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*Ninety-Nines joined with women throughout the world in Fly it Forward activities during Women of Aviation Worldwide Week, March 3-9. In all, 5,703 girls and women were introduced to flight in a small aircraft. Cover photos capture the delight of participants as they participate in events at Frederick, Maryland, top left; Gonzales, Louisiana, top right; Caboolture, Australia, center left; Frederick, Maryland, center right, and bottom, Victoria, Texas.*

*Photos courtesy Women of Aviation Worldwide Week.*

# PERPETUAL CALENDAR

## 2014

### JULY

8-13 **2014 Ninety-Nines International Conference**, New Orleans, Louisiana.



28-Aug. 3 **EAA AirVenture Oshkosh**, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. For more information, visit [airventure.org](http://airventure.org).

31 **Deadline for submitting Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) Application** for Mentoring Session B. For more information go to [www.ninety-nines.org/careers/](http://www.ninety-nines.org/careers/) or email [mentoring@ninety-nines.org](mailto:mentoring@ninety-nines.org).

### AUGUST

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

16 **36th Annual Okie Derby Air Proficiency Rally**, Sundance Airport, Yukon, Oklahoma. New format: one-day rally. Contact Kay Jennings, [kayjfly@gmail.com](mailto:kayjfly@gmail.com), 405-246 5617.

31-Sept. 1 **37th Annual Colorado Balloon Classic**, Colorado Springs, Colorado. For more information, visit [balloonclassic.com](http://balloonclassic.com).

### SEPTEMBER

5-7 **Northwest Section Fall Meeting**, hosted by the Alaska Chapter, Wedgewood Resort, Fairbanks, Alaska. Contact Andrea Chay, [andrea40@juno.com](mailto:andrea40@juno.com).

5-7 **Southwest Section Fall Meeting**, Reno, Nevada. Hosted by Reno Area Chapter, Siena Hotel, Spa & Casino. Contact Kathy Walton, [kathywalton99@charter.net](mailto:kathywalton99@charter.net). Registration at [sws99s.org](http://sws99s.org).

19-21 **Southeast Section Meeting**, Knoxville, Tennessee.

25-28 **South Central Section Meeting**, Wichita, Kansas, hosted by the Kansas Chapter. For more information, contact Kay Alley, [kayalley@cs.com](mailto:kayalley@cs.com) or 316-655-0855.

26-27 **West Canada Section Fall Meeting**, Penticton, BC Canada, hosted by the Canadian Rockies 99s who are also celebrating their 35th anniversary. For more information, go to: <http://blacksheep99s.ca/conference.htm>.

26-28 **North Central Section Fall Meeting**, Bardstown & Camp Willa Brown, Kentucky, hosted by Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter. For more information: <http://www.ncs99s.org>.

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11 **Mid-Atlantic Section Fall Meeting**, Reading, Pennsylvania. For more information, contact Diana Kelly, [skysabove@gmail.com](mailto:skysabove@gmail.com).

24 **New England Section Fall Meeting**, Hartford, Connecticut. For more information contact Rebecca Green, [magrag33@hotmail.com](mailto:magrag33@hotmail.com).

## NOVEMBER

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## DECEMBER

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## 2015

### APRIL

21-26 **Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In & Expo**, Lakeland, Florida. Stop by The 99s House for refreshments and join the WASP for their annual luncheon.

### JUNE

22-25 **2015 Air Race Classic**. To follow the race, visit [airraceclassic.org](http://airraceclassic.org).

### JULY

20-26 **EAA AirVenture 2015**, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Visit [eaa.org](http://eaa.org). Be sure to stop by The Ninety-Nines booth.

21 **Webinar, Foreflight: Latest Features for Cross Country Flight Planning**, 7 p.m. MDT, 8 p.m. CDT, and 9 p.m. EDT. For times elsewhere in the world, go to <http://www.worldtimebuddy.com/>.

