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On The Cover

Exciting Atlantic City, home of the famed boardwalk, will host this year's International Conference on July 6-11. Special events are planned for the conference, which marks the 75th anniversary of The Ninety-Nines. Tours, 49½ outings and a side trip to NYC will make this a most memorable conference. See page 8 for details.

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PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2004

MARCH

11-13 WAI Conference, NV. Visit The 99s Booth. www.wai.org.

13-17 Whirly Girls at HAI HeliExpo, Las Vegas, NV. Hovering on Sunday, March 14. Contact: www.whirly-girls.org. or HAI www.rotor.com.

18-20 Spring Board of Directors Meeting (travel days on March 17-21), Hilton Garden Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK. Meeting open to all who wish to attend. Contact Liz at Headquarters for more information, 405-685-7969.

20 Northwest Section Winter Board Meeting, Kennewick Red Lion, Kennewick, WA (across from the Columbia Center Mall). Hotel pickup at Tri-Cities Airport in Pasco, WA. Business meeting 8 a.m. to noon. Special activity planned for the afternoon at LIGO Observatory.

29-Apr 9 Around New Zealand Air Race 2004. Starting on the North Island and ending on the South Island, New Zealand.

APRIL

1 99 News Deadline – May/June issue

13-18 3rd Asia Pacific Women in Aviation Conference, Taupo, New Zealand. Contact: Pamela Adams, email pamadams@ihug.co.nz, Phone 64-3-445-1971, www.nzawa.org.nz.

13-19 Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida. WASP/ Tuskegee/99 luncheon on Thursday. Contact Barbara Sierchio for reservations, 727-347-8045, www.sun-n-fun.org.

16-17 Spring Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting. Holiday Inn Olde Towne, Portsmouth, Virginia. Contact: Edith Fischer, Chairman, Hampton Roads Chapter, 757-877-4127 or ecf99@msn.com.

MAY

14-16 Spring Southwest Section Meeting, Mesa, AZ. Lori Elam, 623-939-1282, www.sws99s.org.

JUNE

1 99 News Deadline – July/August issue.

23 Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative application deadline. For further information, go to www.ninety-nines.org/careers/mentoring.html or contact Laura Smith, PPLI Program Leader, at mentoring@ninety-nines.org.

18-20 International Forest of Friendship, Atchison, KS.

25-27 Southern Wisconsin Airfest, Janesville Wisconsin. Contact: swairfest.org

JULY

6-11 2004 International Conference. Diamond Anniversary of The Ninety-Nines in Atlantic City, NJ. Sheraton Atlantic City, hosted by the New York/ New Jersey Section. For more information contact Barbara H. Para at 609-965-4824 or bhpara@att.net.

AUGUST

1 99 News Deadline – Sept/Oct issue.

SEPTEMBER

9-12 Northwest Section Meeting, Port Angeles, WA, hosted by the Greater Seattle Chapter.

16-18 Powder Puff Derby Reunion combined with Silver Wings Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

30-Oct 1 Women Airforce Service Pilots WWII (WASP) Reunion, Williamsburg, Virginia. Contact: Shutsy Reynolds, email: shutsy@sgi.net.

OCTOBER

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7-9 National Business Aviation Association (NBAA), Orlando/Orange County Convention Center (ORCC), Orlando, Florida. Contact: www.nbaa.org.

15-17 North Central Section Meeting, South Bend, IN hosted by Indiana Dunes Chapter. Contact Christine Murdock, 574-289-8642 or email: chrismur@michiana.org.

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President's Message

BY JODY MCCARRELL,
Oklahoma Chapter



Jody McCarrell

At the Centennial of Flight celebration, Jody visits with Col. Robert K. Morgan, one of the speakers at the event. He flew 25 missions in the Memphis Belle in Europe before going on to fly B-29s. Pictured are, back row from left, Vicki Lynn Sherman, Elaine Morrow, Betty Prakken, Jerry Ann Jurenka, Jody McCarrell, Col. Robert Morgan, Susan Larson, Stephenie Roberts, Martha Dunbar, Linda Dickerson Morgan, (wife of Col. Morgan and former 99), and in front, Betty Huck.



I attended the National Aeronautic Association Fall Award Banquet, and our relationship with the NAA remains solid. We certainly thank Mr. Don Koranda for keeping The Ninety-Nines involved in their activities. It turned out to be quite a night for The Ninety-Nines, with Ann Wood-Kelly and our friend Mary Feik sharing the Katherine and Marjorie Stinson Award for Achievement.

Coming to see their fellow 99, Ann, receive the award were members of the New England Section; Georgia Pappas, Chapter Chair of Eastern New England Chapter; my dear friend Katharine Barr; and the President of the New England Aero Club David Graham with his wife Florence. I presented Eilene Galloway with the Katharine Wright Memorial Trophy at this event since she was not able to make it to our conference in Huntsville.

It doesn't stop there ladies, our own Joan Mace received the Elder Statesmen Award. It was a swell night for The Ninety-Nines. I want to thank Linda Cain for picking me up and taking care of me so well. The biggie for the night was the Clarence Mackay Award presented to the 16th Special Operations Squadron. When these 14 wonderful young men marched up on that stage and received their awards for gallantry in Afghanistan for manning a gun ship that resulted in

saving lives of many of our soldiers, they received not one but five standing ovations. It made tears come to your eyes.

On December 13, I left for Kitty Hawk and the great State of North Carolina, where everyone involved in aviation seemed to be heading. Elaine Morrow and her 49½, Glen, picked up Betty Prakken, while Vicki Lynn Sherman, Betty Huck, Martha Dunbar, Susan Larson, Stephenie Roberts, Jerry Ann Jurenka and myself all loaded into a van, which had to be upgraded to get all the luggage in. (Lo and behold, the young lady at the counter was a pilot, and we are getting an application to her ASAP.) Security was very evident, especially on Wednesday when the President showed up. The air shows were great with our own Patty Wagstaff performing.

The Colorado Chapter had a large bunch attending the Memorial Dinner Wednesday night which included Bonita Ades, Anita Hessin, Linda Horn, Jan McKenzie, and Nancy Reinhardt along with Vice President Elaine Morrow. I ran into our 99 News Editor Bobbi Roe stepping off one of the buses, and I understand that our own Donna Miller got to fly Neil Armstrong to the event. Several of us not at the dinner Wednesday night gathered at the house rented by Linda Cain, Peggy Doyle, Bev Fogle, Carol Rayburn, Lori Robishaw and R. J. McGlasson.

And, can you believe I even ran into Pam Mahonchak who promised me she would get in touch with Jenny Beatty about helping us with our Pro 99 program? Janet Patton, our fireball and Chairman of the Ambassador Chapter came by wanting tickets; of course, we happened to have some spares. It's so much fun to mention all the names and I apologize if I've missed anyone.

On Wednesday, December 17, we found ourselves standing in the rain along with more than 50,000 other people. When the time came to recreate what Orville and Wilbur did, the replica aircraft just couldn't fly. Guess that proves everything must have been exactly right that day 100 years ago, and time and place don't necessarily repeat themselves. They did make another attempt later but, as in all aviation events, the king of the air is really the weather, and it just didn't cooperate. I wouldn't have missed this event for anything; it was a once in a lifetime shot.

As I told several Board members, I didn't care if I could only see the head in front of me; I was going to be there. And, as we always seem to do, we left with much more than when we came, full of seafood, full of laughter, and knowing we were a part of history in the making.



CAREERS:

Token, Role Model, Mentor

BY JENNY T. BEATTY

International Careers Committee Chairman, chapter

The start of a new year is an ideal time to reflect on how far we've come and look ahead at the paths we can take from here. Considering the status of women pilots, I see the progression of Token, Role Model, Mentor.

Token: The first woman pilot in a particular place is often the Token, the lone individual different from the rest. Maybe she was grudgingly allowed entry to fulfill some quota, overlooking her qualifications and abilities. If showcased to the public, she might briefly enjoy celebrity status. Usually there is a profound sense of isolation, especially if coupled with ostracism by unaccepting male pilots.

Simply by surviving and succeeding, the Token woman pilot opens up opportunities for others. Often, however, she remains a remote iconic image, so that others are in awe of her and her success, but consider these superhuman and induplicable.

Women pilots have mostly progressed beyond the Token stage; however this persists where we are few such as at small companies, in some developing nations or for those of racial minority groups. Networking and mentoring are key to reducing the feeling of isolation.

Role Model: Unbeknownst to her, any woman can be admired for her abilities, characteristics or achievements. Women pilots become Role Models just by crossing the tarmac, talking on the radio or having their names and photographs appear in the media. The more Role Models, and the more visible they are, the greater the motivational benefit to others. This is especially critical to members of minority groups, including women

in nontraditional careers like aviation. As a minority, you need to see a successful person who looks just like you in order to visualize yourself reaching the same goal.

Role Models provide inspiration from a distance. Aspiring women admire Role Models and see the possibility of attaining the same achievements.

With greater visibility, our many woman pilot Role Models will provide even more inspiration and motivation to others.

Mentor: When a woman pilot makes a personal connection with another, it's an opportunity to close the gap from Role Model to Mentor. A Mentor is a personal counselor, guide and teacher. A mentee (or protégée) commits the time and effort to learn from another's experience. Together, they build a relationship focused on the professional advancement of the mentee. A Mentor shares her experience and contacts and helps with guidance around pitfalls, while an ideal Mentor delights in her mentee's successes, much like Sandra Clifford (see profile below).

Mentors actively assist and guide the next generation of women pilots through personal contact. Aspiring women benefit from the knowledge, experience and support of successful woman pilot Mentors.

Collectively, women pilots have progressed through the roles of Token, Role Model and Mentor. Now, with many experienced women pilots who can do it and ever more aspiring women who want and need it, the time is right to make mentoring partnerships a priority. *Learn more about mentoring opportunities in The Ninety-Nines at www.ninety-nines.org/careers/.*

Pro 99s Profile: Sandra Clifford

By Betsy Jordan Donovan, International Careers Committee

Sandra Clifford, a corporate pilot in the Santa Clara Valley Chapter, began her flying career at 19 when her father introduced her to flying at the Petaluma airport. That was all it took for her to determine her career path. After graduating from San Jose State University's aviation program in 1995, Sandra stayed close to home, teaching aviation classes at San Jose State, getting all her ratings in a year and a half, managing American Flyers, instructing at Tradewinds Aviation, ferrying airplanes and flying a Citation jet. Sandra's most recent position, chief pilot for the San Francisco biotechnology firm Clinimetrics, has her flying clinical research associates and corporate manage-

ment all over the southwestern United States.

In addition, she remains an active flight instructor. Sandra recounts a recent flight with two of her students who had just received their private pilot certificates by saying, "To sit in the back and watch those two women in the front was out of this world. We're always striving to move up to the left seat, however on this flight, my back seat position was just as rewarding."



Sandra Clifford

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For those who couldn't attend the *Women Take Flight – Past and Present* event at the New England Air Museum (Bradley International Airport, Windsor Locks, Connecticut) in November sponsored by The Ninety-Nines, you missed a wonderful opportunity to meet some great women aviators. As a corporate pilot and author, I was fortunate to be invited to participate and to talk to the hundreds of girl scouts and young women who attended. Other speakers included some awesome women.

