



# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN PILOTS®

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Oklahoma welcomes  
Louise Thaden's  
1929 Travel Air



*Louise Thaden's 1929 Travel Air is part of the Smithsonian's "Women and Flight" photographic exhibit at the Complex in Oklahoma City. See story on page 6*



## ATTENTION: GOVERNORS AND CHAPTER CHAIRS

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AN EARLY ISSUE IN 2001 will feature corporate, charter and charity pilots in much the same manner as we featured airline pilots in the July/August issue this year. Ninety-Nines who want to be included should send a short bio of 300 to 500 words and a photo to: Editor, 99 News, 807 N. Waco, Ste. 22, Wichita, KS 67203 or e-mail editor99news@aol.com.

## Correct usage of our name

The complete name of our corporation is:

The Ninety-Nines, Inc.  
International Organization of Women Pilots

The 99 *NEWS* is the official publication of The 99s.

When referring to The 99s, there is no apostrophe and *The* is always capitalized when it precedes the name; i.e.: Ninety-Nines, 99s, The Ninety-Nines, The 99s.

Additionally, we are *not* 99ers and our supporters are *not* 49 1/2ers; please leave the "ers" out in both written and verbal references.

# PERPETUAL CALENDAR

## 2000

### DECEMBER

10 — **Santa Fly-in**, Akron-Canton Airport, Ohio. Sponsored by the Women With Wings Chapter. Gaye Wohlin, 330-699-5172

## 2001

### JANUARY

27 — **San Gabriel Valley Annual Poker Run**, Cable Airport (CCB), Upland, California. Virginia Harmer, 909-987-0087 or e-mail dvharmer@juno.com

### FEBRUARY

3 — **North Central Section Midwinter Meeting**, Midway Airport, Chicago, Illinois. Diane Cozzi, 847-898-4470

18 — **Southwest Section Winter Business Meeting**, Tucson, Arizona. Pat Prentiss, 949-673-4099

### MARCH

1-3 — **International Board of Directors Spring Meeting** (includes Council of Governors and International Committee Chairs), International Headquarters, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Lu Hollander, 800-994-1929

22-24 — **12th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference**, Reno, Nevada. Peggy Baty, 904-226-7996

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

6-7 — **Northwest Section Spring Meeting**, Portland, Oregon. Beverly Fogle, 360-695-5512 or e-mail bevogle@pacifier.com

6-8 — **Southeast Section Meeting**, Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Nancy O'Laughlin-Dougherty, 423-235-4621 or e-mail flyer@greene.xtn.net

8-14 — **Sun 'n Fun**, Lakeland, Florida. Barbara Sierchio, 727-347-8045

20-21 — **North Central Section Spring Meeting**, Gurnee, Illinois. Hosted by Aux PLaines Chapter

26-05/01 — **The 99s International Get-Together**, Friedrichshafen, Germany and Monte Baldo, Italy. Hosted for all 99s, FWPs and guests by the German Section. Andrea Moeller, 49-6126-91212, fax 49-6126-988463 or e-mail German99s@t-online.de

27-29 — **South Central Section Meeting**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Hosted by Oklahoma Chapter. Margie Richison, 405-364-6661

27-29 — **New York-New Jersey Section Meeting**, Syracuse, New York. Hosted by Central New York Chapter. Martha Buller, 315-451-1304 or e-mail dmbuller@juno.com

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 mjmneil@earthlink.net

TBA — **Mid-Atlantic Section Spring Meeting**, Allentown, Pennsylvania. Sally Hiestand, 610-282-2137 or e-mail hiestand@fast.net

### MAY

15-19 — **SAFECON 2001 - NIFA National Championships**, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Bonita Ades, 303-795-6564 or e-mail 76627.1225@compuserve.com, or Sharon Schorsch, 414-889-4940 or e-mail sas@techheadnet.com

## JUNE

15-17 — **International Forest of Friendship, 25th Anniversary**, Atchison, Kansas. Kay Baker, PO Box 99AE, Atchison, KS 66002 or phone 913-367-1419

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

## AUGUST

3-5 — **Palms-to-Pines Air Race**, Santa Monica, California, to Bend, Oregon. Claire Walters, phone/fax 310-397-2731

## SEPTEMBER

13-16 — **Reno Air Races**, Reno, Nevada

18-20 — **NBAA**, New Orleans, Louisiana

20-24 — **Northwest Section Fall Meeting, A Flight Odyssey**, Embassy Suites, Portland, Oregon. Shirley Twigg, 503-628-1015 or e-mail leshir@acs-web.net

21-23 — **North Central Section Fall Meeting**, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Hosted by Illiana Cardinals and Three Rivers Chapters

28-30 — **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

## OCTOBER

TBA — **Mid-Atlantic Fall Section Meeting**, Ocean City, Maryland. Ginny Carlin, 410-879-9503 or e-mail vcarlin@att.net

## NOVEMBER

8-10 — **AOPA Expo 2001**, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

## 2002

### JULY

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

### OCTOBER

8-10 — **NBAA**, Anaheim, California

## 2003

### OCTOBER

7-9 — **NBAA**, Orlando, Florida

TBA — **The Ninety-Nines International Conference**, Huntsville, Alabama

## 2004

### OCTOBER

8-10 — **NBAA**, Las Vegas, Nevada

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





*Embry-Riddle Daytona Chapter members pose with International President Vickie Lynn Sherman. (Back row) LaVerne Angela Davis, Brooklyn, New York; Andrea Mainville, Hamilton, Massachusetts; Nicole Salazar; Vicki Lynn; Chapter Chairman Antonia Ball, Guam; and Pamela Milstead, Columbus, Ohio. (Front row) Erin Parsons, Mystic, Connecticut; Jennifer Bunt, Keansburg, New Jersey; Krista Rinkinen, White Lake, Michigan; and Susan Cifuentes, Deltona, Florida.*

The fall season brings with it a new Chapter of Ninety-Nines. Situated in Daytona Beach Florida, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is an ideal location for our newest members. The ERAU Ninety-Nines currently consist of 10 charter members and 30 prospects. Ten of these girls are Future Women Pilots while the rest vary in experience from Private to ATP.

The advisor (and 99), Susan Money, is in charge of standardization on the Embry-Riddle flightline and has also recently received her ATP. The other faculty members, Mary Snow and Mavis Green, are professors and pilots in the Embry-Riddle Aeronautics Department.

We are all very excited to be a part of one of the oldest and most respected Women Pilots Associations in the world and look forward to meeting everyone at the upcoming International Convention 2001 in Calgary.—*Antonia Ball*

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY VICKI LYNN SHERMAN

On The 99s' annual calendar, the Fall Meeting is the first regular meeting of the year and this October meeting proved to be sometimes rainy and windy. The weather did not dampen the spirit of the Board, the Council of Governors and several International Committee Chairmen who were able to attend. Due in no small part to the cooperative spirit which all of the participants brought to the meeting, it was a very pleasant—even joyful—and productive experience.

As reported elsewhere on this page, many things are underway that will be very helpful to The 99s, and this was indeed an auspicious beginning for the "Flight into the 21st Century."

The Board and the Council of Governors enjoyed the opportunity of presenting an award recognizing Betty Rowley for her eight years of service as editor of our official publication, *99 News*.

In addition to our new Chapter at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida, and the new Brazilian Section, I am happy to say that reports show increases in membership are coming from many quarters, including a majority of our Sections in the United States.

We're on course and the sky is the limit!

—*Vicki Lynn Sherman*



*99 NEWS Editor Betty Rowley and President Vicki Lynn Sherman*

## Board of Directors Meeting By Diane Pirman, Director

The Executive Board met in Oklahoma City October 26-28. President Sherman was pleased to introduce many new international committee chairmen as they described their programs and goals to members of the board. Membership Chairman Andrea Chay reported that our membership climbed almost 5 percent in the most recent three-month period and that we now have 225 Future Women Pilots.

The Brazilian Section was chartered in August with a membership of 23 pilots. And inquiries have been made by women pilots of two other countries about how to go about establishing international sections of The 99s. This is very exciting news!

Marilyn Copeland reported on the AE Birthplace Museum and the city of Atchison's anticipation of our members visiting them during our international meeting in Kansas City in 2002. Southeast Section suc-

cessfully petitioned to hold the meeting of 2003 in Huntsville, Alabama, and, of course, we're all looking forward to our conference in Calgary in July of 2001.

The three-day meeting was punctuated the second day by an afternoon of roundtable sessions led by international committee chairmen. The sessions proved to be fertile ground for sharing ideas on subjects as diverse as flying activities, public relations and legislation, to name several.

"Louise," our new computer system, allows 99s Headquarters to output data in flexible formats. Governors and board members examined the information needs of Chapters and Sections, the goal being to supply reports that will be effective tools for officers and members. Questions about the format of the current *Membership Directory* were also addressed.

The next meeting of the International Board will be held in Oklahoma City March 1-3, 2001.



# THE 99s MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS

BY NANCY LOWE-CLARK, Museum Executive Director

*Ninety-Nines may order the exhibit book, Women and Flight, by Carolyn Russo, from MWP by sending a check for \$35 (discounted for 99s from the book's \$40 retail price). This includes shipping and handling. VISA, MC and AmEx are also accepted. A wonderful gift idea!*

September and October were busy months for us as we worked to complete the "Women and Flight" exhibit and program preparations. This, along with working with a new docent and moving the Travel Air, while keeping up with the daily operational duties of running the Museum of Women Pilots (MWP), has kept us on our toes.

## *Lousie Thaden's plane arrives*

On Tuesday, September 26, Louise Thaden's 1929 Travel Air arrived in Oklahoma City. The next three hours were spent unloading the moving van and securing the Travel Air inside the Oklahoma Air Space Museum at the Omniplex, where it will be exhibited. After verifying that all parts listed on the manifest had arrived, we inspected each individual part for damage and found none.



Pat Jenkins, Ann Birney (as Amelia Earhart), Doris Lockness and Krista Bonino with Louise Thaden's 1929 Travel Air at the opening of the "Women and Flight" exhibit in Oklahoma City. Jenkins, Lockness and Bonino are featured in the book, Women and Flight.



Edsel Ford and his students attaching the wing of Louise Thaden's 1929 Travel Air.

The following Thursday evening Edsel Ford, who teaches an aviation restoration class at the Canadian Valley Vo-Tech in El Reno, provided a team of his best students to reassemble the Travel Air. These volunteers spent more than 40 hours of their own time getting the plane reassembled.

We hope you will plan a visit to the Oklahoma Air Space Museum soon to see what a beautiful job has been done in the restoration process and the reassembly of Louise's plane and then come by MWP to see the progress that has been made here.

## *Museum educational program*

On October 14 Ann Birney presented her historical interpretation of Amelia Earhart to a group of 40 MWP visitors. Adults and students alike sat transfixed as Ann/Amelia talked about her life and experiences and then answered questions from the audience. The afternoon presentation was supported by a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council.

Also on hand for the day's events were 99s Pat Jenkins from the Idaho Chapter, Doris Lockness from Mt. Shasta and Oklahoman, Captain Krista Bonino. These three terrific ladies are featured in both the Smithsonian "Women and Flight" exhibit and the book and generously gave their time to come for The 99s event and the exhibit opening.

