255 Mountain Ave., North Caldwell, NJ 07006-4007, phone 973-226-2290, fax 973-226-6564 or e-mail skylark@skyweb.net

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 dobpbob@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 2000**, Long Beach, California

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

NOVEMBER

7-9 — **3rd World Aviation Education and Safety Congress "WAESCON 2000"**, Khatmandu, Nepal. Sponsored by The 99s, Inc. and organized by the India Section. Chanda Budhabatti, 520-326-4597, fax 520-325-7243 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 mjmcmcneil@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

You all know I believe that membership is every member's job. Well, I believe that Public Relations (PR) is everyone's job as well. Your probable reaction is, "What can I do?" A fair question.

In the first place, you can support the obvious opportunities to enhance our posture in the general aviation community. Last year, I attended Sun 'n Fun for the first time. I accepted Director Vicki Lynn Sherman's invitation to share the podium for her FAA presentation on The 99s and Cockpit Cool for intimidated right-seaters.

Besides Vicki and me, would you believe the only other 99 attending the sessions was a member of the Montana Chapter. I know there were other 99s from all over the country and the world in Florida on those days, not to mention the Floridians. Where were you?

Likewise, Carolyn Carpp and Wally Funk are speaking this week at the Washington Aviation and Trade Show in Seattle (where two Chapters conduct a very popular Flying Companion Seminar). It behooves us to be present in the audience when 99s are speaking on our behalf. *Be there or be square!*

Second, get a media information kit from Headquarters and develop an on-going relationship with your local media people. Then send news releases to them whenever your local Chapter does anything and include a photo.

Third, you too can be the featured speaker for the general aviation community and the general public. Ha!, you say. Well, ladies, it's not so difficult. The first step is to commit our Mission Statement to memory and practice delivery until it slips off your tongue.

You now have mastered the "elevator" speech and will be comfortable answering the question that

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

We are the world's best kept secret

BY BEV SHARP

arises when a complete stranger notices your 99s pin or meeting badge, often in an elevator, and says, "The 99s. What's that?"

Develop your own list of three points to support each of the three Ps in the Mission Statement. Sounds like the kernel of a speech to me.

You add a little history such as when and where we were founded and where our name came from. Describe our Headquarters in Oklahoma City and our four Trusts: the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, the 99s Museum of Women Pilots, the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund and the 99s Endowment Fund.

Toss in why The 99s is important to you and how your local Chapter is involved. Add a little han-

gar flying and some of the events your Chapter has had in the past year and—before you know it—the problem will be knowing when to *stop* because you are having too much fun! Contact the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotarians and other local groups and offer to speak at their meeting. You will all be thrilled.

The 99s is *your* organization. Be proud and ready to tell the world how wonderful we are.

—Blue Skies, Bev

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.*



Beverley Sharp



"The 99s is your organization. Be proud and ready to tell the world how wonderful we are."

A NEW APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP is included on Page 14. Please dispose of any previous Membership Application forms you have, especially those with outdated dues amounts.

Current dues are \$65 U.S., \$57 Canada and the Caribbean, \$54 Overseas, \$30 for Academic or Future Women Pilots (FWP), all paid in US funds. Renewals and reinstatements are \$10 less than each of the above amounts. Applications with missing information or incorrect dues payments will be placed on hold until they can be completed.

Each new membership application must be accompanied by a photocopy of the pilot's airman certificate, or a student medical certificate, proof of academic status or equivalent documents if non-U.S.

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.

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THANKS FROM SOME SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

BY CHARLENE FALKENBERG, Permanent Trustee
Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund



Charlene Falkenberg

How many Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships will be given this year at the 2000 Conference in San Diego? That depends on how much money has been received by the Fund prior to March 1, 2000.

I am very happy to announce that we have received two new perpetual scholarships. One came from Bonnie Seymour in memory of her husband, Milt. And one came in memory of Virginia "Ginny" Richardson.

A Perpetual Scholarship requires a tax deductible donation of \$20,000 and each year a scholarship will be given in the name of the Perpetual.

Thanks also go to members of the Orange County Chapter who gave a one-time \$3,000 scholarship. A one-time scholarship may be given for a gift of \$2,500.

The following 1999 AEMS recipients have completed their training and received their ratings/certificates: Karen Monteith, Alison Salerno Blair, Sonya Dugan, Mari Murayama, Kimberly Spath, Betty Huck and Luz Beattie. Congratulations!

It was with great honor that I accepted the Amelia Earhart Memorial Career Scholarship and now it is with great pride that I am informing all of you of the completion of my Instrument rating. I took my checkride on January 13. I had been scheduled for the end of December, but broken planes and weather postponed the checkride twice.

There were many setbacks on my road to this rating. (I officially had five instructors. They kept being hired away by the airlines.) I dealt with broken airplanes, weather, scheduling conflicts, instructors leaving, etc. These are things we all deal with, but I took it all with little grace and/or patience. Even with all my whining and stomping my feet, I couldn't make the planes fly or the instructors stay. But I had many supporters who kept me on track—and I'm here to say "I did it!"

I especially want to thank Aileen Watkins, a fellow 99 and AE Scholarship winner. She was my first instrument instructor and the first one to be hired. She now flies as captain for Continental Express. Aileen—true instructor and friend—never gave up on me or the responsibility she felt toward my success. I have never in my life felt so supported. When I was down, she called or e-mailed words of encouragement reminding me that I was going to make it and I was going to reach my goals. Thank you, Aileen.

Members of my Florida Suncoast Chapter, who recommended me in the first place, listened to my woes and successes and kept me going. This is a hard rating and I am forever grateful to you all.

Charlene Falkenberg, the scholarship administrator, was also a great source of encouragement and helped when obstacles presented themselves. She shared my joy when success was at hand. Thank you, Charlene.

I will begin my Commercial airplane rating training within the next month and have applied for

a scholarship for my Multiengine rating that I hope to begin this summer. I now know without a doubt that I will have a career in aviation.

I am now a customer service and line manager at Suncoast Flying Service in

Clearwater, Florida. We are an expanding flying school with an exciting future, and I invite anyone to stop in at Clearwater Airpark to see us. My employers have also been a great support and will eventually see me as a CFI there.

I could not be where I am today without the help and support of The 99s. It is a fine organization, doing great things for the future of aviation. Thank you once again and keep up the great work!

—Denise Rosenberger
Florida Suncoast Chapter



Denise Rosenberger

One overcast Sunday afternoon in Boston, I had an opportunity to have lunch with Heather Brown, a 99 I had met a year earlier at the United Training Center in Denver, Colorado, where we were both working on our Boeing 737 Type Rating Scholarships. Heather received her Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship funded by United Airlines in 1998 and I was finally able to arrange enough time off from my commuter airline job to complete the training from my 1997 AEMS award.

The first two weeks of training were spent in a fast paced, self-guided computer ground school. United's new facility houses several simulators and a huge computer lab, with at least 200 computers. After the oral portion of the checkride, Heather and I started to use our knowledge in the fixed base simulator (FBS), which has all the "bells and whistles" of the real sim—but no motion or visual. The primary goal at this point was to learn procedures, system checks and the flight management system (FMS). After six FBS sessions, we were ready for the "full-motion" sim.

Each person would fly for two



Bev Sinclair, 1997 winner



Heather Brown, 1998 winner

hours and be the non-flying pilot for two hours during each four-hour sim session. You learn twice as much that way and the observing allows you to see how you might improve. After seven sim sessions, we were both prepared for our checkrides which were given by an examiner on the United staff.

This was a standard ATP checkride with steep turns, stalls, four approaches with several emergencies including one single engine ILS. Since Heather and I both suffer from "checkride-itis," the positive outcome was a huge relief.

The next day, with the ink barely dry on my temporary certificate, I walked into the main offices of Frontier Airlines and dropped off my resume, proudly sporting my new type rating. Two weeks later, I interviewed and started ground school as a B-737 first officer on October 26, 1999. On a long layover in Boston with Frontier, we finally got together for lunch and to compare notes.

Heather had continued flying a Westwind for a small charter outfit while diligently sending out and updating applications to various airlines. She found that limited PIC experience and no FAR 121 time was a hindrance. But her perseverance paid off with an offer from Comair. She is now a first officer on an Embraer Brasilia and is looking forward to a promising airline career.

I was living happily ever after flying for Frontier when I was offered an interview with US Airways. I passed their interview process and started ground school in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Au-

gust 30, 1999—truly the direct result of the AEM Scholarship. A big "Thank You" to every 99 for helping Heather and me make our dreams come true!

—Beverly Sinclair
Colorado Chapter

I'm so excited about sending this contribution to the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund as I'm now fully entrenched in commercial flying. I have been a "freight-dog" for the last nine months. In January I moved to Skywest Airlines—a dream come true!

I received an AE Scholarship in 1988 for a CFII and taught for 12 years—so dollars have been thin. Hopefully, this will change and next year so will the amount of the check.

Thanks for the continuing support this scholarship program gives to so many.

—Deborah Cunningham
Santa Clara Chapter

I want to share my great news. I got a job with Skywest! Skywest is where I really wanted to be right now to start building my airline experience.

—Nichole Kegel Vander Ley
Greater Seattle Chapter

Editor's note: Nichole was a 1998 winner of a multiengine scholarship.

Tina Thomas, Chicago Area Chapter, winner of a multiengine rating scholarship in 1992, received her ATP rating in a King Air B-90. She passed her Type 135 check-ride in January. She wants all 99s to know how much she appreciates their help. She says her AE scholarship started her on her way to success. —Char Falkenberg

JUDY CADMUS, MASTER CFI

Judy Cadmus, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, has been designated a Master Certificated Flight Instructor by the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI).

Only 200 persons have achieved this distinction out of approximately 78,000 CFIs in the United States. "Master Instructors represent the *creme de la creme* of the industry," said "Sandy" Hill, NAFI Director of Education.



