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On the Cover

This year, Big Sky Country beckons 99s to the International Conference in Bozeman, Montana, on July 10-13. In addition to the usual Conference lineup, members can fish by horseback, explore the Lewis and Clark Caverns, tour Yellowstone National Park by bus or plane, go whitewater rafting, or if your water preference is calmer, soak in the Bozeman Hot Springs. You will also get a taste of Big Sky Country at the BBQ dinner and hayride at Broken Heart Ranch.

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PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2013

MARCH

1-2 Spring International Board of Directors Meeting, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Executive Session and Finance Committee Meeting will be held on February 28, 2013. Lodging at the Hilton Garden Inn, South Meridian in Oklahoma City.

24 Antelope Valley Chapter's Famous & Fun St. Patrick's Poker Run. The 23rd annual Poker Run Flight and BBQ will be based at WJF near Lancaster, California. Rain or shine, we always have fabulous prizes, great food, and lots of fun! BBQ tickets should be purchased before March 21. Day of event, BBQ tickets will be sold based on available food. Contact Lynne (626) 484-2898 or Leigh (661) 609-4412 for more information or email lkhsia@aol.com or auburnaviatrix@pobox.com.

APRIL

1 Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the May/June issue.

5-6 2013 New England Section Spring Meeting hosted by the Connecticut Chapter, Hilton Garden Inn, Glastonbury, Connecticut. For more information, visit womenpilotsnewengland.org.

5-7 Southeast Section Spring Meeting, Mobile, Alabama. For more information, email Terry Carbonell at godusty@hotmail.com.

11 WASP Luncheon, Sun 'n Fun Fly-In, KLAL, Lakeland Florida, 11:30 a.m.

19-21 North Central Section Spring Meeting, Cleveland, Ohio. For more information, contact Deborah Downey, 216-496-5741, dldowney@roadrunner.com or Evelyn Moore, 440-257-2793, ermoore@oh.rr.com. Forms are available in the Waypoint and on the NCS website.

MAY

2-5 Southwest Section Spring Meeting, Bakersfield, California, Bakersfield Marriot at the Convention Center, 801 Truxton Ave. Hosted by the Bakersfield Chapter. For more information, contact Elaine LeCain at 661-319-8565, elecain@hotmail.com, or go to sws99s.org.

16-19 South Central Section Spring Section Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. For more information, email Cathy Prudhomme at cwappler99@hotmail.com.

24-26 East Canada Section Annual General Meeting, Montreal, Canada. Hosted by the Montreal Chapter. For more information, visit www.canadian99s.org/ECAN/index.htm.

JUNE

1 Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the July/August issue.

JULY

8-9 Northwest Section Spring Meeting, Bozeman, Montana. For more information, email Kim Rayburn at krayburn@live.com.

10-13 Ninety-Nines International Conference, Bozeman, Montana. For more information and registration forms, see pages 8-15 of this issue.



AUGUST

1 Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the September/October issue.

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

1-2 Fall Board Meeting. Contact Headquarters for additional information.

DECEMBER

1 Due date for submissions to the 99 News for the January/February issue.

2014

2014 Ninety-Nines International Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. Date to be determined.

CORRECTION

The "Become a Pilot Family Day" article in the November/December 2012 issue was incorrectly attributed to Marge Shaffer. Marge submitted the article on behalf of Sue Passmore, who wrote the article and participated in the Become a Pilot Family Day.

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Take a Conference tour and discover even more Big Sky Country. You can fly your own aircraft over Upper Falls during the Yellow National Park tour or opt for the bus tour, both on Sunday, July 14.



Austrian Section Governor Monika Stahl, Jan McKenzie, Susan Larson, French Section 99 Diana Ferrero and Pat Prentiss meet in Vienna.



Lesley Page, left, flies it forward in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

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President's Page

BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, International President

How can it be 2013 already? This past year has flown by so quickly for me, and for a lot of other people too, I suspect. This year is already shaping up with lots of activities being planned. The highlight of the year, of course, will be the International Conference in Bozeman, Montana in July. The multiple outdoor activities will certainly be different than those at our other Conferences, but then that is part of the Montana mystique. And what a great destination for flying in your airplane! Be sure to register as soon as possible to get in on the activities and lock in your hotel room. Use the printed registration form in this issue or go online to register.

You'll also be able to see your 99s friends in other areas, too, by attending some of the aviation events and shows coming up this year. The 99s will have a presence at the Women in Aviation International Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, March 14-16; Sun 'N Fun International Fly-in & Expo in Lakeland, Florida, April 9-14; EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 29-August 4;

and AOPA Summit, October 10-12, Ft. Worth, Texas.

As always, we will need some help at these events, so if you will be attending and can spare some time while you are there to talk to prospective members, please let me know. I think one of the most fun parts of being a member of the booth staff is talking with women of all ages who are thinking about learning to fly, but need the encouragement of other women who have already made that journey. Letting them know that yes, there will be bumps along the road, and no, you don't have to be superwoman to learn to fly, gives a potential student pilot the feeling they can actually do this, too.

Our appreciation goes out to Pat Prentiss who represented The 99s at the National Aeronautic Association Awards Banquet in November at Arlington, Virginia. She was able to present the Katharine Wright Memorial Award to Captain Laura Easton, United States Air Force. This award is jointly sponsored by the NAA and The 99s and is given to a non-99, "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."

Captain Easton was a 2004 graduate of the USAF Academy and has held positions of increasing responsibility in her career, including flying 301 combat sorties, flying numerous government officials throughout the world and working with USAF cadets who visit active bases for career orientation. Our congratulations go to Captain Easton and our thanks for all she does for aviation.

Your Chapter and/or Section will soon be planning for the next fiscal year with officer elections taking place and budgets being drafted. I hope many of you will consider taking an office at some level. It is a very rewarding experience, and you will learn a great deal about the organization along the way. Many of our members think they have to be formally asked to participate, but that is not the case. Please let your nominating committee know you have an interest in helping out. They will be most grateful for the information. As to the budgeting process, be sure to include donations to Headquarters and our four Trusts, if at all possible. The support from Chapters and Sections is always greatly appreciated.

For 2013, I wish you all a Happy New Year with lots of plans for flying with your 99s friends!



Past President Pat Prentiss, left, and Jonathan Gaffney, President of the National Aeronautic Association, present the Katharine Wright Memorial Award to Captain Laura Easton, United States Air Force.

Thanks to Voters, 99s to Receive \$10,000 from Lightspeed

BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, President
SUSAN LIEBELER, Fundraising Chair

Three cheers for Lightspeed, the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation and the members who worked so hard to get votes for The 99s! For the third year in a row, The Ninety-Nines and the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund will receive a \$10,000 Lightspeed Aviation Foundation grant.

Lightspeed awarded five \$10,000 grants to the five aviation non-profits that received the most online votes in the 2012 grant competition. Thanks to all the supporters and members who cast their votes and encouraged their co-workers, friends and family to vote for The 99s.

While the 2012 Pilot's Choice Awards have concluded, The 99s and AEMSF are also eligible for a Customer Choice Award. Lightspeed customers still have the opportunity to vote for their favorite charity when they complete their online warranty registration for a new headset.

The Ninety-Nines and 99s Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund are one of 20 finalists who will each receive cash distributions of no less than \$1,000. The top five organizations, as voted by customers, will each receive checks for \$5,000. The voting window will be open until the end of March, 2013. The Customer Choice Awards will be presented at Sun 'N Fun in Lakeland, Florida, April 9–14.

Lightspeed donates a portion of its headset sales proceeds to

the Customer Choice Awards. A substantial number of Lightspeed customers fail to designate one of the eligible aviation charities when they register their headsets. So, if you or any of your pilot friends purchased, or will purchase, a Lightspeed headset between April 1, 2012 and March 30, 2013, please make sure the purchaser goes to the Lightspeed product registration site and designates The 99s and Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund to receive a portion of the headset sales.

We have come up with a plan to capture the votes of some of the uncommitted Lightspeed customers. We are asking our friends in local pilot shops to insert a small "Support The 99s and Aviation Scholarships" card in Lightspeed headset boxes on their shelves or, alternatively, to hand the card to the purchaser at the time of sale. We will have the card file available for download on The 99s website. Please help us win a Customer Choice award by taking the cards to your local pilot shop.

You can see the Lightspeed award ceremony at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwhcxRtEXD0&feature=youtube> and watch Martha Phillips express our gratitude to Lightspeed Aviation Foundation and our supporters.

The Lightspeed grant competition inspired us to reach out to the aviation community and beyond and tell them about our organization, our scholarship program and our enthusiasm for flight.

Thanks again for all the hard work in helping us win the Lightspeed Award.

