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PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2000

OCTOBER

9-13 — Powder Puff Derby Convention, Resorts Casino Hotel, Atlantic City, New Jersey. Barbara Evans, 4307 Quail Run Lane, Danville, CA 94506, phone 925-736-1795; fax 925-736-1270 or e-mail quailr@aol.com

10-12 — NBAA Annual Meeting and Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana. Website www.nbaa.org

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

20-21 — Mid-Atlantic/NY-NJ Section Meeting (Combined), Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Northeast (215-638-8300), Trevoise, Pennsylvania. Lola Tomlinson, goloat@aol.com

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

26-29 — International Board of Directors Meeting, International Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

NOVEMBER

India Section Governor and World Congress Secretariat Chanda Budhabhatti and former International President and World Congress board member Marilyn Copeland at San Diego Conference.



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 Budhabhatti, 520-326-4597, fax 520-325-7243 or e-mail chandab@azstarnet.com

10-12 — Tucson Treasure Hunt, a scavenger hunt in the sky. Sponsored by the Tucson Chapter. Kaye Craig, 520-881-0988 or e-mail kcraig@azstarnet.com

30 — Deadline for Award of Achievement and Award of Merit nominations. Contact Betty Prakken, 503-266-7795, for information and guidelines

P/K PAL PAIRINGS

JUNE MARKED the first anniversary of the first PK Pal pairings. (P/K stands for Pen Pal/Key Pal—that's pen pal handwriting and computer keyboard pal writing).

Pat Campbell of New Zealand and Diletta Martirano of California are the first program participants. The latest pairing was between Joan Kleynhans of South Africa and Leila Jylanki of Finland.

During the past year, 40 women from around the world have signed up and 36 have been paired. Fifteen 99s have signed up for the Aviation Adventure Exchange Program.

Our goal for 2000 is to make contacts in the following countries that we have had requests from: Argentina, Brazil, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Peru and Spain. Ninety-Nines who

have contacts with other 99s in these countries are asked to please let them know about the P/K and Aviation Exchange programs.

For more specific information about how these programs work, contact Fran Strubeck at 7632 W. Starry Night Lane, Tucson, AZ 85743. Phone 520-579-9684, fax 520-572-3707 or e-mail strubeck@aol.com

2001

MARCH

25-28 — Second Asia Pacific Women in Aviation Conference, Canberra, Australia. For information, see website <www.awpa.org.au> or e-mail awpa_2001@hotmail.com

28-4/01 — Australian Women Pilot's Association 51st Annual Conference, Canberra, Australia. For information, see website <www.awpa.org.au> or e-mail awpa_2001@hotmail.com

APRIL

27-29 — 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

JUNE

15-17 — International Forest of Friendship, Atchison, Kansas
22-29 — 2001 Air Race Classic, El Cajon, California, to Batavia, Ohio

JULY

17-22 — The Ninety-Nines International Conference, The Westin Hotel, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Rosella Bjornson, phone/fax 780-922-4918 and e-mail bpratt@Telusplanet.net; or Mary Oswald, phone 780-469-3547, fax 780-461-9066 and e-mail oswaldm@telusplanet.net

20-21 — Amelia Earhart Festival, Atchison, Kansas. Marilyn Copeland, 816-554-2567

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

SEPTEMBER

4-6 — Southwest Section Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada. Hosted by the Las Vegas Valley Chapter. Mardell Haskins, 702-394-4130 or e-mail 103002.724@compuserve.com

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JULY

16-21 — The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Kansas City and Atchison, Kansas. Marilyn Copeland or Sandra Ridgeway

2003

TBA — The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Kitty Hawk, North Carolina

2004

TBA — The Ninety-Nines International Conference, Seventy-fifth Anniversary, Long Island, New York

I appreciate the opportunity to serve The 99s as your new President for our "Flight into the 21st Century." Already, I have received wonderful encouragement, cooperation and support from both here at home and abroad.

One of my goals is to bring our international and United States members closer together by increasing communication with and between all of our members. I was pleased to receive word from our 99s ListServe Editor, Pam O'Brien, about the possibility of developing a 99s Section in Hungary! August brought in a new Brazilian Section. And I have been told by our new Membership Chairman Andrea Chay there is a possibility that we will have a French Section this coming spring.

In this new century, there will be ever-increasing emphasis on the speed and ease of communication—thanks to computerization. The 99s Headquarters membership list and financial information are now fully computerized. A new committee has been appointed to establish security to control access by outside sources to our sensitive membership records while quickly providing important information to our members. Having served terms on the Finance Committee, it is one of my special goals to continue to improve fiscal reporting and responsibility in the handling of our funds.

The new Board is busy preparing for the fall Board meeting to be held October 26-28 in Oklahoma City. In addition to the Board, the Council of Governors will also be meeting and will attend the sessions of the Board. In the meantime, please communicate your ideas, questions and concerns directly to your Governor or Board members.

We should always remember that The 99s is a flying organization dedicated to improving aviation and we should strengthen our relationships with other organizations that also promote aviation. One example of cooperation is to invite other organizations to meet at our 99s Headquarters in Oklahoma City.

In addition, we should acquaint other groups with the aviation history resources of our 99s Museum of Women Pilots and the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison, Kansas. We are extremely proud of the work accomplished by our 99s responsible for developing these treasures.

Remember, the goal of The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund is to guarantee the fiscal health of our organization into the future. A pledge from every member will help us reach the goal of making it grow to the million dollar target so that future projects can be funded by using the earnings.

We applaud the achievements of the Amelia

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY VICKI LYNN SHERMAN

Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund which speaks directly to our commitment to advancing opportunities in aviation.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our next International Conference in Calgary, Canada, July 17-22, 2001. In the meantime, let's keep our membership growing and take advantage of all the opportunities extended to us to strengthen and advance The 99s and the wonderful world of aviation.—Vicki Lynn



Vicki Lynn Sherman

Our congratulations to the Southwest Section from the Board of Directors and the Council of Governors for organizing this year's wonderful "Flight to the 21st Century" International Conference in San Diego, California. Susan Larson, an accomplished "Captain," and her crew deserve special recognition for their hard work and devotion. Thanks, ladies!



Board of Directors and Section Governors at the International Conference in San Diego. Front row (L-R): Vice President Jody McCarrell, President Vicki Lynn Sherman, Treasurer Elizabeth Lundin Jogtich and Secretary Mary Wunder. Second row: Directors Diane Pirman and Elaine Morrow and Past President Bev Sharp. Third row: NY/NJ Section Governor Mae Smith, Director Martha Dunbar, India Section Governor Chanda Budhabhati, Director Mardell Haskins and Southwest Section Governor Pat Prentiss. Back row Mid-Atlantic Section Governor Ellen Nobles-Harris, Southeast Section Governor Eileen Malan, NY/NJ Governor-elect Judy Bolkema-Tokar, New England Section Governor Claire Wilson, South Central Section Governor Bonita Ades and Northwest Section Governor Betty Prakken.

SAN DIEGO CONFERENCE 2000

We blasted into the 21st Century!

BY KELLI GANT, Bay Cities Chapter

Thanks for our conference success must go to the Montgomery FBOs, the DoubleTree Mission Valley staff, the Southwest Section, the San Diego area 99s and to Susan Larson and her volunteer team of 24-plus Southwest Section members.

The only way to describe both The 99s International Conference and the city of San Diego when 575 members and guests joined our Flight to the 21st Century is "near perfect."

This perfection was marked by a 10-year attendance record and 57 first-timers. The flying weather was also near perfect for the 50 planes that flew into our host airport, Montgomery Field.

We started the conference with a welcome buffet at the San Diego Aerospace Museum on Wednesday evening. Between the "Women in Aviation" exhibit, the 69 aircraft on display, eating and visiting, many members stretched their stay until the last bus back to the hotel.

Thursday was set aside for tours of the San Diego area. Some chose to scamper off to the aircraft carrier *Constellation*, others went to see the animals at the famous San Diego Zoo. And some enjoyed a delightful tour of the San Diego harbor.

The benefit of attending annual conferences is the opportunity to meet and talk and share stories



Conference Chairman Susan Larson

with other members. Most especially, everyone hopes to get a chance to visit with the Charter Members and we were happy to have three of them present: Faye Gillis Wells, Bobbi Trout and Achsa Peacock Donnels. Despite a recent illness, Achsa arrived in San Diego by private plane thanks to the wonderful support of the Angel Flight organization.

On Friday, the annual business meeting was attended by 273 delegates representing 15 of our 20 Sections and 114 of our 189 Chapters. I was delighted to share my table with a scholarship winner who was also a first-timer. How introspective to experience our conference through the eyes and enthusiasm of a young woman filled with dreams and the love of flying.

At the meeting, we learned about the new Future Women Pilot scholarships, the upcoming World Aviation Congress in Nepal, our substantial increase in membership and how successful the past year was for the international committees.

Our experiment to change the AE Scholarship awards presentation to a Friday night dinner proved to be another success. Almost all winners were on hand to receive their awards.



Ninety-Nines and their guests at the closing banquet.

On Saturday, we were enlightened and entertained by a variety of aviation seminars arranged into three focus tracks: general aviation pilot, nonpilot and the career pilot. During the afternoon, some of us finished our shopping at the Fly Market, placed our last-minute silent auction bids and relaxed in the San Diego sunshine before joining friends for the awards banquet—a great evening!

On Sunday, about 120 Conference attendees met at Gillespie Field for a barbecue at Bill Allen's Allen Airways Flying Museum and reflected on the week's activities.