Cady Coleman is an astronaut who is also a mom and a real down-to-earth personality. The videos of her two flights in space and her story of how she made it to NASA were inspiring. Cady graduated from MIT and received her doctorate in polymer science and engineering from the University of Massachusetts and subsequently joined the Air Force. She joined NASA in 1992 and became the lead astronaut for long term space flight habitability issues and has logged over 500 hours in space.

Julie Clark was equally impressive, having been a Captain of Northwest Airlines for more than 18 years as well as one of the foremost aerobatic performers and an inductee into the Women in Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame. She wore her colorful flying suit and told about the time she was subjected to the rantings of a subordinate co-pilot during an airline flight. "I have more hours with the brown side up than you have with the blue side up," she retorted. Her message to young women was to find your passion and persevere.

Lucy Young, originally from Waterbury Connecticut, made seven carrier landings when she was in the Navy. She was actually the second woman to ever land a jet on a carrier. Her aviation career culminated in a job with US Airways where she currently flies an Airbus.

Another airline Captain at the event was Terry VandenDolder, who in addition to being an American Airlines pilot had been called to active duty with the Air Force reserve and spent time in the Desert Storm operation. Terry was one of the women on active duty who joined in the effort through the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services and Congress to repeal the combat exclusion laws.

Entertainment came from Connie Tobias, a US Airways Airbus Captain who recently took on the role of a Harriet Quimby impersonator. She travels to events in full costume, educating people about the first woman in the U.S. to receive a pilot's license. Linda Myers, an Amelia Earhart performer, also took us back in time. Barbara Miles

Women Take Flight

BY NINA ANDERSON
Connecticut Chapter

represents women who are part of New Hampshire's aviation history and shared the flying career of Ruth Bancroft Law, the first woman to fly in New Hampshire and third woman to earn her license in America.

Kim Schlichting, a skydiver, was involved with the 81-person formation record set in Orange, Massachusetts in August 2003 and says that her current high comes from hanging off the airplane for awhile before letting go. Jane Miller was present to give us a first hand look at aviation history being a WASP from 1942-1945.

One of the younger members of the panel was Jen Arko, who has the prestigious position of flying the HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter for the Coast Guard out of Cape Cod. It took her awhile to achieve this dream, but she never gave up. Her advice is, if you can see yourself doing it, then you can.

The final woman presenter was Kathy Wadsworth, a master balloonist who has designed, built and flown balloons, setting records from the U.S. to Europe, from Russia to the peaks of the Andes. She thanks the women who have paved the way over the last 100 years, which makes aviation more accessible than ever if one has the desire and determination to take advantage of the opportunity.

— *Ninety-Nine Nina Anderson has recently published her first novel, "2012 Airborne Prophecy." (www.safegoodspub.com)*

Some of today's top women aviators tell their stories during a recent 99s event at the New England Air Museum.

Among the presenters at the Women Take Flight event were Ninety-Nines Lucy Young, back row third from left; Connie Tobias, front row third from left; and Julie Clark in her flight suit next to Connie. They are joined by members of the New England Section.



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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, JULY 6

10:00-5:00	Conference office set-up for registration and conference business
2:00-5:00	Fly Market set-up
2:00-6:30	Hospitality Room set-up and opening
2:00-4:00	Endowment Fund Trustees meeting
2:00-4:00	99s Museum of Women Pilots Trustee meeting
6:30	Dinner on your own

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

8:00-5:00	Conference Office and Registration Credentials
9:00-3:00	Golfing at Mays Landing Country Club, 49½
8:00-4:00	Pre-Conference International Board of Directors Mtg
9:00-11:30	Writing Seminar for Publications – Jacqueline Boyd
9:00-5:00	Boardwalk, shopping, casinos
10:00-5:00	Hospitality Room
10:00-5:00	Fly Market opens
12:00-1:30	AWTAR Reunion
12:30-3:30	William J. Hughes Technical Center tour
5:00-6:30	No-host Cocktail Party with New Jersey guest appearances
7:00	Dinner on your own or Sunset Cruise, casinos

Laurie Zaleski Johnson



Atlantic City offers not only the bright lights of an exciting night life but the rich history of a seaport town.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

7:00-11:30	Deep sea fishing, Margate, 49½
8:00-10:00	Welcome Breakfast: "Women at the Top"
8:00-5:00	Registration, conference office/credentials
9:00-3:00	Golfing at Mays Landing Country Club, 49½
10:15-12:00	COM Session
10:30-2:30	Fly Market
11:00-5:00	Hospitality Room
12:30- 3:00	Wm. J. Hughes Tech. Center tour/177 th Tour Alternative
2:30-4:00	Travel to winery and then to Millville Airport
5:30-9:00	Millville Aviation Jamboree
9:30	First buses return to Atlantic City
10:00	Remaining buses return

FRIDAY, JULY 9

7:30-8:30	Continental Breakfast
7:30-8:30	Conference office, registration/credentials
8:30-3:30	Battleship New Jersey/ NJ boat builder, 49½ trip
8:30-1:00	Annual Meeting Session #1
1:00-2:00	Lunch on your own
1:00-2:00	Governors Reunion Luncheon
2:30-4:30	Annual Meeting Session #2
2:00-4:00	Hospitality Room open
1:00-4:00	Fly Market open
6:00-7:00	Cocktail Party/Scholarship Reception
7:00-10:00	AE Scholarship Banquet



Atlantic City Convention and Visitors Authority

Historic Boardwalk Convention Hall recently underwent renovations that transformed the building into a major special events arena for concerts, sporting events, family shows and the home of the Miss America Pageant. The historic national landmark opened in 1929.



Built in 1857, the 171-foot Absecon Lighthouse shines again after a nearly \$2 million restoration program. Painted yellow and black to follow the rules of exact historic representation, the landmark now appears as it did in 1925.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

8:00-9:00	Conference office closes down operation
10:00-4:00	Hospitality Room
10:00-3:00	Fly Market and Silent Auction
8:30-12:30	Seminars:
	Eileen Iandola – Philadelphia Flight Standards
	The Arts in Aviation
	Ardyth Williams – Airspace and GA Pilot
	Linda Castner and Linda Scully – <i>Women Take Flight</i>
	Eileen Iandola – FSDO Safety Seminar with Wings
	Jenny Betty – Pro 99s Program
	To be announced program
10:30-3:30	William B. Forsyth Wildlife Area/Tuckerton Seaport, 49½
1:30-3:30	Post-Conference Meeting, International Board of Directors
1:30-4:30	On your own in Atlantic City – Baseball Game
2:00-4:00	AE Scholarship Board Meeting
6:00-7:00	Cocktail Party
7:00-10:00	Awards Banquet

SUNDAY, JULY 11

7:00-10:00	DUATS and Millville Flight Service Station WX Briefing
11:00	Post Conference Tour leaves hotel for NYC

Conference Tour Options

FAA Tech Center – Wednesday, July 7 and Thursday, July 8
\$25 (limited to 75 participants each tour)

The FAA William J. Hughes Technical Center is the nation's premier aviation research and development and test and evaluation facility.



William J. Hughes Technical Center

The William J. Hughes Technical Center, covering over 5,000 acres, is the nation's premier FAA test and evaluation facility.

The Technical Center serves as the national scientific test base for the FAA. Technical Center programs include testing and evaluation in air traffic control, communications, navigation, air-

ports, aircraft safety and security.

They also include long-range development of innovative aviation systems and concepts, development of new air traffic control equipment and software, and modification of existing systems and procedures.

The Technical Center serves not only as a cornerstone for aviation advancements but is also a key focal point for Homeland Security. Located 10 miles northwest of Atlantic City, and covering over 5,000 acres, the Technical Center consists of state-of-the-art laboratories, test facilities, support facilities, the Atlantic City International Airport (ACY) and a non-commercial aircraft hangar.

Mays Landing Golf Club (49½ tour option) – Wednesday, July 7 or Thursday, July 8

\$60 (must have two participants)

In the Atlantic City area, Mays Landing Golf & Country Club is the Jersey Shore's premier public course and offers an exceptional value for golfers of all skill levels. The course is located on 175 acres in the pristine pinelands of Atlantic County where the tree-lined fairways and wide landing areas were designed with both novice and advanced golfers in mind. The price includes the cart and greens fee.

Deep Sea Fishing (49½ tour option) – Thursday, July 8

\$60 (must have six participants)

Spend an early morning deep sea fishing with Captain Steve Bent. He is ready to provide you with a fun-filled and quality day of saltwater deep sea fishing. Whether you are a die-hard angler who loves the thrill of striped bass or the pull of a big blackfish, a sport fishing enthusiast seeking light tackle blue-

fish or offshore tuna and sharks, or simply someone who wants an enjoyable day on the water, this is the trip for you.

Millville Aviation Jamboree – Thursday, July 8

\$45

Millville Jamboree includes transportation, barbeque and music of the era. Millville Airport was a World War II airfield and is home of the Millville Army Airfield Museum. Tuskegee Airmen and WASPs have been invited. Meet and greet members of other aviation organizations. Tour the Millville Army Air Field Museum which preserves the history of the Millville AAF, Millville, New Jersey. Museum programs and tours focus on education about Millville's vital role in aviation history and the history of the P-47 Thunderbolt. Coast Guard rescue helicopter to give demo along with the 177th NJ Air National Guard.

USS NJ Battleship (49½ tour option) – Friday, July 9

\$25

The USS New Jersey completed her final voyage home from Bremerton, Washington to the former Philadelphia Naval Ship Yard, arriving there, appropriately enough, on Veteran's Day 1999. The Navy's decision to permanently berth the battleship in Camden was announced on January 20, 2000. The Battleship New Jersey, our nation's most decorated battleship, is now a floating museum on the Delaware River along the Camden Waterfront across from Center City Philadelphia. History comes to life as visitors experience a two-hour guided tour through the Iowa-class ship, one of the largest battleships ever built.

Tuckerton Seaport (49½ tour option) – Saturday, July 10

\$25

The Tuckerton Seaport Museum is a maritime village replicated on 40 acres at Tuckerton Creek that is dedicated to preserving the heritage of the Jersey Shore Baymen. The Museum contains historically accurate recreated structures, such as Tucker's Island Lighthouse, Tuckerton Yacht Club, Joy Dayton's Sawmill, Parson's Clam & Oyster House, Jay C. Parker's Decoy Carving Shop, Perrine Boat Works, Napoleon Kelly's Oyster house, A Sea Captain's House, Sunny Brae Saltbox House, Hurley Conklin's Decoy Shop and the Skinner/Donnelly Houseboat.

The Museum offers lunch and refreshments at Skeeter's. A Gift shop is on premises.

Possible Option! Aviation Survival Course Given by the 177th Fighter Wing

Anyone interested in a four-hour experience, please let Barbara Para know at bhpara@att.net, 609-965-4824 evenings or 609-485-4854 days.