## WEBINARS

The next topic in a new series of webinars is *Foreflight: Latest Features for Cross Country Flight Planning* and is hosted by International Director Marjy Legget.

ForeFlight Mobile has become the most popular app for pilots. ForeFlight's Stanley Hinson will be updating us on ForeFlight's latest features plus sharing best practices for planning and executing a XC flight. The ForeFlight app covers travel in both the United States and Canada. See July 21 on Calendar above for webinar times.



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Four young girls learn about aircraft instruments at British Columbia's Langley Regional Airport during the Sky's No Limit – Girls Fly Too! community outreach event organized by Kirsten Brazier. Photo by Dennis Ducklow, DoubleExposurePhotography.



Harriet Quimby in her Blériot monoplane.



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# President's Page

BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, International President

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new and reinstating members who signed up with us at the Women in Aviation event in Orlando, Florida, in March. It was a successful show for us with a chance to talk to many potential members and to discuss the mission of The Ninety-Nines with new friends. It was also a chance for the Professional Pilots Leadership Initiative (PPLI) members to get together with members and non-members who were interested in this unique opportunity.

Next up was Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida, in April where Lightspeed announced that we are again one of the final 15 for the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation grant. Congratulations to fundraising Chairman Susan Liebler for making sure we are in the competition for the fifth year. With three first place finishes and one second place finish in the previous four years, she is clearly doing a fantastic job. With more money for outreach, PR and scholarships, we are seeing a slow but steady increase in membership. Congratulations also to all of The 99s, spouses, friends and aviation community members who have helped us achieve these top rankings.

Members from the Florida Chapters, and particularly the Florida Suncoast Chapter, maintain our 99s clubhouse at Sun 'n Fun, welcoming members and potential members alike. The space they provide at the house during the event and the lunch they sponsor for the WASP allows attendees at the show a chance to meet and talk with these remarkable women.

Most of you probably know that the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) changed this year from having a single AOPA Summit show to having seven regional events around the United States. These are held on weekends, and it turns out that there is one show located in each of our U.S. Sections, except for New York-New Jersey. The Ninety-Nines will be represented at each one, and the first one was held in San Marcos, Texas, in April. The shows will continue in the different locations until November with one per month, except for June. Our thanks go out to all who have signed up to organize and staff those locations.

We will again be at EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in July. Last year we changed to having a booth rather than a tent location, which was deemed more successful in attracting new members and interacting with more attendees. For those of you who will be attending, be sure to drop by and see us in Hangar B, Aisle B.

Our tradeshow schedule is designed to attract new members, but it also is a way to increase the aviation community's knowledge and awareness of The Ninety-Nines. This outreach is important to the growth and effectiveness of our organization. Those who participate in these tradeshow always find it a stimulating and satisfying way of connecting with others who share our love of aviation. We couldn't do it without these volunteers. Thank you.



Next up was Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida, where Lightspeed announced that we are again one of the final 15 for the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation grant.

*Martha Phillips, Andrea Rinebold and Corbi Bulluck at the Women in Aviation event in Orlando, Florida, in March.*







# PILOT CAREERS:

# Respect

BY DONNA MILLER  
International Careers Committee

*We learned about gratitude and humility – that so many people had a hand in our success, from the teachers who inspired us to the janitors who kept our school clean... and we were taught to value everyone's contribution and treat everyone with respect.*  
—Michelle Obama

In the late '70s at the Air Force Academy, a janitor quietly went about his business, nearly invisible to the cadets. His name was Bill Crawford, and he had served in the Army during WWII. But, none of the cadets knew that. They were busy with academics and sports and becoming Air Force officers. Bill was busy cleaning the floors and emptying the trash and scrubbing toilets.