Their presence brought many smiles to the faces of visitors who purchased copies of the exhibit book which these ladies autographed for them.

## *"Women and Flight" opening*

The exhibit opening at the Omniplex later that evening was attended by 75 people who enjoyed another brief presentation by Ann Birney and the additional opportunity of visiting with Pat, Doris and Krista.



Members of our Austin Chapter enjoyed a rare treat recently when WASP Deanie Parrish spoke to us about the history of the Women Airforce Service Pilots and her present participation in a project called Wings Across America.

Seeming every inch as vibrant and energetic as the young 20-something girl WASP, Deanie quickly captured our attention by relating an incident that happened when she was taking her initial flight instruction in Florida. "I asked my instructor," Deanie told us, "if he thought I would make a good pilot. And he said that one day I would know the answer. That day came on my solo flight.

"When I reached traffic pattern altitude and pushed the joy stick to level out, it came off in my hand. The Cub was about to stall, so I stood up enough to reach over the vacant front seat and with the tips of my fingers, I slowly pushed the front stick forward to gain air speed. Then," she continued, "I climbed over into the front, regained control and executed a safe landing.

"When I taxied to where my instructor was, he asked me, 'Why in the hell are you in the front seat?' I pointed to the unattached control stick resting on the back floor. 'Well,' he said, 'Now you know you have the right stuff to be a pilot!'"

After Deanie got her private pilot certificate, she applied for the women's flight training program that Jackie Cochran had organized and took the train to the Houston, Texas, municipal airport where the program was set up. Women were to receive the same training as the male military pilots, but unlike male trainees, they were required to have the prerequisite of at least a private pilot's certificate. "We lived in tourist courts and the homes of private citizens," Deanie said.

In the spring of 1943, General Arnold issued an order that all women flying military aircraft, including both Cochran's unit, Women's Flying Training Detachment, and Nancy Harkness Love's unit, Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS), would be called the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

"We paid our own way to Texas for training and were not recognized by Congress as members of the military forces," Deanie said. "We ferried airplanes, conducted test flights, provided flight instruction for both men and women and towed targets for live air-to-air gunnery and live anti-aircraft artillery practice to train gunners for combat duty."

Of the 1,102 WASPs, 38 made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, but had no military burials. Instead, their peers took up collections and sent the bodies home. Because they were not members of the U.S. military, no American flags covered the caskets, no gold stars were placed in their families' front windows.

## A VANISHING HISTORY

BY KATHLEEN M. MEILAHN, Austin Chapter

In 1944 Gen. Arnold presented a bill to Congress that would allow the WASPs to officially become military officers. But Congress turned down the bill and the WASPs were deactivated on December 20 that year. Their training records were sent to Washington, D.C., sealed, stamped "CLASSIFIED" and filed away in the government archives for more than 30 years. Consequently, the official record of WASP service to America was unknown to most WWII historians and went unrecorded in most historical accounts of WWII.

In 1977, an Air Force public relations officer wrote an article touting the fact that the Air Force had just graduated the first 10 women in U.S. history to fly military aircraft. Seeing this, the WASPs took action to gain recognition for their service and lobbied Congress for the right to become veterans.

Sen. Barry Goldwater, who had been an operations officer at one base where the WASPs were stationed, helped push the bill through. The WASPs were recognized as veterans on November 3 when the House unanimously passed the bill and the Senate approved it the next day.

The courage, commitment and sacrifice of the WASPs during some of America's darkest hours laid the groundwork for other women pilots to follow.

### WINGS ACROSS AMERICA

Deanie Parrish and her daughter Nancy are working with Baylor University on a project called Wings Across America. The goal is to videotape personal interviews with as many as possible of the more than 600 surviving WASPs. The memories collected firsthand from this vanishing resource would be placed into an interactive website. The vision is that these living histories would eventually be placed in a digital library and virtual museum to be used for educational purposes.

If you would like to help or want to know more about the WASP or Wings Across America, go to [www.wingsacrossamerica.org](http://www.wingsacrossamerica.org) or [www.wasp-wwii.org](http://www.wasp-wwii.org) or write to Wings Across America, Baylor University, PO Box 97160, Waco, TX 76798-7160.



WASP Deanie Parrish with the Austin 99s. Top row (L-R): Christine Taylor, Andrea Guerra Brown, Jeannie Shirley, Christine Gardy, Catherine Bodez, Carol Foy and Duna Martin Whatley. Bottom row (L-R): Nancy Meilahn, Becky Hempel, Deannie, Michelle Gardy, Kathleen Meilahn and Susan Witwer.



# POWDER PUFF DERBY REUNION

BY LINDY BOYES, Aloha Chapter



PPD Reunion attendees at Atlantic City Bar & Grill



PPD Reunion Chairs Clarice Bellino and Barbara Evans

The Resorts Hotel on the Boardwalk at Atlantic City, New Jersey, was headquarters for the second All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR) Reunion, October 9-13. Sixty-seven pilots and their important ground supporters—both men and women—met to once again reminisce about their experiences shared in what most remember best as the Powder Puff Derby.

The first PPD was flown in 1947 and the last in 1977. The race ended in Atlantic City in 1961 and '63 and started there in 1964 and '67. Of those present at Atlantic City this year, Pauline Glasson (Tip of Texas Chapter) holds the record for flying in the most races. Another frequent flyer present was Ilovene Potter (Greater Seattle Chapter) who was accompanied by her son David.

Fran Bera, Mission Bay Chapter, winner of seven of the AWTARs, was there, taking her victories in stride, although she certainly has earned "bragging rights."

The program included a tour to Cape May, a quaint Victorian-era town on the seashore near Cape May Point, the southernmost spot in the state. The

tour group found the historic site to be charming with its beautiful Victorian houses, many now offering accommodations as Bed and Breakfast places.

Another day offered a tour to the National Aeronautical Flight Experimental Center at the Atlantic City airport, a fascinating visit, reported those on the tour.

Various restaurants found customers in the attendees. One group nearly took over the nearby Atlantic City Bar & Grill one evening. Browsing on the famous boardwalk was convenient and salt water taffy was a "must purchase" for some as was the dropping of at least some coins in the "one-armed bandits" (although most are now push-button types without the "arm"). On another night, a similarly large and exuberant group moved in on a restaurant at the adjacent Taj Mahal for dinner.

The closing banquet featured speaker Anne Baddour (Eastern New England Chapter) who enthralled the audience with tales of her personal flying experience.

The next PPD reunion scheduled for 2002 will be held on the West Coast in San Diego, California.



Some of the attendees at the closing banquet of the Powder Puff Derby Reunion.

Photos courtesy of Ed Evans



The success of this Powder Puff Derby Reunion was due to the cooperation and hard work of a number of volunteers. These included Clarice Bellino (North Jersey Chapter) who chaired the event with Barbara Evans (Livermore Valley Chapter). Coordinators were Marian Banks Prophett (San Diego Chapter) and Pauline Mallary (North Georgia Chapter) who were assisted by Marion Andrews (Greater New York Chapter) and Peg Davidson (Connecticut Chapter).

Publicity was arranged by Sophia Payton (Florida Suncoast Chapter) and tours by Anne Shields (Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter). Decorations were provided by Valerie Dempsey (North Jersey Chapter) and a \$100 donation from that chapter. The reunion program was designed and produced by Barbara Evans' husband, Ed, and the name badges by their son-in-law, Bill Sullivan.

The PPD hospitality room at the hotel was amply supplied with snacks and bev-

erages by Barbara Harris-Para and the Garden State Chapter.

Besides those already mentioned, other participants included Chickie Alper, Von Alter, Carol Baney, Adelle Bedrossian, Joe Bellino, Janis Blackburn, Barbara Brotherton, Jan Churchill, Pat Collier, Helen Cranz, Don Davidson, June Davis, Ruth Deerman, Barbara and Everett Drake, Jo Eddleman, Nancy El-Haji, Helen Evans, Lois and Bob Feigenbaum, Esther Gardiner, Lois Goodrich, Marge Gorman, Shirley and John Hanson, Carole Hickman, Leah Higgins, Jeannine Hortman, Yvette Hortman, Evelyn Kropp, Esther Lowry, Connie Luhta, Kate Macario, Canivet Macario, Mike Macario, Pauline Mallary, Lorraine McCarty, Margaret Mead, Aileen Mellott, Helen Mennitto, Doris and Bill Miller, Ellie Odorico, Lee Orr, Maryanne and Joe Pecora, Linda Schwartz, Maisie Stears, Ellen Sutton, Carolyn Van Newkirk, Norman and Charles Vandergriff and Pat Wilson.



*Pauline Glasson holds the record for flying in the most Powder Puff Derbies—24.*



*Lindy Boyes, Barbara Evans and Marian Andrews enjoying the slots.*

The Powder Puff Derby's last hurrah 30 years after the first was in 1977. The late Kay Brick, an Air Race Board Member, recorded the history of the PPD called, "Update Powder Puff Derby Commemorative Album" and wrote the following introduction:

"Three decades ago, a little Ercoupe flew flat-out from California, hopping across the continent to a terminus in Florida, sparking race fever among women pilots. With World War II over, WASPs (Women Air Force Service Pilots) were seeking to blaze new air trails. Hopefuls hastened to obtain pilot licenses; others upgraded their skills and their equipment as the challenge grew. Enthusiasm conquered the skies!

"The first 27 years of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race were chronicled in the "Powder Puff Derby Commemorative Album" published in 1974. Conforming to a government appeal to observe a fuel shortage, the 28th PPD was canceled and

efforts were directed instead towards compiling the Commemorative Album.

"This album update completes the 30-year history of women's noble annual air classic. In addition to coverage of the final three years of the race, it contains a complete listing of all who flew it, photos of the winners, and dedicated Air Race Board members, loyal supporters, plus a host of flashbacks to complete the chronicle of *Thirty Transcontinental Sky Trails*."

In 1985, a handsome cushioned hard-cover book was published by the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, Inc. under the title of *Powder Puff Derby, The Record, 1947-1977*. This was also the effort of Kay Brick, editor, Marian Banks and Barbara Evans, assistants to the editor and Marion Andrews, art work and editorial assistant. A limited number of both the 1977 and 1985 books are available at \$20 each from Barbara Evans, 4307 Quail Run Lane, Danville, CA 94506.



*Marian Prophett and Ilovene Potter rehash old races.*



*Kate Macario, Ann Shields and Barbara Brotherton enjoy the hospitality room.*



# Lt. Col. PAM MELROY

## *takes "Discovery" to ISS... and Back*

BY CATHY HANSEN, Antelope Valley Chapter



*Discovery blasts off to International Space Station (ISS) with 99 Pam Melroy as its pilot.*

**E**ighteen Antelope Valley 99s are home again from their special journey to Titusville, Florida, to watch Space Shuttle *Discovery* lift into space with Lt. Col. Pamela Melroy, USAF, as its pilot. Unfortunately, the only two AV 99s to witness the launch in person were Nell Justice and LaDell Simmons. Chapter Chair Patricia McDuffee said, "We are very sorry to have missed it, but we are so glad we tried."