Registration Information

The 99s International Conference Atlantic City, New Jersey July 6-11, 2004

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First name or nickname for badge _____
Full name _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____
Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
E-mail _____
Chapter _____ Section _____

Guest Information

Name for badge _____
Full name _____
City _____ State/Province _____

Arrival Information

Via Commercial Airline to _____
Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

**For flights to Atlantic City (ACY), call Delta Airlines @ 800-241-6760
Special Rate Number - 197922A**

Via Private Aircraft

Type of aircraft _____ Registration # _____
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Please Check All That Apply:

- ☐ Charter Member (reg. Fee Waived)
☐ International Board Member
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☐ Current Governor
☐ Board of Trustees Member
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☐ Chapter Chairman
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☐ First Conference
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1-888-627-7212 or 1-800-325-3535
Identifying yourself with the International 99s
Cut off date for the room block is June 6, 2004 5 p.m. EDT
anything after that date will be on a space and rate availability basis

Registration Fees

Conference Registration Fees

Total Cost

Early Registration – postmarked by April 30 _____ @ \$ 275 USD
 On-Time Registration – postmarked by June 1 _____ @ \$ 295 USD
 Late Registration – postmarked after June 1 _____ @ \$ 325 USD
 One-day registration: Thursday _____ @ \$ 110 USD
 Friday _____ @ \$ 150 USD
 Saturday _____ @ \$ 150 USD

Guest Tickets (if not a Ninety-Nine)

Reception, Wednesday _____ @ \$ 25 USD
 Breakfast At The Top, Thursday _____ @ \$ 26 USD
 Scholarship Banquet, Friday _____ @ \$ 60 USD
 Awards Banquet, Saturday _____ @ \$ 60 USD

Commemorative Golf Shirt (indicate size) _____ @ \$ 30 USD

Conference Tour Options

Wednesday, July 7

Mays Landing _____ @ \$ 60 USD
 Golf (minimum of 2 participants) _____ @ \$ 25 USD
 FAA Tech Center Tour (limited to first 75 participants)

Thursday, July 8

Mays Landing _____ @ \$ 60 USD
 Golf (minimum of 2 participants) _____ @ \$ 60 USD
 Deep Sea Fishing (49 ½) (minimum of 6 participants) _____ @ \$ 25 USD
 FAA Tech Center Tour (limited to first 75 participants) _____ @ \$ 45 USD
 Millville Aviation Jamboree (museum, dinner, music)

Friday, July 9

USS NJ Battleship (49 ½) _____ @ \$ 25 USD

Saturday, July 10

Tuckerton Seaport (49 ½) _____ @ \$ 25 USD

Fly Market

(to reserve a 6-foot table for sales items)

Section/Chapter Name - \$25 USD per table

Commercial/Company Name-\$50 per table

Contact Information

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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Tour Options _____

Fly Market _____

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Registration Cancellation/Refund Policy
 Cancellation is by writing only (postal service or e-mail) to
Mary Sullivan, Registration Chairman
103 Mountain View Road, Warren, NJ 07059
 Phone: 908-647-6606 E-mail: aeromary@optonline.net

If received on or before June 1 – full refund less \$10; from June 2 to June 20 – payment less \$50.
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- World Yacht Dinner Cruise w/Rt Transportation on July 11th
- Bus trip to Cradle of Aviation in Garden City, Long Island on July 12th – departs hotel 9:30 am
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Rates are \$675.00* per person, double occupancy
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For more information about the post-conference tour, please contact Linda Scully, by e-mail lscully@lpawings.com or by phone 973-633-0450 ext 11.

Registration for New York City Post Conference Tour July 11-14, 2004

Name: _____ Chapter _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Check payable to "NYNJ99s" enclosed for _____ @ \$ 675 / Single supplement _____ @ \$ 245 Total USD \$ _____

Travel Protection Plan (www.libertytravel.com/Corporate/TravelProtection.htm) can be purchased for an additional \$59.

Refunds are subject to penalty and approval by the conference committee before May 30, 2004. No refunds after May 30.

Mail to : Mary Sullivan, Registration Chairman, 103 Mountain View Road, Warren, NJ 07059

ELECTION 2004



The 2002-2004 Nominating Committee has evaluated the following individuals' Intent to Seek Election information and found them to be eligible as candidates for the 2004 election. Candidates are listed by the postmark on their Intent to Seek Election forms.

CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

ELAINE R. MORROW

North Central Section
Minnesota Chapter

Election results will be available June 1, with installation of officers to be held during the Annual Meeting at The 99s International Conference on July 9 in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

C.D. Jackson said that "Great ideas need landing gear as well as wings." I passionately believe that The Ninety-Nines is an organization for all women pilots – regardless of their career goals – and needs to constantly change and grow to support members with education, scholarship, aviation events, networking opportunities and preservation of our history at all stages of their lives. The way to accomplish this is to be as creative, efficient and visionary as possible. I gained experience at all levels of The 99s, serving in Chapter, Section and International offices and committees. I have also volunteered in aviation activities such as NIFA (regional and national events), World Precision Flying Competition, International Forest of Friendship and the EAA.



Elaine R. Morrow

My career allowed me the opportunity to work with all levels of management and employees, make presentations, set goals, organize teams, handle immediate crises, manage a staff, set priorities, live within budgets, survive in a constantly-changing environment and learn that involving others resulted in better decisions and more commitment.

Additionally, while working with committees in The 99s, installing the computer system (Louise) at 99s Headquarters, and designing the Membership Database, I had a chance to gain insight into the operations at Headquarters and the needs of the Chapters and Sections. I would like to continue on the Board to help ensure continuation of the fund-raising efforts to keep our organization sound and growing. I would appreciate your vote! Thank you!

MARTHA DUNBAR

New England Section
Eastern New England Chapter

I joined The 99s in 1968 and have been an active member for over 35 years. I have served the organization at all Chapter and Section levels and for the past four years as International Director. Being part of the inner workings, I have witnessed necessary corporate changes to deal with an ever-changing complex business world and aviation community. For any organization to move forward, change is inevitable. Working with the Board of Directors, 99s Governors and International Committee Chairs has given me a better perspective of where The 99s are headed.



Martha Dunbar

We must keep working toward fiscal efficiency and responsibility. In that area much has already been accomplished. We are on a stable path. We must publicize our organization and resources (MWP, AEBM, Scholarship Programs and Endowment Fund) both inside and outside the aviation community. We want people to know who The 99s are and what the organization represents to the world at large. We have a unique heritage and we have made a difference in aviation!

We must seek more new members for The 99s and explore corporate and/or associate membership. We must cultivate our current members and offer meaningful mentorship to new members. They are the life-blood and sustenance of our organization. You know where I stand on the important issues. My experience in business and finances has helped me greatly to define The 99s goals and work towards that end. I feel qualified to represent our organization as President and pledge to work for our best interests. I would appreciate your vote.

Use Only NEW BLUE BALLOTS!

Due to errors on the ballot which you have already received, the Board of Directors has voted to reprint the ballot. A new ballot printed on blue paper is forthcoming. Your old ballots should be destroyed. The completed blue ballots should be returned with a post-mark date no later than May 1. If you do not receive a blue ballot, please call 99s Headquarters at 800-994-1929.

CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT



Patricia Prentiss

PATRICIA PRENTISS

Southwest Section
Orange County Chapter

Our organization represents every aspect of women in flight. From contributions in general aviation, to challenging space, to setting world records, more and more women are being recognized for their accomplishments. And The Ninety-Nines is there providing the support. It

therefore is of the utmost importance that we continue to lift our wings, honor our history and maintain that legacy.

I have been a member of The Ninety-Nines since 1981. I have served as Chapter Chairman, Southwest Section Secretary, Southwest Section Vice-Governor, Southwest Section Governor and most recently International Director. Each position has enriched my understanding and provided me with the knowledge and experience to nourish and maintain the health, infrastructure and traditions of the organization and understand the diversity of our members. And, as a career pilot, I understand the goals and aspiration of those joining our organization with the intention of seeking flying careers. For the last 20 years I have chaired our Chapter's flying companion seminar. It is a tremendous feeling to see those often-apprehensive companions walk away with a new desire to be more active in aviation. I can truly say that some of my greatest pleasures and rewards have come from ongoing participation in activities, from Chapter to International level. Aviation gave me an opportunity to achieve my goals, as well as wonderful memories. Those memories started with my first 99 meeting, and what I have been able to achieve was enabled and supported by the ongoing encouragement of fellow 99s. Along the way, I found new and enduring friendships.

I look forward to serving as your Vice President.

being involved at the International level. The Board is responsible to the membership, assuring the fulfillment of the mission statement as well as assuring the continued growth of The Ninety-Nines. I believe that the Board must work with the membership to meet the short and long-range goals of the organization. The members at the grassroots level are the number one asset of the organization. Therefore, it is important for the Board to not only communicate with members but to actively listen to what members are saying. Throughout life I have been objective, listening to all sides before making decisions. This trait provides me the ability to act in the best interest of The 99s.

My experience on the International Board has given me insight into some of the areas that require the Board's attention including membership, finances, public relations and the maintenance of headquarters. Positive strides are made daily in these areas.

My qualifications for the position as secretary are evident in my professional history, from manager to project coordinator. I have served on both professional boards and personal interest boards in various capacities, always giving 100 percent.

CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL TREASURER

SUSAN LARSON

South Central Section
Rio Grande Norte Chapter



Susan Larson

With a desire to serve The Ninety-Nines in the best way I can, I ask that you re-elect me as Treasurer. With a background in handling the accounting functions of a manufacturing company for more than 25 years, also having become a Certified Public Accountant, my skill set for this position is quite appropriate. A private pilot certificate with instrument and helicopter ratings and access to a sweet Cessna 182 in which I've gathered over 2,000 hours keeps me active in local 99s activities and air races.

One of my goals in this term of office was to present timely and easy to read financial statements to the members. The statements presented at Huntsville in July 2003 were simple, straightforward and readable to a layperson. No accounting expertise required. Contact me if you'd like a copy.

Another goal has not been as easy to achieve. That is the desire to significantly reduce the bank secured debt at headquarters so that future Boards of Directors have more flexibility in meeting the needs of the membership. Due to the timing of the mold remediation and the construction work in the Archives Room along with the need for a new HVAC system, we have only been able to chip away at this debt. With another term, I intend to tackle this financial situation with every resource. Thank you for allowing me to serve you, and I relish the possibility of doing so for another two years.

CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY



Donna Moore

DONNA MOORE

North Central Section
Women with Wings Chapter

After joining The Ninety-Nines in '91, I became active at both the Chapter and Section levels and was a Charter member of the Women with Wings Chapter. As Governor of the North Central Section, I recognized the importance of communication. That belief carries over to

CANDIDATES FOR INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR



Frances H. Luckhart

FRANCES H. LUCKHART
South Central Section
Tulsa Chapter

I joined the 99s in 1992, and since that time I have been aware of new changes that have taken place in the organization. Changes that have made the International Board more accessible to the membership and information given more freely.

I served in my chapter as Chairman, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, on the Section level as Treasurer, Vice-Governor and currently as Governor of the South Central Section. As a Governor on the Council of Governors, I serve as International Awards Chairman, and I am also a member of the International Finance Committee.

