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On the Covers

The number of Amelia Earhart Scholarship recipients continues to grow, with 27 women receiving monetary awards to help them achieve their flying goals. Four New Pilot awards and one Maule Tailwheel award were also presented.

The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund has been growing since 1940 and awarding scholarships since 1941. Almost \$180,000 was given to worthy Ninety-Nines this year.

Background photo of Onomea Bay near the Hawaii Botanical Garden by Lilian Darling Holt.

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2010

SEPTEMBER

1 **Due date for 99 News submissions** for the October/November/December 2010 issue.

9-12 **Northwest Section Meeting**, Boise, Idaho, at the Hampton Inn Downtown. Visit Idaho99s.org or contact Aubree Swann at 208-841-4262, aubreeswann@yahoo.com for more information.

12 **30th Annual Poker Run** hosted by the British Columbia Coast Chapter, Abbotsford, Boundary Bay, Chilliwack, Delta Airpark, Langley, Squamish, Victoria, Pitt Meadows (terminus). Open to all pilots. Lots of fun and prizes with proceeds to aviation scholarships and projects. Rain date Sept. 19. For more information visit bccoast99s.com or call Caroline at 778-998-5526.

24-26 **Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting** co-sponsored by the Maryland and Washington DC Chapters, FDK. Visit dc99s.org for more information or contact Megan Maurer at meganmaurer@yahoo.com.

OCTOBER

1 **North Central and Southeast Section Joint Meeting**, Double Tree Downtown Nashville, Nashville, Tennessee. "Two Sections, One Grand Ole Time" hosted by Aux Plaines Chapter and Southeast Section Board. Contact Shelley Ventura, governor@ncs99s.org.

8-10 **Southwest Section Meeting**, Irvine, California. Contact: Pat Prentiss, patprentiss@aol.com.

15-16 **New England Section Meeting**, Providence, Rhode Island. Contact: Georgia Pappas, georgia@alongtheway.com.

22-24 **South Central Section Meeting**, Fort Worth, Texas. Contact: Linda Wilkerson, stargazer244@yahoo.com.

28-30 **Fall Board Meeting**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. One day set aside for long range planning. Contact Headquarters for additional information.

31 **Deadline to file Intent to Seek Election forms.**

NOVEMBER

6-7 **Honoring of Women in Aviation Conference**, Mumbai, India. Organized by India Section and the Indian Women Pilots Association. For information contact chandab99@hotmail.com.

11-13 **AOPA Aviation Summit**, Long Beach Convention Center and Long Beach Airport, California. Annual 99s Breakfast November 13, 7 to 9 a.m. Contact Linda Rever, rever@usc.edu, 626-683-9995 for breakfast information. Visit aopa.org/summit for more details about the Aviation Summit.

DECEMBER

1 **Due date for 99 News submissions** for January/February/March 2011 issue.

Seeking a Few Good Women!

Pondering the possibility of filing for one of the two mid-term director positions or for a position on one of the trusts? Start early. The deadline for filing intent forms is October 31, 2010.

The intent form and information is available in the Members Only Section of The Ninety-Nines website. Be sure to check the eligibility requirements and mark the check-off box giving permission for publication of your intent form on the Members Only part of the website.

Candidates are now able to file with the Nominating Committee electronically. However, one copy containing the signed original documents of the intent package must be sent

to Headquarters. The arrival date of those documents by regular mail will determine a candidate's position on the ballot.

The point at which a Ninety-Nine filing for office actually becomes a candidate is the date that her eligibility is verified by Ninety-Nines Headquarters staff. Get an early start, be thorough, and get those intent forms in the mail ahead of the October 31, deadline.

The new Nominating Committee installed in July during the International Conference in Hawaii includes Chairman Barbara Strachan, Linda Mae Draper-Hivert, Sandra Hawkins, Kris Irvin-Herron and Fran Postma.

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2010 scholarship winners who attended the Conference were honored at the Awards Banquet.



The India Section of The Ninety-Nines, the Indian Women Pilots' Association, Delhi Chapter, and the Aeronautical Society of India celebrated "International Women's Day" in New Delhi. Flight AI-141 was the first of the 22 all-women crew flights operated by Air India to mark the event.

President's Message

BY SUSAN LARSON, International President

*O*n the Centerline, a monthly email message from the International Board of Directors, was launched in May and sent to all Ninety-Nines with email addresses on file with our Oklahoma City Headquarters. If you did not receive these messages and would like to receive them in the future, please contact Lesley or Laura at Headquarters to update your membership details. You won't want to miss timely information on exciting Ninety-Nines events. Recent issues invited Ninety-Nines and friends to the Grand Re-Opening of the 99s Museum of Women Pilots and provided links to the Annual Conference in Hawaii and to our 2010 award winners bios and photos. Also, the option to receive membership renewals by email was first publicized there.

Kudos to Conference Co-Chairmen Martha Phillips and Carol Vautin and the Southwest Section volunteers for their roles in a very successful annual Conference in Kona, Hawaii. The delegates approved all proposed bylaw and standing rule amendments, and the Annual Business Meeting adjourned one hour ahead of schedule. Enjoy the photos and report starting on page 6 and plan to attend next year's Conference in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, July 13-17, 2011.

This year at the Fall Board meeting in Oklahoma City, October 28-30, we are dedicating at least eight hours to long-range planning. All Ninety-Nines are invited to participate, and those in a leadership position are strongly encouraged to attend. Details will be posted to The 99s eNetworks and distributed in *On the Centerline*. Your input is vital to our long-term health, and I



At The Ninety-Nines Conference in Hawaii, Susan Larson displays flags of the countries where The Ninety-Nines are represented.

hope to see many of you in Oklahoma City this fall.

In Long Beach, California at the close of the AOPA Aviation Summit on November 13, we will announce the winner of our annual fundraising raffle used to provide monies for AE scholarships and the Building Maintenance Fund. Tickets were sold to the public at Oshkosh Air Venture July 26-August 1 and will be sold at AOPA in Long Beach November 11-13. We will post the winners on our website. This is a great opportunity for The Ninety-Nines to raise money from outside the organization.

Shannon Walker, astronaut and South Central Section member, launched from Baikonur, Kazakhstan, in June. Along with Russian cosmonaut Fyodor Yurchikhin and fellow American Doug Wheelock, they will be part of the NASA Expedition 25 six-month mission on the International Space Station. Her Ninety-Nine mom Sherry Walker, myself and five other Ninety-Nines had the opportunity to watch the event live as the Soyuz launched at 3:35 a.m. on a calm, clear morning.

We all wish her the experience of a lifetime and hope she will return softly and find an opportunity to tell us about her journey once back on earth.



Patricia Taylor, Denise Pride, Sherry Walker, Joan Kerwin, Donna Miller and Susan Larson traveled to Baikonur, Kazakhstan to attend the launch of the Soyuz, which carried astronaut and Ninety-Nine Shannon Walker (standing in back) to the International Space Station for a six-month mission.

Pilots in Paradise

2010 International Conference

BY PAT THEBERGE
International Vice President

Palm trees, lava fields, black and green sand beaches, manta rays soaring beneath the water, spectacular views, a super fun water slide, Kona coffee and a smoking volcano, as well as many old and new friends, provided a beautiful backdrop for the 2010 Ninety-Nines International Conference on the big island of Hawaii. The Sheraton hotel provided a wonderful setting, and we were truly “99s Pilots in Paradise.”

The Southwest Section delivered a meeting and event that fulfilled all expectations. As part of the week’s events, the Board of Directors presented a new leadership seminar. The session was designed to provide Chapter and Section officers an introduction to the resources available through The 99s website to assist them in their role. The seminar provided an overview on the content and use of the online membership database, a personal introduction to members of the Board, Trusts and Committee Chairs, and a review of the Chapter Chairman’s annual and what resources it contains to assist in the operation of Chapters and Sections. Feedback from participants at the seminar will be used to develop additional sessions for future Conferences.

One hundred seventy-five voting delegates representing 16

Sections were in attendance at the Annual Business Meeting. All of the Conference material may be found on The Ninety-Nines website. Carol Morris, Trustee of the 99s Museum of Women Pilots, reported on all of the changes at the Museum and the grand re-opening event featuring astronaut Randy Bresnick.

Kitty Houghton, International Membership Chairman for offshore Sections, presented a video that featured the women of the Nepal Section. The video, which she helped produce, provided an introduction to some of the professional pilot members and a picture of the extreme flying conditions they face every day. Few of us would dare to land on the dirt runways perched on the side of the mountains to deliver necessary supplies to the villages. The Amelia Earhart Scholarship Co-Chairmen Peggy Doyle and Madeleine Monaco announced that 28 scholarships were awarded for 2010.

Delegates approved all of the changes to the Bylaws and Standing Rules as presented. As a result, the Academic member classification will no longer be an available option for membership. In order to implement the change in membership structure, the increase in dues for Academic members transitioning to Active membership will start with all renewals on or after 9/1/2010.



New Board members from left, standing: Corbi Bulluck, Director; Joan Kerwin, Director; Frances Luckhart, Secretary; Martha Phillips, Treasurer; Fran Strubeck, Director; Jan McKenzie, Director. Seated: Pat Theberge, Vice-President; Susan Larson, President.

Background photo of the Conference hotel grounds by Lilian Darling Holt.



Carolgene Dierolf, Irene Engard, Christina Roe (guest); Eli (guest) learn the hula at the Welcome Luau.

President Susan Larson announced the official results of the 2010 election, and she and Past President Pat Prentiss installed the newly elected Board of Directors, Nominating Committee and Trust members who were present at the meeting. New officers and members are: President Susan Larson, Vice President Pat Theberge, Treasurer Martha Phillips, Secretary Frances Luckhart, Director Jan McKenzie, Director Joan Kerwin.

Nominating Committee: Kris Irvin Herron, Barbara Strachan, Sandra Hawkins, Linda Mae Draper-Hivert, Fran Postma. 99s Museum of Women Pilots: Jennifer Cress and Carol Morris. Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum: Janet Yoder. Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund: Dorothy Berthelet.

The meeting room was filled to capacity to hear our featured guest speaker Mimi Tompkins, Hawaii Airlines first officer, talk about Critical Incident Stress Management. In her presentation she recounted her experiences during and after the incident as first

officer on Aloha Airlines when the airplane experienced major structural failure during flight. Since that event, Mimi has helped others in the airline industry deal with the aftereffects of major stress events and is working to develop materials that can be used at local airports to help pilots after critical incidents.

Other events included a traditional Hawaiian luau held on the grounds of the hotel and various Trust meetings and member gatherings. Attendees took advantage of the offered tours to round out their Kona experience. Helicopter and airplane flights over the volcanoes, waterfalls and coastal views, hikes, trips to the volcano and driving excursions around the island were just some of the extracurricular activities enjoyed during the Conference week. Unfortunately for many, our time was all too short at this beautiful location.

Thank you to all who attended and made it a memorable event. Mahalo.



International President Susan Larson welcomes all to the 2010 Conference.



Ninety-Nines and guests enjoy the Welcome Luau on Monday night, July 5.



Elizabeth Frankowski, Cheryl Benish, Shelley Ventura and Laura



Jerry Anne Jurenka stars in a skit promoting next year's International Conference in Oklahoma City.



Past International Presidents Pat Prentiss, Gene Nora Jessen, Thon Griffith, Jody McCarrell and Elaine Morrow.



Jack Vautin and Art Phillips, 49½s of Conference Co-Chairmen Carol Vautin and Martha Phillips, were presented grass skirts for their appreciable help with the event.



At the registration table from left, Joyce Wells, Alanna McClellan, Carol Andrews and Dorothy Robinson. Standing, Meigs Adams, Nancy Wood, Paula Sandling, Kathryn Presson, Michele Albiez and Jeanne Fenimore.