Judy Cadmus

Judy began flying 10 years ago and has been instructing for two years. Her introduction to flying began while taking AOPA's Pinch Hitter course. "I never intended to get my pilot's license, let alone become an instructor," Judy says, "but after taking a few post-Pinch Hitter lessons, the bug bit me!"

Judy instructs at the Perkiomen Valley Airport in Collegeville, Pennsylvania, and works as a software engineer for Unisys Corp.

Her husband, Peter Stelzenmuller, is a commercial pilot. He is president of Penn Avionics, Inc., an aircraft maintenance facility at the Perkiomen Valley Airport. They own a Cessna 182.

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

For more information about the Master Instructor program, contact NAFI's director of education, G. Alexander "Sandy" Hill, at 719-589-9487 or e-mail: 2hills@amigo.net.

AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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99s MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS

At first glance, it may appear that the proverbial "calm after the storm" has settled over the 99s Museum of Women Pilots since the grand opening last July. However, a closer look reveals the truth. With such dynamic personalities as Anita Lewis, C.J. Strawn, Claire Walters, Gene Nora Jessen, Susan Theurkauf and Susie Sewell, the calm is merely an illusion.

After the opening, the board decided the museum needed professional direction and a professional director. The 99s treasure trove of important artifacts needs to be guarded and protected as the museum strives to fulfill its mission of education and preservation. The board found that person in Nancy Lowe-Clark, who was hired as executive director and came on staff January 3—just in time for the spring Board of Directors meeting.

Nancy brings a multitude of talents to the position, including tremendous qualifications to the job.

She received her master of arts in museum studies from the University of Central Oklahoma, where she was awarded the Edward Everett Dale Award for Outstanding Graduate Work and graduated with honors.

During her 10-plus years in the museum field, Nancy participated in a resident study program in textile conservation at the Smithsonian, attended numerous professional seminars, conducted seminars and workshops and presented lectures on museum issues. She served eight



Nancy Lowe-Clark

years on the Oklahoma Museums Association board of directors, holding all offices including president.

The museum board of trustees has given Nancy 100 hats to wear and many clean-up jobs; the museum is now into the thick of the development stage. Outwardly, it will be securing its financial base with grant writing and fund-raising, marketing to increase visibility and establishing public programming. Most of the "clean-up" work is done behind the scenes, as Nancy and the trustees work out operational policies and procedures.

The museum trustees are extremely grateful for your support during the past four years. More than 800 members, 10 Sections and 90 Chapters contributed, for a total of \$362,000. These contributions have helped build and formally open the museum, pay for utilities and hire a director.

Last year, the trustees created a Museum Charter Membership, with levels of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$250, to help sustain the museum. Each member receives a beautiful Charter Membership Card and membership is renewable each year.

Additionally, there is still room on the "Wall of Wings" (\$500) or on a cabinet (\$1,500) for names. Please make all checks payable to the 99s Museum of Women Pilots and send either to Claire Walters, 13026 Psomas Way, Los Angeles, CA 90066, or to the museum at 7100 Terminal Drive, Box 965, Oklahoma City, OK 73159-0965. American Express, MasterCard and VISA are also accepted.

Over the next several years, the museum will be creating continued excitement with new exhibits and educational projects. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, so be sure to stop by and see your museum grow!

The 99s Museum of Women Pilots logo depicts the nose of 1929 Women's Air Derby winner Louise Thaden's Travel Air B-4000 draped in roses.



99s MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS

Application for Charter Membership

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Signature _____

Make your check payable to 99s Museum of Women Pilots

Our AEBM Trustees face interesting challenges when recalling the history of 100 years ago to apply to exterior enhancements around the house. According to our records, Amelia named the two old maple trees in the front yard, Baucis and Philemon. She chose the names from Greek mythology because they extended great hospitality to the gods Zeus and Hermes, who rewarded the couple in their old age by turning them into intertwining linden and oak trees. Their humble cottage was transformed into a magnificent temple. We'll see what our two new maple trees have to offer.

Two graceful black iron dogs have been mounted on granite in the front yard—a result of a 1980's video interview with Muriel Morrissey, Amelia's sister. Muriel said one of her most pleasant childhood memories of her grandparents' home was the two friendly-looking, black iron dogs that guarded the front porch.

Virginia Tonsing of nearby Overland Park, a cousin of Amelia and Muriel, gifted the new dogs to the AE house. Byrd Memorial in Atchison graciously donated the labor in mounting and installing these turn-of-the-century designed dogs for the AEBM lawn.

The third annual Women in History Day, successfully planned by education chairman Ree Greenwood, was observed at the AEBM on March 18. Part of the observance included recognition of winners of an essay contest for young women in grades five through eight. The theme was "A vision for my life as lived in the spirit of Amelia Earhart."

The winners read their essays and shared time with three role models who exemplify the theme: Ruth Stafford, Kay Alley and Mary Carol Garrity.

Ruth Stafford, Greater Kansas City Chapter, has an ATP rating with nearly 7,000 hours. She ferried 52 single-engine aircraft across the North and South

AMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

BY MARILYN COPELAND, Chairman

Atlantic, often to South Africa. These were Cessna 152s, other Cessnas, Pipers and Beechcraft.

Kay Alley, Kansas Chapter, is an international ferry pilot with two ATP ratings, who has flown the Atlantic, Pacific and Caribbean in Cessna Caravans, other Cessnas and Beechcraft. She is a residential real estate agent in the prestigious President's Club in Wichita, Kansas.

Mary Carol Garrity owns Nell Hill's, an exquisite home furnishings business that flourishes not only in Atchison but draws clients from Kansas City and other faraway places. Her entrepreneurial success was featured in the *Wall Street Journal*.

The essay winners, their families, the role models and Open House guests enjoyed a tea following the presentations.

Recent contributors to the AEBM were Cloud and Sally Cray (\$5,000), Ladd and Karen Seaberg (\$2,500), Marilyn Copeland (\$1,000), Adair/Exchange Bank Foundation (\$500) and Henry Parker (\$500). Other contributions came from Beatrice Desper, M.D.; Vicki Ross; Jaye Hudgins and Sondra Ridgeway.

For what's going on at the AEBM, check the web site at www.ameliaearhartmuseum.com.



Note the brick sidewalk that has been laid with bricks purchased by donations of \$50 for the side and \$100 for the front.

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



Two maple trees and two black iron dogs have been added to the front yard of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison, Kansas.

BE A PILOT

Program continues to attract new pilots



Cyndy Brown, executive director
of BE A PILOT program

"The goal of the organization remains the same: to increase the number of student pilot starts to 100,000."

"1999's estimated number of student starts is more than 64,000."

"In 2000, one of our new commercials features a woman."

Four years ago, leaders in the general aviation industry knew that something had to be done to reverse the continuing downward trend of new people learning to fly. The reason behind their concern was simple: Without new people joining the pilot ranks, the industry risked stagnation. That's why BE A PILOT was formed.

As they start their fourth year, the goal of the organization remains the same: to increase the number of student pilot starts to 100,000. Aviation companies and organizations (including The Ninety Nines) financially support BE A PILOT's marketing outreach through voluntary annual contributions.

Who are these new pilot prospects?

Market research conducted at the beginning of the program identified a potential audience of 1,200,000 people in the United States who are "very interested" in learning to fly. This group is predominantly male, and 57 percent of them are between the ages of 25 and 40 and have a higher-than-average income.

How we are reaching potential prospects

Using that data, BE A PILOT launched its cable television advertising campaign. Later research provided information to extend the age to 54—with an interest in adventure, aviation and excitement.

Commercials are aired on selected cable channels that direct prospects to visit the web site (www.beapilot.com) or call the toll free number (888-BE-A-PILOT) to receive a certificate entitling them to an introductory flight for a cost to them of just \$35.

Prospects can locate a flight school near them by searching the database on the web site. *Nearly half the prospects who have taken an introductory flight have committed to continuing flight training.*

Marketing tools, brochures, postcards

But BE A PILOT doesn't stop there. In addition to attracting new student prospects, the program supplies flight schools with marketing tools and ideas to help them become more savvy businesspeople.

Last year, all participating flight schools received a custom-written *Flight School Success Manual*, a copy of *The Savvy Flight Instructor* and other items.

Flight schools were also given the opportunity to purchase low-cost promotional postcards to use in their marketing efforts.

New TV commercials, cable programs

Now in her second year as executive director of the BE A PILOT program, Cyndy Brown, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Section of The 99s, has been busy in the development of new television commercials and the cable television schedule for 2000 which is scheduled to begin in April. "When our 2000 schedule is finalized," Cyndy says, "there will be some channels used for the fourth year, such as *Discovery Channel*, and some tests will also be made on new programs and channels."

STOP DREAMING. START FLYING.™

BE A PILOT.™

New educational kiosk

Cyndy has also been instrumental in developing an informational, educational kiosk promoting the benefits of learning to fly. She believes it will have many uses in aviation museums, trade and non-trade shows, airports, flight schools, air shows and other public gatherings where pilot prospects are likely to be found.

With its new television commercials, the kiosk, and other programs, such as its public relations efforts, Cyndy says, "It's going to be a great year for BE A PILOT! I just wish there were more hours in the day!"

If you'd like to know more, contact Program Manager Bridgette Bailey, BE A PILOT, 1400 K Street NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC, 20005; bbailey@beapilot.com; or call 202-842-4099.

The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund needs your support. It's been around for 15 years now, but had not had the visibility it needs. What is it going to take to get the 99s excited about supporting our Endowment Fund?

We are seeking partners with us who share the vision and the promise for what the Endowment Fund can do for the future of The 99s. We are looking for those 99s who want to grow with us into this new century of possibilities. We must believe in ourselves.