Because we are an organization which relies on members for financial survival I would like to see International become more involved with the Section Membership Chairmen to help develop some guidelines to attract and keep members in The 99s, not just in our country but also overseas to help us have a truly international flavor.

I am proud to be a 99 and would be honored to serve as a Director.



Lisa Anne Cotham

LISA ANNE COTHAM
Southeast Section
New Orleans Chapter

One of the best things that ever happened to me is The 99s. Without a doubt, my best friends are 99s. Career opportunities have developed and personal achievements have been realized because of The 99s. I pledge my whole-hearted commitment to the future of The 99s,

and I am asking you to elect me as a Director of The 99s.

I have attended most of the International Board of Directors meetings over the last four years. I have participated in and spearheaded International projects. I am knowledgeable in many of the situations and concerns of The 99s.

I firmly believe that we must increase our visibility in the aviation community and with the general public to facilitate our effort to reach beyond our membership to find those corporations, organizations or individuals that will believe in our mission and assist us in providing for the future of our organization.

A proud member of the 99s for 15 years, I am a past chairman of New Orleans and South Louisiana Chapters. I received an Amelia Earhart Scholarship in 1992 for a multiengine in-

structor rating. I have been a Trustee of The 99s Museum of Woman Pilots since 1999, served as Secretary and currently as Chairman. My term ends in 2004 due to term limits. I served as Governor of the Southeast Section from 2001-2003. I was also Chairman of the 2003 International Conference.

LINDA H. MARSHALL
Northwest Section
Montana Chapter



Linda H. Marshall

While I was working on my instrument rating I leaned about The Ninety Nines and joined. At my second meeting I was made Montana Chapter Vice-chairman. I have held an office or committee chair position ever since. While working on the different ratings when I needed support, The Ninety Nines were there for me. I received an AE Scholarship for my multi-engine rating. I am seeking the office of Director.

I have co-owned a salvage yard and a flight school. These management positions will help me to work and manage The Ninety Nines like a business.

Membership is the life of the organization. Fellowshiping one another will help with member retention. This is a great group of pilots. I am proud to be a member. I hope to pass this on to all the members that I meet.

Aerospace education is a great service project. If each member influences one child to stay in school and have good goals, we can eventually change the world for good. I am all for that.

The museums are a very important way to preserve our great aviation heritage. Future generations will be able to understand what we did and what we were all about.

All of the above items take hard work. If I am elected as your director I promise to work as hard as I can on these items to promote, provide and preserve what we have.

LINDA M. SCULLY
New York-New Jersey Section
North Jersey Chapter



Linda M. Scully

"Learn to Fly." These three words got my attention and wouldn't let me rest in 1978. Little did I know what a life-changing experience my first flight would be. It led me into the sky and began the process of earning a succession of certificates and ratings. Then in 1991, another three words got my attention. "Join The 99s." Life hasn't been the same since.

Skills learned from active involvement in chapter events, networking opportunities and support from my Ninety-Nine friends led to a new career as a flight school owner, a career I love. But with it comes a responsibility to make hard business decisions. I wear many hats as a small flight school owner with limited resources. Those hats don't always complement each other. One moment I'm an accountant, the next a sales and marketing manager (one saves the money, the other spends the money). Other hats include human resources manager, desktop publisher, computer manager and chief instructor of our Part 141 school.

As governor of the New York-New Jersey section and as council of governors spokesperson, attendance at board meetings has enabled me to better understand and appreciate our organization. While our chapter and section do great work to accomplish our mission, I'd like to see the board continue in the direction of financial responsibility, membership growth and long-range planning.

Leadership and management skills coupled with my business background will help me serve on your board. It would be a privilege and pleasure to serve as an International director.

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Susan G. Thomas

SUSAN G. THOMAS
Mid-Atlantic Section
Greater Pittsburgh Chapter

I shall execute the responsibilities of the office to the best of my ability. I shall make an effort to be fair and unbiased with regard to candidate nominations. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on the International Nominating Committee. I have been a member of the

Greater Pittsburgh 99s for 11 years. During that time, I have been a working member. I have participated in numerous safety meetings, five airmarkings and Wings Weekend, and I am now serving my third term as Chapter Chair. At the Section level, I have held the office of Vice Governor for two terms; and I am also the AEM Scholarship Chair. I was the recipient of the Mid-Atlantic Section Scholarship and also the AEM Scholarship, 1996.

On the home front, I have been married 35 years to John, my gourmet chef. I also have two adult children, a dog, three cats and a pet sheep. In June, I retired from teaching, culminating a 36-year career in public education. While a teacher, I volunteered for both Girl and Boy Scouts, conducting aviation classes, which lead to acquisition of the aviation badge. This was a six-year project.

Besides aviation, I have many interests. I hope to be able to explore them in the future.

MARY F. FOLEY

North Central Section
Aux Plaines Chapter



Mary F. Foley

As a Ninety-Nine since 1959, I have served as Chapter Chairman in both Carolinas and Aux Plaines Chapters, and in other offices as well. I have served on the Nominating Committee for Southeast and North Central Sections. I have attended many International and Section meetings and feel I have gotten to know many 99s.

DR. KAREN J. BAILEY

West Canada Section
Alberta Chapter



Dr. Karen J. Bailey

Having been a 99 since 1977, and attending as many International Conferences as possible, I have met a large cross-section of our members. The Ninety-Nines are a wonderful, vibrant organization full of talented women, who truly are leaders.

I believe that as an International Organization, it is very important to include non-U.S. members wherever possible on Ninety-Nines Committees and in advisory positions. Due to large distances and costs, the International Members may not always be able to accept the major executive positions but are able to participate in other ways. This is where I see my role. Over the years, I have served at the Chapter, Section and International Committee and the International Nominating Committee twice (once as Chairman). I am willing to serve in this role once again as an International 99.

CAROLYN C. CARPP

Northwest Section
Western Washington Chapter



Carolyn C. Carpp

Since receiving my pilot's license in 1978, flying has been my passion. It is only natural that passion was extended to include The Ninety-Nines, Inc.

After having completed seven years of service on the International Board, I have continued to be active in The 99s. I am currently newsletter editor for the Western Washington Chapter and the Northwest Section. I am involved in the aviation scene in my home state and have chaired The 99s Booth at the EAA Fly-In in Arlington, Washington.

Last year I realized another extension of my passion for flying, and I was a judge at the 2003 NIFA Safecon. I am

currently involved in forming the new Intercollegiate Internet Chapter for The 99s. It would be a privilege to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2004-2006. I have visited several Section Meetings other than my own and have attended the International Conference each year except one, since joining the Ninety-Nines. I believe I am well qualified for this committee in that I know a wide range of our members and am aware of what is needed to serve on the International Board.

Getting some of our younger members involved in leadership would be my emphasis if you choose to vote for me. Working with NIFA and the IIC has excited me to work towards our future as members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc.



Patricia Ann Ohlsson

PATRICIA ANN OHLSSON
New York-New Jersey Section
Long Island Chapter

As a member of the Nominating Board it is my intention to return, in some measure, to The 99s the benefits I have received as a member of the organization for over 28 years. My pride in the organization is demonstrated by an unbroken meeting attendance record of

over 10 years and my contribution, on a regular and continuing basis, to a wide range of organization projects and activities, many of which include my participation as an active pilot.

My career, paralleling my aviation interest, has included marketing, manufacturing and production control experience. I have successfully owned two businesses, Busy Bee Airways, Inc., an aviation charter and sightseeing organization projects and an Apiary with in excess of one hundred honey bee hives.

My relocation in the late 1980s presented an opportunity to participate in the ownership and operation of a highly successful, aviation oriented, real estate corporation with my husband in a residential airpark, Spruce Creek Fly-In. A career and love of aviation, the best of both worlds.

Standing Rules for Nominations, Elections and Procedures

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D. Candidates may be supported through personal correspondence by individuals and/or Sections or Chapters.

E. Candidates may not:

- 1) distribute, or cause to be distributed, any type of mass mailing to the general membership.
- 2) distribute, or cause to be distributed, campaign souvenirs.
- 3) run any ads containing personal information, name or picture of the candidate in the international magazine or section newsletters during the campaign period, which is from the close of "Intent to Seek Election" deadline to election ballot deadline.

CANDIDATE FOR ENDOWMENT FUND TRUSTEE

VICKI LYNN SHERMAN
Southeast Section
Florida Spaceport Chapter



Vicki Lynn Sherman

I greatly appreciate the opportunities The Ninety-Nines have given me. The experience and knowledge gained in the various offices and committees will be a valuable source of information for continued service as a Trustee of The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund. This experience included service as a Chapter Chairperson, Southeast Section Treasurer, Vice Governor and Governor, President and International Past President through 2004. With this background, I continue to believe that we are a unique organization, capable of applying our special view of aviation to support and to protect the aviation environment and insure the vitality of the aviation world. We are one of the guardians of the past history of women pilots, even as we create new history.

However, we cannot accomplish these objectives with the monies derived from membership dues alone. The income that we will obtain from the fully funded Ninety-Nines' Endowment Fund will guarantee our continued success. We must work together to increase the capital investment in our fund and exercise continued good management to enable its growth and production.

I hope to work with other Ninety-Nines to meet the challenge of reaching and even exceeding our Million-Dollar Goal!

GAYL HENZE
Mid-Atlantic Section
Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter



Gayl Henze

I have come full circle in the past 23 years, where "Grass Roots" meant working on the Airmarking Committee for the Eastern PA Chapter, soon to be followed by holding all Chapter offices. Attending many Section Meetings made me aware of the International scope of the organization. Serving as Vice-Governor and two terms as Governor of the Mid-Atlantic Section, at a time when the Council of Governors first began attending the Board of Directors meetings, gave me the opportunity to get to know many other 99s from all over the world.

I was chairman of the International Elections Committee at a critical period when we were trying to reform our election

procedures and have also worked on the International Bylaws Committee, the Awards Committee, the Credentials Committee and the International Nominating Committee. Currently, as Co-Newsletter Editor/Publisher for our Chapter, I am back to Grass Roots networking and communication.

In order to continue our mission of promoting, providing, and preserving, we need to be fiscally sound and to keep our dues at a reasonable level. The development of the Endowment Fund is critical to the future financial independence of The Ninety-Nines. I would like to contribute to the organization by using my organizational skills to encourage the continued growth of the Endowment Fund and to work with the other members of the Board of Trustees.

CANDIDATES FOR 99S MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS TRUSTEE



MARJORIE RICHISON
South Central Section
Oklahoma Chapter

I'm currently an appointed trustee and treasurer of the Ninety Nines Museum of Women Pilots. I would like your support to become an elected trustee.

The 99s possess a rare and amazing entity known as the Museum of Women Pilots. Someone stated that the Museum of Women Pilots may have the largest collection of archives and memorabilia of women in non-traditional roles in the world. It is our responsibility as an organization to preserve and maintain this collection for future generations of women pilots. The early ladies of flight are our mentors and provide inspiration for all of us who follow afterwards.

I live in the Oklahoma City area and feel that I can work closely with the museum to keep costs low and raise money for expenses. We have been called the best kept secret in the Oklahoma City area. We need to let the community and world know about the Museum of Women Pilots. It would be my privilege to serve the MWP as an elected trustee.



