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On the Cover

Diane Myers, Orange County Chapter member, kicks up her Captain's heels in the engine of a DC-10. Diane retired last May as Captain after flying for 22 years for Continental Airlines. During her career, she flew the B-727, B-737, DC-10 and, most recently, the B-777. She has logged about 18,000 miles of flying time. Now that she's retired, she and her husband Ralph look forward to future flights together in their Cessna 414.

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2006

FEBRUARY

1 **Deadline for the March/April issue of 99 News.**

17-20 **Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund Board of Trustees Meeting**, Spruce Creek Fly-In, Daytona Beach, FL. Contact Gayl Henze, gaylhenze@att.net.

MARCH

2-4 **Spring International Board of Directors Meeting**, Headquarters, Oklahoma City, OK.

23-25 **Women in Aviation Conference**, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN. Contact www.wai.org.

APRIL

1 **Deadline for the May/June issue of 99 News.**

4-10 **Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, Florida.** Stop by The Ninety-Nines building, and visit with WASP. Contact www.sun-n-fun.org.

28-30 **Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting**, Holiday Inn, Greenfield Road, Lancaster, PA. Contact Diane Jackson, Eastern PA Chapter, fly303girl@yahoo.com, (717) 786-2388.

MAY

8-12 **Women Soaring Pilots Association (WSPA) Annual Seminar**, Chilhowee Gliderport near Chattanooga, TN. www.womensoaring.org.

12-14 **Southwest Section Meeting**, Minden, NV. For more information, contact Kathy Walton, kathywalton99@netscape.net.

19-21 **South Central Section Meeting**, Wichita, KS. Contact Kay Alley, 316-655-0855.

JUNE

1 **Deadline for the July/August issue of 99 News.**

16-18 **International Forest of Friendship 30th Anniversary**, "World Friendship Through Flying," Atchison, KS.

20-23 **Air Race Classic**, Mesa, AZ to Menominee, MI, 2154 NM. For information and entry packet, go to www.airraceclassic.org.



JULY

5-9 **International Ninety-Nines Conference**, Washington D.C., Marriott Hotel.

24-30 **EAA AirAdventure, Oshkosh, WI**, www.airventure.org. Visit The Ninety-Nines tent and the WASP exhibit.

AUGUST

1 **Deadline for the September/October issue of 99 News.**

SEPTEMBER

6-12 **Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) Conference**, Portland, OR.

OCTOBER

1 **Deadline for the November/December issue of 99 News.**

17-19 **NBAA (National Business Aircraft Association)**, Orlando, Florida. An opportunity to network with corporate pilots. Contact www.nbaa.org.

NOVEMBER

2 **Anniversary of the founding of The Ninety-Nines in 1929.**

9-11 **AOPA**, Palm Springs, CA. Visit The Ninety-Nines booth. Contact www.aopa.org.

DECEMBER

1 **Deadline for the January/February issue of 99 News.**

Snoopy Seeking 99s Artist

The Charles Schulz Museum seeks the name of the creative 99 who re-created the Powder-Puff Derby comic strip in felt appliqué. It was done in the late '70s and was graciously sent to Mr. Schulz.

We plan to use it in an upcoming exhibit and would like to credit the creator if possible. If you have any information about the artist, please get in touch with me. Thank you.

—Jean Schulz
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The restored dining room, June 2005.

BY SONDRA RIDGEWAY

The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum dedicates the newly restored dining room to Lois Feigenbaum.

The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, adorned with red, white and blue bunting and rocking chairs (recently donated by Illiana Cardinals 99s) on the front porch, was a welcoming sight to hundreds of visitors in June and July.

On June 18, there was a wonderful turnout of Ninety-Nines from near and far to attend the dedication of the newly restored dining room in Lois Feigenbaum's memory. Lois's family, along with many friends from the St. Louis area, trav-

eled by chartered bus to spend a few hours in Atchison. AEBM trustee Nelda Lee represented the trustees at the brief dedication ceremony. President Elaine Morrow expressed appreciation on behalf of The Ninety-Nines to Lois's family and friends for their generous donations that made the project possible. Bob Feigenbaum and his daughter Sue remarked how pleased the family was with the results of the room restoration.

With only a few weeks of rest for trustees and staff, the annual Amelia Earhart Festival took place on July 15 and 16. Our traditional all-day open house on Saturday drew crowds from open to close. It was so gratifying to see many families with children tour the museum. The goal to keep Amelia's spirit alive for this next generation is always uppermost with the trustees. A very special visitor this year was Ngozi Eze, Country Director of Women for Women International -,Nigeria, the 2005 recipient of the Amelia Earhart Pioneering Achievement Award.

On Saturday evening we hosted 275 invited guests for drinks and a light supper. Exchange Bank of Atchison funded the food and drink and we provided the place.

The evening climaxed with an aerobatic demonstration and fireworks over the river, which we enjoyed from our vantage point on the river bluffs.

A Quilt Benefits Amelia's Birthplace

Nancy Miller, Alabama Ninety-Nine and Trustee of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, and Leslie Jenison, Northeast Kansas Ninety-Nine, display the fund-raiser quilt. The quilt was designed and handquilted by Paulie Perry Gilbaugh, Kansas Chapter, and donated to benefit the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. Phylis Hensley of the Oklahoma Chapter was the recipient of the quilt.



Nancy Miller, left, and Leslie Jenison.

President's Message

The scenery and hospitality of New Zealand are hard acts to follow, but in September and December I attended awards events in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the National Aeronautical Association that were very memorable. In September they honored public service volunteers including Angel Flight and Wings of Hope, and at the December awards banquet they presented National and World Record Flight Awards, Elder Statesmen of Aviation awards and Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) Awards. I was honored to assist with the presentation of the Katharine Wright Award to Patty Wagstaff, the Cliff Henderson Award for Achievement to Martha King, the Katherine and Marjorie Stinson Award to Dr. Carol Rymer Davis and the Harmon Aeronaut Trophy for Ballooning to Richard Abruzzo and Dr. Carol Rymer Davis.

Particularly moving was the recognition given to the crews of helicopter Flights Jolly 11 and Jolly 12 for their rescue of five crew members from a downed Army Chinook helicopter in Iraq. The rescue occurred at night in a sandstorm with zero visibility and under fire from enemy rockets. The families of both crews were there and were also recognized for their support. The Ninety-Nines were well-represented with nine members and 49½s attending.

My husband Glen and I took advantage of the opportunity to fly our Cessna Cardinal to the North Central Section Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky in November, where lively debates were held with regard to venues for Section meetings or Conferences (the debacle at Meigs field in Chicago figured prominently in the discussions). We thoroughly enjoyed the southern hospitality and an afternoon at Churchill Downs. The following week was the Fall Board meeting in Oklahoma City, with a very constructive session devoted to the development of long range objectives for the organization. Then it was time again for the Minnesota Chapter's participation in the annual Tree of Hope collection of toys and delivery to hospitals throughout Minnesota, an event I look forward to each year.

It has been a busy and productive few months, but as we start another year, it is important to take time to reflect on what we have accomplished, to set goals for what we want to achieve in the coming year and to plan what we can do to help this organization and to help each other.

For example, did you know that 18 cents (U.S.) a day in

North America and 13 cents (U.S.) a day outside of North America could provide a year's membership for one Ninety-Nine or for more than three Future Women Pilots or Academic members? It is sometimes hard for a student pilot working on her ratings or for a long term member on a limited income to cover all her needs. We can personally sponsor another individual's membership or join with other members to do so. As Chapters, we can sponsor a First-Timers award for registration at a Section Meeting to give them a broader perspective about The Ninety-Nines and encourage their involvement.

The richness of The Ninety-Nines is that it is for *all* women aviators, no matter their age, no matter their occupation. This was brought home to me at a breakfast meeting the day after the NAA Awards when Patty Wagstaff said she loves The Ninety-Nines for this very reason. Each person has something to con-



Patty Wagstaff and Elaine at NAA, where Patty received the Katharine Wright Award.



Elaine and Kentucky Bluegrass members at Churchill Downs, where there was a special Ninety-Nines Race.



Nurses at Hennepin County Medical Center with toys delivered by the Minnesota Chapter and others.

tribute, whether it is a new idea, sharing history or mentoring other pilots. Remember the saying, "An airplane needs landing gear as well as wings."

Your membership supports two vital museums dedicated to women aviators, provides email networks for general aviation questions (Flight Training Forum and ListServ), networking (Pro 99s, Intercollegiate Chapter), Internet Chapters for our military members, the online directory with links to all Sections and aviation groups, and supports Headquarters operations that provide membership services. All of which returns to you as a benefit of membership. Plus, you have the wonderful support of your sister members during life's ups and downs. A truly win-win situation.

I challenge you to make a New Year's resolution to reach out to one other person — whether it is a new member or a current member you haven't seen for awhile — and bring them to your meetings. Getting members involved is the best way for your Chapter or Section to grow. Helping to sponsor another member, bringing others to meetings or retaining your own membership are some of the best things you can do to honor the commitment and vision of our Charter Members.

At press time we received word that Beverly Sharp, the 1998-2000 Ninety-Nines International President, flew to new horizons on January 5, 2006. A complete obituary will appear in the March/April issue of 99 News.



Diane Myers on her maiden flight as Captain in 1985.

Plotting The Course

BY MARY VAN VELZER
Orange County Chapter

Orange County member Diane Myers retires from Continental after 22 years as Captain.

After an exemplary, exciting and rewarding career of nearly 22 years at Continental Airlines, Ninety-Nine Diane Myers flew her last airline flight on May 24, 2005.

As she guided her Boeing 737-800 to a landing in Houston, Texas, her entire family was on board to help celebrate her retirement. The traditional ceremony of fire engines on the tarmac showering the airplane was held in her honor.

Diane was born in 1945 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During her childhood, her family frequently moved to different areas on the East Coast to accommodate her father's employer. No one in Diane's immediate family was a pilot nor had any interest in flying, and it held no fascination for her until she graduated from college.

In 1973, armed with a bachelors degree in Business, she took a job as a computer programmer. The company's facility was located near the Santa Barbara Airport in California. Even though Diane's real passion at the time was riding mo-

torcycles, she became fascinated with airplanes as they flew over her workplace.

In 1973, at 28 years old, she started ground school in Santa Barbara. Her work then took her to Orange County near the airport soon to be named John Wayne Airport (SNA). Determined to learn to fly, Diane moved in with two roommates to save money. With several of her colleagues, she began flying lessons in Piper Cherokees at Martin Aviation but was soon flying C-150s out of Newport Air Associates. Little did she know her flight instructor, Ralph Myers, would someday become her husband.

During her first solo, she remembers thinking, "This is so great I'm not ever coming down." Her passion for flying had taken over, and she knew she wanted to share the joy of flying by becoming a flight instructor.