As the barbecue wound down, I sat spellbound while San Diego KFMB TV8 interviewed Bobbi Trout. She talked about the early days of flying while she sat next to Travel Air 4000 N671H in which Louise Thaden won the 1929 Women's Air Derby. The Travel Air was recently acquired by The 99s.

Now, doesn't that sound pretty perfect?



Charter Members Bobbi Trout, Fay Gillis Wells and Achsa Donnels at the Air & Space Museum



Sue Ballew, Pat Lowers, Paula Sandling, Pat Prentiss and Susan Larson in the conference command center.

A first-timer's view of Flight to the 21st Century

BY MARINA SAETTONE, Bay Cities Chapter

This was my first 99s International Conference and I had a blast! Most every one I met still flies. The women were interesting—and interested in what I was doing. I met gals my own age, and every other age and demographic, as well as three Charter Members who were charming, genuine and seemed thrilled to welcome me. I brought my *99s History Book* along to take advantage of this opportunity to get some autographs of famous and soon-to-be-famous women.

From all reports, this conference was one of the best ever. The host Section made some changes this year and tried some new things—all well received. There was so much going on, so many things to do and people to meet and lessons to learn, I was not bored, not for one minute. They made a big deal out of all of us "First Timers."

I was one of 13 scholarship recipients present for the awards which were presented in a fancy banquet hall after dinner. The staff was efficient and inconspicuous and the fanfare was plenty to make me feel very special. The enthusiasm and heartfelt congratulations given by all the 99s, even as they passed me in the hall, was overwhelming. One of the Trustees who voted for me introduced herself, which gave me a unique opportunity to thank her personally—and that meant so much to me.

Every now and again, I had to remind myself that I was sitting among 400-plus women who had gone through the exact same thing I have, to different degrees, but they all understood more or less what I have done. I have a hard time realizing that because it is so rare to be in that kind of company. So far, I have only been to Whirly Girl annual events and a 99s Chapter meeting. Both are small compared to the camaraderie at this 99s conference.

I had a speech ready to go, but fortunately we were not up there long enough to embarrass ourselves. And anyway, the words I had in my speech were spoken loud and clear by women in the "Parade of Past Recipients." Each previous winner stood up and told how their entire career was encouraged to grow because of the sum of money they received from The 99s.

The money doesn't earn the rating; it doesn't get us a job. What it does is give us a boost, a hand, a huge amount of support. We have to do the rest. That little seed that means so much to each one of us can grow into a huge dream fulfilled. A life, a career and a future is created by The 99s every time we give one of these scholarships, every time we share experiences and every time we take hold of each other and help.

I had such a good time and I believe that, in a nutshell, it was because we care about each other. We are not selfish with information and truly want each other to succeed.

Next year the Conference is in Calgary. And sure, it's a little cooler up there, but just as beautiful, and with a quick jump and a skip from Washington State, I'll be there. Besides, I believe the Southwest Section is planning a fly-in to Calgary about that time. So start saving your pennies! And I'll see you there.



Parade of past Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship winners.



Peggy Doyle, Nancy Lowe-Clark, Kris Irvin and Bonita Ades at San Diego Aerospace Museum

Fran Bera with her mannequin likeness Bobbi Trout with her cut-out likeness

2000 CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA



Credentials Chairman Louise White

Installation of new International officers



Jody McCarrell, Vickie Lynn Sherman and Diane Pirman

Some Southwest Section hostesses at annual meeting

Dr Jacque Boyd at the silent auction



Fly Market had lots of aviation type items for sale

Dee Wakelin from New Zealand

Ethel LeCornu from New Zealand

Fay Reeve and Mary O'Brien from Australia



Pat Thomas and Dee Bowers auction 99s jewelry with Claire Walters to benefit 99s Museum of Women Pilots



Susan Maule and Kate Macario at AWTAR Reunion



Marilyn Copeland, Vicki Lynn Sherman and Cecile Hatfield



Seminar session



Pat Prentiss, Mistress of Ceremonies at banquet



Achsa Donnels and Carolyn Carpp



Fay Gillis Wells, Christine Sleeper, Beverley Sharp and Barbara Rohde at the Washington, D.C., table



San Fernando Valley members at Gillespie Field

POST-CONFERENCE CRUISE

Most everyone headed for home, but a few of us took advantage of the cruise tour to Santa Catalina Island on Monday aboard the *M/S Holiday*.

The ship had a game show of the 1950s called "What's My Line." Our line was "What do these women have in common?" We stumped the panel and the audience and won the prize with our line which was, "We are all pilots."

—Pat Ohlsson, Long Island Chapter

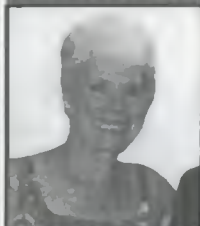
The 99s Cruise Group on the M/S Holiday. Standing: Betty Fisher, Evelyn Moore, Betty Walsh, Dorothy Sturman, Vic Lewis, Julie Huber, Anita Lewis, Ethel LeCornu, Joyce Malkmes, Ernie Hegedus, Dotti Campbell and Alice Hegedus. Seated: Jean Blake, Meigs Adams, Marjy Leggett, Bill Leggett, Verna West, Carolyn Carpp and Pat Ohlsson. Not pictured: Glen and Elaine Morrow.



AE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

BY CHARLENE FALKENBERG, Chairman

AEMSF TRUSTEES



Peggy Doyle



Genie Rae O'Kelley



Michelee Cabot



Madeleine Monaco

What an exciting night it was! Changing the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Awards luncheon to an evening banquet was a great success! Fourteen of the 17 winners were present. Past Trustee Mearl Frame started the festivities off with a beautiful invocation. After our delicious dinner, Dan Haddix of United Parcel Service presented the AEMSF with a check for \$10,000!

Then Bonnie Seymour, another past Trustee and donor of a Perpetual Scholarship in memory of her husband Milton, presented the first certificate to Marita Dragten. Jill Brown and Ralph Richardson, daughter and husband of Gini Richardson, presented a Perpetual Scholarship to Peggy Loeffler.

Dan Haddix was called upon to present the UPS scholarships to Julie Ann Murray and Marina Saettone. Bonita Ades, South Central Governor and a flight attendant for United Airlines, presented a Type Rating certificate to Linda Friedman and also to career winner, Aileen Watkins.

Orange County Chapter, a generous past contributor, donated \$3,000 and Beverly Allen presented a scholarship to Linda Cioffi. Betty Wittmer, donor of a Perpetual Scholarship, presented a certificate to Cheryl Casillas. AEMSF Vice Chairman Peggy



Dr. Jacque Boyd, Research Grant Chairman, presents Jeanne Suchodolski her Research Grant certificate while AEMSF Chairman Charlene Falkenberg (center) looks on.

Doyle presented Sethany Houseknecht her certificate. New International President Vicki Lynn Sherman gave Rhea Bastian her certificate, and outgoing president Beverly Sharp presented certificates to Karen Hopson, Denise Rosenberger and Donna Wilt.

We were very proud to announce two Research Grant winners, Jeanne Suchodolski and Carolyn Van Newkirk. Jeanne's certificate was presented by Research Grant Chairman Jacque Boyd. Carolyn was unable to attend.

In memory of Darlene "Dottie" Sanders who has left the AEMSF a bequest of \$80,000, another Perpetual Scholarship winner will be announced next year. In addition to these gifts, we have been fortunate to have contributions given by many individuals, both in and out of our organization, as well as from Chapters and Sections.

The banquet was climaxed with the very emotional Parade of Past Winners who told about how their scholarships helped them in their careers. To end this perfect evening, all 450 attendees were invited to mingle with our honored winners.



A happy group shot of some of the past scholarship winners at the AE banquet.

"We are looking forward to even more excitement in 2001 in Calgary when five (or more) Future Women Pilots will receive \$1,000 to complete private pilot training."

UNITED AIRLINES TYPE RATING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

LINDA FRIEDMAN
*Dallas Chapter
South Central Section*

I started flying in 1989 at the age of 27. I gave up my "normal" job as a graphic artist for a career in aviation and never looked back.

I have had 11 years of interesting experiences, starting from my first lesson to my current position as a regional jet captain. Along the way, I worked at my flight school and on the ramp at DFW. I was a flight instructor, air ambulance first officer, flight simulator copilot and a freelance corporate pilot in business jets.

I was hired in 1996 as a first officer at a regional airline. I upgraded to captain in the ATR, and later in the Embraer-145 regional jet. I was awarded the 737 type rating scholarship in April and completed it a month later at the United Airlines training facility in Denver.



AE RESEARCH SCHOLAR GRANT RECIPIENTS

JEANNE SUCHODOLSKI
*Western Washington Chapter
Northwest Section*

"In their own words: Washington women pilots in the year 2000." An Oral History Project

Jeanne Suchodolski earned her BS in engineering from Duke University in 1984 and a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the University of Washington in 1998.

She worked as an engineer for the Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington, prior to attending law school at the University of Southern California. Since graduating from law school in 1989, Jeanne has worked as a patent attorney; first in private practice with a major law firm and then as in-house counsel for Honeywell Air Transport Avionics Division.

Jeanne holds a private pilot single engine land certificate and is presently working on her commercial certificate and seaplane rating.

CAROLYN VAN NEWKIRK, Ed.D.
*Central Pennsylvania Chapter
Mid-Atlantic Section*

"A historical study of women's air races"

Carolyn has been principal of Beth Tfiloh Community School in Baltimore, Maryland, for the past 18 years. Her career has always been in the field of education, having been a teacher/administrator at the elementary and college level. She has a doctorate in educational administration with a cognate in business from The College of William and Mary. Married to Jack C. Van Newkirk, superintendent of schools for the city of York, Pennsylvania, they have two children and two grandchildren.