99 News photographer Lilian Darling Holt in action.



Hawaiian sea turtle.



Barbara Harris-Para, Virginia Harmer, Lisa Cotham and Kris Irvin-Herron take time out for some water fun.



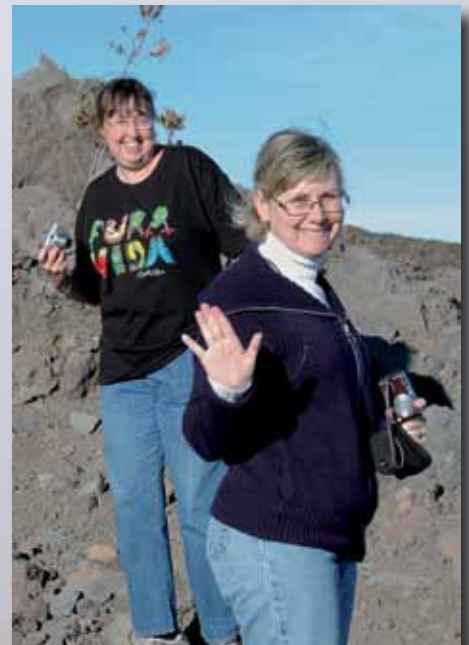
Lisa Cotham couldn't resist a "Titanic" pose while on the Sunset Cruise.



Conference Committee Chairmen: Back row: Donna Crane-Bailey, Fran Strubeck, Connie Charles, Jeanne Pierce, Leina'ala Riela Enoka, Cynthia Fiaui, Penny Nagy, Tookie Hensley, Lianne Oakes, Pat Prentiss, Carol Andrews. Front row: Lilian Darling Holt, Paula Sandling, Martha Phillips, Virginia Harmer, Jeanne Fenimore, Kitty Houghton, Kim Ernst, Carol Vautin.



Ninety-Nines were entertained by the dramatic "Firenesia," taking a journey along with a young man as he travels through Polynesia seeking to reignite the gift of fire.



Elizabeth Brock, Russian Section, and Kim Ernst on trip up Mauna Kea.



Connie Wild and her 49½ Don Poppenhager share a quiet moment during the sunset cruise.

Background photo: One of the many rainbows enjoyed by Ninety-Nines during their stay in Hawaii is captured by photographer Lilian Darling Holt. No wonder our 50th state is known as the "Rainbow State."



International President Susan Larson and Jennifer Treece, back row left, talk with International members Pat Campbell, New Zealand Section; Henriette Reinsch, German Section; and Elizabeth Stahl, German Section.



Russian guest Kira Klochkova and Donna Crane-Bailey on Sunset Cruise.



Sentinels Mary Wunder, Gayl Henze, Pat Ohlsson, Candie Oldham.



2010 Conference Co-Chairmen Carol Vautin, top, and Martha Phillips with their husbands Jack Vautin and Art Phillips.



To actually stand on the highest point of Mauna Kea (13,796 feet) involves a short walk, which some 99s undertook, that is guaranteed to get your heart pumping. Picture shows the shadow of the bulk of Mauna Kea and some of the telescopes projected on the actual summit of the mountain.



Lu Ann Lyon, Lois Chattin and BJ Carter at the First-Timers get-together after the Welcome Luau.



Andy McCarthy, Joan Kerwin, Jody McCarrell, Lianne Oakes, Carol Rayburn and Lindy Boyes gather poolside.



Nancy Ginesi-Hill took right seat in the Cessna Caravan 208 during the Circle Island Tour.



Cold in Hawaii? You bet, on the summit of Mauna Kea the wind was gusting and visitors were bundling up.



The Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope, one of Thirteen telescopes from various countries reside on Mauna Kea. Pictured is a 3.6 meter optical/infrared telescope located at the northern end of the summit ridge. To view some images taken with it, visit www.cfht.hawaii.edu/en/gallery/ Background photo by Dean Bailey.



Warm in Hawaii? Joan Kerwin found the temperature just right for relaxing outdoors.



Jeanne Pierce, Penny Nagy, Sharon Raney, Jeanne Fenimore, Lois Erickson and Pat Forbes at 4th of July get-together in the Hospitality Suite.

AWARDS 2010



FRAN BERA

Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation

Fran started flying in December 1940, skipping school to take her first lessons. When it came time to solo, the instructor demanded written parental permission as she was only 16. Fran was a little worried because she had been taking lessons without their knowledge. But she was persuasive; Mom and Dad signed the papers and said, "Good luck, do it well." With this kind of encouragement, she has been flying ever since.

Fran quickly became a commercial pilot and a flight instructor. From this beginning, she has built an impressive and wide-ranging career in aviation. She now holds an airline transport pilot certificate and is rated in single and multi-engine land, single-engine sea, helicopter, hot air balloon and is CE-500 (Cessna Citation) type rated. She is a flight instructor for airplanes, instrument and rotor craft. In addition, at the age of 24, she was one of the first women in the 1940s to be designated as a Federal Aviation Agency Pilot Examiner, a title she held for more than 25 years. Fran has certificated over 3,000 pilots and has lost track of the number she soloed.

With more than 25,000 hours, Fran has been chief pilot for various aviation firms, a charter pilot, flight operations manager and a successful aviation business woman.

Fran has set an unequalled record as a seven-time winner of the All Woman Transcontinental Air Race. She has placed, several times, in many other important air races, including the International Women's Air Race, events at the Reno National Air Races, Great Race from London, England to Victoria, B.C., Canada and Palms to Pines All Woman's Air Race.

A few of her awards, accomplishments and records: World altitude record of 40,154 feet in June 1966 in her turbocharged Piper Aztec. This record still stands. • 1975, Fran was written into the Congressional Record in *A Salute to Women in Aerospace*, named as one of the dedicated women who were aviation pioneers and played a leading role in advancing aviation, aeronautics and aerospace programs and sciences • 1993, Fran flew her single engine Piper 235 Cherokee to Siberia "just for the fun of it." • At the age of 70, Fran needed a challenge so she got a type rating in a Cessna Citation Jet • 2004, Fran's name placed on Wall of Honor at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center, on a permanent memorial dedicated to the pioneers of flight. • 2005, recipient of Livingston Award by Whirly-Girls for contributions to helicopter industry. • 2006, inducted into Woman in Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame • 2006, designated "Elder Statesman of Aviation" by the National Aeronautic Association in Washington, D.C. • 2007, received the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. • 2007, inducted into the International Aviation Hall of Fame.



DR. ANNE SPOERRY

Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts

At the outset of World War II, Dr. Anne Spoerry was a medical resident at a Paris hospital. She joined the French Resistance only to be captured by the occupying Germans. Two years of imprisonment at the Ravensbruck concentration camp left her with a need to rediscover herself and heal her soul. Earning a diploma in tropical medicine, she set out for Africa in 1948. This was the beginning of an amazing career of humanitarian service.

Female bush doctors were rare in those days; Anne had to struggle for acceptance. In order to become more effective, she learned to fly. Initially delivering medical supplies, she soon established a caseload of thousands of patients throughout northern Kenya. The many communities she served cut and cleared airstrips for her.

Although Anne joined the African Medical and Research Foundation and directed a Mobile Medical Unit, her doctoring remained personal and local. In many areas the sole MD, she often supported her clinics with her own funds. As a rule, she examined patients right at the airstrip in the shade of her plane's wing. As well as treating specific ailments, Anne did much to educate the local people, focusing heavily on prevention of disease. Hygiene and vaccination were especially important to her, and mother and child care were an important specialty.

Dr. Anne Spoerry passed away in 1999 at the age of 80. She is remembered as a courageous champion of humanitarianism in Africa, in the worldwide medical profession and in the aviation world.

MADELINE ‘MIMI’ TOMPKINS

Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation

Mimi was born and raised in Port Acres (bayou country, which became Port Arthur, Texas) on the Gulf Coast near the Louisiana border. She remembers walking through the old WWII hangars at Jefferson County Airport and wanting to learn to fly. She took her first lesson at 14 and worked after school answering phones and learning bookkeeping to help pay for lessons. Mimi soloed at 16 in a C-150 and got her private certificate at 17, commercial/CFI at 19 and went on to instruct full time for the next eight years and then on and off while furloughed from the airlines. She has flown cargo, air ambulance and commuters. She was an FAA Designee for private and commercial certificates and instrument ratings.

In 1979 Mimi went to work for Aloha Airlines as a first officer in the Boeing 737. Her last scheduled flight as co-pilot was the ill-fated Aloha Flight 243. A couple of weeks after the accident, she did go on to captain's upgrade training and flew for the next 20 years as a captain while also facilitating classes in Crew Resource Management until the company suddenly and unexpectedly went out of business. She has just completed two years as a first officer with Hawaiian Airlines and currently flies the Boeing 767-300 on both trans-Pacific routes from Hawaii to the West Coast, and internationally to the South Pacific, the Philippines and Australia.

She has worked with the Airline Pilot Association to put together the Critical Incident Response Program, a program that works with crew members and airline employees involved in incidents and accidents, and still helps out as a Peer Support Volunteer.

Mimi recently finished a Master's degree in Applied Behavior Science and Counseling and is a volunteer therapist intern with the Coalition for a Drug Free Hawaii, working with family and youth in the Juvenile Drug Court system.



FRAN STRUBECK

Award of Achievement for Contribution to The Ninety-Nines

Flirtations with airports and flight started when Fran was a youngster. A romance in 1994 brought her to the skies when a friend, now her husband, asked if she would be interested in learning to fly. The next day flight training began in the Newark, New Jersey, airspace. The North Jersey 99s at Lincoln Park Airport provided the first introduction to a variety of programs they sponsored and to their weekly social gatherings for hangar talk. After a move to El Centro, California, in 1995, her flight training was completed with the award of a private pilot certificate at Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport, Thermal, California.

She was thrilled with being a Ninety-Nine and was inspired by the achievements of its pilots and the goals of the organization. The enthusiasm of the members ignited her desire to do whatever she could. She dabbled in all kinds of flying adventures and flying activities, and when the opportunity came to use her computer skills, she designed and became the administrator for two websites for the Imperial So-Lo Chapter. Selling 30 different Tyvek products for the Chapter served as an introduction to fundraising. Her next major project was to put the financial records for The 99s Endowment Fund in QuickBooks while serving as its treasurer. After her term with the Endowment Fund came to an end, she researched and developed three PowerPoint presentations: the History of Women in Flight, the History of the Powder Puff Derby and What We are All About. When the Tucson Chapter needed a newsletter editor, she volunteered. She has made it a goal to do as much as she can to help and support The 99s.

After raising three boys, having a 28-year professional career in education, computers and technology, surviving ovarian cancer in 1991, then changing direction with her own business, she really thought she had done it all —until flying knocked on her door. She loves the adventure it affords her and enjoys the limitless opportunities to soar in many different directions. She is very proud to be a 99 and grateful to have been able to serve in many different capacities.





CAROLYN GRANGAARD SMITH

Award of Inspiration

I was born and raised in Wisconsin. I attended the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and received my BA in history. I then attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received my MA in library science. In pursuit of my first professional position as a librarian, I moved to Nevada where I met my husband Larry and earned my private pilot certificate.

My husband's career in the military and the FAA has moved us around a lot in our life. We've lived in a total of seven states. Our daughter Erin was born in Illinois but grew up in Virginia and Pennsylvania. She now is finishing her junior year at Mary Baldwin College in Virginia. Because of all these moves, I've had the good fortune to work in a wide variety of public, agricultural and historical libraries. Probably the two jobs closest to my heart were my position as librarian for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) for six years and my current job as librarian of the FAA Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center Library in Oklahoma City.