A special welcome reception arranged by Debbie Page-Wright, Director of Sales at the Kennedy Space Center Holiday Inn, and the Spaceport 99s greeted us when we arrived on Wednes-



day evening. Also there to meet us were International President Vicki Lynn Sherman, Spaceport 99s Chair Julie Oster and Marcia Gitelman of *Woman Pilot* magazine, making us feel very important!

Patricia McDuffee and her husband Tom arrived in Florida on Thursday morning with Elle and Phil Coussens. Besides my husband Al and I, other AV 99s attendees included Lynn and Les Bunn, Rosemary and Jeff Coonrod, Leigh and Randy Kelly, Nikki Lion, Linda and Ron Lunsford, Carol and Paul Reukauf, Barbara Schultz, Char Spencer, Diana Tanner, Connie Trippensee, Beverly and Dean Van der Wall, Shirley and George Williams—and Desiree Gutierrez, who flew her Stinson 108 Voyager from her home in Cashmere, Washington!

International Director Mardell Haskins from Nevada joined us for all the scheduled events planned for our AV members. Debbie at the Holiday Inn set up a wonderful VIP bus tour of the Kennedy Space Center for us, plus special entry into the Space Center visitor complex. We bought T-shirts, key chains, patches, decals—anything we could find with the Mission STS-92 emblem on it.

The launch was scheduled for October 5 at 9:49 p.m. but was delayed due to a faulty valve and a bolt that refused to retract completely. The next possible date was on Monday, the 9th, but on that day a cold front blew through Florida with winds reaching 51 mph at the launch pad.

Most of us had to go back home so we didn't get to feel the earth shake under our feet or feel the awesome power that lifted the Shuttle into orbit on Wednesday, the 11th. Instead, we watched the beautiful launch on TV. We are so proud to know Pam and we are sure she felt all of our prayers lift with her as she cleared the launch pad.

Pam is a fun, wholesome, bright, cheerful, enthusiastic and very intelligent woman—a perfect role model for students of all ages! She joined our Antelope Valley Chapter when she was stationed at Edwards Air Force Base back in 1991. Members of our chapter feel privileged to have gotten to know her when she participated in our fly-ins and other functions with our group.

The seven-member crew of STS-92 trained for this mission for three and a half years. This was about two years longer than planned due to delays in building key components of the International Space Station. (This was originally scheduled to be Mission No. 99.)





## Pam Melroy lands at Edwards AFB!

OCTOBER 24: As thousands of cheering shuttle fans watched under clear blue skies and a light breeze, Shuttle Pilot Pam Melroy landed *Discovery* straight down the 14,995-foot-long Runway 22 at Edwards AFB, NASA's alternative landing site. All in all, it was a great day for capping off this flawless 100th shuttle mission of 13 days and 5.3 million-miles to the International Space Station and back.

What a thrill! AV 99s didn't get to feel the thunderous power of the lift-off in Florida, but we heard the familiar "boom-boom" as *Discovery* slipped through the sound barrier and watched as she descended towards the long, paved runway.

As she drew closer, remarks were being made about the noise coming from the shuttle. The NASA Public Affairs Officer called out, "That's not an engine you hear; that is the shuttle moving the air out of the way."

I was lucky enough to be with the media convoy, and as I clicked off photos, I saw the landing gear lower and at 1:59 p.m., she eased onto the runway—right in front of me! The huge orange and white drag chute popped open as she rolled by, and the beautiful space vehicle came to a stop about a mile away. The media caravan consisted mostly of newspaper people and photographers, but there were some television and radio personnel as well.

*"This is just an awesome moment. We just wrapped up the two most incredible weeks of my life. I think for me, what actually capped it off was coming here to Edwards, where I spent four years of my life."*

—Lt. Col. Pamela Melroy

Shuttle Commander Col. Brian Duffy, Pilot Lt. Col. Pam Melroy and the crew must endure a two-hour post-flight physical, then NASA will hold a press conference for them. The entire crew will be flown to Kennedy Space Center.

All of the AV 99s and the local people who have worked on designing, building and caring for the shuttle will always feel that Edwards is the *primary* landing site.

A great historic flight. We are so proud of our third woman to pilot the Space Shuttle. Three cheers for Pam!



The STS-92 crew patch symbolizes the second mission to carry U.S.-built elements to the International Space Station (ISS). The black silhouette of the Space Shuttle *Discovery* is shown against the deep blue background of space in low Earth orbit. In the foreground in gray is a profile view of the ISS as it appears when the Shuttle and crew arrive, consisting of the Unity node, its two pressurized mating adapters (PMA), the Zarya functional cargo block, the Zvezda service module and the Progress cargo vehicle.

Following the Shuttle's rendezvous and docking, the ISS configuration was augmented by the two elements delivered by *Discovery*: The Z1 truss and PMA-3. These two elements, depicted in red, were installed and connected using the Shuttle's robot arm during four space walks. The multinational nature of both the STS-92 crew and the ISS are reflected in the multicolored Astronaut Office symbol.



Antelope Valley 99s at Kennedy Space Center, Florida, with space shuttle *Discovery* on launch pad in background. Standing Diana Tanner, Rosemary Coonrod, Linda Lunsford, Nell Justice, Nikki Lion, International Director Mardell Haskins, LaDell Simmons and Chapter Chairman Patricia McDuffee. Kneeling: Cathy Hansen, Dee Gutierrez, Elle Coussens, Connie Trippensee, Char Spencer and Leigh Kelly.





# FUN FLYING FOR THE FRACTIONALS

BY CHRIS HETTENBACH, Dallas Chapter

*I think that women pilots need to know there is something exciting available in addition to working for an airline.*

## CHRIS HETTENBACH

I joined the Dallas Chapter in December 1989 shortly after obtaining my private certificate. Although I had planned to get my Instrument rating and stop there, I have had so much fun I went beyond that. I was working as a registered veterinary nurse for a local veterinary hospital and continued to work there to pay for my flying lessons.

In 1992 I obtained my CFI and applied for and received an AE Scholarship for my CFII. In 1995 I received the AE Scholarship for my ATP/Citation type rating! These two scholarships were a great help in achieving my goal of becoming a commercial pilot.

I gave instruction in my free time to build enough flight time required to get to my goal. In June of 1997 I was hired into the right seat of a Lear 31A and began flying for Flexjet, a division of Business JetSolutions. I became a captain on the Lear in October of 1998, then went to school to get my type rating in the Challenger 604.

I still give flight instruction on my days off. I enjoy teaching and feel this is a way for me to give back to the aviation community.

I was having lunch with Bonita Ades, our South Central Section Governor, at a Section meeting and the topic of conversation focused on assisting our young aviators to develop a career path in the aviation industry. We decided that many of our young people are so driven to fly for a major airline that they may not be aware of the other flying opportunities available. When they don't get that coveted airline job, some become very discouraged and frustrated and lose interest in aviation altogether.

I fly a Challenger 604 for Flexjet, one of the fractional ownership programs, and I am thoroughly convinced that this is a wonderful opportunity to consider. For those who may not be familiar with fractionals, this is a type of corporate flying which is operated in a fashion similar to an airline. Companies or individuals buy shares of our corporate jets. Based on the size of the share they purchase, they can use the aircraft a specified number of hours per year. We have flight dispatchers, crew schedulers and an owner services department, among many others, who handle our owners' requests for aircraft usage, catering and ground transportation for their proposed trips.

Our fleet of 85 to 90 aircraft consists of the Learjet 31A, 45 and 60, along with the Challenger 601 and 604. In the near future, we will be adding the Global Express. We currently have more than 450 crew members, including pilots and flight attendants. We fly both domestic and international trips based on the needs of our owners. Our aircraft are brand new with state-of-the-art avionics, including EFIS and full glass cockpits in our Challenger 604s.

Our crews attend formal training every six months on the model of aircraft they are flying. We have a bid system for most of our schedules. This



Chris Hettenbach

allows us to have scheduled days off, unlike other small corporate flight departments where crews are on a pager 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We are limited to a maximum number of hours we can work in a 24-hour period and must have a required amount of rest prior to our next duty assignment.

We fly to a variety of unique places in addition to the major airports. One of the things I really enjoy about this type of flying is the personal attention we can give to our owners/passengers and the variety that each day has to offer.

All of our trips are currently being flown under FAR 91 rules. However, the FAA and several other contributors have recently written a new Part 91K, which will govern how all of the fractionals will be operated in the near future. This new regulation will be a combination of Part 91 and Part 135.

In addition, our company offers us a retirement plan, 401K, medical, dental and vision insurance coverage, a stock purchase plan with company contributions and salaries that are becoming more competitive with the airline industry.

For those who know they only want to fly for the major airlines, I say, "Pursue your dream." But for those who are looking for something a little different, check out the fractionals. The wonderful thing about aviation is the variety of opportunities it offers those who want to accept the challenge. For me, each day is a new and challenging adventure and it sure doesn't get boring. I can be reached for additional information at [chrish31@prodigy.net](mailto:chrish31@prodigy.net).



## Beverly Reich Ivy, Dallas Chapter

Ever since I was a little girl, I have been fascinated with airplanes. Much of what I've accomplished in my life stems from my father who was a pilot for American Airlines and from former 99 Sandra Simmons (the first female pilot hired by Braniff Airlines in 1974) who was my best friend's mother. I can remember being in awe of her Powder Puff Derby trophies and her 727 flight engineer cockpit study panels hanging on her doors and mirrors.



*Beverly Reich Ivy and her two children.*

After college, I became a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines in 1986. It was there that the pilots up front saw my interest in flying and encouraged me to take lessons. All my paychecks and days off went to learning to fly. And that's how I met and married my husband, also a pilot, who has cheered me all the way.

While instructing in October 1994, I landed my first Part 135 job flying freight in a DC-3 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. My first jet job was flying freight in a Falcon 20 in November 1995. I wanted to start a family so I continued flying part-time in a corporate Falcon 20.

While six months pregnant, I completed a 737 type rating to keep myself current and ready for future job market prospects. Eighteen months later, after I had my second child, I was hired by Flexjet, a fractional ownership company, to fly Lear 31s. Eleven months later, I upgraded to captain. I am very blessed to have accomplished my goals in a relatively short time.

I have been a member of the Dallas Chapter since 1994 and am grateful to the many women who opened doors so the rest of us could live our dreams. I hope I can do the same for others.

## BJ Christensen, Lake Michigan Chapter

I began my flying career at age 45 after teaching high school for 20 years. After I successfully recovered from breast cancer, I decided to complete the last of 10 goals I set when I was a senior in high school and began flying lessons at my local airport in Greenville, Michigan. It became my passion. I quit teaching, attended FlightSafety Academy in Vero Beach, Florida, and began flight instructing at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. I progressed to flying a Caravan for MidAtlantic Freight, and then a Learjet 31a for Business Jet Solutions. I also have flown 46 missions as a volunteer pilot for Wings of Mercy, which I consider the most rewarding flying.

Along the way I picked up a Citation type (CE 500) as a scholarship from SimuFlite and Women in Aviation. Many people encouraged me along the way, starting with my husband Tom to whom I've been married for 33 years. Among others were Mary Creason and the many fine women pilots in the Lake Michigan Chapter, Karen Kahn, LouAnn Gibson, Liz Clark, Ione Maxwell, Pat Andrews, Sandra McGettigan and Chris Hettenbach.