Carolyn began flying in 1991, holds a commercial pilot's certificate, is instrument rated and has accumulated 900 hours of flying time. She is working on Wings VIII for recurrency training. Having flown in eight Air Race Classics, which she labels as the "ultimate cross-country," she has joined the board of directors with duties in the area of public relations.

AE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP JUDGES

SAM LYONS is a native and resident of Atlanta, Georgia. Upon graduation from Presbyterian College with a degree in biology, Sam served two years as an officer in the U.S. Army. After his release, he began teaching at his alma mater, Woodward Academy (Georgia Military Academy).

His interest in aviation was prompted at an early age by his father, who was a B-24 pilot during WWII. This led him into modeling and owning a hobby shop, Historical Hobbies, in Atlanta for 10 years; he won many national modeling awards. Later, he began to pursue becoming a full-time artist.

Through his art, Sam is nationally and internationally known for his preservation of aviation history. Whether one is enjoying his paintings of the classics, warbirds or the modern jets, the feelings of nostalgia, the grace and beauty of the aircraft and/or the event portrayed are all evident in Sam's work.

Sam obtained his private pilot - glider certificate while in college and in 1995, added ASEL to his private pilot certificate. He owns and flies a vintage Stinson 108-3. He loves flying and has flown with Air Force pilots dog-fighting in the F-15 Eagle, flown in the F-16 Falcon and with the Navy in the Blue Angels' F-18 Hornet, as well as numerous other aircraft.



Sam Lyons

DR. DAVE WILLIAMS was born in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in 1954. He graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biology in 1976, obtained a master of science degree in physiology, a doctorate of medicine and a master of surgery in 1983 from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec.

Dr. Williams was selected by the Canadian Space Agency in June 1992. In January 1995, he joined the 1995 international class of NASA mission specialist astronaut candidates. He reported to the Johnson Space Center (JSC) in March 1995 and successfully completed the Mission specialist training in May 1996.

On April 17, 1998, Dr. Williams participated in Mission STS-90. Entitled Neurolab, this 16-day mission aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia was dedicated to the advancement of neuroscience research which may lead to new treatments for common neurological conditions such as sleep disorders, motion sickness, balance disorders and disorders of the regulation of blood pressure.

On July 21, 1998, Williams, who is married to 99 Cathy Fraser, was appointed Director of the Space and Life Sciences Directorate at NASA's Johnson Space Center. He will be responsible for a team of more than 1,200 people devoted to understanding the opportunities and challenges involved in life and work in space.



Dr. Dave Williams

LT. COL. LYNNETTE M. LOWRIMORE is the military advisor to the assistant secretary of state, Bureau of Intelligence and Research at the Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Lowrimore earned her commission through ROTC at the University of Oklahoma in May 1982 while working on her masters of public administration degree. She completed Squadron Officers School in 1987, Air Command and Staff College in 1996 and is currently working on Air War College.

Her accomplishments include medals for significant work enabling the success of the El Dorado Canyon missions against terrorist facilities in Libya and coordinating support to the technology demonstration project, Power Hunter. Much of the tested intelligence equipment formed the baseline used during Operation Desert Storm. Based on her achievements, then Capt. Lowrimore was selected to lead the 42nd Electronic Combat Squadron intelligence efforts—the most junior senior intelligence officer in USAF at the time.

In August 1990, she was selected to attend the Defense Intelligence Agency's Post Graduate Intelligence Program (PGIP)—one of only 13 Air Force officers and 68 officers from throughout the Department of Defense to attend this prestigious program.



Lt. Col. Lynnette Lowrimore

2000 AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Awards are given each year at the annual International Conference to memorialize Amelia's spirit and perpetuate her ideals and love of flying.

RHEA BASTIAN, Crater Lake Flyers Chapter Northwest Section, Commercial

I was born in Bridgeton, New Jersey. My family moved to Central Point, Oregon, in 1972 where I graduated from high school in 1975. I attended art college and married Richard Bastian in 1976. The following year, I opened Yankee Designs Screenprinting. In 1988, we moved our home and business to Chiloquin, Oregon. I earned my private pilot certificate at Kingsley Field in Klamath Falls, Oregon, in 1989 and the instrument rating in 1993. That same year I joined The 99s and became a charter member of the Crater Lake Flyers Chapter.

CHERYL CASILLAS, San Antonio Chapter South Central Section, Multiengine

Quite by chance, at age 32, family circumstances required I take my first flight. Having been a school bus driver for 11 years, I just couldn't stand being a back seat driver!

I earned my private pilot certificate in 1993, instrument and commercial ratings in 1995. After many financial constraints, I completed my CFI in 1998 and am currently completing CFII, then multiengine, thanks to AEMSF.

I joined The 99s in 1995 and have been chapter vice-chair since 1998. I am a member of the National Association of Flight Instructors, WAI, Professional Aviation Instructors of San Antonio, General Aviation Pilot's Association, CAP and am an FAA Aviation Safety Counselor.

LINDA CIOFFI, New York Capital District Chapter New York/New Jersey Section, CFI

I attained my private pilot certificate in October 1996 and have logged almost 800 hours. I got my commercial certificate (ASEL) with an instrument rating and am currently working toward my CFI.

I joined The 99s in January 1997 and co-chaired the committee to organize the fall 1998 NY/NJ Section Meeting. Currently, I am chair for my chapter's membership committee. I am also a member of AOPA, EAA, the Capital Region Aviation Association and the Empire State Aerosciences Museum.

I am a senior internal auditor with the NYS Department of Transportation and am part owner of a Cessna 172, Cessna 152 and Comanche 260.

MARITA DRAGTEN, Pikes Peak Chapter South Central Section, Commercial

After having experienced the joys of flying secondhand for nearly 10 years as a flight attendant, in 1994 I decided it was my turn. I have had the wonderful experience of introducing some of my high school students to flying and aviation. Their expressions of delight and excitement at taking the controls of an airplane, if only for a moment, compares with the thrill I felt at sharing with them my awe of flight. These experiences are the seeds for my desire to become a flight instructor. My receiving this scholarship will allow me to take the next step toward my CFI.

LISA HINEMAN, San Fernando Valley Chapter Southwest Section, Instrument

I was first introduced to The 99s in 1996 as one of the members of the Future Woman Pilot program. I received my private pilot certificate, was elected to the board and have tutored three other FWPs.

As an oncology nurse specialist, I volunteer with the Flying Samaritans, flying to Mexico and giving care to indigent patients. I hope as a CFI to be able to encourage a team-teaching approach, for both educational and economical purposes, to the women I teach aviation to in the future.

KAREN HOPSON, Garden State Chapter New York/New Jersey Section, Multiengine

I received my private pilot certificate in February 1995, instrument rating in November 1995, seaplane rating in August 1996 and commercial certificate in May 1999. I am currently working to complete my CFI training. The award of this scholarship will assist me in achieving my goal of a career in the aviation industry.

I have a BS degree in biology and am currently matriculating toward completion of my master's degree in aeronautical science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. I have served as chapter vice chairman, co-chair of events, Section nominating committee and will serve as Chapter chairperson and Section secretary over the next term.

SETHANY HOUSEKNECHT, Old Dominion Chapter Mid-Atlantic Section, Multiengine

I have been a 99 for five years as a member of the Old Dominion Chapter. My goal is to become a professional pilot. I received my instrument rating and commercial certificate and am working on my CFI. I worked as a flight attendant for many years and have been a member of the Air Force Reserves.

I am committed to my goal, and this scholarship will improve my chances of fulfilling my dream. I appreciate very much this opportunity given to me by The 99s.

PEGGY LOEFFLER, Connecticut Chapter New England Section, Instrument

As a young girl, I flew with my father in his 1946 Luscombe. It wasn't until 1997, though, with the support of my husband and two sons, that I became a pilot. I am chairman of my chapter and pursuing my commercial certificate and instrument rating. I plan to continue my training and eventually instruct.

I'm now restoring the Luscombe and am anxious to share my dream to see it fly again. Several Girl Scout troops plan to follow my progress and I hope I can inspire them to believe they can accomplish a goal despite the difficulties they may encounter.

JULIE ANN MURRAY, Chicago Area Chapter North Central Section, Aviation Administration degree

In 1987, I earned my private pilot certificate and then pursued an instrument rating and an associate degree. Unfortunately, I didn't have the finances to complete either goal. Finally, 12 years later in 1999, I achieved an associate degree in business administration from The Pennsylvania State University.

Even so, at my job, I was unable to advance into management because I lacked a bachelor's degree. So I returned to college full-time, this time majoring in aviation administration. By combining my heart's desire (aviation) with my work experience (administration), I hope to achieve my career goal and work in the aviation industry.

Along with The 99s, I also belong to AOPA and the Friends of Meigs Field.

DENISE ROSENBERGER, Florida Suncoast Chapter Southeast Section, Multiengine

I am currently working on my commercial certificate for ASEL. I now hold commercial hot air balloon. I will use this scholarship to obtain my multiengine rating and will take the ride for commercial instrument multiengine.