With her credit cards maxed out, she continued working at her programming job at night in order to take flying lessons during the day. Now, focused on achieving her goal of CFI as soon as

possible, Diane earned her Private Pilot certificate (SEL) in six months.

Maintaining her focus, six months later she had her Commercial certificate plus her Instrument ratings and, in another six months, she had her Instructor ratings. With her CFI and CFII in place, she continued for the next three years to work as a computer programmer at night, enabling her to teach flying out of Newport Air Associates during the day.

In keeping with her adventurous spirit, Diane soloed a C-182 in the Palms To Pines Air Race to complete her Commercial Cross Country requirements in 1974. Three years later, she flew a SIAI Marchetti Riviera seaplane solo in the race. Besides flying in several proficiency races, Diane also flew in the Powder Puff Derby twice before the race was discontinued.

Soon after acquiring her Commercial rating and her Multi-Engine rating, but with only two hours of Lear Jet time and without ground school instruction, she was offered a position as co-pilot on Lear Jet 35s and 55s. These flights took Teamster Union officials to business meetings across the U.S. and Canada. The Teamsters' chief pilot had been in dire need of a co-pilot, and Diane was highly recommended. "I was at the right place at the right time," she recalls. And finally, there was an end to working nights as a programmer.

In 1983, Diane learned that Continental Airlines was looking for pilots. "I called them, and after an interview explaining I had approximately 5,000 hours flying time, many of which were in Lear Jets, I was hired." For three months she flew B-727s as flight engineer out of Honolulu on the Air Micronesia Flight, a 14-hour route from Honolulu to Johnston Island, Majuro, Kwajalein, Ponape, Truk and Guam. She was soon upgraded to co-pilot. In less than two years she earned her Captain's rating, moving on to B-737s.

In order to fly DC-10s, in 1989 Diane downgraded to co-pilot, remaining in that capacity for five years. From 1995 to 1998, she was a flight instructor to foreign students from France, Korea, China, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Indonesia in a Contract Flight Training Program. During this same period she flew ferry flights around the globe for Continental.

Diane then became a Check Airman in the Continental Flight Standards Department. She took one year off from that duty to fly the "Queen of the Fleet," the Boeing 777, mostly to Paris, France. Diane has now logged approximately 18,000 hours flying time.

In answer to the question asked by many

women, "How can I become an airline pilot?" she replies, "Required first and foremost is the passion for flying. With that in place, accompanied by a consistent positive attitude, plus the necessary determination, tenacity, self-discipline and self-confidence, the needed successes will fall into place enabling you to reach your goal. Also, being a team player and willingness 'to do whatever it takes' is important, plus ignoring or overcoming any obstacles along the way."

Belonging to The Ninety-Nines and Women in Aviation can reap many rewards for the aviation career-minded woman, she says. In 1974, Diane met Shirley Tanner, a member of the Orange County Chapter who encouraged her to join The Ninety-Nines. Since that time, Diane has enthusiastically and consistently supported the organization. Among her many other contributions to the Orange County Chapter, she has been one of the more compelling speakers at many of the Flying Companion Seminars. The Chapter awarded Diane the Pilot of the Year trophy and twice the Professional Pilot of the Year trophy.



Diane on her retirement flight on May 24, 2005.

During her first solo, she remembers thinking, "This is so great I'm not ever coming down."

An insight into her heritage is evident as Diane shares the following story. "Some time ago I took my 99-year-old grandmother flying in a C-152. Knowing there were winds aloft, I said to her, 'I hope this ride won't be too bumpy for you.' My grandmother replied, 'It'll be no more bumpy for me than for you!'"

As the saying goes, the acorn never falls far from the tree.



Captain Diane Myers, center front, with her all-female crew on a flight from New Orleans to Houston in 2004. From left, Jeanne Monteith, Joyce O'Toole, First Officer Mary Lantz, Aloyce Wilson, Angela Morris.



99s International Conference

July 5–9, Washington, D.C.

Washington Marriott Hotel

The Mid-Atlantic Section is delighted to invite you to join them at this year's International Conference in Washington, D.C. Headquartered at the Washington Marriott, it is a perfect location from which to explore an area packed with famous sights, free attractions and, of course, shopping. Come early and join the pre-conference tour of Colonial Williamsburg. On the Fourth of July, enjoy the spectacular fireworks with a dinner cruise aboard the Odyssey III. Take advantage of aviation-oriented tours of the National Air and Space Museum, the Udvar-Hazy Museum or TRACON in Leesburg. Experience the Pentagon, visit the many memorials, take a trip to Gettysburg, or what about the FBI/Spy Museum? Check the action-packed Conference schedule below to select your tours, meetings and seminars now.



Washington Marriott Hotel.

Conference Schedule

Tuesday, July 4

10:00-5:00	Conference Office set-up for registration
2:00-5:00	Fly Market set-up
2:00-5:00	Hospitality Room set-up
6:30	Odyssey cruise/dinner & fireworks or fireworks on the Mall on your own



The White House.
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Thursday, July 6

8:00-10:00	Welcome Breakfast
8:00-5:00	Registration/Credentials
9:00-1:00	Pentagon (with lunch at Pentagon City)
11:45-4:45	TRACON
1:30-5:30	Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum
10:30-3:00	Fly Market
10:00-12:30	Pre-Conference International Board Meeting
11:00-5:00	Hospitality Suite
5:00-7:00	Cocktail party/Watergate/host Washington, D.C. Chapter
7:00	Dinner on your own

Wednesday, July 5

8:00-5:00	Registration
10:00-5:00	Hospitality Suite
10:00-5:00	Fly Market Opens
7:00-3:00	Gettysburg
8:30-1:30	TRACON
9:00-4:00	White House, Arlington Cemetery, Women's Memorial, etc.
5:30-7:00	No Host Cocktail Party
7:00	Dinner on your own

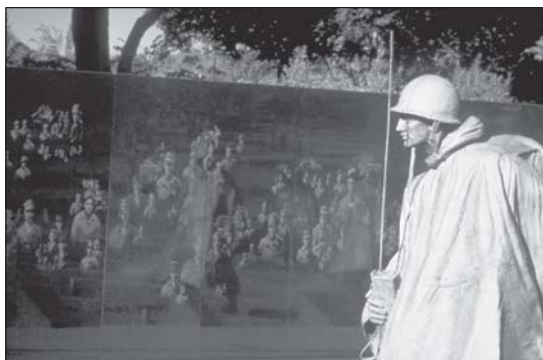
A view of the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center entrance way, the Donald D. Engen Observation tower and the IMAX theater.

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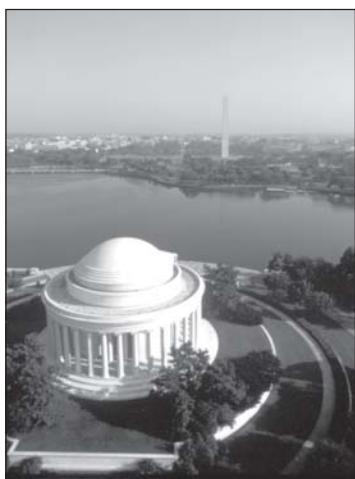


Friday, July 7

7:30-8:30	Continental Breakfast
7:30-8:15	Registration/Credentials
8:30-1:00	Annual Meeting Session #1
9:30-1:30	<i>White House, WWII, Vietnam, Korea</i>
9:00-1:00	<i>Air & Space (downtown) or FBI/Spy Museum</i>
1:30-4:30	<i>Pentagon</i>
1:00-2:00	Lunch on your own
1:00-2:00	Governors Reunion Luncheon
1:00-4:30	Fly Market
1:00-4:30	Hospitality Suite
2:00-4:00	Annual Meeting Session #2
4:00-5:00	Endowment Fund Trustees Meeting
6:00-7:00	Cocktail Party/Scholarship Reception
7:00-10:00	AE Scholarship Banquet



Korean War Memorial.
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The Jefferson Memorial.
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Saturday, July 8

8:30	Seminars begin
9:00-4:00	Hospitality Suite
10:00-3:30	Fly Market
1:30-3:30	Post Conference International Board of Directors
2:00-4:00	AE Scholarship Trustees Meeting
6:00-7:00	Cocktail Party
7:00-10:00	Awards Banquet



International Spy Museum.
Photo courtesy Washington, D.C. Convention & Tourism Corporation

Sunday, July 9

7:30-12:00	Hospitality Suite Cleaned Out
8:00	Weather Briefing



2006 International Conference Planning Committee at the Washington D.C. Marriott Hotel where the Conference will be held. From left, Marge Schaffer (Old Dominion), Ellen Nobles-Harris (Delaware), Mary Ellen Morris (Eastern Pennsylvania), Pat Manos (Washington DC), Linda Cain (Old Dominion), Debi Katzen (Washington DCK), Susan Kennedy (Virginia), Christine Sleeper (Washington DC).

2006 Conference Tour Options

Tour: 4th of July – Dinner cruise and fireworks aboard the Odyssey III.

Celebrate the 4th of July with a luxury cruise aboard the Odyssey III, reminiscent of the European canal ships and especially designed to navigate the bridges of Washington. The evening will begin at the Washington, D.C. Gangplank Marina, and we will spend three delightful hours enjoying the spectacular views of Washington, D.C. from our tables or from the many observation decks. All of this will be followed by the unbelievable fireworks that the Capital is famous for.

- As we board at 7 p.m. we will be greeted with creative seasonal hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Appetizers and a sumptuous three course dinner will follow, prepared to order onboard, and will be complemented by an excellent wine list. The Odyssey offers a singularly unique setting in three climate-controlled dining rooms and a quarter-mile of open air deck.

- Live entertainment from classic jazz to contemporary favorites, from a five-piece band to soft piano music. Continuous entertainment until well after the ship returns to the marina.

Join us for a truly unforgettable 4th of July event in 2006!

TOUR: July 5 – White House/Lafayette Park/Arlington Cemetery/Women in Military/Union Station.

Enjoy a full day of sight-seeing with a professional tour guide with over 25 years of experience leading tours in our nation's Capital. The tour will begin with an enlightening look of what life is like in the White House and then take you through Lafayette Park, the changing of the Guard at Arlington Cemetery, lunch in the courtyard of Union Station and an in-depth look at the Women's Memorial for women who served in our military.

Tour: July 5 & 6 – Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON), Flint Hill, Virginia.

Join us to see how it operates. The center in Leesburg controls aircraft from North Carolina all the way to New York area.

Tour: July 5 – Gettysburg Battlefield, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 49½.