I am currently mentoring 16-year-old Sara Norconk who will soon be getting her private license. Encouraging and inspiring other women pilots is my ongoing goal. I may be reached at [beejaychristensen@aol.com](mailto:beejaychristensen@aol.com).



*BJ Christensen and her husband Tom*

## FRACTIONALS JETS

Announced at the National Business Aviation Association's 53rd annual trade show in New Orleans in October was the fact that the fractional ownership company Raytheon Travel Air, a subsidiary of Raytheon Aircraft, has ordered 50 Hawker 450s, with an option for an additional 25.

"We expect customers to recognize the incredible value this new aircraft will present," said Gary Hart, president of Raytheon Travel Air.

In addition, Raytheon Travel Air has placed an order for 22 entry-level Premier I business jets. The order is in addition to the 49 Premier I aircraft that Travel Air already has on order.

Cessna Aircraft Company has joined forces with TAG Aviation USA, Inc. in a new company called CitationShares Holding L.L.C. According to Gary Hay, Cessna's CEO, "Fractional ownership continues to emerge as the fastest growing segment of business aviation..."

This new venture, based at Westchester County Airport in White Plains, New York, will market Cessna's popular line of Citation jet aircraft to serve the rapidly expanding fractional ownership market. The Citation fleet will include the Citation CJ1 and the Citation Bravo.

## AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The AEMSF Trustees will be funding five \$1,000 scholarships to go to Future Women Pilots to aid them in completing their training for a Private license. The applicants must have 24 hours, have soloed and passed the FAA written test.

Application forms for both FWP and Career Scholarships are available from Headquarters. All contributions to both scholarships are greatly appreciated.

—Charlene Falkenberg  
AEMSF Permanent Chairman

## AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Yes! I want to help other 99s move along in their careers.

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*Make checks payable to Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund*



# NINETY-NINES ENDOWMENT FUND

BY JUDY BOLKEMA-TOKAR, Chairman



*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.

In my last article for the Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund, I gave a quick overview on its history from Portland 1997 to the present. I have been asked to start back at the beginning.

In the early 1980s, a fund was started called the "Circle of Friends." This fund was the beginning of members banding together to support the 99s financially.

In the late 80s, Anita Lewis and her husband Vic funded legal and investment research, created brochures, proposed the resolution and donated the initial investment for the "Ninety-Nines 21st Century Fund." They recognized that The 99s needed a supplemental income to support our dues-based organization. A phone-a-thon was held and members contributed to the fund.

In 1996, Lois Erickson asked Doris Abbate to study the 21st Century Fund and suggest ways to



Judy Bolkema-Tokar

make it more effective. Doris asked Mae Smith and me to help her create bylaw changes that would create an investment income fund that would mimic the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund.

We decided that a trustee-managed fund using the \$40,000-plus investments already in the 21st Century Fund as a base would be the place to start. Doris proposed bylaw changes and a resolution to the board to implement our current elected trustee-controlled fund. The resolution and bylaws which were reviewed by the board and passed in Portland in 1997 created the Ninety-Nines 21st Century Endowment Fund to be managed by five elected trustees. The membership elected five trustees in 1998.

One more bylaw change was necessary to guarantee the safety of the money you donate to this fund. This change was effected in Oklahoma City at our convention in 1999. The name of the fund was changed to "Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund" and the phrase "the principal shall remain intact, only earned income may be used by the organization" was added to Article XV of our bylaws.

The fund is now well on its way to realizing the dreams of the "Circle of Friends" and Anita and Vic's 21st Century Fund. But it needs the full support of the membership. The trustees of the Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund invite you to send a tax-deductible "Holiday Gift" to the fund.

We propose that every Chapter at their last meeting of the year 2000 ask their members to make a tax-deductible gift in any amount, \$1, \$5, \$10, \$1,000 or whatever the member can afford.

These gifts will prove that the membership is willing to support this fund. We can then go to corporate donors and say, "We have the support of our members, this organization is worthy of your help."

## 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.

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Mail contributions and pledges to

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





*AEBM from the back alley showing back fence, entrance to public restrooms, back of sun porch, state dining room (now gift shop), five windows in conservatory sun room. The upper level shows caretaker suite and two windows in bedroom where Amelia was born July 24, 1897.*

**L**ong-range planning has been a high priority topic for the AEBM Trustees in recent months. An exciting announcement is forthcoming.

Gary Grading, an international businessman, has been named as the Greater Kansas City AEBM Trustee. Former trustee Nilla Childs has moved out of the area. Please make this correction in the new *International 99s Directory*.

The AEBM and the Greater Kansas City and Northeast Kansas Chapters have been meeting bi-monthly to work on plans for the Ninety-Nines International Conference to be held in Kansas City and Atchison, July 16-21, 2002. "Celebrate the Future" is the theme.

Additional archives storage boxes have arrived and are waiting individual 99s histories, archives and Chapter information. Our part-time archivist, Chris Taylor, works with several other museums and is a

# AMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

BY MARILYN COPELAND, Chairman

past *Atchison Globe* reporter and photographer.

A new brass plaque attachment has been added to the new sign in the yard showing our open hours which are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays, 10 to 4 on Saturdays and 1 to 4 on Sunday.

The beautiful blooming petunias and geraniums in the front porch concrete flower boxes are now greeting fall and winter guests with permanent greenery of the season.



*Stan Lawson, 99 Sondra Ridgeway, Kristi Falk, Kay Baker, 99 Marilyn Copeland, Karen Seaberg and Pat Carrigan at a joint meeting with Atchison citizens on plans for the Ninety-Nines International Conference to be held in 2002.*

*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.*

*A great new 13-minute video on Amelia Earhart, The 99s and the AE Birthplace Museum is still available for use in schools and other organizations. Send \$15 (includes shipping) to Marilyn Copeland.*

## THANK YOU TO ALL FOR THESE FINE CONTRIBUTIONS

**\$1,000 or more:** Gary Grading, AEBM Trustee, Midwest Grain Products, Inc., Southwest Section

**\$400 or more:** Alabama Chapter, Birmingham Zontas and Anne George, International 99s for 1999-2000, South Central Section, Space City Chapter, Waco Cen-Tex Chapter

**Other contributions:** Marilyn Copeland in memory of John Copeland, Iris Critchfield, B. Desper, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Fort Worth Chapter, Fresno Chapter honoring Betty Marshall, Galivan Chapter, Cecile Hatfield, Indiana Dunes Chapter, Ann Kieffer, Sherry LeMaster, Madeline Monaco honoring Lois Feigenbaum, Oklahoma Chapter, Pikes Peak Chapter, Laurie Reeves, San Antonio Chapter honoring Mary Ann Greer, San Joaquin Valley Chapter, Leslie Shuster, Three Rivers Chapter, Claire L. Walters, Shirley Zillig in memory of Bonnie Gann

**Archives Donations:** Catherine Kovar, Babe Ruth

## 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 66002.

*Make checks payable to AEBM.*

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# CARAVAN TO OSHKOSH 2000

BY ABBIE FRIDDELL, Chicago Area Chapter

Photo courtesy of Dick Knapinski, EAA



The "Fast Chicks" and "Slow Chicks" meet with Tom Poberezny, EAA president.

*The list of people and organizations that helped us is quite long and we got most of them on the banner. They are all our heroes and our angels!*

**W**e did it! After months of organizing, clarifying and mollifying all the people involved—the FAA, EAA, WIA, 99s, Babes With Planes, Mooney and Bonanza pilots, website architects, EAA Chapters, AOPA and the media—we did it!

Fifteen women pilots in all kinds of airplanes flew in from all over the United States to participate in the historic first-time-ever "Women's Caravan to Oshkosh."

Our goal was to help focus some attention on women in aviation. One of the largest segments of our population is being overlooked, and we need their financial and moral support for general aviation to continue to thrive. We wanted to show that ordinary women can fly anything their heart desires. We wanted to inspire other women and give encouragement. And we wanted to share the joy!

The process started for me back in February when I got an e-mail from the organizers, Kathie

Richey and Judy Dixon, asking if I would help them organize and coordinate the FAA and EAA at Oshkosh and "would I also please be the flight leader for the 30 to 50 aircraft."

I was floored and flattered. They got my name from a mutual friend with United Airlines and it turned out that Judy and I flew together as flight attendants back in 1968! Amazing world. Their goals and enthusiasm struck a chord in my heart. In the next six months, I had to figure out how to do this.

I've organized events for large groups before, but never anything where we were spread all over the USA, and never for such a wide range of aircraft and where no one knew anyone else.

We got a lot of support, coaching and encouragement from the Mooney fly-in organizers. Wings USA in Janesville (JVL) offered us their hangar, classrooms and a buffet lunch to help support our cause—they were incredible. JVL tower had extra controllers on duty to help us get safely to the runway and in the air.

EAA Chapter 790 gave us a donation of \$55 to help pay for the banner that was on TV and in the newspaper photos. Joe Schumacher gave us lots of good advice. The list of people and organizations that helped us is quite long and we got most of them on the banner. They are all our heroes and our angels!

The FAA needed a name for the fly-in and on the spur of the moment, Kathie and Judy thought up "Chicks Flight." We wound up with 30 to 40 registrations and verbal commitments from pilots, but due to bad weather in some parts of the country, mechanical problems, illness, business, and so on, we had only 15 planes that made it. (The Bonanzas to Oshkosh flights had only nine planes their first year, so we really don't feel too bad.) Five of the planes were high performance and needed higher climb/cruise speeds, so we called them "Fast Chicks." The rest of us were known as the "Slow Chicks."

When Sunday, July 23, finally arrived, we woke to perfect weather. We had planned to cruise at 3,500 MSL to avoid Fond DuLac airspace and the ceiling was 4,500. We were hoping to depart JVL Runway 4 and arrive OSH Runway 36L and 36R and the winds were out of the north at 10 knots. Our taildraggers didn't want to handle anything more than 10 knots of crosswind, so we were all very happy. The heavens had been flooded with requests.

After two briefings that morning and all the last minute calls to OSH and MSN tower to let them know that we were on our way, I still had to pre-



flight my own plane and I was already running 30 minutes late. The pressure was intense.

We started engines and I led the parade to JVL Runway 4. As I turned 45 degrees to the right for the run-up, I looked back and there were all my "chicks" lined up behind me facing the same direction. What a sight! Alpha and Bravo groups took off first, Charlie group (the fast chicks) had a 10-minute ground delay so that they would catch up around Dodge County where I had to check in with OSH tower.

The plan worked *almost* perfectly. Charlie group never quite caught up and they also had one plane that had to turn back due to a fuel line problem. OSH tower was very helpful and understanding. Our thanks to Manny Torres and all his crew!

Everything else went fairly smooth. Only a few glitches. We learned a lot! Like don't punch in GPS direct if you really want to use VORs. (I didn't do it!)

Three miles from OSH, the tower said the magic words: "Chicks flight cleared to land." I thought, "This is it, we really did it!" All the months of work, all the frustrations and disappointments, all the time and money spent, and here we were, about to make a little bit of history. It may not be important to anyone else, but it was very important to us!

