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### 2011

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

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- 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](mailto:hq@ninety-nines.org).
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- 22-24 AOPA Aviation Summit**, Hartford Connecticut. For more information, visit the AOPA website at [aopa.org/summit/](http://aopa.org/summit/).

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- 14-16 North Central Fall Section Meeting**, Pleasant Prairie Wisconsin, Radisson Hotel. Contact Kristy Brooke, [kristykrsty72@aol.com](mailto:kristykrsty72@aol.com).

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As a member of Lighthawk's Volunteer Pilot Corps, Ninety-Nine Jo Duffy took staff of the *Santa Barbara Independent* on a media flight over the California coastline near Gaviota pass to view Marine Protected Areas prior to public workshops.

*Photo by Paul Wellman, Santa Barbara Independent.*

#### On the Back

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The 99s Museum of Woman Pilots preserves the heritage of the organization with such displays as the All Woman Transcontinental Air Race wall featuring items from the "Powder Puff" derbies.



Ninety-Nines donate their flight time in support of conservation. This photo of the Little Corona Del Mar arches was taken over the California coastline during a flight to support the marine protected areas effort. Photo by Anthony Garcia/SCERP with aerial support from LightHawk.

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# President's Page

BY SUSAN LARSON, International President

Winter brings some of the finest flying weather possible, no turbulence, no density altitude issues and little wind, even if it is challenging to preflight out on the ramp on a bitterly cold morning. I hope you all had a chance to experience such a day this past winter, when the bluest skies reached to the earth and only you and the aircraft were between.

It was still winter when The Ninety-Nines opened its booth at the WAI conference in Reno, the snowflakes falling furiously. Local event Co-Chairmen Candy Whitfield and Linda Mae Draper, along with Trade Show Chairman Fran Strubeck, had prepared well for the rush of enthusiastic women. As an organization, we garner more members here than at any other trade show, the women eager to join a group they have come to learn is the most prestigious of all women pilot organizations. This year we welcomed two African helicopter pilots and Elissa Lines, vice-president of EAA, in addition to 35 other women representing every facet of civilian and military aviation as new members in The Ninety-Nines.

Spring is a period of transition, this year fraught with earthquakes along the Pacific Rim. Our wonderful hosts of the 2005 conference in Christchurch, New Zealand, tell us they and their immediate families survived the worst of the devastation there, and we heard from our members in Japan that none of them lived close to the affected area north of Tokyo. Both our International Membership Chairman Kitty Houghton and Headquarters Manager Laura Ohrenberg immediately reached out to them to learn if they needed our help.

Fly Home to Oklahoma City! The theme for this year's annual Conference gives us a chance to showcase our Headquarters home and the 99s Museum of Women Pilots. We have purposefully formatted the schedule for one less day of hotel accommodations to help save money for our attendees.

Featured are the opening Welcome Reception at our Headquarters and Museum on Thursday afternoon, and the second annual Leadership Training Seminar is scheduled for Friday morning. It's here that Chapter Chairmen, Governors and leaders-in-waiting can gather organizational information, and it's here that we will unveil the new Membership PowerPoint developed by Martha Phillips and her team. Your International Board of Directors, along with the Headquarters staff, welcome you to a state rich in aviation history in the heart of the Great Southern Plains, the land of cowboy boots and hats, and the home of more native tribes than any other state in the union.

May the year be full of flying and fun activities with your local Chapter or Section.



*We heard from our members in Japan that none of them lived close to the affected area north of Tokyo.*



*Susan Larson with Elissa Lines, newly signed Ninety-Nines member and vice-president of EAA, at the WAI conference in Reno, Nevada.*





# PILOT CAREERS:

## Layoverventures

BY DONNA MILLER  
International Careers Committee

In this age of social media where people make up words like google and twitter and then use derivations of the word to make it a verb or adjective, I thought I would add a word of my own: "layoverventure" [LA-o-ven-chur] noun. an exciting and remarkable adventure a flight crew member experiences while on a layover. Usage: A layoverventure is something I highly recommend.

There isn't a city in the world that doesn't have something incredible to offer, and being paid to fly from one to another lends itself nicely to discovering a city's treasures. Yet, it amazes me how many flight crews hole up in their rooms when there is something truly wonderful at their fingertips. The industry term for this person is "slam-click" [SLAM-klik] noun. a crewmember who enters the hotel, goes straight to his or her room and is not seen until on the van back to the airport, leaving only the sound of the door: slam, click.)

Thanks to a really nice guy named TomKitten, (okay, his friends call him TomCat, but he's just too nice to fit that name, so once again, I made up my own.) We had the opportunity to go to the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory in Houston where astronauts practice space walks in a huge tank of water that simulates weightlessness. It was amazing, and while I don't remember much else about my trip, I will never forget that experience.

Another amazing Houston layoverventure allowed TK and me to go into Mission Control with Doug 'Wheels' Wheelock, just returned from six months at the International Space Station. Wheels also took us to the mock-up of the space shuttle and explained all of the intricacies of a shuttle landing along with its 17 degree glide path. Afterwards, we all came back to the crew hotel for a round of drinks.

I phoned the crew in their rooms to invite them down to meet the former International Space Station Commander. One flight attendant came but stayed only long enough to pick up his dinner and head back to his room. I was shocked. Who wouldn't want to meet Wheels, a really nice guy, and have the opportunity to ask questions and hear stories that you'll never see in print? So I put the shoe on the other foot. I thought of something that I have absolutely no passion for (NASCAR) and asked myself if I would come downstairs to meet Jeff Gordon, who is, I learned by googling him, one of their premier drivers. If nothing else, I would learn why a man is so passionate about what he does.

So I offer this challenge: the next time you're on a layover, do something different. Make it a point to see something new. I've decided that the next time I am in Charlotte, NC, I will go to the NASCAR Hall of Fame. It may be a layoverventure I'll never forget.

## PRO 99s PROFILE: Deena Sveinsson

BY BETSY DONOVAN, International Careers Committee

Deena Sveinsson planned on attending law school. However, after an intro flight at Boeing Field, she signed up for classes, intending only to get a private pilot certificate, considering it a personal challenge. She obtained ratings through her multi-engine commercial and decided not to go to law school after discovering that "life is better viewed from above."

Instead, she got a job as a reservations agent at UAL and continued on to CFI and CFII until she landed a job with Mesaba Airlines 12 years ago. Currently a Saab 340 captain based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, her ultimate goal is to fly the B777 internationally.

Deena is an ATP with the following type ratings: B737, B757, B767, SF-340 and SIC in the AVR-146. She also holds instructor ratings as well as an Airplane Single Engine Sea. A member of the Colorado Chapter, Deena was Chairman for two terms. In 1998 she won the 2008 Amelia Earhart B737 Type Rating Scholarship.



What Deena likes about her career is the ability to have a mobile office. "The scenery changes daily, and each day is different. I am lucky to have the ability to have a good schedule (but I earned it). My advice is to never give up. No matter what anyone has said or done to you, turn around, get back on your feet and move on. When one door closes, another one opens. You just need to find it."

# 99s International Conference: Explore Our Heritage

This year the International Conference in Oklahoma City will take you back to the 1929 birthplace of The Ninety-Nines, where 99 pioneering aviatrixes came together in camaraderie and flew forth to make aviation history. Although they have all since taken the final flight, their stories remain in Oklahoma City for you to explore at the 99s Museum of Women Pilots located on the Headquarters campus.

The much-acclaimed Museum houses not only exhibits and artifacts from The Ninety-Nines but also showcases collections that recount the adventures and accomplishments, and sometimes tragedies, of women pilots from the early 1900s to the present. Amelia Earhart, The Ninety-Nines' first president, takes center stage, but you'll learn about Jackie Cochran, Louise Thaden and dozens of other women who left their imprint in the sky.

The exhibits also recount the challenges that women pilots have faced while making their way in aviation around the world, from early airline pilots and the WASP of WWII to the Mercury 13 astronauts and today's female space explorers.

On a lighter note, one exhibit relates how women pilots have called upon their creativity to design clothing that's suitable for the determined female pilot yet still has a semblance of femininity.

You are invited to visit the Museum at your leisure during the Conference. Explore the exhibits, ride the DreamFlyer flight simulator, browse the merchandise in the Museum Store and immerse yourself in the story of your predecessors.

The Board will host an Open House for Conference attendees from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, and the Museum is also regularly open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



*Exhibits, top: The entrance to the Museum showcases the Wall of Wings and a video about the museum and history of women pilots. Center: The Amelia Earhart exhibit highlights her flights, including her final one, with photos, maps and other documents. Above: This contemporary display includes one of Kim "Killer Chick" Campbell's flight suits and a portion of her A-10 fuselage shot up over Afghanistan. Left: Memorabilia of noted air racer Marion Jane.*



# AEMSF Down Under

This article began as a question: “Who are the Australian winners of the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships?” As the lucky recipient of an AEMS myself in 2007, I wondered who had gone before me. I kept getting answers and suggestions of names, but nothing concrete that connected the names with years and the training for which they applied.

The other answer missing was, “How many Australian winners have there been?” The answer wafted from definitely three to maybe four or five.

I could not get a definitive answer, so the research began. In 2008, I went to The Ninety-Nines International Conference in Anchorage and was given the opportunity to thank the judges at the Amelia Earhart Awards Banquet. At the dinner, there was a visual presentation of all the winners with their photo, the year and for which training they had applied. Before I left, I asked the laptop operator if I could take notes. I looked for names that were familiar: Nancy Ellis-Leebold, June Perry and Barb Stott.

However, this information did not include what country they came from, so it was not until our current Australian Ninety-Nines Governor, Jennifer Graham, suggested that there was a fifth member that I did research via The Ninety-Nines website. I discovered that the country of origin of each winner was listed, and ‘presto,’

I had the fifth name, Beverley Roediger. So now my information was complete. Of all five, only four were still alive, so I felt I should get motivated, interview the other three and research Nancy Ellis-Leebold, who I discovered had passed away in 1982 in Sydney.

