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On the Cover

Ninety-Nines members will be flying home to Oklahoma City for the 2011 International Conference July 13-17. There they can visit the organization's Headquarters building that also houses the 99s Museum of Women Pilots. In addition to an exciting lineup of Conference activities, Ninety-Nines can select from a variety of tours and explore the many attractions of Oklahoma City on their own.

Cover photos, background: airport map of Will Rogers World Airport. Smaller photos, from top: The Myriad Botanical Gardens and Crystal Bridge Tropical Conservatory; a water taxi on the canal in the Bricktown entertainment district (photo by McNeese); and the Lake Hefner Lighthouse. Photos courtesy Greater Oklahoma City Chamber & CVB. Large photo: Ninety-Nines headquarters, photo by Laura Ohrenberg.

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2011

MARCH

1 Due date for 99 News submissions for April/May/June 2011 issue.

7-13 **First Annual Women of Aviation Worldwide Week.** Anyone involved in aviation is invited to honor the Women of Aviation of the past and the present as well as reach out and introduce girls and women to the opportunities aviation has to offer. For more information, go to WomenOfAviationWeek.org or contact Mireille Goyer at mireilleg@womenofaviationweek.org.

APRIL

8-9 **New England Section Spring Meeting,** Portland, Maine. Contact Georgia Pappas at georgia@alongtheway.com.

28-May 1 **Southwest Section Spring Meeting,** San Diego, California. For more information: ninety-nines.net/swssd.

MAY

13-14 **North Central Section Spring Meeting,** "Fly Your Way Back to Quiet," New Harmony Inn, New Harmony, Indiana. Contact Marcia Nellans at manellans99@hotmail.com.

19-22 **Joint Southeast/South Central Spring Section Meeting,** Lafayette, Louisiana, Crowne Plaza Hotel. Southeast Host Chapter: New Orleans, contact Lisa Cotham, 225-753-1919. South Central Host Chapter: Lake Charles, contact Sandra Leder, 337-478-5974, SLeder99@yahoo.com.

JUNE

1 Due Date for 99 News submissions for July/August/September 2011 issue.

17-19 **International Forest of Friendship 35th Anniversary Celebration,** Atchison, Kansas. The theme is "World Friendship Through Flying." Festivities begin with a cocktail party on Friday evening, followed by induction ceremonies on Saturday morning, tours of Atchison in the afternoon, and the gala banquet on Saturday night. We hope 99s from across the country and around the world will join us in this anniversary year. Visit ifof.org for more information.

21-24 **Air Race Classic 35th Anniversary – Celebrating ARC Heroes & History.** Iowa City, Iowa to Mobile, Alabama. For more information, visit AirRaceClassic.org.

JULY

13-17 **Ninety-Nines International Conference, Ninety-Nines Fly Home 2011,** Oklahoma City Marriott, 3233 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112. For more information, contact Headquarters at 800-994-1929 or hq@ninety-nines.org.

25-31 **EAA AirVenture,** Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Enjoy The 99s Annual Breakfast on July 28 at The 99s Tent. Contact Rita Adams, Rvadams99@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER

1 Due date for 99 News submissions for the October/November/December 2011 issue.

22-24 **AOPA Aviation Summit,** Hartford Connecticut. For more information visit the AOPA website at aopa.org/summit/.

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JULY

11-14 **Ninety-Nines International Conference,** Providence, Rhode Island, USA.

MEMBERS HELP PUSH ENDOWMENT FUND OVER THE HALFWAY MARK

BY MARY WUNDER
Endowment Fund Trustee

I would like to thank every Ninety-Nine for their part in the Endowment Fund. We've made it over the halfway mark of one million dollars. There is no magic reason for this. It is because of all of you that we have come this far, and it will be because of all of you that we will reach our goal.

I believe that every Ninety-Nine takes responsibility for our legacy. And by encouraging future generations, we pass on the baton of that responsibility and that makes us the keeper of that pride of ownership – for years to come.

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International Director Jan McKenzie with her parents and brother Dennis.



A potential future woman pilot ponders aerodynamics at an event to celebrate Oceano airport.

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President's Message

BY SUSAN LARSON, International President

Each year The Ninety-Nines, in conjunction with the National Aeronautics Association (NAA), presents the Katherine Wright Award to a woman who has contributed to the success of others or made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time.

Established in 1981 by the Gates Learjet Corporation, Moya Lear, wife of Bill Lear, was the first recipient. Women such as Olive Ann Beech, Betty Pfister, Evelyn Bryan Johnson, Doris Lockness and June Maule, subsequent recipients, fulfilled the early description of recognizing a woman who provided encouragement, support and inspiration behind the scenes. NAA administers the award, and the presentation is made jointly.

The recipient of the 2010 Katherine Wright Award is USAF Master Sergeant Kimberly Muhlecke. Muhlecke is an Aerospace Physiological Technician and over the past 18 years has become one of the leading experts in the fields of physiology training, human performance training, altitude chamber training, endurance management and U-2 pressure suit operations.

It was my honor to join NAA President Jonathan Gaffney at the association's fall awards banquet in Washington D.C. for the presentation. Her family surrounded her, and it was touching to see the great support this woman has from so many. She was deeply honored to receive the award and nearly overwhelmed to be included on the evening's platform with Gene Kranz, Barron Hilton and Lieutenant General Phillip Breedlove. It was truly a night of aviation's stars.

At the Fall 2010 Board meeting, your North American Governors, International Committee Chairmen and International Board members worked for a day and a half on long-term planning for our organization. With the guidance of a professional

organizational consultant, our first task was to revisit the Mission Statement we have operated with for some 15 years. There had been rumblings that it was either not up to date or perhaps was no longer representative of our true mission. The resulting 'new' Mission Statement was developed from the core of the previous one but with more emphasis on our love of flight and the joy we receive from sharing that love with others.

Now on the home page of our website, our updated Mission Statement is: *The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.* The short version or tagline we can all easily use is, *The Ninety-Nines...Inspiring Women Pilots Since 1929.* We are and we continue to inspire others wherever we go.



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Susan Larson with 2010 Katherine Wright Award recipient USAF Master Sergeant Kimberly Muhlecke and NAA President Jonathan Gaffney.



PILOT CAREERS: How Far Can You Go?

BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

"You don't really know how far you can go until you've gone too far." –Unknown

As pilots, we have often heard the phrase "pushing the envelope." It was once only used by test pilots and NASA but has since entered all aspects of aviation to describe the performance limits of our aircraft, our environment and ourselves.

I have always enjoyed the idea of testing limits. Just ask my mom. However, when I learned to fly, I also learned to respect limits that go beyond my ability or control. The performance of the aircraft I am flying. The weather. Performance factors such as runway length.

However, I have also learned that the biggest challenges are our own choices and their results. Or consequences. How can we improve them? It is by constantly evaluating the choices we make. I have a friend named Rico who says we have just two choices. Even at Baskin Robbins. We narrow down several choices to just two, and when we choose one over the other, we live with the results of that choice. So what? It's just ice cream. But take that to our careers. Many questions come to mind. What aspects of our careers are going well? Where can we improve our own

performance? In our profession, when is "good" good enough, and when should we step up our professionalism?

I love the theory of author Jim Collins who believes good is the enemy of great. "Few people attain great lives," he says, "in large part, because it is just so easy to settle for a good life." So I put myself to the test. I started being more cognizant of how I spend my time on layovers. What am I reading? What am I eating? Am I channel surfing or running? What I learned is that there is an abundant opportunity for me to go from good to great.

I encourage you to start pushing the envelope in your own lives. I'm not telling you to take foolish risks in your airplane. I'm suggesting you conduct a few envelope-pushing experiments somewhere in your life. It could be your fitness, diet, study habits (there's always a checkride on the horizon!), finances... maybe just a few of your thoughts and habits.

A couple of years ago, I got rid of my television. The problem was that when I'd get to the hotel room, I'd use that as an excuse to "get caught up on the news." It would often turn into a marathon channel-surfing session, and then I was too tired to work out. Now I put a towel over the TV screen and work out first. When I come back and see the towel on the TV, I have to make a conscious decision to remove it or to do something else with my time.

I hear Rico's voice in the back of my mind: "There are just two choices." Go ahead. Push the envelope!

PRO 99s PROFILE: Wendy O'Malley

BY BETSY DONOVAN, International Careers Committee

Having grown up with a father who flew for TWA, Oakland, California native Wendy O'Malley wanted to travel without being a travel agent or flight attendant. She began flying in 1996. After finishing college, she earned the rest of her basic ratings and certificates and gave her first flight lesson in 2001.

Wendy worked her way up to Chief Flight Instructor in three years. She moved down Earhart Drive to Ameriflight where she flew single pilot operations in Beech 99s and Metroliners. She spent one year at Frontier Airlines as a first officer on the Airbus A320 before being furloughed. Next came a job in a Citation Mustang for a year and a half before being laid off again. "After two furloughs/layoffs in four years, I'm in a holding pattern as a contract pilot looking for another airline job," she said. "Recently a ferry flight from the Philippines to Malaysia in a B737 opened up a whole new world for me."

A Ninety- Nine for six years, Wendy is currently the Chapter Chairman of the Bay Cities Chapter. She was a past recipient



of the Amelia Earhart scholarship for the B737 type-rating. Wendy holds an ATP certificate and type-ratings in the SA227, B737 and A320 (SIC).

Wendy's advice to others coming up: "A wise CFI once spouted words of wisdom something like this: 'While looking forward, enjoy where you are. If you can't be happy now, then how do you know you'll be happy at your dream job?'"



Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Boosts 99s Coeffers

BY SUSAN LIEBELER, Ventura County Chapter

Allan Schrader, founder and president of Lightspeed Aviation Foundation and CEO of Lightspeed Aviation, presented The Ninety-Nines with a \$10,000 check at the AOPA Aviation Summit in Long Beach on November 13. Ninety-Nines and other pilots voted for The Ninety-Nines on the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation website — and we won!