I was recently chosen to be airport safety counselor for FSDO 35 at Clearwater Airpark in Clearwater, Florida. I work as manager of Suncoast Flying Service. I am an active speaker

*...the moment one
definitely commits
oneself, then providence
moves in. All sorts of
things occur to help one
that would never have
happened otherwise. A
whole stream of events
issues from the deci-
sions, raising in one's
favor all manner of
unforeseen incidents
and meetings and
material assistance
which no person could
have dreamed would
come his (her) way. So,
whatever you do, or
dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius,
power and magic in it."*

—Goethe



in the school system on aviation-related topics. I want students to be aware of career options in the aviation field.

Aviation has been a lifelong dream for me. I want others to share that dream.

MARINA SAETTONE, Bay Cities Chapter, Southwest Section, Helicopter IFR

I have been traveling down the "aviation road" since I was 7 years old. My dream of becoming a pilot was realized when I was 18 by earning my private single-engine land. Since then, I have added commercial, instrument and CFI; multiengine land commercial and instrument; helicopter commercial and CFI.

I graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor's degree in aviation technology flight and maintenance. I have worked in the field doing flight instruction, ferry flights, sightseeing, pipeline, search and rescue, airshow rides, photography and flood documentation. The fun things I've done in the field are everything mentioned above as work.

JENNIFER SHAW, Columbia Cascade Chapter, Northwest Section, Multiengine

In 1991, a friend of mine talked me into jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. After my first jump, I was hooked and spent the next four years working and playing in the skydiving industry. In 1995, I completed my private and was on to my instrument which I finished in 1996. Once I earned my commercial, I began flying skydivers in a Cessna 182 and 206.

Recently, I made the transition to the Cessna Caravan, and I am currently flying that full-time as a jump pilot. I am hoping that with my multiengine instrument rating, I will be one step closer to achieving my career goal of being an airline pilot.

AILEEN WATKINS, Houston Chapter, South Central Section, 737 Type Rating

There are special bonds among those who fly, and my vocation of flight has brought me to heights I never imagined possible. There are women who have inspired me to reach for my ultimate dream of flight, and with that gift of inspiration, my goals and dreams have become reality.

From first solo to competition aerobatics, from banner-towing to jump pilot, from the DC-3 to state-of-the-art transport category aircraft, my flying has taken me on journeys of incredible adventure and introduced me to kindred spirits who share my love of flight.

My students provide me with an unending source of pride as I see them progress through their ratings and enjoy their gift of flight. My greatest joy is sharing this love of flying with those who never thought taking to the skies was possible.

DONNA WILT, Florida Spaceport Chapter, Southeast Section, Multiengine

I have always loved aviation. As a child I colored pictures from aircraft maintenance manuals at my father's work. Now I am a commercial pilot, CFI-AI, AGI, Ph.D. and assistant professor of aeronautics at Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Florida.

My commitment is to be the best aviation educator I can be and to promote aviation and aviation safety. I am an FAA aviation safety counselor, the AOPA Support Network volunteer for Melbourne International Airport and the faculty advisor to both the Florida Tech Chapter of Women in Aviation and Intercollegiate Flight Team.

My multiengine rating will help me toward my goal of full professor and expanding my personal business.

To apply for the 2001 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships, contact Charlene Falkenberg, Chairman, AEMSF, 618 S. Washington St., Hobart, IN 46342, Phone/fax 219-942-8887 or e-mail CharF@prodigy.net. Deadline for application form is December 31, 2000.



Linda Cioffi and Beverley Allen



Julie Ann Murray, Dan Haddix and Bev Sharp



Marina Saettone and Dan Haddix



Aileen Watkins, Linda Friedman and Bonita Ades



Peggy Loeffler, Jill Brown and Ralph Richardson



Marita Dragten and Bonnie Seymour



Cheryl Casillas and Betty Wittmer

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

BY DIANE PIRMAN, Chairman Awards Committee

The **Katherine B. Wright Trophy** honoring the sister of Wilbur and Orville

Wright is presented annually by The 99s and the National Aeronautic Association to a woman who has made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time.

Award of Achievement recognizes 99s, Sections or Chapters for making significant contributions to aviation, aviation education, science or history, or to The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

Award of Merit honors nonmembers or organizations making significant contributions to aviation, aviation education, science or history, or to The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

President's Award is given at the discretion of the current President to a deserving 99.

It was a pleasure to serve as the Awards Committee Chair for this year. So many deserving nominees! Betty Prakken is our chairman for 2001. See her message on page 19.



Carroll Suggs, NAA President Don Koranda and Bev Sharp

CARROLL W. SUGGS received the **Katharine B. Wright Memorial Trophy Award** for the encouragement, support and inspiration she provided to her husband Bob in the successful development of Petroleum Helicopters International and for her continuing contributions to the advancement of aviation safety, service and community relations. Carroll was a visible and constant companion to her husband as well as a driving force behind the success of PHI. Under her guidance, the organization has continued to pursue its mission of unsurpassed safety and total customer satisfaction.

ANITA L. LEWIS was presented with the **Award of Achievement** for her ongoing and outstanding contributions to The 99s. She was nominated by the Idaho Chapter. She has been active in The 99s at the Chapter,

Section and International levels for many years. Her generosity with her time, her talent and her money has helped The 99s achieve a variety of goals. Anita is a past Northwest Section Governor and currently serves as chairman of the Board of the 99s Museum of Women Pilots which she continues to support with a seemingly unlimited amount of energy.



Anita Lewis

ELAINE MORROW received the **President's Award** to acknowledge her considerable contributions of time, talent and money to The 99s. Elaine has served the Minnesota Chapter in all offices, plus numerous committee chairs. She is currently Vice Governor for the North Central Section, having served the 1998-2000 term as Secretary. Elaine installed the new computer system at 99s Headquarters and designed the new 99s membership database. Elaine also served as 1998-2000 International Secretary and will be an International Director for 2000-2001.



Elaine Morrow

Since 1987, Elaine has attended most International and Section meetings, as well as representing The 99s at Oshkosh Fly-ins and Forest of Friendship gatherings. She and her husband Glen are NIFA volunteers on both regional and national levels. In 1994, they received a special NIFA service award. They also sponsor Young Eagles and Air Adventure Day programs.

ORVILLE WILBER TOSCH was chosen to receive the **Award of Merit** for his role as an aviation pioneer.

He was nominated by members of the Mt. Tahoma Chapter in appreciation for the support and the vast pool of aviation experiences and ideas which he willingly shares with them. At the

age of 82, he continues to work seven days a week at Tosch's Industries at the Tacoma Narrows Airport.

Mt. Tahoma Chapter Chair Fran Postma accepted for Mr. Tosch.



Diane Pirman and Fran Postma

The West Canada Section invites you to come to Calgary July 17-21 for the 2001 Ninety-Nines Conference. Pack your boots and come experience the finest Alberta hospitality. Enjoy the spectacular scenery. Take part in a great mix of 99s business and fun.

SEMINARS!

A full day of interesting seminars is planned. One is a full-day FAA-approved course called "Pilot Decision-making" by Transport Canada. Nav Canada will present its well-known session on "Flying the Alaska Highway" for those planning to fly north. And there will be much more presented as the time approaches.

SHOPPING!

Shopping in Calgary is everyone's dream as most stores are open until nine each evening—and the Westin is within walking distance of some of the best! Those coming from the US can take advantage of the high value of the dollar in this market.

TOURS!

On the agenda are several exciting tours such as the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology at Drumheller, a world-renowned center of displays of dinosaur skeletons found in the surrounding rugged badlands. And on a trip to Banff and Lake Louise, the views of the majestic Rocky Mountains are unforgettable!

AND THE STAMPEDE!

For many of you, I'm sure the prime attraction will be the Calgary Stampede July 6-15. To accommodate our members, the Westin is extending our special conference room rate for two days before the conference. But you will need to make your reservations early to get this lower rate. This courtesy is also extended for two days after the conference.

COME TO CALGARY

BY MARY OSWALD, Conference Treasurer and Registrar



*99s International
Conference
Calgary, Alberta,
Canada
July 17-21, 2001*

The Calgary Stampede is "World Class Rodeo Action"! Be advised that there is a lot of walking necessary. You step through the gates of Stampede Park and enter a world of bronco and wild bull riders, roping contests and, in the evenings, perhaps the most exciting of all, the Chuck Wagon Races.

The November-December issue of 99 NEWS will feature information to make flying your own aircraft into Canada a breeze. Nav Canada plans to put together a package about Customs and the CanPass Card, and will be setting up a special line for us at each of the major Flight Information Centres. We will also have airline information for you, as we are working on an airline discount plan.

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**WATCH FOR
REGISTRATION FORM
IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY
ISSUE.**



West Canada Section members Karen Bailey, Joan Lynum, Elma Kozak, Gretchen Matheson, Yvonne Coates, Mary Oswald and Rosella Bjornson led a sing-along of "Alberta Bound" at San Diego Annual Meeting.

THE 99s MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS

BY NANCY LOWE-CLARK, Director



Susan Theurkauf and Vicky Anderson with Louise Thaden's 1929 Travel Air at Gillespie Field, San Diego, California. The airplane will soon be moved to the Oklahoma Air Space Museum.

Since January, the Museum of Women Pilots (MWP) has been working with the Oklahoma Air Space Museum (OASM) at Omniplex to jointly sponsor the Smithsonian traveling exhibit, "Women and Flight," which OASM booked for rental last year. While OASM will cover the cost of the exhibit rental, marketing and the opening reception, MWP will provide programming for the reception and staff time to help with publicity and exhibit installation.

MWP will contract with Ann Birney of Kansas, who presents a first person, historical interpretation of Amelia Earhart, for an afternoon educational program for Girl Scouts at our museum on Saturday, October 14. Ann will also be the featured speaker for the exhibit opening reception later that night at OASM.