BONITA ADES
South Central Section
Colorado Chapter

My father started with United Airlines in 1942 as a machinist. My mom became "Rosie the Riveter" for United in 1942 when women were recruited to work for the war effort. I became a stewardess in 1962. As a friend reminded me, I

have been part of aviation 61 percent of the 100 years of flight.

After my husband bought an airplane I learned to fly and got my license in 1984. I joined The 99s in 1985 and have enjoyed and participated in many of our 99 activities, air races, Companion Flyer classes, NIFA, AirBear and the NASA Ambassador program. I feel privileged to have met several of our Charter members and other pioneers of aviation. I am in awe of their contribution to aviation and The 99s. I have always loved reading their histories and stories and have spent many hours looking at scrapbooks and displays at museums.

I was delighted when The 99s decided to open a museum at headquarters, and I helped with some of the fund-raising for the start-up of The 99s Museum of Women Pilots. It has been entrusted with a great deal of memorabilia and artifacts. I feel we have a great responsibility to care for these items and to display them to reflect the unique history of women pilots and The 99s.

I have held several offices in the Colorado Chapter and South Central Section. I retired from United Airlines on May 31, 2003, and I now feel I have the time and desire to give back and be on the board of The 99s Museum of Women Pilots.

CANDIDATE FOR AMELIA EARHART MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND TRUSTEE

JENNY T. BEATTY
South Central Section
Ambassador Chapter



Jenny T. Beatty

As a professional pilot since 1985, I know firsthand the challenges of pursuing a nontraditional pilot career. As a 22-year Ninety-Nine and a 1995 AEMS United Airlines Type Rating Award winner, I also understand the benefits of 99s membership and our wonderful scholarship program. I bring these perspectives to my work with the 99s Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Board of Trustees, where I currently serve as Secretary. I see the responsibilities of the AEMS Trustees as threefold:

1. Guide the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship program by the ideals of Amelia Earhart, to help deserving 99s to further accomplishments in aviation.
2. Protect and build the Fund, following the example of the many wise women who served before, so that ever more scholarships may be given.
3. Manage and develop the scholarship program, adapting the fast-changing aviation industry and the evolving needs of 99s members worldwide.

If elected, I will dedicate myself to these responsibilities for a second term on the Board of Trustees of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund.

CANDIDATES FOR AMELIA EARHART BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM TRUSTEE



Kay Alley

KAY ALLEY

South Central Section
Kansas Chapter

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Board of Trustees in Atchison, Kansas for the past four years. Nothing could please me more than to continue serving on this Board to assist with the ongoing restoration projects, fund-raising cam-

paigns and promotion of this historical residence.

In the past four years, we have accomplished many improvements and made hundreds of people aware of the existence of this important building.

As a professional pilot traveling around to many cities in the U.S. and abroad, I always use the opportunity to promote the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum and encourage others to visit it. The museum offers a look into the 1890s life-style with exhibits and artifacts of the period and helps to portray what Amelia Earhart accomplished as one of our country's early female pilots. In the next few years, I hope to assist with a major fund-raising project to allow the museum to expand and improve its assets. We want visitors to appreciate the restored home where Amelia was born and spent her early years. Because Amelia was the first president of our Ninety-Nines organization, I feel it is important to maintain and promote this historical site for future generations to learn about Amelia and women in aviation.

I would appreciate the opportunity to continue the work for an additional four-year term on the Board of Trustees, and solicit your vote in the upcoming election.



Nelda K. Lee

NELDA K. LEE

North Central Section
Greater St. Louis Chapter

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. has been a most important part of my life since early 1971. This is when I joined the organization and discovered a new world of adventure, friends and inspiration.

Throughout the years, I have served the organization at the Chapter, Section and International levels and each office, committee and team has been most rewarding and fulfilling. I am a member of the Greater St. Louis Chapter and the North Central Section. Aviation has also been my career for 34-plus years with initially McDonnell Douglas and now Boeing. I am Senior Manager for the Test & Evaluation IPT for the four tactical aircrafts manufactured in St. Louis.

One of my favorite sayings is, "I am a part of all that I have met." I would like to think that there is a small part of Amelia in me and in all of us. I would hope that there is a small part of all the founding members in all of us. They have truly given us wonderful examples to follow and dreams to pursue. So now it is my turn to pass on these examples and dreams to others. It is my turn to serve The 99s again, and the AEBM is a wonderful way to promote interest in the organization and aviation. I look forward to serving and helping grow aviation, the organization and the AEBM.

NANCY A. MILLER

Southeast Section
Alabama Chapter



Nancy A. Miller

As a native of Kansas I have a special place in my heart for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. Many years ago I organized the Amelia Earhart luncheon in Birmingham, Alabama for members of The Ninety-Nines and Zontians. All of our proceeds have been donated to the AEBM. I have considered seeking a position on the Board of Trustees for several years and believe that I can manage the trips to Atchison for a majority of the Board meetings. I believe my many years as a Ninety-Nine, service on other non-profit boards and my work experience will be an asset to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.

I received my private license in Emporia, Kansas in 1970 and attended my first Ninety-Nines meeting in Topeka. I moved to Dallas where I joined the Dallas 99s. I lived in Memphis twice and was Chairman of the Memphis Chapter both times. I was also a member of the Michigan Chapter for 10 years. I have been a member of the Alabama chapter for 14 years and have been Chairman, Secretary and Newsletter editor. I am a current member of the Southeast Section Nominating Committee and a trustee of the Alabama Chapter's scholarship committee.

I have served on boards for Big Brothers, Big Sisters in Memphis and the greater Birmingham area. I currently serve on the board of directors for the Southern States Llama Association as well as the Moody Lions Club and Leeds Art Council. I am co-president of the Birmingham Zonta Club and secretary for the Moody, Alabama Beautification Board.

I retired after a career with the United States Postal Service with over 20 years as a Postal Inspector where I served in management positions in Memphis and Birmingham. I have a B.S. from the University of Memphis and an M.S. from Central Michigan University.

I currently own a llama farm and show llamas throughout the southeast.

A charter member of the Wisconsin Chapter of The 99s has been inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame. In a unique father/daughter induction, Marie Schuette received the honor along with her father, Archie Towle, for nearly a half-century of commitment to Wisconsin aviation.

Twenty-two years old in 1945 when her father died in a plane crash, Marie was already an accomplished pilot, due much in part to her father's enthusiasm in teaching his children to fly. She had soloed in an Aeronca C-3 at 16 and became the country's youngest female pilot on her 17th birthday, as confirmed by a congratulatory letter the Towle family received from the CAA in 1940. Marie then went on to pass basic and advanced aerobatic courses in a Waco F-2.

Her father acquired his first airplane, a Waco, in 1928. Archie Towle soloed in '29, and by May 1931 had acquired private, commercial and instructor ratings, along with transport license #7847. He was manager and fixed base operator at the Wausau, Wisconsin airport from 1931-1945 as Towle Flying Service. He promoted aviation with such enthusiasm that 16 members of his family, including his wife, eventually became pilots.

Before her father's death, Marie had married Lyle Grimm, or as Marie called him, "One of Dad's favorite students." Lyle and Marie managed her father's business and later changed the name to Grimm Flying Service, operating one of Wisconsin's largest flight schools. Like her father, Marie was very active on state aviation planning committees and served in various positions with several aviation organizations. She was recognized by the Civil Air Patrol for her support of their activities, and in 1975 was named "Person of the Year" by the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics.

Marie was an active Wisconsin 99, a charter member of the organization. She was chairman of the Ways and Means committee for The 99s International Convention in Milwaukee, and also chairman of the Chapter's Aerospace Aviation committee.

When accepting her award, a plaque with her and her father's likeness that will be permanently displayed in the halls of the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, Marie recalled memories of her 40-plus years at the Wausau Airport. She told of coming home on dates, and if she sat in the car with a boy for too long, her father would turn on the ramp lights. If that didn't bring her into the

A Father-Daughter Tribute

BY ROSE M. DORCEY
Wisconsin Chapter

house, next the spotlights went on. She shared her admiration for Amelia Earhart, a visitor to Wausau in 1936.

Unabashedly, Marie told about one of her first solo cross-countries, flying along feeling as if she were the next Amelia Earhart, not paying close enough attention to the landmarks below. She eventually realized she was lost, landed in a farmer's field and then called home to Dad. With strict orders to stay close to his wingtip, Marie followed her father home.

At age 80, Marie is still active in promoting aviation and education. She was instrumental in establishing the Archie C. Towle Aviation Scholarship Fund and continues to serve on its advisory selection committee.

Wisconsin
Charter Member
Marie Schuette
and her father
inducted into
Wisconsin
Aviation Hall
of Fame



With daughter Jeanne, left, beaming with pride, Marie Schuette receives her induction honors at the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Investiture Ceremony and Banquet held at the EAA AirVenture Museum on October 25, 2003 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Presenting the plaque is David Duax, Master of Ceremonies.

VANECIA ADDERSON **Greater Seattle Chapter**

Life Member Vanecia Adderson passed away on November 19, 2003.

She earned her private pilot certificate in 1957 and joined Western Washington Chapter of 99s in August of that year. She was a charter member of the Greater Seattle Chapter, served as Chairman and also held the post of Northwest Section Governor. A fervent supporter and active 99s member, Vanecia was honored with a plaque in the Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas some years ago.

Vanecia was born in Aberdeen, Washington and moved to the Seattle area as a child. In addition to her love of flying, she sang in her church choir for 50 years and served as a docent at the Museum of Flight on Boeing Field. She also was involved with the Renton Historical Museum, was an actor/director with Valley Community Players and had received the BRAVO award from the Renton Arts Commission.

She had served many hours as a pink lady with Renton Hospital and later Valley Medical Center. Other memberships included AOPA, WPA, Silver Wings Flying Fraternity, Rainier Valley Historical Society, South King Co. Genealogical Society, Seattle Genealogical Society and Daughters of the King.

Vanecia leaves a son and daughter and their spouses, as well as five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and many, many who count themselves fortunate to have called her a friend.

MARY VERONICA CHAMBERS (VI) **El Cajon Valley Chapter**

May 21, 1921 – November 22, 2003

"Vi" was born on May 11, 1921 in Mobridge, South Dakota. She flew in various air races including the Powder Puff Derby, the Angel Derby to Managua, Nicaragua, the Palms to Pines Air Race and many Pacific Air Races. Other interests included golf.

Two daughters, Diane R. Nicol (Alton) and Gail F. Cooper (Richard), four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive her.

HELEN HEWITT **Shreveport Chapter**

The Ninety-Nines lost a great lady with the death of Helen Hewitt on October 25, 2003 following a stroke at the age of 82.

If one word could sum up Helen's life that word would be "educator." But she was so much more than that. She was fearless, once killing a rattlesnake with a hatchet. She would fly with any Ninety Nine or prospective Ninety-Nine. She was dedicated to furthering the membership of The 99s and in that effort, she flew with many girls helping them to gain their licenses and ratings.