With that, I approached June Perry, who lives in Sydney, interviewed her and sent a questionnaire to Barb and Beverley. Everyone was happy to assist and provided some very interesting stories of what they had done with their lives and aviation since they won their scholarships.

When I researched Nancy Ellis-Leebold, I was astounded by my lack of knowledge about this great lady. I found a 1965 quote from Nancy-Bird Walton, who called her the “most highly qualified and active flying woman in Australia,” and found some quite conflicting information, so the research had to be authenticated before I could write about her.

It was a fascinating journey, but a difficult one as there is very little written about her. I feel I completely missed out on meeting an amazing woman and professional pilot who appears not to have written a book about her life, making it a challenge to find out more about her. I think a biography of Nancy Ellis-Leebold is long overdue.



*Nancy Ellis-Leebold Flying for Air Cargo Pty Ltd. Source: [theaussieaviator.net/gallery/showphoto.php?photo=8553](http://theaussieaviator.net/gallery/showphoto.php?photo=8553)*

## NANCY ELLIS-LEEBOLD – AEMS 1954

Born in 1919, Nancy Ellis gained her private pilot licence in 1942, number 4060, and her Commercial Pilot Licence, number 1490, in 1946. She later gained her instructor rating and worked for Kingsford Smith Aviation.

In 1950, Nancy became the first Australian female to fly heavy aircraft, being first officer of a Lockheed Lodestar for Air Cargo Pty. Ltd. In that year, she also became one of the 35 charter members of the Australian Women Pilots’ Association. She was called the “most highly qualified and active flying woman in Australia” by Nancy-Bird Walton in 1965.

In 1952, she scored a trip to the USA and a flight in a T33A, Lockheed Shooting Star, making Nancy the first Australian female to fly a jet aircraft. The following year she became the first Australian female to be a Chief Flying Instructor (at Dubbo Aero Club) and gained a Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Medal.

In 1954, Nancy won the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship (AEMS) for a Ground Engineering (Airframe & Engines) Mechanic certificate. With this, Nancy became the first overseas winner of the AEMS, the first Australian winner, and she was also presented with the Silver Anniversary Award, as it was the 25th year of inception of The Ninety-Nines. She went to the USA and UK for training and met Arthur Leebold, whom she married in 1955, and they flew their honeymoon in a Miles Messenger from London to Yarram, Victoria, 12,000 nm. Nancy became a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Navigation in 1964 and their first female president 1967/68. She received an MBE in 1967 for services to civil aviation.

Nancy joined The Ninety-Nines on May 31, 1951 and was a member for 31 years until her death at Waterfall, New South Wales, on July 13, 1982, at age 63.





C. Hobson

June Perry, 2011.

## JUNE PERRY – AEMS 1981

Born November 6, 1931 in Sydney, New South Wales (NSW), June Perry learned to fly in 1965 at Navair, Bankstown. She obtained her Commercial Pilot License (CPL) in 1978 and started Bookaire, her travelling Christian bookshop.

In order to carry out God's work, June flew or drove throughout the Northern Territories and all states (except Victoria), providing religious and educational material for over 15 years. The aircraft used was her beloved "Queenie," VH-ETQ, a 1972 Grumman Traveller known to the Scouts as "Baby Elephant" after the Boeing Jumbo that was also nice and smooth to fly.

June joined The Ninety-Nines in July, 1977. In order to fly in all weather, she applied for the AE scholarship for a Class One Instrument Flight Rating – Single Engine, which she won in 1981 and completed in 1983 with Frank Young at Navair, Bankstown. She was a member for seven years and attended the 1978 Canberra, Australia, Ninety-Nines International Conference.

In addition to her travelling Christian bookshop, June also designed and wrote an educational booklet, *Careers in Aviation*, distributed to schools with the assistance of the Australian Women Pilots' Association. It included all possible aviation careers. These she distributed throughout NSW for many years, notably at many school Careers Days.



## BARB STOTT – AEMS 1987

Born in Upper Maffra West, Victoria, Barb was first interested in aviation as she often saw the Royal Australian Air Force Roulettes practicing overhead on her parents' farm. She obtained her private pilot licence in the early '70s at Moorabbin while training to be a registered nurse.

After graduating, she joined the Air Ambulance in Victoria and transferred to the Northern Territory Aerial Medical Service around 1980.

In 1987, Barb won The Ninety-Nines AEMS to obtain her Commercial Pilot License (CPL). In that year she also won a nursing scholarship from the Northern Territory Health Department that enabled her to undertake training for Hyperbaric Medicine and Aerospace Physiology (HMAP) in Texas. Barb chose to complete her CPL theory but, due to time constraints, converted her CPL flying to a Night Visual Flight Rating, which she completed with Aminta Hennessy at Bankstown.

Barb was provided study leave to attend the HMAP course in America and returned to Darwin. In 1991, she transferred to the Kimberley for the Royal Flying Doctor Service as their regional manager and in 1998 moved to their Jandakot base in Western Australia (WA).

Barb joined The Ninety-Nines in May 1978 and is still a member after 33 years. She attended the 1988 Afton, Oklahoma, Ninety-Nines International Conference.

Currently, Barb is working as a Clinical Nurse in Perth, WA, for the Department of Health in Infection Control.



The Shrike Commander was the favored aircraft used by Barb in her career as a flight nurse. Source: [http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/bd/Aero\\_Commander.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/b/bd/Aero_Commander.jpg)

## BEVERLEY ROEDIGER – AEMS 1991



*Beverley Roediger, 2011.*

Born October 7, 1944 in Mount Barker, South Australia (SA), Beverley Roediger learned to fly gliders in 1964 at the Adelaide Soaring Club, Gawler, and in 1967 gained a Commonwealth Flying Scholarship that she used for obtaining a Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) while working in Port Moresby. She earned her CPL in 1970 and her Instructor Rating in 1974. She now holds a Gliding Certificate Gold “C” with one Diamond.

During the following years, Beverley worked as a charter pilot, flight instructor and towed gliders throughout Victoria and SA. In 1987, Beverley accepted the position of chief instructor at the Australian Aviation College, Parafield, becoming the first female in Australia to fulfil the role of person in charge of both the Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) and Chief Ground Instructor. She also became involved with the Air Training Corps (ATC) and established the ATC Flying School at Edinburgh, becoming their CFI.

In 1991, Beverley applied for an AEMS to obtain her Turboprop Command Rating. She needed this for a Turbine Aero Commander (A690) pilot role. Beverley won the scholarship and, as there was no school able to provide her with the training at that time, her husband, Noel, gained check and training approval so he could conduct her training under the Airborne Research Australia (ARA) approval in the Company Aero Commander, VH-DLK. This training was completed in 1992 at Parafield. Once Beverley obtained her Turboprop Command Rating, she flew survey work for ARA in the Seabird Seeker and Super King Air as co-pilot. Beverley joined The Ninety-Nines in January 1987 and remained a member for seven years.

Currently, Beverley is a lecturer in pilot studies at TAFE SA (technical and further education run by the South Australian Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology), at Parafield and instructs with Forsyth Aviation, Parafield. She is also helping her husband restore an Auster J5B, VH-BNA, learning the internal fabric stitch and has done most of the wings and tailplane with help from the ATC teenagers.



## CATHY HOBSON – 99S AEMS 2007

Born October 17, 1963 in Perth, Western Australia, Cathy obtained her Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL) in 1983, her Instructor Rating in 1984 and her Senior CPL in 1990.

Cathy has been a Chief Flying Instructor (CFI) and Chief Pilot on three occasions in the Sydney Basin since 1994, with Authorized Testing Officer (ATO) approvals.

For 18 months, she flew as First Officer on VH-NJI, a four-engine De Havilland Heron on tours around Australia, went first solo on a glider in 1996 and became a glider tug pilot for 18 months at Bathurst. During 1996 and 1997, she completed her Bachelor of Aviation Studies at University of Western Sydney while working full-time as a CFI/ATO.

In late 1998, she moved to Darwin to fly a B200 Super King Air and then progressed to captain of a B200 at Port Hedland for two years. This led to a role as First Officer Regular Public Transport on the B1900D for Impulse Airlines out of Brisbane until the sale of that company. Since then, Cathy did a stint with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (South East) flying command of a B200 as an Air Ambulance pilot. She is currently flying as a volunteer instructor for the Australian Air Force Cadets from Camden Airport.

In 2005, Cathy obtained a role with the Australian Transport Safety Bureau (ATSB), Canberra, as a research clerk on a Human Factors research project. The following year, she started her Masters at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) and won two scholarships while working part-time and summer holidays. The first scholarship was the inaugural Aviation Safety Management Course Scholarship in 2006 by the Australian Women Pilots' Association and ATSB, and the second was the Amelia Earhart Memorial Academic Scholarship from The Ninety-Nines in 2007. These greatly assisted in offsetting costs for the 10 subjects (plus thesis) involved. In December 2009, she graduated from RMIT with a Masters of Business Administration in Aviation Management with Distinction, ready for the role of Aviation Safety Manager.

Cathy joined The Ninety-Nines in 1995 at the instigation of Nancy Bird-Walton and has been a member for 15 years. She has attended four Ninety-Nines Conferences since 1997, the latest in 2010 with her husband and mother.



*T. Bartle*

*Cathy Hobson, 2007.*



# Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum



*One of the Amelia Earhart displays at the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison, Kansas.*

## Amelia Earhart Winner of the “Eight Wonders of Kansas”

The Inman-based Kansas Sampler Foundation sponsored a three-year series of contests for citizens of Kansas to vote for the best in eight different categories of the wonders of Kansas. Over 100,000 people voted for their best in the categories of Architecture, Art, Commerce, Cuisine, Customs, Geography, History and People. Amelia Earhart was among the eight wonders in the People category.

To help celebrate Kansas’ sesquicentennial, an exhibit presenting the winners is displayed at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas until September 5.