The "Women and Flight" exhibit is based on photographs from Carolyn Russo's book of the same name. Of the 36 women featured in the book, 11 are 99s. Museum Board of Trustees will be inviting each of these 11 ladies to attend the event and sign books at the Museum.

At the same time, the museum is also working to move Louise Thaden's 1929 Travel Air to Oklahoma City for the exhibit opening. Museum Trustees recently voted to place the Travel Air on loan to



Museum Director Nancy Lowe-Clark visited with Charter Member Fay Gillis Wells during the Conference in San Diego. Fay is one of the eleven 99s featured in the Smithsonian traveling exhibit, "Women and Flight."

the Oklahoma Air Space Museum for one year, with potential renewal at six-month intervals thereafter. This will allow the museum time to consider future display options for the plane.

Additionally, plans are currently under discussion with OASM for another joint project to take place in March, Women's History Month, featuring the Travel Air and Louise.

As a small museum, MWP lacks not only the space, but also the staff and the money to rent and present traveling exhibits like "Women and Flight." Partnerships with a larger museum allow us to increase our visibility in the community and fulfill our educational mission, with minimal financial outlay.

We are extremely pleased to join with OASM in this first, of what we hope will be many, successful partnerships! In the meantime please, remember, October is a beautiful time of the year in Oklahoma. The leaves turn for autumn and you never know whose familiar face you will see! So mark your calendar for Saturday, the 14th, and join us as we celebrate, "Women and Flight!"



Won't you join us as we preserve the history of women pilots, and help us educate future generations?

99s MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS Membership Application

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP _____ Individual \$25 _____ Family \$50 _____ Donor \$100

_____ Gold Donor \$250 _____ Corporate \$500

_____ Check inclosed. _____ Charge my _____ MC _____ VISA _____ AmEx _____

No. _____ Exp. _____

Signature _____

Make your check payable to 99s Museum of Women Pilots and send to
Box 965, 7100 Terminal Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73159-1929.



Tax deductible contributions for the 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.

AMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

BY MARILYN COPELAND, Chairman

The big news from AEBM is the recent release of our "Tribute to a Pioneering Spirit" video—perfect to show to an organization, a school, or at a chapter or section meeting. Included in it are many historic photos, as well as some sound-byte comments by Amelia. Along with mention of some of Amelia's many accomplishments, there is a short presentation about The 99s and our projects and a tour of the museum.

The video is \$15 (includes shipping/handling) and all proceeds go the AEBM Restoration Fund.

The AEBM was the chosen location in Atchison for a visit on June 30 of Kansas Lt. Gov. Gary Scherrer and the director of Kansas Travel and Tourism, Claudia Larkin. Their stop in Atchison was near the end of a 1,750-mile trip to 45 Kansas tourist locations. Lt. Gov. Scherrer spoke to a crowd of Atchison citizens and our AEBM Trustees, giving high praise to our museum.

Then on the weekend of July 21-22 perfect weather helped to bring record crowds to Atchison for

the 2000 Amelia Earhart Festival. Thousands enjoyed a concert at Warnock Lake on Friday evening.

On Saturday, the downtown pedestrian plaza bustled with people visiting the arts and crafts displays, the assortment of food and the variety of children's activities.

The Amelia Earhart Pioneering Achievement Award was presented to former U.S. Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker, who later joined four other women role models in a speakers' symposium in Theatre Atchison.

An all-day Open House allowed hundreds the chance to admire Amelia's restored home. About 25,000 people lined the riverbanks on Saturday evening for a band concert, aerobatic flying by Ken Stout, and a spectacular fireworks display over the Missouri River.

The 2001 AE Festival will be July 20-21. Plans are in progress for the big 99s International Conference in 2002 which will include the AE Festival on Saturday, July 20.

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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 side walk for \$50. Send orders to Carolyn Mohler, Brick Chairman, PO Box 128, Atchison, KS 66602.

Make checks payable to AEBM.

___ Brick(s) in front walk at \$100 each \$ _____
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Limit is three lines per brick, 13 characters per line (including spaces). Please type or print very clearly.

VIDEO ORDER FORM

"TRIBUTE TO A PIONEERING SPIRIT"

Please send ___ copies (\$15 each) of the new AEBM Video, "Tribute to a Pioneering Spirit." Enclosed is check made to AEBM for \$_____.

*(Send orders to Marilyn Copeland,
117 SW Winterpark, Lane, Lee's
Summit, MO 64081)*

Name _____

Street _____

City, State & Zip _____

THE NINETY-NINES ENDOWMENT FUND

BY JUDY BOLKEMA-TOKAR, Chairman

The 99s Endowment Fund was created in 1997 at the Convention in Portland, and five trustees were elected in 1998. Lee Kensett served as chairman until the end of her term in July this year. Besides myself, current Trustees are Leila Baroody and Beverly Fogle as vice chairs, with Sue Ehrlander as secretary and Hilda Ray, treasurer. We have developed a disciplined and consistent management philosophy—one that will accommodate the occurrence of all reasonable and probable events.

We will not use extreme positions or opportunistic styles of investment such as options, margins, commodities, real estate and high risk investments. The Fund's portfolio will be diversified with fixed income



The raffle ticket on a "Classic Plane" quilt was drawn at the conference in San Diego. The lucky winner, shown here being congratulated by Charter Member Fay Gillis Wells, was Candice McDaniels, a new pilot and a new member of the Ventura County Chapter.

and equity holdings to provide reasonable assurance that no single security or class of securities will have a disproportionate impact on the total portfolio.

Nothing can be spent until the fund reaches \$1 million. Then, as stated by the bylaws, only earned income (dividends and interest) will be used to benefit The 99s, Inc., leaving the principal intact, continuing to earn income to assure the future of The 99s organization. The Trustees have chosen to invest the Fund's assets with Sue Phillips of Merrill Lynch, who has successfully handled the AE Scholarship Fund and 99s Headquarters accounts.

Since 1997, the assets of the Endowment Fund have grown to more than \$100,000 through the generous donations of 175 members, 11 chapters, three sections, along with earned interest and dividends—and the proceeds from two successful fund-raising events. At the convention last year in Oklahoma City, a silent auction raised more than \$2,000.

Raffle tickets sold on a quilt I made while traveling from Budapest to San Diego (and several places in between) produced \$4,325. Thanks to everyone who participated in one way or another to help The 99s Endowment Fund grow.



Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund Trustees Bev Fogle, Judy Bolkema-Tokar, Hilda Ray, Sue Ehrlander and Leila Baroody.

The 99s Endowment Fund was created to help fulfill 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.

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
Hilda Ray, treasurer, The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund, 601 Third Place, Jasper, AL 35501

Wendy Wiencek, San Fernando Valley Chapter Conference 2000 photographer

Wendy Wiencek was accepted into the Future Women Pilots program with the San Fernando Valley Chapter in August 1998 shortly before her checkride. She received her private ticket in October and joined the San Fernando Valley Chapter in January '99. She is already in her second term as Chapter Treasurer and about midway through aerobatics training. She flies Robin Sports, Piper Warriors and Dakotas.

Wendy was the first recipient of the Lisa Netsch Foundation Scholarship which was established to encourage pilots to take Emergency Maneuvers and Confidence training.

She got her high performance sign off in January 2000. She was recently presented with a "Rookie Pilot of the Year" award.

Wendy is supervisor of the video quality control department at Sony Pictures HD Center in Culver City, California. She hopes to someday change careers and be a professional pilot. "Photography," Wendy says, "is a side business."

At the urging of one of her unofficial mentors in the SFV Chapter, she attended the Spring Southwest Section meeting and brought her camera along. SWS Governor Pat Prentiss immediately recruited her to be their "official" SWS photographer and Susan Larson requested that she cover the 2000 Conference for 99 NEWS.



Wendy Wiencek

Editor's note: Most of the photos in the 2000 Conference coverage were shot by Wendy Wiencek, who volunteered her professional services and provided 99 NEWS with a large album of photos to choose from. Verna West, who has provided pictures taken at conventions and other 99s events for many years, also sent us a nice collection. —Betty Rowley

Nomination procedure for Award of Achievement and Award of Merit

BY BETTY PRAKKEN, Chairman, Awards Committee

THE 99S AWARDS COMMITTEE encourages members to submit nominations for two prestigious awards. This is a wonderful way to acknowledge those who have made significant contributions to The 99s or to the aviation community.

The nominations for these awards must be made by a Section or Chapter over the signatures of two officers (i.e. chairman and secretary) and attached to a one-page letter of nomination. Additional data and/or resumes may be attached to the letter of nomination but must be limited to not more than three additional pages (four pages total).

The nomination must include the address and phone number of the nominee or, if the nominee is deceased, the name of at least one next of kin.

Nominations must be sent to International Headquarters to the attention of the Awards Committee **no later than November 30, 2000.**

THE AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT was established to honor an individual 99, a Section or a Chapter for significant contributions to aviation, aviation education, science, aviation history or The 99s.

THE AWARD OF MERIT exists to honor an individual or an organization that has made significant contributions to aviation, aviation education, science, aviation history or The 99s.

The same qualifications apply except that the candidate may be either male or a non-99 female.

Qualifications:

The achievement(s) may have occurred in present or prior years. A candidate may be selected for a single action or a series of events. A candidate does not have to be living and can be from any country. The selection of candidate(s) and specific details of achievements being recognized will be at the discretion of the Selection Committee. The awards may or may not be given every year.

Questions should be addressed to Betty Prakken at 24401 S. Skylane Drive, Canby, OR 97013 or e-mail gandbprakken@web-ster.com or call International Headquarters at 1-800-994-1929.