Located 50 miles northwest of Baltimore, the small town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania was the site of the largest battle ever waged during the American Civil War. Fought in the first three days of July 1863, the Battle of Gettysburg resulted in a hallmark victory for the Union "Army of the Potomac" and successfully ended the second invasion of the North by General Robert E. Lee's "Army of Northern Virginia." Historians have referred to the battle as a major turning point in the war, the "High Water

Mark of the Confederacy." It was also the bloodiest single battle of the war, resulting in over 51,000 soldiers killed, wounded, captured or missing.

The Soldiers' National Cemetery at Gettysburg was dedicated on November 19, 1863, when President Abraham Lincoln delivered his immortal Gettysburg Address. The cemetery contains more than 7,000 interments, including over 3,500 from the Civil War. Post-battle efforts preserved small portions of the battlefield as a memorial to the Union victory.

On February 11, 1895, congressional legislation was signed to establish Gettysburg National Military Park as a memorial dedicated to the armies that fought this great battle. Gettysburg National Military Park incorporates nearly 6,000 acres, with 26 miles of park roads and over 1,400 monuments, markers and memorials.

Tour: July 6 & 7 – Pentagon (afternoon)

The headquarters of the Department of Defense, the Pentagon is one of the world's largest office buildings. It is twice the size of the Merchandise Mart in Chicago and has three times the floor space of the Empire State Building in New York. The nation's Capitol could fit into any one of the five wedge-shaped sections.

The Pentagon is virtually a city in itself. Approximately 23,000 employees, both military and civilian, contribute to the planning and execution of the defense of our country. The building is an extraordinary structure. Built during the early years of World War II, it is still thought of as one of the most efficient office buildings in the world. Despite 17.5 miles of corridors, it takes only seven minutes to walk between any two points in the building.

The original site was nothing more than wasteland, swamps and dumps. The building was constructed in the remarkably short time of 16 months and completed on January 15, 1943 at an approximate cost of \$83 million.

Tour: July 6 – Udvar Hazy Museum.

The Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center near Washington Dulles International Airport is the companion facility to the Museum on the National Mall. The building opened in December, 2003, and provides enough space for the Smithsonian to display the thousands of aviation and space artifacts that cannot be exhibited on the National Mall.

The two sites together showcase the largest collection of aviation and space artifacts in the world.

Tour: July 7 – White House/WW II/Lincoln/Korea Monuments, 49½ or AP.

Tour: Air & Space Museum, 49½ or AP.

Tour: Museum Tour (Spy/FBI, etc.), 49½ or AP

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For flights to Washington DC, call American Airlines @ 800-433-1790 (special number) or www.AA.com. 5% fare discount from June 27 to July 11, 2006. Use Code Number A5966AI (A5966A capital "i")
For rental cars, Avis AWD (Avis worldwide) J995326. Call 1-800-331-1600

Via Private Aircraft

Type of aircraft _____ Registration # _____
Arrival Date _____ ETA _____
Departure Date _____ ETD _____

Landing Destination (please check): _____ Manassas/HEF; _____ Leesburg/JYO; _____ Dulles/IAD (Signature – w/negotiated fuel discount)

Please check all that apply

- ☐ International Board Member
☐ Past President
☐ Current Governor
☐ Board of Trustees Member
Board Name _____
☐ Int'l Committee Chairman
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☐ A.E. Scholarship Winner 2006
☐ First Conference
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Special Diet Request:

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Hotel Information:
Washington Marriott
1221 22nd Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20037
202-872-1500

Room rate \$119 single, double and triple
1-800-228-9290

Identify yourself with the 99s

Web: www.marriott.com - enter code **lowlwa**.

Cut off date for the room block is June 5, 2006 5 p.m. EDT

Anything after that date will be on a space and rate available basis

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Conference Registration Fees

		Total Cost
Early Registration – postmarked by May 1, 2006	_____ @ \$ 325 USD	_____
On-Time registration – postmarked by June 1, 2006	_____ @ \$ 355 USD	_____
Late Registration – postmarked after June 1, 2006	_____ @ \$ 380 USD	_____
One-day Registration: Wednesday (includes reception)	_____ @ \$ 125 USD	_____
Thursday (includes breakfast)	_____ @ \$ 125 USD	_____
Friday (includes banquet)	_____ @ \$ 150 USD	_____
Saturday (includes banquet)	_____ @ \$ 150 USD	_____

Accompanying Person Tickets (if not a Ninety-Nine)

No-host Reception, Wednesday, 7/5/06	_____ @ \$ 20.00 USD	_____
Welcome Breakfast, Thursday, 7/6/06	_____ @ \$ 20.00 USD	_____
Scholarship Banquet, Friday, 7/7/06	_____ @ \$ 55.00 USD	_____
Awards Banquet, Saturday, 7/8/06	_____ @ \$ 55.00 USD	_____

Conference Tour Options

Pre-conference, July 2-4, 2006 Depart 8:00am 7/2

Williamsburg, VA - Single	_____ @ \$ 620.00 USD	_____
Williamsburg, VA - Double	_____ @ \$ 460.00 USD	_____

ODYSSEY CRUISE – July 4, 2006 6:30pm

_____	_____ @ \$ 198.00 USD	_____
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Wednesday, July 5, 2006

White House/ Arl.Cemetary/WomensMem/Union 9am-4pm	_____ @ \$ 35.00 USD	_____
TRACON 8:30am – 1:30pm	_____ @ \$ 20.00 USD	_____
Gettysburg Tour 7:00am – 3:00pm	_____ @ \$ 50.00 USD	_____

Thursday, July 6, 2006

TRACON 11:45am – 4:45pm	_____ @ \$ 20.00 USD	_____
Pentagon – 9:00am – 1:00pm	_____ @ \$ 20.00 USD	_____
Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum 1:30pm – 5:30pm	_____ @ \$ 20.00 USD	_____

Friday, July 7, 2006 – (AP) = Accompanying Person

White House/WWII Mem/Lincoln (AP) - 9:30am - 1:30pm	_____ @ \$ 20.00 USD	_____
Air & Space (downtown) (AP) – 9:00 am – 1:00pm	_____ @ \$ 15.00 USD	_____
FBI/Spy Museum (AP) – 9:00 am – 1:00pm	_____ @ \$ 15.00 USD	_____
Pentagon – 1:30pm – 4:30pm	_____ @ \$ 20.00 USD	_____

Saturday, July 8, 2006

Seminars

Fly Market (to reserve a 6-foot table for sales items)
 Section/Chapter Name - \$30 USD per table Commercial/Company Name - \$60 USD per table

Contact Information:

Name: _____
 Phone Number _____
 E-Mail Address: _____

Registration Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellation is by writing only (postal service or e-mail) to Ellen Nobles-Harris
 If received on or before June 1 – full refund less \$10; and from June 2 to June 20 – payment less \$50.
 After June 20, there will be no refund unless approved by Conference Chairman, Linda Cain.

Recap of Fees

Registration Fee \$ _____
 Accompanying _____
 Person Tickets _____
 Tour Options _____
 Fly Market _____
 Total Fees _____

Payment Information

Check/Money Order **preferred**,
 Payable in US Funds to:
**2006 99s International
 Conference**

☐ VISA
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Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

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Signature _____

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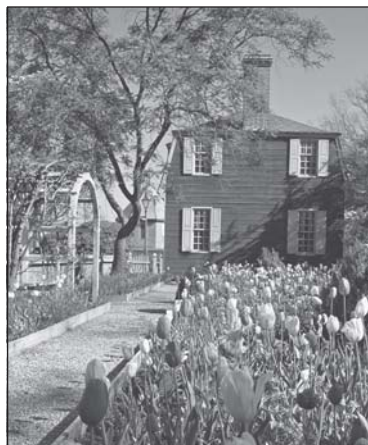
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Pre-Conference Tour Options



TOUR: July 2-4 — Colonial Williamsburg.



Nestled amid the homes, shops and public buildings of Colonial Williamsburg are 18th century style gardens. Photo courtesy Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, Williamsburg, Virginia.

The tour will not only take you back in time to Colonial Williamsburg, but it will also take you through the American Revolution and America's first permanent English Colony, including dinner at a colonial tavern.

Colonial Williamsburg: America's largest living history museum. From 1699 to 1780, Williamsburg was the political, social and cultural capital of Britain's largest, wealthiest and most populous colony. Colonial Williamsburg encompasses over 500 buildings and 180 acres of magnificent gardens. In the shops,

taverns, government buildings, homes and streets, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, George Mason and other Virginia Patriots debated the ideas, liberty, independence and personal freedoms, that led to the founding of American democracy. Interaction with hundreds of costumed interpreters of varied age, race and social position provides a firsthand view of life when the town was the capital of the Virginia colony. Tour includes admission to the Capitol building and Governor's Palace.

Yorktown Victory Center: The drama of the American Revolution and the birth of our great nation come to life at the Victory Center, where in 1781 a decisive battle of the "War for American Independence" took place. In provocative indoor galleries, witness the Revolution through the eyes of those who were there. Outdoors, experience the sights and sounds of the Revolutionary War in the re-created Continental Army encampment. Nearby, interpreters in the garden, tobacco house, farmhouse and kitchen introduce life on an 18th Century farm.

Jamestown Settlement: This was America's first permanent English Colony, established 13 years before Plymouth Rock. Replicas of the three sailing ships that carried Captain John Smith and 103 other Englishmen here in 1607 are ready to board in Virginia's James River. Visitors can explore the re-created version of the colony and the Powhatan Indian village to discover what life was like for early settlers.

Dinner at a Colonial Williamsburg Tavern. Enjoy dinner at a colonial tavern restaurant which offers dishes inspired by 18th and early 19th Century cookbook recipes.

Pre-Conference Tour to Williamsburg, July 2 – 4, 2006

Your pre-conference tour includes:

- Transportation
- Hotel
- Tour Guide
- Dinner at Williamsburg Tavern
- 2 Day Governor's Key to the City
(allows access to all colonial buildings)

Rates per person:

Double Occupancy: **\$460**

Single Supplement: **\$622**

Space is limited. Registration for the pre-conference tour must be received by May 25, 2006.

Name _____ Chapter _____

Phone# _____ E-mail Address _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Make check payable to: 2006 99s International Conference.

*Refunds are subject to penalty and approval of the Conference Committee before May 30, 2006.
No refunds after May 30.*

Mail to: Ellen Nobles-Harris, Registration Chairman, PO Box 7066, Wilmington, DE 19803-0066.

Elections 2006

It's again time to cast your ballot for 99s elected positions. Ballots must be returned by May 1, so be sure to make your vote count.

Election Procedures



BY ANNA TAYLOR, Election Procedures Chair

Just a reminder that it will soon be time to vote for a new President, Board of Directors, Nominating Committee and many Trustees. A ballot will be mailed to each member, postmarked no later than February 1, 2006. To be properly counted, ballots must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2006. Don't delay!