The Lightspeed Aviation Foundation, established in 2010 by Lightspeed Aviation, posted 20 nonprofit aviation organizations on their website and, over the last several months, let the pilot community vote to determine which five organizations would

receive \$10,000 grants.

Susan Liebler, Ventura County and International Fundraising Chairman, and Martha Phillips, Ventura County Chapter member and International Treasurer, were on hand at AOPA to accept the award from Lightspeed at an award ceremony on the AOPA center stage that was broadcast live over the Internet. A large Ninety-Nines cheering section in the audience provided vocal support and gratitude for the award.

We are grateful to Lightspeed Aviation Foundation for their generosity and support.

Raffle Winners and Ninety-Nines Win Big

BY SUSAN LIEBELER, Ventura County Chapter

This year's fundraising raffle was a multi-site event. We sold raffle tickets at EAA Air Venture in Oshkosh, the Santa Paula Air Show, the Watsonville Air Show and the AOPA Aviation Summit in Long Beach. The proceeds will benefit the Vicki Cruse Memorial Scholarship, the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund and The Ninety-Nines Building Fund.

We focused our sales efforts on aviation enthusiasts and the pilot community. Since many Ninety-Nines also wanted to buy tickets, we made them available at several Section meetings and at the International Conference in Hawaii. We drew winning tickets at the close of the 2010 AOPA Aviation Summit.

The lucky raffle winners are:

- Charlotte Alexander (CA) will be going to Idaho for a Basic Mountain Canyon Flying Seminar with McCall Mountain/Canyon Flying Seminars.
- Thomas Michael (CA) won a fabulous 4-night 5-day \$5,000 Vacation Package at Hacienda de los Santos in Mexico.

- Tom Nelson (CA) will be doing water landings in Seattle in a Piper Super Cub while getting his seaplane rating from Kenmore Air.

- Jo Anne Alcorn (FL) won two round trip tickets on Alaska/Horizon Airlines.

- Judy McCarthy (CA) will be enjoying 5-night ocean front accommodations at the Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa in Hawaii.

- Mark Varnum (CA) has a choice of a tailwheel endorsement or a 4-day Emergency Maneuver Training course from CP Aviation in Santa Paula, CA.

The Ninety-Nines gratefully acknowledge the support of the following firms for their generous raffle prize donations to the 2010 Raffle: Alaska Airlines, CP Aviation (Santa Paula, CA), Hacienda de los Santos (Sonora, Mexico), Kenmore Air (Seattle, WA), McCall Mountain Flying Seminars (McCall, ID), Sheraton Keauhou Bay Resort & Spa (Kailua-Kona, HI).

Fly Home to Oklahoma City

**99s International
Conference, July 13-17
Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma**



Ninety-Nines Fly Home 2011

BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, Ventura County Chapter

Come home to Oklahoma. Oklahoma City, that is! The capital city of the state of Oklahoma is also the home of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Civil Aeromedical Institute, and, most importantly, the site of The 99s Headquarters. Come celebrate the new look of our Headquarters building, including the remodeled patio area and the upstairs Museum of Women Pilots at the Welcome Open House.

This issue contains the registration and reservation information you need to begin your plans to travel to “OKC,” as it is known locally. Sign up now for you and your guest(s) to attend the Welcome Open House, Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Foundation Luncheon, Pre-Business Meeting Buffet Breakfast and 99s Awards Banquet, plus the interesting optional activities that will complete your Oklahoma City visit.

The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum celebrates the cowboys,

horses, and frontier life of the area known as the Oklahoma Territory before statehood. Driving cattle from Texas through Oklahoma to cities such as Kansas City and Chicago for beef distribution helped make this area unique and provided the fodder for many Hollywood “Westerns.” Oklahoma bears the nickname “Sooner State” because in 1900 it was one of the last states to join the Union.

Before then, it was known as Indian Territory; many museums in and around Oklahoma City share its history and that of the 39 American Indian tribes represented. The Discovery Trail Tour will acquaint you with the Oklahoma of wildlife, forts and western expansion.

Oklahoma City’s history began with a land rush on April 22, 1889 when the prairie lands of the Oklahoma Territory were opened for settlement. In one afternoon, 10,000 land claims surrounding a Santa Fe Railroad site were made, so it became populated literally overnight.

After becoming the state capital in 1910 and the first oil gusher was struck in 1928, the population greatly increased.

The second largest city in the continental U.S. based on geographical size, more than 1.1 million people call the Metro Oklahoma City area home. With more than a dozen communities surrounding it, Oklahoma City offers a diverse landscape of hip, urban culture and charming, old-fashioned neighborhoods for visitors and residents alike. As a city that redefines itself, Oklahoma City’s modern, spirited environment blends with its deep western heritage to create a place where culture and commerce thrive. With renowned festivals, national sporting events, treasure-filled museums and a variety of districts highlighting arts and entertainment, the possibilities for adventure and fun in Oklahoma City are endless.

Come home to Oklahoma City this July and join your friends for a great time in a great place!

2011 International Conference Schedule



Oklahoma City Marriott Oklahoma City, Oklahoma July 13-17, 2011

Preliminary Schedule – Subject to Change

Wednesday, July 13

8:30am – 4:30pm The Discovery Trail Tour*

Thursday, July 14

8:30am – 11:00am Pre-Conference Board Meeting

9:00am – 12:00n FAA OKC Facilities Tour*

9:00am – 3:00pm Registration

10:00am – 3:00pm Hospitality, Fly Market, & Credentials Open

3:00pm – 6:00pm Welcome Open House at Headquarters

Friday, July 15

9:00am – 11:00am Leadership Training Session

9:00am – 11:30am Registration, Hospitality, Fly Market & Credentials Open

12:00am – 2:00pm AEMSF Luncheon

2:30pm – 3:30pm Seminars

2:30pm – 3:45pm Registration, Hospitality, Fly Market & Credentials Open

4:00pm – 5:30pm Pre-Business Meeting Communication Session

6:00pm – 7:00pm Governors' Reception

Saturday, July 16

6:30am – 8:00am Buffet Breakfast

7:00am – 8:00am Registration & Credentials Open

8:30am – 12:30pm Annual Business Meeting

1:30pm – 4:30pm National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum Tour*

2:00pm – 5:00pm Seminars

2:00pm – 5:00pm Hospitality & Fly Market Open

6:00pm – 7:00pm No-Host Cocktail Reception

7:00pm – 9:00pm 99s Awards Banquet

Sunday, July 17

8:30am – 11:00am Post-Conference Board Meeting

*Optional Activities



*The Chesapeake Boathouse. Courtesy
Greater Oklahoma City Chamber & CVB*



*Oklahoma City National Memorial.
Courtesy Greater Oklahoma City Chamber
& CVB*

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

TPI will organize sightseeing activities and tours for 99s attendees and guests. Activities are operated on a private basis and arranged so as not to interfere with the Conference schedule. TPI reserves the right to re-price or cancel any tour that does meet the minimum requirements.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13 The Discovery Trail Tour



8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\$69 PER PERSON

Discover a taste of Oklahoma on this delightful day tour. Start at the Comanche Nation Heritage Museum and learn about just one of 29 Indian Nations relocated to Oklahoma. Then off to Fort Sill, the U.S. Army's Artillery Headquarters, which started as a frontier post. Here you'll visit the Ft. Sill Museum and Geronimo's Gravesite. It was here that Geronimo met his demise at the hand of Native American police officers. Enjoy lunch in Lawton before continuing on the trail. After lunch, visit the Mattie Beal home in Lawton and see how this original Sooner lived in the early 1900s. On to the Wichita Wildlife refuge where you'll see bison, prairie dogs, and so much more, nestled at the base of the Wichita Mountains. The last stop is the Holy City of the Wichitas, a re-creation of Jerusalem at Jesus' time and used yearly at Easter for an outdoor Passion Play since 1929. Includes: round trip transportation on air conditioned motor coaches, guide, entrance fees, lunch, tax and gratuities. Minimum 25 persons

THURSDAY, JULY 14 FAA Headquarters Tour



9:00 a.m. – Noon

\$29 PER PERSON

Join us this afternoon for a tour of the FAA Headquarters at the Will Rogers Airport. We depart the hotel for the short ride to the airport. Here a guide will escort you through the FAA Headquarters with an explanation of the various services conducted there. Includes: round trip transportation on air conditioned motor coaches, entrance fees, guide, tax and gratuities. Minimum 30 persons

SATURDAY, JULY 16 National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

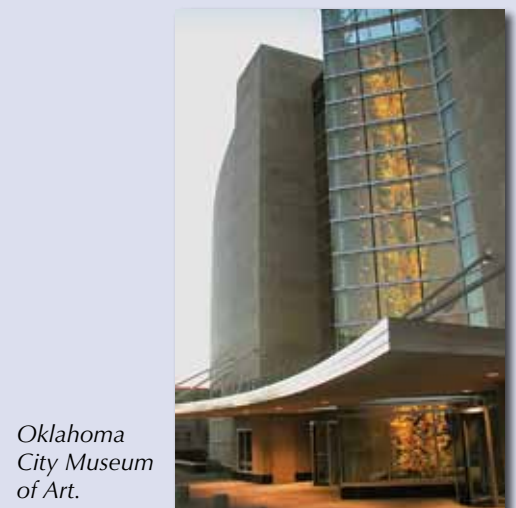


1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

\$49 PER PERSON

Come and explore this Oklahoma City treasure and relive the days of Cowboys and Indians, real and Hollywood style. You'll also meet modern cowboys, learn about the rodeo, the Wild West Shows of Wild Bill and Pawnee Bill and view fantastic Western art and artifacts by leading artists. Enjoy browsing and shopping the gift shop or enjoy a tasty treat at the museum restaurant (not included). Includes: round trip transportation on air conditioned motor coaches, entrance fees, tax and gratuities. Minimum 25 persons

In addition to the above organized tours, Oklahoma City offers many other interesting and exciting places and things to see and explore during your leisure time. Among them are: The Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building and the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum; The Museum of Art; the Oklahoma History Center; The Science Museum of Oklahoma; Oklahoma City Redhawks Triple A Baseball; Bricktown; numerous golf courses and much more. TPI staff will be on site to assist with sightseeing, dining suggestions and additional activities.