Through most of these moves, I've managed to keep flying. While with AOPA, I earned my seaplane rating and also flew my first Air Race Classic in 2003 with another pilot from AOPA. It was the Centennial of Flight and our final fly-by was past the Wright Memorial at First Flight...what a thrill! I flew the Air Race Classic again in 2006 and plan on flying as many more as I can manage.

I joined The 99s when I lived on the East Coast. When my husband's career with the FAA brought us to Oklahoma City, I was recruited as a volunteer at the 99s Museum of Women Pilots by Margie Richison. Thinking that my background in library science and work in historical and aviation libraries may be of use, I said, "Of course." I've volunteered at the Museum since 2003 and am currently serving my second term on its Board of Trustees. It's been a great experience, and I have seen many changes to the Museum, all of them designed to better tell the fascinating history of women pilots.



LT. PHILIP DALTON

Award of Merit

Philip Dalton will long be remembered by pilots, navigators, and bombardiers as the inventor of the E-6B Dalton Dead Reckoning Computer on which he held the original patent.

In June, 1924, Phil received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physics from Cornell University, and just eight months later in February, 1925, he earned his Master's Degree in Physics from Princeton University Graduate College. In 1930 after doing his Ph.D. thesis in Artillery Fire Control at Harvard University, he resigned his Army commission and enlisted in the Navy as a Seaman Second Class. He attended flight school in Pensacola, Florida and received his wings on June 24, 1931.

Phil had an unusual capability for inventing mechanical devices. Before joining the Navy, he was active in developing a device for pilots to use to determine where they were and where they were going (dead reckoning). For years he continued his development and improvement of these devices and was awarded numerous patents for them.

In 1933, he originally designed a compact pocket-sized aircraft time-speed-distance computer. Later that year he improved it and called it the "Dalton Aerial Dead Reckoning Slide Rule Model B." In 1934, he invented the Aircraft Navigational Computer, Mark 7. In 1937, at the request of the Army Air Corps, he improved this as his E-1B. He continued to improve this idea for the Army, the Navy and the Royal Air Force (one of his inventions was used extensively in the Battle for Britain) until his E-6B Dalton Dead Reckoning Computer was designed in 1940. It subsequently became the standard for use by both the Army and Navy.

In November 1940, Phil was called to active duty and assigned as a flight instructor at Anacostia Naval Reserve Air Base. On July 24, 1941, while on a training flight, he and his student crashed to their deaths. Phil was survived by his wife, Margaret Clark Dalton. Just prior to his death, Phil had been studying dive bombing ballistics and sighting devices.

SUSAN LORICCHIO

President's Award

Born and raised in Jersey City, New Jersey, Susan's fascination with aviation began at an early age. She was intrigued by the little red and yellow planes that popped over the trees from a private airfield behind their summer home. Her first book purchase in grammar school was *God is My Co-Pilot* by Col. Robert Scott, never imagining that years later he would become a friend.

Before graduating from the Hartt School with a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance, her piano professor told her of his visit to Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in New York, suggesting she go for the WWI and Pioneer Aircraft Show. Eventually she made that trip and took her first plane ride, in the 1929 Standard mail plane. She was petrified, yet determined, to find a way to learn to fly. She got her private ASEL certificate in 1992, and shortly thereafter she joined the North Jersey Chapter. In 2008 Susan took the 240 hour 121 Aircraft Dispatch course at FlightSafety, Inc-LGA and received her FAA Dispatch Airman Certificate in 2009.

Susan makes aviation events happen. In February 2010 she coordinated a Lockheed Martin F35 Briefing at Lincoln Park Airport (N07), engaging former F16 fighter pilots, now with the Joint Strike Fighter program, to brief pilots on the aircraft's cutting edge performance. In 2006 Susan engaged SpaceShipOne's civilian astronaut and winner of the \$10 million Ansari X Prize, Brian Binnie, as the featured guest for the Lincoln Park Airport Open House to speak about civilian space flight.

After the 9/11 tragedy, Susan volunteered for Flight Across America 2002. She became East Coast Coordinator of the unprecedented aviation tribute memorializing the victims. Fifty-two GA aircraft, one from each state, DC and Puerto Rico, flew cross-country with their state flags and took part in an honor flight down the Hudson River past Ground Zero. A solemn ceremony on the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum followed.

As Aviation Coordinator, in October 2009 Susan arranged logistics for Fox Searchlight's press conference for the movie *Amelia* at Essex County Airport, New Jersey. The Electra was flown in and on display, and actress Hilary Swank, director Mira Nair, authors Elgin Long and Susan Butler attended. Representing The 99s were President Susan Larson and members from across the U.S., Canada and Germany. Fox Searchlight generously donated many of the movie props to the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. It is primarily for this effort that Susan is the 2010 recipient of The Ninety-Nines President's Award.

Susan's dedication to promoting aviation is boundless, linking the pilot community with the general public at local, national, and international levels, and always involving The Ninety-Nines.



JOHN R. COPELAND, PH.D

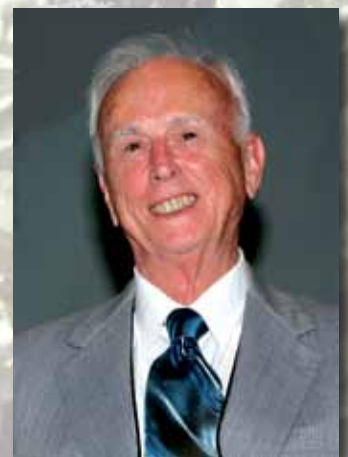
George Palmer Putnam Award

John R. "Ray" Copeland is a retired Electrical Engineer and a part-time consultant, with career accomplishments in radar-target classification theory, active antennas and computer applications to real-time industrial process control. Ray has been a founder or a principal officer of three different process-control companies, supplying control systems to numerous industries, including chemicals, plastics, food, pharmaceuticals, water treatment, automotive and discrete-parts manufacturing and testing, and both nuclear and geothermal power generation, to name a few.

Ray is married to Constance L. Copeland, a retired chemist and a founding member of the Scioto Valley Chapter of The Ninety Nines. They have three grown children and eight grandchildren.

Ray learned to fly more than half a century ago while studying engineering in college, and thinks he enamored himself to Connie by taking her on flying dates. Connie herself earned her own pilot rating in 1964. She likes to say that they raised their three children across the back seat of their Cessna 182. (It's not exactly true, but it makes for a good story.)

Ray and Connie have owned several single-engine and twin-engine airplanes over the years, and they currently enjoy flying their Cessna 340 for vacations and fun, as well as for supporting Scioto Valley Chapter activities.





As the first female pilot hired by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Corbi prepares for a flight in one of the state's aircraft.

International Director Corbi Bulluck: Always Seeking Adventure

BY DIANE PIRMAN
Santa Maria Chapter



Three-year old Corbi.

Growing up in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Corbi was known by the older kids as “the neighborhood pint-size desperado.” Even at an early age, she was looking for adventure. Some of her favorite times involved following her dad as he trekked through the woods on her grandparents’ farm outside Rocky Mount. She considers her father to be her “North Star” and treasures his guidance when facing challenges. She looks forward each year to sharing a week with him at the Goat Neck Lodge on the Alligator River in eastern North Carolina.

Her mother, she says, “attended every activity in which my brothers and I participated when we were growing up and has always encouraged me to pursue my dreams, regardless of where they might lead!”

Corbi’s family, including two younger

brothers, enjoyed fishing, tent camping and a five-week long motor home trip across the U.S. in 1976. Because she loved horses, at eight years of age she began attending summer camp at Triple R Ranch, located in the Dismal Swamp of Virginia. Not only did the Triple R have horses, they also had lots of heat, humidity, horseflies and snakes. But the horses, the camaraderie and fellowship made the experience so special that Corbi returned year after year, eventually working summers at the camp.

She began to dream about aviation when, at the age of six, the family piled into her father’s WWII jeep and went to an air show at the Rocky Mount Municipal Airport. She says that seeing airplanes “up close and personal” was a memorable experience.

When she was about 13, she saw an episode of the Saturday morning TV show “You Are There” hosted by Walter Cronkite. This particular episode featured Amelia Earhart and her disappearance while attempting to fly around the world. Corbi was fascinated by Amelia because she had broken all the stereotypical female “expectations.” Having been raised in a typical family where the guys played flag football while the women cooked and cleaned up after Sunday dinner, Amelia was a major inspiration for Corbi.

As a John Motley Morehead Scholar at the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill), she participated in summer-long enrichment programs offered through the Morehead Scholarship Program, including Outward Bound and internships with the Portland, Oregon Police Department, the California State Government in Sacramento and Coors Industries in Golden, Colorado. In the program, she also solo-backpacked through Europe, studying the games and sports that are unique to various countries.

After earning her Bachelor and Master of Arts in Education degrees, Corbi taught grades 6-9 in public schools for eight years. During that time, she heard about an aviation class being taught at the local community college. She thought it was just a general introduction to aviation but was shocked to discover at the first session that it was a full-blown private pilot ground school. Having had an interest in learning to fly from an early age, she stayed with the class, passed the FAA written exam and took her first flight lesson in 1986. Flying after work, on weekends and through the summer vacation, she earned her private pilot certificate in 1987.

Coincidentally, her father started flying a few years before she began ground school, and she later learned that her paternal grandfather had been a pilot, too. Corbi reflects, “Who knew that we all would have been bitten by the aviation bug!?” And

the aviation bug bit her hard. Flying weekends and holidays wasn't enough. So, with little more than 250 hours in her logbook, she quit her job as a public school teacher and headed to Florida to continue her training and ratings at FlightSafety Academy in Vero Beach.

In less than six months, she had earned her commercial certificate with instrument and multi-engine ratings as well as her CFI certificate. In order to pay for the training, she cashed in her teacher's retirement account, which paid off when FlightSafety hired her as an instructor to teach ground school and to flight instruct. Corbi was able to add the CFII and MEI to her flight instructor certificate and complete her ATP certificate while working there, happily combining her love of flying with her love of teaching.

After three years at FlightSafety, and still seeking adventure, Corbi began to explore where her love of aviation would next take her. Before long, she was hired as a first officer for Atlantic Southeast Airlines (ASA) based in Atlanta and flying the Embraer 120 Brasilia. Three years later, she upgraded to captain, but she was getting tired of long hours, little rest and low pay.

In 1998, while visiting her family, she heard that there was an opening for a pilot at North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). She applied for the job and became their first female pilot. Her male colleagues were concerned that they wouldn't know how to treat a female pilot. Corbi's response was quick and to the point: "Treat me like one of the guys!"

Corbi and her fellow pilots at the NCDOT have two main missions. The first is to fly passengers, including the governor, ferry boat pilots, congressmen, ditch-diggers and others, anywhere in-state and out-of-state using a King Air 200. The second mission is precision aerial photography using a King Air 90 GTI at altitudes ranging from 1,200 feet to 14,000 feet in order to collect GPS-IMU (Inertial Measurement Unit) data. This information is then used to produce digital spatial information for transportation planning design, construction and maintenance.

When flying purely for fun, Corbi pilots a Piper Dakota, PA 28-236. Her first airplane was destroyed by the remnants of Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Her father decided several years ago that he wasn't flying enough to remain current and safe, a difficult decision made easier knowing that his daughter

would welcome him as a passenger anytime.

For the fun of it, Corbi just completed "Operation: Fly NC" in her Dakota. It's a program designed to encourage general aviation pilots to visit 81 public use airports in North Carolina, tour state aviation museums and participate in pilot training events.

Corbi has been inspired by women who dared, including Amelia Earhart, Clara Barton, Molly Pitcher, Annie Oakley and Helen Keller. She, in turn, has been an inspiration as a flight instructor, teaching students at FlightSafety who return home to fly for airlines around the world. She maintains her instructor's certificate but, since her job requires that she be available 24/7, she isn't currently flight instructing.