We were instructed to land long on Runways 36L and 36R. As I was rounding out for the flair, my eyes started to tear up. "I'm going to blow this landing with all these people watching," I thought. But I didn't—it was a 9.8! (Slightly left of centerline due to above-mentioned eye problem.)

After landing, we followed a car to the AeroShell West Ramp for the TV cameras, newspaper interviews and photo with Tom Poberezny. Also there to greet us were the EAA Chapter 790 Ambassadors in their red shirts with their carts. They were all lined up, standing at attention to salute us as we taxied into place. What a sight, what a surprise. I felt truly honored and thankful for such terrific friends.

We shut down our engines, deplaned and started hugging each other. We had done it and we had done it safely! I walked around all this activity in a daze with occasional eye-fog, avoiding the TV people (I looked a mess) and I have no idea what I said to the reporters.

Thanks to everyone for their support and prayers. I got to meet some of the greatest pilots and people in the USA and I hope we will stay friends for a long time. We had a blast!

*First published in Air News, the Chicago Area Chapter newsletter*



*Rita Adams and Mardell Haskins welcomed more than 300 Ninety-Nines and prospective members to The 99s' tent at AirVenture 2000.*

## **EAA/AirVenture Oshkosh 2000**

BY RITA ADAMS, EAA/AirVenture Coordinator

**A**nother great year at Oshkosh! We greeted more than 300 Ninety-Nines and prospective members. Guests dropped in from Canada, New Zealand, England, Switzerland and Germany. We signed up seven new 99s, three new Future Women Pilots and gave applications to nine others.

International Director Mardell Haskins was there the entire week and also my assistant, Loretta Sincora from my Chicago Area Chapter. We were grateful for all the other volunteers who spent hours or days helping us.

Among them were Diana Dade, Betty DeBaun, Ruth Frantz, Norma Freier, Marcia Gitelman, Annia Leschinsky, Deb Meznarsic, Coleen Moehle, Julie Murray, Linda Neumann, Ellen O'Hara, Claire Ojala, Mary Panczyszyn, Laurinda Porter, Sharon Ann Schorsch, Edith Wagner, Diane Welch and Sheneda Woods-Hoskin.

Several 99s authors—Sandra McClinton (*Lyrical Authors*), Virginia Breed (*85 and Still Alive*), Pauline Mallary (*Racing in The Skies*) were busy signing books. Other autographed books were available for sale such as Margaret Ringenberg's *Girls Can't Be Pilots* and the biography of Fay Gillis Wells, *Hidden Heroine*, by Sara Rimmerman.

Our casual breakfasts at the tent on Friday and Saturday provided lots of opportunity for camaraderie.

Activities at AirVenture 2000 ranged from the theme of speed and technology with the F-4 Phantom to NASA's Super Guppy to Earthrounders of the World—and every other aspect of aviation. The 99s are proud to be a part of it.

## **Next year at Oshkosh**

The 2001 EAA/AirVenture, Oshkosh, will be held July 25-31. For information on the event or how you can volunteer your time, please call EAA/AirVenture Coordinator Rita Adams at 847-913-0490.



# CONFERENCE 2001

## Calgary, Alberta, Canada - July 17-22

BY ROSELLA BJORNSON, Conference Chairman

### Come to Calgary!

The West Canada Section is busy planning an exciting and interesting Conference. There has been a tremendous amount of interest expressed and requests for information are being received so we are trying to answer some of your questions about what we are planning for the Conference and things to do and see around the Calgary area.

### Airline Travel

The official airline **AIR CANADA** of choice for travel to the International 99s Conference 2001 is Air Canada/Canadian Airlines, which provides service into Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Dallas/Fort Worth, Houston, New York, Miami and Orlando as well as many destinations in Canada, Europe and Asia.



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

You will be able to travel to Calgary and return anytime between July 10 and July 29. In North America, call Air Canada Meeting and Convention Travel Services at 1-800-361-7585 and give the contract number (CV475304). Air Canada will give us a substantial discount on fares. Allow at least 14 days for processing.

Other Airlines that serve Calgary are Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, British Airways, Continental Airlines, Horizon Airlines, Lufthansa Airlines, Northwest Airlines, United Airlines, West Jet, Air Transat, Canada 3000 and Royal Airlines.

### Conference Hotel

Please phone your reservation directly to the Westin Calgary Hotel at 403-266-1611 or fax 403-233-7471. There has been a problem with the toll-free 800 number printed in the last 99 News.



Westin Calgary Hotel

### Remember

Visitors to Canada must carry proof of citizenship such as a passport or birth certificate.

## SOME OF THE SCHEDULED TOURS AND SEMINARS

### TOURS

#### JULY 17 - Choice of two all-day tours

**ROYAL TYRREL MUSEUM OF PALEONTOLOGY**—Travel back in time and review the history of our 4.6-billion-year-old planet. This is a world-class museum located in Drumheller (one-hour drive from Calgary).

**REYNOLDS - ALBERTA MUSEUM AND CANADA'S AVIATION HALL OF FAME**—Take a bus (three-hour drive) or fly your aircraft to Wetaskiwin, Alberta, to see the Reynolds Museum that is conveniently built next to a runway. The Museum interprets the history of transportation, agriculture and industry in the province.

#### JULY 18 or JULY 22

**BANFF AND LAKE LOUISE**—We are planning two tours to Banff. The first one is Wednesday, July 18, which will include a barbecue at a ranch on the return from Lake Louise. The second tour on Sunday, July 22, will not be having the barbecue so you will be returning to Calgary earlier.

### SEMINARS

**FLYING THROUGH CANADA TO ALASKA**—Due to the interest expressed by some who would like to fly their aircraft to Alaska from Calgary, NAV CANADA will be presenting a two-hour briefing on the information you need to know when flying through Canada to Alaska. They will have a booth set up in the foyer to answer any questions you may have and to personalize a flight plan for you.

**PILOT DECISION-MAKING COURSE**—Transport Canada will be presenting this very interesting course on Saturday, July 21. All active pilots are encouraged to attend as the FAA has given their approval of this course and you will be given credit for it. Transport Canada will also have a booth set up in the foyer so you will be able to transfer your American pilots license and obtain a Canadian pilots license.

**LOOK FOR REGISTRATION FORMS IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY ISSUE.**



## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



*Lois Feigenbaum being congratulated by Vicki Lynn Sherman, Sue Ackley (Lois' daughter) and Bev Sharp at the Elder Statesman awards ceremony held in Washington, D.C.*

### NAA announces Elder Statesman of Aviation

One of the seven persons selected for this year's Elder Statesman of Aviation awards is a 99. Lois Feigenbaum, Cape Girardeau Area Chapter, has been a pilot for more than 38 years, dedicating her time to all aspects of aviation. She was an early female aviator in Illinois in the early 1960s who spoke at universities throughout the Midwest promoting the role of women in aviation. In 1972, she was appointed by President Nixon to the Women's Advisory Committee on Aviation and was also nominated by President Reagan for the FAA Assistant Deputy Administrator for Airports. In the 1980s, Lois was appointed by India President Gandhi as his aviation advisor for education. Lois is a past international president of The 99s.

### Women in Aerospace honors 99

Suzanna Darcy, Western Washington Chapter, a senior engineering test pilot for The Boeing Company received the "Outstanding Leadership Award," one of the highest honors given by the Women in Aerospace organization, at an awards ceremony on Capitol Hill September 26. She was one of seven women honored by the national nonprofit organization, which is dedicated to expanding women's opportunities for leadership and expanding their visibility in the aerospace community.



*Suzanna Darcy*

Suzanna has a history of firsts in her aerospace career, which began in 1974 when she joined The Boeing Company. In 1985, she became the first woman hired as a test pilot at Boeing. She also was the first woman pilot in the world to become rated as a captain on the 747-400 and 777 in 1989 and 1995.

She is currently involved in developing the two newest members of the 777 family—the longer-range Boeing 777-200 and -300, launched in February.

### Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame announces honorees

Two organizations—The Ninety-Nines and Boeing Aerospace Operations—will be recognized for their contributions to Oklahoma Aviation at a ceremony at the Omniplex in Oklahoma City on January 13, 2001.

Two 99s—Lu Hollander and Christine Lawrence, both members of the Oklahoma Chapter—will be inducted at this ceremony. Lu, executive director for The 99s, is a communications professional and has held her airman's certificate for 30 years.

Christine is a flight inspection pilot for the FAA and was one of the first women to serve as an aircraft commander. She was also the first pilot to fly tests for the Global Positioning System.

### 99 receives Master Mechanic Award

Patricia J. Hange, Florida Suncoast Chapter, received the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award at a ceremony at the Museum of Science & Industry. She is the first woman Airframe & Powerplant mechanic to receive this prestigious award.

Patricia has been in the aviation field since 1946 when she started as a "prop" girl at the Cook Cleland Airport in Ohio. She gassed airplanes, swept the hangar and started aircraft.

She soloed in 1947 and went on to obtain her airframe mechanic certificate in 1964. In addition to being an aircraft mechanic and flight instructor, she is also the manager of the Lenox Flight School at Arcadia, Florida, Airport. She is a district Designated Pilot Examiner for glider and holds an Inspection Authorization.

The award is named for Charles Taylor, the mechanic who built the engine and maintained the Wright brothers' airplane.



*Mary West, Jean Hammer, Genie Rae O'Kelley, Irene Flewellen and Rachel Pruitt in Lexington, Kentucky, on October 6 to see fellow Tennessee Chapter member Evelyn Bryan Johnson inducted in the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame.*



# MEMBERSHIP

BY ANDREA CHAY, International Membership Chairman

## NEW MEMBERSHIP BROCHURES AVAILABLE

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**H**ello, all 99s and Future Women Pilots! As your International Membership Chairman, I am looking forward to getting to know many of you over the next year or two. I have been a 99 since 1981, when I moved from Cleveland, Ohio, where I got my license, to Houston, Texas. I have served in various local offices, and now hope to do a good job as your International Membership Chairman.

Please e-mail me your successful ideas for recruiting and retaining members. I have already had some wonderful input from members through the ListServe. Please keep the e-mails simple, no attachments, as I am on unsophisticated e-mail at this point.

I am looking for someone to assist me with the FWP program. If someone out there really has a heart for the student pilot, please drop me a line.

We each need to be sure to keep in touch with the new members and encourage these newbies to participate in our activities. One suggestion I received is that each new member be paired with a long-time member who could be called on for advice and encouragement. Teaming an experienced flyer with someone just getting started may even rekindle her own love of flying or help sustain her if she is no longer flying.

I am not at Headquarters. If you have changes to membership listings, addresses, or members listed in wrong chapters, contact Headquarters at 800-994-1929 or e-mail ihq99s@cs.com.