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Phase XI

LETTERS

I RECEIVED TODAY the July/August issue of International Women Pilots. A must read each time it comes in the mail. Keep up the good work. This issue with all the women airline pilots gives positive reinforcement that women too can fly the commercial airlines. We see so

few women and hear the Captain's name as "Mr." more often than not.
—Jill Hopfenmuller

WOW! What a great magazine the July/August issue was. I couldn't put it down—read it cover to cover in one sitting. It made my heart swell to read that 14 of the airline pilots

attributed much of their success to winning an Amelia Earhart Scholarship.—Charlene Falkenberg

SO MANY members sent get well wishes to me. I appreciated hearing from each and their prayers and thoughts were answered. I'm on the mend.—Doris Abbate

VOLUNTEERS AT 99s HEADQUARTERS

The Brazos River Challenge

BY BONNIE LEWIS, BRAZOS RIVER CHAPTER

We returned home happy to have been of service to our organization and to have established a deeper connection with our 99s sisters past and present.

Have you ever wondered about volunteering your time at Headquarters? Would there really be anything I could do? Does anybody really want to take time to show me what needs to be done? Well, wonder no more.

August 8, 2000, was a beautiful day for a flight from south Fort Worth and Granbury, Texas, to Oklahoma City Will Rogers Airport (OKC). Well, OK, it was hot, but not too bad at 7:30 a.m. Six airplanes arrived at OKC filled with 13 enthusiastic volunteers from the Brazos River Chapter: Kathleen Bales, Karen and Kelly Bloom, Lana Kraeszig, Bonnie Lewis, Donna McDaniel, Paula Owens, Connie and Joe Sasser, Margaret Siedschlag, Karen Sparks, Marcia Walker and Sandra Winfield.

We proceeded directly to 99s Headquarters where we were met with the warmest of welcomes. Nancy Lowe-Clark, executive director of the 99s Museum of Women Pilots, Lisa Spencer, accountant, and Brandi Evans, membership coordinator, were ready to put us to work. A few of us worked with Brandi and Lisa folding, stuffing, labeling, filing, etc. The rest worked with Nancy in the museum archives.

Those working in the archives really got an education. Our task was to remove and photocopy original photos from as many files as time permitted. Original photos were then refiled in acid-free folders. Photocopies were identified and placed back in the original folder and in a separate album. If left in the original files, the original photos would eventually



Sandra Winfield, Lana Kraeszig, Karen Bloom, Kelly Bloom and Bonnie Lewis learn about handling archival materials from Nancy Lowe-Clark, second from left.

sustain damage from the acid in other materials in the file. We were also taught to wash our hands frequently with Ivory soap so the oils from our skin did not damage the photos. What a joy it was to see these incredible files, so much history of our pioneer sisters. Some were famous, some unknown, but all paved the way for us to enjoy the world of flight. Progress was made in the files, but we barely scratched the surface. There is plenty more work to be done.

Everybody worked hard, but we also took a few breaks for visiting the museum and shopping for 99s treasures. Lisa chose a wonderful oriental buffet for our lunch break and some Oklahoma Chapter members joined us for dinner at a great Italian restaurant in Brick Town. We also visited the Alfred P. Murrah Bombing Memorial, a very moving testimony.

We returned home happy to have been of service to our organization and to have established a deeper connection with our 99s sisters past and present. We were treated like royalty by everybody at Headquarters. They were excited to have us and continually thanked us for our help.

So, the answer is, yes, there is work for you to do and yes, you will be warmly and gratefully received. So the Brazos River Chapter challenges every 99 to volunteer time to Headquarters for a day, two days or more. Call headquarters for assistance in making your plans. You will be SO glad you did!



Kathleen Bales and Marcia Walker



Donna McDaniel, Konnie Sasser, Margaret Siedschlag and Karen Sparks

MEMBERSHIP

ANDREA CHAY, INTERNATIONAL MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

As the new Membership Chairman, I want to welcome 191 new members to The 99s. For brochures, business cards and posters for recruitment purposes, contact me at 22910 Kobach Corners, Spring, TX 77373, e-mail to andrea40@juno.com or leave a message at 281-350-6327. Any changes to your membership listing should be sent to Lisa or Brandi at 99s Headquarters.

Dheni Arciniega, *Monterey Bay* • Lani Ardelle, *Mission Bay* • Dorothy Arnold, *Alaska* • Erin Arwood, *Oklahoma* • Phyllis Baer, *Greater Seattle* • Brandi Barnard, *North Central Section* • Dori Barnard, *Kansas* • Lisa Beare, *British Columbia Coast* • Tamara Beitzel, *Ventura County* • Louise Bickford, *Houston* • Carol Black, *Brazos River* • Patricia Blackwelder, *High Country* • Phyllis Blanton, *Kansas* • Linda Blodgett, *All-Ohio* • Janice Bobek, *Cook Inlet* • Christine Bolton, *Santa Barbara* • Victoria Briscoe, *Northwest Section* • Carolyn Brown, *Long Beach* • Penelope Brown, *North Central Section* • Lyn Butler, *Australian Section* • Gail Campetti, *Brazos River* • Joyce Carnahan, *Santa Maria Valley* • Mary Carroll, *Crater Lake Flyers* • Carole Cary-Hopson, *Ambassador* • Carol Clark, *First Canadian* • Kathryn Clark, *Greater Detroit* • Susan Clark, *Mount Diablo* • Sheri Clary, *Florida Spaceport* • Janine Cohen, *Albuquerque* • Jackie Collier, *Tennessee* • Lois Collum, *Bakersfield* • Kerry Conway, *Houston* • Reba Coombs, *Reno Area* • Holly Cooper, *Houston* • Anne Cozart, *Fort Worth* • Marie Dahlstrom, *Southeast Section* • Frances Dalton, *Mission Bay* • Debra Danielson, *North Jersey* • Lorraine Dent, *Santa Clara Valley* • Danielle Dews, *Santa Barbara* • Ann Donohoe, *Carolinas* • Toryne Driggs, *Northwest Section* • Devon Dunning, *Ambassador* • Muriel Dykema, *Indiana* • Lois Eaton, *Phoenix* • Diane Ekstrom, *Reno High Sierra* • Rosemarie Engeln, *Marin County* • Linda Erhart, *Montana* • Madeleine Ferguson, *Mount Diablo* • Andrea Filan, *Mission Bay* • Linda Finch, *San Antonio* • Beryl Fitzpatrick, *Intermountain* • Rita Fontenot, M.D., *Lake Charles* • Vivian Foote, *Alaska* • Dianne Fredrick, *San Gabriel Valley* • Wenyu Fu, *Aloha* • Maveleene Gantt, *Florida Spaceport* • Maria Gex, *Las Vegas Valley* • Dana Gibson, *Oklahoma* • Mary Jo Girouard, *Southeast Section* • Alexa Gosney, *Ambassador* • Lynette Halka-Peel, *Chicago Area* • Darci Hansen, *Dallas* • Sharon Hanson, *Long Beach* • Mildred Hansrote, *Florida Spaceport* • Susan Haselmann, *Long Beach* • Colleen Hatcher, *East Canada Section* • Robin Hawke, *Dallas* • Erin Hay, *Monterey Bay* • Linda Hayden, *San Gabriel Valley* • Susan Head, *Carolinas* • Anandi Heinrich, *Monterey Bay* • Laura Hermann, *Minnesota* • Dorothy Herrington, *North Central Section* • Margaret Hinson, *Eastern Pennsylvania* • Beverley Hirzel, *All-Ohio* • Noriko Hosoya, *Far East Section* • Patricia Houden, *Santa Rosa* • Becky Howell, *South Central Section* • Bonnie Hyson, *South Central Section* • Mary (Kaki) Ingels, *Memphis* • Connie Irvine, *South Central Section* • Karen Jensen, *Brazos River* • Willow Jett, *Alaska* • Christina Karsten, *Aloha* • Carla Keating, *Imperial So-Lo* • Gloria Kehoe, *Albuquerque* • Cheryl Kinnaman, *Garden State* • Joan Kistner, *Minnesota* • Dee Klein, *South-*

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ARABIAN SECTION

As in the past six years, I will be traveling to Belize soon to continue my support of the orphanage my son had been involved with before his untimely death while serving with the British Army in 1994.

For more information on how you can contribute to this worthy cause, click on <www.sadinoel.com/>. I really need your help. Thank you so much.—Yvonne Trueman



Those getting together to work out details for the Spring 2001 Southwest Section Meeting on the Queen Mary are: (back row) Doris Robertson, Jacquie Sprague, Sharon Hanson, Ginger Larmon, Sally LaForge, Shirley Hanson and (front row) Mary Wenholz, Rachel Bonzon, Mary Jane McNeil.

SOUTHWEST SECTION

The Spring 2001 Southwest Section meeting, hosted by the Long Beach Chapter, will be held April 27-29 on the *Queen Mary*. The Los Angeles, Fullerton and Palms Chapters have agreed to assist us. Volunteers from all of the Southwest Section are invited to help.

Contact me at 13600 Cedar Crest, #111-J, Seal Beach, CA 90740 or e-mail: mjmcneil@earthlink.net —Mary Jane McNeil

AUSTRALIAN SECTION

The Second Asia Pacific Women in Aviation Conference will be held March 25-28, 2001, in Canberra, Australia's "bush capital."