Some of the artifacts shown include shoes and a helmet worn by Amelia Earhart, a spacesuit from the Kansas Cosmosphere, a full Buffalo Soldier uniform from Fort Leavenworth, John Steuart Curry’s paint palette, rolling pins from MarCon Pies in Washington, a place setting from Brookville Hotel (great fried chicken) and a dice game from the original Long Branch Saloon, Boot Hill Museum, Dodge City.

In one fantastic venue, the focus will be on the diversity and highlights of Kansas.

The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum will have the 8 *Wonders of Kansas Guidebook* for sale in the gift shop.

## Museum Honors Docents, Thanks Retiring Board Member

The Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison, Kansas, showed its appreciation for its 30 docents at a special morning breakfast event during which each was honored and shared how they became interested in becoming a docent.

The docents greet visitors at the door, collect admission fees, direct them to the start of the self-guided tour, answer questions and assist with special events. Many groups come by bus to tour the museum and range from school children to retirement clubs.

The docents volunteer an average of 60 hours each month. Lou Foudray, caretaker of the Museum, is always on the watch to recruit new docents. If you’re interested, please contact Lou.

The Museum expresses its appreciation to Board Member Nancy Miller Borg for her six years of service as it comes to a close this year. Nancy has worked diligently in raising money for the museum in many interesting and creative ways. The Board appreciates all the hard work and service Nancy has given the Museum.



*AEBM Board Members Carol Sutton and Nancy Miller Borg relax on the porch of the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum.*



*Lynda Meeks introduces young girls to the workings of the cockpit.*

## The Girls With Wings Effect

BY LYNDA MEEKS, Lake Erie Chapter

*I will never forget the looks on the faces of two girls at the end of the table. I had just completed my hour-long demonstration of everything pilots need to know in order to complete a flight and brought up my usual "take-home lesson." Since I start out a presentation asking school age girls if they think they could ever figure out all of this stuff in the cockpit, I always end with, "Recall how at the beginning you said you couldn't?" They always nod.*

"Well, didn't you do just exactly that? And I want you to remember this: You can do *anything* you want in life as long as you're willing to break it down into little pieces and work hard at each of them."

I could tell from the expressions of those two particular girls that they had never heard that message before, and they were especially blown away by it. They looked shocked but determined. If the program achieves nothing more than motivating a small percentage of the thousands of girls to whom I've spoken to aim higher than they would have before hearing the presentation, then I will have achieved my mission of using women in aviation to inspire girls to achieve their full potential.

The presentation takes girls through a pretend flight to Florida. Why Florida? When I ask them where they want to go, someone always says Florida, so I have a poster of that state displayed on the wall as a visual aid. I show them the aeronautical charts, ask them questions about the lines and symbols. They learn about the phonetic alphabet and "their" call sign. I tell them about ATC and have them practice radio calls. They're introduced to the different instruments in the cockpit and how to read them. To top it off, they take a hands-on pretend flight toward the Florida poster to tie everything together.

I endeavor to involve them all in the process and draw in the girls who hang back. Why only girls? If you've ever spoken to a group of girls and boys, you know the boys can dominate the conversation. Especially once the boys find out I've been in the Army, then all they do is ask if I've ever shot anyone.

I decided to take this direction with my presentations after I was invited to other career days and listened to speakers talk about how they got where they were in their fields. You know the drill: "*I went to college to study \_\_\_\_\_. Then I got a job doing \_\_\_\_\_. Now I spend my days working on \_\_\_\_\_.*" I mean, if they couldn't even generate some enthusiasm for what they were doing, how could they hope to inspire it in the kids?

Then, I was invited to participate in a NASA Glenn event with the local Girl Scouts. This facility has been working with the Boy Scouts for years and had started scheduling programs with the girls.



They had a multitude of hands-on activities: making rockets fly, designing space vehicles, putting on space suits, etc. I sure didn't want to go in there and just drone on about my job as a pilot (much as I love it). So I started dreaming up a presentation to *show* them what I did.

Although the presentation evolved after taking it to thousands of girls, it remains basically the same format. When I first showed some adults what I was doing, they all said it was "too hard" for girls. The truth is, it is not. It involves their thought process and a little guidance and results in the girls feeling such a sense of accomplishment when they get through it themselves. The parents are cautioned not to "help" since the girls need to go through the sequence of, say, learning to read the instruments, themselves. Plus, a lot of times the parents get it wrong.

Not all girl groups are the same, of course. Some girls from different regions, or different ages, have already become self-conscious and reluctant to participate. It often takes a lot of work just to warm them up. I have to remind them that there's no penalty for wrong answers, sometimes making them scream their names at the top of their voice just to get them to say something. Anything! Some refuse to do even that.

It's amazing to me that in 2011 so many girls still think some jobs are specifically for men or for women. It's sad to see that such a high percentage, with knowing little to nothing about being a pilot, still think they lack the ability to be one. In a report from the Congressional Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering and Technology Development, although women represent approximately one-third of those employed in Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) fields, "media and real-life images of women in science and technical careers are still rare, sending an unspoken message to girls that a SET career is not for them."

The goal of the Girls With Wings presentation is to be the initial introduction to the possibility of being a pilot. I bring the lesson to the girls, whether to where their regular troop meeting is held or the classroom. Although I talk a little bit about

how airplanes fly, I don't ever say the word aerodynamics or talk about lift or drag. The objective is to broaden the girls' horizons, increase their knowledge about their available opportunities, inspire confidence and to have fun. An educator observing the presentation says, "It was a special event for them, motivating and inspiring. Girls probably feel freer to ask questions, be themselves, especially with a topic that's traditionally male."



The \$5 fee per girl to cover the cost of the presentation includes a take-home bag with, among other things, a synopsis of the presentation and a list of follow-on resources, including The Ninety-Nines website, as well as a Young Eagles brochure. If I've been successful at lighting a spark towards becoming a pilot and continuing on this path, I want to provide resources.

Feedback from teachers, Girl Scout leaders and the girls is very positive. The girls want follow-on information and are often actually disappointed they didn't learn *more*. With our presentation, we sow seeds of curiosity.

As Asma writes, "Yes, I do want to learn more stuff about how to fly a plane." Emily says, "I must do more research." In the evaluation form we provide to the girls,

the first question is, "Before you came to visit my class, I didn't know that pilots were \_\_\_\_." Overwhelmingly, the blank is filled in with "Girls" or "Women" and even "Cool." Because the presentation includes practicing radio calls using the phonetic alphabet, Girl Scout Hannah says, "I learned how to talk in 'plane slang.'"

There's also the question, "My advice to other girls my age after hearing Lynda talk about being a pilot is \_\_\_\_." The majority of the girls say, "You can be anything you want to be." Often the "can" and "anything" words are underlined many times. Many of the girls have received the support of friends, family and other adults and know they can be anything they want, so this just gives them some more options to pursue.

For some girls, however, like the ones who have limited exposure to opportunities, this is the first time they have really heard and understood this message. Says Sage, "What I thought was most interesting was that we got to try something new."

The last statement on the form is "When I grow up I still want to be a \_\_\_\_, but I may fly airplanes just for fun!" There are quite a few careers written here, but a truly telling and insightful response from 5<sup>th</sup> grader Amanda was, "Don't stick with one life goal."

In addition to the presentation, Girls With Wings also has an interactive website with coloring pages and games, plus "Role Model" pages with the bios of 87 women in different fields of aviation. Each page talks about what the women do, like engineering or maintenance, how they got there and why they love it. Additionally, we offer annual scholarships for flying lessons.

One of our major efforts features our mascot, Penelope Pilot. She has her own website, [www.PenelopePilotProject.org](http://www.PenelopePilotProject.org), which has a calendar of aviation events and her own full color children's picture book, *Penelope Pilot and Her First Day as Captain*. Our online Pilot Shop features t-shirts with slogans such as "Yes, Girls Can Fly!" and "It's not how tall you are, it's how high you fly!" to help spread our positive message.

Please visit [GirlsWithWings.com](http://GirlsWithWings.com) to learn more about the organization and volunteer opportunities.



*Left, Elizabeth after receiving her award; above, in 1960 with a Ryan PT 22.*

# A Rare Honor

## Elizabeth Dinan Receives Wright Brothers "Master Pilot Award"

BY DONNA CRANE-BAILEY  
with ELIZABETH DINAN

**E**lizabeth Dinan, San Luis Obispo Chapter member, received the FAA Wright Brothers "Master Pilot Award," one of only 29 women to be so honored. The Master Pilot award was established to recognize pilots who have contributed and maintained safe flight operations for 50 or more consecutive years.

She has logged just under 7,000 hours in many different airplanes. One of her favorites is the Ryan PT 22 with its open cockpit and great sounding engine and, of course, the P-51 for its beautiful lines and great speed. But any airplane will do.

At age 8, she announced to her family that all she wanted for her birthday was to go flying. Her father thought he could nip this fascination with planes in the bud and arranged for an instructor to take her for a flight, asking him to do some aerobatics. Elizabeth says, "I loved every minute of it. After that, I made model airplanes and dreamed of flying but did not earn my private certificate until I went to college, where I was the only girl in the class."

She met her husband with the line, "It's such a beautiful day, I wish I were flying." The next weekend she took him flying in her Taylorcraft.

"That flyout with The Ninety-Nines to the Salton Sea turned out to be a great adventure. The airport had just opened and the

expected fuel had not been delivered. I knew I could fly my plane with car gas, but it would run a little hot, according to my instructor. We had someone bring some gas and went to another airport for more fuel. Since the Taylorcraft did not have a radio or lights, we ended up landing at Riverside Airport a little after dusk and took the Greyhound bus home."

Her mother was waiting up for her when she got home at 2 a.m. "What do you mean bringing my daughter home at this hour?" she demanded as they came in the door. "Well," Don answered, "Mrs. Crowley, in Boston it's the young man that runs out of gas, not the girl."