When asked what led her to run for International Director, she says the answer is simply that she fell in love with The Ninety-Nines. She admits to being a "late bloomer," having known about the organization long before joining the Kitty Hawk Chapter in 2001. But she's determined to make up for lost time. Since 2001 she has served as Chapter Secretary, Vice Chairman and Chairman. She also served the Southeast Section as Vice-Governor and Governor.

Corbi ran for International Director because she wanted to help the organization thrive and grow. She's happy for the opportunity to be a member of the team that works to ensure continued success of The Ninety-Nines.

When asked what is most rewarding about serving as Director, she responds, "Getting to know so many amazing, diverse, fascinating, adventure-some women! I'm proud to say that these are my friends!"



Corbi and Emily Sarella clowning around prior to a 70-mph boat ride that was included in the Kitty Hawk Chapter's tour of the Fountain Power Boats factory.



Below, Corbi and her family members enjoy their annual vacation at the Goat Neck Lodge on the Alligator River in eastern North Carolina.

New Pilot, AEMSF and Maule Tailwheel Scholarships Recognize 33 Women

BY MADELEINE MONACO
Co-Chairman, AEMSF



Your Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund has been growing since 1940 and awarding scholarships since 1941. We are pleased and proud to introduce to you the wonderful group of women who have joined the ranks of winners for 2010.

Your Trustees, Ellen Herring, Debby Cunningham, Dorothy Berthelet, Madeleine Monaco, Peggy Doyle and Jacque Boyd, received and processed more than 80 applications this year. The total funding requested was almost half a million dollars. We have been able to award almost \$180,000 to worthy Ninety-Nines this year.

Our primary concern each year as we assess the applicants is that we find the women who are in need of financial help to achieve their goals in aviation. We look for the woman who is "poised on the brink" of success but, for a lack of funds, cannot take that final step.

All Ninety-Nines Chapters have a point person to receive applications and establish their validity before sending them on to the Section. Each Section has an AE Chair to process their applications before determining which ones should go forward. They are judged by Trustees and then sent to outside judges for their expert additional consideration and ranking. This is the process that brings you the outstanding women listed here.

Without your contributions and support, these women would not be achieving their goals this year. Congratulations to the founders of this fund, the donors who have funded it over the years, the Trustees who have protected it and, most of all, the long and illustrious list of 99 AE Winners.

AEMSF SCHOLARSHIPS



WENDY BAIR — 737 Type Rating
Ambassador Chapter, South Central Section

Wendy Bair originally studied zoology and fashion design. After careers in each, she began taking flying lessons in Sacramento while working in design. Her love of flying led her to follow her heart and make a final career change, where she is now happier than ever to be a captain on the E145. Wendy is based in New York City with Chautauqua Airlines, where she is Scheduling Committee Representative. She is a member of the Ambassador Chapter of The 99s. Her experience has taught her that "whatever your dreams are, you can achieve them — go for it!"

SUE BALLEW — Single-engine Seaplane
Santa Clara Valley Chapter, Southwest Section

As a kid I watched Superman every week and dreamed of flying like him. Finally, in my 40s, I realized I could fly an airplane and received my private pilot certificate in 1996, soon followed by my flight instructor certificate with instrument rating. I began instructing in 1999 and within the year obtained a Citation V Type Rating, got hired by American Eagle, moved to the Caribbean and flew to 24 destination islands, and then the Bahamas and Cuba out of Miami International. As the industry changed, I left the airlines to do other things. Three years ago I came back to instructing and am currently teaching full-time and working on my tailwheel training to instruct in them. I have been an active member of The Ninety-Nines since 1996 and have been Chapter Chair of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter for the past three years. I recently accepted a position on the board for San Carlos Airport Pilots Association. I hope to someday instruct in seaplanes.



PEG BALLOU — CFI-Airplane
All-Ohio Chapter, North Central Section

Peg Ballou earned her private certificate in the 1970s, flew 100 hours and then took a 30-year hiatus for marriage, raising and homeschooling six children, along with building two businesses with her 49½ Sam. After a trip into the Venezuelan Amazon ignited their daughter's interest in flying, they soared back into aviation. Peg became current by September 2007 and then earned her instrument rating in 2009. Now commercially certificated, Peg is starting her CFI training, combining a gift for teaching with her love of flying. "When you fly, you move people. When you teach people to fly, you move generations."



CHERYL BENISH — Multi-engine Instrument
Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

As a child I loved looking at the maps sent with the National Geographic. I have always loved to travel and discover new places and people. I have worked in a carnival, as a taxi driver, a bartender and a Field Service Technician while raising two children alone. I currently work at the flight school where I train. I'm finishing my CFI. I hope to pass on the joy of flying to many, including my grandchildren. My ultimate goal is to become a charter pilot, where I can meet new people and see more new places. I love flying.

KJERSTI BOE — Academic
Minnesota Chapter, North Central Section

I am an outdoor adventure seeker, so being a pilot is good for my well-being. My family notices if I haven't been flying for a while because I start to become irritable. Education is also important to me, which is why I am working towards my Master's degree in Aeronautical Science with Embry-Riddle. My real passion is traveling internationally and learning new things. I hope to move back to Norway with my Norwegian husband and become active in the aviation community there. I am very grateful to The 99s and truly value the comradeship which is unmatched by other organizations.



LYNDSAY CARLSON — Academic
Utah Chapter, Southwest Section

Prior to take-off, preflight planning is a must to collect all available information. One particular preflight planning led me to land my ATP through the Amelia Earhart Scholarship. After obtaining my ATP, I made a successful landing with a career at the FAA as an Aviation Safety Inspector. Again, I have decided to use all available information to help me obtain my Doctorate in Educational Leadership with the support of the 2010 AE Scholarship. My goals are to land at a point in life where I can influence and improve aviation educational policies within the government. Although I am sure that the weather of life may change my direction, I know I'll be ready with The Ninety-Nines to encourage me with all available information.

SHEILA COLLIER — Commercial Rotorcraft
Ventura County, Southwest Section

Sheila Collier is currently working full-time as an Emergency Medical Technician out of Tarzana Hospital to gain Emergency Medical Service experience. She also works as a bookkeeper two days a week in Santa Barbara, California. She has just been accepted into Oxnard's 16-week Fire Academy starting in August. Her goal is to fly helicopters for Los Angeles City Fire Department and learn everything there is to know about firefighting on the ground to be a better firefighter from the sky.



MARIA D'AMATO — Multi-engine Instructor
Bay Cities Chapter, Southwest Section

Since I was a young girl, I wanted a life rich in adventure. I learned how to fly in Seattle while attending the University of Washington. My goal was to get my pilot certificate and fly across the U.S. in search of a great piece of homemade pie. Since then I have become a flight instructor at Buchanan Field in Concord, California and am pursuing a career as a professional pilot. When not flying I am riding my Harley-Davidson motorcycle. In 2003 I rode to Oshkosh, Wisconsin and look forward to the day I can fly there.



MONICA DOHERTY — Academic
Ambassador, South Central Section

Monica Doherty received an AEMSFS Scholarship to complete her Masters Degree in Aeronautical Science. She is focusing her studies on Aviation Human Factors. Monica is a pilot for ExpressJet Airlines, based in Houston. She has experience as a Crew Resource Management facilitator and has also volunteered extensively in her union's Safety Program. Her academic studies will further her knowledge in the Safety and Human Factors arena, ultimately serving her goal of improving these areas throughout the airline industry. Monica is truly grateful to The 99s for providing such a wonderful opportunity for her and other women pilots to pursue their goals.

MARY FAIRBANKS — Instrument Airplane
Sutter Buttes Chapter, Southwest Section

I'm a member of the Sutter Buttes 99s and am ecstatic to be a finalist in the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. While I was working as a waitress in a small restaurant, some of my regulars were pilots from the nearby Marysville airport. As I came to know them, I felt the enthusiasm they had for flying and accepted when they invited me for a flight. I learned to fly that day; it was a while later that I learned how to land. I was hooked right away and amazed by the community I found on the airport. Pilots are exceptional people. Flying has become my passion, and I couldn't quit if I tried. That's why I'm going to get my instrument, commercial, CFI and make a career out of it. I admire and appreciate the beautiful strong women of The 99s. Their fellowship, friendship, advice, and tenacity put me on this path and, more than anything, helped me to believe it's possible. Thank you 99s!



SANDRA FOX — CFI-Airplane
Sugarloaf Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

I first flew as a Civil Air Patrol cadet back in the 1970s and loved it. Unfortunately, circumstances prevented me from earning my wings at that point. I earned my BS in Nursing and have been an RN for several years, currently working at a small hospital in Pennsylvania. A few years ago, on our one-month anniversary, my fiancé took me flying. Shortly thereafter, I started flight training and in July 2007 earned my private pilot certificate. I earned my instrument rating in July 2008 and my Commercial Certificate in August 2009. Currently, I am a Deputy Commander of my Civil Air Patrol squadron, on Maryland Wing staff and am also a CAP pilot, flying cadet orientation flights and training to become a Mission Pilot. I love to teach, and earning my CFI will allow me to give back to my community and grow more pilots.

ANNIE GROSS — Group B Type Rating (Multi-engine)
Israeli Section

I joined The Ninety-Nines in 2004. With the 2006 AE scholarship for instrument rating, I was on my way towards my goal— being an airline pilot. By the time this will be published I hope to have also my commercial certificate. Currently I have 350 flight hours. As a flight attendant for El Al, I've been visiting NYC, during which I flew around Manhattan, over Long Island and New Jersey. That was a great international experience for me. With this AE scholarship I will obtain my multi-engine rating, the next-to-last step towards my goal (last step in Israel is ATP). I hope that next year I will have reached that goal.



KATELYNN KEARNEY — Commercial Multi-engine
Central New York Chapter, New York-New Jersey Section

I come from a family of 13 and live on a farm in northern New York. My interest in flying started one warm summer day when I was 17 as I watched a helicopter giving rides. My dad wanted to learn how to fly so I decided to become a CFI and teach the whole family. My CFI certificate took two years, but the death of my instructor/friend upset my momentum. My family, friends and 99 Chapter encouraged me to revitalize my goal of MEI, then continue on to eventually fly the helicopter I saw on that warm summer's day.



KATE KEOUGH — Instrument Airplane
Katahdin Wings Chapter, New England Section

An amazing network of family and friends supports me—from my wonderful 49½ Roger and our two boys waiting for me to come home from flight lessons after having worked all day, to my extended family cheering me on from the sidelines; from my flight instructor's patience and perseverance, to my co-workers covering the FBO for me while I grab .5 in the Cub; from the lessons learned vicariously by listening to fellow flight students, surrogate instructors and the freight-pilots' stories, to the mechanics keeping the 152 flying; and, of course, my sister 99s rooting me on as I strive to realize my dreams. Thank you all!

JAMIE MICELI — Instrument Airplane
Pikes Peak Chapter, South Central Section

It was thrilling to go on my first commercial flight at the age of nine. I was amazed flying through the clouds and being so close to something that seemed impossible to reach. The thought struck me, "What if I could fly the plane, and I wonder what all of these dials and gages are and how they work?" Just recently I decided that it was possible and received my private pilot certificate last year. I am working on my instrument rating with the goal of becoming a commercial pilot. I still feel the same wonder and amazement on every flight as I did that first time. Thank you to The Ninety-Nines for helping me along the way.