*Oklahoma
City Museum
of Art.*

REGISTRATION / RESERVATIONS

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99s FULL REGISTRATION:

	Deadline Date	Rate
___ Early Registration	April 1	\$299
___ On-Time Registration	June 1	\$325
___ Late Registration	After June 1	\$345

ONE-DAY REGISTRATION:

	Rate	Includes:
___ Thursday, July 14	\$110	Welcome Open House
___ Friday, July 15	\$150	AEMSF Luncheon
___ Saturday, July 16	\$185	Breakfast, Banquet

AEMSF Lunch Menu Selection: ___ Chicken ___ Beef ___ Vegetarian (Exact menus to be advised)

Awards Banquet Menu Selection: ___ Chicken ___ Beef ___ Vegetarian (Exact menus to be advised)

GUEST REGISTRATION: Includes Name Badge & Holder, Schedule, Welcome Packet, Option to Take Tours, Seminars, Hospitality Room, and Fly Market. Guests' registration is required in order to purchase activities below:

	Rate	# Persons
GUEST (NON-99) REGISTRATION:	\$15	___
Welcome Open House	\$39	___
AEMSF Luncheon	\$49	___
Pre-Meeting Buffet Breakfast	\$29	___
AE/Awards Banquet	\$75	___
Meal Selection:	___ Chicken ___ Beef ___ Vegetarian	
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Total Registration Fees: \$ _____

Please check all that apply:

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___ Associate Member	___ Past Section Governor	___ 2011 AE Scholarship Winner
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___ Section Officer	___ Past Int'l President	___ AWTAR Alumna
	___ International Committee	___ ARC Alumna

2. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Oklahoma City Marriott : Standard Room @\$130 # of rooms needed : _____

Arrival: _____ Departure: _____ # of nights: _____ # in room*: _____

Special Request : _____

*If sharing a room with another 99s member, please provide the name _____

_____ I need a roommate. (NOTE: TPI will not assign roommates, but will provide contact information to each person requesting Assistance in finding a roommate.)

3. AIRLINE RESERVATIONS: (Please mark as appropriate below and complete any information required.)

Please arrange air transportation from (city) _____ arrive in Oklahoma City on (date) _____

and return on (date) _____ Airline Preference (if any) _____

Frequent Flyer # _____ Seating Preference: _____ Window _____ Aisle _____

4. Car Rental Reservations

____ Please provide car rental information

5. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (Per person based on 2010 rates and subject to change) *(Please check tour & indicate # of persons.)*
(Tour prices inclusive of taxes, gratuities, and transportation where appropriate.)**Wednesday, July 13**

• The Discovery Trail Tour (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) @ \$69 x ____ person/s \$ _____

Thursday, July 14

• FAA OKC Facilities (9 a.m. to noon) @ \$29 x ____ person/s \$ _____

Saturday, July 16

• Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum (1:30 – 4:30 p.m.) @ \$49 x ____ person/s \$ _____

Total for Optional Activities: \$ _____**6. SUMMARY/METHOD OF PAYMENT**

____ Registration for 99 and guest(s) as shown on above (#1) \$ _____

____ Oklahoma City Marriott; one night deposit required per room (only if paying by check)* (#2) \$ _____

____ Total for above selected Optional Activities (#5) \$ _____

TOTAL CHARGES: \$ _____***NOTE: Hotel will guarantee reservation to credit card provided and payment will be made upon checkout.**____ Check Enclosed *(Make check payable to 99s/Travel Planners)*

____ Pay by credit card:

Select credit card: ____ Visa ____ MasterCard ____ American Express ____ Discover

Account #: _____ Exp: _____ Security Code: _____

Billing Name: _____

Signature: _____

NOTE: If you wish to make payment with more than one credit card, please provide credit card information and a detailed letter of explanation.

I have read and understand the deposit, change and cancellation policies as listed below.

Signature _____ Date _____

DEPOSIT POLICIES:**REGISTRATION:** Full prepayment at time of booking.**HOTEL:** Credit card required to guarantee reservation or one night room and tax if paying by check.**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:** Full prepayment at time of booking.**AIR RESERVATIONS:** Full prepayment at time of booking. Air fares quoted are not guaranteed until paid for.**CAR RENTAL RESERVATIONS:** Credit card required to guarantee and pay for reservations. Payment made directly with rental car agency on site.**CHANGE AND CANCELLATION POLICIES:****CHANGES:** \$20 per change to confirmed arrangements. First change at no charge.**CANCELLATIONS:****Registrations:**

Registration must be made in writing via online or by completing the written form (submitted by fax, email scan or mail).

Registration refunds: If cancellation is received in writing postmarked on or before **June 1**, full refund less \$25; postmarked between **June 2 and June 15**, full refund less \$75; NO refunds will be given after **June 15**. Paid registrations must be received at Travel Planners, Inc. no later than **June 15**.**Hotels:** \$50 at any time. After **June 15**, plus one night room and tax.**Optional Tours:** After **June 1**, no refund.

Documented emergencies will be considered.

THE NINETY-NINES 2011 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
HOSTED BY HEADQUARTERS AND THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS
JULY 13-17, 2011
OKLAHOMA CITY MARRIOTT
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

REGISTRATION, HOTEL, AIR, AND CAR RENTAL ARRANGEMENTS

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DISCOUNTED AIRLINE TRANSPORTATION

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Oklahoma City Marriott
3233 Northwest Expressway
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

The following Conference rate is confirmed for 99s attendees from July 12-17, 2011.

	99s Rate	Public Rate
Standard Room	\$130	\$150

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WILL ROGERS WORLD AIRPORT – Commercial airline travel will be arriving at Will Rogers World Airport. If not renting a car, taxis and the Airport Express Shuttle are available for transportation to the Oklahoma City Marriott. The Airport Express Shuttle has given The 99s a special rate of \$22 for 1 passenger, \$12 each for 2 passengers aboard, and 3 or more aboard is \$8 each. TPI will have a coupon for you for another \$2 off per person. Call 1-877-688-3311 for reservations. Be sure to note The Ninety-Nines Headquarters and 99s Museum of Women Pilots building on the right side of the airport grounds as you exit the airport.

WILEY POST AIRPORT – General aviation traffic will be welcomed at Wiley Post Airport, approximately 3 miles from the hotel. FBO, tie-down and other information will be sent to you and will also be available in the next 99 News issue. Be sure to note your private airplane intentions on the Registration Form. You can change your mind about your arrival plans later, but it would help with planning to know the number of aircraft that would possibly be flying in.

Ninety-Nines Elections 2011

BY TRISH SAUVE
Election Procedures Chairman

We will be voting for two mid-term Directors and new Trustees at The Ninety-Nines International Conference 2011 during the Annual Meeting on July 13 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Ballots will be given to eligible delegates with each of their voting cards when they check in at the Credentials desk. Only those delegates authorized to vote in the meeting will be able to vote in the election. Ballots will be collected, counted and results announced during the business meeting.

Position statements from the candidates follow, listed in postmark or timestamp order within the office sought. Also indicated are the number of positions available. Candidates will have an opportunity for a short speech to the delegation either in the Communication Session or the Annual Meeting.

See you in Oklahoma City!

DIRECTOR (2)

MARJY LEGGETT
Mid-Columbia Chapter
Northwest Section

I have always been an advocate for The Ninety-Nines and aviation, but since my retirement after 36 years of teaching and educational administration, I now have the time, energy and opportunity to immerse myself in a field that has been my passion for many years.

I have served a number of positions at the Chapter and Section levels and am just finishing a term as Governor of the Northwest Section. Having been a pilot for 27 years and a member of The Ninety-Nines since 1989 has given me the opportunity to participate in many flying activities, to observe the organization over time and to make many good friends.

As an International Director, I can bring to the table my understanding of the history of The Ninety-Nines, as I have watched the organization grow over the years and the enthusiasm to make it even better.

With a Master's Degree in Administration, my expertise is in management facilitating committees, working with people and getting things done. Applying those skills, I was recently recognized by the state of Washington and by AOPA for saving an airport from closure. Through collaborative efforts, great things can be accomplished. I look forward to the opportunity to work with the Board of Directors at the International level.



DEBI KATZEN DREYFUSS
Washington DC Chapter
Mid-Atlantic Chapter

I hope to bring a perspective that will not just be different but complementary to the present Board. Having been a leader in the private sector for 30 years, I've had the opportunity to work with scores of different personalities in order to successfully complete projects, and that's surely my forte – getting the job done and doing it well, on time and in budget. I have unique resources, business and aviation experience, am an active pilot and airplane owner, have sufficient time, motivation and energy that serve me well in being able to see a job through from planning stages to implementation.

Change is best done by working within the system, using resources within the organization wherever possible and keeping focused on our basic objectives. I personally would like to see The Ninety-Nines more open to new technology, enabling more members to participate.

We need to cultivate new members and develop a deep lasting commitment among women pilots to ensure the success of our organization. And we do this from our behavior, by embracing change and new ideas, using technology and being responsive to the needs of women flying today.

We need to rekindle the spirit seen in *Breaking Through the Clouds* – by focusing on the original ideals of flying and fun, and reaching our goals. Older members have the experience, but younger members are the life blood of any group, and we can't afford to alienate the next generation of women pilots.