Believing in The Ninety-Nines

What It Means to Donate to The 99s Endowment Fund

BY PAT PRENTISS

At the request of Mary Wunder, 99s Endowment Fund Chairman, I would like to share with you why it is so important to believe in and donate to The 99s Endowment Fund. During my tenure as President of The Ninety-Nines, we applied for a grant for improvements to and expansion of our Headquarters Building. Our grant application was professionally presented and went through all the appropriate channels to be considered by the Board of Trustees for the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. Unfortunately, we did not secure the grant, and the main reason for not doing so is exactly what the Reynolds Foundation said to me. "Pat, if your members don't believe in their Endowment Fund, how can we?"

I have to tell you that hit hard, and it made me realize that the growth potential of The 99s Endowment Fund had not been met. The Reynolds Foundation had reviewed our history, our financials and the growth rate of the Endowment Fund. All were impressive and met their criteria -- except for the growth rate of the Endowment Fund. We might think it was okay, but when compared to other non-profits and their endowment fund growth, it was lacking.

I hope that this little bit of insight will help you understand one of the most important factors of donating to the 99s Endowment Fund—it shows that we believe in ourselves.





PILOT CAREERS: The Aviation Career Marathon

BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

Don't let your special character and values, the secret that you know and no one else does, the truth - don't let that get swallowed up by the great chewing complacency. – Aesop

It's a funny thing about our profession. The further you advance in your aviation career, the more you get paid and the easier it becomes. A new CFI often teaches in the Cessna she learned in: no autopilot or GPS. The scan is the original six pack. Some regional pilots fly the Beech 1900 that has no autopilot. I've heard of a CEO of a 1900 operation justify the lack of an autopilot by saying, "I'm already paying for two pilots. I'm not paying for three!"

Fast forward a few years in your career. Automation has made the pilots' jobs nearly obsolete. There is no question that GPS, Ground Proximity Warning Systems, Traffic Collision Avoidance Systems and autopilots have increased safety. However, on the other side of the coin, there is a loss of pilot proficiency. A check pilot notices that "there is a tendency to breed inactivity or complacency."

Boredom is the result of two strong human traits necessary for survival. The first is the need to explore the environment. The other is to remain still to conserve energy. This can be dangerous in the flight deck. An extreme case was demonstrated when two Pinnacle Airline pilots were exploring the performance limits of an

empty CRJ-200 on the ferry flight in 2004. In an attempt to test the aircraft's limits, the pilots set the autopilot to climb at 500 ft/min to FL410, which exceeded the manufacturer's recommended climb rate at altitudes above FL380. In the attempt to reach FL410, the plane was pulled up at over 1.2g, and the angle of attack became excessive to maintain climb rate in the thinner upper atmosphere. After reaching FL410, the plane was cruising at 150 knots (280 km/h), barely above stall speed and had over-stressed the engines.

The anti-stall devices activated while they were at altitude, but the pilots overrode the automatic nose-down that would increase speed to prevent stall. After four overrides, both engines flamed out and shut down. The pilots, unable to recover the aircraft and restart the engines, died in the crash.

Without going to those extremes, however, after years of performing a well learned, almost automated task, our minds are free to wander. It is important for us to guard against complacency by first being aware that it can happen and, second, the environment in which it is likely to occur. Night flying, disruption of Circadian rhythm, fellow crew members, and the automation itself can be factors that affect our ability to safely "stay in the game."

With this awareness, we can bring a level of safety back to the flight deck. But it really is up to us. In the wise words of my dad, who was his Navy Reserve squadron's safety officer, "Safety First!"

TRAINING MILESTONES

Janelle Baron – F-16 Checkride
Colorado Chapter

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Ambassador Chapter

Alice Chan – Private
British Columbia Coast Chapter

Suzanne Collins – Advanced Sea Wings
Hampton Roads Chapter

Amy Davis – Master Wings
Hampton Roads Chapter

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Central Pennsylvania Chapter

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Wingman endorsement
Antelope Valley Chapter

Ashley Glaza, Commercial
Intermountain Chapter

Sally Goldman – First Solo
Paradise Coast Chapter

Rachel Hedman – First Solo
Ventura County Chapter

Donna Hendrickson – Multiengine
Commercial
Paradise Coast Chapter

Robyn Hinnant – 737 type rating
Phoenix Chapter

Michelle Hynds – Private
Ventura County Chapter

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Paradise Coast Chapter

Cynthia Prescott – Private
British Columbia Coast Chapter

Judy Shaw – Commercial
Old Dominion Chapter

Natalie Smith – Private
Oregon Pines Chapter

Jeanne Wildman – CFI
Oregon Pines Chapter

BIG SKY COUNTRY

BY CHARITY FECHTER
2013 International
Conference Co-Chairman



99s International Conference Bozeman, Montana July 10-13, 2013

Montana! The romance of the Rocky Mountain West, the splendor of the “land of shining mountains,” the “treasure state,” the “last, best place” — Big Sky Country. The perfect place to start exploring this high, wide and handsome state is Bozeman.

Named for John Bozeman, who led a wagon train into the Gallatin Valley in 1864, the new town was populated by many miners from the goldfields of Bannack, Butte and Helena. Bozeman is now an eclectic mix of ranchers, artists, professors, entrepreneurs and outdoor enthusiasts of all types, drawn by its world-class outdoor recreation and Montana State University.

Framed by the Spanish Peaks, Hyalite Mountains, Horseshoe Hills, Bridger Range and Tobacco Root Mountains, Bozeman inspires both active thrills and quiet contemplation. Watch shadows dance over the mountains, hike the area trails, fish the rivers, learn the history. Bozeman is exceptionally walkable, with restaurants, galleries, retail shops and watering holes cheek by jowl. Discover why Bozeman’s Main Street shines as one of America’s Top 10 Great Streets.

The pet-friendly Holiday Inn is at 5 Baxter Lane, just off

the Baxter/North Seventh Avenue intersection. With plenty of free parking (including complimentary RV parking), leave the car behind and “Catch the Current,” the Streamline bus, to start discovering Bozeman fare-free. The distinctive yellow buses, modeled after the early Yellowstone Park tour buses, provide service to Downtown, Montana State University, the Gallatin Valley Mall and the Museum of the Rockies. Streamline is a great way to connect to Bozeman’s trail system. Pick up the Blueline at its stop on Oak at the Day’s Inn.

Getting Here – Bozeman is located on Interstate 90, about 82 miles east of the I-90/I-15 intersection in Butte. Make traveling to Bozeman an adventure in itself! While you could arrive by canoe, stagecoach, horseback or train, we suggest the following modes of transportation:

- **Driving** – Bozeman is located off Interstate 90, about 82 miles east of its intersection with I-15 in Butte. The Interstate system is the easiest driving, but the backroads can be pretty interesting. Take your time to “Get Lost – in Montana” (www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/docs/2011-tourism-side.pdf) or check out the

many byways in the United States (bywaysonline.org/inventory).

- **Air** – Bozeman Yellowstone International Airport at Gallatin Field (located nine miles from Bozeman outside Belgrade) is well-served by a number of commercial carriers. Check out the bronze sculptures and artwork in the terminal while waiting for a flight. The Holiday Inn offers complimentary shuttle service, and several rental car companies are in the terminal.

- **Flying** – Arlin's Aircraft Service will welcome you and your aircraft with fuel discounts!

The elevation at BZN is 4,473 ft. The best time to fly is before the afternoon thunderstorms start to form; don't hesitate to stop and wait them out. The most likely route for arrivals from the east and southeast is along I-90 north of the Absaroka-Beartooth Mountains. The Bozeman Pass, a low spot at 5,718 ft. between the Bridger Range and the Gallatin Range, is about 13 miles east-southeast of BZN. The likeliest routes from the north and west thread through the mountain valleys and lower passes, arriving west of BZN. Coming from the south and southwest, consider the Madison Valley between Yellowstone Park and I-15. Once clear of Norris Hill (elevation 5,399) and the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, turn easterly towards BZN. Wherever you're coming from, visit www.nps.gov/history/nr/travel/aviation/ to find out about historic aviation sites along the way.

What to Wear – Bozeman's active lifestyle and outdoor activities lend themselves to casual wear. The weather, activity level and the altitude will dictate the types and numbers of layers needed any particular day. Sunglasses, hats or billed caps, long

sleeves and sunscreen all help protect against the sun. Evenings can be quite cool, especially after a thunderstorm, so a light jacket or sweater is handy. Good walking shoes are essential. Bring a swimsuit for the hotel pool and visits to the hot springs. Comfort is the most important style in Bozeman.