JESSICA MILLER — Instrument Airplane
Minnesota Chapter, North Central Section

I started flying at 15 in an Aeronca Champ with an Aviation Explorer Post based in Hutchinson, Minnesota, and soloed on my 16th birthday. I am very excited to work on my instrument rating; it will put me one step closer to teaching others how to fly. I'm enthusiastic about extending my passion for aviation to other young people! I have had my pilot license for two years, and in those two years I flew to all 136 airports in Minnesota, finished 7th of 32 teams in the Air Race Classic and volunteered at numerous youth aviation days. I am Vice-Chair of the Minnesota Chapter and have met many wonderful women through this organization. Thank you to everyone who has ever donated to the AEMSFS to help make my instrument rating possible!

LEJA NOE — Academic
Greater Seattle Chapter, Northwest Section

A mathematician and former basketball player, Leja Noe believes problems have solutions, and there is always an open lane to the hoop. Leja's first goal was a career as a professional pilot. The initial plan was to fly for the United States Air Force. When her mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, that plan met a road block. The next approach was the civilian route. It took six years of problem solving and balancing the time, money and flight training equation. Now a captain at Mesa Airlines, Leja has achieved her first goal. The next goal is to utilize problem solving skills for the industry, a task she currently does as chair of her local union's safety organization. Looking to expand her problem solving tools, Leja is working on her Masters Degree in Human Factors and Aviation Management.





DOROTHY NORKUS — 737 Type Rating

San Diego Chapter, Southwest Section

On my first flight in a green Braniff 727 in 1977, I decided one day I'd fly for an airline. At first I hoped to be a 'stewardess,' but instead I ended up as a ramp agent with Southwest Airlines for 15 years. My love of airplanes and jet noise lead me to flying lessons, then the dream of becoming a SWA pilot. As a new private pilot in '92, I also became a Ninety-Nine and gained many great friends and mentors who became the center of my circle of friends today. The advice and encouragement of 99s, plus two Chapter scholarships, helped me achieve my flight training goals and get hired as an airline pilot. I am honored to have been chosen as an AEMSFS winner to help me achieve my next career goal of becoming qualified to apply, and hopefully hired, with Southwest.

ERIKA PECKHAM — Instrument Airplane

Devils Tower Chapter, Northwest Section

Erika is currently employed as a Habitat Biologist for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. As a biologist, she got her first taste for flying while conducting wildlife surveys for various species throughout the Western United States. She developed a true passion for flying and, deciding that observing wasn't enough, obtained her private pilot's certificate in 2008 and seaplane rating in 2009. Her goal is to combine her background in wildlife biology with aviation and conduct wildlife surveys as the pilot. Erika currently resides in Gillette, Wyoming and enjoys snowboarding, fly-fishing and almost anything else that can get her outdoors. She is immensely grateful to the people who have supported her in her aviation pursuits and is so genuinely thankful to The Ninety-Nines for helping her in this next step.



BETH POLCARI — Hawker 800 Type Rating

Dallas Chapter, South Central Section

I took my first small plane ride in a glider, in a field in Belgium. Wow! I wanted to fly. It would be nearly 30 years and four fabulous children before I would take my first flying lesson. Persuaded by the tragic events of 9-11, I quit a terrific job at Southwest Airlines to pursue flying full-time. I did my primary training then earned my CFI, CFII and MEI. My instructing experience led to the Right Seat program at Simuflite flying the Citation Excel, which led to contract jobs flying other Citations, which led to a full-time position with a charter company (now "reorganized"), my ATP and a Hawker 1000 type rating. This scholarship will provide many more options for me in this environment. Thank you Ninety-Nines AEMSFS for your confidence and this wonderful opportunity; I'm truly grateful.

KARA PRUITT — Multi-engine Instructor

Colorado Chapter, South Central Section

Kara was introduced to aviation through maintenance and enjoys flying for the challenge, adventure and beauty. She is an airplane flight instructor and helicopter private pilot and currently employed as a flight instructor. While working towards creating a career in Fire Aviation, she has flown as a fire survey pilot, corporate co-pilot, Air Race Classic co-pilot and coast to coast ferry pilot. Using the AE Flight Scholarship towards a multi-engine instructor rating will be a valuable tool towards becoming an Air Attack fire pilot. Once she rises above poverty, Kara intends to build her helicopter experience to professional standards. Her involvement with The 99s has been an invaluable part her life, and she is very proud to be selected to represent such a honorable organization.



KANDACE RAWLING — Instrument Helicopter

Wisconsin Chapter, North Central Section

Being a pilot isn't about what I do; it is about who I am. I love aviation from ultralights to airliners! If I weren't a pilot, I don't know what I'd do. I've done other things, of course, but when I'm in the air I feel as if that is where I was meant to be. I'm currently a sport pilot CFI and have recently obtained my instrument-airplane and commercial ASEL ratings. I'm working on being a dual-rated CFI, helicopter and airplane. I love teaching people to fly! With the help of The 99s scholarship, I'll be able to achieve my goals much sooner.



LEINA'ALA RIELA-ENOKA — CFI-Instrument
Aloha Chapter, Southwest Section

This has been an exciting year of challenge and change complete with my shiny new CFI certificate! My appreciation goes out to The Ninety-Nines, Aloha Chapter and the sisterhood we all share. This scholarship will enable me to achieve what I have already started; I am ready to move on to the next step, the next challenge and become an instrument instructor. I am a teacher and always wanted to teach since I was little. Flying was my dream. Flying inspires me to motivate others. I love instructing others to achieve their goals in aviation. A new horizon!

MARINA SAETTONE — Mountain Flying and Vertical Reference Helicopter
Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section

Daughter, Sister, Aunt, Friend, Pilot, Role Model, Mentor, Student. They say you can't come home again, but that is exactly what I keep doing. My life has been full of circles bringing me to exactly where I need to be. I've been a certificated pilot for nearly half of my life, following childhood dreams. My passion drives me to move forward, to be challenged, to continue my training and to go above and beyond average, testing my mettle each time I climb in the helicopter. I am fiercely loyal and committed to my family, my friends, my path and to my journey.

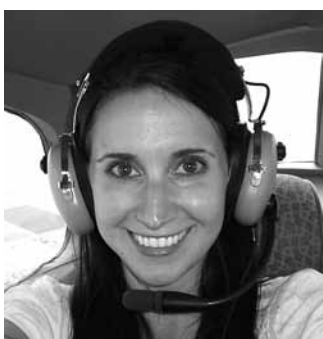


ANNA STROMENBERG — Instructor Rating
Maple Leaf Chapter, East Canada Section

My name is Anna Stromenberg. I am a member of the Maple Leaf Chapter. I started flying at 17 when I got my glider pilot licence through the Royal Canadian Air Cadets. Since then I have earned my instructor rating for gliders and taught many students to get their glider pilot licence. I am currently taking geography and aviation at the University of Waterloo and have recently completed my commercial pilot licence. When I graduate next year, I will start working with the Canadian Air Force as a pilot, hopefully one day flying search and rescue.

REBEKAH TAUSCHER — Commercial Airplane
Colorado Chapter, South Central Section

I grew up in San Antonio, Texas, and moved to Colorado at the age of 14. I graduated from Colorado State University in 2003 where I had the opportunity to participate in a study abroad program in Spain. It opened the door to new cultural experiences for me as well as the desire to explore. In May of 2004, I was hired as a flight attendant for Frontier Airlines. I fell in love with aviation, and after several years was encouraged by other pilots to start flying myself. After my first introductory flight in 2008, I knew that I wanted to be a pilot and went on to receive my private certificate followed by my instrument rating in 2009. I am honored to receive the AE scholarship to complete my commercial certificate and have been overwhelmed by the support of my fellow members in The 99s!



JENNIFER TREEESE — Instrument Airplane
Tucson Chapter, Southwest Section

I am honored and grateful to receive the Amelia Earhart Scholarship, and I would like to thank the Trustees, judges and the amazing women in the Tucson Chapter for helping me achieve my goals. My first flight in a single engine airplane was when I was 11, and since that day I have always wanted to be a pilot. I'm very active in the Tucson Ninety-Nines, work at an airport and in the next few months will be finishing my Master of Aeronautical Science degree from Embry-Riddle, just in time to start working on my instrument rating. I'm excited for the future and to continue pursuing my dreams and goals, one of which is volunteering to take children on their first airplane ride for the organization that gave me the opportunity when I was 11. Thank you.



AILEEN WATKINS — Academic
Houston Chapter, South Central Section

Aileen began her flying career in 1989 and joined The Ninety Nines in 1990. She has logged over 8,000 hours in 67 different aircraft as pilot in command and holds an Airline Transport Pilot certificate with type ratings and experience in the Boeing 747-400, Boeing 737, ATR-42, ATR-72 and HS-125 aircraft. In addition to having ratings in both multi-engine and single-engine land and sea aircraft, she is a certified flight instructor, instrument instructor and multi-engine instructor. Aileen is active in the Houston Chapter and works closely with the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative as a Mentoring Coordinator. She serves on the Atlas Air Safety Committee and is chairperson of the Human Performance Committee of the International Society of Women Airline Pilots. She is pursuing her Master of Aeronautical Science Degree, with an emphasis in Aviation Safety Systems and Human Factors.

NEW PILOT AWARDS

BOBBI BEWLEY HUNT

New Orleans Chapter, Southeast Section

Choctawhatchee High school partnered with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University to help give high school students college credits. I began taking the college credits in tenth grade and kept taking the courses through my senior year. I will be graduating with 23 college credits in aviation. I have passed the FAA written exam for the private pilot ground school course. I won the Daedalian Scholarship in August of 2009, which helped pay for my flying up to solo. I have continued my flying at the Destin Airport where I have worked since I was 15. My goal is to double major with a bachelors degree in Commercial Aviation Flight Option and Aviation Management.



ALI MORSE

Rio Grande Norte Chapter, South Central Section

A gripping fear would overtake me every time I flew. The passing of a few good men did offer up a cue. With thanks and great humility I began to live my life, More dreams of possibilities, less emphasis on strife. Confront my fear of flying, then use it to good use, Overcome a few small obstacles with nary an excuse. I soloed just last August, aced the written three months later, In early April passed my check ride—a task for me no greater. I'll work with seasoned pilots, absorbing skills and knowledge. In Alaska over summer — an education exceeding college. I want to fly on goodwill missions, helping out where needed, Give back more than I've taken, fly often and unimpeded. To Ninety-Nines who've helped me, encouraged me and cared, I thank you all sincerely, this great honor to be shared.

AMANDA TEMPLETON WILSON

Georgia Chapter, Southeast Section

I love flying and began lessons in 1980 at age 18. I wanted to become a professional pilot but wasn't able to complete my certificate. The most liberating feeling I've ever had is to get out a sectional chart, plot a course and then fly there. I am now a graphic designer and like my job but am passionate about flying. My goal is to teach flying. I especially want to expose underprivileged kids to aviation, having already taken two young people for discovery flights through Young Eagles. Thank you, 99s, for the opportunity to make a dream come true!



JENNA DORSEY-SPITZ

Pikes Peak Chapter, South Central Section

I was born and raised in Pueblo, Colorado where you could find me running in the hot summer sun, my head lost in the clouds looking for airplanes flying over. I attended public school and graduated salutatorian of my high school Class in 2002. In hopes of becoming one of our nation's top pilots, I attended the USAF Academy Preparatory School and USAF Academy, finally graduating with degrees in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Currently I am employed at TRANE Commercial Systems as a Product Design Engineer. My interests include golf, triathlons, and competitive running that with aspirations to the 2012/2016 Summer Olympic Games in Track and Field. A pilot certificate is a lifetime dream; very few interests of mine have allowed my spirits to soar as flying has! With my written examination under my belt, I hope to gain what I have long dreamed about. The Pikes Peak Chapter of The Ninety-Nines has been an inspiration to me. In the future, I hope to help anyone with the dream of becoming a pilot.