## THE 99s WELCOME THESE 136 NEW MEMBERS and RETURNEES

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Greater Pittsburgh	Susan Thomas (C)
Hampton Roads	Carole Trump (C)
Keystone	Sally Hiestand (C)
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Old Dominion	Charlene Haskell (C), Margaret "Peggy" Doyle (M)
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Intermountain	Barbara Mayfield (C), Jonalea Tonn (M)
Mat-Su Valley	Judy Bronson (C)
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Austin	Christine Gardy (C)
Brazos River	Sandra Winfield (C), Deborah Scanlan (M)
Chaparral	Janie Floyd (C)
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Northeast Kansas	Judith Benjamin (C), Connie Troyer (M)
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Pikes Peak	Sandra Sweeney (C), Judith Myers (M)
Purple Sage	Mary Tidwell (C)
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<b>Carolinas</b>	Cynthia Basamania (C), Linda Yarborough (M)
<b>Deep South</b>	Julia "Judy" Hall (C)
<b>Embry-Riddle Daytona</b>	Antonia Ball (C)
<b>Florida Firstcoast</b>	Millie Thomas (C), Reba Ludlow (M)
<b>Florida Goldcoast</b>	Barbara Lichtiger (C), Laura Schlafly (M)
<b>Florida Gulf Stream</b>	Regina Gualano (C)
<b>Florida Spaceport</b>	Julie Oster (C), Dorothy Arnett (M)
<b>Florida Suncoast</b>	Jeanette Burklund (C), Nancy Wright (M)
<b>Foothills</b>	Carolyn Pilaar (C) (M)
<b>Kitty Hawk</b>	Loraine Hoover (C)
<b>Memphis</b>	Linda Richards (C), Margaret Lindsey (M)
<b>Mississippi</b>	Janet Green (C)
<b>New Orleans</b>	Katherine Freeman-Ryder (C)
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# **SOUTHWEST SECTION — Governor Pat Prentiss**

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<b>Bakersfield</b>	Janice Brown (C), Joan Paynter (M)
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<b>Coachella Valley</b>	Carol Hamilton (C)
<b>Coyote Country</b>	Elizabeth Cobb (C), Suzanne LeMoine (M)
<b>El Cajon Valley</b>	Noreen Crane (C), Frankie Clemens (M)
<b>Embry-Riddle Prescott</b>	Antonia Ball (C)
<b>Fresno</b>	Patricia Sani (C)
<b>Fullerton</b>	June Leach (C), Sue McNutt (M)
<b>Gavilan</b>	Josie Fydrich-Hodges (C), Harriet Brin (M)
<b>Golden West</b>	Patricia Forbes (C)
<b>Hi-Desert</b>	Joy Provart (C)
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<b>Inland Empire</b>	Peggy Temple (C)
<b>Jackson Gold Dust</b>	Joyce Farrell (C), Dorothy Benker (M)
<b>Lake Tahoe</b>	Alanna McClellan (C), Laverna Marshall (M)
<b>Las Vegas Valley</b>	Mardell Haskins (C), Verba Moore (M)
<b>Livermore Valley</b>	Barbara Evans (C)
<b>Long Beach</b>	Mary McNeil (C), Jacquie Sprague (M)
<b>Los Angeles</b>	Dorothy Limbach (C), Doris Robertson (M)
<b>Marin County</b>	Cindy Pickett (C), Barbara O'Grady (M)
<b>Mission Bay</b>	Annelie-Susanne Brinkman (C) (M)

<b>Monterey Bay</b>	Theresa Levandoski (C), Donna Crane-Bailey (M)
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<b>Mt. Shasta</b>	Barbara Crooker (C), Lois Erickson (M)
<b>Orange County</b>	Colleen Handrahan (C), Adrienne O'Brien (M)
<b>Palms</b>	Deborah Nellis (C)
<b>Palomar</b>	Ellyn Williams (C), Stacy Wile (M)
<b>Phoenix</b>	Judy Yerian (C), Ann Brown (M)
<b>Placer Gold</b>	Bettie Hargan (C)
<b>Redwood Coast Flyers</b>	Sally Biggin (C), Dana Dumont-Tribolet (M)
<b>Reno Area</b>	Kathrynne McPherson (C), Tricia Baker (M)
<b>Reno High Sierra</b>	Kay Marble (C), Ann Rodewald (M)
<b>Rio Colorado</b>	Tookie Hensley (C)
<b>Sacramento Valley</b>	Lucille Sakakihara (C)
<b>San Diego</b>	Dorothy Norkus (C)
<b>San Fernando Valley</b>	Helene Krongold (C)
<b>San Gabriel Valley</b>	Diane Hershkowitz (C), Virginia Harmer (M)
<b>San Joaquin Valley</b>	Patricia Titus (C)
<b>San Luis Obispo Cty</b>	Sally Brisbin (C), Elizabeth Dinan (M)
<b>Santa Barbara</b>	Susan Chapple (C), Karen Kahn (M)
<b>Santa Clara Valley</b>	Marjorie Johnson (C), Barbara Murren (M)
<b>Santa Maria Valley</b>	Charlotte Johnson (C), Diane Pirman (M)
<b>Santa Rosa</b>	Barbara Shubel (C), Judith Knaute (M)
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<b>Siskiyou</b>	Grace Greenwalt (C), Virginia Raffaelli (M)
<b>Sutter Buttes</b>	Audra "Willa" Young (C), Mary Foster (M)
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<b>Tulare-Kings</b>	
<b>Utah</b>	Betty Manwaring (C), Anita Lewis (M)
<b>Ventura County</b>	Carol Vautin (C), Pat Thomas (M)
<b>Yavapai</b>	Marilyn Urban (C) (M)

# **WEST CANADA SECTION — Governor Mary Lee Burns**

<b>Alberta</b>	Bonnie Calwell (C), L. Edith Zak (M)
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<b>Canadian Rockies</b>	Roberta Baker (C)
<b>Manitoba</b>	Jeanne Allan (C)

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## Welcome to the new Brazilian Section

By Mardell Haskins, International Director

Immediate Past President Beverley Sharp and I traveled to sunny Brazil on August 22 to meet with more than 30 Brazilian women pilots at Varig Airlines facilities in Sao Paulo.

The meeting was the culmination of a year's worth of working with Kalina Comencho, whose husband, Capt. Silvio Comencho, is a senior pilot with Varig Airlines. Varig has 17 women pilots and has been very supportive and generous with all the women pilots' efforts to get this group organized. Seven members committed to join originally. After Bev and I explained the goals, benefits and the history of The 99s, 14 more joined. Then Bev and I each sponsored a member which brought the total to 23!

After a lovely semi-formal meal at a nearby restaurant, Past President Sharp presided over a very beautiful candlelight chartering ceremony installing Kalina as Governor, Teresa Parnes as Vice Governor, Lea DePaulo as Secretary, Marina Deluqui as Treasurer and Carla Roemmler and Andrea Mion as Directors.

The meeting closed with a few words from Capt. Reit, former Flight Operations Director at Varig Airlines. Capt. Reit was instrumental in hiring Carla as the first woman airline pilot in Brazil nine years ago, opening the door for other women to be hired as airline pilots.

At an earlier organizational meeting, the Brazilian women pilots decided not to divide their resources and time with both a Brazilian Women Pilots organization and a 99s Section, but chose instead to devote all their time and energy to making a 99s Section successful.

We are proud they chose to join with us. I hope you will all welcome them and offer any help they may need to achieve their personal and organizational goals.

Two of the highlights of my trip were being able to fly the 747 simulator and flying back to the United States with Capt. Comencho.



*Seated: Lea De Paulo, Section Secretary and Gabriela Duarte. Second row: Elaine Costa, Gisele, guest; Claudia Falaschi; Liamara Tamiso, guest; Elias De Rossi; Jacqueline Guglielmi, guest; and Adilia Taveres. Third row: Simone Vaz; Marcia Gallucci, guest; International Director Mardell Haskins; Teresa Parnes, Section Vice Governor; Immediate Past President Beverley Sharp; Katia Santana, guest; Roberta Andrade, Marina Deluqui, Section Treasurer. Fourth row: Capt. Reit; Kalina Comencho, Section Governor. Thais Terassovich; and Geisa Miranda. Standing: Patricia Melo, Lara Eliasquevici, Silvia Freneda, Angelica Mrozinski, guest; and Kelie Dewulski, guest. Not pictured: Andrea Mion, Section Director (taking picture); Carla Roemmler, Section Director; Sandra Coelho; Maria Luiza Padilha; Ecila Castro; and Fernanda Portela.*

## NORTH CENTRAL SECTION FALL MEETING

All-Ohio Chapter hosted the North Central Section Fall Meeting in Columbus, Ohio, September 22-24. We had 16 chapters represented by the 67 Ninety-Nines and one Future Woman Pilot. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and only six planes were able to fly in.

Director Elaine Morrow represented the International Board and informed us on the set-up at Headquarters with the new computer system.

At Friday night's social gathering, a very enjoyable and interesting game of Jeopardy was played and Saturday morning all were up early for a buffet breakfast before attending an informative forum that was fol-

lowed by our business meeting.

The invocation was given by past governor Nelda Lee. Governor Moore kept the meeting moving and a lot of business was discussed. For one thing, a decision was made to start a North Central Section Perpetual Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship! Lunch was followed by a tour of the city and COSI Museum.

Our dinner speaker was decorated flyer Luther Feathers, a charming and entertaining gentleman who told about his WWII experiences. Dinner was followed with listening and/or dancing as the Samuelson Big Style Band played some great old tunes. A wonderful weekend!

—Charlene Falkenberg  
Illiana Cardinals Chapter



*Shirley Allen, Lettice Curtis and Aileen Egan at White Waltham Airfield near London, U.K.*

## FIRST CANADIAN

One of my priorities on a recent trip to England was to see the new Women in Aviation Exhibition at Brooklands, Surrey. It didn't disappoint. Compact, but colourful and well presented. I had more than just a casual interest as we are putting together a similar venue in Canada at the Toronto Aerospace Museum (the old deHavilland facility) at Downsview Airport.

Another highlight was lunch with 99s British Governor Aileen Egan at the White Waltham Airfield, and a nostalgic look back in time at the old WWII British Training Centre for the Air Transport Auxiliary. We chatted with Lettice Curtis who wrote the book, *The Forgotten Pilots*. She was one of the few women ATPs qualified to ferry four-engine bombers during the war.

It was encouraging to see that general aviation was alive and well at a small aerodrome in England in spite of the inhibiting costs and restrictions on flying. —Shirley Allen





*Old Dominion Chapter members Jann Thompson, RJ McGlasson, Linda Weikhorst, Morgen Reeb and Peggy Doyle at Girl Scout Day at the National Air & Space Museum*



*Old Dominion Chair Charlee Haskell, Vice Chair Kim Blair and Treasurer Seth Houseknecht at College Park Air Fair sharing the love of flying with spectators.*

## NORTHWEST SECTION

Our Fall Section Meeting in Seattle, Washington, in August was hosted by the Mt. Tahoma and Western Washington Chapters. Speakers were Suzanne Darcy-Henneman, a senior test pilot for 777s, Linda Morrison from Northwest Airlines and Judy Redshaw, our Safety Chairman, who has instructed pilots on 777s and who developed leadership courses for Boeing. —*Betty Prakken*  
*Columbia Cascade Chapter*

## FULLERTON

We had eight aircraft and several ground personnel on hand for Airport Day on September 9. We sold airplane rides to about 137 adults and

children, many of them flying for the very first time. Everything ran very smoothly, and at the end of the day, we had received \$2,900 in donations for our chapter. A successful event.