One weekend, Cadet James Moschgat came across an interesting find: Private William Crawford was a Medal of Honor recipient. His father had received Bill's medal posthumously because everyone believed that Bill had died in the battle. In fact, Bill spent 18 months as a prisoner in a German POW camp and quietly returned home to Colorado. And so it was for years. Finally, in 1984, President Reagan, who attended the Air Force Academy's commencement ceremony, acknowledged the humble janitor and placed the Medal of Honor around his neck.

Here we are today, enjoying our careers as pilots, standing on the shoulders of giants. We don't know them all: I love the WASP who flew during WWII and opened doors that had for so long been

closed to women. Later this year, Emily Warner will be enshrined into the National Aviation Hall of Fame as the first woman airline pilot. Eileen Collins broke through barriers in space becoming the first woman Space Shuttle pilot and commander. They are our heroes, and we owe them a debt of gratitude. We admire them and emulate them as we pursue our dreams in aviation.

We work daily with gate agents, cleaners, mechanics, fuelers, dispatchers, schedulers and flight attendants, to name just a few. We don't know their stories, but we owe them respect for what they do. We could not do our jobs if they didn't do theirs. Together, we work as a team to get people safely where they need to go. When was the last time you greeted the gate agent, looking her straight in the eye? When you get your coffee at the airport, do you ask the barista how he is — and wait for the answer?

Everyone has a story. Many among us are tireless volunteers. They champion the case for animals. They coach, they teach and donate to worthy causes. Perhaps they have done amazing things that we will never learn.

Life is a leadership laboratory. People you encounter every day at work will teach you valuable lessons if you take the time to learn. As Colonel (Ret) James Moschgat discovered, life doesn't always give you what you deserve. His experience with Bill Crawford taught him to pursue excellence, not glory. We can all learn something from that.

## TRAINING MILESTONES

**Nancy Bradshaw** – Instrument  
Antelope Valley Chapter

**Myra Bugbee** – Instrument  
Florida Goldcoast Chapter

**Sandra Denton** – Solo  
Michigan Chapter

**Pam Doddridge** – Citation 525 Type  
Rating, Orange County Chapter

**Rebecca Dueck** – Night Rating  
Manitoba Chapter

**Megan Emery** – Private  
Wisconsin Chapter

**Yasmeen Fraidoon** – Captain A330,  
Gulf Air, Arabian Section

**Linda J. Friedman** – Boeing 787 type  
rating, Dallas Chapter

**Kayla Graham** – Multiengine  
Commercial, Colorado Chapter

**Tina Hartlaub** – Captain, Mountain  
Air Cargo, Wisconsin Chapter

**Margaret Jones** – Instrument  
New Orleans Chapter

**Lauren Keil** – Seaplane, Fulfillment of  
Richard J. Santori Memorial Scholarship  
Minnesota Chapter

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Florida Spaceport Chapter

**Diana Le Sueur** – Private  
Phoenix Chapter

**Arlene Martinez** – Instrument  
Antelope Valley Chapter

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Orange County Chapter

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Commercial, Old Dominion Chapter

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Instructor, Horizon Air First Officer  
Orange County Chapter

**Sharon Rissling** – Private  
San Diego Chapter

**Kristin Stewart** – Private  
San Diego Chapter

# 99s in Final Round of Lightspeed Competition

BY SUSAN LIEBELER  
International Fundraising Chairman

On April 2 at Sun 'n Fun in Florida, Lightspeed Aviation Foundation announced that The Ninety-Nines is a finalist in the 2014 annual Lightspeed Pilot Choice Awards. Selected from a field of hundreds of nominees, The 99s is one of 15 aviation charities competing for grants up to \$10,000 that Lightspeed will award to the aviation nonprofits receiving the highest Internet vote tally in its annual grant competition.

In previous years, The 99s have used Lightspeed Foundation grant money to increase outreach programs and expand our participation in aviation events, support our scholarship programs and expand The 99s' participation in the EAA Women Soar Program at Oshkosh. We have also been able to increase the number of flight training scholarship awards given to high school girls participating in Women Soar.