MAULE TAILWHEEL AWARD



AILEEN HUMMEL

Fort Worth Chapter, South Central Section

I started taking flying lessons 15 years ago as a challenge and loved it, earning my private pilot certificate, instrument rating, single- and multi-engine commercial ratings. I own a Piper Arrow and, with my job as a music therapist, fly to various airports in North Texas visiting hospice patients. My involvement with the Fort Worth Chapter of The 99s includes Chair and Vice-Chair. I enjoy promoting aviation education to young people. I have also co-founded the Flying Musicians Association. My goal is to fly War Birds someday, and a tailwheel endorsement would help make it even more possible.

TRAINING MILESTONES

Natalie Anaston – Instrument
Bay Cities Chapter

Jenny Beatty – B737 PIC
Reno High Sierra Chapter

Jackie Bock – Private
Alaska Chapter

Anna Brown – Private
Hampton Roads Chapter

Suzanne Collins – Instrument & Instrument Ground Instructor
Hampton Roads Chapter

Mariette Coolidge – Solo
Ventura County Chapter

Renee Craig – Tailwheel Endorsement
Bay Cities Chapter

Megan Darrah-Hage – Solo
Minnesota Chapter

Amy Davis – Private
Hampton Roads Chapter

Joan DuBois – Instrument
Florida Suncoast Chapter

Lori Fussell – ATP and CE-510
Pikes Peak Chapter

Robyn Hinnant – Beech 1900
Phoenix Chapter

Amandine Hivert – Private
French Section

Judith Holmes – Private
Chicago Area Chapter

Leni Malherbe – Solo
Ventura County Chapter

Kandace Rawlings – CFI
Wisconsin Chapter

Gina Santori – Commercial Multi-engine with instrument privileges
Chicago Area Chapter

Robin Sullivan – Sport pilot
Ventura County Chapter

Rosemary Watson – Private
Ventura County Chapter

WINGS

Marcia Gitelman – Advanced, Phase III
Finger Lakes Chapter

NEW NAME, NEW WINGS

To better reflect today's wider range of training options, we have renamed this section Training Milestones (formerly Ratings and Wings).

Please note also that the new Wings program is now automated and based on proficiency instead of hours. With each phase, the hours are reaccumulated.

In the new program, you can earn Wings at one of three levels: Basic, Advanced and Master. The level you earn is based on the proficiency level you choose to complete. You then earn a phase each year at the level you choose to be proficient at. There is no limit to the number of phases you can complete.



PILOT CAREERS: Taking Risks

BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

No doubt, these are turbulent times to be in the aviation industry. There was a time, not so very long ago, that you could pay your dues at the commuters or flying freight and, in the end, you'd fly for a legacy carrier moving into bigger equipment until it was time to retire comfortably. Very comfortably. That has become a relic of the past, like 10 cent hamburgers and friendly customer service. The legacy carriers are merging, the retirements are nonexistent, low cost carriers have entered the mix, and the pay isn't what it used to be. But we're still out there, getting our ratings, building time, commuting to reserve to fly the big iron... Why?

Because sometimes it is riskier not to take a risk. In other words, if you walk

backward, you won't stub your toe. But who wants to go through life looking at where they have been? It's in our nature as pilots to go beyond what we think we can do. It's running forward, fast, with the wind in our hair and the feeling of joy in our hearts. It's that feeling we had when we lifted off the runway for the first time into the wondrous wild blue and we were in control. We were so busy enjoying the view that it wasn't even possible to stub our toes! And that's the irony.

For some, the risk of pursuing an aviation career is greater than their perception of the rewards, and they choose to put their energy into something else that either has a higher pay-off or less risk. For others, the experience gained along the way is worth

the price they have to pay, realizing that the journey is actually part of the reward. (Not to mention holding your own during a good hangar flying session!) It comes down to choices: the ones we make each day to live our lives to the fullest.

When I was working in a cushy desk job at an airline training center complete with worldwide travel benefits, I thought to myself: When I'm 90 years old and rocking in my chair on the porch, I'll ask myself, "What would have happened if I had left this cushy job to pursue a career in aviation?" What I realized is that even if it all turned out horribly wrong, that question would be answered. And that to me was worth the risk of leaving my comfort zone for the wild blue unknown. Twelve years later, one furlough, one bankruptcy and seven uniforms later, the answer is, "It was a wild ride and worth every bit of the tears, fears, frustration, and sweat and sacrifice that came with it."

Everyone will have different questions and different answers. The most important thing is that when the day comes that you are rocking in your chair on the porch and looking back on your life, it is without regret. Today you can do something about that. Do it.

PRO 99s PROFILE: Jennifer Davis

BY BETSY DONOVAN, International Careers Committee

A private pilot ground school and a powerplant class at a local community college provided the spark for Jennifer Davis to want to learn more about aviation. She soon spent her Saturdays working at a local FBO. One introductory flight in 1989 and she was completely hooked.

Jennifer enrolled at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona, in 1990 and graduated two years later. She instructed in Sacramento and at the Aero Club at Edwards Air Force Base in California before being hired by Mesa Airlines. In 1999, Jennifer joined United Airlines, based in San Francisco. She was furloughed shortly after September

11th and went to work for SkyWest Airlines for three years. Returning to United on the Airbus A-320, this time based in Chicago, Jennifer was furloughed again in October 2009.

Jennifer holds an ATP, CFI, CFII, MEI and type ratings in the Beech 1900, Boeing 737 and Canadair Regional Jet. A member of the Ambassador Chapter, Jennifer has been a member of The Ninety-Nines since 1990. She received and appreciated a small 99s scholarship when she was a flight instructor in Lancaster, California.

Jennifer's advice to others: "Get a good support system. Friends and family are important, as well as support from your peers. The various women pilot organiza-



tions are invaluable. Lean on them during tough times, in times of doubt, and never give up your dream. Work hard and do the best job you can in all situations." She also added: "Thank goodness for community colleges and their diverse range of classes."



Twelve Ninety-Nines were inducted into the 2010 Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas. See article below for Ninety-Nines identification.

INTERNATIONAL FOREST OF FRIENDSHIP INDUCTS 12 NINETY-NINES

Twenty-six Ninety-Nines attended the annual induction ceremonies at the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas, on June 19. The Forest is a living, growing memorial to the world history of aviation and aerospace. Twelve of the 22 inductees were Ninety-Nines.

The induction ceremonies were held in the Fay Gillis Wells gazebo, surrounded by the waving flags of the 50 states and 35 territories and foreign countries which have trees in the Forest. The sun shone and the threatened rain held off until after the ceremonies ended. The Ninety-Nine honorees, along with their affiliations, are listed below (the numbers correspond to those in the picture of the honorees):

Ten of the Ninety-Nine honorees attended the ceremony: Krys Brown (4), Wisconsin Chapter; Charlene Davis (3), Oklahoma Chapter; Patricia Gregory (14), Santa Clara Valley Chapter; Phyl Howard (9), Oklahoma Chapter; Joan Kerwin (7), Chicago Area Chapter; Margaret Lawson (8), San Gabriel Valley Chapter; Ann

(Leninger) Pogson (10), Oklahoma Chapter; Wyvema F. Startz (1), Oklahoma Chapter; Nancy E. Wood (2), Lake Erie Chapter; Janet S. Yoder (6), Kansas Chapter

Another two honorees were not present: The late Marguerite Lawrence, Kansas Chapter, award accepted by Von Lawrence (11); Elisabeth Church, Kentucky Blue Grass Chapter, award accepted by Kaye Combs Moore (5). Other honorees included Robert Baslee, re-creator of vintage World War I aircraft (12); Brigadier General Catherine A. Chilton, USAFR, flight test engineer (16); General Kevin P. "Chili" Chilton, USAF, Commander of the US Strategic Command (17); Brigadier General Stephen D. Cotter, Missouri Air National Guard; Frederick "Rick" Hines; Captain J. Michael "Jethro" McClendon, USMC, honored for service fighting California wildfires while with Marine Medium Helicopter (Training) Squadron; Edward A. McConwell, aviation lawyer and active pilot (15); Nancy Allyson Parrish, chronicler of WASP history; Blanche Stuart

Scott, the first American woman to fly a fixed wing aircraft; and Don Underwood, committed to the preservation of American aviation history.

The focus for 2011 will be World Friendship through Flying, celebrating the Forest's 35th year, and to a reunion of past honorees. More information about the Forest and points of contact are at www.ifof.org.

WALLY FUNK HONORED BY OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ninety-Nine Wally Funk was one of three Oklahoma State University (OSU) College of Education alumni selected for its 2010 Hall of Fame class.

Wally, a member of the Fort Worth Chapter, has been dedicated to lifelong learning and teaching in the area of aviation. Wally graduated from OSU with a B.S. degree in secondary education and earned her commercial, single-engine land, multi-engine land, single-engine sea, instrument, flight instructor's and all ground instructor's ratings.

While at OSU, she was elected officer of the Flying Aggies and received the Outstanding Female Pilot trophy, the Flying Aggie Top Pilot and the Alfred Memorial Trophy two years in a row. Wally was also part of Mercury 13, the first 13 women to ever be tested for space flight.

PENNY HAMILTON WINS NATIONAL GRANT

Colorado Chapter member Dr. Penny Hamilton was recently awarded a Wolf Aviation Fund research grant to partially fund national research to conduct in-depth interviews with female general aviation students and pilots regarding their flight training experiences. Visit the website related to the research at teachingwomen-tofly.com to learn more.

Penny earned her private pilot certificate almost 20 years ago. She is a founding board member and current volunteer secretary of the Friends of the Granby Airport and the Airport Support Network Volunteer for the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Welcome New Ninety-Nines Members!

Alabama Chapter

MC FARLAND, Jodi (Assoc)

Alaska Chapter

RUSO, Audrey (Academic)

All-Ohio Chapter

SUMMERS, Pamela L



Sarah Hudgins, Aloha Chapter

Aloha Chapter

HUDGINS, Sarah M

REIS, Valorie N

SANDERS, Denise

NETH, Yvonne Chong

Ambassador Chapter

BRACEY, Pamela L (Assoc)

NAUTRUP, Charlotte (Assoc)

YUKSEL, Filiz (Assoc)

PONN, Abigail

VINSON, Jessica (Academic)

Antelope Valley Chapter

HELLYER, Elizabeth

FAHEY, Caitlyn (Assoc)

IRVIN, Katharine Sarah (Assoc)

Arabian Section

ALTWAL, Alia Hanna

AL-UZAIZ, Mary Mavis George

Arkansas Chapter

LACHNEY, Alyce

MOLINA, Martha J

UMPHRES, Sheila

STONE, Jeannie

Australian Section

SALISBURY, Katrina

CHIU LOK TUNG, Julia (Assoc)

Bakersfield Chapter

GIPSON, Shelly

Bay Cities Chapter

ENGLISH, Connie (Assoc)

REES, Riley J

British Section

WOODS, Catherine

CROSSMAN, Jennifer

SMITH, Christina

RIZZI, Claudia Fosca Maeva

British Columbia Coast Chapter

TORGRIMSON, Randi Jo

Central New York Chapter

REAPE-SCHWAB, Christine Lea

Central Pennsylvania Chapter

SPANOS, Linda

Chicago Area Chapter

HAKIM, Candace

JOHNSON, Carolyn C

Coachella Valley Chapter

BROWN, Robin A

METOYER, Ruby (Assoc)

Colorado Chapter

GLEASON, Dorothy Greene

EISEMAN, Denise

SAFKO, Zia Kos (Academic)

Connecticut Chapter

KELLERMAN, Robi (Assoc)

CUMMINGS-MOULDER, Jeanne

ASHLEY, Jerry (Assoc)

Coyote Country Chapter

BOHL, Melissa S (Academic)

Crater Lake Flyers Chapter

WOLF, Cherry N (Assoc)