CORBI BULLUCK

Kitty Hawk Chapter
Southeast Section

For the last two years, I've had the privilege of serving as one of your International Directors. I know firsthand that as our organization moves forward, we face many challenges. To address these challenges, we must:

Provide support to our Chapters and Sections to ensure their success; Increase two-way communication between the members and the Board of Directors; Find new ways to increase our member benefits without increasing our dues; Seek outside sources of funds to help support our organization and its resources; Increase our visibility in the aviation community and beyond; Protect our unique aviation heritage and celebrate our traditions while continuing to evolve; Reach out to the young generation of women pilots, address their needs, and cultivate their involvement in The Ninety-Nines – because they are the future of our organization.

I've spent the past two years addressing these challenges and working to develop strategies that will ensure our long-term success. There's much still to be done, so I'm not going to quit working.

I have served as Section Governor and Vice-Governor; Council of Governors' Spokesperson; International Awards Chairman; and Chapter Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. Through my involvement, I have come to understand and appreciate the scope and complexity of our organization.

The Ninety-Nines has enriched my life immensely. In return, I offer you my enthusiasm, positive attitude, determination and a willingness to listen to others and explore new ways to accomplish the mission of The Ninety-Nines. It would be my honor to serve as one of your Directors.

**RUTH SECK**

Greater Kansas City Chapter
North Central Section

I feel that the Birthplace is an important part of The Ninety-Nines history and women in aviation. The home needs to be preserved and kept in good repair and promoted.

I attended college in Atchison and live in relative close proximity to the Atchison area. I feel my background in business will be an asset to the successful running of the Museum.

**ANN SHANEYFELT**

Northeast Kansas
South Central Section

It has been my privilege to have served on the board for the last three years. My love of aviation and helping to preserve the birthplace of our founder Amelia Earhart makes it a cause for which I have true passion. I'm so glad Amelia's birthplace is in Atchison, which is located within my Chapter's area. It makes it convenient to help with projects and activities at the birthplace.

I joined the Northeast Kansas Chapter in 1995 shortly after getting my private pilot certificate. I was a member of the Civil Air Patrol at the time where I learned so much about aviation safety. I also joined the Kansas Pilot's Association serving as club secretary and as secretary of the board. I am a volunteer for Angel Flight Central as an Earth Angel, picking up passengers from the airports and driving them to their flights.

I just received my certificate for 15 years as a Ninety-Nine. What wonderful years they have been. All the Ninety-Nine members I've met are so friendly, helpful and supportive in achieving aviation growth and safety. I've enjoyed being a part of this organization so much. It would be my pleasure to help the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum continue to be a "visible" monument to our founder Amelia Earhart.



AEMSF (1)

DEBORAH CUNNINGHAM

Santa Clara Valley Chapter
Southwest Section

Serving as a Trustee of the AEMSF for the last four years has been an adventure in learning more about this wonderful organization, its scholarship fund, the insightfulness of the visionaries who set it up, and the many members who have and are benefiting from it.

As a professional pilot for over 20 years, I have had to set goals, reset goals and change goals, not always an easy task! This has given me a window into what it takes to reach goals. Through the AEMSF and its administration, many of our members reach their goals quicker and with solid skills behind them. It is such a joy to hear about someone who has overcome struggles and obtained the goal she set out to do.

I bring to this Trust my professional experience along with the recent experience of serving on the Trust as recording secretary. With this experience I want to further serve The Ninety-Nines in administering this scholarship fund. I have the time and desire to serve The Ninety-Nines in this capacity.

I ask for your vote to continue as Trustee of the AEMSF.



ENDOWMENT (2)

MARY WUNDER

Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter
Mid-Atlantic Section

I have been a member of The Ninety-Nines since March, 1981 and ever since I can remember, we, as an organization, have struggled with finances.

I was a member of the International Board of Directors when The Ninety-Nines Endowment Fund resolution was signed in 1999. I was passionate about the Endowment Fund then and what it means to us as an organization. All these years later, I am still very passionate about the Endowment Fund and that reaching our goal of \$1,000,000 means The Ninety-Nines will have a secure future.

I have worked very hard during my first term, and we have made good progress even during this difficult financial period.

I am willing to give you my time, my energy and money to see us reach our goal during my next term in exchange for your support.



BARBARA A. HARRIS-PARA

Carolinas Chapter
Southeast Section

I have just become a life time member of The Ninety-Nines and have supported the Endowment since its inception. I totally believe in the concept that we need to self-support our organization. My intentions are to move from one level of contribution to the next within the next few years.

The Endowment Trust is one of the most important jobs that our organization has for the future funding, and I am anxious to see it through to the one million dollar mark. I am committed to the Trust, and I am a team player. I also believe that I am a dedicated individual who will promote the Trust to the best of my ability.

If elected, I will work with the members of the Trust to be creative in growing the money that is already acquired and looking for new ways of promoting and increasing awareness of this important aspect of our organization.



MUSEUM OF WOMEN PILOTS (2)

BONITA ADES

Colorado Chapter
South Central Section

I remember when the 99s Museum of Women Pilots was a dream of Claire Walters, and so it was very exciting to be there on opening day, July 1999. I joined the 99s Museum of Women Pilots Trustees in 2004-2007. I enjoyed participating, helping with cataloging and rehousing many of our artifacts and archives. I even worked with several of the Amelia artifacts. I am proud to say I held her pilot certificate (white gloves, of course). I especially liked planning special events and being there for open houses and seeing the reactions of our visitors and the memories evoked by our displays.

I have had a few changes in my life since that time. I graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver in December of 2009 with a degree in Human Services. I have had several experiences working with non-profits. I feel I can be an asset and help to the Museum.

I have also joined the United Airlines Historical Foundation and understand similar issues that museums and non-profits face in today's world.



ELAINE REGIER

Oklahoma Chapter
South Central Section

Aviation has been an important part of my life for a number of years. I became a pilot and joined The Ninety-Nines in 1988 and have been actively involved since that time. Currently, I am the editor of the Oklahoma Chapter newsletter *Sooner Takeoff* and have been cataloging some of the books in the aviation library collection at the Museum of Women Pilots.

Up to this point, my career has been as an educator and school librarian. I have worked with students in Grades Pre-K-5 and with school librarians across the state of Oklahoma. My career is taking a turn as I begin serving as a special librarian and working with students from all over the world in the aviation field.

With the recent award of a grant for new kiosks at the Museum, digitizing some of the items in the collection is a high-priority project. As an educator and librarian, I know the importance of having resources available for students of all ages. Many teachers are using primary sources in their classrooms to encourage critical thinking. Photographs, maps, letters and a variety of other materials can spark interest and raise questions among students. Providing online access to the Museum's resources would increase visibility and use.

It would be an honor to serve The Ninety-Nines as a local member of the Museum of Women Pilots Board of Trustees.



LETTERS

LT. PHILIP DALTON REMEMBERED

Yesterday I received the copies of the July/August/September issue of the 99 News that you so graciously sent me. The article on my uncle, Lt. Philip Dalton, was very well done, and I have forwarded on copies to my surviving Dalton cousins. I am sure they will enjoy reading it.

Many sincere thanks on behalf of the entire Dalton family for remembering Uncle Phil's contributions to aviation with your prestigious Award of Merit. Of course, our family has always felt his inventions were outstanding, and being honored by his fellow pilots reinforces that belief.

Marcia Dalton Smith
Westerville, Ohio

RECALLING THE AIR DERBY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

I enjoyed the article about the women of the 1929 Air Derby.

Are you aware that Jeanne Fenimore, co-pilot, and I won the 1979 50th anniversary re-creation of the race? The route was the same, but most of the airports had control towers creating a lot of radio communications.

Also, we had a RON in Columbus so that we could all arrive in Cleveland in a timely manner. The flyby altitude at Cleveland was pilot's choice — just don't hit the crane at the end of the runway. It was a lot of fun.

Pat Forbes

AIR DERBY ARTICLE

I just recently received a copy of the 99s magazine with my article (*The Inspiring Women of the 1929 Women's National Air Derby*, OND 2010) and wanted to write to you and say thank you so very much. I think it came together nicely with the layout, testimonials, et al.

I appreciate your hard work on it and for your ability to get it out there.

Happy New Year!

Heather Taylor

International Director Jan McKenzie: Inspired by People and Events



Jan flies her Mooney in the Colorado Rocky Mountains.

BY JANICE ORR PELLETTI
Tennessee Chapter

It started with her parents. Jan's mom inspired her to be her best, no matter what the activity was. "Always do your best," she told her three children. That didn't mean being the best but just doing the best job you could. Jan's dad inspired her through example. "I have never met a more honest person or a person with greater integrity," states Jan. "I learned the kind of person I wanted to become from his example."

When it comes to work, Jan is inspired by problem solving. Fascinated by the fact that engineering teaches problem solving skills on new or unknown subjects, she pursued a degree in electrical engineering. Graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Colorado State University in 1982, Jan is currently design director for a Fortune 500 company in the Denver area.

She thrives on tackling a problem she doesn't know how to solve. She loves the challenge of researching, performing analysis and trying different methods until she solves a unique equation, issue or problem. Waking up each day and having new challenges keeps her inspired. Jan is one of the only 10 percent of electrical engineers who are women.

When it comes to aviation, Jan recalls her first flight when she was 13. "It was a family vacation to California," she remembers. "We flew from Los Angeles to Catalina Island in a seaplane." She was fascinated and has since loved all types of flying.

Jan earned her private certificate in 1973 at age 21. While taking lessons, she would call her parents with a monthly update. When she gave them the news that she passed her flight test, her dad told her for the first time that he earned his private

in 1939 from the government-sponsored Civilian Pilot Training. "I guess he wanted to see if flying was a true passion for me, without any family influence," she said.