With votes and support from aviation enthusiasts, the aviation community, our members, friends and family, The 99s can win the 2014 competition and use the Lightspeed grant to increase our outreach and presence at regional aviation events. We can also award another solo scholarship at Oshkosh that will provide young women between the ages of 16 and 20 with funding for flight training through their first solo.

Thank you for your support of The 99s! Please feel free to share this and encourage your friends and relatives to support the 99s and aviation scholarships. Voting for the 2014 Lightspeed competition ends October 31. If you voted last year, you will need to vote again to make your vote count this year. Alternatively,



*Ninety-Nines solicit Lightspeed votes from Oshkosh air traffic controllers who are wearing their signature pink shirts. Ninety-Nines from left are Lin Caywood, Martha Phillips, Darcy Kulesha and Rhonda Tarli.*

you can send me an email, [Lexpert@Lexpertresearch.com](mailto:Lexpert@Lexpertresearch.com), and ask me to cast your vote. We have a team of Ventura County 99s with iPads who are available to cast your vote and the votes of your family members.

Please also remember to use your email address only once to vote in the 2014 competition. Facebook and iCloud email addresses can also be used when you vote.

*Please vote for us at [www.vote99s.com](http://www.vote99s.com)*



BY SUSAN LIEBELER  
99s International Fundraising Chairman

Amazon has a new charitable donation program, Amazon Smile, that allows customers to designate .5% of their Amazon purchases to their charity of choice. Many 99s shop at Amazon on a regular basis, and it is an opportunity for us to raise thousands of dollars for The 99s if we coordinate our donations.

We have registered The 99s as one of the charities eligible for the new donation program and hope you will help support The 99s by designating The 99s as your charity of choice for future Amazon purchases. Here is all you have to do:

1. Visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and bookmark the page for future use.
2. Sign in using your usual Amazon account.

3. When prompted to choose a charitable organization, choose The Ninety-Nines, Inc. (Oklahoma City) from the list of eligible charities in the other field.

4. A percentage of each Amazon purchase you make when entering the Amazon site through [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) will be donated to The 99s.

The best way to remember is to bookmark the site or save it on your home screen. Once you have bookmarked Amazon Smile, you will find that clicking on the Amazon Smile icon will take you quickly to the Amazon site, even more quickly than typing [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) in your browser!

We plan to use the proceeds from the Amazon Smile donations to support our efforts to recruit new pilots and increase our presence and participation at aviation events. AOPA has replaced the single national Aviation Summit with a series of seven regional events, thereby significantly increasing our participation costs. Amazon Smile will provide support for our presence at these events, where we hope to reach out to new and student pilots and share with them our enthusiasm for flight and The 99s.





Langley, BC, Canada, hosts the world's largest female aviation event to date (6,000-plus attendees and 1,310 female first flights) and wins the 'Most Female Pilot Friendly Airport Worldwide' title. Photo by Dennis Ducklow\_DoubleExposurePhotography

# WOAWW!

**More than 26,000 attend Fly It Forward Activities; 5,703 girls and women discover flight during Woman of Aviation Worldwide Week.**

BY MIREILLE GOYER  
Ambassador Chapter

**D**uring the 2014 Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week (WOAWW) March 3-9, entrants in the Fly It Forward Challenge organized activities that drew more than 26,000 attendees in 96 locations on four continents. Pilots flew approximately 1,000 hours to introduce 5,703 girls and women to flight in a small aircraft.

The Fly It Forward Challenge is held annually as part of the Women of Aviation Worldwide Week. While WOAWW is not an official Ninety-Nines event, it was created by Ninety-Nine Mireille Goyer. The event embraces the goals of The Ninety-Nines, and many Chapters participate as part of their community outreach.

The celebration offers a fun incentive for aviation enthusiasts to share their passion with girls and women unfamiliar with the industry. Over \$12,000 worth of prizes and trophies were available through the



Kirsten Brazier organized the WOAWW event in Langley, BC, Canada.

various challenges, contests and drawings.