If you do not receive a ballot by the end of February, please contact Headquarters for a replacement ballot.

PLEASE VOTE!



PATRICIA PRENTISS, Candidate for President

Southwest Section, Orange County Chapter

The pulse of The Ninety-Nines is its membership. My journey from Chapter Chairman through Southwest Section Secretary, Vice-Governor, Governor, International Director and, most recently, International Vice-President, has made me understand just how important each of you is in balancing the needs of the organization.

As Director of Operations for a large Part 135 company, I exercise daily operational control of 15 aircraft and approximately 30 pilots in addition to being captain-qualified in both the Citation III and Hawker HS-125. My employment has provided me with the skills and expertise not only to coordinate the needs of a wide range of clients, regulatory groups and pilot training, but also the ability to address the practical side of business.

Outside of aviation, I am a General Contractor, have built many custom homes and understand the complexities of construction. As Chairman of The Ninety-Nines Headquarters Building Maintenance Committee, that knowledge has provided the basis for sound decisions that have benefited our organization.

At the grass roots level, I have worked extensively with the Ambassador Chapter, chaired many flying companion seminars, participate in air races, am a Senior Navigator in the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative program and find great enjoyment in mentoring those who have chosen to learn to fly.

I bring to you a deep love of The Ninety-Nines, a vision of what is important for the future of our organization and a background of experience to support that vision. I would be honored to serve as your President.

SUSAN LARSON, Candidate for Vice-President

South Central Section, Rio Grande Norte Chapter

Members of The Ninety-Nines are the most talented and capable people I have ever known in my life. You have all met the challenge of the skies no matter what the aircraft of choice or country of departure and landing. You are the women I wish to continue to serve and ask you to vote for me for Vice-President.

As a commercial pilot with Instrument and Rotorcraft ratings and access to a sweet Cessna 182 in which I've gathered over 2,000 hours, I continue to fly often. My newest venture, HeliNM, operates a seven seat Bell 206 L3 turbine helicopter offering charter and tour services based in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Flying it is an absolute hoot and acquiring a Commercial Rotorcraft rating in it one of my greatest accomplishments.

My strengths lie in my business background, both as a CPA and as an owner/manager of Larson Pallet Company for 26 years. With the skills developed during those years, I feel very qualified to serve as your Vice-President. One of the major roles of this position is to advise and liaise with future International Conference organizers so that the Conference is a grand success for all. Serving as the Chairman for the San Diego Conference in 2000 and as an early organizer of the recent Christchurch Conference has given me great insight into the processes. Thank you for allowing me to serve you as Treasurer, and I relish serving for another two years.



FRANCES LUCKHART, Candidate for Secretary

South Central Section, Tulsa Chapter

For 17 years I worked in Amoco's accounting center where accuracy and recordkeeping were paramount. For several years I served as newspaper editor in my own Chapter, and I held all officer positions including secretary in Beta Sigma Phi sorority. In my early years I was employed as a school teacher. For the past two years I have served as a Director on the International Board.

As a Board member, I will continue to help establish a fund-raising plan that will spotlight the organization in a light that is interesting and money worthy of the members, as well as the general public, and in doing so will result in a two-fold benefit: much needed revenue and new members.

I have worked hard to uphold the trust shown when you elected me as Director. If elected to this new position, I will take very seriously my obligation to maintain an accurate account of all Board proceedings as stipulated in the Board Operating Policies and Procedures. I bring to you a level of experience, and I ask that you give me the same trust that you gave me before towards my new goal in serving as your new International Secretary.

KRISTINE K. (KRIS) IRVIN, Candidate for Treasurer

South Central Section, Arkansas Chapter

I received my Private Pilot certificate in 1988 and joined The Ninety-Nines in 1989. I have been an active member of the Arkansas Chapter since that time. I have served as Chapter Vice-Chairman, Chapter Chairman, Chapter AE Scholarship Chair and have served as Chapter Treasurer since 1996. I have also been very active at the Section level and have served as Advisor since 1996.

I am currently serving as the Governor of the South Central Section. Since being elected Section Governor, I have served on the International Finance Committee and as Chairman of the International Awards Committee.

As a member of the International Finance Committee, I have assisted in several matters related to the required filings with the Internal Revenue Service. I am a licensed Certified Public Accountant and have been in practice since 1982. In this capacity I have dealt with a variety of clients in the areas of tax, accounting and auditing, including nonprofit organizations and business enterprises in a variety of fields.

The Ninety-Nines have made great strides in the last several years in getting our financial records in order and having timely and clear financial statements which are essential to the Board of Directors in making financial decisions. I would like to continue this trend, and I feel I am very qualified due to my very extensive business and financial background. I look forward to serving as your International Treasurer.





PAT THERBERGE, Candidate for Director

New England Section, Eastern New England Chapter

Our Charter Members recognized the need to work together as women pilots to achieve a common goal. To continue the great accomplishments that have been made over the years, we must continually work to improve and provide opportunities to women pilots. All of our endeavors, our Scholarships, the Endowment Fund, The Museum of Women Pilots, the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, as well as all of the activities at the Chapter and Section and International level, are all important aspects in the vital role we play in promoting women and their ever expanding role in aviation. In today's world we face many challenges in maintaining and increasing the membership, funding all of our activities and finding a way to get more name recognition. There are still many women pilots who do not know we exist. How do we resolve these issues? I don't pretend to have all of the answers, but I would like to participate in finding the solution.

Over the years I have held numerous Chapter and Section offices, including Council of Governors Spokesperson. I believe this experience has prepared me to take the next step and become involved at the International level. My professional experience in the areas of project management, engineering and information technology provides me with the skills that I can provide to help in developing the road map for achieving our common goals and assuring the continued growth of our organizations. I have made many wonderful friends in The 99s. I enjoy participating in the organization and would like to represent you at the International level.

VIRGINIA HARMER, Candidate for Director

Southwest Section, San Gabriel Chapter

I took up flying on a dare in 1991. My husband made the mistake (his only one) of telling me that if I got my certificate he would buy me an airplane. That was all it took! One of my husband's co-workers introduced me to The Ninety-Nines. I have been hooked on flying and The Ninety-Nines ever since. My first area of involvement was the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Regional competition. I love being out there with the students and fellow 99s. For the last four years I have been the NIFA Chairman for the Southwest Section and International and have attended the National NIFA Competitions. I have also held all elected positions at the Chapter level. The Ninety-Nines provide a sisterhood that includes encouragement, friendship, mentoring and passion.

My 25 years as an office manager at a Christian school was fulfilling and dear to my heart, but being able to introduce young children to aviation and having them see me, a woman, as a real part of it, was beyond my dreams. I have been involved with air shows, Poker Runs and Flying Companion Seminars. I have conducted tours, spoken with children's groups and adult organizations. I have attended numerous Section and International meetings.

Directors help keep the organization on course by working with and providing encouragement to the leadership and all members of The Ninety-Nines. I would consider it an honor to be able to help promote, provide and preserve this organization.



DR. KAREN BAILEY, Candidate for Nominating Committee

West Canada Section, Alberta Chapter

I have been a Ninety-Nine since 1977 and attended 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. The original focus and intent of the organization has become less relevant in today's changing society. We need to preserve our history and move ahead, keeping pace with change and redefining our focus to enable us to attract younger members, recreational and professional pilots.

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 levels in a variety of positions. I have served on the International Membership Committee and the International Nominating Committee three times (twice as Chairman). I am willing to serve in this role once again as an International Ninety-Nine.

BETTY HUCK, Candidate for Nominating Committee

North Central Section, Greater Cincinnati Chapter

I joined The Ninety-Nines in 1994 shortly after receiving my Private Pilot certificate. I have become more involved and active with The Ninety-Nines over the years and am currently serving as the Governor of the North Central Section, and I am very active in my Greater Cincinnati Chapter. I was the International Flying Activities Chair in 2002-2004.

I feel that in The Ninety-Nines there are a lot of talented women who just need an opportunity to become more active in leadership roles in the organization and just need to be asked and encouraged. As a member of the Nominating Committee. I would like to make more members aware of what goes on at the International level and increase their interest in participating as a member of the International Board or serving on an International Committee.



CAROLYN C. CARPP, Candidate for Nominating Committee

Northwest Section, Western Washington Chapter

Having earned my pilot's license in 1978, flying became my passion. Within a year that passion was extended to include The Ninety-Nines, Inc. as well as the entire local aviation community. Running for offices, serving on committees and working on aviation projects became a way of life for me. I even began a Young Astronauts/Aviation Club in the school where I taught.

After completing seven years of service on the International Board. I continue to be involved as a member of the International Nominating Committee, the Assistant NIFA Chairman and Internet Chapters Chairman. On the local level, I serve as newsletter editor for my Chapter and the Northwest Section. In the State of Washington, I have chaired The Ninety-Nines booth at the EAA Fly-in in Arlington and at the Northwest Aviation and Trade Show in Puyallup. Working with young people as a public school teacher inspired me to volunteer with NIFA, where I have been a SAFECON judge for the past three years. I have enjoyed working with the International Nominating Committee and would like to continue in 2006-2008.

I believe I am well qualified for this committee because I am experienced and know a wide range of our members. I am energized by The Ninety-Nines and would encourage some of our younger members to be more involved in leadership opportunities.

PAT OHLSSON, Candidate for Nominating Committee

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 Ninety-Nines the benefits I have received as a member of the organization for over 30 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 sight-seeing organization, and an apiary with in excess of 100 honey beehives. 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.





DONNA CRANE-BAILEY, Candidate for Nominating Committee

Southwest Section, Monterey Bay Chapter

The strength of any organization is evidenced by the willingness of its members to be involved. Frequently, a member is interested in doing more but does not quite see how to accomplish it or what path to take. The function of the Nominating Committee is to find these interested, competent candidates and demystify that path. My participation in The Ninety-Nines at the Chapter, Section and International levels has brought me into contact with a wide variety of members and gives me a chance to see them in action. This is an asset when seeking qualified members to represent all of us at the International level.

I have served as Chapter and Membership Chairman, have been Vice-Governor and am currently Governor of the Southwest Section, and serve as Chairman of the Publications Committee. Outside The Ninety-Nines I serve on the Watsonville Airport Advisory Committee, have been Vice-President of the Watsonville Fly-In and Air Show and belong to several aviation-related organizations.

LINDA CAIN, Candidate for Museum of Women Pilots Trustee

Mid-Atlantic Section, Old Dominion Chapter

I was elected as a Museum of Women Pilots Trustee in 2003. I believe in the mission of the Museum of Women Pilots and what it will mean to the future generations of women aviators. Once you are established as a Trustee, your second term is often where you can make the greatest contribution. I look forward, if re-elected, to having that opportunity.