A few months after becoming a pilot, she heard about The Ninety-Nines and joined the Kitty Hawk Chapter. She went on to hold both the Vice-Chairman and Chairman offices. In 1976 she moved to Colorado and transferred her Ninety-Nines membership. She served this Chapter as both Secretary and Treasurer. She completed her instrument rating July 1, 1979.

Jan also served The Ninety-Nines as a South Central Section Director, Vice-Governor and Governor. In 2007 she co-chaired the International Conference at Denver/Boulder with Linda Horn. She also chaired several committees on the Mile High Air Derby Race. One year she decided to enter the race herself and was ecstatic when she won. She attributes her win to "luck and familiarity with mountain flying."

Her passion for aviation didn't stop with airplanes. Her first helicopter flight was a quick sightseeing trip with her daughter in San Francisco, followed later by two helicopter flights while on vacation in New Zealand. The first trip was a spectacular flight over Mt. Cook to view the glaciers. She also flew round trip from Queenstown to a bridge over a river to

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Jan with the helicopter she flew when completing her commercial helicopter rating in 2001.



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Jan enjoying time with her family.

bungee jump from a 300-foot bridge. She claims it was fun and exciting at the same time. She also experienced local hang gliding.

Jan was thrilled by the way the helicopter flew “up close and personal to the mountains.” “It landed on an extremely small patch of dirt on the side of a ravine,” she remembers. Jan was so impressed she decided right then she had to get her helicopter rating. It took several years to find the time and money, but inspired by her sightseeing trips, she completed her commercial helicopter rating in November 2001.

Some of her most memorable flights have been to Alaska. Flying up the ‘trench,’ around the glaciers and back down the coast of Alaska was the most interesting flying she has done. Jan has made four trips to Alaska. Her aircraft of choice for the Alaska flights were a Mooney Executive and a Cessna 172 with a 180 HP engine and a constant speed prop and a Mooney Executive. She has also flown a modified Cessna to the Bahamas and Turbo Mooney 231 to Mexico.

She continues to fly her Turbo Mooney 231 every week. Accompanied by her friend and fellow pilot Dean, they explore airports within a 300-mile radius of her home in Ft. Collins. Typically they pick up an airport courtesy car and head to town for lunch and some sightseeing.

When asked why she ran for Board of

Directors, she cites her experiences attending the International Board meetings while working on the International Conference in Denver/Boulder and while she was South Central Section Governor.

“I had so much fun and enjoyed meeting the many energetic women who work tirelessly toward preserving and improving this great organization of ours. I didn’t want to stop attending these meetings or being part of this great organization, so I decided to run for Director and contribute as best I can. Basically, when I am with other Ninety-Nines,” she continues, “I am having fun while inspired by their talents and accomplishments. Why would I want to be anywhere else when I can be inspired and have fun at the same time?”

Jan believes that The Ninety-Nines is one organization that is for all women pilots. For career pilots, the The Ninety-Nines provide e-networking through the 99s Flight Training Forum and Pro 99s Network, in addition to scholarships. She has received feedback from many Ninety-Nines, who, thanks to the networking and scholarships, have been able to take the next step in their aviation careers.

At the same time, for pilots like Jan who just love to fly, she feels The Ninety-Nines is the right organization. She maintains that, “Nowhere else can you find the camaraderie and lifelong friendships with such incredibly talented, awe-inspiring women.”



Jan and her quick-draw brother Dennis in their Western gear.

Welcome New Ninety-Nines Members!

Aloha Chapter

TAFT, Janelle

Ambassador Chapter

DIAZ, Maria Cristina Edheverri (Assoc)

SHOTTON, Betty Lewis

WILSON, Joyce L

Australian Section

ILLGUTH, Michelle Karen (Assoc)

British Columbia Coast Chapter

BROWN, Elizabeth

CHAPLOW, Joanna (Assoc)

Carolinas Chapter

FRANK, Dawn M (Assoc)

Coachella Valley Chapter

COOPER-KEITH, Patti (Assoc)

Colorado Chapter

BOWLER, Kara

MARSHALL, Analise M (Assoc)

Columbia Cascade Chapter

CONNOLLY-SMITH, Ari (Assoc)

Eastern Ontario Chapter

DENISON, Candace (Assoc)

Embry-Riddle Daytona Chapter

BURY, Julia A (Assoc)

TIRRO, Gilda

WALSH, Janelle (Assoc)

First Canadian Chapter

EGGLESTONE, Lauren

Florida Goldcoast Chapter

RICE, Judith Ann

STEELE, Sarah Elizabeth

Fresno Chapter

WINTERS, Jennifer (Assoc)

Georgia Chapter

DEAN-TODER, Carol

German Section

HERWALD-SCHULZ, Iris (Assoc)

ROHE, Margarete Marga

TATARINOVA, Irina

Greater Kansas City Chapter

GODSY, Tyedia (Assoc)

MERTZ, Eileen

Greater Seattle Chapter

VANHORNE, Erika

Hampton Roads Chapter

KENNER, Sanae (Assoc)

Hi-Desert Chapter

BRANDVOLD, Patti Jayne (Assoc)

Houston Chapter

COLVIN, Cindi

HEINZE, Jane (Assoc)

LYNCH, Erin (Assoc)

WILLIAMS, Karen

Indiana Dunes Chapter

GROSSBAUER, Abigail (Assoc)

Intercollegiate Internet Chapter

BOWEN, Ruby (Assoc)

Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter

WICKERSHAM, Stacey D (Assoc)

Israeli Section

LEVIN, Tamar

Kitty Hawk Chapter

GRAY, Lori (Assoc)

MEDINA, Katie (Assoc)

Long Beach Chapter

GERTS, Anna

Mid-Columbia Chapter

LIVIERATOS, Joyce M (Assoc)

Mississippi Chapter

ANGLIN, Cheri (Assoc)

TUCKER, Peggy T

Montreal Chapter

JOBIN, Natasha

MACLEAN, Mary

Mt. Shasta Chapter

HUONG, Jean (Assoc)

Old Dominion Chapter

DASH, Marlene C (Assoc)

Orange County Chapter

BOOKER, Elizabeth

ELSER, Martha Joan

GISSEL, Julie

LIEBERMAN, Briana

MENSA-WOOD, Ewurabena

PERRIGOUE, Rene

SCHAFER, Julie McCoy

Paradise Coast Chapter

BRADY, Pagona D (Assoc)

HARDER, Kayla (Assoc)

RIGHI, Margaret Jane (Assoc)

Phoenix Chapter

HERSH, Jeannie (Assoc)

Pikes Peak Chapter

FORGUES, Susan

YOUNG, Caitlin (Assoc)

Rio Grande Norte Chapter

DUPONT, Virginie (Assoc)

Sacramento Valley Chapter

SMITH, Marlene Renee (Assoc)

San Antonio Chapter

HENSLEY, Jennifer Trausch (Assoc)

San Diego Chapter

BROOKS, Diane

LIGUORI, Lisa (Assoc)

SERBAN, Doinita

SHAMS, Razieh

San Fernando Valley Chapter

MARTIN, Marybeth (Assoc)

SONTAG, Paulette (Assoc)

San Gabriel Valley Chapter

BERMAN, Jennifer Ann

O'DONNELL, Melissa (Assoc)

SMITH, Darci (Assoc)

Santa Rosa Chapter

SEELY, Christina (Assoc)



*New member Martha Elser,
Orange County Chapter.*

Tennessee Chapter

GENTRY, Charlotte (Assoc)

SMITH, Kristina

Utah Chapter

RASMUSSEN, Brooke (Assoc)

Washington DC Chapter

RAMAKRISHNAN, Subadra (Assoc)

Western New York Chapter

SULLIVAN, Alyssa (Assoc)

Western Washington Chapter

LINDAHL, Natoshia

Women With Wings Chapter

DIEHL, Robin

Yavapai Chapter

KOSIK, Katie

Marjy Leggett, Vista Field Laurence P. Sharples Award

At the November AOPA Aviation Summit in Long Beach, Marjy Leggett, Mid-Columbia Chapter, was awarded the Sharples Award for her successful campaign against closing Vista Field in Kennewick, Washington. When she retired from 36 years of teaching and education administration in 2006, she had no premonition that she would soon find herself at the forefront of the effort to save Vista Field from closure.



Marjy Leggett grew up living near Evergreen Airport in Vancouver, Washington. When her uncle would buzz their home, Marjy's family would hop in the car and meet him as he taxied his Taylorcraft to the FBO. Years later, from 200 miles away, she would helplessly witness the closure of Evergreen field, the prime flat land converted to strip malls and other businesses.

Learning in 2006 that there was no AOPA Airport Support Network (ASN) volunteer for Vista Field, she volunteered and soon became Vista's staunch and most effective advocate. There had been talk in 2003 of closing the field, but the pilot community had rallied and convinced the port commissioners to maintain the land as an airport. But in 2007, there were reports that the airport was again under even a stronger threat. Plans were to create the Vista Entertainment District that would possibly include a hotel, golf course, theater and strip mall on the site of the airport.

She attended port and city council meetings and developed a list of other

concerned citizens. Understanding that it would take more than the pilot community to rescue the airport, Marjy made presentations to community groups reminding them how they were all airport users. UPS was one of the main businesses using the airport so she stressed the value of having their priority services available on a daily basis. Her message was that if the airport closed, local citizens would lose a valuable resource. She gained the attention of the non-flying community.

As AOPA's ASN for Vista Airport, Marjy kept AOPA informed of all discussions about the field. AOPA stressed that local efforts were critical and sent a representative who spoke to the community, visited the airport and met local officials, helping to convince the locals that an airport would provide more and better family-wage jobs in the long run than would a strip mall and hotel.

Her message was heard, and there was a unanimous vote to keep the airport open. Success was achieved because the movement was able to find and support local pro-airport councilmen and commissioners. Although there is a faction in the community that believes the vote is only a temporary setback in their quest to close the airport, Marjy's group will continue to attend and monitor port and city council meetings, keeping the community informed and further seeking qualified pro-airport supporters for local office.