Helen turned her life to aviation while still maintaining her dedication to family and church. She earned her private, commercial, instrument, single and multi-engine, instructor, instru-

ment instructor (single and multi-engine) airline transport pilot ratings. It just naturally followed after these achievements she would have to earn her proficiency in aerobatics, which she did with the guiding hand of World Aerobatic Champion Marion Cole. Then came her desire for a glider rating. The Federal Aviation Administration awarded her a Gold Seal Instructor License.

With all these accomplishments her crowning achievement was teaching her four sons to fly. Jeff, the oldest went on to become an Air Force pilot. How many Air Force pilots can say "My Mom taught me to fly"?

In 1961 Helen first heard of The 99s and decided she would have a chapter here in Shreveport. So she and five other fledglings formed our chapter with Helen at the helm. Believe me when I say the lady "had no fear." She would volunteer this chapter to host FAA Safety Seminars at every opportunity. We have lost count of the number in which we have participated both as hosts and participants. Safety was her primary goal and that mission remains with us today.

Airmarkings are too numerous to mention, and if she ever missed one I am not aware of it. She had us marking closed runways, compass roses, numbers, names and elevations. She flew the Powder Puff Derby with Marge Mitchell of Top of Texas Chapter. Helen organized and administered our "Pinchhitter" courses for spouses of local pilots. She also administered an instrument ground school for our chapter. When testing time came she would drop by the FAA office and offer little high signs of encouragement. For one of her students she even brought a little musical angel and set it up on an office file cabinet so she could see it for encouragement. That student is Amy Pilkinton who is now employed by the FAA as an Operations inspector. This angel is her most treasured possession.

Helen decided to go back to college and earned a Master's Degree in Education. Helen was Chief Ground Instructor for Southern Aviation in Shreveport for many years. She successfully graduated over 800 students.

Helen and her 49½ Forrest (Whitey) Hewitt were married for 60 years and lived here in Shreveport for 40 of those years. They raised four sons. Her chapter nickname was "Mother Superior." She was our leader and we loved her. Our mentor has now flown to new horizons.

—Mary Jo Voss

EVE HUNT **San Gabriel Valley Chapter**

The San Gabriel Valley Chapter was saddened to lose one of their longtime members in October. Eve Hunt, a member since 1971, earned her private certificate after a ride with her husband. At 5,000 feet, she decided she should know how to put the plane down if something happened to Harold. She went on to earn her Commercial and Instrument ratings for the same reason — safety.

Eve was an excellent ambassador of The 99s, always gracious, encouraging and generous. She was active in Chapter happenings, from air shows to Poker Runs to airmarkings to

NEW HORIZONS

Chapter get-togethers. She was an excellent planner and supporter. Harold and Eve were involved with the Flying Samaritans and involved our chapter in supporting the building of an elementary school in Baja California near one of the clinics.

Eve's pet project outside of The 99s was Santa Claus, Inc., a non-profit group that provided thousands of presents for children every year. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and will truly be missed.

— Betty Wharton

MARY GOODRICH JENSON, CHARTER MEMBER Connecticut Chapter

Another of our Charter Members has left us. Our treasured CT 99 and charter member 99, Mary Goodrich Jensen, passed away on Sunday, January 4, 2004. Mary holds the distinction of becoming the first licensed female pilot in Connecticut. She also became the first female journalist for the *Hartford Courant* newspaper to be bylined, as well as serve as the first aviation editor of the paper.

Her life was long and rich, with many memories and stories she could still relate right up until her death. Several of the Connecticut Chapter members were fortunate to visit Mary on her 96th birthday last November 7. They gathered around her chair and listened to her tell about riding her pony cart to her flying lessons at Brainard Field in Hartford (that was 1929). She was witty and sharp and seemed to thoroughly enjoy our presence and our admiration.

A memorial service was held at the Christ Church in Wethersfield. (Please see the upcoming March/April issue of 99 News for a feature article about Mary.)

NORMA L. McREYNOLDS Florida Spaceport Chapter

Norma McReynolds died at age 76, on October 9, 2003 of a heart attack brought on by the cancer she had been battling for the last few years.



Norma McReynolds

Moving with her husband Gerald (Mac) McReynolds, she joined the El Paso Chapter in 1967 when she obtained her pilot license. She also was a member of the Carolinas Chapter and lastly the Florida Spaceport Chapter.

Norma was chairman from 1975 -76, also holding most offices at the chapter level and some at the Southeast Section level.

Norma helped judge at NIFA meets, judged and timed many air races and Poker Parties and helped host section meetings.

Norma was the person who looked after the chapter history books and corporation papers, and she was the permanent trustee

of the chapter's scholarship fund for many years.

Her other love was volunteering at the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Daytona Beach for 29 years, where she read for the talking books. She was a member of the Daytona Beach Amateur Radio Association as secretary and a longtime member of her church choir.

Norma was that very special kind of person you remember for her big smile, her helping hand, her love of flying, which she shared. She leaves behind a legacy of fond memories for all who knew her. My special friend of 26 years.

—Carol A. Gosling

LOUISE MINNIEAR Monterey Bay 99s Chapter

It was with a sad heart that Monterey Bay Chapter members said goodbye to Louis Minniear, who passed away November 29 due to complication of cancer. We were lucky to count her as a friend and will miss her dearly.

There was a Memorial Service in Aptos on December 6 and a gathering at the Watsonville Airport the next day. Louise and family wished that, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to her favorite charities, the Pajaro Valley Aviation Academy, which gives scholarships to young persons in the Pajaro Valley and/or the Monterey Bay 99s scholarship fund.

REBECCA AVILA "BECKY" ORLOWSKI Brazos River Chapter

Rebecca Avila "Becky" Orlowski, 49, who brought joy, love and happiness to so many, left us on November 16, 2003 to soar free in heaven. Becky lost her life in a fatal aircraft accident. She will be deeply missed by all.

Becky was serving her second term as Hood County Treasurer. She was very active in the Republican Party and was continuously working hard for the betterment of her community.

Never one to turn away from a challenge, she had over 500 sky dives, was an avid water sport enthusiast, athlete and pilot who lived her life at full throttle. Her proudest accomplishment was soloing in her plane on June 10, 2001. She was a member of the Brazos River 99s.

Becky is survived by her husband, Leo Orlowski; parents Adolph and Elena Avila; two brothers and two sisters, numerous nieces and nephews; and many, many friends.

BARBARA RIGGS Florida Gulf Stream Chapter

Barbara Riggs, a helicopter test pilot, died in Aspen, Colorado on November 1, 2003 of complications from colon cancer. She was 82. After being married and having four children, Barbara earned her pilot license in 1952. She raced in five Powder Puff Derbies. She was hired by Sikorsky to test-fly helicopters.

Gliding—It's a Natural

BY JACKIE SAVOCA, Women With Wings Chapter
ROBERT MUDD, Central Ohio Soaring Association

Women With Wings Chapter members get a new feel for flying — in a glider

With guidance from two Central Ohio Soaring Association members, Kim Grimes gets ready to glide.

Want a break from pumping fuel and sticking tanks? Why not try gliding! The Women With Wings Chapter had a great time gliding over the skies of Ohio in September with the Central Ohio Soaring Association (COSA). To prepare us, COSA member and glider/power CFI Robert Mudd came to our June chapter meeting equipped with a video tape, books and samples of actual glider construction materials. Here's how it went:

Robert: Soaring is mostly male dominated, as is flying in general, and the thought that I might be able to recruit a few more women to the world of gliders was too good to pass up. Besides, there are few things I like to do more than speaking about the wonders of soaring, especially to power pilots. This was a lively group with some real serious aviators amongst them.

As I expected, few of them had any direct experience with gliders. It is fun to see the look on pilots' faces when they realize just what modern gliders can do in terms of distance covered, now over 3,000 km., absolute altitude, 49,900 ft. and speed, over 140 mph over a 100 km triangle.

The other fun part is explaining cross-country flying in gliders. Many in aviation do not

know flights of hundreds of miles are quite common, all starting from a tow to 2,000-3,000 feet above the ground. The sky has a lot of energy in it. We all know of the power of thunderstorms and wisely avoid them, but there are many other sources of energy in the sky, if you only know how to see them. Hawks and buzzards know, and a wise glider pilot is not too proud to learn from these masters. This is real soaring, sustained flight using the free energy of a sunny summer day to travel almost at will across these footless halls.

Glide ratios of 35 to one are common. That performance level allows a glider to travel some good distance at high speed while searching for the next source of lift. Thermals are a bit like stepping stones in the sky. You go from one to the other stopping if only briefly, but sometimes longer, to circle and climb in the invisible column of warm air called a thermal. Then it is on to the next one along your flight path.

Jackie: After listening to Robert, I really couldn't wait three months until our scheduled group event, so I signed up for a lesson with him later in the summer. The weather was perfect on the day of my lesson. I arrived at Marion Municipal Airport (MNN) in time to help prepare the glider and learn more about the procedures.

We went through the preflight inspection, added the right amount of ballast weight and pulled the plane out onto the field. We hooked up to our tow plane, and before I knew it, we were off the ground. I learned to use the tow plane as a kind of attitude indicator, using the stick to keep the tow plane on the horizon, mimicking its bank angle with our own wings. Gentle, firm, short movements of the stick.

Robert: Glider pilots use the seat of their pants and a yaw string to fly coordinated. In most gliders there is no slip/skid ball. The yaw string is simply a several inches long piece of string or colored yarn taped to the canopy on the glider's centerline. It reacts to the airflow and tells you how good or how not so good your coordination is. It was the first flight instrument the Wright brothers developed when they were learning to fly their glider in 1902.

Jackie: We circled upward over the airport until we reached 2,000 feet AGL, checked for traffic on either side and then pulled the release. We banked to the right, the tow plane to the left, with the sound of nothing but wind around us.

Robert: The biggest hurdle for power pilots to overcome when flying gliders is the need for lots of rudder. More rudder in fact than you have probably ever used in a power plane. Glider wings



are long, and with the Grob 103 we were flying they are very heavy. That means there is a lot of inertia and adverse yaw to overcome. We were lucky; there was scattered lift. Jackie managed to quickly grasp the concepts of thermaling and gained altitude on her first flight. Thermaling means circling, mostly no less than 30 degrees of bank, often times much steeper. Power pilots are not used to doing this. It is better to let them fly the thermaling turns because it takes their mind off the fact they are doing a 360 degree turn about every 20 seconds. The amusement parks have nothing to compare to a glider ride for thrills.

Finally, it was time to come in. I flew the pattern and landing but Jackie followed me through and I think would be able to do landings without much trouble after a few circuits.

Jackie: As we arrived at MNN for our group gliding day in September, the clouds were beginning to form. The "tow ships" and glider pilots from COSA were ready for us at a small field station on the grass near the runway intersection.

For those who went up first, it was pretty

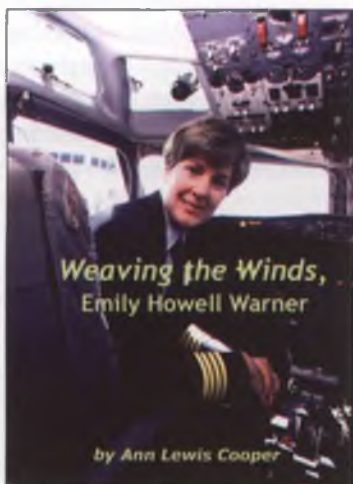
much a gliding experience, with just a bit of lift. But with progressive cloud formation, those near the end of the line were actually first in terms of the thrill of soaring. After the release at 2,000 ft. AGL, they just kept circling upward until they looked like white moths against the gray clouds. We watched as they did dives, wing-overs and all sorts of sweeping turns. The last of us finished just as the first drops of rain began to fall.