Your support may make the difference between having our dues increased to cover the cost of operating The 99s budget or risking the financial stability of this organization. All money donated to the Fund remains intact, with only the income earned (when we reach \$1 million) allocated for use to support the purposes of The 99s. All donations are tax deductible and can be handled in a variety of ways.

You've all heard of Planned Giving and no doubt you receive many requests from other worthy causes. We encourage each of you to consider making a major or estate gift. Many donors of large gifts are quite ordinary people who just happen to have a passionate belief in something and are willing to fund that passion.

If you are in the estate-planning stage of life, it is possible to make significant gifts without disrupting your current lifestyle at all. What makes this possible is a variety of creative-planning devices that make lifetime payments to you, thus increasing current income.

One of the most popular devices is one of the simplest—the charitable gift annuity. This

THE NINETY-NINES ENDOWMENT FUND

BY LEE KENSETT, Chairman, Board of Trustees

is basically a straightforward agreement between a donor and a charity whereby in exchange for a transfer of cash or appreciated property, the charity agrees to pay a specified annuity to the donor and/or another beneficiary for life.

Just because we are highlighting major gifts doesn't mean that every dollar doesn't count. They do and we still want and need the support of every 99. A donation equivalent to less than a cup of coffee a day will speed us quickly to our goal of \$1 million. And just \$99 a year for five years from even half of all our members would ensure our financial future. Listen up, ladies. If we don't support the Endowment Fund, who will?

Here's a form for you to use. Do it today. And thanks in advance for any consideration you give to this cause.



Lee Kensett

I am retiring from the Board of Trustees of the Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund at the end of my term in July. So far, only two persons have submitted their names for the three trustee positions.

If you know of someone who has an interest in serving in this capacity, please let one of us on the Board know about her.

The time has passed for filing an Intent to Seek Election Form, so this third position will be filled by appointment of the Trustees, with approval of the Board of Directors.

THE NINETY-NINES ENDOWMENT FUND

I want to make a contribution to The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund of \$ _____.

I wish to pledge a monthly _____ quarterly _____ or yearly _____ contribution starting on _____ in the amount of \$ _____. This pledge shall be in effect for _____ years, or until _____, unless revoked by me earlier.

Payment: Check _____ Credit Card: VISA _____ MC _____ AMEX _____

Card No. _____ Expires _____

Name _____ Signature _____

Mail contributions and pledges to The Ninety-Nines, Inc., 7100 Terminal Drive, Box 965, Oklahoma City, OK 73159-0965. Phone 405-685-7985, fax 405-685-7985 or e-mail IHQ99s@cs.com

MEMBERSHIP

2000: The year to grow

BY ILSE HIPFEL

If you have been making a concerted effort to increase or retain membership but are at a stalemate, give us a call and let's talk about new ways to recruit and retain members.

Membership supplies available

- *International brochures and membership applications. Contact International Headquarters at 405-685-7969.*
- *4-by-5 information cards. Contact Kathleen Browne, Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section (602-938-7026).*
- *Posters, orientation packets and business cards. Contact Sheila Drayster (702-263-6798) or Ilse Hipfel (626-967-5882).*

Let's start Spring 2000 by placing membership into a top priority of your Section/Chapter goals. In retrospect, I am proud to say that in our recent efforts to enhance our membership numbers, we have awarded two Sections with \$500 for their positive attitude and enduring labor to obtain the highest increase in membership.

In the last two years the Membership Drive has

provided our organization with approximately 500 new members, and that is all thanks to the members of those Sections and Chapters who made membership a top priority.

Begin this new millennium by focusing on members who have continued to support The 99s by acknowledging their contributions through some type of recognition. For the women pilots who were members but have dropped out, try contacting them one more time to learn their reasons for leaving.

For those women pilots who are waiting to be asked to join, please use some of the membership materials listed below to reach out to them. They need us—and we need them.

If you need any membership supplies, call us. If you have membership questions, call us. If you have been making a concerted effort to increase or retain membership but are at a stalemate, give us a call and let's talk about new ways to recruit and retain members.

New Members and Returnees

Lana Marcel Abegg, *Southwest Section* • Brandy Sher Adkisson, *South Central Section* • Mary Beth Alexander, *Southwest Section* • Lori Anderson, *Indiana Dunes* • Georgia Lee Arrow, *Columbia Cascade* • Michaela Baard, *Mid-Atlantic Section* • Marcia Lynne Barnes, *Southeast Section* • Lisa Diane Barr, *All-Ohio* • Sabrina Charlene Beach, *Orange County* • Debra Jean Beghtol, *North Central Section* • Rebecca L. Billings, *New England Section* • Bonnie Ann Blumenschein, *Greater Detroit Area* • Margaret Bollinger, *Santa Barbara* • Jennie Bowhay-Sweet, *Pikes Peak* • Carol J. Bowser, *Placer Gold* • Dr. Jacqueline B. Boyd, *Golden Triangle* • Helen L. Brennan, *Women With Wings* • Felice F. Brunner, *Washington DC* • Aleta Dara Buckelew, *Santa Paula* • Donna Lynn Cash, *Alabama* • Katherine Chamberlain, *North Central Section* • Joan Wilson Chiszar, *Colorado* • Marilyn Ann Christiansen, *Marin County* • Shannon Alane Clark, *Columbia Cascade* • Deanna Elias Close, *Chicago Area* • Susan M. Conrad, *Women With Wings* • Natalie Denise Corrao, *Colorado* • Marilyn Daigle, *First Canadian* • Barbara June Davis, *Yavapai* • Kristine Andrea Dawson, *Santa Paula* • Sharon Byrne De Castro, *New Orleans* • Valerie J. Dempsey, *North Jersey* • Nonie Dietz, *Orange County* • Erika Kierstine Dirksen, *South Central Section* • Caroline Alvarez Dishion, *Southwest Section* • Debra M. Donohoe, *San Gabriel Valley* • Rebecca Shannon Duggan, *Michigan* • Joy Wanda Durand, *Maple Leaf* • Kelli Kae Dykman, *Greater Kansas City* • Kaye Robyn Ebel, *Montana* • Carolyn F. Elliott, *San Luis Obispo County* • Joyce Failing, *Long Beach* • Diana Marie Feddersohn, *Santa Barbara* • Marry Beth Finch, *Sutter Buttes* • Michaelena

Fitz-Gerald, *Southwest Section* • Carol G. Foley, *British Columbia Coast* • Angel D. Foxworthy, *North Georgia* • Crystal Frame, *Columbia Cascade* • Wendy Franz, *North Central Section* • Melanie Frey-Eppard, *Golden Triangle* • Abbie Friddell, *Chicago Area* • Motootua Fualautoalasi, *Aloha* • Leslie Kay Gagnon, *North Central Section* • Colleen Gamble, *Northwest Section* • Elizabeth A. Garcia, *Southwest Section* • Erin Gates, *Monterey Bay* • Norma P. Gerard, *New England Section* • Barbara Gallo Gillander, *Eastern Pennsylvania* • Margrit Goodrich, *Mission Bay* • Wincel Vee Gordon, *Kansas* • Barbara Ann Gregg, *Florida Suncoast* • Marilyn Gullett, *South Central Section* • Jayne Haggard, *New England Section* • BethAnn Margory Hall, *Garden State* • Carolyn K. Hambidge, *Intermountain* • Mary Lou Hansen, *Nebraska* • Michelle Lynn Harbison, *South-east Section* • Mary Hart Harris, *Katahdin Wings* • Ella B. Hart, *Garden State* • Ruth J. Hawks, *All-Ohio* • Audrey Henning, *Kansas* • Melissa Ruth Heraty, *Florida Suncoast* • Jennifer E. Hinks, *Eastern New England* • Erica Marie Hoagland, *Florida Spaceport* • Robin Helene Holley, *Midnight Sun* • Sharon Sue Hollinger, *Tucson* • Catherine Houghton, *Eastern Ontario* • Lynn Elizabeth Houston, *Palms* • Jennifer Blakeney Howren, *Carolinas* • Joan Marie Hudson, *Columbia Gorge* • Mary Jo Ann Humphreys, *Orange County* • Inna Viktorovna Innes, *Dallas* • Emily J. Ives, *Coyote Country* • Barbara Cowen Jacobs, *Southeast Section* • Phronsie Jakoby, *Montana* • Dr. Sabine Jaruschewski, *German Section* • Loretta Adams Johnston, *Tennessee* • Patricia A. Kelly, *Pikes Peak* • Frances D. Kennedy, *Florida Firstcoast* • Lynda M. Kilbourne, *Greater Cincinnati* • Jo Edwards King, *Alaska* • Elizabeth Honor