In 1970, she earned her CFI and started instructing for Ninety-Nine Audrey Schutte at Viking Aero, Van Nuys Airport, California. She obtained her multiengine rating through an Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship and later earned her MEI, ATP and Seaplane rating. Her main interests have been instructing and racing. She has been an FAA Safety Counselor and the Young Eagles Coordinator for EAA Chapter 170. She has participated in 51 air races.

Elizabeth says of her career in flying, "It is one great adventure. I have had such a good time. I have loved every minute. I cannot imagine not flying."

### 99s WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE FAA'S WRIGHT BROTHERS "MASTER PILOT AWARD"

Of the 29 women to receive this award, 22 are Ninety-Nines. There are a total of 1,808 Master Pilots.

**Dorothy Anderson**, All-Ohio Chapter  
**Audrey Baird**, Northwest Section  
**Mayetta Behringer**, Santa Clara Valley Chapter  
**Fran Bera**, San Diego Chapter  
**Iris Critchell**, Long Beach Chapter  
**Elizabeth Dinan**, San Luis Obispo Chapter  
**Nancy Fairbanks**, All-Ohio Chapter  
**Ruth Fleisher**, Florida Goldcoast Chapter  
**Maybelle Fletcher**, Houston Chapter  
**Janet Hitt**, Santa Clara Valley Chapter  
**Ruth Martin Jefford**, Matsu-Valley Chapter

**Evelyn Bryan Johnson**, Tennessee Chapter  
**Pearl Bragg Laska**, Alaska Chapter  
**Irene Leverton**, Yavapai Chapter  
**Joan Mace**, All-Ohio Chapter  
**Pauline Mallary**, North Georgia Chapter  
**Rita Ann Orr**, Minnesota Chapter  
**Sophia Payton**, Florida Suncoast Chapter  
**Virginia Rabung**, Aux Plaines Chapter  
**Jane Ralston**, Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter  
**Elaine Roehring**, Central New York Chapter  
**Audrey Schutte**, Mt. Shasta Chapter



# Spotlight on the PPLI

BY JULIA REINERS  
Carolinas Chapter

*This is the first in a series of articles focusing on Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative graduates illustrating how the PPLI helped with their career progression.*



Torea Rodriguez.

## Torea Rodriguez: At the Controls of PPLI

In *The Little Prince*, Antoine de Saint-Exupéry cautions that, “A goal without a plan is just a wish.” Torea Rodriguez heeds this guidance and uses it to motivate women (including herself) to turn their aviation dreams into reality.

Torea sits at the controls of the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) leadership team. Back in 2005, Torea enrolled in the program and since graduating, she has taken on greater and greater responsibility. Thanks to her commitment, the program continues to provide unique and inspiring opportunities to women all over the world, empowering them to achieve their goals.

Torea learned how to harness the power of planning and networking even before her flying career began. She worked as a manager in high-tech Silicon Valley in California, but when she discovered her love for the challenges and technology of aviation, she traded her cubicle for the freedom of the sky.

Torea now uses the skills she learned in the information technology sector to serve The Ninety-Nines by developing and maintaining the PPLI's Google-based website. The PPLI is now largely web-

based, and Torea's expertise has allowed the program to enjoy a first-rate site that provides users with internal email and offers participants a unique interface to chart progress and exchange information.

In addition to serving as the PPLI's online administrator, Torea is the current Coordination Team Leader. In short, this means that she is responsible for the oversight of the entire program.

Aside from an array of managerial duties, Torea's most important leadership function is to set the tone from the top-down. She believes that at its core this program is about women helping other women. She sees the PPLI as an inclusive, exciting program and believes that with structured mentoring and clearly defined goals, anything is possible.

Torea has been the beneficiary of numerous scholarships that have enabled her to carve out her own niche in the aviation world. She won Ninety-Nines scholarships from the Santa Barbara Chapter in 2004 and from the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund in 2005. Each scholarship afforded her the opportunity to amass ratings and hours, and in 2006 she began teaching full-time. Shortly after Torea

began flying King Airs for a charter company, she was awarded a CAE SimuFlight scholarship for a Citation Encore (CE-500) type rating. She was unstoppable.

As a program participant, Torea realized the importance of peer mentoring. She says the key to being a good mentor is being a good listener. The mentor's job doesn't stop there, though. “You need to take that knowledge from listening, apply that to the big picture and then provide feedback to enable the recipient to reach their goals,” Torea says. She enjoys watching women gain knowledge about how to grow individually and how to propel their careers forward.

Torea currently works as an assistant Chief Flight Instructor for a flight school and flies part 91 pilot services. Since her vision of success required her to stay in the Bay Area to maximize her time with friends and family, she has had to be flexible and prioritize what's most important.

Her advice to other women is to slow down and not to try to achieve so much that you leave no room for yourself. Torea has realized that life becomes richer when the focus is on who you love as much as on what you love.



# Flying for Good

## Ninety-Nines Donate Flights on Conservation's Front Lines

The following stories are from Ninety-Nines who are part of LightHawk's Volunteer Pilot Corps. LightHawk volunteer pilots donate flights in the United States, Central America and Mexico to accelerate the efforts of conservation groups. LightHawk is supported by individuals, organizations and foundations that believe the aerial perspective can be a powerful tool to protect and preserve habitat and wildlife.



## ROTORS OVER CLOVER VALLEY

**Gabrielle Adelman, Monterey Bay Chapter**

My first LightHawk flight, and incidentally LightHawk's first helicopter flight, was in May 2006 for the Clover Valley Foundation. Clover Valley is only a half-hour drive from Sacramento and surrounded on all sides by various cities and towns; this tiny patch of land shows how the entire Sacramento Valley would look under native management. As a result, Clover Valley still holds a lot of the diversity, vigor and beauty that once existed in the larger landscape.

But Clover Valley had a problem: its location was too convenient for developers. Only a very determined and very consistent group effort would preserve it from "death by suburbia." For me, it is always fun to work with people who are willing to take on these huge challenges as they are well-informed, energetic, appreciative of what they see from an aerial angle and very grateful for the flight experience.

My reward for donating this flight came from just flying over the valley itself. I've spent hours traveling on business to Sacramento from Watsonville, my home airport, over somewhat dull landscapes of ag land, suburbs, built-up cities and freeways with infrequent breaks of some natural river delta and hills that were too steep to develop. To see a long, gently rolling oak woodland valley in the midst of all this was refreshing to the eyes and soul. However, seeing the development pressures all around that were so obvious from the air, there was anxiety too, for the continuing safety of this hemmed-in serenity.

Even as we flew from end to end to document the current state of Clover Valley, a nearby ridge had been clear-cut and razed flat by bulldozers that sat on this land slated for a planned development. I hovered my Robinson R44 nearby, and my passengers shot dozens of photos to ensure the ugly destruction that is behind



*Gabrielle Adelman flying her R44.*

the glossy brochures of ill-planned developments would not stay hidden. For me, it was much more satisfying to turn away from this ultimately useless desecration to finish our survey of what still was, and hopefully will continue to be, free, open and natural.

Clover Valley Foundation and other organizations working for the preservation of this valley have photos and videos from this flight on their websites and have submitted the bulldozer photos to the media to help in the continuing and long fight that is taking place in the law courts and the state government. As we have seen from our own California Coastal Records Project (an aerial photographic survey of the California Coastline), it is much harder to destroy something that many people care about, and engaging people by showing them what can be lost will sometimes strongly motivate them to prevent that loss.

*Right, this aerial photograph taken on one of Gabrielle's flights over Clover Valley near Sacramento, California, illustrates the dichotomy of the looming urban sprawl and the natural landscape of the valley. Photo courtesy Lighthawk.*

*Left: As part of her flights for LightHawk, Jo Duffy took a photo flight over Santa Barbara Bay to obtain a picture of a Cessna 207 that had been donated to the cause by the family of young man who had died in an airplane crash. Greg Gund had long been involved in conservation efforts in Costa Rica, and his family sought a way to have the airplane continue Greg's legacy by donating it to LightHawk. Photo by Kevin Steele/KevSteele Photography with aerial support from LightHawk.*



## SNOW GEESE AND SCRAMBLED JETS

### Merry Schroeder, Rio Grande Norte Chapter



Merry Schroeder.

A while back, I did a flight to assist the well-known wildlife photographer Tupper Ansel Blake. We flew over the Mexican border near Deming, New Mexico, searching for a remote, small perennial lake that was rumored to be a wintering area for snow geese. To our delight, we found it rather easily, and there appeared to be thousands of snow geese, some flying and some in the water. We flew pass after pass with the left window open in my C-210.

My husband sat in the back left hand seat and held the window open, while I flew the right hand seat and Tupper framed shot after shot. We were able to get magnificent photos in the early morning light, and some were published in a beautiful National Geographic coffee table book.

As we landed, we all thought it was a successful flight, but there were a few problems with U.S. Immigration on the ground. Even though we had a VFR flight plan filed explaining that we were flying over the border but not landing, they picked us up on their radar and scrambled a jet out of Tucson with backup ground crews to question us after we landed in Deming. Luckily, we were able to talk our way out of this

confusion, and all ended well.

These LightHawk flights are all about perspective. When I started flying in Chicago in 1975, one of the great joys I experienced was the amazing panorama presented by the aerial perspective. Flying became a life-changing experience, and I became aware that we live on a wonderful, life-originating planet. Observing all of our diverse resources from several hundred feet up, my awareness grew to appreciate what a miracle this planet is. Sharing these views with others has become an incredible personal joy, and watching the perspective of my passengers change because of these flights has become a blessing for me and, I think, for them as well.



John Schroeder/LightHawk

Merry and her late husband John also donated many hours to help the Valle Vidal, New Mexico, area achieve protected status.



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Jo Duffy.

## PROTECTING THE OCEAN FROM THE SKY

### Jo Duffy, Santa Barbara Chapter

Most of my LightHawk missions involve some aspect of the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) of the southern California coast, either survey, outreach or media flights. My first media flight was with a photographer and reporter from the *Santa Barbara Independent* who wanted to do an extended article on the deci-

sion process for locating MPAs near Santa Barbara. The areas they were most interested in seeing from the air were close to the airport, so I needed to stay in constant communication with Air Traffic Control (ATC) to maneuver over the sites and, at the same time, stay clear of other air traffic.