The time on the ground was valuable, too. Many pilots are uncomfortable when using a field with gliders in the vicinity, mainly because we don't understand the procedures they follow. By working with the coordinators at the field station that day, we learned the operations around a glider field and the way the gliders use the traffic pattern.

Robert: I am willing to bet these pilots look at the sky in a very different way now. They know a lot more about the power that is there and how it can be used to their advantage. I am a firm believer in activities that get the different aviation groups together to see the sky from each others' point of view.

Amusement parks have nothing to compare to a glider ride for thrills.

Books



BY JACQUE BOYD
Rio Grande Norte Chapter

One of the first female voices I ever heard on the airwaves was from a pilot with Frontier Airlines. It was in the early 1970s and the voice belonged to Emily Howell Warner. As I sat on the floor of the control tower listening diligently to radio calls to learn the "jargon," hers was a voice I'd not soon forget. She was professional, precise and, most impor-

Weaving the Winds, Emily Howell Warner

By Ann Lewis Cooper
1st Books Library

tantly to me at that time, she let me know I wasn't in the sky by myself.

Those of us in the aviation community have long known about Emily's accomplishments in aviation. However, fleshing her out as a person hasn't been easy. Up until now there's been no substantial telling of her story. *Weaving the Wind* is the first book about Emily, her career and her personal life. Ann Lewis Cooper tells an absolutely captivating story. The writing is clear and compelling, as Ann always does so well.

One of the most fascinating and well-written portions of the book is a chapter entitled *On Being First*. Anyone who has ever explored the realm of "firsts" knows

how convoluted the documentation can be. Cooper does an outstanding job of establishing Warner's "firsts" within the aviation world. I'm not going to tell a thing here: read it for yourself!

The story is well written, well documented and tremendously honest. You will finally get to see *who* Emily Howell Warner is.

The book is available in both soft cover and hard cover editions.

It is a wonderful read and highly recommended. Thanks to Emily Howell Warner and Ann Lewis Cooper for a job better-than-well-done.



CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

The Art Institute of Chicago

The Art Institute of Chicago sponsored a lecture given by Ninety-Nine Marta Bohn-Meyer of NASA, the only woman to have flown the supersonic SR71 Blackbird. The lecture was part of the "Technology as Art" exhibit on display from NASA. The Chicago Area Ninety-Nines and guests were invited to attend the lecture and the reception following, which was also hosted by the Art Institute. Members of The Ninety-Nines Ambassador Chapter and the Windy City Chapter of Women in Aviation were also in attendance.



Members of the Chicago Area Chapter at the Art Institute of Chicago with Marta Bohn-Meyer (center front).

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Chicago Area Airmeet

The Chicago Area Chapter Airmeet held recently was a 150 nautical mile round-robin proficiency race. The results were, First Place: Nancy Haraldson, pilot, Mary Panczyszyn, co-pilot, in a Bonanza; Second Place: Maggie Dodson, pilot, Jenny Byrne, co-pilot, in a Bonanza; Third Place: Donna Klein, pilot, Wayne Klein, co-pilot, in a Cessna 152; Spot Landing contest winner: Nancy Haraldson, who touched down right on the line! All winners received trophies. The 1st place winner also received the Joan and Walter Kerwin perpetual trophy, to be engraved with the winner's name and displayed in her home for the next year.

Author Christopher Lynch Visits

The Chicago Area Chapter meeting at Schaumburg Airport last fall featured guest speaker Christopher Lynch, author of *Chicago's Midway Airport – the First 75 Years*. Lynch is the grandson of a pioneering pilot in Chicago. His family ran Monarch Air Service, a fixed based operator at Midway for over six decades. His research and collection of photos and memorabilia were the basis of a WTTW Channel 11 documentary, *Midway Airport, Crossroads of the World*. The presentation was dear to the hearts of Chicago Ninety-Nines, particularly those who learned to fly at Midway or base their airplanes there.

INDIANA DUNES CHAPTER

Saturday, October 18, 2003 dawned sunny but very windy. Participants arrived early at Elkhart Municipal Airport, Elkhart, Indiana, to participate in a spot landing. After a planning session, briefing and fuel top-offs, the departures took place.

Goals were to figure time, fuel usage per hour and find 10 landmarks and correctly identify them. The 99s receiving the winning points would receive the large trophy to keep for a year plus the pleasure and responsibility of planning the rally for the following year! Many 49½s and friends helped on the ground and with the scoring. Friends and potential 99s were invited to ride and be spotters. Christine and Rawson Murdock were the 2002 winners and planners of the 2003 event.



2003 winners of the Indiana Dunes rally are, left to right. Rich and Kathi Ralston, third place; Amie Miller (who is a potential student of Janice's) and Janice Welsh, first place; Marilyn and John Horvath, second; and Dee Nusbaum, Spot Landing.

GRASS ROOTS — Section and Chapter reporters share their recent activities

ILLIANA CARDINALS CHAPTER

September 27, 2003 marked Charlene Falkenberg's 40th Anniversary as a Ninety-Nine!

Among some of the things Charlene has accomplished since becoming a pilot and a Ninety-Nine:

- 1961, first flying lesson
- 1962, Private Pilot License
- Flew the annual Powder Puff Derbies from 1969 to 1977
- FAA Accident Safety Counselor since 1970
- Written Test Examiner for FAA 1974 until early '90s
- Adult Education Ground School Instructor for the Merrillville School System, Hobart Township, City of Hobart and Purdue-Calumet Campus.

• Served in offices of The 99s at the Chapter, Section and International level (International Flying Activities Committee Chair, International Educational Committee Chair, International Director-International Chairman and Permanent Trustee, Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Trust since 1984).

Charlene remains active in her local EAA chapter writing the monthly newsletter and teaching Private Pilot Ground School each spring. She also writes a monthly column for another local EAA chapter newsletter and is the editor of the North Central Section *Waypoint*, which is mailed to our members quarterly. Happy Anniversary Charlene!

— Pam Saylor



Charlene Falkenberg

GREATER DETROIT AREA CHAPTER

Greater Detroit Ninety-Nines Go Soaring

This year our chapter decided to "give-back something" to our members for helping with their time and money so generously over the years. We have been concerned about the decline in the Ninety-Nine membership, so this is our approach to holding on and winning new members. Our "give-back program" is a small \$50 scholarship given to any chapter member who is interested in updating her flying skills by learning something new in aviation.

On October 18, 2003, seven of our Greater Detroit Area Chapter Ninety-Nines used their scholarships with an introductory flight in soaring. Along with spouses and friends, the seven Ninety-Nines came out to Richmond Field in Gregory to soar and enjoy a gorgeous crisp, fall day in Michigan.

Each Ninety-Nine was introduced to the cockpit instruments and procedure by her instructor and then was strapped into the front seat of the glider. It was a thrill to be pulled and maneuvered through the air by a Piper Pawnee. We were told when to pull the release cable and then gracefully we floated through the air like an eagle and enjoyed the wonderful sport of soaring! Congratulations to

these Greater Detroit Area Ninety-Nines: Rosemary Sieracki, Nancy Lammers, Barbara Schalk, Bonnie Davis, Patricia Smart, Susan Siporin and Elaine Evans.

— Elaine Evans



Patty Smart prepares for her first glider flight.

IIC, ILLIANA CARDINALS, AUX PLAINES CHAPTERS

Joint Presentation

On November 11, Ninety-Nines members from several chapters made a presentation about "The History of Women in Aviation" at Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois.

Our 99s in attendance were Jessica Reinschmidt, Intercollegiate Internet Chapter; Bunny Foley, Aux Plaines; and Charlene Falkenberg and Pam Saylor, Illiana Cardinals. It was an attentive audience of mostly male students.

Charlene and Bunny gave a presentation about the history of women in aviation, Jessica discussed the future of women in aviation and Pam spoke of the Pro 99s Network, FWP Program and the new Intercollegiate Internet Chapter of NCS, of which Jessica is the Chapter Chairman.

— Pam Saylor

DON'T FORGET! the 99 News deadline will be the first day of the month preceding publication rather than the ninth day.

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THE REDWOOD COAST FLYERS



Kay Gott-Chaffey, lifetime member, wearing her hard-earned gift.

The Redwood Coast Flyers celebrated the holidays and the anniversary of 100 years of flight on December 17, 2003. We celebrated with a dinner at Roy's Club in historic "Old Town" Eureka, CA. A special toast was given in honor of that first historic flight so long ago.

Of course we also enjoyed our special cutthroat gift exchange. Our gift exchange theme is, you guessed it — aviation.

—Rita Limmer



Members, family and friends of the Redwood Coast Flyers celebrate the holidays and the 100th Anniversary of Flight on December 17.



At Lampson Field: Rebekah Owen, Candice Nance, Marcie Smith, Nancy Rodgers and Brigitte Iwaszkiewicz enjoy the fly-in.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

The Santa Clara Valley Chapter's monthly fly-ins have had good attendance from our new and FWP members. On November 22, 18 SCV members flew to Lampson Field at Clear Lake, California. Cindy Pickett from Marin Chapter had just landed with her husband, but they were busy putting their bikes together and couldn't join us at the Skyroom Restaurant for lunch.

December is an active month for the Chapter with the annual Christmas party, the annual potluck lunch in Betty Patterson's hanger at Frazier Lake Airpark (a chance to land on a grass strip), and many of the Santa Clara Valley members, joining with the Monterey Chapter, were in the air on the 100th Anniversary of Flight to celebrate our thanks to Orville and Wilbur for the joy of flying.

— Nancy Rodgers

MEXICO SECTION

On December 4, for the first time in Mexico's aviation history, the Mexican Pilots College honored the presence of females in Mexican aviation.

It was a wonderful event with approximately 34 female pilots, flight attendants, air traffic controllers, mechanics and even doctors. Receiving awards were the first licensed female pilot, the first airline Captain, the first female crew, the first flight attendant, the first mechanic, among others. Our Chapter Governor, Jacqueline Pulido, received an award also for her participation in international flying competitions.

The Ninety-Nines Mexico Section was present for the first time to invite other female pilots to join and had great acceptance. We want to help create a new concept of female pilots in Mexico. We also thank Captain Laura Gallart for her help.

The following members were in attendance: Jacqueline Pulido, Governor; Cynthia Cano, Vice-governor; Claudia Lopez, Treasurer; Marbella Esquivel, Secretary; and Leonor Bolaños, Membership.

We are also organizing crews of four pilots to participate in the Air Race Classic 2004. Contact Cynthia Cano at cynfly@msn.com.

Thanks Ninety-Nines, we are proud to be on board!

— Cynthia Cano



From Left to right: Marbella Esquivel, Claudia Lopez, Cynthia Cano, Jacqueline Pulido and Leonor Bolaños.