Delaware Chapter

LEE, Cynthia M

JUDGE, Lydia (Assoc)

FORTE, Sarah

Eastern New England Chapter

SPURR, Kathi

CARPENTER, Vanessa E B

EHRENFELD, Emily (Assoc)

Eastern Ontario Chapter

L'HEUREUX, Sonia

VORNWEG, Petra (Assoc)

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter

COX, Colleen M (Assoc)

PENROD, Deborah

Embry-Riddle Daytona Chapter

ARTHUR-SMITH, Amelia (Academic)

First Canadian Chapter

TSANG, Yvonne

Florida Goldcoast Chapter

SMITH, Jody

Florida Suncoast Chapter

KAUFMAN, Linda (Assoc)

CHESHIRE, Christin

MYLETT, Janine

YEAGER, Lori Anne (Assoc)

NEPAGE, Raegan

Fresno Chapter

TAYLOR, Barbara (Academic)

Garden State Chapter

BETTS, Janice Lora

Georgia Chapter

REYES, Geraldine Sampson

HUSTER, Lori

JUNGER, Jennifer E (Assoc)

MOCK, Amy (Assoc)

Greater Kansas City Chapter

HASKIN, Ariann D

JORDAN, Jennifer L (Assoc)

Greater Seattle Chapter

HUTCHINSON, Amy L

Greater St. Louis Chapter

ZWEGO, Sabrina

Hi-Desert Chapter

MCBURNEY, Jeneace

High Country Chapter

REESE, Elizabeth J (Assoc)

Houston Chapter

NICKELL, Becky Suzanne

MISNER, Nancy Beth

STAVINOHA, Sydney (Assoc)

Idaho Chapter

LYON, Lu Ann

CHARLTON, Roberta L

MOE, Teresa

Imperial So-Lo Chapter

STEWART, Diana (Assoc)

India Section

PODDAR, Moushumi (Assoc)

Indiana Chapter

SCHLICHTENMYER, Carrie A

Indiana Dunes Chapter

TURNER, Natalie A (Assoc)

PATINO, Sandra

Intercollegiate Internet Chapter

GRANCICH, Daniyel Danica (Assoc)

Intermountain Chapter

SEABURY, Elisa

NELSON, Lori A (Assoc)

YAMAMOTO, Monica Rae

Kansas Chapter

LINGG, Kristin (Academic)

MYER, Miranda Nichole (Assoc)

HART, Beatrice A (Assoc)

STUCKY-RISDON, Helen Ann (Assoc)

Israeli Section

ASSIS, Ruth

Katahdin Wings Chapter

LYMNEOS, Debra E

Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter

PARKINS, Carolyn (Assoc)

FREDERICK, Cassandra (Assoc)

BOGARDUS, Amy Jane

Welcome New Members! (Continued)

Kitty Hawk Chapter
SPENCER, Virginia
 Las Vegas Valley Chapter
STEVENS, Martha (Assoc)
 Maple Leaf Chapter
GAMMIE, Katie (Academic)
LAPOINTE, Anne-Marie (Assoc)
 Mat-Su Valley Chapter
HOME, Martha Marti
 Mid-Atlantic Section
BORN, Donna
BRYANT, Evelyn
CALTRIDER, Marie E
 Midnight Sun Chapter
CHERRY, Jessica
KLAES, Jamie
KLAES, Lynda K
 Military Internet Chapter
SMITH, Sarah K
LYNCH, Sarah R
 Minnesota Chapter
DARRAH-HAGE, Megan Brooke (Assoc)
 Monterey Bay Chapter
LEDFORD, Lori
HADLEY, Celeste D (Assoc)
 Montreal Chapter
GENEREUX, Suzanne
 Mt. Shasta Chapter
ANTONOWICH, Anna (Assoc)
 Nepal Section
DONGOL, Maheswari
PRADHAN, Luna
SHERPA, Sonam Choki
SHRESTHA, Prashansa
SHRESTHA, Rajeshori
SHRESTHA, Sabina
ADHIKARI, Padma
BASNET, Komal
DHITAL, Sunita
GURUNG, Bimala
LINGDEN, Jeena
POKHAREL, Anju
PYAKUREL, Reeta
SIJAPATI, Reshma
SINGH, Sofiya
THAPA, Yashodhara
 Nebraska Chapter
VANLENT, Eileen M
 New Orleans Chapter
SYNOVITZ, Vicki Ann (Assoc)
 North Jersey Chapter
DWYER, Sarah Maura (Academic)

Northeast Kansas Chapter
PARKER, Joyce A
 Oklahoma Chapter
WARD, Sandra (Assoc)
ATWOOD, Caity
UPTON, Sherry
SAFI, Carol
 Old Dominion Chapter
FURLONG, Haylee Dennison
 Orange County Chapter
HAYDEN, Eileen L (Assoc)
 Oregon Pines Chapter
MAHONEY, Donna
 Phoenix Chapter
WEISS, Sharon
ORTIZ, Lydia (Assoc)
COFFEY, Bonita Bonnie (Assoc)
 Pikes Peak Chapter
LYNCH, Danita
 Redwood Coast Flyers Chapter
LOCKE, Lindsay T (Assoc)
 Rio Grande Norte Chapter
ROSS, Amy R (Assoc)
PEROVICH, Patricia
 San Diego Chapter
MOSELEY, Bonnie (Assoc)
JENNINGS, Donna (Assoc)
BALSLEY, Debbie
 San Gabriel Valley Chapter
HOPKINS, Marissa (Assoc)
 San Luis Obispo Co. Chapter
HAMBRICK, Erin Michelle (Academic)

Sedona Red Rockettes Chapter
WILLIAMS, Pamela G (Assoc)
 Sugarloaf Chapter
TIBBS, Brenda
 Tennessee Chapter
RUSCHE, Donna (Assoc)
MERIDITH, Patsy
 Tucson Chapter
JONES, Rhea
GALVIN, Kristine (Assoc)
CHEN, Chunmei
PORTER, Kate
HOWARD, Tamani
 Tulsa Chapter
FELTHAM, Holly (Assoc)
OHNSON, Stephanie
KOONS, Lindsie (Academic)
 Ventura County Chapter
LANGLEY, Yolanda (Assoc)
CHIERUZZI, Maria (Assoc)
PIPER, Terry (Assoc)
 Virginia Chapter
GARDNER, Eva (Assoc)
 Washington DC Chapter
BARRETT, Michelle
 Wisconsin Chapter
VAN OSS, Jeanne M
 Yavapai Chapter
ALSOBROOK, Amanda Kathleen (Assoc)

The Endowment Fund Needs Your Help!

Cinderella really, really, really could use your help getting to the Ball.

Like the Fairy Godmother needed all you beautiful birds to help make Cinderella's dress, the Endowment Fund Trustees need everyone's help to reach our matching challenge goal.

Mother said she would waive the insurance premium if you would have a fun flying activity and donate the net proceeds to the Endowment Fund.

We need to hurry, when the clock strikes midnight on November 1, the festivities will be over.



FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER

Based in Miami, the Florida Goldcoast Chapter was chartered on January 7, 1940 as the Florida State Chapter, the first and only Ninety-Nines Chapter in the state. Starting with 14 charter members, it has been going strong for 70 years and currently has about 50 members representing all aspects of aviation.

One of Goldcoast's first big projects was the 1947 Women's Air Show, which included a transcontinental air race from Palm Springs, California, to Tampa, Florida. The race evolved into the Powder Puff Derby. Two years later, members organized the International Air Race, which became the Angel Derby. The air racing tradition is maintained by four members who actively race today.

In 1965, members from Florida's west coast left the "Mother Chapter" to form the Suncoast Chapter, and members in the northeast part of the state chartered the Spaceport Chapter. The original Florida Chapter became the Florida Goldcoast Chapter and was the first in Florida and the Southeast Section to be incorporated. As the number of women pilots grew in 1975, the Gulf Stream Chapter spun off to better serve the Fort Lauderdale to Stuart area.

Since 1982, Goldcoast's main project has been providing scholarships to help women achieve their aviation goals. Formerly the Griner Scholarship, last year the name was changed to honor member Fran Sargent, who founded and nurtured the program. In 2009, two students at the Florida Institute of



Some long-time and new members celebrated the 70th anniversary of the Florida Goldcoast Chapter at their January meeting. From left, standing, Connie Wilds, Tamra Sheffman, Ursula Davidson, Becky Ritter, Nancy Hejde and Natalie Anton. Seated, Chairman Pat Blasi, Sonia Bortolin and Kristen Jurn.

Technology received \$2,000 each, bringing the total number of scholarships awarded to 27. This year another \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a woman pilot who lives in Florida.

The Goldcoast Chapter recently hosted the Southeast Section Meeting at the beach in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

— Ursula Davidson



North Central Section Governor Shelley Ventura (center), is flanked by Arthur and Marge Anderson, along with North Central Section Directors Marcia Nellans (far left) and Deborah Kirschner (far right).

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

The Chicago Area Chapter is extremely proud of our own Marjorie 'Marge' Raglin Anderson, the 2010 recipient of the North Central Section Governor's Service Award.

In addition, her husband Arthur was similarly honored with this year's 49½ Award from the North Central Section. It was also a delightful way to recognize Marge's 60th anniversary as a Ninety-Nine, a milestone she celebrates this year. Marge embodies and epitomizes the spirit behind the Governor's Service Award — that of a loyal Ninety-Nine who often toils behind the scenes, without seeking recognition or reward, but is consistently reliable, upbeat and focused on the goals of our organization.

Arthur is one of our outstanding helpers within the Chapter and a worthy recipient of this year's 49½ Award. Rarely a Chapter meeting goes by that is not brightened by the presence of Marge and her 49½ Arthur. He was appointed by Faye Wells to serve with Marge on the Atchison committee of the International Forest of Friendship and has attended the annual event for 23 out of the past 25 years.

— Diane M. Cozzi

OREGON PINES CHAPTER

Memorial Day brought an opportunity for the Oregon Pines Chapter to honor our WASP. Nine Oregon women were among the Women Airforce Service Pilots who were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their service during WWII.

It was an honor to have them attend a tribute to Oregon's aviation patriots at Independence State Airport, which included guest speakers and flybys, national anthem, flag ceremony, missing man formation and military salute. The program featured an introduction of WASP and Ninety-Nine Kay Chaffey, WASP and Ninety-Nine Jan Goodrum, WASP Kathryn Miles and WASP Anna Monkiewicz. A hangar party followed the program.

— Debra Plymate



The Oregon Pines Chapter honored the WASP on Memorial Day. Attending, from left, were WASP Anna Monkiewicz, Kay Chaffey and Jan Goodrum.



The Flower Mound, Texas Junior Girl Scout Troop participated in the Dallas Chapter's Junior Girl Scout Aerospace Badge seminars. Ninety-Nines are, back row from left, Jerry Glennie, Dorothy Warren, Karla Pavese, Holly Barr and Beth Polcari.

DALLAS CHAPTER

The Dallas Chapter spent the past several months conducting Junior Girl Scout Aerospace Badge seminars for local troops. Since October of 2009, we have held seven seminars, educating 82 girls at Collin County Regional Airport at McKinney.

Cutter Aviation, Monarch Air and the McKinney Tower have been very generous with their time and facilities. Following our final seminar for the year, held on May 15, we gave them framed certificates of appreciation and boxes of chocolate treats.

Seminar topics included: Aerodynamics; Navigation; Space Food Evolution with samples; NASA Spinoffs; a Power Puff Derby presentation by two members who participated in these derbies; Careers; and Aviation Websites. We visited the tower, examined the inside and outside of an airplane and flew balsa planes.