—*Denise Jennings*

## WOMEN WITH WINGS

Donna and Carol Kitzmiller flew in Donna's Cessna 210 to the New York Finger Lakes, where they toured the wineries and enjoyed the landscape. While Donna was flying in the Buckeye Air Rally, 15 Women with Wings were at Marion, Ohio, flying gliders. —*Jerry Fral*

## HAMPTON ROADS

We are a small chapter but we

are very busy. In addition to attending several safety seminars, we had our own seminar for members and their 49 1/2s. We have helped with several Young Eagles flights. At the Confederate Air Force/Hampton Roads Airport Appreciation weekend, we had a booth where we sold raffle tickets for a Texaco model vintage aircraft and visors with airplane motif as chapter fundraisers.

We've had fly-ins to Manteo, North Carolina, to Wakefield where we lunched at the Virginia Diner and to Richmond for a tour of the Virginia Aviation Museum.

At our installation dinner, a \$1,000 scholarship was presented to Kimberly Blair of Leesburg which

she is using for a commercial rating; her goal is to fly with the airlines.

In addition to several members helping with judging spring and fall Region 10 competitions for NIFA in Virginia, Carole Trump, Edith Fischer and Linda and Joe Mathias went to Grenada, Mississippi, to help judge at the national NIFA SAFECON.

Linda Mathias, a federal examiner, who has added Soaring Instructor to all her fixed wing ratings, flew her C180 with 49 1/2 Joe to the Women's Soaring Seminar at Air Sailing in Reno in July and had two flights above 15,000 feet, her first time using oxygen. —*Joan Brackett*



*Peter Murray, Patty Murray, Beverley Allen and Colleen Handrahan at Big Bear Air Fair 2000.*

## ORANGE COUNTY

Our chapter was well represented at the Big Bear Air Fair 2000 held at Big Bear Airport. Many attendees stopped by our 99s booth to admire and ask about our display of enlarged photos of early women aviation pioneers. Our 99s handouts were popular. They included aviation-themed NASA posters, children's aviation paintbooks and puzzles, fresh-picked apples and 99s-labeled bottles of water.

Patty and Peter Murray's Cessna 310 won an award for the Best

General Aviation Aircraft. Other airplanes on static display were a B-25, Ford Tri-Motor, DC-3, P-51 Mustang and F4U Corsair. Our members were enthusiastically assisted by Kim Ernst of Fullerton Chapter and Fran Bera of Mission Bay Chapter.

The Center Club, whose members are leaders in the Orange County community, honored our chapter and The 99s by inviting our member and Southwest Section Governor Pat Prentiss to tell their members about The 99s at a public affairs committee luncheon. At the last minute, Pat was called out of town and Vicky Anderson graciously stepped in to save the day.

Vicky is a systems analyst at John Wayne Airport and also teaches private ground school at Saddleback College. She is one of our most ardent supporters and dedicated members. She related to The Center Club members some of the history of The 99s and our mission and goals and how and why we engage in fundraising. Other OC members attending were Letty Bassler, Thon Griffith, Countess Jeffries, Patty Murray, Lianne Oakes, Brandy Raphael, Shirley Tanner and Eleanor Todd. —*Mary Van Velzer*



*Vicky Anderson speaking about The 99s at the Center Club in Orange County.*





Showing off their awards at the SWS meeting in May: Eileen Gay, Lynn Meadows, Sue Ward, Kay Lynn Marble, Melissa McKinley, Candy Whitfield, Ellie Compardo, Joan Hubbard, Annie Rodewald, Maryan Tooker, Traci Leider, Deb Richied, Nancy Humphries and Pam Smith.

### RENO HIGH SIERRA

Our Chapter hosted the first Section meeting of the new millennium for Southwest Section, which was attended by more than 150 women pilots and 50 of their guests. During the awards presentation, our chapter received the APT trophy for the third straight year and also the third place Aerospace Education award.

Seminar speakers were Wally

Earhart (a cousin of Amelia's); Cmdr. Gerry Gallop of Top Gun, NAS Fallon; and banquet speaker Dave Cronin, the retired United Airlines pilot who safely returned Flight 531 out of Hawaii bound for Auckland when the plane lost a cargo door in 1989.

An optional trip to Virginia City—of Comstock Lode fame—was also offered.—Lynn Meadows

### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Dianne Fredrick, Virginia Harmer, Kathy Malinski and I sat on a panel at the Ladies Night at the Brackett Airport Association meeting in October. The discussion topic was on ways women in the BAA can be active in general aviation, although most of the 30 attendees were not pilots.

We talked about going to elementary schools or high schools and helping with tours at the local airports. We also discussed the activities of The 99s, particularly our Chapter's activities such as airmarking, flying companion seminars and the support and encouragement we give to each other.

—Judee Wilson

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### COACHELLA VALLEY

Our chapter is 51 years old! We celebrated with a birthday party on September 23 and were joined on this joyous and memorable occasion by Claire Walters from the Palms Chapter and Faye Douthitt from the Imperial So-Lo Chapter. As part of the celebration, our Chapter presented Claire with a donation for the 99s Museum of Women Pilots.

Also flying in to join the celebration were Imperial So-Lo Chapter Chairman Mari Hurley and Phyllis Westcott who with Faye presented the Chapter with a beautiful personalized album.

We were fortunate to have as our guest Southwest Section Governor Pat Prentiss who filled us in on the Palms to Pines Air Race to Oregon in which she participated. As always, Pat was delightful, informative, very enthusiastic and encouraged us to participate next year in this fun race.

—Carol Hamilton

## AIRMARKING



Sequim Valley Airport gets huge letters painted on the taxiway.

### GREATER SEATTLE

Chapter members airmarked the Sequim Valley airport, a work in progress since last September when it had to be postponed because of high winds. Sequim (pronounced "skwim") means "calm water" in local Indian language. The airport's taxiway to the tarmac is now painted in big bold 20-foot-tall white letters spread to 200 feet wide, making the airport visible from 4,000 to 5,000 feet in the sky.

The project required four five-gallon buckets of special reflective highway paint procured from Seattle-based Alpine Industries; eight gallons of paint thin-

ner, six paint rollers, four paint trays and chalk for outlining the letters. The *Sequin Gazette* chose the airmarking story to use as its front page feature story in its August 9 newspaper.

Ninety-Nines from Everett and Seattle flew in to help with the painting. Helen Parke, a 99 who lives at the Crest Air residential air park in Kent, helped roll out the letters. She is a recently retired air traffic division manager from the FAA. She says she likes being a member of The 99s because it keeps her involved with other pilots and she meets a lot of interesting people.

—Marian Hartley

**NOTAM:** The FAA has issued an update to their "Standards for Airport Markings." Advisory Circular AC 150/5340-1H can be obtained by sending a self-addressed mailing label to DOT, M-443.2, Utilization and Storage Section, Washington, D.C. 20590. It is also downloadable from the FAA website.

## TOUCH & GO'S

- **Diane Bartels**, *Nebraska Chapter*, wrote a book, *Sharpie*, which provided the basis for a television documentary about WAFS/WASP pilot Evelyn Sharp on a statewide public TV network program in Nebraska in September.

- **Elizabeth Clark**, *Big Muddy Mississippi Chapter*, was awarded a Challenger 604 type rating scholarship from Bombardier and Women in Aviation International at NBAA in New Orleans.

- **Carin Counihan**, *Greater Seattle Chapter*, who received a scholarship from ISA for her CFI, is now living in Fairbanks, Alaska, where she is going to ground school for the Navajo with Frontier Flying Service.

- **Marsha Hunter**, *Minnesota Chapter*, graduated with distinction from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a master's of aeronautical sciences degree in human factors.

- **Nancy McGinnis**, *Tennessee Chapter*, has been hired by Continental Express.

- **JoEllen Peters**, *Minnesota Chapter*, has earned a PIV Hawker type rating.



## RACES & RALLIES

### OKIE DERBY

The 22nd annual Okie Derby sponsored by the Oklahoma Chapter and chaired by Michelle Green and Erin Arwood had a record-setting number of 46 planes entered and 43 competing on August 18-19. The route for this world's largest proficiency air rally was Wiley Post to Hennessey to Vici and back to Wiley Post.

The Spartan School of Aeronautics registered seven entries, Oklahoma State University/Tulsa registered six and Oklahoma University registered two. These collegiate entries raised the level of enthusiasm for everyone flying and working in this year's event.

First Place and Best Collegiate Team was Alvin Mizner and Kelly Gawrys from Spartan. They also had the Best Fuel Estimate and Alvin was the Best First Time Racer.

Second Place and Best 99 was Jessica Schmidt with copilot Erin Arwood. Best Out-of-

State Racer award went to Tommy and Marilyn George (Kansas Chapter) who garnered first place two years ago. Best Speed Estimate was veteran Okie Derby competitor Ron Perciful.

At the awards banquet, 1987 Okie Derby Scholarship winner Stephanie Horton and her husband John presented a check for \$1,000 to the Okie Derby Sponsorship and Scholarship Fund as a thank you to the Oklahoma Chapter 99s. Stephanie did not fly in the Okie Derby the year she won the scholarship, but had accepted a ride with John Horton, which turned out to be love at first flight. They married and now have an 11-year old daughter. The Hortons have returned several times to compete in the Okie Derby. This race is not only fun for pilots, but tests their piloting skills and their knowledge of the capabilities of the airplanes they fly.

Two Okie Derby Wings of the Future Scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded—one to



*Okie Derby Scholarship winners: Stephanie Solberg, Stephanie Horton and Erin Arwood*

Erin Arwood whose goal it is to become a pilot for Southwest Airlines, and one to Stephanie Solberg, who wants to pilot transatlantic flights for a major airline.

—Carol Sokatch, Oklahoma Chapter

### PALMS-TO-PINES

Thirty single-engine airplanes took off from Santa Monica Airport on Friday, August 11, under beautiful, clear blue skies for the 31st Palm-to-Pines Air Race for women pilots.

This year marked the much-anticipated return to Bend, Oregon, as the terminus for the race, which has terminated in Prineville, Oregon, for the past three years.

Friday's two timed fly-bys were at Merced and then Red Bluff, where racers remained overnight. The race continued on Saturday morning from Red Bluff to Prineville for timing purposes only and then on to Bend, where trophies were presented on Sunday morning.

Fran Bera and C.J. Strawn in a Piper Comanche won the race. Second place went to Barbara Crooker and Susan Pridmore in a Cessna 182 and third place was taken by Dene Chabot-Fence and Gloria May in their Piper Cherokee.

The Palms Chapter puts on the race, chaired by Claire Walters of Santa Monica. Race coordinators were C.J. Strawn, Cecilia Weldon, Robin Becker and me.

Some racers were first-timers, holding new private pilot certificates in hand, while others were veteran race pilots with thousands of hours logged as flight instructors, corporate pilots or airline flight officers. There were three mother/daughter teams this year. The weather was the best it has been in years—and everyone had a great time.



*Palms-to-Pines first place winners Fran Bera and C.J. Strawn with D.J. Nellis in the middle*



*Barbara Crooker and Suann Prigmore, Mt. Shasta Chapter, with second place trophies in Palms-to-Pines*

San Joaquin Valley Chapter handled the Merced Airport timing and hospitality and Mt. Shasta Chapter took the timing task for Red Bluff. Crater Lake handled timing at Bend, Oregon. Lots of other 99s were involved in helping us which was very much appreciated.