Kinkade, Tucson • Erika Kierstine Kirksen, South Central Section • Jacqueline Hunter Klaus, Central Illinois • Jean Ann Kramer, Indiana Dunes • Ann Kraus, Albuquerque • Carole Ann Kulesia, Southeast Section • Cara Landacre, Foothills • Andrea Lee Lauderbaugh, South Central Section • Jennifer K. Liebeler, Santa Paula • Judith Lynne Lund-Bell, Fresno • Tracy S. Lunquist, Aux Plaines • Jessica Ashkigh-Thorne Matthews, South Central Section • Mary S. McCutcheon, Mid-Atlantic Section • Heather Marie McIntyre, Alaska • Tricia Julane McLaren, South Central Section • Donna Mary McNeill, Houston • Janet Pearl McQuhae, British Columbia Coast • Kathleen Marie Meilahn, Austin • Rose Marie Merchant, Washington DC • Kimberly Miller, Austin • Sara M. Miller, Old Dominion • Janey Byrd Mixson, Florida Firstcoast • Jennifer Michelle Moore, Kentucky Bluegrass • Sebrina Lisa Narkin, Santa Clara Valley • Betty L. Nicks, Wichita Falls • Erica Nitchman, Mount Diablo • Barbara Ann Niveyro, Long Island • Kay Oestreich, Garden State • Marilyn Olwin, South Central Section • Sarah Rebekah Overturf, Iowa • Maryellyn Welch Page, Connecticut • Mary Panczyszyn, Chicago Area • Diana Jane Peterson, Monterey Bay • Gayle Rene Plaia, Kitty Hawk • Sherry Melissa Porter, Santa Paula • June Potter, Florida First Coast • Beverly Jo Powell, Phoenix • Marcia Lynn Presley, Greater Kansas City • Becky Queen, Women With Wings • Teresa A. Rathgeber, Mid-Atlantic Section • Janet Robison Reid, Phoenix • Cecilia Rentmeister, Ph.D., German Section • Holly Sue Richert, Colorado • Juliette Theresa Ritzman, Old Dominion • Amber Spring Roe, Monterey Bay • Kristyn Roman, Minnesota • Camealia Jaren Rush, Southeast Section • Lynne B. Sampson, Alberta • Gina Santori, Chicago Area • Heather Lynn Scaglione, Southwest Section • Mary Margaret Schaffart, Omaha Area • Frances Schmidt, Southeast Section • Patsy Van Bloem Schumacher, Santa Paula • Jeanne L. Seewald, Southeast Section • Kristina Sheppard, San Diego • Theresa Rita Sheridan, Palomar • Terri L. Sherrard, Phoenix • LeAnn S.A. Silberman, Palomar • Joy M. Sinnott, Monterey Bay • Mary Brock Smith, Caribbean Section • Jennifer Suzanne Stazel, South Central Section • Milka Leah Steinberg, First Canadian • Lisa Ann Stiles, San Gabriel Valley • Tawni Kay Swann, Idaho • Sharon Klino Sweeney, Santa Clara Valley • Deborah B. Swift, Caribbean Section • Angie J. Tennapel, Southwest Section • Rhonda A. Thompson, Columbia Cascade • Robin L. Titus, M.D., Reno Area • Janice Ruth Tomeny, Antelope Valley • Maryan C. Tooker, Reno High Sierra • Melinda Dawn Trueblood, Mid-Atlantic Section • Joan D. Van Reeth, Chicago Area • Carol J. Vaughn, Michigan • Dawnmarie Wade, Montana • Vicki J. Walsh, New England Section • Carrie Sandra Wasser, North Central Section • Emily Susan Wicoff, Greater Kansas City • Karyn Danille Wiemers, Mid-Columbia • Stacy P. Wile, Palomar • June Williams, Greater Kansas City • Kelly Wilson, British Section • Susan Wozniak, Southwest Section • Susan Zurcher, Chicago Area

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS



Lindy Ritz, Director of the FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, greets International President Bev Sharp and other board members and governors who used a conference room at the center for a one-day retreat prior to the spring Board of Directors meeting at 99s Headquarters.

Thanks to these volunteers



Oklahoma Chapter member Poochie Rotzinger accepts a bouquet from President Bev Sharp at Headquarters. She and volunteers Carol Sokatch, Shirley Brown and Susie Sewell received bouquets to thank them for their volunteer services at Headquarters.



Northwest Section Governor Betty Prakken and Oklahoma Chapter member Carol Sokatch file membership renewal forms at Headquarters. Betty came early for the spring Board Meeting and remained afterward, contributing a full week of her time volunteering for a variety of office tasks.



Mid-Atlantic Section Vice Governor Ellen Nobles-Harris helps assemble materials for the March mailing to Governors and Chapter Chairmen.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____
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 City _____ State/Province _____
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 E-mail _____
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 Husband's Name _____
 Birth Date _____ Application Date _____

**IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN A MEMBER,
 UNDER WHAT NAME?**

Aviation Related Vocations _____
 Vocation _____
 Advanced Degrees _____

Type of Certificate

☐ Private ☐ Recreational ☐ Commercial ☐ ATP
☐ Military ☐ Student

Ratings and Limitations

☐ ASEL ☐ ASES ☐ AMEL ☐ AMES
☐ Instrument ☐ Glider ☐ Balloon ☐ Helicopter
☐ A & P

Flight Instructor

☐ Airplane ☐ Instrument ☐ Rotor ☐ Glider
☐ MEL

Ground Instructor

☐ Basic ☐ Advanced ☐ Instrument

FAA Flight Examiner

☐ Private ☐ Commercial ☐ Helicopter ☐ Glider
☐ ASEL ☐ ASES ☐ AMEL ☐ AMES
☐ Instrument ☐ Written

Airman Certificate Number _____

Issue Date _____ Total Hours _____

Biennial Flight Review Date _____

Newest Rating _____ Date _____

Last Flight Physical Date _____ Class of Physical _____

**A COPY OF THE APPROPRIATE AIRMAN CERTIFICATE
 MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

DUES PAYMENT

A check for \$ _____ (US funds only by International Money Order, credit card or check drawn on US bank) is enclosed. To join under

Academic Member category, certification of "full-time academic student" status provided by the educational institution
 must be attached to this application. To join as a Future Women Pilot, include copy of student certificate.

US \$65. Canada, Caribbean \$57 US. Overseas \$54 US. Academic Pilot, \$30 US. Future Woman Pilot \$30 US.

To further support the projects of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., I enclose \$ _____ as a contribution for:

☐ Ninety-Nines Operating Fund ☐ Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund ☐ Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum
☐ Ninety-Nines, Inc. Endowment Fund ☐ 99s Museum of Women Pilots ☐ 99s Account/Okla. City Community Foundation

You may use your credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Am. Express Account # _____ Exp. Date _____

Use above credit card for automatic yearly renewal? ☐ Yes ☐ No Signature for credit card _____

I hereby apply for membership in The Ninety-Nines, Inc., and I agree to abide by the bylaws of the organization.

Signature of applicant _____ Signature of sponsoring member _____

Joining a Chapter? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, name of Chapter/ Section _____

Signature and Title of Chapter Officer if joining a Chapter _____



THE NINETY-NINES ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Doubletree Mission Valley, San Diego, California, USA, July 12-16, 2000

WELCOME TO SAN DIEGO and the first 99s' Conference of the new millennium. Each day's activities will focus on one element of our event. Wednesday is devoted to arrivals, Thursday to tours, Friday to the business of the organization, along with the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Awards Event, and Saturday to the Super Seminar Series.

The weather will be exceptionally mild and very amenable for all the optional outdoor activities in addition to general aviation arrivals and departures at Montgomery Field. The 99s of the Southwest Section invite you to join us in San Diego on our 'Flight to the 21st Century.'

Hotel Reservations

Our conference headquarters is the Doubletree Mission Valley, located within minutes of both Lindbergh (SAN) and Montgomery Field (MYF) Airports and adjacent to superb shopping. The hotel is also located on the new trolley line making all of San Diego easily accessible.

A block of rooms has been set aside at \$110/room. For reservations, call 800-222-8733 or direct to 619-297-5466. Indicate you are with the 'The Ninety-Nines' for this rate. Cut-off date for hotel reservations is June 21. Please make your reservations early to ensure a room at the Doubletree!

Roommate Lists on Ninety-Nines Website

If you're looking for a roommate for the conference or the cruise, check the website <ninety-nines.org>. Send an e-mail to both Pamela O'Brien <dobpob@compuserve.com> and Paula Sandling <sandling99@aol.com> to get your name on the list of 99s looking for a roommate. Be sure to specify whether the request is for the hotel and/or the cruise.

Pre-Conference Arrival Confirmation

A packet of fly-in information to Montgomery Field (MYF) along with an updated schedule of events and confirmation of tours will be mailed to each individual whose registration is received by June 30.



Late Registration

Registration forms received after June 30 and by July 8 will be confirmed by fax or e-mail. Registrations received after July 8 will be processed subject to availability.

After July 8 only, call Susan Larson, conference coordinator, at 408-274-9152 to confirm availability.

Conference Video

Relive your San Diego conference experience for months and years to come. Our trained crew of 99s volunteers will video the entire conference starting with arrivals at Montgomery Field through the Saturday Awards Banquet and subsequent departures.

Expect lots of video footage of 99s poolside, on the trolley, in hospitality, on tours, and no doubt shopping everywhere while enjoying the San Diego sunshine. Purchase the video in advance on the 'Registration Fees' form. Expect mail delivery in August.

Buffet Reception at San Diego Aerospace Museum

You won't want to miss this buffet dinner reception and tour of the San Diego Aerospace Museum, one of the largest of its kind in the West. Located in Balboa Park, the museum prominently features many 99s in its myriad exhibits.

This event is the off-site highlight of the conference, so be sure to arrive on Wednesday for unlimited margaritas, food and aviation wonders.

***The Ninety-Nines Annual International Conference
Doubletree Mission Valley, San Diego, California, USA***

Schedule of Events

Tuesday, July 11

All day Early arrivals

Wednesday, July 12

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Registration & Credentials
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Optional Tours
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Aerospace Museum Buffet Reception

Thursday, July 13

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. AEMSF Administrators' Meeting
8 a.m. - noon 99s Endowment Fund Trustees Meeting
8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Registration & Credentials
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Optional Tours
3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. Pre-business meeting communications session
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 49 1/2 Get Acquainted Meeting
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Meet & Greet Reception with all other aviation organizations
After 7:30 p.m. Governors' Reunion
Dinner on your own

Friday, July 14

6:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. Registration & Credentials
6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8 a.m. - noon Annual Business Meeting (free to 99s)
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Annual Business Meeting, continued
6 p.m. - 10 p.m. AEMSF Banquet & Winners' Reception

Saturday, July 15

8 a.m. - noon Museum of Women Pilots Trustees Meeting
9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Super Seminar Series
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Optional Tour to NAS North Island
3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
6 p.m. - 7 p.m. President's Reception
7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Awards Banquet

Sunday, July 16

6 a.m. - 9 a.m. Weather Briefing
10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Optional tour to Gillespie Field

Monday, July 17 - Friday, July 21

Post Conference Cruise to Santa Catalina Island and Ensenada, Mexico. Return first to San Diego Airport (SAN) at approximately 2 p.m. or sooner, then Montgomery Field (MYF), Friday, July 21.