Following the announcement that the airport would remain open, the Port of Kennewick began updating the Master Plan with the intent of making it qualify for Federal funds through the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS). The airport is being rejuvenated with a grant received from the State of Washington. Flight training is now available at a fixed base operator who is new to the field. Previously vacant hangars are now being rented to active pilots and there is talk of building additional hangars.

Marjy has one last tip for us. We should not refer to ourselves as 'pilots' but as 'airport users.' Those opposed to the airport will depict 'pilots' as an elite group of wealthy individuals with selfish intentions. In reality, an airport serves the entire community.



Marjy Leggett Honored by AOPA Keep Local GA

BY DIANE PIRMAN, Sar



Vista Field FBO, saved, at least for now, by Marjy's activism.



and Jolie Lucas AOPA for Efforts to Airports Open

Santa Maria Valley Chapter

Jolie Lucas, Oceano Airport Joseph P. Crotti Award

Jolie Lucas, member of the Santa Maria Valley Chapter, was the recipient of the 2010 Joseph P. Crotti Award. It is presented every two years by AOPA to a California resident who has demonstrated unbridled passion for promoting general aviation and protecting GA airports.

Jolie first learned in February, 2010 that Oceano Airport was under threat of closure. The airfield is within walking distance to the wide sands of Pismo Beach and is situated between larger airports, San Luis Obispo to the north and Santa Maria to the south. Oceano, in addition to perhaps being the closest airport to the Pacific Ocean, is a vital link in emergency services in San Luis Obispo County. Life-flight, California Highway Patrol, Sheriff Aero Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, Diablo Canyon evacuation, beach rescues, Arroyo Grande Community Hospital, Angel Flights and CalStar all make use of Oceano Airport. It is a great field for training and is used by regional CFIs. Many type clubs have annual events at L52-Oceano.

Jolie's history with Oceano Airport goes way back. In fact, it is so special to her that it was chosen as the location for the reception after her wedding to fellow Mooney pilot, Mitch Latting. So Jolie and Mitch went into action when they learned that a potential developer would be holding informational meetings to garner public support to turn the airport into condos, senior housing and a community center.

She formed Friends of Oceano Airport, mobilized a 99s email list, contacted AOPA, EAA, San Luis Obispo Pilots Association, California Pilots Association and the San Luis Obispo County Supervisors, which had been bypassed by the developer in his quest for community support. They also reached out to every type club they could think of.

Local newspapers and radio stations were included from the beginning of their campaign to rescue L52. Friends of Oceano Airport.com was developed as a tool to keep interested parties informed about Oceano Airport activities and to help mobilize supporters as necessary.

The developer's first meeting in March



Colorful signs relay the message to the public.

was overwhelmed with airport lovers, including not just pilots but also non-flying members of the community. AOPA Vice President Bill Dunn attended the meeting. In order to better involve the non-flying community as well as pilots, her group scheduled Oceano Airport Celebration Day on May 8, 2010. Activities highlighted the value of the airport to the entire community. The celebration also included flight demonstrations, a jazz band, dancing, food and fun.

In 2010, Jolie's group of airport supporters also hosted a summer Fly-In Movie Night and a Toys for Tots event in December. A Second Annual Oceano Airport Celebration Day will be held on May 14, followed by another movie night during the coming summer. As well, they are working closely with the YMCA for development of a Young Aviator's Camp planned for June. These activities are helping to revitalize the airport and increase its awareness in the community.

Jolie believes that, in addition to recreational, business, commercial and instructional purposes, perhaps the most important aspect is to spark interest in our younger generation to enter the world of aviation.

While the developer has been lying low, Jolie believes the threat to Oceano Airport is ongoing and airports that are not maintained and used by the public are at risk.

When asked what has impressed her through this process, Jolie says that it has been rewarding to find new friends in aviation. She and husband, Mitch, have been presenters at OshKosh AirVenture on promoting general aviation and have presented at the Orange County Pilots Association, CalPilots and at the AOPA Summit.



Jolie Lucas and husband Mitch, working together to save Oceano Airport.

Montreal Chapter — Doing Things a Little Differently

BY SUZANNE LAFONTAINE

Montreal Chapter

The Montreal Chapter is alive again and holding activities two to three times a month. Following the East Canada Section meeting in May 2010, the Chapter kicked off with a “Launch Meeting” retracing the Montreal Chapter history of its last 40 years in a Powerpoint presentation. It was the scrapbook brought alive! The five (out of eight) members present plus one prospective member, all loved this walk through time and pictures. A two-year plan of Ninety-Nines activities was unveiled with all kinds of creative ideas to interest existing members and attract new members emerging on the flying scene. It was a bang of a start that was referred to as “Full Throttle.”

Since our Chapter was dormant for eight years except for a Section Meeting in 2008, our Chapter priorities are to hold a lot of activities and reach all the new women pilots in the greater Montreal region and province of Quebec to create a synergistic effect: more activities will attract more people and more people will make activities more fun, creating good memories and lots of opportunities for everyone.

There are eight powered flying clubs and many other gliding, helicopter and ultralight clubs around Montreal. Our recruitment campaign slogan is “40 for the 40th” which is 40 members for the 40th Anniversary of the Chapter. The Montreal Chapter has the unique ability to rise from the ashes and come alive again; many of our present and past members are very involved in their careers in the aviation field, so they are never far away.

The demands on working women these days afford less time to meet for many, so going “virtual” is part of our new direction to reach and keep unavailable members connected to the rest with information and pictures.

Part of our plan is to connect with our Ontario province Ninety-Nines since our Montreal Chapter Chairman now resides in Ontario but travels to Montreal every month. She also keeps the Ontario Chapter members apprised of what’s brewing in Montreal (See our calendar of events for the year ahead posted on our webpage at canadian99s.org/ECAN/montreal.htm). We also extended ideas, electronically, to our Atlantic Chapter Ninety-Nines.



Montreal 99s on an International Civil Aviation Organization tour in November, from left, Suzanne Lafontaine, Michelle Adams, prospective member Rayhaneh Sayfi, Mary McLean and Pat Bening.

We are small, so we do things differently; in particular, we held an innovative Halloween Aviatrices night to “see” ourselves as women pilots. We have a bi-monthly classic aviation movie night where we review the planes in the movie. We organized a visit to ICAO Headquarters in Montreal where we paired up with the Canadian Aviation Historical Society Montreal Chapter members — who really liked the mix! We also organized a float plane picnic, and we encourage members to support each other’s flying by flying with one another. One of our challenges will be digging up our history of Quebec women pilots for a future aviation museum display.

Our Chapter motto is Ideas Generate Ideas, so looking ahead, we plan to make a movie of our Montreal Chapter members flying, have a scrapbook and bio night, tour a control tower, do fly-in lunches — and we do it all in French and in English at the same time!

Montreal Chapter members having fun at Halloween Aviatrices Night, from left, Suzanne Lafontaine, Montreal Chapter Chairman; Susan Begg, Eastern Ontario Chapter Chairman; Pat Bening, visiting 99 from Alaska; Maureen Egan, Eastern Ontario Chapter; Sharron Lutman, Eastern Ontario Chapter; Shauna Megill, Montreal Chapter; Linda White, Montreal Chapter Secretary.



TRAINING MILESTONES

Amanda Blaschko – Private
Minnesota Chapter

Kirsten Brazier – Helicopter Bell 206
Commercial
Ambassador Chapter

Brittnie Brink – Tail Wheel Endorse-
ment & Float Plane Rating
Minnesota Chapter

(Brooke) Megan Darrah-Hage –
Private Pilot
Minnesota Chapter

Tricia DeBlock – Private Pilot
Indiana Dunes Chapter

Abigail Grossbauer – Solo
Indiana Dunes Chapter

Kate Hendricks – Private Pilot
Blue Ridge Chapter

Trish Horn – Instrument ASEL
Wisconsin Chapter

Yolanda Langley – Solo
Ventura County Chapter

Anne-Marie Leblanc – Do328 type-
rating , Vision Airways
Las Vegas Valley Chapter

Wilma Melville, Instrument
Ventura County Chapter

Jessica Miller - Instrument
Minnesota Chapter

Shannon Osborne – Private Pilot
North Jersey Chapter

Mary Parker – Solo
Tulsa Chapter

Joanna Chaplow – Solo
British Columbia Coast Chapter

Debra Plymate – BGI/IGI
Oregon Pines Chapter

Kandace Rawling – Instrument
Helicopter
Wisconsin Chapter

Diane Serban – Private Pilot
San Diego Chapter

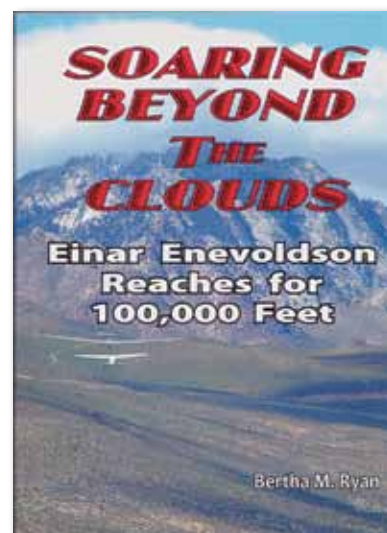
Marlene Smith – Solo
Sacramento Valley Chapter

Val Steffenson – Private Pilot
Minnesota Chapter

Jeanne Wildman – Instrument
Oregon Pines Chapter

Kelley Yanes – Solo
Bay Cities Chapter

BOOK REVIEW



Soaring Beyond the Clouds **Einar Enevoldson Reaches** **for 100,000 Feet**

by Bertha M. Ryan

Paperback, 318 pages

Published 2010

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BY BOBBI ROE

Greater Seattle Chapter

Einar Enevoldson has had an extensive and exciting aviation career. Bertha includes many of his amazing events as a soaring pilot, Air Force pilot and a NASA test pilot. His most publicized accomplishment was his and Steve Fossett's world record altitude flight. The two set the world sailplane absolute altitude record of 50,724 feet, flying from El Calafate in the south of Argentine Patagonia, above the Andes mountains. Bertha covers many of his interesting test flights along with stories about his other aviation accomplishments and flight characteristics, design and weather phenomena for pilots.