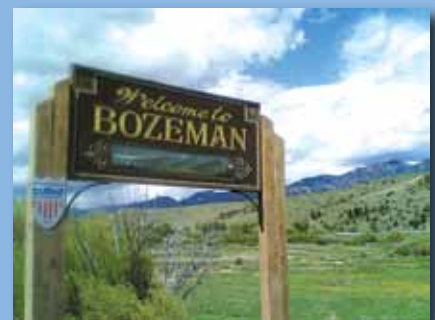
What to Do – Tour the area on your own, by foot, bike or car. Take the day outing (included in your registration) to Big Sky, a resort area at the base of Lone Mountain with activities including zipline, lift rides, hiking/walking trails, mountain biking and spa. End the day with the barbecue at the Broken Hart Ranch, where there will be wagon rides and special entertainment. For more structured exploration, consider the offered optional activities.

Ultimate Ending – Finish out your stay with a flight over Yellowstone National Park on July 14. All persons interested will be able to sign up once they arrive at the Conference. You will fly your own aircraft over the park on a beautiful route supervised by the local flight school. All persons planning to take the flight will be required to attend the route briefing during the seminars on July 13. The cost is simply what it costs you to operate your aircraft on this most spectacular flight. Don't miss it!

Questions about travel, tours, or the conference? Contact us:

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- Charity Fechter, c2shirley@3rivers.net, 406-682-4943
- Janine Nunes, nunes@flysummit.net, 406-388-8359

The Northwest Section, especially the Montana Chapter, welcome you to Big Sky Country to fill your bucket list at The Ninety-Nines 2013 International Conference!



**Before you kick
the bucket, fill your
bucket in Bozeman!**

Photos courtesy Summit Aviation

2013 International Conference Optional Activities



TUES., FRIDAY & SAT., JULY 9, 12 & 13 - HORSEBACK ALPINE LAKE FISHING - 6:30 A.M. TO 7 P.M. - \$425.00



Fishing in the mountains of Montana can provide an angler with some of the best fishing the state has to offer in a remote, isolated and beautiful setting. For a person who enjoys fishing in solitude, the mountains of Montana are the place to go. Start with a true Montana tradition— a horseback ride in the mountains. This ride offers the opportunity to see wildlife, wildflowers, and countless other surprises. All of the horses are gentle, well-broke and used to carrying riders with varying degrees of experience (or lack thereof!) At the top of the mountain you will find a beautiful lake full of hungry trout. Our guides will teach you techniques and guide you into a memorable Montana fly fishing experience of a lifetime. This tour includes roundtrip transportation from the Holiday Inn in Bozeman, as well as bottled water, a sack lunch and use of fishing gear.



TUES. & SUN., JULY 9 & 14 - BUS TOUR OF YELLOWSTONE NTL. PARK - 7:30 A.M. TO 7 P.M. - \$135.00

Taking a Yellowstone bus tour allows you to take your eyes off the road and use them to view all the wonders of this fascinating place. Sit back, relax, and be prepared to be impressed with all that you'll learn about Yellowstone National Park, such as its variety of geothermal features, wildlife, vegetation, and intriguing history. Showcasing the largest concentration of hydrothermal features in the world with the most famous geyser of all— Old Faithful! Cross the Continental Divide to see the largest alpine lake in the contiguous U.S. then spend some time in Hayden Valley, a favorite spot of wildlife watchers and a summer range for many of Yellowstone's bison. The Grand Canyon of Yellowstone will take your breath away as you complete the Lower Loop Tour with a sense of awe and amazement. This tour includes round-trip transportation from the Holiday Inn in Bozeman, as well as a sack lunch and YNP Park pass.



WED. & SUN., JULY 10 & 14 - LEWIS & CLARK CAVERNS TOUR - 8 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M. - \$59.00

Montana's first and best-known state park showcases one of the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the Northwest. Naturally air conditioned, these spectacular caves, lined with stalactites, stalagmites, columns, and helictites, date back through time. It's always a great time to explore the colorful limestone formations with a knowledgeable and friendly guide. See the geologic development, learn the history of early exploration and gain insight into the delicate ecology of this world without light. This tour includes roundtrip transportation from the Holiday Inn in Bozeman, as well as bottled water and caverns entrance fee.



WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 10 & 14 - WHITEWATER RAFTING - 12:45 P.M. TO 5:45 P.M. - \$77.00

Welcome to one of the premier rafting rivers in the west! The Gallatin is a small river that winds through a rocky canyon— calm water stretches alternate with beautiful rapids, offering fun and challenging whitewater. You'll begin with some small rapids which progress in size until we drop into the lower canyon where we'll run technical rapids, including House Rock and the continuous Mad Mile. The Gallatin River provides adrenaline packed rapids that you will be sure to talk about for weeks after your trip! This tour includes roundtrip transportation from the Holiday Inn in Bozeman and the activity itself— there is no charge for wetsuit, river shoes or splash gear.



2013 International Conference Optional Activities



WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY, JULY 10 & 14 - HORSEBACK RIDING - 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. - \$99.00



Experience the cowboy way of life in Montana by viewing wildlife, wildflowers, mountain lakes, hidden waterfalls and much more, all on horseback. All of the horses are gentle and well-broke and used to carrying riders with varying degrees of experience (or lack thereof!). The guides are professional, safety trained, knowledgeable about local flora and fauna and will make your experience educational and safe, as well as fun. Riders are encouraged to bring a light jacket or light long sleeved shirt for sun protection, a wide brimmed hat or ball cap, sunglasses and a camera. This tour includes roundtrip transportation from the Holiday Inn in Bozeman, as well as bottled water.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 - EXPLORE VIRGINIA CITY - 3 P.M. TO 9 P.M. - \$57.00

Virginia City is a living town of 150 year round residents who host the West's best preserved goldmining town from the 1860s. Visitors walk the same boardwalks where desperate vigilantes once patrolled. Guests are transported to a time when rowdy miners mingled in saloons and restaurants with women of negotiable affections. View over 100 historic buildings complete with artifacts and furnishings. Ride the stagecoach, shop in the unique gift and specialty shops and enjoy fine dining, an old-fashioned bakery, and candy shop goods galore. Cap off the tour with a historical play in the Virginia City Opera House for an additional fee. This tour includes roundtrip transportation from the Holiday Inn in Bozeman, as well as bottled water.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 - SOAK IN THE BOZEMAN HOT SPRINGS - 6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M. - \$28.00



Bozeman Hot Springs is a world famous natural hot springs, spa and fitness center located in the heart of Montana's beautiful Gallatin Valley. For more than 100 years, visitors have come to relax and rejuvenate in these natural hot springs. A small pool enjoyed only by a few in the late 1800s, now evolved into a destination for area residents and tourists seeking a unique Montana experience with friends and family. The facility features 9 different pools with temperatures ranging from 59 to 106 degrees and both dry and wet saunas. To ensure a consistently clean facility, the indoor pools are a flow through system so no chemicals are needed and they are drained and cleaned every night. This tour includes roundtrip transportation from the Holiday Inn in Bozeman, as well as entrance fee into the hot springs.



FRIDAY, JULY 12 - MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES & BOZEMAN TOUR- 1:45 P.M. TO 5:30 P.M. - \$55.00

The Museum of the Rockies, located in the heart of the Rocky Mountains in Bozeman, is affiliated with the Montana State University system and also the Smithsonian Institution and is known for its paleontological collections, although these are not its sole focus. The MOR houses the largest collection of dinosaur remains in the United States, possessing the largest Tyrannosaurus skull ever discovered, as well as the thigh bone of a T-Rex which contains soft-tissue remains. The museum's collections focus on the physical and cultural history of the Rocky Mountains and the people and animals who have lived there that date back more than 500 million years.



Permanent exhibits include: *Enduring Peoples*, which chronicles the life of American Indians on the Northern Plains and Rocky Mountains; *History of the Northern Rocky Mountain Region*, whose inhabitants included Native Americans, fur traders, gold seekers, and white settlers from frontier days through World War II; the *Living History Farm*, and the *Taylor Planetarium*, a 40 foot, 104-seat domed theater. The Museum is a must-see! Tour includes roundtrip transportation from the Holiday Inn in Bozeman, as well as museum entrance fee.