My home on the ground is in Leesburg, Virginia, outside of Washington D.C., and my home in the air is a Cessna 182 that is red, white and blue and named "OLD GLORY."

I have served my Chapter as Chapter Chairman, Treasurer and Development Chairman. I have served as a Trustee for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum, and currently I am the Chairman for the 2006 International Conference to be held in Washington, D.C. in July.



LINDA H. MARSHALL, Candidate for Museum of Women Pilots Trustee

Northwest Section, Montana Chapter

While working on my instrument rating, I learned about The Ninety-Nines and joined the organization. At my second meeting, I became Montana Chapter Vice-Chairman. I have held either Chapter office or Committee Chair positions ever since. While working on different ratings, The Ninety-Nines were always there for me. I received an AE Scholarship for my Multi-engine rating.

I am seeking the position of MWP Trustee. I have co-owned a salvage yard and a flight school. For the past two years as Director on the International Board, I was liaison to The Ninety-Nines Museum of Women Pilots.

I would like to continue my involvement with the Museum as a Trustee. I thank you for this opportunity.





JANET YODER, Candidate for Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Trustee
South Central Section, Kansas Chapter

I am pleased to submit my name for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Board of Trustees. I have been a member of The Ninety-Nines since 1980. I have served in several positions in the Kansas Chapter. Presently I am Co-Vice Chairman and Co-Newsletter Editor.

I have been employed as a CRNA (Nurse Anesthetist) since 1965 and have experienced all phases of that profession. I have helped direct a furniture sales business for 15 years. Currently, my husband Don and I are developing 290 acres into a residential airpark. I have participated in the Air Race Classic since 1982 as either PIC or copilot, and have placed second twice as Margaret Ringenberg's copilot. At present I am on the ARC Board of Directors. Don and I have definite interest in the older aircraft. Currently we have a 1940 Stearman, 1944 Stearman, a 1946 J3 Cub and 1958 J model Bonanza. We try to participate in as many antique aircraft events as possible.

It would be an honor to assist in keeping alive the remembrance of Amelia Earhart and the maintenance of her childhood home. The home is a tangible connection to Ms. Earhart and one that all women in aviation should have an interest in. With its proximity to the Forest of Friendship, it becomes a shrine to the beginning of "Women in Aviation." We must all commend Amelia's foresight to bring all women pilots together in the organization of The Ninety-Nines.

CAROLE SUTTON, Candidate for Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum Trustee
South Central Section, Nebraska Chapter

Carole is a Trustee of the AEBM and Interim Secretary of the Nebraska Charter of Ninety-Nines. Since joining The Ninety-Nines in 1973, she has served all offices of the South Central Section and Nebraska Chapter of The Ninety-Nines. She earned her Private and Commercial certificates, and then with an Amelia Earhart Scholarship completed her Instrument rating. She has logged over 4,500 hours.

Carole was Secretary of the AEBM when the restoration began and understands the fundamentals of how the Museum operates. Her goal is to serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the AEBM and to be involved with the continuing efforts for the restoration, perpetuation, maintenance, improvements and enhancement of the Museum and to maintain camaraderie with the citizens of Atchison, Kansas. Carole is willing to dedicate the time and effort needed to make the AEBM a lasting aviation historical memory for all to enjoy.

Carole and her husband own and operate an aerial spraying business. She earned her aerial application license in 1977 and was the first female certified for Aerial Application in Nebraska. Other affiliations with aviation include the Flying Farmers, Nebraska Aviation Trades Association and the Kansas Agricultural Aviation Association. She is serving as president of the Belleville Flyers, Inc. and works with the local Chamber of Commerce to promote aviation activities.



JOY PARKER BLACKWOOD, Candidate for Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustee, East Canada Section, First Canadian Chapter

Over the past four years I have had the honor and privilege to be a member of the AEMSF Trust. Our scholarship program is unique in the aviation world. It has proven to be extremely valuable to our members seeking further training when financial need is a stumbling block and where the results of winning one of our awards has been so eloquently and motivationally revealed at our awards banquet and Parade of Past Winners. It is because of seeing these results and being part of the pride we take in helping to make dreams come true that I wish to continue to serve as a Trustee for a second term. Although we have achieved a financial milestone in our ability to provide a significant number of awards, this is really only the beginning. We need to continue to enhance our purpose, recognition and support within the larger aviation community around the world, and those individuals and corporations who can benefit from the high quality skills of a larger pool of women aviators, no matter in what capacity. Our winners take with them the pride of achievement and the heartfelt thanks of The Ninety-Nines organization wherever they go. This benefits all of us as women pilots and the long-term viability of our organization.

As the appointed AEMSF Trust Captain of the newly formed 99s Fundraising Committee, I intend to work towards the next milestones that can be achieved along this growth and visibility path.



BARBARA STRACHAN, Candidate for Endowment Fund Trustee

Mid-Atlantic Section, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter

I started flying in the mid 1970s and ran into my share of bias as a woman pilot. Some of the men in my circle resented my intrusion, some felt threatened. I just wanted to fly and needed some female peers to share my joy and frustrations and not feel so alone. Fortunately, I was introduced to The Ninety-Nines and met my comrades in the air.

I have been an active member of The Ninety-Nines since, serving at both Chapter and Section levels. The organization is very important to me. It has helped me form the close friendships with women who encouraged and supported me.

I would like to serve as a Trustee on the Endowment Fund Board to assist in one of the most difficult tasks that faces the organization, the effort to attain the goal of One Million Dollars. As costs and projects have increased, and membership has dwindled, income from the Endowment Fund will be crucial to our survival as an organization.

My background in marketing, sales and accounting can help with this effort to grow the fund. I would like to see every Ninety-Nine who loves the organization and what it represents make a commitment to this endeavor. We must insure the successful continuation of The Ninety-Nines organization. I need your vote! Thank you.

GAYL HENZE, Candidate for Endowment Fund Trustee

Mid-Atlantic Section, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter

I have come full circle in the past 25 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 Ninety-Nines 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 Endowment Fund is critical to the future financial independence of The Ninety-Nines.

I would like to continue contributing to the organization by using my organizational skills to work with the other members of the Board of Trustees and to encourage the growth of the Endowment Fund to our \$1 million goal.



CAROLYN J. VAN NEWKIRK, Candidate for Endowment Fund Trustee

Mid-Atlantic Section, Central Pennsylvania Chapter

I am seeking a second term as a Trustee for The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund, and I am committed to being a force in helping reach the goal of one million dollars. The fund is growing and needs creativity in fund-raising and financial management to achieve this ambitious but necessary goal in order to ensure a solid foundation for the organization. I am proud of the activities we sponsor: scholarships for pilots, future pilots and aviation related research; public education; airmarking; and preservation of the history of women in aviation. To continue these activities takes money, and the Endowment Fund can be the venue for stability.

I am principal of a Blue Ribbon private school, have promoted aviation to my students through a variety of programs and activities and was the recipient of an Amelia Earhart Scholarship for Research on the topic of *History of Women's Air Races*. Aviation is my passion, as I have flown in 13 Air Race Classics and am president of Whiteflite, Inc. which owns a Cessna 182 Skylane. I have served in numerous capacities in the Central Pennsylvania Chapter, currently Editor of the Section Connection, and have attended Section and International meetings. I will be honored to serve another term as a Trustee.



BY JENNY T. BEATTY
International Careers Committee Chairman

CAREERS: Pro 99s Populate General Aviation

Since women were barred from military and airline pilot careers until the mid-1970s and were only let in at a trickle through the 1980s, they have been active mostly in general aviation: pilot training, flight testing, air taxi and air ambulance, corporate aviation and government aviation.

Not all felt left out. "If the airlines had been hiring women pilots when I came along, I don't think I would have been interested," says Evelyn Bryan Johnson. "I was more interested in teaching people to fly."

And how! During her amazing 55-plus-year career as flight instructor and designated pilot examiner, Evelyn gave thousands of students their pilot licenses.

The pendulum swings. In their eagerness to chase after military and airline pilot jobs now open to them, many women are overlooking the wonderful professional pilot career opportunities in general aviation. They are plentiful, as Johnson and these Pro 99s can attest:

Suzanna Darcy-Hennemann, the chief test pilot on the B777-200LR for The Boeing Company, recently set a new nonstop distance record for a commercial airline jet, flying eastbound from Hong Kong to London. "Going from a plan on a piece of paper to watching the airplane come out of the factory; from first flight to meeting our test schedule day after day with whatever challenges came our way... One of my great pleasures is seeing it all come together."

"It was love at first flight!" says Martha Christiano, who switched careers mid-life to become a BeechJet air taxi pilot. She enjoys the personal interaction with customers, variety and excellent pay. "I will always remain a charter and/or corporate pilot. There's never a dull moment!"

"My fellow employees are fantastic, the airplanes are awesome, my passengers value the service we provide, and I get a nice balance of flying and 'off time' with my family," says Wendy Paver, a corporate pilot for the Ford Motor Company. "I realized that *this* is where I wanted to be."

"I love flying in jeans and a t-shirt (sometimes – I still have to put on that suit and tie for the G-III)," says Jenny Harwood Higgs, a corporate pilot. "I love doing my own flight planning and watching the weather for days before a trip. I love bartering for lower fuel prices at different FBOs. I love uncontrolled airports! ...And *no airport security lines to deal with!*"

But even that is too regimented for some. "It's a relief to never have to wear a business suit," says Katie Writer, a floatplane pilot in Alaska. "Knowing that I never want to be an airline pilot keeps me focused on learning the never-ending skills required of bush flying."

Flying seaplanes from her backyard was a dream come true for Mary Build, who learned to fly at age 47 and owns a seaplane flight school in Maine. "Having my own business is such a pleasure," she says. "I have an opportunity to develop it, nurture it, change its path. At 60, I'm still having the time of my life."

Kirsten Brazier, the Pro 99 profiled in this issue, agrees: "The work is hard, one must take on many responsibilities for little pay, and there is little time off. However, at the end of the day I know I have contributed to something that we own ourselves, and every flight is both a challenge and a reward."

Remember, the aim of The 99s Careers Committee is to promote and support members in *all* pilot careers. If you are a GA Pro 99, please join in! Contact us at www.ninety-nines.org/pro99s_emailnetwork.html.

PRO 99s PROFILE: Kirsten Brazier

BY BETSY JORDAN DONOVAN, International Careers Committee

Living her dream, Canadian Kirsten Brazier says, "I am a career bush pilot, so pretty much every day is fun." Owner of DaxAir Inc., a charter company based in Red Lake, Ontario, Kirsten flies a Beech 18 on floats during the summer, making improvements during the winter. A fanatic for round engines, she says, "Turbines were made for helicopters. To me, there is no greater sound than a pair of round motors sparking to life and roaring for take-off."