—D.J. Nellis, Palms Chapter

### COYOTE COUNTRY POKER RUN

The 10th Coyote Country Annual Poker Run held September 30 had 37 participants. The event brought proceeds of \$1,042 for the Chapter scholarship fund. Participants stopped at five airports to pick up their poker hands. Murray Goodrich and his wife Margrit were among those taking part in the poker run. They flew in a plane they had used for a round-the-world tour last year.—Kathryn Buckman

### BUCKEYE AIR RALLY

The 25th annual Buckeye Air Rally, sponsored by the All-Ohio Chapter, was held at Fremont, Ohio, on August 11-13. There were five chapters and two sections represented. Section Governor Donna Moore flew with Future Woman Pilot Sue Conrad as her copilot. Donna won the spot landing contest with a scant six feet off the marker!

The Fremont Mayor proclaimed August 12 "Aviation Day" in honor of The 99s and the rally.

—Marge Hazlett

### SUNFLOWER RALLY

On September 22, the weather in Wichita, Kansas, was so poor that a few airplanes could not get in for the Friday evening pilot briefing and on Saturday, instead of improving, the ceiling got lower. Seventeen members of Spartan Aviation out of Tulsa, Oklahoma, were there, and in spite of doing the rally on the ground, they still seemed to have a

good time. Plan B was to launch at one o'clock on Saturday but when that failed, Plan C was implemented. All contestants were given race sheets and made wild guesses for the answers. Then everyone made their own design of paper airplanes and test flew and proved their design with a paper airplane spot landing contest following.

At 4 o'clock, everyone gathered for fun, chatting and hangar flying at Janet Yoder's hangar where we had our catered dinner.

—Jackie Sauder, Kansas Chapter

### CATBIRD 500 AIR DERBY

Seven teams showed up out of the 10 who registered for the Catbird 500 Air Derby held in Louisville, Kentucky, on October 14.

First place in the proficiency race was won by Jackie Siegel, North Jersey Chapter, and Esther Grupenhagen, Greater St. Louis Chapter. They also won Best EAA Team. Becky Hemple and Toni Emerson—both of the Austin Chapter—placed third in the proficiency race and second in the speed race.

—Sylvia Hall

Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter

### NOTAM

Orders for the video of the 99s Conference in San Diego are still being accepted. Send \$15 (includes s&h) to Virginia Harmer, 8627 Banyan, Alta Loma, CA 91701.



## NEW HORIZONS

**MICKEY CHILDRESS**, longtime member of the Tennessee Chapter, died of cancer on October 18. She was a member of the University of Tennessee Basketball Hall of Fame.

—Evelyn Bryan Johnson  
Tennessee Chapter

**MARY ANN GREER**, Charter Member of the San Antonio Chapter and life member of The 99s, died July 24 at the age of 93 in San Antonio, Texas. Mary Ann began flying in 1940 in a Piper Cub, then a Culver Cadet, a Luscombe and a Cessna. She organized the San Antonio Chapter of the Texas Wing of Women Fliers. She tried to join the WASPs and ferry airplanes for the military, but there was a height requirement of 5 foot-2 inches, and she didn't quite make it.

She was Governor of the South Central Section in 1947 and later became International Vice President. She worked diligently to organize the San Antonio Chapter which was chartered in 1957. Not only was she active in 99s activities but she supported her husband John's involvement in the OX-5, organizing many reunions and arranging for Blanche Noyes and Louise Thaden to be guest speakers when OX-5 met in San Antonio.

She was also a successful business woman at the Standard Trust Company and her experience and contacts with the *San Antonio Express* gained the Chapter a tremendous amount of press when she served as our publicity officer.

—Alice Foeh  
San Antonio Chapter

**BETTY MARSHALL**, Fresno Chapter, died peacefully on September 22 after a four and a half year battle with ovarian cancer. She was instrumental, along with others, in starting the Fresno Chapter. We remember Betty for her humorous life stories. Her loving, thoughtful and gracious spirit touched many lives. —Shirley Boling, Fresno Chapter

**Richard Campbell**, 49 1/2 of Dorothy Campbell, El Cajon Valley Chapter, passed away on August 21. He was born in Texas, a graduate of Texas A&M, and joined the service at the start of WWII. As an engineer, with A&P and MEI, he was able to assist us with his many talents. After moving to Indiana and selling their plane, Dick restored two antique Fords. A sad loss to Dottie and his many friends.

—Frankie Clemens  
El Cajon Valley Chapter

*Betty Alair and Shirley Winnop Lehr, both of the Sacramento Valley Chapter, took their final flight to New Horizons together on Sunday, October 15, shortly after taking off from Monterey Peninsula Airport after the Southwest Section Fall Meeting. —Pam O'Brien, Monterey Bay Chapter*

**BETTY ALAIR** did her flight training and had well over 2,000 hours in the Beech Debonair she owned with her husband, Neil. Throughout her flying career, she piloted her plane all over the United States with her family. In her own words, she flew "for the feeling of freedom and pure joy of being aloft...."

She was a member of the Sacramento Valley 99s since 1974. Over the years she has held many chapter offices, including Membership, Airmarking and, most recently, Chapter Chairman as well as being on the Nominating Committee for the SW Section.

Betty worked on the 1976 PPD start in Sacramento and several Palms to Pines stop-overs in Red Bluff. She often flew her Debonair to SW Section Meetings and International Conventions throughout the United States.

Betty was an active member of the flying community. She participated in educational seminars, community speaking programs on aviation and put together the first "Air Fair" at Sacramento Executive Airport.

She is survived by her husband, three children and grandchildren.



Betty Alair

**SHIRLEY WINNOP LEHR**, through her tireless efforts in the field of aviation, was an inspiration to anyone lucky enough to make her acquaintance. She loved to fly and shared this enthusiasm as a 99 at all levels.

Shirley was well on her way to becoming an elementary school teacher when the flying bug bit. After starting college, she married Ernie and soon found herself in Europe as the wife of an airman. Later, they settled in Sacramento just around the corner from the Sacramento municipal airport.

She started flying in 1966 when her husband gave her lessons as a birthday present. She had her private certificate the following summer, completed her commercial and instrument rating and then an instructor certificate and multiengine ratings. In 1980, she was appointed an FAA aviation safety specialist until her retirement in 1994.

Shirley joined the Sacramento Valley Chapter in 1967 and held numerous offices including two stints as chairman. She was awarded the chapter's "Woman Pilot of the Year" in 1973 and 1991 and served on the Southwest Section Board as a Director (1998) and Nominating Committee Chairman (1996). Most recently, she was the chapter newsletter editor and was the SW Section Flying Activities Chairman.

She flew the Powder Puff Derby in 1971, 1972 (solo), 1973 and 1976, the Palms to Pines Race (solo) in 1971 and copiloted two Pacific Air Races.

She is survived by her husband, two sons and five grandchildren.



Shirley Winnop Lehr

## BOOKS

*Speaking of Flying* by Diane Titterington, Orange County Chapter, is a collection of personal tales of heroism, humor, talent and terror related by 44 unique aviators. Four of them—Julie Clark, Maj. Deanna Brasseur, Wally Funk and Karen

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## LETTERS

I JUST LOOKED AGAIN at your last issue of The 99 News (for about the eighth time). The cover design made such a strong statement and the stories inside were so inspiring!

—Vicky Anderson  
Orange County Chapter

THANK YOU SO MUCH for the excellent article about the International Forest of Friendship. Hope you can come again June 15, 16 and 17 in 2001.

The pictures and layout of the 99s airlines pilots was the best I have ever seen. Thanks.

—Fay Gillis Wells

THE LAST ISSUE of the 99 NEWS magazine was outstanding

—Pat Prentiss  
Orange County Chapter

ON THE FRONT PAGE of the September 28, 2000, issue of the New Jersey *Star Ledger*, there is a wonderful story about Fay Gillis Wells who was speaking at a senior citizen complex in Lakewood, New Jersey. This amazing grand dame of aviation related her exploits to the fascinated audience. Then at the age of 91, she went to Lakewood airport where she was taken up in a Cessna 182 Skylane.

Following takeoff, Ms. Wells took over the controls and flew for the first time since 1960. The photos in the article of Ms. Well next to

an aircraft at the old Curtiss Flying Service in Valley Stream, New York—so young and with a big grin—and the one of her sitting in the cockpit of the Cessna with that same exuberant grin touched my heart.—Tim O'Connor

THE JULY/AUGUST 2000 issue was terrific. This issue is of interest to everyone, not just 99s, and that is what makes this magazine so important. I am involved as a docent for the County of Orange at John Wayne/SNA Airport. The first six months of this year we have toured 2,378 participants.

I plan to make copies of the article "Ninety-Nines Fly the Airlines" to give out, not just to girls, but to all the children. The individual stories by the airline pilots give hope to all young people who want a career in aviation. This issue is a real "keeper."

—Eleanor Todd  
Orange County Chapter

THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE is great, truly a labor of love. Had a party this evening and everyone passed it around all night. There are often aspiring young pilots on my flights, wanting to hear the stories—and you have them all right here. Thanks for the work of art.

—Angela Masson  
Florida Gulf Stream Chapter

## GENERAL AVIATION NEWS

THE SEPTEMBER ISSUE of *Air News*, the Australian Women Pilots Association's magazine, features 99 Nancy Bird-Walton on the cover. The organization celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. It was formed with 49 inaugural members and now has approximately 500. Says Nancy: "My greatest satisfaction is to see the friendships that have been created between these women and the support they have given to one another."

The 51st Annual AWPAC Conference will be held from Wednesday, March 28, to Sunday, April 1, 2001. It is preceded by the 2nd Asia Pacific Women In Aviation Conference March 25-28.

AIRLINE PILOT HIRING remains strong. October's 1,840 new jobs brought the total for the year to 16,444. The forecast by AIR, Inc. predicts that will rise to 19,718 new pilot jobs by the end of the year.

OUTLOOK IS GOOD for the aircraft industry. More and more people are accepting and using jets as tools to expand their businesses. The number of new business jets delivered to customers is expected to peak at 744 this year, according to a forecast by Honeywell Aerospace released at a news conference before the National Business Aviation Association's 53rd annual trade show in New Orleans, Louisiana, in October.

Raytheon announced its eighth new business jet, the Hawker 450, and two other business jets—the Premier I and Hawker Horizon—are in the final stages of the development process.

Cessna has launched four new business jet models in the past two years. Dassault Falcon Jet is also adding a new business jet model, the Falcon 2000EX.

Deliveries of the Learjet 45 have doubled over this time last year. The big question is: Where are they going to find the pilots to fly these new jets?

THE WOMEN'S MUSEUM: An Institute for the Future is now open in a 90-year-old art deco structure at Dallas Fair Park. By depicting the struggles of the past, the \$30 million project melds architectural history with high-tech exhibits to show young girls their future can be whatever they can dream. "We want to convey the message that if you work hard enough and believe in yourself, you can accomplish any great endeavor," says museum founder Cathy Bonner.

You can visit their website at <[www.thewomensmuseum.org](http://www.thewomensmuseum.org)>.

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