So, having been isolated from my passengers during the flight by having my headset dedicated to ATC, I didn't have a sense of how their flight experience had been. As we were taxiing back to the ramp, I turned to the photographer to ask if he thought he got what he needed. When I looked at his face, I knew there was no need to ask: he was grinning from ear-to-ear.

For me, flying with LightHawk has been a joy and personally satisfying on several levels. The biologists are thankful for a platform that allows them to accomplish more in a shorter time, and I get a chance to use my piloting skills in a way that doesn't happen when you're just flying to a destination. I keep donating flights to LightHawk because I feel good contributing to the cause of a healthier environment, and I am having great fun in the process!



# Welcome New and Returning Ninety-Nines!

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**COPELAND**, Marsha E, San Antonio  
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**DIGIOVANNI**, Maris Lee, Eastern Pennsylvania  
**DREGER**, Deirdre Ann, Northwoods  
**ECCLESINE**, Amy, Bay Cities  
**GONZALES**, Janet Hulin, New Orleans  
**GRECO**, Mayte, Florida Goldcoast  
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**MCCORMACK**, Diane, Reno High Sierra  
**MCNALLY**, Karen Lee, Bay Cities  
**MCNIFF**, Marion, Ventura County  
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**WORTHY**, Starr Nicole (A), Rio Colorado  
**YOWELL**, Lora E, First Canadian  
**ZIMMERMAN**, Macseen, Mid-Columbia



*Shruthi Sathish Mudalayil,  
Arabian Section.*

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**CULVER**, Christine (A), Carolinas  
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**RIKKINEN**, Sirpa, Ambassador  
**ROBERTS**, Shawn, Cook Inlet  
**ROMAN**, Kim, Reno High Sierra  
**ROSS**, Allison, Phoenix  
**RUTH**, Elizabeth, San Luis Obispo Co.  
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**SHAW**, Judy, Old Dominion  
**SHEARD**, Stacy, Eastern Pennsylvania  
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**SIPALA**, Amy, Eastern Pennsylvania  
**SKOVIRA**, Ashley (A), Embry-Riddle Daytona  
**STEVENSON**, Kasey (A), Reno Area  
**STEWART**, Debbie, Long Beach  
**STRAND**, Breanna, San Diego  
**SUBEDI**, Kamana, First Canadian  
**SUPORNPABUL**, Nadege, French Section  
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**THOMPSON**, Cheryl Louise, Northeast Kansas  
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**TRIBLEY**, Lori, JHouston  
**UMBA**, Vanessa, Arabian Section  
**VALASCO**, Dawn, Scioto Valley  
**WASHBURN**, Corey (A), Kitty Hawk  
**WHEATLEY**, Courtney, Ambassador  
**WHICKER**, Marilyn D, Kitty Hawk  
**WOLTER**, Karina, Fresno  
**YATES**, Michelle, Florida Goldcoast

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(A) to designate Associate members.

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**ASHMEAD**, Cindy, Sacramento Valley  
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**BROWN**, Deborah Anne (A), Ventura County  
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# Female-Friendly Web Sites

## *Aviation Resources Are Just a Click Away*

BY PENNY RAFFERTY HAMILTON, PH.D.  
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Seventy-four percent of American adults ages 18 and over use the Internet... One-in-five voters now regularly get news on their phones or other portable electronic devices.

**B**ecause Ninety-Nines have always been visionary, using the “Power of the Web” to connect with others in aviation has never been easier.

According to the Pew Internet and American Life Project research released in 2009, seventy-four percent of American adults ages 18 and over use the Internet. Generational differences of online activity do vary with age. In the cohort 18 to 29 years of age, almost 90 percent report Internet use. But, ages 30-49 are not far behind with 85 percent reporting frequent Internet use. The older Boomers of 50-64 indicate 70 percent are frequent Internet users. Those in the “Silent Generation” of over 65 years drop to only 35 percent reported use of the World Wide Web.

The Web is an important outreach tool. A December, 2010 Rasmussen Report revealed that one-in-five voters now regularly gets news on their phones or other portable electronic devices, with voters under 30 the more likely users. Online uses are email, Internet research and shopping. Older generations are much less likely to use social media/networks.

Here are a few female-friendly sites listed in alphabetical order by Web address:

[www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org)

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association with connections to the AOPA Foundation, AOPA member services, general aviation news and updates. The Training & Safety button connects to Learn To Fly, Youth Education, Flight Schools and more.

[www.atlanticaviationandflightcenter.com](http://www.atlanticaviationandflightcenter.com)

Flight school owned by women but focuses on success for both female and male students.

[www.avscholars.com](http://www.avscholars.com)

Student gateway/portal to aviation career information, flight training options and aviation scholarships and loans.

[www.avweb.com](http://www.avweb.com)

Aviation news and columns about all aspects of aviation.

[www.awam.org](http://www.awam.org)

Association for Women in Aviation Maintenance has membership, scholarship, conferences and speakers network information. AWAM was formed to champion women’s professional growth and opportunities in aviation maintenance.

[www.beasportpilot.com](http://www.beasportpilot.com)

Paul Hamilton’s interesting and informative site on Sport Pilot, Powered Parachute Pilot and Trike Pilot, as well as the blog “Ask the Expert.”



*Pamela O'Brien, past 99s Webmaster, enjoys all the comforts of home while working and surfing the Internet.*



[www.blueyondergirl.com](http://www.blueyondergirl.com)

"Pilot gear for the Pilot Girl" is the motto. Learn to Fly button at Rison Aviation in San Diego, California.

[www.centennialofwomenpilots.com](http://www.centennialofwomenpilots.com)

Official website of the Centennial of Licensed Women Pilots. Great international network to share your enthusiasm and outreach efforts to promote more women in aviation. Interesting history of women in aviation. 2011 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first American female licensed pilot, Harriet Quimby, on August 1, 1911.

[www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

Experimental Aircraft Association. In addition to member services and news, provides Learn to Fly, Sport Pilot and Young Eagles information and encouragement to the aviation community. Chapter links help you to network at your own airport.

[www.airventure.org/attractions/women-venture.html](http://www.airventure.org/attractions/women-venture.html)

A motivational site to encourage women, especially those attending WomenVenture EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Women Soar-You Soar programs and schedule for women and teen girls are listed.

[www.fai.org](http://www.fai.org)

Fédération Aéronautique Internationale, general aviation world records.

[www.flygirls.org](http://www.flygirls.org)

Special links and information that honor the Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII.

[www.girlscanfly.org](http://www.girlscanfly.org)

Partnership of Phoenix Ninety-Nines, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and Arizona Cactus Pine Girl Scout Council to create Aviation Discovery Camp. A good example of collaborative efforts to encourage and mentor young girls in aviation.

[www.girls-explore.com](http://www.girls-explore.com)

The mission of Girls Explore is to make and sell dolls and other educational products to inspire young girls to achieve greatness. Doll sets, posters, prints and book biographies of Amelia Earhart and Bessie Coleman are just a few of the many unique products available to encourage young girls to explore aviation.

[www.girlswithwings.com](http://www.girlswithwings.com)

Girls With Wings (GWW). Excellent site for female pilots to sign up to be aviation role models and join the GWW crew or



*Michelle Bassanesi, Ambassador Chapter, talks with Australian member Thyra Blaom on her laptop while multi-tasking on her cell phone.*

shop for products such as *Penelope Pilot* books to encourage girls to explore aviation.

[www.heinz.cmu.edu/progress](http://www.heinz.cmu.edu/progress)

Program for Research and Outreach on Gender Equity and Society, whose mission is to teach women and girls to negotiate.

[www.iawa.org](http://www.iawa.org)

International Aviation Womens Association, which was organized for women in Executive positions and leadership in aviation and aerospace, includes membership, conference and scholarship information.

[www.iflyasa.com/2009/11/10/101-general-aviation-flight-training-scholarships/](http://www.iflyasa.com/2009/11/10/101-general-aviation-flight-training-scholarships/)

Links for aviation education and General Aviation scholarships and awards.

[www.iswap.org](http://www.iswap.org)

International Society of Women Airline Pilots, sometimes called ISA+21, to acknowledge the original 21 members who formed ISA in 1978. Site includes membership and scholarship information.

[www.justplanefun.com](http://www.justplanefun.com)

Plethora of airplane models, aviation toys and collectibles. Super NASA space crew female doll, female astronaut doll and several female flight attendant dolls by airline. The airline pilot doll is male.

[www.landings.com](http://www.landings.com)

Aviation news and products, databases,

the Student Pilot Resources links to AOPA Flight Training Magazine FREE offers. Several "Air Forums" for online networking.

[www.ladieslovetaildraggers.com](http://www.ladieslovetaildraggers.com)

Where ladies share their passion for tail wheel airplanes and flying adventures.

[www.leaderstakeflight.com](http://www.leaderstakeflight.com)

The ultimate Leadership Adventure Training through general aviation developed by pilots Linda Castner and Dr. Sue Stafford.

[www.naa.aero](http://www.naa.aero)

National Aeronautic Association records, membership, awards and merchandise.

[www.nafinet.org](http://www.nafinet.org)

National Association of Flight Instructors has a super list of flight instructors by state and town with personal contact information for each.

[www.ninety-nines.org](http://www.ninety-nines.org)

International Organization of Women Pilots founded in 1929 by 99 licensed women pilots for mutual support and the advancement of aviation. Features on outstanding women pilots, scholarships, air races, fun flying opportunities and interesting links.

[www.planemercantile.com](http://www.planemercantile.com)

Lots of neat gifts for and about vintage women pilots.



*Girls can discover inspiration to fly on websites geared to their age group.*

**[www.powderpuffpilot.com](http://www.powderpuffpilot.com)**

Products for the feminine flyer. Pink is the color. Free monthly newsletter.