A member of the Ambassador Chapter, Kirsten holds both Canadian and U.S. ATP certificates with Instrument, Floats and

Canadian Commercial Helicopter ratings. She built her hours by flying a Cessna 172 from Victoria, B.C. to the Mexico Border and back, flew with her dog in the back of a Piper Warrior in the middle of the night for the night requirement and flew various bush jobs.

Kirsten's advice: "Set clear goals and work towards achieving them with an open mind to changes in the industry and experience gained along the way...Don't forget to have a life too."



THE NINETY-NINES WELCOMES THESE **174** NEW 99s, ACADEMIC MEMBERS AND FUTURE WOMEN PILOTS

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RATINGS

Wilma Pack Brantley – Commercial
Tennessee Chapter

Tonya Hampton-Koon – Multi-engine Commercial
Instrument, Kitty Hawk Chapter

Jeanné Willerth – CFII
Greater Kansas City Chapter

V. Maurine Alexander, FWP – Private Pilot
Lake Charles Chapter

Liz Havens Lee – Instrument
Antelope Valley Chapter

Austin Mader-Clark – Private Pilot
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Martha Miller – Taildragger Endorsement
Tennessee Chapter

Maryellyn Page – Seaplane
Connecticut Chapter

Torea Rodriguez – CFI
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Deb Thompson – MEI
Minnesota Chapter

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Morgen Reeb – 757 and 767 Type Rating
Old Dominion Chapter

Suzanne Skeeters Trebon – Airbus A-330
Aloha Chapter

WINGS

Corbi Bullock – Phase VI
Kitty Hawk Chapter

MayCay Beeler – Phase V
Kitty Hawk Chapter

Lila Elliott – Phase IV
Florida First Coast Chapter

Benita Morris – Phase II
Fresno Chapter

Jeanne Willerth – Phase VIII
Greater Kansas City Chapter

MASTER CFI

Meg Godlewski – Master CFI
Northwest Section

NEW HORIZONS

ROSE MARIE COLLINS

Rose Marie Collins, 77, mother of astronaut Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, died on November 18, 2005 after suffering several years from a respiratory illness. Rose Marie raised Eileen and three other children on her own, working for 27 years as a stenographer at the Elmira Correctional Facility. After her retirement, Mrs. Collins was employed as a records clerk in the Elmira Police Department.

Her unlimited love and support gave Eileen the courage to pursue a different career from that of the average woman. The Ninety-Nines would like to extend our condolences to one of our "sisters in the air." We love and admire you for the example that you set, and we share your sadness in your loss. The strength that you gained from your mother will always be with you, as you continue to be our hero.

—Marcia K Gitelman



Ruth Dobrescu

RUTH DOBRESCU Phoenix Chapter

Sadly, our lovely longtime friend Ruth Dobrescu flew to a New Horizon suddenly on September 24, 2005.

Ruth embraced life with her dedicated 49½ Charlie always by her side. We were lucky to have had our last visit with them in 2004 as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their two daughters, their husbands and seven grandchildren, family and friends.

Ruth, a life member, was a brand new Ninety-Nine on October 10, 1965 when Long Island Chapter was chartered 40 years ago. She and I are both charter members of the Long Island Chapter. We lived within five minutes of each other and traveled to Ninety-Nines meetings and conferences together before she moved to Phoenix and joined the Phoenix Chapter.

Ruth went on to hold many offices, including Long Island Chapter Chairman, NY-NJ Section Governor and International Board of Directors. Ruth co-chaired the dedication of the photo-etched bronze plaque of The Ninety-Nines' first meeting at Curtiss Field in Valley Stream on the 50th Anniversary of The Ninety-Nines in 1979.

Everyone loved to work with Ruth, a delightful, hard working participant and dedicated to the job at hand. No matter what job she tackled — Charles Lindbergh stamp, beautification of the City of Glen Cove — we all counted on Ruth to complete a "job well done" every time. She was a perpetual volunteer for so many projects and made an everlasting contribution to aviation and The Ninety-Nines for 40 years.

We will sorely miss our enthusiastic friend with her perpetual smile and friendly outreach. What a blessing to have Ruth in our lives for all these years. God bless Ruth and Charlie.

—Doris and Ronnie Abbate

GERTRUDE G. GELDERMAN Tucson Chapter

Gertrude G. Gelderman, 101, passed away peacefully at her home in Tucson on September 4, 2005. G.G. possessed an avid curiosity and dauntless spirit, which led her to steal away from family obligations in the 1940s to take flying lessons during early morning hours.

Trained as a registered nurse, Gertrude was devoted to her invalid husband, Doctor F. H. Gelderman, and their two sons Fred and Albert, but her soul craved adventure. When G. G. finally admitted to her husband what she'd been up to, he encouraged her wholeheartedly.

In 1951, Gertrude was one of the founding mothers of the Tucson Chapter and served as its first secretary. Her notes about the Chapter's "birthing pangs" are both enlightening and amusing. G. G. traveled widely, and after Doctor died, she roamed the country with her dog and RV. She took continuing university courses and was an avid fitness buff, continuing in water aerobics until after her 100th birthday. Gertrude's common sense, her kindness, her flair for adventure and her devotion to The Ninety-Nines are all sorely missed.

—Mary A. Mercker

LEIGH MERRITT GUINN Mt. Shasta Chapter

Our young new member Leigh Merritt Guinn, 34, passed away on October 16, 2005. She was born December 23, 1970 in Richmond, Virginia.

Leigh received her Private Pilot certificate in April 2004, her Instrument ticket in June 2005 and logged 300 hours by the time of her death. Since joining our Chapter just last year, she never missed a meeting, event or work party. In addition to her flying activities, she was the chief financial officer of a computer software company and an accomplished sailor.

We all had grown to love her bright spirit and willingness to be an integral part of our Chapter. We are going to miss Leigh.

Our Chapter and several individual members have donated a brick to the Whitmore Community Center where she lived. The center is finishing up its work by the sale of "bricks" with names engraved. Her husband Robert recommended it, as Leigh loved her community.

Leigh is survived by her loving husband, Robert Guinn of Whitmore; mother Harriett Hardy of San Francisco; father Les Hardy and brother William Hardy, both of Edmond, Oklahoma; grandmothers Betty Hardy of Scottsdale, Arizona and Patty Davis of Florida.

—Donna Taylor



Leigh Merritt Guinn

NEW HORIZONS

SHIRLEY R. MARSHALL

Tucson Chapter

Shirley R. Marshall, 88, passed away August 24, 2005. An adventurous soul, Shirley learned to fly in the early 1950s when she and husband Art bought a Tri-Pacer. Both plane and pilots were always at the service of the Tucson Chapter.

Shirley was a true go-getter, initiating Chapter programs and mentoring new pilots. As Chairman in 1957, she led the Chapter to institute the Penny-A-Pound (now Dime-A-Pound) yearly airlifts. Still a Chapter project, the airlifts not only raise community awareness but provide scholarships for aspiring young women pilots.

As owner of Arizona Mimeo, Shirley had great ability to reach out to the business community. In the late 1950s, with community support, she spark-plugged the AWTOUR, a new "fun race" for the Southwest. Although the name has changed to the Tucson Treasure Hunt, the aims are still the same: to have fun and to raise money for scholarships.

In 1970, after Art's retirement, the Marshalls moved to Black Forest at Colorado Springs, where they were active in the glider operations. After Art's death, Shirley maintained her home at Black Forest until failing health returned her to Tucson four years ago. She leaves a daughter, LeeEllen, in Tucson, and a son, John, in Colorado, as well as many memories in the hearts of those she so eagerly sponsored.

—Mary A. Mercker

COL. (RET.) WILLIAM W. MILLER, M.D.

49½ of Doris Miller

Garden State Chapter

Bill attended Chapter and Section meetings along with Doris. Over the years, he volunteered as the fuel judge for our annual Garden State 300 Proficiency contest.

He was a lifelong aviation enthusiast. At age 13, he received the U.S. Navy Bureau of Aeronautics Honorary rank of "Cadet of Aircraftsmen" for a model plane he built. He continued building and flying models throughout his life.

Bill was also a major supporter and board member of IWASM and was very proud of his work there.

He lost his yearlong battle with cancer on May 24, 2005. He leaves his wife Doris, two children, three stepchildren and eleven grandchildren.

—Diana Dade

SUSAN PAL

Greater Seattle Chapter

Susan Pal, 69, of Seattle, died October 12, 2005 at Harborview Hospital. She was born on January 24, 1936 in London, England. Susan was an artist, pilot, nature lover, world traveler, loving wife and mother. She is survived by her husband, Laszlo; a son, Paul Pal; a daughter, Anna Pal, a granddaughter, Emily Autumn Doak; her mother, Paula Garrett-Jones of Victoria, B.C.; and a brother, Maurice Garrett-Jones of Victoria, B.C.

—Marian Hartley

HELEN WAGNER

San Joaquin Valley Chapter

Helen Wagner flew to New Horizons this past June. We probably all remember her best for her gracious hospitality for our Christmas party and the January potlucks. We will miss her. Funeral services were held on June 17.

—Terry Kirby

PENNY WHITE

Golden Triangle Chapter

It is with sadness that I inform you of Penny White's death on Sunday, October 23, 2005. Penny was an active member of our Chapter, and she will be missed.

—Mary Wheelock

Several weeks ago, Penny called me and, I assume, other Ninety-Nines as well. She said she was preparing to move into an assisted living facility and was calling people who had meant a lot to her over the years just to say thank-you for the many kindnesses she and her husband had enjoyed with Ninety-Nines over the years. She recalled some specific instances that were outstanding to her. What a gracious, giving lady pilot!

—Pat Ward



Penny White

GEORGIA BEWLEY WURSTER

Garden State Chapter

Georgia was a teacher, world traveler, adventuress, poet and member of a theater improv group, as well as a pilot who flew in many different countries.

She was involved in our annual Garden State 300 Pennies-A-Pound. Last year she co-chaired the silent auction at the International Conference in Atlantic City.

One of the stories she told was about living in Peru. She took her three young daughters up in her 172 for a flight into Chile, and upon landing, when three small girls and their mother exited the plane, the FBO asked, "But where is the pilot?"

Georgia died suddenly on July 8, 2005. She is survived by her three daughters, several grandchildren and her 100-year-old stepmother.

—Diana Dade

New Horizons Submissions

When preparing your New Horizons submissions, please be sure to include the person's full name, date of death, age, Chapter and a photo if possible, along with additional brief details. Don't forget to include your name and contact info.