2013 International 99s Conference Schedule

Holiday Inn - Bozeman, Montana July 10-13, 2013



Tuesday, July 9

6:30 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.	Alpine Lake Fishing by Horseback.....	Optional
7:30 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.	Bus Tour of Yellowstone National Park.....	Optional
8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality / Fly Market	

Wednesday, July 10

8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Hospitality / Fly Market	
8:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.	Lewis & Clark Caverns Tours.....	Optional
12:45 p.m. — 5:45 p.m.	Whitewater Rafting.....	Optional
1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.	Horseback Riding.....	Optional
3:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.	Explore Virginia City.....	Optional
6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.	Soak in the Bozeman Hot Springs.....	Optional

Thursday, July 11

8:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.	Pre-Conference Board Meeting	
8:00 a.m. — 10:45 a.m.	Registration	
8:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.	Hospitality / Fly Market	
11:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.	Outing to Big Sky Resort	
5:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.	Broken Hart Ranch BBQ Dinner & Hayride	

Friday, July 12

6:30 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.	Alpine Lake Fishing by Horseback.....	Optional
8:00 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.	Registration / Credentials	
8:00 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.	Hospitality / Fly Market	
9:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.	Keynote Speaker	
11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.	AEMSIF Luncheon	
1:45 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.	Museum of the Rockies & Bozeman City Tour.....	Optional
2:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality / Fly Market / Registration / Credentials	
5:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.	Pre-Business Communication Session	
6:45 p.m. — 7:45 p.m.	Reception for Past/Present Governors and Presidents Only	

Saturday, July 13

6:30 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.	Alpine Lake Fishing by Horseback.....	Optional
6:30 a.m. — 8:00 a.m.	Buffet Breakfast	
7:00 a.m. — 8:15 a.m.	Registration / Credentials	
8:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.	Annual Business Meeting	
2:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.	Leadership Training	
2:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality/Fly Market	
3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.	Seminars	
5:30 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.	No-Host Cocktail Reception	
6:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.	99s Awards Banquet	

Sunday, July 14

7:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.	Flight over Yellowstone National Park in own aircraft	
7:30 a.m. — 7:00 p.m.	Bus Tour of Yellowstone National Park.....	Optional
8:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.	Lewis & Clark Caverns Tours.....	Optional
8:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.	Post Conference Board Meeting	
12:45 p.m. — 5:45 p.m.	Whitewater Rafting.....	Optional
1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.	Horseback Riding.....	Optional

REGISTRATION/RESERVATIONS

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99s FULL REGISTRATION

	Deadline Date	Rate
Early Registration	February 28th	\$269
On-Time Registration	May 31st	\$299
Late Registration	After June 1st	\$329

ONE-DAY REGISTRATION

	Rate	Includes:
Thursday, JULY 11	\$199	Big Sky Outing, Hayride & Dinner
Friday, JULY 12	\$149	AEMSF Luncheon
Saturday, July 13	\$149	Buffet Breakfast, Awards Banquet

Banquet Meal: ☐ NY Strip ☐ Trout Filet ☐ Vegetarian Lasagna

GUEST REGISTRATION INCLUDES: Welcome Satchel, Seminars, Hospitality Room and Fly Market. (Bucket List activities are optional.) Guest registration is required in order to purchase activities below:

	Rate	# Persons	
GUEST (Non 99) REGISTRATION	\$15	_____	= _____
Thursday, July 11: Big Sky Outing	\$119	_____	= _____
Friday, July 12: AEMSF Luncheon	\$30	_____	= _____
Saturday, July 13: Buffet Breakfast	\$15	_____	= _____
Saturday, July 13: Awards Banquet	\$50	_____	= _____

Banquet: ☐ NY Strip ☐ Trout Filet ☐ Veg. Lasagna

1. REGISTRATION/GUEST REGISTRATION FEE(S): _____

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3. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: Many exciting Montana activities are available at the conference!

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- Available Tuesday July 9th or Sunday July 14th. Tour is 7:30am-7:00pm Quantity: _____ @ \$135.00 each = _____

Alpine Lake Fishing by Horseback

- Available Tues., July 9th, Fri., July 12th, or Sat., July 13th. Activity is 6:30am-7pm Quantity: _____ @ \$425.00 each = _____

Lewis & Clark Caverns Tour

- Available Wednesday July 10th or Sunday July 14th. Tour is 8am-12:30pm Quantity: _____ @ \$59.00 each = _____

Explore Virginia City

- Available Wednesday July 10th. Activity is 3pm-9pm Quantity: _____ @ \$57.00 each = _____

Whitewater Rafting

- Available Wednesday July 10th or Sunday July 14th. Activity is 12:45 pm-5:45pm Quantity: _____ @ \$77.00 each = _____

Horseback Riding

- Available Wednesday July 10th or Sunday July 14th. Activity is 1pm-5pm Quantity: _____ @ \$99.00 each = _____

Soak in the Bozeman Hot Springs

- Available Wednesday July 10th. Activity is 6:30pm-9:30pm Quantity: _____ @ \$28.00 each = _____

Museum of the Rockies & Bozeman Tour

- Available Friday July 12th. Activity is 1:45pm-5:30pm Quantity: _____ @ \$55.00 each = _____

3. TOTAL OPTIONAL ACTIVITY FEES: _____

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6. SUMMARY/METHOD OF PAYMENT

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2. Holiday Inn; one night deposit required per room \$ _____

3. Optional Bucket List Activities \$ _____

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Finnish Section member Anneli Kokkola receives the Award of Achievement for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines. On left side of banner, Susan Larson, Paivi Ilves and Anneli Kokkola. To the right, Tiina Neimi, Irene Ihme, Mila Kempas and Pat Prentiss.

Setting a Course

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BY SUSAN LARSON, Past International President

This past year we recognized eight outstanding individuals with awards from the International organization. Of the eight, four were able to accept their awards in person at our annual Conference in Providence, one was deceased and three lived outside the United States and were not able to travel to Rhode Island.

In what may be a new tradition, we went to them. First, Mireille Goyer, British Columbia Coast Chapter member, was delighted to accept her Award of Inspiration in Oshkosh at the 2012 EAA AirVenture while she was there for other aviation related activities. As I hadn't attended since 2009, it was the perfect excuse to hop in my trusty (and usually dusty) steed for an outing from Santa Fe.

Only two awards remained to be delivered, Anneli Kokkola in Finland and Erich Krustatscher in Italy. Little did I know I would be able to present both these awards while in Europe in October on yet another adventure.

Munich had been the original destination for a holiday with traveling buddy and Past President Pat Prentiss, but a 23-hour layover in Helsinki provided the perfect opportunity to make an event of presenting Anneli's Award of Achievement for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines.

Finnish Section Governor Paivi Ilves set up the award venue at Helsinki's Finnish Aviation Museum where Anneli has volunteered for over 20 years, promoting aviation and The 99s.



Pat Prentiss, Susan Larson, Jan McKenzie, Ute Hoelscher, Doris Gerecht, Ingrid Hopman and Annette Partsch.



Ursula Hammer, Susan Larson, Jan McKenzie and Pat Prentiss near Neuschwanstein Castle.

Along with other Section members, Pat and I appreciated a special English-speaking guided tour of the facility and then lunch with museum officials at the onsite café. Meeting our members outside of North America is such a delight, and we were so very honored and proud to be able to meet these women and encourage their aviation activities.

Now thoroughly jet-lagged, Pat and I departed for Munich where we were met at the airport by German Section members Ursula Hammer, Ingrid Hopman, Doris Gerecht and Annette Partsch holding a 99s banner — a very welcome visual. Other German 99s and Vice-President Jan McKenzie met us at our hotel, and we planned the events for the next three days, touring Munich and its surrounds. Sparkling superb weather, lovely hosts and divine food and beer made for an exceptional visit.

Our adventure didn't end there, rather it was on to Vienna by train with Pat and Jan for some more holiday time. Poor planning on my part, combined with a suicidal cow in Austria, made for many train changes with a full complement of luggage. We had the process down well by the third change whereby Pat would cajole a likely young man to help us with the luggage while Jan and I blocked the door, thus forcing others to help us if they wanted off.

Our final award winner, Erich Kustatscher, was nominated by the Austrian Section, setting up the perfect finale for our travels. It wasn't until I had looked at a map of Europe in early autumn that I realized how close Vienna is to Northern Italy where Erich lives.

On a sunny afternoon, we met Austrian Governor Monika Stahl and French Section 99 Diana Ferrero, who had come from Switzerland specifically for the event, allowing us the opportunity to meet, share a beverage and discuss the festivities arranged for the following evening. Monika had booked a banquet room at a heurigen, or Viennese wine garden, and invited all Austrian 99s, along with other aviators, to honor Erich at the presentation of the Award of Merit. Not only did Erich come up from Venice on



Susan Larson presents the Award of Merit to Erich Kustatscher, who was nominated for the award by the Austrian Section.

a motorbike, but he brought Donatella Ricci, Diana's good friend and a balloon pilot.

The Finnish, German and Austrian Section 99s showed us what European hospitality is all about and taught us how to be more hospitable ourselves. It is my hope that many of our offshore members will be able to come to our 2013 conference in Bozeman and we will have the opportunity to return that hospitality.

Meanwhile, we have picked up two new 99s, Annette Partsch in Germany and Donatella Ricci in Italy. We welcome them with open arms and can't wait to see our European sisters again soon.



Erich Kustatscher received The Ninety-Nines Award of Merit, with members of the Austrian and French Sections offering congratulations.