Key speakers will be Wing Commander Robyn Williams, the first woman RAAF test pilot in the USA as test pilot on C-130J Hercules and currently officer in charge of the Project Team; Polly Vacher, a United Kingdom pilot who is flying a single engine aircraft solo from the UK to Australia for the conference and then completing a "Wings Around the World" solo flight; and Allana Arnott, pilot and author of *The Best I Can Be*. Allana learned to

walk and was able to fly again after being seriously injured in an SAR flight aircraft crash.

The WIA Conference will be followed by the 51st Australian Women Pilots Association on March 28-April 1 and the Australian Section of The 99s Annual General Meeting.

We hope that many of our international visitors will stay around for the full week. There will be educational sessions, a navigation trial and opportunities to see the local sights.

Check out our web site <www.awpa.org.au> for registration details or use our <e-mail awpa_2001@hotmail.com>.

—Lee McKerracher

Air terminal named for 99 Nancy Bird Walton

Nancy Bird Terminal opened on March 18 at Bourke Aerodrome in Australia. Bush people, townspeople and visitors gathered around the terminal for morning tea with Nancy which was followed by the official opening ceremony.

The following Wednesday, Nancy was on hand to greet the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they arrived. Nancy said the Queen told her it was "the first time she had ever been received in a terminal by the person it was named after."

—From a news clipping sent to Gladys McCaslin
Oklahoma Chapter

GREATER DETROIT AREA CELEBRATES 25 YEARS

The Mission Statement of The 99s is:

- 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.

I see this as the past, present and future of aviation. Some of our chapter members are actively flying. Of those, some fly for their own pleasure and at their leisure and others fly for career purposes. Some do charitable flights for worthy causes. Other members in our chapter have ceased to fly for different reasons, but possess a wealth of knowledge through their experiences that enrich all of us.

Then we have the new student

pilots who are filled with desire. Can you recall the early days of your flight training when you were filled with trepidation, awe and sheer delight with each accomplishment?

Each person in our chapter represents either the past history of aviation who will be remembered, the present generation of aviators who need support, or the future women pilots who must be encouraged.

Looking outside our chapter, we find people eager to know more about who we are and what we do. We have the opportunity to educate other pilots and inform non pilots—reaching out to young and old alike. We can share with them the past, inform them on what is going on right now and persuade them to join the future in flight.

Each person in our chapter has been, is now, or will be an ambassador to the world outside and in-



Sixteen members and eight 49 1/2s attend a picnic at the home of Elaine and Rich Evans to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Greater Detroit Area Chapter. We were fortunate to have six of our active Charter Members present: Eileen Wehr, Alice Gustafson, Nancy Hecksel, Patty Smart, Gini Sutherland and Bernice Millar.

side aviation. I am proud to be part of an outstanding group of women celebrating our 25 years of friend-

ship through flight. Our chapter has truly earned its Silver Wings.

—Bonnie Davis, Chairman

CHICAGO AREA

To welcome Denise Morchand-Erwin, former governor of the East Africa Section, 20 members, including one Future Woman Pilot and four 49 1/2s came to a Flying Safari Party. Members dressed in safari clothing and pictures of African wildlife adorned the walls.

Denise presented some highlights of her 35 years living and flying in Africa where she worked as a flight instructor for Safari Air, owned a flying club, and served two years as charter pilot for Africair and Mission Aviation Fellowship. Denise returned to the states last summer and lives with her husband in Madison, Wisconsin.—*Julie Ann Murray*



Denise Morchand-Erwin, former governor of the East Africa Section, is the speaker at the Chicago Area Flying Safari Party.

GREATER DETROIT AREA

Twenty-two students attended our Pinch Hitter Weekend June 2-4 at Ann Arbor Airport. The weekend activities included four hours of ground school, four hours of flight training, four hours of debriefing—and all the food you could manage to pack away. Eleven CFIs provided

the flight training and just about everyone else in our chapter helped in one way or another. Student evaluations turned in after the graduation ceremony on Sunday were very positive. Visit our website <www.greaterdetroit99s.org> to learn more about our chapter.

—*Rosemary Sieracki*

JACKSON GOLD DUST

Five members of our chapter had a booth at the Calaveras Air Faire where they distributed our brochure, gave away aviation magazines, sold food products and offered face painting for children. Other activities of our chapter included giving aviation pre-

sentations at the elementary school and the high school, participating in Amador County Airport Day where we sold airplane clips and assisting in completing forms for the Young Eagle's airplane rides. We also airmarked the Calaveras Airport in June.

—*Jo Dieser*



Jackson Gold Dust Chapter members Kathy Walton, Betty Brandon, Carol Meijer and Dorothy Benker wearing their cardboard airplanes in the Italian picnic parade at Sutter Creek, California, in June.

MT. SHASTA

Our 66 member, Suzi Herbert, jumped tandem for the first time last year on her 80th birthday. Her enthusiasm sparked the interest of more than 40 of her admirers who traveled 100 miles to Yuba County Airport to watch her. This year on July 8, she went for her second jump. Suzi's goal is to do a jump each year until she reaches her 85th birthday at which time she will challenge ex-President Bush to jump with her. Suzi is also taking lessons to learn to fly. She is an inspiration to many of us.—*Barbara Boot*



Suzi Herbert, Mt. Shasta 66, with her jumpmaster, Valdimir

VIRGINIA

Members participated in the Virginia State EAA Fly-in at PTB by registering pilots and their planes. They also staffed a booth promoting the chapter to prospective members.

Rachel Baber, CFI, CFII, presented aviation career information to approximately 75 middle school students at their Career Day in Richmond, Virginia.—*Betty Vinson*



COLUMBIA CASCADE

Our members invested an evening at Premier Aviation Engines in Troutdale, Oregon. PAE is co-owned by Norm Des Jardins, spouse of our member, Billie Des Jardins. Norm and his brother Jim operate an FAA repair station.

Because of FAA collaboration, they work within a tighter set of standards and guidelines for signing off repairs. Having our meeting in their shop allowed them to show us several examples of actual engine pieces and parts. The cylinder halves, the crankshaft, the piston were all a giant puzzle skillfully put together for us by the Des Jardins. They showed us pictures of various types of engine damage cylinder destruction caused by a mere 10-

second detonation. The pros and cons of various oil weights were also discussed.

They offered a lot of other useful information for private pilots interested in knowing how to better care for their engines. For instance, how many times have you taken your plane out for just a "few times around the patch?" The Des Jardins recommend at least a 30-minute flight because moisture condenses on the metal surfaces of the engine and in the pores of the metal. Unless the engine heats to a certain temperature for a long enough period of time, the internal moisture will not "bake out" and will contribute to internal weaknesses. What a wonderful excuse to make the flight more than "just a few touch and go's!"—*Elly Veyera*



Pat Crocker, Marie Spence, Grace Morfitt, Betty Ellison and Dorothy Berthelet (Eastern Ontario Chapter) in the front and Sue Ehrlander, Wendy Percival and Karin Williamson in back pose at pool party.

MAPLE LEAF

At a summer pool party and potluck get-together, Sue Ehrlander and I were offered a ride in the only airworthy certified Fairey Swordfish HS554 in the world. This unique WWII bi-plane—a naval, torpedo bomber—is the kind of plane that helped sink the *Bismark*.

The photo shows us standing tethered and belted in the rear gunner's turret area. To give you an idea of how huge this plane is, if we had been sitting down, only our eyes would have been peeking out. If we looked happy before the ride, we were simply delirious afterwards. What a ride! What a powerhouse! What a smooth, calm, open-cockpit windy experience.

A couple of years ago, we had traveled to Marie Spence's granddaughter's school to present a couple of Air Bear Programs and our ride in this marvelous beastie was our belated reward, one we hadn't expected. I may be medically grounded now, but that doesn't preclude my flying right seat in a rear gunner's turret. —Pat Crocker



Sue Ehrlander and Pat Crocker in the cockpit of a Fairey Swordfish HS554

AMBASSADOR CHAPTER

The first online chapter of The 99s is proud to announce the launch of our website <www.ambassador99s.freesevers.com>.

Our membership now numbers more than 20 and the diversity of our sisterhood is broadening. The aviation experience of the women in our chapter ranges from student pilots (FWP members) to women who fly for major carriers. However, we all share the same enthusiasm for flying and desire to promote women in aviation. Through our monthly newsletter for our members and personal e-mails, we support each other's accomplishments.

Our site currently contains information about our chapter and its history, our members, contact information and a photo album. Member Joanne Egan, our chapter's webmaster, created our site and will maintain and update it as our chapter grows and changes.

The Ambassador Chapter is an excellent way for ambitious women pilots and FWPs to become involved in The 99s if where they live or their schedules prevents them from joining a traditional chapter.

Please visit our new website to learn more about us!

—Jessie Brightman

ORANGE COUNTY

Our chapter was thrilled and fortunate to find ourselves right in the middle of the planning and participation in the glorious International Conference this year. Just goes to show what marvelous things can happen when so many energetic, enthusiastic, dedicated 99s from throughout the world can do when pulling together for a common cause.

Orange County member/Southwest Section Governor Pat Prentiss organized a very good balance of seminars that had something for everyone.

These included Weather Jeopardy, GPs, I Think I Went Too Far, Support Following An Aircraft Accident, Hypothermia Survival, Sky Below, Earth Above, Mountain Flying, Say Again, Secrets to Success, Good Old Boy Network, Opportunities for Women in Aviation Maintenance, NASA and The 99s, The Boat in the Sky and The Bush Pilots. Presenters of those seminars were Cynthia Rietz and her husband Steve, Mike Young, Jeffrey Rountree, Andrea Waas, Dr. Richard Perschau, Michael Church, Tom Meadows, Ardyth Williams and Col. Sheryl Atkins, Capt. Karen Kahn, Pat Prentiss, Robin Lamar and Michelle Davis.