GRASS ROOTS — Section and Chapter reporters share their recent activities

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

The Santa Clara Valley Ninety-Nines were very active this summer. We hosted a booth at two Airport Day celebrations: Palo Alto and Reid Hillview. Both events were a great success as a fundraiser and encouraging new members. As is tradition in our Chapter, we have begun our Tower Appreciation Days, which continued through the month of October for three local airports recognizing the ATC staff who support us all.

Santa Clara Valley Chapter, along with members from

the Mt. Shasta Chapter and EAA Chapter 725, held an Airmarking event for Grants Pass Airport (3S8) in July.

We are pleased we have four members participating in the PPLI (Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative).

Nine Ninety-Nines attended Fran Grant's 90th Birthday party held at the Hiller Air Museum in San Carlos, California on September 25. Fran's daughter Judith and son Bruce hosted the event for friends and family.

—Torea Rodriguez and Alanna McClellan



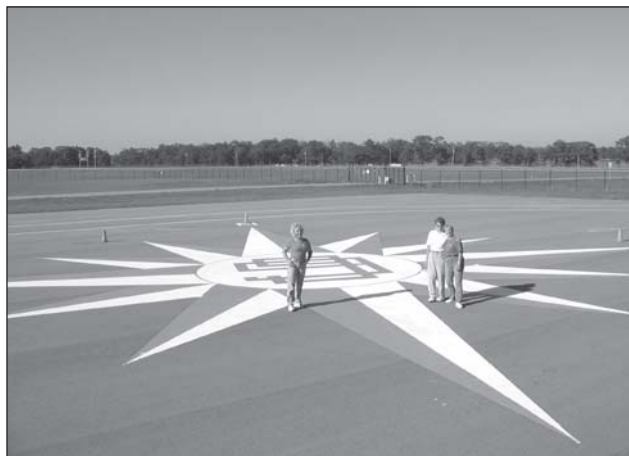
Celebrating Fran Grant's 90th birthday are, from left, back row, Susan Larson, Pat Prentiss, Pat Gregory, Sue Ballew and Alanna McClellan; middle row, Carolyn Dugger and Mayetta Behringer; seated, Fran Grant and Marcie Smith.

CANADIAN ROCKIES CHAPTER

The Canadian Rockies Chapter repainted the compass rose at Penticton Airport, B.C. The coldish, blustery day kept the rain at bay so the rose was completed in a record 3½ hours. Stan Cook did the precision compass surveying.

The Canadian Rockies Chapter succeeded in this challenge only because other volunteers plus those from the Penticton Flying Club, Southern Skies Flying School, kindly gave access and hot coffee.

—June Mills-Benson



"Hurrah! It's done!" Compass rose workers, from left, Sheila Ralph, Martha Mac Leod, Nancy Walters.

MICHIGAN CHAPTER

What a beautiful day! What a team! What a project!

On September 17, after a full day of rain that wiped out only two points of the taped pattern, 18 hardy folks

arrived at the Yankee Air Force Museum in Oscoda, Michigan for a grand undertaking. The YAF men stirred and stirred the paint, keeping the paint pans full, and 11 artists painted the Canadian pattern of The Ninety-Nines Compass Rose, reaching 95 feet across including the NEWS letters. Six of the painters were Michigan Chapter Ninety-Nines members.

Don Mac Leod, 49½ and a civil engineer, laid out the pattern Thursday, along with his wife Martha, Michigan Chapter Co-Chair for Airmarking, and Frances Morehead. Frances, after her World War II service in the Navy, took lessons at the Dick Powell School of Aviation, earning her Private Pilot certificate in 1948.

By noon, all the white was completed, so we had a Michigan Chapter meeting and shared flight training tales as we enjoyed lunch provided by the YAF Team. Filled with pizza and pastries, we happily applied the blue to complete the striking pattern.

The YAF team led by Jim McLaughlin was outstanding in having the paint and all kinds of equipment ready for the project. Their welcome made us all happy to be a part of the project.

—Martha L. Mac Leod.

GRASS ROOTS — Section and Chapter reporters share their recent activities

CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Several Connecticut Chapter Ninety-Nines joined thousands of aviation enthusiasts at the Simsbury Flying Club's Annual Fly-In at Simsbury Airport, Simsbury, Connecticut on September 25. Many people stopped by The Ninety-Nines booth, but the special guest of the day was Ninety-Nine Julie Clark, internationally known aerobatic performer.

Despite the cool Connecticut weather, Julie's warm and friendly personality impressed the crowd along with her spectacular fly-bys in her beautifully restored Mopar T-34. The Connecticut 99s were thrilled

to have her visit our state and extend an invitation for her to visit us again anytime!

—Glenna Blackwell



Julie Clark, Sue Auclair, Glenna Blackwell, Linda Roberts, Peggy Loeffler.

KITTY HAWK CHAPTER

We're happy to announce that our Chapter member Margaret Riddle has received the FSDO-05 Region's FAA Aviation Safety Counselor of the Year award.

—MayCay Beeler

ALL OHIO CHAPTER

All Ohio Chapter Members participated in The Ninety-Nines Flying for Breast Cancer Cure chili event in October at Richard Downing Airport, Coshocton, Ohio.

Participating in the event are, below, Ellen

Pretorius, Sharon Fraleigh, Diane McCort, Charlotte Tracey, Jane Rosenholm, Ginny Hart, Meg Gill, Bonnie Stich, Leigh Anna Rice, Donna Moore, Pat Harman, Charli Heilmann, Kim Grimes and Gaye Wohlin.

— Leigh A Rice



FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

Congratulations to our 2004 Award of Excellence winner Beverly McConnell. Bev was presented with the award at our Ninety-Nines First Canadian Chapter's AGM at Brampton Airport, Ontario, Canada on September 14.

This award goes to a female pilot at the Private level who has achieved academic excellence and flight proficiency in the region of the First Canadian Chapter during 2004. Bev received a complimentary one-year membership to The Ninety-Nines, a cash award, plus a plaque. Bev's name has been added to a plaque which was initiated in 1994. Previous winners include Deborah Peel, Tess Miller, Noriko Date, Christina Lee and Lauren Boehm.

Bev began flying in April 2004 when a cousin of hers offered her the use of his plane at Mohawk Airport (Tyendinaga CPU6). She completed the written test in August and the flight test in November 2004, via a private instructor, thus fulfilling a dream. Bev is now working on her night rating.

"I would like to thank the First Canadian Chapter of The Ninety-Nines for the Award of Excellence. I am looking forward to meeting other women pilots and learning from you," said Bev.

—Laureen Nelson-Boutet



Award of Excellence winner Bev McConnell, left, is congratulated by Laureen Nelson-Boutet, former First Canadian Chapter Chair.

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CAROLINAS CHAPTER

The 2005 National Cross Country Air Races were held in September. Ninety-Nines played key roles in this event, and Greater St. Louis Ninety-Nine Esther Grupenhagen emerged as the overall winner.

Three races were planned for the week-long event. The original route of the Marion Jayne Air Race was amended when Stop #3 was literally blown and washed away by Katrina. The Stop

was replaced with Glasgow, Kentucky.

Before leaving Glasgow, race officials called the Carolinas Ninety-Nines to let them know that the event they were hosting was about to arrive in a few hours and three days ahead of schedule. Now it was not only the terminus but also the start. With that “can do” attitude

and big smiles, the Carolinas Ninety-Nines made it all happen like clockwork.

After two days of racing on the Marion Jayne Air Race and then the Carolinas 300 Air Race, Race #3 emerged the overall winner by a margin of .17 knots. Ninety-Nine Esther Grupenhagen of Troy, Missouri flew as co-pilot with Marvin Guthrie of Clearwater, Florida

—Pat Purcell



Winners of the 2005 National Cross Country Air Races are Greater St. Louis Ninety-Nine Esther Grupenhagen and Marvin Guthrie.



The Carolinas 99s helped with The 2005 National Cross Country Air Races.



Andrea Fröhlich and her new husband.

AUSTRIAN WITCHES SECTION

Andrea Fröhlich, a new member of the newly chartered Austrian Witches Section, was married on September 24. She and her husband, also a pilot, were married in an Antonov2 during the flight. This was the first marriage in a private aircraft in Austria.

Ninety-Nines Monika Stahl was a witness and Ilse Binder escorted the Antonov2 with her Cessna 170, construction year 1954, a real rarity.

The bridal couple and guests on board flew to Mariazell, a famous area in Styria. The marriage ceremony took place in the Styrian airspace. The wedding party was held at our airdrome LOAU Stockerau, where Mario Zcak, a Ninety-Nine, was waiting with a red carpet and the other guests.

—Monika Stahl



Elisa Tyson, Heather Hansen, Pat Davis, Christy McClain, Rose Hanan, Nancy Maas, Rita Limmer and Gail Hawkins.

REDWOOD COAST FLYERS CHAPTER

The Redwood Coast Flyers held a fundraiser at Airfest 2005 in September. Some of the funds were donated to Angel Flight to help

with their evacuation efforts after Hurricane Katrina. The Oregon Air National Guard did a fly-over in F-15s.

—Rita Limmer

GRASS ROOTS — Section and Chapter reporters share their recent activities

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

On November 5, the Orange County Chapter held a Junior Girl Scout Aviation Day for 46 members of the Girl Scout Council of Orange County (ages 8 to 11). With the leadership of Patty Murray, the day began at 8:30 a.m. with each Girl Scout being photographed and handed an Aviation Day Passport with her name and photo included. As each Girl Scout fulfilled the requirements for her Aerospace Badge, her passport was stamped.

The Junior Girl Scouts first met with Harriet Quimby, portrayed by Lianne Oakes, and Amelia Earhart, portrayed by Linda Eldridge, who shared the history of these two women aviation pioneers. Then, professionally outfitted in her Continental Airlines captain's uniform, Diane Myers gave insight on how to begin a career in

aviation. The girls learned what makes an airplane fly, then joined the "Paper Airplane Air Force." They also learned about products now used by society that were first introduced through space programs. For the grand finale of the program, each girl was delighted with a hands-on (supervised) cockpit experience in a Cessna twin and a Mooney.

Other Chapter activities included a tour of the Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena, California and the Nethercutt Collection Museums in Sylmar. Scientists and astronomers guided us through the maze of inventions and a mock-up of the Mars exploration referred to as "Opportunity." Also for viewing was the "moth-balled" model of the original Rover.

In June, at a gala banquet with a Hawaiian theme, we installed our new Board of Direc-



Junior Girl Scouts were enthusiastic participants at the Orange County Chapter's Junior Girl Scout Aviation Day.

tors. Another June event was our repainting of the compass rose at John Wayne Airport under the direction of Vicky Anderson.