Mila Kempas and Anneli Kokkola.



Surrounded by Ninety-Nines from four continents, Mireille Goyer receives The 99s Award of Inspiration at AirVenture in Oshkosh. Back row, from left, Cheryl Marek, Patricia Mawuli Nyekdozi, Lydia Westi, Martha Phillips, Mireille Goyer, Susan Larson, Malinda Caywood, Theresa White, Glenna Blackwell and Rita Adams. Kneeling, Victoria Neuville and Lesley Page.

Fly It Forward

Sharing Our Passion for Flight

BY LESLEY PAGE
First Canadian Chapter

On March 8 1910, Raymonde de Laroche earned the first female pilot license worldwide. 100 years later, Mireille Goyer, a Ninety-Nine from the British Columbia Coast Chapter, celebrated that significant women pilots' milestone by creating the Centennial of Women Licensed Pilots initiative, a worldwide campaign challenging pilots to Fly It Forward by introducing a girl or a woman to flying.

When Raymonde earned her pilot license in 1910, number 36, she represented about 3 percent of the pilot population at the time. Today, women constitute only about 6 percent of the pilot population in most western countries.

Numerous studies show that a main barrier to women's participation in the air and space industry is the perception that the field is reserved for men. In 2011, Mireille launched the Women Of Aviation Worldwide (WOAW) Week initiative, a week-long celebration held annually during the week of March 8, anniversary day of the first female pilot license worldwide and International Women's Day.

Building on the original concept to "Fly It Forward," the outreach initiative aims to foster diversity in aviation by celebrating women's history, raising awareness of aviation's opportunities among girls and women, and sparking vocations by introducing girls and women to aviation through industry-wide collaboration.

Ninety-Nines around the world get involved!

Since 2010, many 99s have organized events or contributed individually.

In 2011, Sugarloaf Chapter member Victoria Neuville led a group of pilots and ground volunteers from Frederick, Maryland, USA, to take 185 girls and women for their first small aircraft flight and, in doing so, won the annual Most Female-Pilot-Friendly Airport Worldwide title.

In 2012, then 99s President Susan Larson made a personal call to members to get involved, and they did!

The ambient temperature was minus 27°C in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada, when Ambassador Chapter member Kirsten Brazier and her team

of pilots and volunteers introduced 421 women and girls to the joys of flying and unequivocally won the 2012 'Most Female-Pilot-Friendly Airport Worldwide' title. Frederick, Maryland, was first runner up, and Peterborough, Ontario, second runner up. Many other members organized events or simply acted individually to celebrate.

Remembering the history of women involved in aviation is an essential component of the initiative. In 1912, American pilot Harriet Quimby became the first female pilot to fly across the English Channel. Mireille organized a commemorative event to reenact that historic flight. On March 10, 2012, pilots from seven nations gathered to introduce the next generation of Women Of Aviation to flying while forming a virtual aircraft bridge over the English Channel between the airports of Headcorn in England and Le Touquet in France. Florida Gulf Stream member Barbara Ganson played Harriet in the reenactment. She even wore a hand-tailored flight suit based on the original pattern of the one that Harriet wore for the flight.

In all, during the second annual

Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week, pilots flew ultralights, homebuilts, single and multi-engine airplanes, as well as helicopters to introduce a total of 1,104 girls and women to the joys of flying.

In April, Mireille received word that she had been selected by The Ninety-Nines International Board of Directors as the recipient of the 2012 Award of Inspiration for her worldwide efforts to draw women into aviation.

Excitement is building for the 3rd Annual WOAW Week March 4-10

At the end 2012, more than three dozen events were already in various stages on three continents. Fly It Forward events are already planned at airports in Africa, Europe and North America. By the time this article is published, the number of Fly It Forward events should have doubled, and many more countries will be represented.

What are Victoria, Kirsten and Barbara planning for the 2013 WOAW week? Victoria and Kirsten are getting ready to defend their airports' titles, while Barbara is planning a big event in Space Coast, Florida, a perfect location for the 2013



The all-female UPS flight organized by Terri Donner, left, Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter member, landed in Bozeman, Montana on International Women's Day, March 8, 2011. Flying with Terri were Jodi Budenaers, center, and April Valenzuela, right. After the plane was unloaded, attendees were invited aboard to explore.

Women of Aviation Worldwide Week's Contests

Fly-It-Forward Challenge Categories

- Most Female-Pilot-Friendly Airport Worldwide
- Most Female-Pilot-Friendly Training Center Worldwide
- Most Dedicated Female Pilot Worldwide
- Most Supportive Male Pilot Worldwide
- First-to-Solo Challenge – rewards the first girl or woman to solo after discovering flying during Women of Aviation Worldwide Week
- Art Contest – create a drawing, painting or illustration using the Women in Space theme
- Photo Contest – send your best photos using the Women in Space theme
- Event Organizer Contest – rewards the organizer that accumulates the most points while organizing a Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week event



Barbara Ganson at Headcorn Aerodrome, U.K. before flying across the English Channel.



Kirsten Brazier flies it forward in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada.

Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week theme “Women and Space,” chosen to observe the 50th anniversary of the first female flight in space, Russian Cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova.

As if organizing her home airport event is not enough, U.S. Team Leader Victoria is also mentoring event organizers across the United States and is determined to ensure that all the 50 states will host activities to celebrate the week.

New in 2013 is an initiative called Women Color the Skies. Relying on flight tracking technology and in partnership with Plane Finder, Women Of Aviation, present and future, can stand up and be noted. Commercial women pilots – airline, corporate, and military – as well as air traffic controllers, dispatchers and mechanics involved in handling commercial flights are encouraged to report their flight activities during the week online to be displayed on a world map.

Female introductory flights conducted by both male and female pilots will also be plotted on the online map. The end result will be a time-lapse online map showing Women Of Aviation’s activities around the world during the week. The week will include a flurry of activities besides Fly It

Forward events and the Women Color the Skies challenge.

- Individual pilot action – invite and introduce women and girls to small aircraft flying.

- Appearances by real astronauts! In collaboration with the Association of Space Explorers, many events will host an astronaut. Pam Melroy will attend the Frederick Airport event.

- Factory and school open door tours and events.

- Static displays at various Fly It Forward events and airports.

- Presentations and speeches by women working in the air and space industry.

- Museum special programs (e.g. International Women’s Air & Space Museum in Cleveland and the Canada Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa).

*How can YOU get involved?
Fly It Forward!*

Participate at an event or invite girls/women to fly on your own. Help put your country/state/province on the world map. To locate an event near you, visit www.womenofaviationweek.org/event/event-list-registration/.

Together we can welcome a record

number of girls and women to aviation during Women of Aviation Worldwide Week.

Women Color the Skies!

Are you a commercial female pilot - airline, corporate, EMS, military - who will fly during the week? Report your flights to Color the Skies.

First-to-Solo Challenge!

If one of the women or girls you introduce to flying during Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week shows interest in learning, encourage her to register for this contest. There is a great prize for being the first female of the class of 2013 to solo!

How you choose to become involved isn't important. What is important is to choose to become involved somehow. Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week is about helping girls and women realize that aviation is for them too, while having a lot of fun.

You have the power to make a difference. One flight, one community at a time. Worldwide.

For more information about the Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week, please visit www.womenofaviationweek.org/.

Or contact:

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Victoria Neuville and wingwalker Jane Wicker fly it forward in Frederick, Maryland.



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MUELLER, Cynthia M, Santa Clara Valley Chapter
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TORY, Heather, Eastern New England Chapter
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Expanded New Horizons for Web

BY JACQUE BOYD

Rio Grande Norte Chapter

Reading through the New Horizons section of the 99 News has always been a “must-do” for me. I’ve cried, I’ve run through many a memory and I’ve laughed. Ladies, we truly have history in this organization, and that’s always brought home to me in the New Horizon pieces. The only problem is that we are faced with space constraints in the magazine and have to limit the “word count” of pieces.

I believe we’ve found a great way to help alleviate that problem. Because of new possibilities for use of the website, we’ve been able to develop a spot where we can expand upon the wonderful articles that come in for New Horizon pieces. Hence the name: Expanded Horizons.

When you are tasked with writing a piece on a dear friend for the regular New Horizons magazine section, stay within the current 250 word-count. I know it’s tough to cut, but I think you’ll be able to when you fully understand what we’ll be able to do online in the Expanded Horizons section. Send me the full-sized piece, whether it’s 500 or 5,000 words, and I’ll help you put it into a workable, readable piece. We can add photos and comments from other people. We can “expand” on your work to make this section a truly searchable, workable piece of history dedicated to the memory of the members of The 99s.