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Girl Scout Day at Bradley Field

On October 18, The Connecticut Chapter held its 5th Annual Girl Scout Day at United Technologies' hangar and on the ramp at Bradley Field (BDL) in Windsor Locks.

Chapter Member Debra Dolan talked to the girls about pioneer aviatrix Harriet Quimby. Debra designed and hand-crafted a replica Harriet Quimby doll, complete with her 1911-1912 era purple culotte flight suit.

The Girl Scouts were hosted by corporate, airline and general aviation women pilots who took the girls through their aircraft, as well as by aeronaut Katherine Wadsworth, who brought her balloon to the event.

Birthday Celebration for 99s Charter Member

Connecticut Chapter members were the early birds in celebrating Mary Goodrich Jensen's 96th birthday one day early with her at her house in Wethersfield on November 5. We all enjoyed the entertaining historical tidbits of Mary's past from the days of driving in her pony cart to Brainard Airport in Hartford to take flying lessons to moving to California and working for Disney in story research, including Fantasia. Two books on women pilots were donated to the Wethersfield library in her honor after Mary signed them for the Chapter.

—Leila Baroody

Editor's Note: We are sad to report that Mary flew to new horizons on January 4. Please see page 22 for her obituary.



Several months before flying to new horizons, 99s Charter Member Mary Goodrich Jensen, seated in chair, hosted a Connecticut chapter gathering in her home to celebrate her 86th birthday.

FLORIDA GULFSTREAM CHAPTER

We had a lovely holiday gathering at Ellie Reichenbach's home in Fort Lauderdale. The gift exchange was lots of fun, and we all contributed the food which was abundant and delicious. In attendance were Lee Leger-Miller, Ellie Clararose Lee, Ruth Jenkins, James Jenkins, Ruth Kazmark and Pamela Rochowiak.

Recently we met at the Sea Watch Restaurant, Fort Lauderdale on the seashore, for our 2004 planning meeting. We filled out forms for our aviation activities and safety education programs. Clararose distributed information on the Bonnie and Archie Gann Memorial Scholarship Awards. The Zonta Club of the Palm Beaches in Florida asked if one of our members might address their club for 5 to 10 minutes regarding women in aviation on January 28 as they celebrate Amelia Earhart, who was one of their charter members. Lee Leger-Miller and Clararose Lee volunteered.

Our last focus was the Southeast Section Meeting, which will be held on April 30 through May 2 at Fort Lauderdale during the Sea and Air Show. Our participation was also discussed and task assigned.



Ruth B. Jenkins and her 49½ Jim, a retired airline pilot, recently visited International Headquarters in Oklahoma. They shared highlights of the trip with Chapter members.

IDAHO CHAPTER

Our November Membership meeting was a delight and was quite a success! The Idaho Chapter is thrilled to welcome three new members, all of whom are Future Woman Pilots. They are Susan Frickey, JJ Suitter, and Petra Rose. Welcome all of you, and we look forward to getting to know you better!

Gene Nora Jessen hosted the pot luck meeting in her lovely new home, and we all enjoyed the camaraderie and good eats. After dinner and the meeting, "Patty Pilot" Mitchell told us about flying the 747-400 for United Airlines, and Karen Marchbanks gave a talk on flying cargo for Atlas Air, also in 747s. We also talked about some good reading for pilots: *West With The Night* by Beryl Markham and *Straight On Till Morning* by Mary S. Lovell.

Ardith O'Connor has volunteered to head up a committee to plan the celebration of the upcoming 50th anniversary of our Idaho Chapter of The 99s.

The Christmas party was held at the Geiser Grand Hotel in Baker City on December 13. As in the past, we brought gifts to donate to Toys for Tots.

—Katie Olson

FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

The Finger Lakes Chapter has been very much involved in preserving the memory of Blanche Stuart Scott, first American aviatrix. She was the only female that the famed Glenn Curtiss personally taught to fly.

She soloed in Hammondsport, New York in the fall of 1910. The first picture (right) is of Judy Stiles with Captain Mike Hanna, retired from American Airlines. Judy is wearing a replica of Blanche's flying costume. Mike met Blanche when he was a teenager in the 1950s. He took a summer job at a radio station in Hornell, New York and Blanche was a radio personality at the station. She taught Mike the ins and outs of radio announcing and also introduced him to aviation. Guess which became his occupation and which became his avocation!



Dressed as Blanche Stuart Scott, Judy Stiles talks with Captain Mike Hanna, American Airlines, Ret. He met Blanche in person back in the 1950s.



The second picture (left) is of Blanche's recently discovered grave. It is in Riverside Cemetery in Rochester, New York. Our chapter has received the permission of a distant cousin to maintain the site. To this day it remains a mystery as to who placed the stone. There are no records. We plan on trying different kinds of plants on the deeply shaded area.

— Marcia K. Gitelman

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Being in Oklahoma, we had a tornado demolish our rental storage shed. This led to a radical culling of the paperwork and supplies stored, and we now have a new unit furnished with good shelves and lots of space.

The Oklahoma Chapter has had a busy half-year beginning with our very successful 25th Annual Okie Derby. Thirty-two planes successfully competed, and we had the pleasure of having teams representing Spartan School of Aeronautics, University of Oklahoma (OU) and Oklahoma State University/Tulsa. Allison Foster and Jamie Bacon, both currently enrolled for graduate degrees in OU's Department of Aviation, received our Wings of the Future Okie Derby Scholarships this year. (Julie Orrick won our Okie Derby Scholarship several years ago and is currently on the Faculty of OU's Department of Aviation and is our Chapter Secretary. Her daughter enrolled at OU this year and has already received her Private Pilot License.)

OU Department of Aviation hosted the Fall NIFA Regional on November 1-5. Our Chapter and 49½'s provided judges, as well as a beef brisket buffet, for Wednesday evening

— 80 students eat a lot of brisket! Everyone who desired had a demonstration ride in the latest glass cockpit Cirrus during the meet. The Award Banquet was held in a VIP Chalet at Aerospace America on October 3 and afforded NIFA sponsors and competitors a flight line view of the evening's spectacular air show plus a great banquet.

For the October 3-5 Aerospace America, our Chapter provided hosts for all the VIP Chalets. At least we could be in tents, some air conditioned during the day. All the hosts also had a great position to watch the air shows.

The Tulsa Chapter rescheduled the South Central Section meeting to allow our us to do the NIFA Regional and Aerospace America. Thank you Tulsa Chapter for your thoughtfulness.

We helped host the October 17 reception at the Museum of Women Pilots for Aviation History Writers holding their biannual convention in OKC. They were surprised and pleased with the extent of our displays, and we hope their reporting and enthusiasm will make the 99s Museum of Women Pilots a "must see" museum in OKC.

— Carol Sokatch

Touch and Go

POLLY VACHER

British Section

Polly Vacher, who is on a pole-to-pole flight for charity, was unable to continue her flight across Antarctica due to a lack of fuel available in this remote area. Polly will fly back up to the Americas to California, then across the Pacific to New Zealand to resume her flight in aid of flying scholarships for the disabled.

Although Polly was obviously disappointed by the setback, she was nevertheless quite encouraged to think she was really "the first woman ever to fly solo in a single engine aircraft in Antarctica," according to reports on her website, worldwings.org. "Even though she wouldn't be the first to fly across the South Pole, she felt proud to hold this rather special record."

The Flying Scholarships for the Disabled is a program where, through the mental and physical challenges of learning to fly a light aircraft, disabled people can rebuild their confidence and explore their potential by extending their personal mental and physical boundaries.

JENNIFER MURRAY

British Section

A crash landing in Antarctica ended the record-setting attempt by Jennifer Murray to fly pole-to-pole in a helicopter. Jennifer dislocated her arm in the crash, which occurred just four days after she arrived at the South Pole, about one third of the way through her 32,000 mile trip.

Murray and her flight partner Colin Bodill left New York on October 20 in a Bell 407, flew down the east coast of the United States, across the Caribbean and central Brazil and down the east coast of Argentina. They arrived at the South Pole on the December 17, which marked the centennial of the first powered flight by the Wright brothers.

The next leg of the flight would have taken them 16,000 nautical miles up the west coast of Chile over Peru, Central America and the west coast of the United States and Canada, over Alaska to the Arctic and the North Pole where they were due to arrive on April 8. They had planned to finish the record-setting journey on April 15 after flying down the U.S. east coast back to New York.

In 2000, Jennifer set the world record for the fastest female solo helicopter flight around the world, covering the distance in 99 days.

LINDA M. SCULLY

North New Jersey Chapter

Linda M. Scully's designation as a Master CFI (Certificated Flight Instructor) was recently renewed by the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI). Linda is owner of Aero Safety Training and a resident of Kinnelon, New Jersey.

There are approximately 81,000 CFIs in the United States, but fewer than 400 of them have achieved this distinction thus far. Linda is one of only six New Jersey aviation educators to earn this prestigious "Master" title. The Master Instructor designation

is a national accreditation recognized by the FAA that is earned by candidates through a rigorous process of continuing education and peer review. Much like a flight instructor's certificate, it must be renewed biennially.

NAFI will be hosting its "Meet the Masters" breakfast, to which Linda will be invited, during EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh and Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland later this year.

REEL WOMENS BARRA FISHING COMPETITION

(Australian Section Governor Kathryn Flynn invites 99s planning on attending the 2005 New Zealand conference to join a flying safari and enter this fun fishing competition.)

No one was more surprised than I to win this year's Classic, which is held in September over two days near Kakadu. It sounded like fun and it really was. Had not done much serious fishing for years but chose my son Daniel to be our skipper, and sure enough he put us where the barramundi were!

Daniel woke us at 1:30 a.m. to go out – a drive of one hour to where we put the boat in on a dark dirt road, then a fast trip up creek to our fishing spot over an hour, passing by hundreds of red eyes (large crocodiles) to a barrage in an area generally called "Shady Camp."

It was just 4 a.m. so we had a nap and woke at 6:10 and began fishing from the bank, each about 100m apart. Daniel was not allowed to touch the lines, but each time he heard a barra splash he came running with the disposable camera and tape measure, which were used to record each catch. The fish were then released back into the water. My friend Charmaine, from South Australia six months before, had never caught a barra and was thrilled to catch six on the first day.

If any of you enjoy fishing, this would make a wonderful safari trip to come to the Northern Territory, flying up as a team (maximum four women per team). There are skippers available with boats and fishing gear to hire and there are airfields quite close to the action. For the rules and more information, the website to look up is: www.reelwomen.com.au and the 2004 Classic. The organizer is Emma Cartwright.

— Kathryn Flynn

Ratings and Wings

RATINGS

Stephanie Crissey FWP – Private Pilot
Chicago Chapter, North Central Section

Anna Retzler - Instrument
Houston Chapter – South Central Section

WINGS

Anna Retzler – Wings III
Houston Chapter, South Central Section

Celebrating 100 Years of Powered Flight



On December 17, 2003, many thousands of visitors paid tribute to the Wright Brothers at their memorial perched atop 80-foot-tall Kill Devil Hill commemorating their achievement of powered flight. Photograph by Chris Popoff