During a seminar in February, six Blackhawk Army helicopters flying in formation landed at the airport. They were from Fort Riley, Kansas, en route to Corpus Christi and then on to Iraq via carrier, and had stopped to refuel. They were one of six Blackhawk groups to fly in that day. They allowed the Girl Scouts to view the inside of a helicopter and described the equipment they were wearing. It was a most memorable day for us and for the Girl Scouts.

— Holly Barr

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

The First Canadian Chapter held another successful Poker Run on May 29, with over 40 planes participating. The terminus was at the newly expanded Edenvale Airport north of Toronto. Besides having over 60 prizes donated by The Ninety-Nines and other generous donors, all PICs flying the route received a loot bag.

The goal of the Poker Run was to have fun, to thank the aviation community for its continuing support and to raise funds for our activities and scholarships.

— Akky Mansikka



Staffing the Poker Run terminus at Edenvale Airport are co-op student Ashley Ha, Yvonne McKinlay, Akky Mansikka and Bonnie Calwell.

FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

Seventy guests of the Friends of The Susan B. Anthony House attended a luncheon on April 22 and were entertained with stories of aviation firsts that featured Finger Lakes Chapter member Judy Stiles portraying pioneering aviatrix Blanche Stuart Scott.

WASP Dawn Seymour, Tucson Chapter member, was also a guest, and the Congressional Gold Medal of Honor awarded recently to the WASP was displayed. She told how this Congressional Medal helped mend the sadness they felt when they were dismissed. She spoke about the importance of the 100 years of aviation and the progress of aviation during these years. It was an exciting day for aviation awareness.

— Janet Sarbou and Marcia K. Gitelman



Janet Sarbou, Dawn Seymour, Jan Flansburg and Judy Stiles at the aviatrix luncheon.

LAKE ERIE CHAPTER

The Lake Erie Chapter sponsored Nancy Wood into the 2010 Forest of Friendship.

Nancy has been flying for seven years, accumulating over 600 hours. She earned an instrument rating recently flying a Cirrus SR22 with a glass cockpit. She became a member of the Lake Erie Chapter in February of 2007. Since joining our Chapter, Nancy has won the Pilot of the Year trophy, served as Vice Chairman and, this year, will move up to Lake Erie Chapter Chairman. She also belongs to the Civil Air Patrol, AOPA, EAA, IWASM, Pilots for Kids and is a board member for Premier Flying Club.

— Evelyn Moore

GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER

In April the Greater Seattle Chapter was privileged to host the awards ceremony of the Green River Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) for cadets earning their Amelia Earhart and Billy Mitchell awards. Adult leaders informed the Chapter of the many activities CAP students participate in, including flying camp in the summer.

Eva Parks presented an informative summary of the life and achievements of Amelia Earhart.

— Marian Hartley

INDIANA DUNES

The Indiana Dunes Chapter celebrated their 34th anniversary with a luncheon at Briar Leaf Country Club in Laporte, Indiana, on May 15. Scrapbooks from previous years were available for reminiscing. Members were also introduced to our newest members, Sandra Patino and Natalie Turner. Sandra received her private pilot certificate just last fall, and Natalie, an associate member for now, is training at Laporte Airport.

— Lynn Pergher

GRASS ROOTS — Section and Chapter reporters share their recent activities

PHOENIX CHAPTER

They say the third time is the charm, and the Phoenix 99s would have to agree. After being rained out on our first attempt and having not enough volunteers for our second attempt, everything came together on May 13 for our airmarking of the Glendale Airport compass rose.

Nine members and three 49½s gathered around the original faded compass rose to begin a four-hour worker frenzy. We began by sweeping the dirt off and then gathering all of the necessary tape, paint, brushes, rollers, knee pads, sunscreen, bottles of water, etc. around our worksite.

Since not one in our group had ever painted a compass rose, there was a discussion on the most efficient way to complete the project. After hours of taping and painting, our masterpiece was complete.

As we all stood around to admire our work, I also admired the dedication of our members. We have an amazing group of loving, supportive and hardworking people.

— Traci C. Leider



INDIA SECTION

For the first time, the India Section of The Ninety-Nines and the Indian Women Pilots' Association, Delhi Chapter, along with Aeronautical Society of India, celebrated "International Women's Day" in New Delhi on March 6, 2010. On the same day, several airlines of India, including Air India, celebrated the day by flying all-women crews on their international and national routes.

The day was started with over 50 girls from an orphanage and government schools participating in a painting competition. Renowned artist Mohan Singh, professor of Delhi School of Art, was the judge for the competition.

A short documentary, *Legendary Women and Women Achievers*, was screened. The program ended with an Aeromodeling show organized by the NCC Air Wing Cadets of the Women's Wing, New Delhi.

— Chanda Budhabhatti



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Della Abernathy's favorite picture with her Swift.

DELLA ABERNATHY **Ventura County Chapter**

Della Abernathy made her final flight on April 2, 2010. She was born in Hereford, Texas, in 1923 and was proud of her Texas heritage. Della and her husband Bob, who preceded her in death, loved to talk about airplanes and flying.

Della's career included a stint as "Rosie the Riveter" at Douglas Aircraft, work on the Nike-Zeus missile program and as a successful realtor, all in California.

When Bob bought a Globe Swift, Della insisted that she would learn to fly, "if you buy it, I'll fly it." It turned out that she loved to fly, and Della was able to use her flying for more than 30 years in her business as a Flying Exchange Realtor.

She joined The Ninety-Nines and was a charter member of the Santa Barbara Chapter. Later, Della helped establish the Santa Paula Chapter, known today as the Ventura County Ninety-Nines. In 2004 Della was nominated by her Chapter members to be inducted into the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas, where her name is inscribed in the Walk of Fame.

Della said that the best part of being a Ninety-Nine is "the camaraderie, to be one of the gals, to share the experiences. They are all high-quality, sharp women who can take care of themselves in any situation."

Della was definitely one of the "high quality, sharp gals." Della, with her wonderful smile, will be missed.

— Marie Fasano, Della's flying buddy

BETTY ARDELL 'DELL' HINN **Monterey Bay Chapter**

Betty Ardel (Dell) Hinn, 91, passed away in her sleep on May 10 after a very loving, family-oriented Mother's Day celebration.

Dell was a charter member of the Monterey Bay Chapter and prior to that was a charter member of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter. She remained very involved well into her 80s. In 2007, she moved to the Reno, Nevada area to be near her family. She was born on March 11, 1919, in Oakland, California and moved to Salinas in 1950.

Dell learned to fly in 1945. She flew many Powder Puff Derbies, including one with her daughter Carol in 1955, and, with granddaughter Gail, was the only grandmother-granddaughter team in 1975. Dell transferred her membership to the Monterey Chapter when it was chartered in August 1965.

Friends from the Monterey Bay and Santa Clara Valley Chapters often met in Hollister. In 1975 Jackie Petty, Nancy Rodgers and Dell organized a picnic and spot landing contest. With entry fees placed in a large piggy bank, name tags in the



Dell Hinn with her daughter Carol when they participated in the 1955 Powder Puff Derby.

shape of pigs, the annual HAM (Hollister Air Meet) began with 28 entries. First prize was a canned ham! It became a traditional, well-attended yearly event.

Del started the Wings for Direct Relief Foundation. Ninety-Nines would fly donated medical supplies from all across the United States, working their way to Santa Barbara where they were moved by ship to needy countries.

She was a charter pilot and a transportation officer for the Monterey Sheriff's Department. She was famous for baking snickerdoodle cookies and sharing them with the prisoners she was transporting.

In 1996 the Monterey Bay Chapter held a party in Morgan Hill to celebrate Dell's 50 years of flying and 10,000 flying hours. She will be greatly missed.

— Donna Crane-Bailey

VELDA KING MAPELLI **Las Vegas Valley Chapter**

Aviation and business entrepreneur and former Las Vegas Valley Chapter member Velda King Mapelli, 83, was killed by a cyclist while walking on a trail near her home in Renton, Washington. She died from the injuries on Monday, April 19, 2010. She was best known for her record-setting seven-year presidency of the Air Race Classic.

Velda became a corporate pilot to facilitate the family meat-packing business. She soon joined The Ninety-Nines and discovered cross country speed air racing. Velda, together with Marion Jayne and five other pilots, founded the Air Race Classic.

Velda, thank you and the other pilots who made the Air Race Classic happen!

— Sophia M. Payton

NEW HORIZONS

PATRICIA BEATRICE LEE **First Canadian Chapter**

Long time Ninety-Nines member Patricia Beatrice Lee passed away peacefully in Toronto on May 8, 2010. She had been an active member of the First Canadian Chapter since 1974.

Passionate in everything she did, Pat made certain she was present to assist at every Ninety-Nines Chapter event, staffing a booth for The Ninety-Nines Operation Skywatch at the Toronto Science Center just a few weeks before flying to New Horizons.

She served as Chair for the First Canadian Chapter's annual Poker Run, proficiency tests and Forest of Friendship. She



Patricia Lee.

Tiger Moth. After rides in a Citabria, a two-seater Pitts Special and a Decathlon in 1967, she was hooked on flying. When her daughter Karen earned her private

was a volunteer for Operation Skywatch, Mission Air and Hope Air.

She took her first airplane ride in the late 1940s in a

pilot licence in 1970, Patricia followed suit and obtained hers in 1971. She did her training with the Wong Brothers at the Toronto Island Airport and, as her son stated in her eulogy, "She learned to fly the 'Wong Way.'"

One of Patricia's proudest moments as Section Chair of the Forest of Friendship was when she had Katherine Sui Fun from China inducted into the Forest of Friendship. Katherine was the first female pilot from China inducted into the Forest.

She was a fellow flier, a friend who will be sorely missed by her fellow First Canadian Chapter Ninety-Nines sisters. Enjoy your flight to the heavens, Pat!

— Akky Mansikka



Suzanne Parish.

SUZANNE UPJOHN DELANO **PARISH** **North Central Section**

Suzanne Upjohn DeLano Parish died May 13, 2010 in Palm Springs, California at the age of 87.

Born in New York City on November 13, 1922, she was the daughter of Dorothy Upjohn DeLano Dalton and H. Allan DeLano. Suzanne was a well-known aviator and co-founder and vice chairwoman of the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum (Air Zoo). She was also a member of the Michigan Aviation Hall of Fame and the Experimental Aircraft Association Hall of Fame. Suzanne was an accomplished pilot and performed aerobatics at air shows around the country.

Sue began her lifelong passion for flying in 1941 at age 18. At the age of 21, she became a member of the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). After graduation, she was shipped to the Army Air Force Instrument Instruction School in Bryan, Texas. While there, she flew the AT-6 with combat pilots who were brought back to the U.S. to learn new instrument flying techniques.

After marrying Preston "Pete" Parish and starting a family, the couple began to collect airplanes. They began looking for a way to share their enthusiasm about World War II planes with others. Their chance came with a challenge from a friend: Start a museum, and he would donate his Grumman Bearcat. That was the start of the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum.

During her lifetime, Sue logged more than 7,000 flying hours. One of her favorite planes was a pink Curtiss P-40N Warhawk. That plane now hangs in the Air Zoo's lobby.

Contributions in Suzanne's memory may be sent to the Kalamazoo Aviation History Museum (Air Zoo), 6151 Portage Road, Portage, Michigan 49002, or to the Civic Theatre, 329 S. Park Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.



Micky Axton.

MILDRED 'MICKY' DARLINE **AXTON** **Kansas Chapter**

A memorial service for Micky Axton was held on July 23, 2010 in Wichita, Kansas.

Micky, a former Kansas Chapter member and WASP, was the first woman to pilot a Boeing B-29 Superfortress.

The City of Wichita proclaimed July 23 "Micky Axton Day." At her interment, she received full military honors by the Kansas National Guard in addition to a flyover of a K-135 and World War II airplanes.

— Col. Herb Duncan

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