Conference Registration Packages

Full Registration Includes:

- **Wednesday**
Aerospace Museum Buffet Reception
- **Thursday**
Meet & Greet Reception
- **Friday**
Continental Breakfast
Amelia Earhart Scholarship Banquet
- **Saturday**
Seminar Series
Awards Banquet
- **Badge and printed materials**
- **Access to Hospitality Suite**

Wednesday & Thursday Registration Includes:

- **Wed - San Diego Aerospace Buffet Reception**
- **Thursday - Meet & Greet Reception**
- **Badge and printed materials**
- **Access to Hospitality Suite**

Friday Registration Includes:

- **Continental Breakfast**
- **Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Banquet**
- **Badge and printed materials**
- **Access to Hospitality Suite**

Saturday Registration Includes:

- **Saturday Seminar Series**
- **Awards Banquet**
- **Badge and printed materials**
- **Access to Hospitality Suite**

How to Save Money

FIRST, DON'T RENT A CAR! The Mission Valley Doubletree is directly across the street from Hazard Center Station on the San Diego trolley system. We advise that you use it for easy and economical access to the area's finest shopping and dining, Seaport Village, the Gaslight District, downtown and Tijuana. Order

your four-day pass for \$12 on the Registration Fees form. SECOND, ASK YOUR THREE CLOSEST 99's FRIENDS to share a room or look for a roommate(s) on the <ninety-nines.org> website. The \$110 rate stays the same for up to four in a spacious room. THIRD, REGISTER BEFORE MAY 7 for the Early Bird rates!

The Ninety-Nines Annual International Conference
Doubletree Mission Valley, San Diego, California, USA
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Registration Form - Part 1

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

First name or nickname for badge _____

Full name _____

Mailing address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Country _____ Zip/Post Code _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

Chapter _____ Section _____

Emergency contact (name/phone) _____

Guest Information for Daily or Full Registration:

First name or nickname _____

Guest's full name _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Flight Information:

Via Private Aircraft to Montgomery Field (MYF) (Shuttle by 99s)

Type aircraft _____ Registration # _____

Arrival date _____ ETA _____

Departure date _____ ETD _____

Via Commercial Airline to San Diego's Lindbergh Field (SAN)*

(Hotel shuttle service available at no charge. Call 619-297-5466)

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____

* Southwest Airlines is offering 10% discount on most of its already low fares for air travel to and from the event. You or your travel agent may call Southwest Airlines Group and Meetings Reservations at 800-433-5368 and reference the I.D. Code G5580. Reservations Sales Agents are available 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, or 9:30 - 3:30 Saturday and Sunday. You must make reservations five or more days prior to travel to take advantage of this offer.

Payment Information:

Check enclosed (payable in US funds to The 99s Inc.) _____

Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Signature (required for credit card) _____

Please Check All That Apply:

- ____ Charter Member (reg fee waived)
- ____ International Board Member
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- ____ Chapter Chairman
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- ____ First Conference
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- ____ AWTAR Alumna
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- ____ ISA
- ____ WASP
- ____ Whirly Girls

Special Diet Request:

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**Complete both sides
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Golda Neuman
23814 Aetna Street
Woodland Hills, CA 91367
(818-363-0512) phone
(818-363-0356) fax

*(Mail response requires receipt by June 30.
See Page 1 for late registration procedures)*

Registration Form - Part 2

Conference Registration Fees

Full and Daily Registration Rates

Early Bird Full Registration — postmarked by May 7	\$ 260 per person	\$ _____
Regular Full Registration — postmarked by June 25	\$ 290 per person	\$ _____
Late Full Registration — postmarked after June 25	\$ 320 per person	\$ _____
Daily Registration - Wed & Thurs, July 12-13	\$ 95 per person	\$ _____
Daily Registration - Friday, July 14	\$ 105 per person	\$ _____
Daily Registration - Saturday, July 15	\$ 135 per person	\$ _____

Single Event Guest Tickets *For guests of 99s only*

(Does not include access to Hospitality Suite, badge or printed materials)

Wednesday - Aerospace Museum Buffet Reception	\$ 40 x _____	= \$ _____
Thursday - Meet & Greet Reception	\$ 15 x _____	= \$ _____
Friday - Continental Breakfast	\$ 15 x _____	= \$ _____
Friday Evening - Amelia Earhart Scholarship Banquet	\$ 55 x _____	= \$ _____
Saturday - Seminar Series	\$ 40 x _____	= \$ _____
Saturday Evening - Awards Banquet	\$ 65 x _____	= \$ _____

- On-site ticket sales will be limited to availability

Conference and Tour Options *(not included in Full Registration package)*

San Diego Trolley Pass	Four days	\$ 12 x _____	= \$ _____
Conference Video (indicate format: VHS, PAL or C-CAM) _____		\$ 15 x _____	= \$ _____
San Diego Wild Animal Park	Wed 10:30 - 5	\$ 40 x _____	= \$ _____
Stephen Birch Aquarium & La Jolla	Wed 11:00 - 5	\$ 25 x _____	= \$ _____
Harbor Excursion & City Tour	Wed 12:00 - 5	\$ 33 x _____	= \$ _____
Behind the Scenes at the San Diego Zoo	Thurs 8:30 - 3	\$ 45 x _____	= \$ _____
Harbor Excursion & City Tour	Thurs 10:00 - 3	\$ 33 x _____	= \$ _____
NAS North Island Aircraft Carrier Tour	Thurs 12:30 - 3	\$ 20 x _____	= \$ _____
Golf Excursion and/or Tournament	Fri (indicate if interested) _____		
NAS North Island Aircraft Carrier Tour	Sat 2:30 - 5	\$ 20 x _____	= \$ _____
Gillespie BBQ and Aviation Museum	Sun 10 - 2	\$ 20 x _____	= \$ _____
Cruise to Mexico (reservation deadline is 5/25)	Mon 7/17-Fri 7/21	\$ _____ *x _____	= \$ _____

Name of roommate on cruise _____

* (See pricing on Conference Options - Page 5)

Fly Market (to reserve a table for merchandise sales)

Section or chapter _____ (name)	6-foot table	\$ 20 x _____	= \$ _____
Other _____ (name)	6-foot table	\$ 50 x _____	= \$ _____

TOTAL DUE

(US Funds) \$ _____

REFUND POLICY

Before June 11 - Full refund

June 11 to June 25 - Partial refund, payment less \$50

After June 25 - No refund unless approved by Conference Coordinator

Cruise refunds unavailable after May 25, 2000

(See other side for payment options)

**For further information, contact Conference Coordinator Susan Larson
at 408-274-9152 or <susanlarson@compuserve.com>**

Conference Options



San Diego Wild Animal Park

Wednesday, July 12 10:30 - 5:00 Cost: \$40

You'll swear you're on another continent when you join us for a safari to the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Recognized the world over for its wildlife conservator efforts, this 1,800-acre sanctuary simulates the wild sweeping plains and savannas of Africa and Asia, habitats that are called home by over 2,200 untamed animals that roam freely throughout the preserve. Price includes coach transportation and admission to the park, Wgasa Bush Line Railway tour around the preserve to view the animals in their natural environment, all shows, participatory feedings and exhibits.

Stephen Birch Aquarium and La Jolla

Wednesday, July 12 11:00 - 5:00 Cost: \$25

Join us as we visit Scripps Institute of Oceanography's famous Stephen Birch Aquarium. Here, 33 tanks display sea life from around the world's oceans in an aquarium built high atop the La Jolla hills with magnificent outdoor views of the Pacific Ocean. Afterwards, our coach will tour highlights of La Jolla, formerly an artist's enclave now known for upscale shopping and dining.

Harbor Excursion and City Tour

Wednesday, July 12 12:00 - 5:00 Cost: \$33

Thursday, July 13 10:00 - 3:00 Cost: \$33

Welcome Aboard! You'll cruise the peaceful blue harbor waters of San Diego. You'll pass the historic sailing vessel, the *Star of India*, and the palm-lined Harbor and Shelter Islands. Wonder at the splendor of the magnificent Coronado bridge as you cruise beneath it past the U.S. 11th Naval Fleet. Afterwards, enjoy the highlights of "America's Finest City" by land as we visit Old Town, Balboa Park and San Diego's Gaslamp District.

Behind the Scenes at the San Diego Zoo

Thursday, July 13 8:30 - 3:00 Cost: \$45

Special arrangements have been made for you to go behind the scenes at the San Diego Zoo where you'll see a variety of animals not on view to the general public. Walk behind enclosures, visit the feeding areas and learn how the zoo houses over 3,500 animals and medically cares for them daily. Since you are meeting some of the residents up close, don't forget your camera!

NAS North Island Aircraft Carrier Tour

Thursday, July 13 12:30 - 3:00 Cost: \$20

Saturday, July 15 2:30 - 5:00 Cost: \$20

Don't miss the Stennis, a nuclear powered aircraft carrier based at the North Island Naval Air Station. Stand on the flight deck and dream about landing your aircraft there. Explore the corridors and command center. (Tour includes climbing, multiple staircases and brisk walking.) Retired Admiral Burke, 49 1/2 of Ramona Burke, is our host. (Subject to cancellation at any time).

Gillespie Field BBQ and Aviation Museum

Sunday, July 16 10:00 - 2:00 Cost: \$20

Our host, Bill Allen, welcomes you to his personal aviation 'museum' on Gillespie Field. He's known for his extensive Lindbergh collection and his antique aviation posters which will soon be loaned to the Smithsonian Museum. See Steve McQueen's Stearman along with other "famous" airplanes. (Lunch included)

Golf for 49 1/2s and Guests

Friday, July 14, Time: TBD Cost: TBD

Arrangements are being made at a nearby 18-hole golf course for tee times. Please indicate whether your guest(s) would be interested in participating on Friday while 99s attend the business meeting.