**[www.psfradio.com](http://www.psfradio.com)**

Powered Sport Flying radio show site. Listen live to broadcasts or archives of past interviews/shows, upcoming flying events calendar.

**[www.rodmachado.com](http://www.rodmachado.com)**

Rod Machado provides important information on "How To Become a Pilot & Sport Pilot." His article on "Finding a Good Flight Instructor" is a must read. Rod also has links to important aviation sites, provides excellent advice and aviation training information on his Aviation Learning Center with a light-hearted dose of humor and fun.

**[www.sportys.com](http://www.sportys.com)**

Sporty's Pilot Shop offers training and motivational aviation books, DVDs and software and lots of opportunity to shop online for supplies.

**[www.teachingwomentofly.com](http://www.teachingwomentofly.com)**

Helpful advice for female students from experienced flight instructors. Summary button features 101 ideas to increase women's success in general aviation and build a future generation of 99s. Published results

of the 18-plus month Teaching Women to Fly Research Project, partially funded by the Wolf Aviation Fund.

**[www.votawaviation.com](http://www.votawaviation.com)**

Flight Instructor Diana Votaw's fun site about tailwheel endorsements at Hunter Field, Sparta, Illinois. Good photo gallery.

**[www.wai.org](http://www.wai.org)**

Official web site of Women in Aviation International. WAI membership information, events, conferences, chapters, scholarships, colleges, articles and online products.

**[www.wca.org](http://www.wca.org)**

Women in Corporate Aviation aims to create diversity in corporate and business aviation and provides networking, mentoring and scholarships.

**[www.whirlygirls.org](http://www.whirlygirls.org)**

International Women Helicopter Pilots organization dedicated to the advancement of women pilots. The site includes membership, scholarship and events news.

**[www.wingsacrossamerica.us](http://www.wingsacrossamerica.us)**

Honoring the Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII. Preserving the important contributions of WASP for future generations.

**[www.wolf-aviation.org](http://www.wolf-aviation.org)**

The Alfred L. and Constance C. Wolf Aviation Fund created to help individuals work together in support of general aviation.

**[www.women.nasa.gov](http://www.women.nasa.gov)**

A site established by women of NASA to encourage more young women to pursue careers in aviation and science. Information on educational opportunities, scholarships and grants.

**[www.womenfly.com](http://www.womenfly.com)**

The Women Fly Project with online products just for women flyers. The Your Stories button encourages sharing photos and words about the joy and enthusiasm for flying.

**[www.women-in-aviation.com](http://www.women-in-aviation.com)**

A site established by Henry Holden, aviation historian and author, as an online resource of educational, historical and networking resources for women interested in all aspects of aviation.

**[www.womensoaring.org](http://www.womensoaring.org)**

Promotes all aspects of soaring for women glider pilots. Membership site for Women Soaring Pilots Association.

Because the Internet makes it possible to literally connect worldwide, Ninety-Nines can reach out to encourage and inform girls, female student pilots and other women aviators using just a few of these "female-friendly" sites. And, of course, shopping is always fun and now just a click away.

*Penny Hamilton is the volunteer director of the Teaching Women to Fly Research Project and also the Colorado Airport History Preservation Project. She is the AOPA Airport Support Network Volunteer for Granby-Grand County Airport in Colorado High Country. She co-holds a world and national aviation speed record.*



# EAA Airventure Oshkosh — Celebrating U.S. Naval Aviation

BY RITA ADAMS,  
Ninety-Nines Coordinator  
EAA/AirVenture Oshkosh

It is time to rev up your engines for Oshkosh, July 25-31. This year celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Naval Aviation and will feature aircraft from the Curtis Pusher to the hottest new jets.

The 99s Tent will be in the same location as last year, just off the main road leading to Aeroshell Square where the above-mentioned airplanes will be on display. NIFA representatives will also be in the Tent with their impressive display. Both The Ninety-Nines and NIFA flags will be flying high above the Tent. Come and enjoy our new display panels depicting the history and events of The Ninety-Nines.

Also be sure to register in the Big Log Book (for all women pilots) in the EAA Membership Tent (within sight of The 99s Tent) and pick up your tee shirt. Since The



Ninety-Nines now have a relationship with Women Venture, The Ninety-Nines logo will be on the shirts. Check the EAA schedule for date and time of a big photo op.

Our annual complimentary, no reservations needed Breakfast will be held on Thursday, July 28 from 8 to 10 a.m. There will be a raffle and lots of Ninety-Nine camaraderie!

The fabulous Night Air Show with

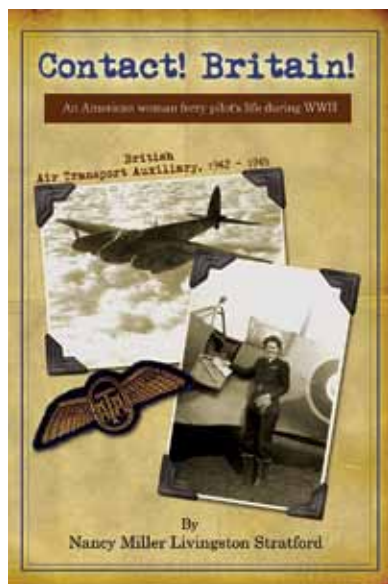
fireworks will be held on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. You're invited to view it from The 99s Tent.

Volunteers are always needed to help greet members and to encourage other women pilots to become a part of our great organization.

If you can spare a day or a few hours, please contact me, Rvadam99@aol.com, or just drop by the Tent.

## BOOK REVIEW

### Contact! Britain!



By Nancy Miller Livingston Stratford

BY DANNA K. HENDERSON  
Mid-Atlantic Section, Whirly-Girl #31

Not too many people know that before helping to form the WASP during World War II, noted aviatrix Jacqueline Cochran recruited 22 American woman pilot volunteers to join the Air Transport Auxiliary in England to ferry military airplanes around Great Britain. One of those 22 was Ninety-Nines Life Member and Whirly-Girl #4, Nancy Miller Livingston Stratford. She has chronicled her three years in a nation at war in *Contact! Britain!*, a charming 220-page book lavishly illustrated with vintage photos, published in February and available for \$18.99 from createspace.com/3479823 or Amazon.com.

Imagine clambering into a warplane with no checkout or instruction, only a page of notes on handling characteristics and settings, and taking off with no radios in questionable weather from a grass field surrounded by barrage balloons. Her mission: to deliver the fighter or bomber to another grass field, perhaps ducking into

a cloud to avoid a German fighter along the way.

Nancy Miller, who was 23 when she arrived in England in 1942, did that in 50 different aircraft types during the war (her favorite was the Spitfire) and added another 53 types and 8,500 hours to her logbook before hearing loss forced her to give up flying in 1978. In 2008, long-overdue recognition came when she joined 51 other former ATA members at No. 10 Downing St. to receive a special medal from then-UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

While waiting for a ship to take her home after demobilization in 1945, Nancy wrote at length of her wartime experiences in a journal for her father. More than 60 years later, after a series of aviation careers largely centered around helicopters, she dug out that journal at the urging of friend Ann Wilde and turned it into this fascinating book with the help of niece Peggy Miller and friend Marc C. Lee.

Open it on a cold, rainy afternoon and imagine the sound of buzz bombs and ack-ack fire overhead as you read.



### "FIRST LADY OF FIRSTS" IS FIRST FLIGHT SHRINE HONOREE 2010

A medallion of the Monument to a Century of Flight was presented to Betty Skelton Erde, the First Flight Shrine honoree for 2010, and also to Patty Wagstaff, guest speaker at the ceremonies on December 17. Patty Wagstaff, National & International Aerobatics Champion, paid tribute to Betty Skelton Erde, listing her accomplishments and achievements in air and land competitions.

Betty first joined The Ninety-Nines in 1944 and Patty is an ongoing member. Other Ninety-Nines attending were Linda Mathias and Dr. Peggy Chabrian.

Betty Skelton, known as the "First Lady of Firsts," holds 17 individual land and speed records. Her Pitts Special, Little Stinker, is on display in the Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. A new member of the First Flight Shrine has been inducted during December 17 ceremonies every year since 1966 and is honored with the unveiling of their portrait.

— Karen Rosier

### GABRIELLE GRESS, YOUNGEST NINETY-NINE, SETS RECORD

Following in the footsteps of our earliest members, our youngest member Gabrielle Gress of the Florida Spaceport Chapter is already setting records.

On her 14th birthday this past September, she soloed in two planes and a helicopter in Canada where the age to solo is 14, beating the previous age record by three months.

Her father, Robert Gress, notes that all of her flight instructors are female. Gabrielle trains every day, sometimes twice a day, at Winter Haven Airport in Florida. She says, "I feel like I have responsibility over something. Whatever I do, I'm controlling that aircraft."

— Laura Ohrenberg

### AIRLINES AGREE TO OFFER INTERVIEWS TO GRADUATES

An agreement with two airlines will assist aviation graduate students in finding jobs by providing guaranteed interviews. The University of Oklahoma's Department of Aviation has completed direct-hire agreements with American Eagle and Pinnacle airlines.

The agreement contracts guarantee interviews for the students with the airlines, and the airlines can directly hire graduates without interviews. Pinnacle's agreements were completed in February.

The university or the airlines may terminate the direct-hiring arrangement at any time, according to the agreements.

— Jenny Beatty

From The Oklahoma Daily

### TWO NINETY-NINES GET TOP GA AWARDS FROM THE FAA

The FAA has named four recipients of the 2011 National FAA Team General Aviation Awards. Two are 99s!

Congratulations to Judy Phelps, Ventura County Chapter, Southwest Section, as the recipient of the National Certificated Flight Instructor of the Year. Judy is a three-time Master CFI-Aerobatic specializing in spin, tailwheel and emergency maneuver training. Judy works with CP Aviation at Santa Paula Airport.

Congratulations to Vicky Lynn Sherman, Florida Spaceport Chapter, Southeast Section. Also a three-time Master CFI, she sponsors WINGS seminars and is a crew-member at the FAA Production Studios in Lakeland, Florida.