In August we "womaned" a Ninety-Nines booth at the Big Bear Air Fair in Big Bear, California. The fundraiser was a huge success (our Chapter's infamous Ninety-Nines cook-

books were sold as well as novelty airplanes.) Some of our members donned outfits similar to ones worn by Amelia Earhart, Harriett Quimby and Pancho Barnes, attracting many visitors to our booth. As a special treat, the group participated in viewing one of four existing World War II wooden drone target practice planes.

—Mary Van Velzer

VENTURA CHAPTER

We were pleased to be able to present the International Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund with a check for \$20,000.

Income from pancake breakfasts, silent auctions and our popular Pilot Proficiency classes (continuing this year) provided the money for this perpetual scholarship.

For the third year in a row, about 20 Chapter volunteers, headed by Carol Vautin, presented our Girl Scout Aviation Day. With their Passport to Aviation, 75 girls and their "controllers" walked the airport to attend sessions about the history of women in aviation, why airplanes fly and ending with a careers session and a photo-op standing next to an airplane. Our State Assemblyman Pedro Nava saw the publicity for the event and came to join us, presenting us with a Cer-

tificate of Recognition from the California State Legislature.

Our Chapter was pleased to receive the Governor's Award at the last Southwest Section meeting for our public relations efforts, Girl Scout Aviation Day, Family-to-Family Military program, Pilot Proficiency classes and other community programs.

Mariellen Couppee of the Santa Barbara Chapter and Lori Garland-Parker of our Chapter each were awarded an Emergency Maneuver Training (EMT) scholarship from the Ventura County Chapter.

Chairman of our Chapter Carol Sherick and her husband

Mike just completed building their Legend. Carol is the first woman pilot to solo in the Legend.

—Marie Fasano-Ramos



From left Ventura County Chapter members Martha Phillips, Marie Fasano-Ramos, Carrie Dishion, Della Abernathy, Carol Vautin; Madeleine Monaco, AEMSF Treasurer and Donna Crane-Bailey, Southwest Section Governor.

GRASS ROOTS

GARDEN STATE CHAPTER

On October 15, members of the Garden State Chapter celebrated their 40th anniversary at the Flying W Airport & Resort. The Chapter was chartered at the Flying W on October 10, 1965, and members returned to the same airport for the party.

Arlene Feldman, recently retired FAA Eastern Region Director, attended along with Kate Macario from the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter. Many of the attendees are new members, as only two of the original charter members are still in the area. Mary Rose Myers and Jerry Roberts sent letters of congratulations. Mary Rose also sent memorabilia from the early days of the Chapter. Some of these are on display at the Millville Air-Army Museum for the next six months.

Mary Sullivan, North Jersey Chapter and Governor of the NY/NJ Section, presented Barbara Harris-Para with a plaque commemorating the 40 years as a Chapter.

Bill Leavens attended the celebration as an AOPA representative, expressing his delight of the Garden State's accomplishments in air races, Pennies-a-Pound and safety seminars.



Barbara Harris-Para, left, Garden State Chapter member and Mary Sullivan, North Jersey Chapter and Governor of the NY/NJ Section, hold plaques commemorating Garden State's 40 years as a Chapter.

He mentioned that aviation would not be the same without groups like The Ninety-Nines, which give the world a rich history of women pilots.
—Barbara Harris-Para

New Chapter Starting Up in New Jersey

A new Chapter is forming in New Jersey. Although there are currently two Chapters in the state, the Garden State Chapter in South Jersey and the North Jersey Chapter, there is a growing number of prospective members in central Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania, said Mary Sullivan, Governor of the New York/New Jersey Section and a member of the North Jersey Chapter.

Five members of the North Jersey Chapter and four new members have met to form a new Chapter, which will focus its membership on the Central New Jersey/Eastern Pennsylvania area. For further information on The Ninety-Nines Chapter, e-mail Jan Fields at jb.fields@verizon.net.



Founding members, front row, Mary Sullivan, Claudia Holcombe, Patti Pelton, Jan Fields; back row, Linda Burton Ricks, Wendy Simons, Jacki Van Valkenburg, Judy Haldeman and Sue Ann Seccia.

LETTERS

Ninetieth Big Birthday Surprise

Thank you for remembering my 90th birthday. What an occasion it has been! I am completely overwhelmed — and feel I don't deserve the thoughts of so many and the fantastic celebrations that family, friends and Qantas arranged for me.

Qantas gave me an exceptional party for about 200 people. At the dinner I was deeply impressed with Andy Thomas who flew from Adelaide to present me with my book that he had taken into space on his recent flight in the United States Space Ship *Discovery*. It had traveled to the International Space Station, done 220 orbits of the Earth and traveled 4,796,419 miles. I feel I will have to handle the book with white gloves as they do at the State Library with their treasurers.

My other huge surprise was learning that Qantas is naming its new Airbus A380, a 550-seater super jumbo aircraft, *Nancy Bird Walton*. What an honor, out of all proportion to my size. Do you know any other airliner named after a woman?

I am humbly grateful for being remembered.

—Nancy Bird Walton, *Australian Section*

From Across the Pond

Just a small item from across the pond. You may like to know for your "ratings and wings" section that I am now flying for GB Airways (a Franchise of British Airways) on the Airbus 320 and 321 as a first Officer (co pilot). I'm flying out of London Gatwick (and occasionally Heathrow) to Spain, Canary Islands, Malta, Cyprus, Morocco, Portugal, to name a few. (Fun!) Oh, and I got married (to a pilot of course) in September!

—Lisa Humphrey (formerly Lisa Cowlard), *British Section*

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. ENDOWMENT FUND

BY FRAN STRUBECK, Treasurer

I am happy to announce that the Endowment Fund donor plaques at Headquarters have been updated to show contribution achievement levels for 2005. We are very pleased and proud of all those who were able to be added to the donor honor list or have been able to move up to another category. However, this is not the whole story. We have had an increase of 46 new donors this year. How lucky we are to know that our message to Preserve the Legacy, Protect our Growing History and Provide to Secure the Future of our organization has reached so many. Our present contribution total is \$236,000. Thank you all for your generosity. With the continued support of every member, we will soon reach our One Million Dollar goal!

5000 DIAMOND

Bolkema-Tokar, Judy
Feigenbaum, Lois *
Macario, Katherine
Wells Fargo/Elaine Morrow

2500 GOLD

Lundin, Elizabeth L. *
New York-New Jersey Section 99s
Prentiss, Pat *
South Central Section 99s
Sundmacher, Marjorie

1000 SILVER

Andrews, Carol Ann
Boyd, Dr. Jacqueline B.
Eastern PA Chapter 99s *
Florida Spaceport Chapter 99s
Fogle, Bev
Fullerton Chapter 99s
Gavilan Chapter 99s
Gordon, Vee
Hatfield, Cecile
Henze, Gayl I.
Indiana Chapter 99s
Indiana Dunes Chapter 99s
Mid-Atlantic Section 99s *
Morrow, Elaine *
New England Chapter 99s *
Nobles-Harris, Ellen
North Central Section
Northwest Section of the 99s
Parker-Blackwood, Joy *
Patterson, Betty J. *
Reno High Sierra Chapter 99s *
Santa Clara Valley Chapter
Shapiro, Evelyn R.
Sharp, Beverly
Southeast Section 99s
Southwest Section 99s
Tucson Chapter 99s
Van Newkirk, Carolyn
Wittmer, Betty De Witt
Wunder, Mary

500 BRONZE

Adderson, Valencia

Bay City Chapter 99s
Bergman, Harriet *
Carpp, Carolyn C. *
Huck, Betty *
Colorado Chapter 99s
Columbia Cascade Chapter 99s
Crommelin, Jean
Dunbar, Martha
Ehrlander, Sue
Fischer, Edith C.
Hanna, Patricia J. *
Highleyman, Leslie
Idaho Chapter 99s
Imperial So-Lo 99s
Jensen, Nancy
Kensett, Lenore
Kuth, L

Larson, Susan J.
McCarrell, Jody *
Miller, Donna J.
Mobil Foundation/Ellen Nobles Harris
Ohlsson, Patricia
Prakken, Betty
Ray, Georgianne Gale
Schiffman, Jean M
Scibetta, Jean E.
Sewell, Susie
Sherman, Vicki Lynn
Shields, Anne
Strubeck, Frances F. *
Sutter Buttes 99s
Virginia Chapter 99s *

** New or level change since the Spring report*

A BEAUTIFUL PIN FOR MANY OCCASIONS

It's the **PERFECT** gift for the FWP who just passed her checkride or a very symbolic piece of jewelry when presented by the Chapter to the new 99 who has just 'earned her wings'! An easily recognizable symbol, the pin is also a very elegant piece any member would love to wear to advertise their achievement of becoming a pilot!



The San Diego Chapter is selling these lovely 14kt hge (gold electroplate) wing pins to benefit our Chapter scholarship program. Our compass rose sits in-between the two wings with the interlocking Tiffany 99 logo in the center. The pin is one-inch wide and very durable. The gold overlay on these wings does not come off! The pins are \$20 each, and shipping is \$3 for mailer and postage. Shipping on multiple items is combined. Send check or money order to:

The San Diego 99s, 1155 Camino Del Mar #473, San Diego, CA 92014

In addition, we also have a very detailed Cessna 172 silver charm for \$10 and collapsible sunshades with The Ninety-Nines logo for \$15. Color photos of both items are on our web site at www.geocities.com/SanDiego99s/fundraiser.html.

You always wanted to fly the Air Race Classic. Why not now?

Imagine taxiing out and launching seconds apart.

Imagine diving for the timing line and leveling out at 200 feet AGL.

Imagine planning and flying the perfect cross country.

Imagine flying with race champions, WASPs, college students and women from all walks of life, all parts of the country, all ages.

YOU can do this.



June 20-23, 2006

The Air Race Classic evolved from the Powder Puff Derby started in 1929. Early racers included Amelia Earhart and Louise Thaden. Today the Air Race Classic is an annual event flown by teams of two women pilots, covering a 2,400 statute mile course over four days. The race is not based solely on speed, but on flight planning and your skills as an aviator. We invite you to take part in this historic event by signing up to race in 2006. Prizes are valued at over \$16,500 and include top 10 medallions, collegiate challenge trophy, leg prize medallions and cash awards.

Aircraft must be stock and minimally modified stock airplanes, normal or utility category, with normally aspirated engine(s) of not less than 145 nor more than 570 horsepower rated for continuous maximum operation. There is also a non-competitive class for pilots who wish to fly the course either with an aircraft that does not meet race requirements or pilots who want to fly for the fun of it!

You can also support us by sending a 501(c)3 tax deductible contribution to the Air Race Classic, Inc.,
Gretchen Jahn, Treasurer, PO Box 294150, Kerrville, TX 78028

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