To understand where we’re headed, go to the website: www.ninety-nines.org. Look at the main heading and “click” on Our History. You’ll bring up a drop-down menu with several choices. Click on the second choice, Expanded Horizons. The page is “under construction” but you can see what’s coming. It should prove to be a researcher’s dream and give us an opportunity to honor the memories of our fellow Ninety-Nines.

If there is something you’d like to submit, please call me at 575-377-3166 (home); 575-613-6746 (cell); or even at work, 575-377-3100. You can also email me at JacqueBBoyd@yahoo.com, and we’ll work together on this project.

TIME TRAVELS

DORA DOUGHERTY

The Aviation History Writers were winding up their conference with a final meal together, a somewhat casual affair with no head table but rather round tables for members and guests. There was to be a guest speaker, and the chairman rose to make the introduction.

He said, “Our speaker this evening flew the B-29 during WWII, in fact flew virtually all of the American inventory. This pilot is both a Ph.D and ATP, and our guest holds multiple world records in helicopters.” You’ll note that gender was never mentioned. The members, all savvy about accomplished aviators, looked around the room trying to spot this extraordinary aviator. The chairman went on, “Please welcome our guest speaker, Dora Dougherty.” A smallish woman with curly white hair, who could only be described as a grandmotherly type, rose to a collective gasp across the room. At the end of the evening, I was a witness to their reluctance to let her go and politely mobbing her.

Dora Dougherty Strother, now McKeown, became a pilot in 1940 in the Civilian Pilot Training program and joined Jacqueline Cochran’s WASP, becoming a member of the Ferry Command. The B-29 Superfortress had gained a bad reputation for engine fires, and the male pilots became loath to fly it. Colonel Paul Tibbits cleverly selected Dora and Didi Moorman to check out in the airplane (the only two women to fly it) and demonstrate it to reluctant male pilots. The men experienced a sudden epiphany upon seeing the two women handling the mammoth airplane.

Dora flew 23 different aircraft during the war. Later she joined The University of Illinois to become their Chief Research Pilot. In 1958, Dora moved on to Bell Helicopter and became Chief of the Human Factors and Cockpit Arrangement Group. We can thank Dora for seeing to it that small women and tall fellows can each fly Bell helicopters.

Retirement from Bell led to consulting in human factors engineering – along with thrilling aviation audiences with her modest and candid chronicle of “how it was.”

— Gene Nora Jessen



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Kathleen Howell.

KATHLEEN HOWELL WINS IN AEROBATICS

Kathleen Howell, Antelope Valley Chapter, is also a member of the International Aerobatic Club. Kathleen flies an Extra 300 and competed this year in the Intermediate Category. She attended five competitions in 2012, winning the “Happiness is Delano” contest (Delano, California) and the “Tequila Cup” (Marana, Arizona) in November. Kathleen plans to compete in the Advanced category next year.

— Lynne Hsia

SHARON SWEENEY RECOGNIZED FOR ACTIVISM

Sharon Sweeney, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, was honored by AeroClub of Northern California with a National Aeronautics Association Certificate of Merit for her aviation community activism.

Her projects have ranged from efforts to save and protect Reid-Hillview Airport, naming San Jose Airport’s new terminal for Jim Nissen, ensuring aviation art would be in the new terminal, and mentoring young people who have dreams of flight, often giving people their first flights in a light airplane.

— Judy Stark



Frank Sweeney, Sharon Sweeney and National Aeronautic Association President Jonathon Gaffney.

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PEGGY LOEFFLER NAMED AREA CFI OF THE YEAR

Berkshire Aviation Enterprises at Great Barrington Airport (GBR), Massachusetts, announced that Peggy Loeffler, a member of the Connecticut Chapter and an instructor in their Flight Department, was recently chosen as Certified Flight Instructor of the Year for 2013.

The recipients of these awards are from the region of western Massachusetts and the entire state of Connecticut. Winners are eligible for competition at the Northeast regional and national levels.

The General Aviation Awards Program, which selects the winners, is a cooperative effort between the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and aviation industry sponsors to recognize annually outstanding individuals in the fields of Flight Instruction, Avionics, Maintenance, and Safety Team Representatives. The Awards recognizes these individuals for their roles in promoting aviation safety, education and professionalism.

— Peggy Loeffler

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

It was a wet Saturday on September 15 as 14 women flew to the starting airport at Edenvale, Ontario, Canada, to participate in The 99s annual Gold Cup Air Rally, which was scheduled this year from Edenvale to Leamington, Ontario.

Flying a route over the Niagara Escarpment and across southern Ontario, the pilots answered questions overhead each checkpoint. On arrival at Leamington, each pilot was scored on a spot landing, finish time and fuel checks.

The winner of the Spot Landing trophy was Susan Begg from Ottawa's Eastern Ontario Chapter. The winning team members of the Gold Cup Air Rally trophy were first time participants who had never flown together before the rally, Sophie Veilleux and Rani Tolton, also from the Eastern Ontario Chapter.

On Sunday morning, The 99s were ready to compete in the Maple Leaf Chapter's Flour Bombing competition. Many others joined The 99s since the competition was open to all pilots. There were no more than three planes in the circuit at a time, flying no lower than 300 feet AGL to drop our five-pound flour bags purchased for \$10 each by pilots and would-be-bombers. Most "bombs" unfortunately were dropped in the local fields never to be seen again. The closest drop to the target was flown by Mary Norman and dropped by Akky Mansikka. These winners received life jackets, which seemed very fitting as Mary flies a floatplane and Akky races dragonboats. As well as everyone having lots of fun, the Maple Leaf Chapter was also able to raise funds for their causes.

— Robin Hadfield



Left, Flour Bomb winner Akky Mansikka.

Below, Gold Cup winners Ravi Tolton, right, and Sophie Veilleux.



KATAHDIN WINGS CHAPTER

On September 16, a crew of Katahdin Wings members and friends gathered at the Wiscasset Airport in Maine to repaint the airport identifier. They were joined by Mary Talley, a new member to the Katahdin Wings Chapter. She flew her Ercoupe with her adorable little dog, Sophie.

— Lorena Plourd



From left, Katahdin Wings members Lisa Reece, KIWI airport manager Kim Powers, Jenny Jorgensen and Lori Plourd touch up the Wiscasset, Maine, airport identifier.

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

The Tennessee Chapter of The Ninety-Nines met December 1, 2012 at Calhoun's on the River in Knoxville, Tennessee. Special guest Irene Wattenbarger-Kautz presented a program on the history of aviation in Knoxville and her personal flying experiences in the 1940s.

Irene's father, Frank Wattenbarger, started the Knoxville Downtown Island Airport (DKX). He originally purchased the island to expand his farm fields. He then started a flying business with a grass strip. This is where famed aviatrix Evelyn Bryan Johnson took her first lesson. Irene became friends with Evelyn and Ruth Thomas, to name a few.

Irene shared some historical memorabilia with the group. This included her Ninety-Nines membership from 1947 and a program from the Air Race Classic in the early years. — Janice Pelletti

GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER

On January 12, Greater Seattle member "Flying Tigress" Norah O'Neill was guest speaker at a seminar sponsored by the FAA Safety team. She spoke on her journey as an aviation pioneer. Norah was the first woman pilot hired by the Flying Tigers and the first woman in the world to fly passengers on a 747.

— Andrea Chay



Sheila Collier, dressed as Amelia Earhart.

VENTURA COUNTY

The Ventura County Chapter was well-represented in The Ninety-Nines booth at the 2012 AOPA Summit, selling tickets for the International Ninety-Nines Raffle. Sheila Collier, dressed as Amelia Earhart, was a huge hit as she solicited votes for the Lightspeed award.

The Chapter awarded two \$3,000 Scholarships to Future Women Pilots and a \$2,500 Advanced Rating Scholarship at our annual Holiday Party. We have submitted entries for the 2013 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships as well.

We will once again host an impressive slate of Pilot Proficiency classes (many with WINGS credit) for the 2013 winter season. They were assembled with top instructors from all over the U.S. by Chapter member and International Fundraising Chair Susan Liebler. The classes provide a great educational service to the general aviation community and are the cornerstone of the Chapter's highly successful scholarship fundraising activities.

— Karen Johnson

BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST CHAPTER

At their November 17, 2012 meeting, the British Columbia Coast members welcomed guest speaker Capt. Kucki Low, South Africa's first woman airline pilot and first female flight instructor. We also welcomed new members Megan Therrien, flight instructor; Cynthia Prescott, PPL; and Alexandria Johnston, student pilot.

The meeting was held in Boundary Bay at the Pacific Flying Club.

— Cindy Pang



Above, Caroline Kolasa with Capt. Kucki Low, right.

Left, British Columbia Coast members and friends welcome Capt. Kucki Low to their November 17 meeting.