Post Conference Cruise

to Santa Catalina Island and Ensenada, Mexico

Monday, July 17, 11:00 a.m. - Friday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.

We're going to cruise on Carnival Cruise Line's *Holiday* departing San Pedro Harbor on Monday, July 17, for Santa Catalina, California, and Ensenada, Mexico, returning Friday, July 21, to Lindbergh Field (SAN), then to Montgomery Field (MYF). **Tour prices include ground transportation, port taxes, all food, beverages and state-room. Alcoholic drinks, tips and gratuities are not included. Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis and prices are firm only through May 25.**

The *Holiday* has a gym, library, shops, casino, evening shows and other shipboard activities along with shore excursions. All this, plus 24-hour gourmet dining. Staterooms are available as follows:

Riviera Deck/Inside Cabin	\$520 pp double occ
Main Deck/Inside Cabin	\$550 pp double occ
Riviera Deck/Outside Cabin	\$600 pp double occ
Main Deck/Outside Cabin	\$630 pp double occ

For more information, go to www.carnival.com

Sign up early. Full refunds are available if tours must be cancelled or limited.

Super Saturday Seminars

You asked for seminars. We've got seminars. In fact, we have seminars for almost everyone. The 2000 Conference is jam-packed with talented speakers covering the GA pilot, the non-pilot and the career pilot.

Here is a sample of what we have waiting for you...

→ It May be Cold Down There

How often have we flown over the mountains wearing T-shirts and shorts without a single thought about how we would *survive* should the fan stop? And, how about flying over the waters of the Gulf of Mexico or Canada? Shorelines and dense forests are more common than roads for emergency landings. Dr. Richard Perschau, retired Air Force flight surgeon, talks about cold/snow/ hypothermia survival. Dr. Perschau writes medical and survival articles for the Malibu Organization and speaks frequently to the Flying Physicians and AOPA.

→ Weather Jeopardy

Does METAR have you muddled? Does TAF make you topsy-turvy? It's not as hard as you think. We are going to play Jeopardy! Exercise your knowledge of aviation weather in a fun game of Jeopardy and WIN big! But remember, "Weather is no game." Steve and Cynthia Reitz are aviation Safety Counselors for Los Angeles FSDO and travel throughout Southern California teaching aviation weather and Flight Service topics. Cynthia and Steve were selected "Air Traffic Control Specialist of the Year-1999"—the first wife-husband team winners.

→ Mountain Flying—Is it a Mystery?

Mountain flying is a tremendous joy. Yet, mountain flying is not inherently dangerous, but the mountains can be terribly unforgiving of any carelessness or neglect. Tom Meadows weaves us through density altitude and what it really means. You learn guidelines and precautions to take with you when operating over the mountains.

→ GPS—Today and Tomorrow

Take a journey through the basics of GPS—the "high-tech" navigation equipment of today and the plans for tomorrow. Remember everything you love about Loran and realize that GPS works anywhere in the world and is completely reliable. See how weather is placed on your moving map and how you can watch yourself fly over the earth as it really appears. Mike Young from Garmin invites us aboard as we journey into the 21st Century.

→ The Boat in the Sky

What motivates a couple to sell their businesses, borrow money against their homes, spend three-plus years restoring an old war bird, and then embark on an around-the-world adventure? Courage and focused dreams. For California couple Joyce and John Proctor, this is not just an airplane saga, but also a story of two people who "went for it." The Albartross became the home, refuge and "magic carpet" that carried them to many strange and exotic places.



Joyce and John Proctor

→ Support Following an Aircraft Accident

From an early age, Andrea Waas enjoyed flying with her father. Then, a 1987 GA tragedy left her fatherless. For years, Andrea searched for answers and resources. No one understood the unique issues surrounding aviation accidents. As a result, Andrea founded Wings of Light, an international non-profit organization. Andrea is a licensed pilot and member of The 99s, WIA, AOPA and EAA. In addition to WIA and EAA, she has presented at Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighters and American Academy of Physician Assistants conferences, and the International Symposium on Aviation Psychology.

→ I Think I Went Too Far—Runway Incursions

As airports get busier, and GA and commercial aviation are increasingly blended, do we really understand those airport markings? Are we where we are supposed to be? Jeff Rountree, manager of Airside Operations for John Wayne Airport, Orange County, California, is responsible for the day-to-day airfield and terminal operations. John Wayne is home to over 550 GA aircraft and 10 major air carriers, totaling 471,000 operations and serving 7.7 million passengers during 1999. Jeff teaches us how to recognize where our "wheels" should be.

→ Good-Old-Boy Network

The competition to attract and retain qualified pilots continues after another record year of airline hiring. The airlines hired nearly 16,000 pilots in 1999, with strong hiring projected through 2007 when retirements are expected to peak. While hiring by most corporate operators continues as a "good-old-boy network," Pat Prentiss, 99 and Captain on a Citation III and Hawker 400, shares how she broke into the corporate world—and how she has succeeded in the corporate world.

Southwest Section News

BY PAT PRENTISS, Southwest Section Vice Governor

OUR SECTION MEETINGS ARE A BLAST!

Why do members of the Southwest Section always look forward to their semi-annual meetings? And what accounts for our good attendance? Could it be that we offer a good location, a great banquet speaker, a full agenda and a well planned program? Or is it because we just have such good times? The answer: All of the above.

For instance, our last Fall Section Meeting at Big Bear Lake, California, is a perfect example. Mother Nature provided a weekend of CAVU flying. The excitement of the members while they waited the arrival of friends was contagious and set the pace for the weekend. Moreover, as our Future Women Pilots (FWPs) arrived, the SWS 99s were waiting in the wings to guide these women through their *first Section meeting*.

After the business meeting on Saturday morning,

members could participate in a silent auction, which was full of many laughs and competition—a creative way of fundraising. For those who did not wish to participate in the auction, there were city attractions and seminars. A more complete overview of our last Section meeting was presented in the January/February issue of 99 NEWS.

Now that our meeting in Big Bear has come and gone, are we taking a reprieve? No way! Not a chance! In the month of May, the Reno High Sierra Chapter is well underway with plans for our Spring Section Meeting in Nevada.

And the Southwest Section is presently conducting a thorough walk-around as we preflight for the big "Flight to the 21st Century." We're fueled. Catering is onboard. Our flight plan has been filed—we're cleared for takeoff, bound for San Diego. Hope to see you there!



"See you in San Diego!" says enthusiastic first-timer Angelee Conroy, Santa Paula Chapter.

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER

Attending the Region X NIFA SafeCon in Hickory, North Carolina, the last weekend in October were Carole Trump, Edith Fischer, Penny Shumaker, Linda and Joe Mathias, Diana and Chuck Curtis, Connie and Nick Jones. Linda and Joe will help judge at NIFA nationals in Salina, Kansas, April 27 through May 1.

Barbara Nesbitt, our newest member, was selected by The 99s for the Women's Achievement Award. She was also selected as the outstanding team member from Norfolk State University and received a check from ALPA as the Region X Top Pilot.

Linda and Joe, Diana and Chuck and Connie Jones and I helped Betty Vinson of the Virginia Chapter with a Toy Lift to Franklin Airport for the children affected by the floods from two hurricanes last year. This was a tremendously successful charity air lift.

As a fundraiser, our chapter raffled off a Wings of Texaco die-cast metal model of a 1927 Ford Trimotor. The drawing was held at the Section meeting in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, last October and was won by Vic Shumaker, Penny's 49 1/2.—*Joan Brockett*

WOMEN WITH WINGS CHAPTER

In December, Kim Grimes flew her Cessna 172 to the North Pole to pick up Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus (AKA student pilot Barb Meadows and her husband Randy) for our Santa Fly-in on December 12 at Akron-Canton Airport, Akron, Ohio.

Several news reporters showed up to cover the event which gave our 99s Chapter good media exposure. Members who helped were Donna Moore, Carol Kitzmiller, Amber Algeri, Lynne Erbaugh, Heidi Dietz, Frances Frederick, Chris Goff, Bonnie McClintock, Gaye Wohlin, Gina Ovendorf and Helen Brennan.—*Chris Gurnick*

DEVIL'S TOWER CHAPTER

Eighty-year-old Rachel Fulkerson regained her title of the "oldest woman in Wyoming to jump tandem out of an airplane" when she took her second plunge out of a perfectly good airplane with world class jumper Bob Suchor.

In 1992, at age 73 she took her first jump and earned the title of oldest woman, but she lost it when 80-year-old jumper Helen Carpenter took the plunge in 1995.

Rachel has been waiting for the chance to jump again ever since. "I had to wait until I was 80," she said. "And that came pretty quick. I kept myself busy. And if she (Carpenter) jumps again, then so will I," she said. "I am thankful and blessed that I have good health."

She attributes her good health to not smoking or drinking; caring for her llamas, sheep, calves, dogs and kittens; and walking to the highway every day to pick up her newspaper.

This senior member of our chapter is an inspiration to all of us, always present and helping at any airport marking, and other events. She is also our photographer.

—*Darlene Forster*



Rachel Fulkerson, oldest woman in Wyoming to jump tandem out of an airplane at 80.

ALL OHIO CHAPTER

Our Chapter will host The North Central Fall Section meeting September 22-24 in Columbus, Ohio.