The numerous photos and compelling text make this an excellent book for general aviation readers as well as aerospace enthusiasts.

Bertha Ryan is an accomplished aviator as both a fixed wing pilot and soaring pilot and built her own glider. She is donating all proceeds to the Soaring Society of America (SSA).

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RENTON AIRPORT BREAKS WORLDWIDE FLYING RECORD

The Renton Airport (RNT) in Seattle, Washington, with 10 pilots flying seven fixed gear airplanes, two float planes and one helicopter assisted by 10 ground support volunteers, introduced 170 girls and women to flying to celebrate the Centennial of Women Pilots.

In doing so, Renton Airport broke the worldwide record for most girls and women introduced to flying in one day and one location previously held by Kpong Field Airport, Ghana, which conducted 97 introductory flights of girls and women in one day.

Delta Airlines A330 pilot Karlene Pettit spearheaded a local challenge to attempt to bring the title of "Most Female Pilot Friendly Airport Worldwide" to Renton Airport where she learned to fly. When Austin Watson, director of the Boeing Employee Flying Association (BEFA), heard about the challenge, he offered to bring the full support of BEFA to the event, which effectively makes BEFA the "Most Female Pilot Friendly" aircraft manufacturer employee association so far.

"Miracles happen when pilots are involved," said Karlene.

Girls and women were welcomed with hot chocolate, coffee, cookies and even a birthday cake. Many female pilots, including commercial and airline pilots and an air traffic controller, were on hand to answer questions.

"It was so awesome! I am so grateful that you organized this event that gave me a chance to expose my daughter to flying," said one of the female passengers.

This event is part of the worldwide Centennial of Women Pilots, a campaign to introduce a record number of girls and women to flying in 2010 as a salute to the women pilots of the last 100 years as well as an encouragement to girls and woman everywhere to discover the joys of flying.

— Mireille Goyer



Wally Funk with Buzz Aldrin, Sir Richard Branson and Gov. Bill Richardson.

99 WALLY FUNK HAS HER TICKET TO RIDE TO SPACE

Wally Funk, 71, now has a \$200,000 ticket to ride Virgin Galactic's spaceplane from New Mexico and will realize her dream of going into space. Wally was a pioneering female astronaut candidate when she was 21 in 1961. Twenty-five women from around the country were invited to participate, 19 accepted, and 13 who passed the demanding series of tests were dubbed the Mercury 13. The program was canceled before the women could take part in advanced testing at a naval facility in Pensacola, Florida.

Spaceport America, under construction, is 24 miles southeast of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. There, Virgin Galactic plans to fly commercial passengers on suborbital flights in the next 18 months.

— Wally Funk

GENE NORA JESSEN GUEST SPEAKER

Gene Nora Jessen, past International president of The Ninety-Nines, author and air racer, was recently the guest speaker at The Aero Club of Pennsylvania. They celebrated the Wright Brothers' first flight with a dinner on the anniversary with the theme *Age of the Aviatrix*.

— Mary Wunder

KATY ROVETTO'S BOOK WINS AWARD

The 2010 Arizona Press Women's Communications Contest selected *Flying High*, written by Phoenix Chapter Ninety-Nine Katy Rovetto, as the first place winner in the autobiography category.

The book details her unique opportunity to join Dave Rahm and Steve Wolf, of Super Pitts fame, in Jordan where they initiated the training of Jordan's international aerobatic flying team, the Royal Jordanian Falcons, under the sponsorship of King Hussein,

Katy's participation also included training as an Aresti aerobatics competition ground judge for the team in their snappy Pitts biplanes.

— Katy Rovetto



Penny Nelson waves as she takes off on her wing walk for breast cancer.

WING WALKING FOR BREAST CANCER

Coachella Valley Chapter member Penny Nelson completed a wing walk at a recent air show on November 6, 2010. She did this to honor Breast Cancer Survivors and those currently undergoing treatment.

— Linda Robinson



Front row from left: Marylou Pohl, Jane Nettleblad, Anita Hessin. Back row: Jan McKenzie, Margot Plummer, Linda Horn.

COLORADO CHAPTER

On November 13, several Colorado Chapter members presented Jane Nettleblad with a certificate to celebrate her 70 continuous years as a Ninety-Nine. Jane's family, along with the Colorado Ninety-Nines, enjoyed a celebratory lunch and cake after the presentation.

Jane is a charter member of the Colorado Chapter, which was started in 1941. She was an active and loyal Chapter member over the last many decades. We are looking forward to celebrating her 75th anniversary as a Ninety-Nine!

— Linda Horn

FINGER LAKES CHAPTER

2010 was the 100th anniversary of the first solo by an American woman, Blanche Stuart Scott. She is the only female personally taught to fly by Glenn Curtiss. The famed airplane designer did the majority of his work in his hometown, Hammondsport, New York. Today a wonderful museum dedicated to Curtiss exists in Hammondsport.

The annual gala dinner at the museum was dedicated to Blanche. The Finger Lakes Chapter decided to replicate Blanche's flight costume for exhibit. This was a joint effort by the Chapter members, with the major sewing done by Sandy Brown, our New York-New Jersey Governor. The model of Blanche was temporarily placed in a car actually owned by Blanche, who was one of the first women to drive a car across the United States, starting from New York City in May, 1910.

The model of Blanche will later be placed in a Curtiss Pusher.

— Marcia Gitelman



Sandy Brown with the model of Blanche Stuart Scott.

RENO HIGH SIERRA AND RENO AREA CHAPTERS

The Nevada Ninety-Nines were asked by the Nevada Women's History Project to join them for the Nevada Day Parade. The theme was "100 Years of Aviation in Nevada," and they wanted women pilots.

Dick Rutan was the grand marshal. Our two Chapters, Reno High Sierra and Reno Area, combined and made cute cardboard box airplanes, wore helmets, scarves and goggles and not only had a blast, but we won first place in our category: historical.

We had fun, and it brought both Chapters together. About 20 women participated.

— Lynn Meadows

Reno Area Chapter member Kathy Walton, left, and driver Heidi Englund of the Nevada Women's History Project lead the Nevada Ninety-Nines in the Nevada Day Parade.



FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

2010 marked the 100th anniversary of the first woman earning a pilot's license. To celebrate, the First Canadian Ninety-Nines organized an event to introduce non-pilot women to aviation.

In November, pilots all over Southern Ontario were encouraged to fill their airplanes with non-pilot women and girls and fly them to CNV8 (Edenvale) for lunch.

It was a foggy start to the day, but by mid-morning most airports were reporting VMC. Some airports remained IFR for the entire day, which prevented some pilots from participating. In spite of the weather, 11 airplanes (eight different types) flew in from 10 different airports.

Eight of the pilots (four of them Ninety-Nines) flew 16 non-pilot women passengers. For some of these women, this was their first flight in a small plane. One young lady, a university student, was so excited that she said she is going to start her flight training as soon as she can afford it.

To learn more about the Centennial of Licensed Women Pilots, please visit centennialofwomenpilots.com.

Earlier in the summer, there were two fly-in weekends on Pelee Island. The Gold Cup Air Rally made it to Brandon, Manitoba with Mary Norman and Anna Pangrazzi taking first place. Some of us played at Oshkosh. On July 10, Akky Mansikka and Nat McHaffie retraced Count deLessep's flight of July 13, 1910, the first flight flown over Toronto.

On August 7, the Eileen Vollick Memorial was unveiled at Warton Keppel Airport, with Marilyn Dickson, Akky Mansikka and others on hand.

— Lesley Page



From left, PIC Ninety-Nines Anne Starret, Barbara, and Ninety-Nine Nat McHaffie participated in the event to introduce women to aviation.



Lori Irvin-Connorton, Lee Orr, Terry Connorton, Deena Spradlin and Rossie Corwon, Assistant Engineer Greenwood County, admire the new airmarking.

BLUE RIDGE CHAPTER

Just after the first of the year, the airport manager of the Greenwood County Airport (KRD) South Carolina, contacted Lori Irvin-Connorton, Blue Ridge Chapter Chairman, about painting a compass rose at their airport, which had faded over the years.

The county requested the compass rose be painted green and white as that represents the color scheme they have at the airport. Rossie Corwon, Assistant County Engineer, arranged for the paint to be provided.

The event was a huge success and the Chapter looks forward to doing more airmarkings around South Carolina. Spartanburg County Airport has already asked the Chapter to paint a compass rose at their airport once the renovations and resurfacing at the airport are completed.

In other news, on August 7, 2010 the Chapter helped celebrate the Whirly-Girls' first annual Women Hovering Over the World (WHOW) event as a way of keeping Whirley-Girls in touch and a way to meet other women in aviation. Lori Irvin-Connorton is a member of both The Ninety-Nines and the Whirly-Girls and thought it would be fun for women of both groups to get together and share their common interest in aviation.

The August Blue Ridge monthly meeting was held in conjunction with the WHOW event, which was a fly-in lunch at the 57 Alpha Café located on the field of the Rutherford County airport. Rosaly McIntosh, a long-time member of the Blue Ridge Chapter, invited participants to view her vintage Cessna 172 that she hangs at the airport. Whirly-Girl Patricia Fields Neubert brought pictures of her years of flying and shared interesting stories. Patricia so enjoyed meeting the Blue Ridge women that she decided to join the Chapter and is in the process of reinstating her Ninety-Nines membership.