OREGON PINES CHAPTER

With good flying conditions sparse, we found ourselves this fall reminiscing about our fly-outs during the summer. What a great time we had camping at Paisley Caves & Hot Springs, the Oregon Coast and out at Patty's place by Green Trees Airport.

Many of us are involved in a variety of aviation education programs such as mentoring local high school students, presenting aviation programs at high school career day programs and speaking to local pilot groups.

We are particularly proud of the following Chapter members for their contributions: Debbie Origer, assisting with the Sonex aircraft build project for teens at Independence, Oregon; Patty Viall, judging the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) competition at Provo, Utah; Barbe Park, judging International Aerobatic Club (IAC) competitions in Oregon and Arizona; Debra Plymate, teaching private pilot ground school; Jeannie Wildman and Sylvia Manning, flying as instructors; and Vanessa Nelson sharing the story of being a 99 and flying her Piper Cub to OSH.

Several Chapter members will be joining the Oregon Pines light sport taildragger brigade. Look for our lineup at the International Conference in Bozeman, Montana this July.

— Debra Plymate



During the Chapter's 2012 Achievement Recognition, Oregon Pines congratulates, from left, Vanessa Nelson, winner of Northwest Section 2012 Spinning Prop Award with 186.6 hours non-commercial flight time logged; Sylvia Manning, new Certified Instrument Flight Instructor; and Jeannie Wildman, new Certified Flight Instructor.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Minnesota 99s Tracy Davenport, Mikaela Mahoney, Elaine Morrow, Thuy Pieper, Patti Sandusky, Val Steffenson and Karen Workman, along with their 49½s, donated toys, time, and helped deliver the toys to hospitals around Minnesota for the Tree of Hope. The Tree of Hope collects toys for children in hospitals, and this year 2,236 toys were distributed to 30 hospitals in Minnesota and one in Wisconsin.

The Minnesota 99s also held their annual Holiday Potluck and business meeting on December 8. Thuy Pieper organized the event at Key Air at Anoka-Blaine County Airport (KANE), just north of Minneapolis. Everyone contributed to a wonderful meal. Unfortunately, the meeting was timed in-between two snowfalls to the Twin Cities area, so several of the members hoping to fly in were grounded and had to come by car.

Highlights of our holiday meeting included a unanimous decision to use funds earned from participation at the Mankato Air Show this summer to support the induction of Minnesota Ninety-Nine Rita Ann Orr into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame. Kjersti Kittelson completed her commercial single engine seaplane rating with the help of an AE Scholarship, Val Steffensen won the award for best Chapter attendance, and Elaine Morrow gave an inspired talk about her experiences and motivations for organizing the annual Tree of Hope gift drive for hospitalized children.

— Johanna Bischof and Melissa Aho



Minnesota Ninety-Nines at their December Business Meeting and Holiday Party, December 8 at Key Air, Anoka-Blaine County Airport (KANE). Back row from left: Renee Bowman, Melissa Aho, Karen Workman, Val Steffenson, Margaret Drescher, Jimmie Olson, Elaine Morrow, Mary Jane Rice, Alicia Erickson and Nadine Sugden. Front row: Johanna Bischof, Mikaela Mahoney, Patti Sandusky, Tracy Davenport and Thuy Pieper.



Marcia Forcey, Mary Kohn, and Diana Austin just getting started.

INDIANA DUNES CHAPTER

Our Chapter painted a new compass rose at the Laporte, Indiana airport in early September. Rookies Marcia Forcey and Lynn Pergher volunteered their time along with Mary Kohn and Diana Austin. Linda Pulver laid it out.

The highway paint we used was really difficult to work with, and we wondered if anyone else has had that problem. Most of the rest of the problems of the world were solved as we painted and talked for hours!

In October, we met at Christine Murdock's home and enjoyed a video of her flight of a lifetime: no wings, no engine — skydiving. In November, we met in Michigan City at the municipal airport. Margaret Wint and Janice Welsh showed pictures and talked about their first Air Race Classic this past summer. It was fun to hear of their experiences and dream of flying the ARC ourselves.

— Lynn Pergher



The new compass rose at Laporte Airport.

RIO COLORADO CHAPTER

What a year for the Rio Colorado Chapter! The first six months were completely dominated by planning, fundraising with a Poker Run in January and execution of the Start Activities for the Air Race Classic in June.

We hosted a Wings Seminar, a number of members participated in the Section Meeting in Santa Maria, we set up a scholarship fund in Tookie Hensley's name, and Sherri Dwyer received a scholarship for an instrument rating.

Alyssa Niquette passed her written test at Sheble Aviation in Fort Mohave, Arizona, on June 13 and got her solo endorsement on June 14. The morning of the ARC start, she was practicing takeoffs and landings solo, and the engine failed after the eighth takeoff. She had to turn a 180 back to the runway and complete an emergency landing. There was a crack running down the length of the engine casing. That incident put her quest for a private certificate on temporary hold until winter break from school; she is studying Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at the Polytechnic Institute of New York University.

Pam Rudolph helped with the Lake Havasu City Balloon Festival, participated in Career Day at a school with Shannon Hicks and Frances Duarte-Irvin, and in November, Pam got her seaplane rating in Florida at Jack Brown Seaplane Base in Winterhaven.

Tookie introduced a dozen young people to flying. Allyn Auck and Tookie went to the Fly-In Camp-Out at Desert Center, where Allyn took 2nd place in the Spot Landing contest. Pam and Shannon participated in a Young Eagles event in Lake Havasu. We were happy to welcome a new member, Justine Harrison, who signed up with our Chapter at the AOPA event in Palm Springs, and we were all thrilled when Frances and John got their Private Pilot certificates and Frances became a full-fledged member.

— Allyn Auck



FORT WORTH CHAPTER

The Fort Worth Chapter held its Christmas party on December 2 in Carol Morris' hangar.



Sue Ballew received the SWS Professional Pilot of the Year award.



SCV 99s visit PAO Tower with a group of student pilots.

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

Our flying activities this fall included a November fly-in to Quincy, an October mystery flight that ended with lunch in Livermore and a joint fly-in to Columbia with a group of women student pilots at West Valley Flying Club. That fly-in ended with a tour of the Cal-Fire facility at the airport during which they were called out to fight a fire.

We hosted a Flying Companion Seminar and also visited our local airport towers to say thanks for the valuable service they provide. A local EAA member, Bill Randolph, told us at our October meeting how he built an RV-8 and flew it around the world when he was 76. He has written a book about his great adventure.

Because several members of our Chapter belong to the Santa Clara County Airmen, we've been inviting the Airmen group to our fly-ins, meetings and parties, and joining them at theirs, not only increasing attendance at all functions but also expanding our circle of pilot friends.

At the fall Section Meeting in Santa Maria, we were very pleased that our Chapter member Sue Ballew received the SWS Professional Pilot Award.

In November, the Aero Club of Northern California honored airshow pilot Ninety-Nine Julie Clark with their Crystal Eagle Award and our own Sharon Sweeney with a National Aeronautics Association Certificate of Merit for her years of service to the aviation community.

— Judy Stark

FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Connie McConnell hosted the November 10 meeting at Ocala, Florida. Featured speaker was Ninety-Nine Carol Ann Garratt, a world record-holding pilot and author of three aviation books. She discussed her third around-the-world trip to raise money for ALS research. Carol Ann donates all the monies from the sale of her books to ALS research. To learn more about her flight and ALS, visit her website at <http://alsworldflight.als.net>.

We were honored to have WASP Marguerite Bernhardt, an Ocala resident, attend our meeting, along with several new members, Cynthia Hardeman, Abigail Pasmore, Christine Stanaback and Ann Smith. Congratulations to Laura Ying Gao, who became a United States citizen on October 26, 2012. Birthday wishes to Blanche O'Brien on her 90th birthday and being a member of The 99s since 1947.

On February 9, our Chapter is partnering with EAA Chapter 282 in a Poker Run Fundraiser at Clearwater Airpark. Half of the proceeds go to our Spaceport Scholarship Fund, and the other half to EAA Chapter 282. For details, contact Jeannne Burklund, 727-216-9616, Jeanne_burklund@fpcg.net.

— Sophia M. Payton



Attending the November meeting are, from left, front row: Nancy Wright, Blanche O'Brien, WASP Marguerite Bernhardt and Barbara Sierchio. Middle row: Sophia M. Payton, Abigail Pasmore, speaker Carol Ann Garratt, Alice Paddock, Linda Kaufman and Connie McConnell. Back row: Dominique Broche Mellow, Christine Stanaback, Marilyn Shafer, Barbara Yeninas, Ann Smith, Charleen Jaffe and Cynthia Hardeman.