—*Marge Hazlett*

COYOTE COUNTRY CHAPTER

Nine members toured the San Diego Aerospace Museum at Balboa Park in January, with lunch afterwards at Prado Restaurant.—*Kathryn Buckman*

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

Our members were busy last fall in several states. In August we toured the Memphis International Airport. In September we had a fly-in to Lambert's Restaurant in Sikeston, Missouri, and in October we helped with a Poker Run at West Memphis Airport in Arkansas.—*Linda Richards*

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

In January we sold hot drinks at our booth at the annual Air Fair & Air Show at Cable Airport and we had our 12th annual poker run in which 24 airplanes participated on a beautiful Southern California day. This event was coordinated by Virginia Harmer. Bob Sandhagen was our chef for the barbecue. Both events were held to raise money for our scholarship fund.

—*Judee Wilson*

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Member Debbie Bonnard was featured on a segment of a children's special program on New Jersey's Public Broadcasting channel on January 30. The segment showed Debbie introducing young LeMar Burton to his first flying lesson, including preflight and in-flight sequences.

Those familiar with New York's Republic Airport caught glimpses of a number of local landmarks and practice areas. And instructors watching the show probably had a lot of empathy with Debbie when LeMar very enthusiastically let his emotions show after he landed the airplane.

—Patricia Rockwell



Lt. Col. USAF Pamela Ann Melroy, NASA Astronaut and a member of the Antelope Valley Chapter, was selected as an astronaut candidate in December 1994, and reported to the Johnson Space Center in March 1995. She completed a year of training and evaluation and is qualified for flight assignment as a shuttle pilot.

ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAPTER

Astronaut Pamela Melroy whose flight into space was scheduled to be No. 99 has had a change in launch date. It is now scheduled to be the 100th flight and will take place on September 21. Many members in our chapter are planning on attending her launch with "vehicle passes" Pam will be sending us.

We had a great visit with Pam on a recent Saturday when she was in town. She told us a lot about her experiences and her training. More about this next issue.

—Diana Tanner

PILOTS BUILD RV4 KIT PLANE

Pikes Peak member Bev Giffin, a retired industrial nurse and pilot, joined forces with her husband Walt, a retired industrial engineer and pilot, in his beloved hobby, building airplanes.

Twenty years ago, Bev helped Walt build their first plane, a T18, which at that time Walt considered to be the best engineered airplane plan in the home-built category. It was designed by John Thorp, an aerospace engineer for Lockheed. The T18 is still in service.

Walt knew what he was about, having taught industrial engineering and having served as graduate committee chairman at Ohio State and University of Southern Colorado. And he knew what he wanted, an RV4 Kit. He ordered the kit from Van's Aircraft in Oregon, and they began work in 1992.

Bev and Walt followed the plan precisely. Their measurements were exact; their work systematic and painstaking. Walt called Bev "Rosie the Riveter" because she held the bucking bar while Walt pounded and flattened the rivets against the metal, a critical procedure. You can't pound too hard or make the rivets too flat. They can't be lopsided or cracked. After awhile, they could tell how efficiently a rivet was installed by its sound, which did not replace their visual inspection.

Every operation was detailed. One



Walt and Bev Griffin in their homebuilt RV4.

of the most difficult steps in building the plane was placing the fiberglass canopy on the fuselage. They cut, fit and riveted the canopy to the frame. Holes were drilled into the Plexiglas where rivets held it in place. The temperature was critical. Drilling during cold temperatures could cause an instant crack to form in the Plexiglas. They quickly learned to precede each drilling in cold weather with the application of hot air from a hand-held hair dryer.

Empty weight of the plane is 989 pounds, a fact that determines the amount of useful load left and permits calculation of the center-of-gravity.

Walt flew the plane for the first time on March 22, 1999, from Pueblo, Colorado, to the Experimental Air-

craft Association Regional Fly-in in Abilene, Texas, and then on to Big Springs where he left it to be painted.

When the painting was completed, Bev and Walt flew the plane to the EAA Regional Fly-in at Marion, Ohio.

Bev and Walt persevered for six years and nine months to complete the work on RV4, even though Walt had back surgery and part of the time worked with his body in a cast!

You may have seen Bev directing pilots to parking areas at the Oshkosh Air Show where she has been an official greeter. The RV4 now has a total of 100 hours and has given them no trouble. Someday, they may fly it to Oshkosh.

—Onita Winfrey
Pikes Peak Chapter

AIR RACES

PALMS TO PINES AIR RACE

The annual Palms to Pines Air Race will be held from Santa Monica, California, to Bend, Oregon, on August 11-13. For entry blank, send \$5 to Claire Walters, 13026 Psomas Way, Los Angeles, CA 90066 or phone 310-397-2731.

U.S. AIR RACE

The 1800-mile Marion Jayne Air Race and the warm-up race, Lee's Summit 300, will be held June 3-9 in Lee's Summit, Missouri, located southeast of Kansas City. This is one of the most lucrative cross-country air races with \$27,000 in cash, prizes and trophies. The race is designed for general aviation pilots; the goal of the event is to build pilot skills. Since all planes are individually flown and handicapped before the races, the competition is among pilots and not their aircraft.

No previous race experience is needed. A special prerace briefing is held for pilots new to cross-country air racing and new racers are assigned an experienced race buddy.

The entry kit is available on www.us-airrace.org or by sending \$15 to U.S. Air Race, Inc. at 216 Fresh Meadow Drive, Trophy Club, TX 76262.

GARDEN STATE 300 PROFICIENCY AIR RACE

The Garden State Chapter will hold its 28th Garden State 300 Proficiency Air Race on Saturday, June 10, at the Flying W Airport (N14) in Lumberton, New Jersey. If weather is marginal VFR, the race will be held on Sunday, June 11.

The race is limited to the first 50 registrants. Entries open April 1 and close May 15 and there is a \$45 registration fee per team.

The Garden State 300 is a 300-statute-mile round-robin proficiency contest in which each team is fuel and speed handicapped. It offers pilots a challenging course with a variety of racers, many of whom are first-time entrants. It is the *only* air race of its kind in the northeast region open to both male and female pilots. Top scoring teams are awarded cash prizes, trophies and plaques at a special awards banquet following the event.

Anyone interested in racing or acquiring further information should contact Racquel McNeil, 50 Tarrytown Rd., Englishtown, NJ 07726. Phone 732-446-9759. Send \$5 for an entry kit and rules.

SCHOLARSHIPS



Jeanine Giguere is presented a plaque by Lou Milhausen, Manitoba Chapter's treasurer.

BJORNSSON SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Jeanine Giguere was presented with the Rosella Bjornsson Scholarship at the Winnipeg Flying Club Wings banquet in November.

Jeanine is employed as a dispatcher for the Winnipeg Flying Club and plans to complete her commercial license. She received \$800 to be applied to her flight training.

Jeanine's younger brother, her father, grandfather and uncle are all pilots and many family members have had careers with Air Canada.

The Rosella Bjornsson Scholarship is awarded annually by the Manitoba Chapter, and is named for our founding chairperson. Rosella is a captain for Canadian Airlines and an excellent role model for women aspiring to a career in aviation.

The Manitoba Chapter organizes a poker derby and other activities to raise money for the scholarship. Anyone wishing to donate to the fund will receive an income tax deduction receipt. Donations may be sent to the Manitoba Chapter 99s Scholarship Fund, c/o The Winnipeg Foundation, 301 - 161 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Mb R3B 0Y4. —*Mary Lou Milhausen*

MARION BARNICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Marion Barnick Memorial Scholarship of \$1,000 is being offered again this year by the Santa Clara Chapter to a member of The 99s to be used toward any rating. To be eligible, the pilot must have been a member of The 99s for at least two years. Applications can be downloaded from Santa Clara's web site at <http://www.pilotsguide.com/scv99s/index.html> or via e-mail at scv99s@softhome.net or contact Jeanne McElhatton, 2621 Belmont Canyon Rd., Belmont, CA 94002. —*Pat Lowers*

NEW HORIZONS

ALMA JESCHIEN, Fresno Chapter, died November 19 at the age of 78. She was a member of the WASP and served as a test pilot during WWII. Alma, a retired school teacher, loved to fly and most recently flew competitive aerobatics as a member of the Delano Aerobatic Club. In 1977 she flew in the Powder Puff Derby with daughters Anne and Jody. Her unselfish goodness and so many acts of

kindness will leave a void in our hearts.

—*Shirley Boling, Fresno Chapter*

SUZAN S. CAIRNS, Long Island Chapter, passed away on December 12 at age 58 after a year-long battle with brain cancer. A native New Yorker, she earned her Private Pilot's license in July 1969 and with her 49 1/2 pilot husband, Don, owned a Car-

dinal, a Cherokee and their A30 N4456S which was the cover feature of the American Bonanza Society magazine in August 1998.

Sue was a high school teacher for 28 years with a master's degree in chemistry, a master's degree in biology, a Ph.D. in genetics and she was a well-known author of many articles in her field. She served as a deacon and an elder in the Setauket Presby-

terian church and was eulogized by a former student with a poem, "The Perfect Teacher" published in Long Island newspapers.

She was an active and enthusiastic member of our Chapter and was always "up for an adventure."

—*Dorothy B. Campbell
Long Island Chapter*

AWARDS

CANADIAN AWARD IN AVIATION

Winners of The 99s Canadian Awards in Aviation are Shirlee Smith Matheson of Calgary, Alberta, and the Nanton Lancaster Society of Nanton, Alberta.

Shirlee will use her award to support research on her next book on aviation and to support readings of her books. The Nanton Lancaster Society will purchase computer hardware and software to offer flying simulation as part of its hands-on learning program.

FORMER PRESIDENT WELLS HONORED

Joyce Wells, Bay Cities Chapter, received the Paul Tissandier Diploma from the Federation Aeronautique Internationales. This Diploma was established by the FAI in 1952 and is named after Paul Tissandier, who was Secretary General of FAI from 1919 to 1945.

The citation accompanying this award read: "This Diploma is awarded to those who have served the cause of aviation in general and sporting aviation in particular by their work, initiative, devotion or in other ways."

Although Joyce did not attend the opening ceremonies of the FAI General Conference held in Limassol, Cyprus, last October when this and other awards were presented, she received the Diploma by mail in January.

FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP

FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP, JUNE 16-18

On June 17, the Forest of Friendship will induct this year's honorees at 10:15 a.m. following the Parade of the Flags by the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts at 10.

Among this year's honorees will be Udvar Haze, owner of the largest airplane leasing operation in the world whose family foundation gave \$61 million to the new Dulles Center to make certain that millions of children will be introduced to and learn to love aviation as much as he does.

Among other inductees is M'lis Ward, the first Afro-American woman pilot to be elevated to the rank of captain on an airline.

There will be a 99s reception at the AEBirthplace Museum. Those flying in on Southwest Airlines should call 214-392-4278 for a 10% discount. Code No. is 3279.

NAME CORRECTION

The editor regrets an error in the spelling of Kirsten King's name on the cover and under her photo in the Jan/Feb issue.

RATINGS

Mary Allen
Hampton Roads
Instrument

Heather Rasmussen
Fresno
Commercial
Multiengine

Denise Rosenberger
Florida Suncoast
Instrument

Josefine Schuhmann
German Section
ATP

Heidi Southworth
San Gabriel Valley
CFI

WINGS

Sharon Hilchie
Yavapai
Phase I

Joan Landrey
Eastern Pennsylvania
Phase III

Mary Samuels
Yavapai
Phase IV

Lois Erickson
Mt. Shasta
Phase V

Delores Vitullo
Florida Spaceport
Phase V

Joyce Hilchie
Yavapai
Phase VII

Ava Sumpter
Houston
Phase VII

Wally Funk
Dallas
Phase XIII

Lou Anne Gibson
Dallas
Phase XIII

LETTERS

I HAVE RECENTLY rebuilt my Women in Aviation Resource Center adding more than 250 links of educational and other resources for women in aviation. Included are several links to 99s sites and material found on your home page. My web site is www.women-in-aviation.com

—Henry Holden

IF OUR SEMINAR in Dallas at DFW on January 29 is any indication of what airline pilot hiring for 2000 is going to be like, we are in for another record-breaking year. In one day, we brought 650 prospective airline pilots together with 119 representatives from 33 major, national, regional and cargo airlines—all actively hiring. Many pilots walked away with job offers.

To quote one attendee: "No matter how good the resume or how many awards you have, nothing beats getting face-to-face. Where else can you do that?"

This was the first of four seminars to be held in 2000. More than 13,000 new airline pilot jobs have been forecast for this year.

—Kit Darby, Air Inc.

CLASSIFIEDS

WHEN GRANDMA LEARNED TO FLY: A Flight Instructor's Nightmare - by Earline Ames is the story of a 75-year-old woman's struggle to fulfill a lifelong dream: earning her Private pilot's certificate. It's a story for the young-in-heart. Softcover. Check or money order for \$14 to Leap Frog Press, PO Box 1256, Rocklin, CA 95677.

AIRPLANE QUILT RAFFLE - Sponsored by Tucson Chapter 99s as fundraiser for hosting the beginning of Air Race Classic in Tucson, Arizona, in June. Contact Gloria Tornbom, 5964 W. Rafter Circle, Tucson, AZ 85713. Phone 520-578-2931 or e-mail gloriatom@juno.com

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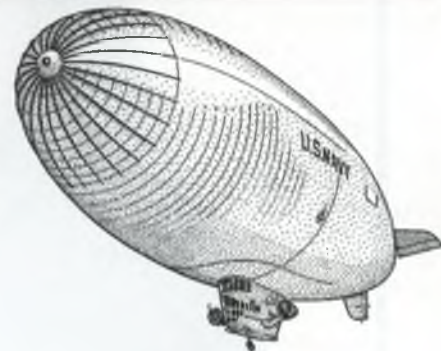
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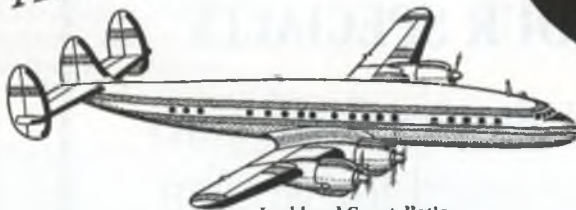
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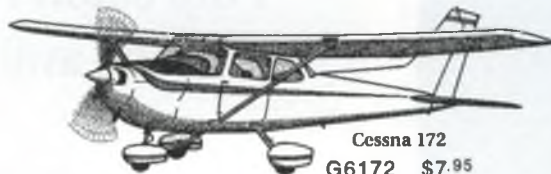
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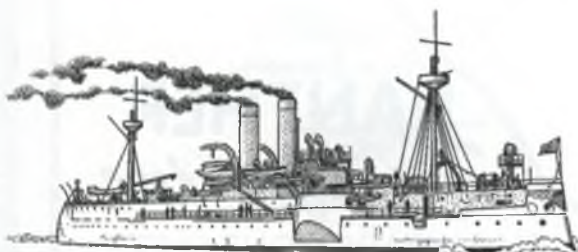
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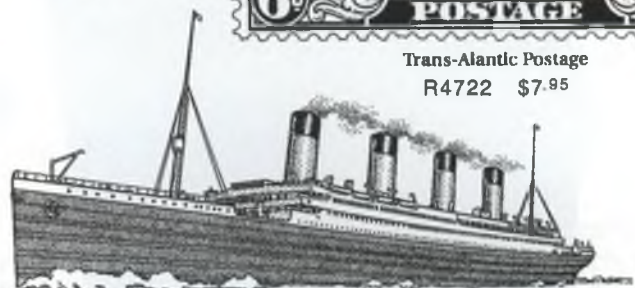


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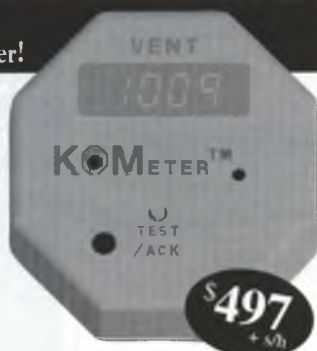
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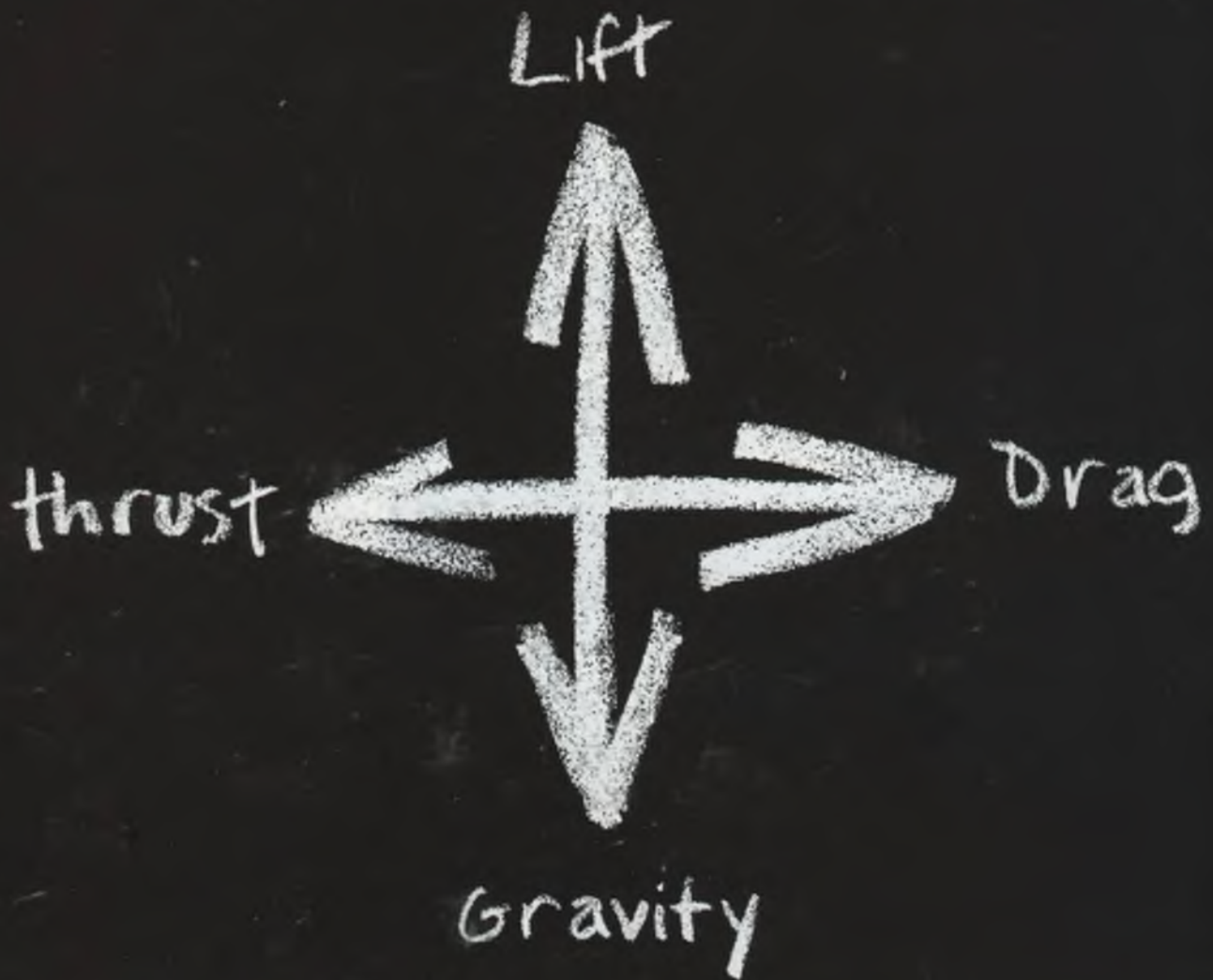
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