Besides "Great!" other feedback comments included such remarks as "Very informative," and "I didn't want it to end," and "That was really FUN," and "Sure glad I chose that one."

Member Sue Ballew did a stupendous job coordinating and acquiring articles for the Silent Auction, but she couldn't have done it without the gallant efforts of Barbara Crooker and the Mt. Shasta Chapter. One of the items they contributed that deserves special mention is a beautiful afghan that SW Section Treasurer Lianne Oakes knit with the logo for our Flight to the 21st Century logo for the Conference in the middle. Paula Sandling of San Fernando Valley Chapter was the fortunate one to take this quilt home. —Mary VanVelzer



Paula Sandling was the silent auction high bidder for this afghan knit by Lianne Oakes (right).



TENNESSEE members work in a booth at an airshow at McGhee-Tyson Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, where they sold aviation-related items, including Patty Wagstaff's book. Proceeds go toward a scholarship in memory of Lady McReynolds, Ruth Thomas and Edna Davis. Pictured are Mary West, Evelyn Lyons, Patty Wagstaff, Sandy Sowers, Linda Meese, Adele McDonald and Lynn Davis.—Evelyn B. Johnson

AIR RACES

AIR RACE CLASSIC

On June 20 at 7:30 a.m., 45 stock airplanes with all-woman crews began taking off from Tucson International as the Air Race Classic got under way. The 2,355-sm cross-country route stretched from the sands of Arizona to the sea at Hyannis, Massachusetts. All racers touched down safely before the deadline on June 23.

The women represented a broad spectrum of age and experience—from college coeds at Purdue, Western Michigan University and Daniel Webster College to ladies in their eighties. Many are flight instructors and charter pilots. Some fly for major airlines. For 25 of the 90 women, it was their first time to fly the Classic; others have flown the race more than 20 times. The racers flew 22 Cessnas, 13 Pipers, six Bonanzas, two Mooneys, a Grumman and one brand new Cirrus.

Even though competition is the name of this game, camaraderie always goes along for the ride. At each stop, a welcoming committee was ready with refreshments and information. Since the women came from all across the country, those familiar with mountain flying shared what they knew about crossing them safely while others exchanged knowledge about what to expect upon reaching the East Coast.

Denise Waters, NY/NJ Section, and her copilot Ruth Maestre, All-Ohio Chapter, in a 1979



Air Race Classic 2000 top 10 finishers at terminus at Hyannis, Massachusetts are: Front (L-R): 1st Denise Waters and Ruth Maestre; 2nd Margaret Ringenberg and Lynn Van Etten; 3rd Judy Bolkema-Tokar and Esther Lowry. Middle: 4th Linda Schumm and Rosemary Emhoff; 5th June Beers and Jane Bergishagen; 6th Gloria May and Dene Chabot-Fence. Back: 7th Royce Clifford and Jackie Siegel; 8th Susan Theurkauff and Lorrie Blech; 9th Frances Oehler and Sophia Payton; and 10th Lorraine Morris and Janet Hartwig. Photo by Anne Honer

Grumman AA5B took first place, followed closely by Margaret Ringenberg and Lynn Van Etten, both of the Indiana Chapter, in a 2000 Cessna 172SP. The difference between first and second place was 2.231 knots; the difference between second and tenth place was only 2.138 knots. With the wonderful tailwinds encountered by some, those who placed in the top 10 beat their handicaps by 28 to 32 knots.

At the conference in San Diego, the Tucson

delegation was repeatedly thanked by the racers and received more raves about the great start in Tucson. We also heard about the wonderful job done at the terminus, as racers were welcomed to the salty seaside air of Hyannis, to have still more fun.

For complete coverage of the race, see my article in the August issue of *America's Flyways*.

—Kaye Craig, Tucson Chapter

MARIAN JAYNE AIR RACE

Maisie Stears and copilot Barb Goodwin of the Lake Michigan Chapter placed 10th in the Marian Jayne Air Race—a four-day, 1,800-mile race June 3-9. Wendy Oros, a student of Barb's, flew with them in a Beech V35A Bonanza.



AIRMARKING

ON SATURDAY, JULY 29, eight 99s and four 49 1/2s met at the Pine River Minnesota, airport to paint the name and elevation on the field. Next for Pine River is a compass rose, due to be painted in September.

—Marsha Hunter, Minnesota Chapter

NOTAM

The FAA has issued an updated Advisory Circular "Standards for Airport Markings" AC No.: 150/5340-1H. You can get a free copy by sending a written request to: DOT, M-443.2, Utilization and Storage Section, Washington, D.C. 20590. There is a form for ordering this AC in the back of the Mid-Atlantic Section Airmarking Manual, which you can get from Ellen Nobles-Harris, Mid-Atlantic Section Airmarking Chairman. Phone 856-224-4484 (days).

ACHIEVERS

DELAWARE CHAPTER MEMBERS Jan Churchill and Anne Eriksen have been voted into the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame. An induction dinner will be held October 21 at New Castle County Airport (NCCA).

Jan is a multi-rated pilot, flight instructor, safety counselor, aviation book author and lecturer and leader in numerous military and civilian aviation organizations. She was president of the Memorial Foundation that erected in 1995 a statue at NCCA honoring the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of WWII.

Anne, a founder of our chapter and originator of aviation scholarships and training programs for young people, secured Delaware as the terminus for the women's national Powder Puff Derby air race finale in 1976.

—Christine Schissler



Jan Churchill



Anne Eriksen

CLAIRE E. "GENI" GRANT, Michigan Chapter, was designated a Master Certificated Flight Instructor by the National Association of Flight Instructors. Claire works as an instructor at Delta College as well as Bay City's James Clements Airport (3CM). She was the 1998 Regional CFI of the Year and serves as an Aviation Safety Counselor for the Grand Rapids FSDO.

Of the nearly 78,000 CFIs in the U.S., only about 200 have achieved the Master CFI designation. Geni is one of only six Michigan CFIs to hold this prestigious title.

NEW HORIZONS

NANOYA SMITH, New Zealand Section, passed away February 12. Her first flight was in 1925. Being one of the first women in New Zealand to get a pilot's license (1931) meant that Noya had a number of fascinating and intriguing stories to tell and there were many of our members eager to listen. She was always adventurous and in her later years made two voyages with me to the opposite ends of the planet—one to Alaska in 1993 to attend a 99s Section meeting in Fairbanks and the other to Antarctica



Nanoya Smith (1931)

in 1995. We will always be grateful for her input into the organization.

—Pam Collings
New Zealand Section

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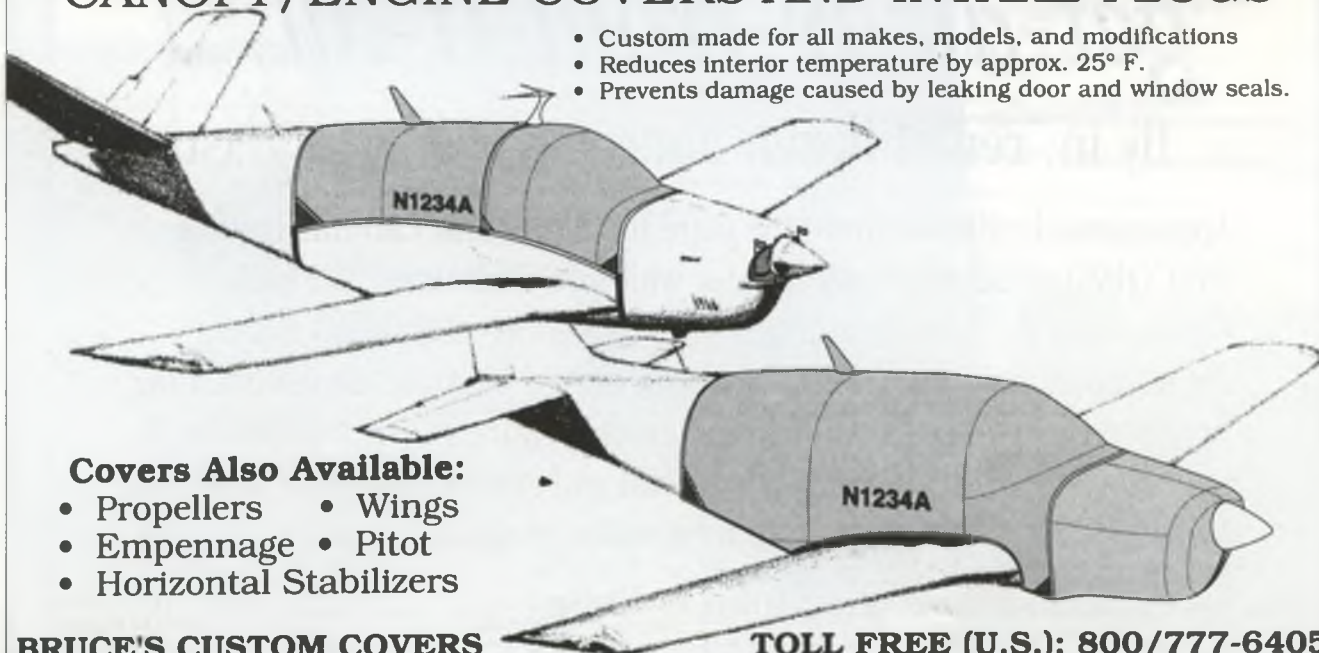
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