— Lori Irvin-Connorton



Tennessee Ninety-Nines present the Morristown AM Rotary with a \$1,000 contribution toward the creation of a bust commemorating Evelyn Johnson. From left, front row, Donna Stansberry, Jan Kuban, Evelyn Johnson, Jean Hammer, Linda Meese. Back row, Sherry Hensley, Adele McDonald, Judy Wayman, Janice Pelletti, Jim Ely (Rotary), Babara Garrett (Rotary), Todd Morgan (Rotary).

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

Tennessee Ninety-Nines gathered in Morristown, Tennessee to make the first contribution for a memorial bronze bust of Evelyn Bryan Johnson to be erected at the Morristown airport terminal. Evelyn has managed the Morristown FBO since 1953. She is the recipient of dozens of awards and is in the National Aviation Hall of Fame and both the Tennessee and Virginia Aviation Halls of Fame. She is in the Guinness Book of World Records, having logged in excess of 57,000 hours.

Two days shy of Evelyn's 101st birthday, members of The Ninety-Nines arrived in Morristown to present a \$1,000 check to members of the AM Rotary Foundation of Morristown. The AM Rotary Foundation is acting as host for gathering the donations.

Evelyn's former student, artist Laureen Barker, has graciously agreed to donate her time and talent to carve the bust. Organizers must raise \$12,000 for the cost of the materials.

Laureen currently lives in California where she has opened an art studio. Her carvings and paintings have been exhibited nationwide.

The bronze bust will sit on a granite pedestal. Barbara Garrett, a Morristown Master Gardner, will select the location for the bust on the grounds of the new terminal.

Tennessee Ninety-Nines returned to Morristown two weeks later to officially celebrate Evelyn's 101st birthday and hold their November meeting. Plans for the coming year include painting a compass rose at the Upper Cumberland Airport, additional fundraising to help with the cost of the bust and educational programs in the schools.

The AM Rotary Club is happy to accept tax deductible donations in any amount for the bust. They can be sent to AM Rotary Club, PO Box 4, Morristown, TN 37815.

— Janice Pelletti

COLUMBIA CASCADE/OREGON PINES CHAPTERS

In October, two Western Oregon groups of Ninety-Nines joined forces to present an aviation class for girls at Troutdale Airport. Gorge Winds Aviation provided the facility for the all-day class.

Students from 4th to 9th grade attended sessions on aerodynamics, navigation, aeronautical charts, communications, weather and aviation history. Participants visited the control tower, built and flew model airplanes and impressed the Ninety-Nines with their skills in the flight simulator. Visitors from Skywest Airlines and the Civil Air Patrol talked to the girls about flight training and aviation career opportunities. It was a very rewarding experience for The Ninety-Nines as well as the girls who attended the class.

— Debra Plymate

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Rio Grande Norte Chapter members ready for an afternoon helicopter tour, from left to right: Michal Mudd, LeAnne Gomez, Martha Heather Cook, Susan Larson and Tandra Hicks.

RIO GRANDE NORTE CHAPTER

The many fun and exciting activities of the Rio Grande Norte 99s, mostly flying, drew many women to join the Chapter this past year. Our Chapter held several multi-day events. The first was a sparkling overnight fly-out to southern Colorado for a snowy New Year's Eve in Silverton at a cozy bed-and-breakfast run by a sister Ninety-Nine.

During a three-day, late winter fly-out to Carlsbad, New Mexico, we explored the famous caverns. Our annual Chapter birthday party in October began with lunch and a flight briefing on Saturday, followed by a competitive flight, lunch and awards on Sunday. This year we held a treasure hunt that ranged all over northern New Mexico.

Numerous other flying events took us in all directions. We helped the Albuquerque Ninety-Nines raise money for a memorial scholarship at the New Mexico Pilot Bash; we attended the reopening of the 99s Museum of Women Pilots in Oklahoma City; and we enjoyed a fabulous week of mostly R&R with other Ninety-Nines in Hawaii during the International Conference.

One of our members received a New Pilot Award and completed her private pilot training this year, and three other members are working toward their private pilot certificates. All of these events are documented with photos and articles in our lively newsletter, *Peak Gusts*, which is sent electronically to every woman pilot or pilot-to-be that we know of in the area.

—Elizabeth Hunke

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Our Chapter's Christmas party was held at the lovely home of Debbie Palmer on December 11 in Valrico, Florida.

The Florida Suncoast Chapter had the privilege of taking part in a Girl Scout event in November. The Girl Scouts of West Central Florida held an Interest Patch (IP) College at the Tampa campus of the University of South Florida. The IP College offered five classes for girls ages 11 to 17.

Our Chapter provided an introduction to the wonders of flight to 27 Girl Scouts from all over Florida. Through interactive lecture, hands-on simulation programs and videos, we were able to take the girls on a journey from the Wright Brothers to present day aviation. We covered the science of flight, parts of a plane, communications and air traffic control operations. The girls worked with an online program that allowed them to be air traffic controllers and flew a plane using Microsoft's Flight Simulator complete with yoke and pedals.

We ended the day with a panel of women who gave the girls a look at careers that are available in aviation. The women also shared their flying experiences with the girls. After six hours with us, the girls earned their Aviation Interest Patch, and we are hopeful that we sparked the interest of some future pilots.

SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER

On September 20, the San Joaquin Valley Chapter, with tremendous help from the Fresno Chapter, painted a 50-foot compass rose at Chandler-Fresno Airport. We accomplished this great feat in eight hours. When you are out flying, please fly over the airport to view our work.

—Andy McCarthy



Candace Murray, San Joaquin Valley Chapter Chairman, gets ready to paint.

Diane Cole and Andy McCarthy sort out airmarking supplies.



NEW HORIZONS

BARBARA BROTHERTON **Coyote Country**

Our dear member Barbara Brotherton passed away recently after a brave battle with cancer. She will be missed terribly by Coyote Country Chapter members. Many of you have also known her and her zest for life.

— Mary McMahon

VIRGINIA 'GINNY' RUTH BROWN HYATT **Alaska Chapter**

Virginia 'Ginny' Ruth Brown Hyatt, 86, died November 8, 2010, in Anchorage. Ginny, an Alaskan since 1965, was a well-known pilot and advocate for aviation flight safety throughout the state.

Born June 15, 1924, in Terre Haute, Indiana, Ginny began her flying career early, taking her first flying lesson at age 16 and obtaining her pilot certificate in 1943. She worked several jobs in her young life, including a position as a secretary for the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the precursor to the Federal Aviation Administration.

She married John 'Bud' Hyatt in 1949. His career with the Navy took her and their three sons to many states and around the world. In 1969, the family moved to Bethel, where they were partners in a bush plane leasing business, and Bud continued his second career with the FAA. Ginny resumed her flying, and in 1974 she took a position with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Anchorage, where she lived out the remainder of her life.

Her work with the Alaska Aviation Safety Foundation began after her retirement from the Fish and Wildlife Service. Through the foundation and with her friend Tom Wardleigh, Ginny co-hosted Hangar Flying for more than a decade. It was a weekly public broadcast television program devoted to aviation in Alaska.

She worked formally for the safety foundation until retirement just a few years ago. She continued to be involved informally with the group, and a scholarship in her name is now awarded annually.

Through her work as a pilot, Ginny became good friends with many Alaska aviators in the state. Her quick wit and dry sense of humor will be deeply missed by her family and dear friends.

— Angie Slingluff

OPAL KINDBERG **Alabama Chapter**

Opal Kindberg, 91 and a longtime member and historian of the Alabama Chapter, passed away October 27, 2010 in Columbus, Georgia.

A veteran of WWII, Opal held an instrument rating and was also a member of the Southern Museum of Flight and a past board member of the Birmingham Aero Club. She was very proud of her membership in the Civil Air Patrol where she earned the rank of Lt. Colonel and served as the commander of Squadron 34.

— Nancy Miller-Borg and Harriett Hall



Ruth Clifford Hubert.

RUTH CLIFFORD HUBERT **Florida Gulf Coast Chapter**

WASP Ruth Clifford Hubert of St. Petersburg, Florida, flew to New Horizons on August 28, 2010, but not before she received her Congressional Gold Medal on March 26, 2010.

Ruth was a member of our Chapter until 1997, when she resigned due to illness. At 80 she was still flying. She will be missed by all who knew her.

— Sophia Payton

SHIRLEY WINN **Past Governor Southwest Section**

Shirley was born on September 26, 1924 in Port Arthur, Texas, and died on Thursday, November 18, 2010.

While living in New Orleans, she graduated from McMan High School and Newcomb College of Tulane University as a psychologist. She was a psychology instructor at the University of Northern Carolina and the University of Wisconsin for three years while pursuing her doctorate. She married Dean Winn in 1948 and were together in life for 58 years.

Shirley worked in market research in New York City and as a therapist in Hartford, Connecticut, Cleveland and Boston. She retired to her "family life" at the birth of the first of her seven children and became a full-time mother.

When her family grew up, Shirley became an avid pilot and was elected Woman Pilot of the Year 1977. She became a race pilot and flew in 36 air races, including the legendary Powder Puff Derby and several international races. She served 16 years on the Yolo County Aviation Advisory Committee, six years on the California Aviation Advisory, was an FAA Safety Counselor, a board member of the California Aviation Council, member of the Yolo County Sheriffs' Air Squadron and, in 1984, was honored by being placed in the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas.

— Robin Winn



Shirley Winn.

TRAVIS 'TW' WHELOCK **49½ of Mary Wheelock** **Golden Triangle Chapter**

Travis 'TW' Wheelock, husband of Mary Wheelock, flew to new horizons on June 29, 2010. They were married 56 years and have three sons. TW was a private pilot, a member of AOPA, Civil Air Patrol and a lifetime member of EAA. He held an FAA aircraft and power plant license and built an exquisite Steen Skybolt biplane. He was very supportive of Mary's aviation activities. He will be greatly missed.

— Beverly Stephens

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