— Donna Crane-Bailey

### MEIGS ADAMS HONORED BY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM

Meigs Adams, member of the Lake Erie Chapter, was one of the 100 Ohio women in air and space honored recently by the International Women's Air and Space Museum (IWASM) located at Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland, Ohio.

Meigs earned her private certificate in 1968 and then purchased her Piper Cherokee that she flew cross country using many different routes, logging over 2,800 hours. She also used her airplane and her talents to help the Civil Air Patrol with training and rescue missions. Meigs joined The Ninety-Nines in 1980 and has served tirelessly in all capacities and continues to be a very active member and mentor to all.

— Evelyn Moore



### CAROL BENNETT HONORED BY CIVIL AIR PATROL

Orange County Chapter member Carol Bennett was recognized as Pilot of the Year by Civil Air Patrol Squadron 68.

She has been responsible for the management and coordination of a dozen orientation ride weekends and has afforded nearly half of the cadets in the squadron the opportunity to experience flight.

Carol serves as Mission Pilot and Emergency Services training officer for the squadron.

— Vicky Anderson



## EXPLORING THE TRAVELING SPACE MUSEUM HANGAR

Ivor Dawson of The Traveling Space Museum invited numerous dignitaries for a tour of the hangar where the lunar rover, space toilet, shuttle simulator and space lab, along with many other props, are built for Space Days that are brought and used in introducing students to the world of science, space adventure and the importance of aerospace education.

Among the guests were Ceci Stratford and Lilian Darling Holt of the San Fernando Valley Chapter and Bill Nye 'The Science Guy' of television and recently hired as the head of the Planetary Society headquartered in Pasadena.

— Lilian Darling Holt



Ceci Stratford, Lilian Darling Holt and Bill Nye "The Science Guy."



## MENTORING GIRLS AT SEATTLE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT

Several Ninety-Nines participated in "Women Fly! Space Exploration Pioneers" held in March at the Seattle Museum of Flight. High school girls in Washington State were invited to attend a panel discussion and luncheon and talk with the 32 mentors about space and flight. Among the mentors were, from left, Bobbi Roe, Greater Seattle Chapter, Norah O'Neill, Greater Seattle Chapter, Patty Tomich, Wally Funk, Fort Worth Chapter, Carolyn Carpp, Western Washington Chapter, Donna Crane-Bailey, Monterey Bay Chapter, and Yukiko Howell, Greater Seattle Chapter.

— Bobbi Roe

## NELDA LEE, GREATER ST. LOUIS CHAPTER, RECEIVES NAA STINSON AWARD

The Stinson award was presented to Nelda Lee for "her career and personal achievements exemplifying outstanding and enduring contributions in the field of aviation, aeronautics, space and related sciences. As a role model and pioneer female aerospace test engineer, she has inspired women and men to seek careers in aviation."

With The Boeing Company (and formerly McDonnell Douglas) for over 35 years, Nelda is responsible for flight and ground test engineering for the four military aircraft (F-15 Eagle, AV-8 Harrier, T-45 Goshawk and F/A-18 Hornet) that are manufactured in St. Louis for Boeing. She is the Level 2 Manager for Test & Evaluation personnel who are located at St. Louis and the military test sites at China Lake, California, Patuxent River, Maryland and Eglin AFB, Florida.

Nelda also enjoys aviation as a pastime and hobby. She is a licensed commercial pilot with instrument, multi-engine and helicopter ratings. She has flown in several Transcontinental Air Races. She has served as Governor for the North Central Section. Currently she is serving on the Board of Trustees for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. She is also a member of The Whirly-Girls.

— NAA Press Release



Nelda Lee

## TRAINING MILESTONES

### RATINGS

**Heide Aguirre** – Private Pilot  
Fullerton Chapter

**Rene Aldrich** – Instrument  
Indiana Chapter

**Joan Bacci** – Instrument  
Santa Rosa Chapter

**Sue Ballew** – ASES Seaplane  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter

**Andrea Calhoon** – Private Pilot  
San Diego Chapter

**Elizabeth Collins** – Commercial  
Glider  
Reno High Sierra Chapter

**Kate Darwin** – Instrument  
San Gabriel Valley Chapter

**Trisha DeBlock** – Private Pilot  
Indiana Dunes Chapter

**Heather Gamble** – Seaplane  
San Diego Bay Chapter

**Trish Horn** – Instrument  
Wisconsin Chapter

**Maureen Kenney** – Instrument  
San Fernando Valley Chapter



*Ann Sederquist — proud to be a pilot!*

**Jackie Klein** – Private Pilot  
Indiana Dunes Chapter

**Katie Kosik** – Helicopter  
Yavapai Chapter

**Kotina Ludwig** – Private Pilot  
Indiana Dunes Chapter

**Marybeth Martin** – Solo  
Ventura County Chapter

**Lynda Meeks** – Advanced Ground  
Instructor  
Lake Erie Chapter

**Neita Montague** – CFI  
Reno High Sierra Chapter

**Dorothy Norkus** – B737 Type  
Rating (AE scholarship)  
San Diego Chapter

**Barbe Park** – Trailwheel  
Oregon Pines Chapter

**Kandace Rawling** – Instrument  
Helicopter  
Wisconsin Chapter

**Marye Anne Read** – Private Glider  
Reno Area Chapter

**Diane Serban** – Multiengine  
Instrument  
San Diego Chapter

**Ann Sederquist** – Private Pilot  
Wisconsin Chapter

**Issra'a Sheikh** – Commercial  
Colorado Chapter

**Teri Sweginnis** – Solo  
Yavapai Chapter

**Allison Volk** – Private  
Sacramento Valley Chapter

**Jeanne Wildman** – Commercial  
Oregon Pines Chapter

### WINGS

**Wally Funk** – Proficiency Wings 19  
Fort Worth Chapter

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*Pikes Peak Chapter members 2nd Lt. Janelle Baron (on left), Jamie Miceli and Patsy Buchwald with Air Force pilot candidates 2nd Lt. Linda Arias, 2nd Lt. Sarah Skogsberg, 2nd Lt. Emma Rush, 2nd Lt. Daniell Kangas and 2nd Lt. Sara Patrick.*

### PIKES PEAK CHAPTER

Pikes Peak Chapter members Patsy Buchwald, Jamie Miceli and 2nd Lt. Janelle Baron met with six female Air Force pilot candidates in Pueblo, Colorado in January. The program, which is presented monthly by the Chapter, was developed by Zoan Harclerode and Phyllis Wells and tells the story of how women came to be accepted as military pilots, beginning with the WASP in WWII.

Janelle is a recent Kansas State University aviation program graduate who celebrated her 23rd birthday last May by passing her Airline Transport Pilot check rides for both single engine and multiengine airplanes. She will head to Des Moines, Iowa, to serve in the Iowa Air National Guard.

The goal of the Pikes Peak Chapter is to meet with each and every female candidate. We always take the girls a small gift and encourage each of them to join a Ninety-Nines Chapter. And we assure them another female pilot is always just a phone call away if they need us.

— Patsy M. Buchwald

### KITTY HAWK CHAPTER

The Kitty Hawk Chapter painted a compass rose at Triangle North Executive Airport (KLHZ), Louisburg, North Carolina in October. We received this one-day layout and paint pattern from the Florida Spaceship Chapter and modified it from 50 to 80 feet in diameter. In preparation for the layout, the week before we painted a 95-foot black dot as a background, which really set off the white and blue. This could be done weeks in advance. Eight 99s and two 49½s participated in the project.

— Karen Davis

### MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER

Forty-Five years ago, on August 14, 1965, a group of local women pilots met to form the Monterey Bay Chapter of The Ninety-Nines. Recently, the Chapter members celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner and program to honor two members of that charter group, Geneva



*Joanne Nissen and Geneva Crawford, charter members of the Monterey Bay Chapter.*

Cranford and Joanne Nissen. Both women are still very active members in this Chapter.

The event also honored the scholarship program that the Chapter started in 1998, highlighting past scholarship recipients and sharing their current aviation careers and activities. The Monterey Bay Chapter is proud of all that we have accomplished over the past 45 years and of our aviation heritage.

And to carry on the tradition, the following weekend members were out with paintbrushes in hand to airmark the compass rose at Salinas Airport.

— Alice Talnack



*Michaela Serasio, standing, and Nic Kinsman, Airmarking Co-Chairmen, enjoy a lighthearted moment after helping to complete the airmarking at Salinas Airport.*



*Girls from the GEMS program get ready for a ride.*

#### SANTA CLARA VALLEY

We kicked off the holiday season with a wonderful dinner party at Mama Mia's, with a gift exchange and donations of toys and food for a community service group. In January, Mayetta Behringer hosted our gang at a potluck dinner, where we planned our fly-in events for the year, beginning with our annual whale watching trip in January (but the weather was marginal and no one gave the whales an ETA).

On January 15, SCV members Joyce Willis and Mary Ann Dach hosted an introduction to aviation careers for GEMS (Girls Engaged in Math and Science), a group of 5th-9th grade girls sponsored by the American Association of University Women at South Country Airport in Morgan Hill, California.

In addition to learning about aviation careers and how an airplane flies, 10 girls went for an airplane ride. For many, it was the first time they'd been to a small airport let alone been in a small plane. Despite initial misgivings, they all went for rides.

— Judy Stark

#### OREGON PINES CHAPTER

The Oregon Pines Chapter started the year with an invitation from the American Association of University Women to present at the 24th annual Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science Conference for Middle School Girls in January at Willamette University. They presented three Aviation Career Seminars to a total of 29 students.

At their Chapter meeting in February, Zell Giles, EAA 2010 Outstanding Young Eagle Volunteer and member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, led The Ninety-Nines in model airplane building. Participants built their own rubber-powered Delta Dart designed by legendary modeler Frank Ehling. It is a popular one-hour project for youth aviation classes.

The Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show in Puyallup, Washington, was the debut for an aviation work of art expressing the beauty of flight. Oregon Pines members lovingly designed and sewed a quilt using a pattern from the 1930s. Each Ninety-Nine pieced squares together to portray a night sky transitioning through dawn into morning and bursting with the color of wings.

Raffle tickets will be sold at various events throughout the Northwest this summer, and a drawing for the quilt will be held at the Ninety-Nines Northwest Section Conference in Vancouver, BC, on September 17.

—Debra Plymate



*Jeanne Wildman, Bev Clark, Kim Lansdon Rayburn, Marilyn Husser and Debra Plymate display the quilt they helped create. It will be raffled on September 17.*

#### SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER

San Gabriel Valley Chapter member Kate Darwin, a Mt. San Antonio College student and flying team member, won the Top Female Pilot Award at the Region II NIFA Safecon in January. Many San Gabriel Valley Chapter members were present to cheer her on, including Linda Rogus, a Mt. San Antonio flying team advisor and faculty member.

— Linda Rever





Florida Suncoast Chapter February Poker Run winners, 2nd place, Barbara Yeninas, left, and 1st place Marilyn Shafer.

#### FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

In January, Dr. Warren Brown of the Florida Aviation Historical Society spoke to our group about the first scheduled commercial airline flight in the USA on January 1, 1914 from St. Petersburg to Tampa, Florida. The 23-minute flight in Tony Jannus' Benoist XIV biplane flying boat passed some 50 feet above Tampa Bay. The Florida Aviation Historical Society is planning to celebrate the Centennial of the flight in 2014 and is promoting this historic aviation milestone at many aviation-related events during the next four years.

We had a successful Poker Run raising money for our Space Camp sponsorship along with the EAA Chapter 202. The winners were Marilyn Shafer, First Place, and Barbara Yeninas, Second Place.

— Sophia Payton

#### GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER

The 99s were well represented at the Northwest Aviation Trade Show in February, held in Puyallup, Washington. Representatives from Oregon Pines, Mt. Tahoma and Greater Seattle Chapters answered questions and welcomed all people interested to chat. Oregon Pines Chapter sold raffle tickets for their Aviation Quilt. The winner will be announced at the NW Section Meeting in September. It was a great day to be a Ninety-Nine!

Greater Seattle held a Flying Companion Seminar at the annual Northwest Aviation Conference & Trade Show in February with 22 companions attending.

— Marian Hartley

#### RIO GRANDE NORTE CHAPTER

One of Rio Grande Norte's members, Heather Cook, is a Red Cross instructor who volunteered to teach a CPR and First Aid class for the Chapter on January 22. This was a truly fun and highly useful activity.

Seven people and seven dummies flew into Double Eagle II Airport for the event, joining six other eager participants from the Albuquerque area. Following in-depth discussions of not just how things are done but why, and plenty of practice on the dummies (CPR) and each other (First Aid), we received official CPR certification from the Red Cross. Check out [rgn99s.org](http://rgn99s.org)!

— Elizabeth Hunke



Tandra Hicks, Michal Mudd and Elizabeth Hunke practice chest compressions.

#### EMBRY RIDDLE, DAYTONA AND FLORIDA SPACEPORT CHAPTERS

In February, 20 members of the Embry Riddle, Daytona and Florida Spaceport Chapters showed up with paint rollers and brushes for a compass rose repainting at New Smyrna Beach Airport.

As the sky clouded up for rain, it was decided that we would finish the following Saturday. Just seven brave gals showed up, but we were rewarded by being up close and personal with the Goodyear Blimp! It was moored right across the taxiway from where we were working. We took lots of pictures and got a close up look into the gondola.

— Bobbi Lasher



### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

The Chicago Area Chapter co-sponsored its popular aviation safety seminar with IDOT Division of Aeronautics, FAA DuPage FSDO and FAA FAAS Team. The seminar was held in Itasca for about 250 attendees.

There were concurrent programs of interest to IFR and VFR pilots and Flying Companions, as well as an extensive area for vendors and exhibitors. IFR/VFR seminars included Pitch vs. Power Relationships & Autopilots, IFR Charts & Procedures, Understanding Aircraft Systems, Evaluating Atmospheric Stability, Chicago Class B Changes and Tower Procedure Updates, Survival Gear & Techniques, Non-towered Airport Operations/Traffic Patterns, Special Use Airspace, and Part 61/91 Regulations Update.

In addition, we have been alternating special seminars for aviation mechanics or helicopter pilots each year, this time featuring the IA Renewal & Helicopter Seminar. Topics included Prevent the Event...Or Learn From It, Pilot Induced Emergencies and Helicopter Maintenance Accidents.

Special guest was Dr. Susan R. Shea, Director of the Illinois Division of Aeronautics (IDOT), who welcomed the group and expressed appreciation to The Ninety-Nines for conducting these seminars. This year the Chapter presented a



Chicago Area Chapter members Carol Para and Joan Kerwin present a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Susan Shea.

plaque to Dr. Shea in appreciation of retired IDOT employee Gary Stevens and IDOT's support of our safety seminars over the years. Our Chapter meeting was held directly following the safety seminar.

— Diane Cozzi



Alia Al Twal, left, accepts the position of Arabian Section Governor from Yvonne Trueman, who held the position for many years and was instrumental in developing the Section.

### ARABIAN SECTION

Christi Dobelli, captain for Continental Express out of Newark, New York, came to Bahrain at the invitation of Li Yan, Gulf Air's Emergency Response Coordinator. During her social visit, Christi met fellow Ninety-Nine pilot Yvonne Trueman, Governor of the Arabian Section. A strong flying friendship bond is the key for international women pilots, and wherever they fly, they are certain of warm hospitality.

In other Section news, longtime Arabian Governor Yvonne Trueman handed over the position to Alia Al Twal.

— Yvonne Trueman

### VIRGINIA CHAPTER

We closed another year with our successful Toy Lift 2010 in December. Again we had great support from pilots across several states who placed a collection box in their airport and then flew the items collected into Chesterfield County Airport (KFCI) on December 11. Planes arrived at KFCI bearing donations of toys for the children of lower paid military and gifts for hospitalized veterans at McGuire VA Medical Center. In addition to airplanes from all over Virginia, we also had some from Maryland and North Carolina.

Flying in from the Philadelphia area, Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter member Mary Wunder and her passenger Tammy Clapper took the distance prize. Not only did Mid-Atlantic Section Governor Linda Mathias attend, she also collected and delivered the contents of collection boxes from four airports on her way.

The final count of items collected was 378 toys to Holiday Helpers at Ft. Lee; \$415 in gift cards for McGuire VA Medical Center and 15 personal gifts for the veterans.

— Betty Vinson



Donations were collected for holiday distribution.



## NEW HORIZONS

### **VIOLET C. COWDEN** Woman Airforce Service Pilot Orange County Chapter



*Violet Cowden.*

Violet Cowden, 94, flew to New Horizons on April 10, 2011 in Newport Beach, California.

Violet was 26 when she earned her WASP wings and flew 19 different types of aircraft during her service in World War II. Violet also delivered the first P-51 to the Tuskegee Airmen. She estimated that she logged enough miles to have flown around the world 55 times during her service with the WASP.

After the WASP were deactivated in 1944, Violet worked briefly behind the ticket counter for TWA, co-owned a ceramics shop and operated the Teacher's Resource Center in Huntington Beach, California.

Violet joined The Ninety-Nines in 1995 and was active in the WASP organization at both the state and national level.

— *Ginger Larmon, from the Los Angeles Times*

### **RAE GILMORE** Mount Diablo Chapter

Rae Gilmore passed on to New Horizons on July 29, 2010.

— *Bonnie Seymour*



### **BETTY HICKS** Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Life Member and Powder Puff Derby winner Betty Hicks flew to New Horizons on February 20, 2011, at 90.

Betty acquired over 6,000 hours of flight time, including 10 hours in a Boeing 747.

— *Carol Nilsen, niece*

### **BETTY "JEAN" MURRAY** San Joaquin Valley Chapter

Betty 'Jean' Murray passed on to New Horizons on March 5, 2011. Born January 6, 1924, she earned her private pilot certificate in 1959 and became a member of The Ninety-Nines.

She enjoyed flying to Ninety-Nines meetings around central California. She worked as a timer for the Powder Puff Derby in the late 1970s when the race ended in Milwaukee.

### **KATIE MORRISON** Lake Tahoe Chapter

On March 20, 2011, Katie Jackson Morrison, 37, and her two children, six-year-old Wyatt and five-year-old Hannah, were killed in a plane crash near Barstow, California. The cause of the accident is being investigated by the NTSB.

Katie was flying her Cessna 210 with her favorite flying companions from John Wayne Airport in Orange County to Henderson Executive Airport in Nevada.

Katie was Chairman of the Lake Tahoe Chapter several times. She served on the Truckee Tahoe Airport Community Advisory Team and was elected in November 2010 to Truckee Tahoe Airport District Board.

As part of the Airport Community Advisory Team, Katie spearheaded an outreach program on mountain flying and the preparation pilots should take to fly safely in high altitude environments. The program will continue in honor of her service to the Tahoe community.

This is a great loss for the family, friends, community and our Chapter.

— *Alanna McClellan*

### **CATHERINE 'KAY' MARIE ROAM** Yavapai Chapter

Yavapai Chapter Charter member 'Kay' Catherine Marie Roam, 72, died on December 28, 2010 in Houston, Texas.

Aviation became a passion. She was a search pilot for the Civil Air Patrol. Kay revived the Montana Chapter when she learned to fly in 1978, was an active member of the Oklahoma Chapter and was a charter member and supporter of the Yavapai Chapter.

— *Joyce Hilchie*

## 49½s

### **WILLIAM (BILL) FENIMORE**

49½ of Jeanne Fenimore  
San Fernando Valley Chapter  
November 21, 2010

### **RICHARD J. SANTORI**

49½ of Gina Santori  
Chicago Area Chapter  
November 5, 2010

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