NEW HORIZONS

SHIRLEY ALLEN **First Canadian Chapter**

Shirley Allen flew to New Horizons on November 3, 2012. In 1967, Shirley obtained her PPL and joined the First Canadian Chapter while raising four children. In 1969, she obtained a multi-engine and commercial rating.

Soon afterwards, Shirley won the Governor General's Air Race in Canada with flying partner Heather Sifton. She was appointed International Public Relations Chairman by The 99s International President and did promotional tours in Canada, Great Britain and France to rekindle interest in the international aspects of The Ninety-Nines.

In 1978 she helped organize, and was the first chair of the aerial surveillance program called Operation Skywatch. Shirley also was the organizer and program chair of a long running series of aviation seminars in Toronto, which resulted in the First Canadian Chapter being presented a diploma by the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) in 1981. Shirley also developed and taught co-pilot courses at Humber College in Toronto and taught ground school for the Royal Canadian Air Cadets 666 Squadron.

Until recently, Shirley was the resident historian for the First Canadian Chapter Ninety-Nines. She painstakingly researched, collected and preserved FCC and Operation Skywatch history. Her most satisfying accomplishment was obtaining the flight suit of Eileen Vollick, Canada's first licensed female pilot, that later went on display at the Canadian Air and Space Museum in Toronto.

Without a doubt, Shirley has been the spirit and conscience of the First Canadian Chapter. The success of this Chapter owes much to her perseverance, dedication and her love of aviation. The First Canadian Chapter inducted her into the International Forest of Friendship in June 2012.



Shirley Allen.

— Akky Mansikka

DOROTHY ANDERSON **All-Ohio Chapter**

Dottie Anderson Shelton died on December 8, 2012, at the Mennonite Memorial Home in Bluffton, Ohio. The daughter of Jesse and Pearl Guin Anderson, she was born on January 7, 1926, in Columbus Grove. In 2004, Dottie married Lloyd Shelton of Bowling Green.

A life-long resident of northwestern Ohio, Dottie graduated from Bluffton High School and BGSU. She began her flying career as a pilot of small aircraft while still in her teens and at one time built her own plane, a Pitts Special. Over the years she taught hundreds of students and flew in numerous air races throughout the country, most notably participating in 32 Air Race Classics, with a 4th place her best finish. Her last race was in June 2011.

In 1978 she became a flight examiner, a position at which

she was employed until her recent illness. Over the years, Dottie logged over 40,000 hours in the air.

Best known as a pilot at Bluffton Flying Service, Dottie was selected for participation in the Astronaut Training Program in Colorado during its early years. She declined, saying, "It was a really busy time at the airport and they were shorthanded," and she didn't have the means to pay for this "unfunded for females" invitation.

— Headquarters

LELIA PEARL BRAGG LASKA CHAMBERLAIN **Alaska Chapter**

Lelia Pearl Bragg Laska Chamberlain, age 103, took her last flight on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 2012. The former Fairbanks resident was born Lelia Pearl Bragg on April 29, 1909, in Chestnut Mountain, Summers County, West Virginia.

Pearl was a pioneer aviatrix and educator. She learned to fly in a Kinner Fleet bi-plane in 1933 and held a private certificate until she was 97.

Prior to World War II, the federal government established the Civilian Flight Training Program, a back-door method to train pilots for military service. Because of its name, it had to allow participation of women and black men, both generally thought incapable of learning to fly in that era. Pearl was given the black students to instruct, and each one she taught received his wings.

Pearl's regular occupation was as a public school teacher from the age of 17 until her retirement in 1972. She was a Women Airforce Service Pilot trainee during the war. She also served as a cryptologist at the Pentagon where she received the first message from Guadalcanal.

In 1945, following her dream to be a full-time pilot, Pearl moved to Nome, and worked as a flight instructor and bush pilot. The next year she became the first woman to solo a single-engine airplane, a 1939 Piper J4, up the Alaska Highway. The FAA recognized her achievements as a pioneer Alaska aviator in 2006.

After her husband died, she returned to school teaching in Homer and then in Fairbanks, while flight instructing on the side. After several decades of summer school work, Pearl received an undergraduate degree from the University of Alaska in 1955. She received a master's degree from Miami University of Ohio in 1959, and her thesis was a history of civilian aviation in Alaska.

Gracious and even-tempered, Pearl allowed no nonsense when it came to flying, but asserted that every hour spent in the air gave a person an extra day on earth.

— Mio Johnson, Excerpts from the Daily News-Miner



Pearl Chamberlain.

NEW HORIZONS

HELEN DICK

San Diego Chapter

Longtime Ninety-Nine Helen Dick of San Diego went to new horizons on December 15, 2012. Helen started flying in the Civilian Pilot Training Program in Pocatello, Idaho, in 1940 and earned her Private Pilot certificate for airplanes that same year.

She joined The Ninety-Nines on August 1, 1941, and was awarded a certificate in 2005 by the Southwest Section for her longtime membership. She was inducted into the Forest of Friendship in 1992.

Helen was a WASP trainee in the class of 43-W-8 and joined the SPARs towards the end of WWII. After the war, she moved to San Diego and became active with The 99s, frequently as a timer for the transcontinental air races. Her true love was flying sailplanes, and she was very successful, establishing many national female soaring records. She was the first American woman to earn the prestigious diamond badge recognized by Fédération Aéronautique Internationale. Her volunteerism for the Soaring Society of America (SSA) was outstanding, having served as an SSA director and SSA governor for Southern California,

Her awards include SSA's highest, the Eaton Trophy in 1972, the SSA Exceptional Achievement Award in 1972 for her sailplane records and the Certificate of Appreciation in 2005 for lifetime service. She is a member of the United States Soaring Hall of Fame – the second woman so honored.

DODIE GANN

Greater Seattle Chapter

Greater Seattle Chapter member Dodie Gann died at her home on Red Mill Farm on Christmas Eve. She was 90.

Born Sept. 10, 1922, Dodie grew up in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and became an avid skier. She was member of the U.S. women's ski team and competed in the 1948 Winter Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland. She was inducted into the U.S. Ski Team Hall of Fame in 2001.

Dodie and her late husband, celebrated writer and pilot Ernie Gann, author of *The High and the Mighty*, moved to San Juan Island, Washington in 1966.

For years, many Greater Seattle Chapter members enjoyed the annual hayride from Friday Harbor Airport to Red Mill Farm and the potluck picnic on the grounds by the mill. In later years, Dodie hosted the San Juan Pilots Association BBQ in her hangar at FHR and invited Greater Seattle Chapter members to join them and hold their August meeting there.

On San Juan, Dodie was known for her love of flying, as a practical environmentalist, a spirited conversationalist and a tireless advocate for the humane treatment and care of animals.



Dodie Gann.

— Marian Hartley

RUBY SHELDON

Phoenix Chapter

Ruby Sheldon died peacefully on November 28, 2012. She was a very special person who touched many lives. Services were held on December 1, 2012.

While Ruby was very outgoing, she kept many things close to her vest and was never one to beat her own drum. Her family is compiling stories about her, including some highlights of her life, below.

If you have some special moments or stories about Ruby, please forward them to Jim Walters, walters@aceweb.com.

- Ruby volunteered for the Red Cross and was certified to drive a Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicle (14 feet long and 8 feet wide) during a disaster and to deliver meals.

- She co-authored a book, *Klondike Days and Yukon Travel in 1898*, that was written by an old prospector she had befriended and had promised to get his book published.

- Ruby did prospecting in Arizona and claimed that she could find the Lost Dutchman Mine if she had some time.

- She was a member # 144 of Whirly-Girls International.

- She was on-call for Blood Services and transported blood across Arizona as needed.

- Flew a biplane from Alaska to Washington

- Was featured in the Jan. 2007 issue of AOPA Pilot Magazine (aopa.org/members/files/pilot/2007/plts0701.html)

- Knew and flew with Barry Goldwater

— Jim Walters



Ruby Sheldon.

PATRICIA V. CHESTER

Golden Triangle Chapter

Patricia V. 'Pat' Chester flew to new horizons on October 17, 2012, at Fort Worth, Texas. Pat was born June 18, 1932, in Memphis, Tennessee, and married Robert G. Chester in Fort Worth, Texas, on July 21, 1951. She had a doctorate in metaphysics. After retiring from the University of Texas-Arlington as department administrator in the Foreign Language and Linguistics Department, she became a psychotherapist.

She loved flying their Cessna Cardinal and relished recalling early adventures into Mexico when customs officials were reluctant to recognize her as pilot-in-command. She joined Golden Triangle Chapter in 1972 and showed her enthusiasm immediately by chairing the old "APT" committee. She went on to serve in all Chapter officer positions and chaired other committees. She was a life member.

Because of severe health problems, she was not active the last few years but she was always interested in hearing from her flying friends. We were privileged to have her as a member of our Chapter and will miss her.

— Beverly Stephens

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