Studies seeking an explanation for the meager percentage of females involved in the industry's technical fields found that a key barrier to the participation of women is the perception that the industry is 'for males only.' As a result, qualified candidates do not even consider the air and space industry as an option.

Changing perceptions and sparking vocations is the goal of the week. The Fly It Forward Challenge encourages entrants to offer girls and women with no prior connection with the industry an opportunity to try various aviation activities hands-on.

In 2014, activities at Fly It Forward events included practicing air traffic control, using rivet guns to make souvenir key chains, exploring aircraft mechanisms, learning about various aviation careers or hobbies, meeting outstanding women of aviation and experiencing the magic of flight in a small aircraft.

Kirsten Brazier (99), who organized



the event in Langley, British Columbia, Canada, elevated the concept to a level never accomplished before. Leading more than 200 volunteers, Brazier coordinated a record-setting 1,310 first flights, which makes the Langley Regional Airport the Most Female Pilot Friendly Airport Worldwide in 2014 and makes Brazier the winner of the Event Organizer Contest's \$1,000 prize.

Not surprisingly, Frank Walcher, co-winner of the Most Supportive Male Pilot Worldwide title, flew at the Langley Regional Airport, as did the first runner-up, George Tecklenborg.

However, the Calhoun Air Center in Victoria, Texas, led the charge to bring some world titles back to the United States, world title-less since 2011. Two of the pilots contributing to the Calhoun Air Center's success, Dianna Stanger (99) and Tom Keane, stand at the top of the podium in their respective categories: Most Dedicated Female Pilot Worldwide and Most Supportive Male Pilot Worldwide.

Calhoun Air Center conducted more than 460 first flights at three locations, including 299 at its Victoria location to win the Most Female Pilot Friendly Training Center Worldwide title. Victoria, Texas, is also first runner-up for the Most Female Pilot Friendly Airport Worldwide title.

Overall, Canada maintains its lead by winning two thirds of the titles, with two schools in Ontario winning first and second runner up spots in the training center category, and Lachute, Quebec, reaching the second runner-up position in the airport category.



*From left, Roseline Boire (pilot and marketing director for Sennheiser Canada), Carol Pilon (wingwalker), Carole Pilon (test pilot for Bombardier), CarolAnn Garratt (three times around the world), Mireille Goyer (99 and president of the Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide) in front of the Raymonde De La Roche Street sign at the Mirabel Airport, Quebec, Canada, on March 8.*

Australia took the challenge for the first time in 2014. Due to overwhelming enthusiasm, events quickly doubled or tripled in size as compared to the original plans, leading two Australian pilots, Diana Jemson of Strathalbyn, South Australia, and Euan Harrison of Caloundra, Queensland, to reach the podium in their respective categories.

"When I launched the Fly It Forward Challenge to celebrate the centennial of the first female pilot license worldwide in 2010, just 310 girls and women went on a first flight during the week," says Mireille Goyer, president of the Institute for Women

Of Aviation Worldwide. "In five years, the number of first flights during the week has increased by more than 1,800 percent. To-day, the celebration has become, without a doubt, the world's largest annual female aviation gathering."

The 5th annual Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week will take place, worldwide, March 2-8, 2015.

In 1915, Marie Marvingt, third woman to earn a pilot license worldwide, flew a bombing mission over a German military base in occupied Metz and became the first woman to fly in combat. She received the Croix de Guerre for her heroic action. To celebrate the centennial of Marie's accomplishment, Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week's theme in 2015 will be "Serving with honor: 100 years of female pilots in combat."

*Left, at the Langley, BC, airport, four young passengers are excited about their upcoming ride in the helicopter piloted by Frank Walcher, winner of the 2014 Most Supportive Male Pilot Worldwide title.*



# 17 Award Winners Are Ready To FLY NOW!

BY SHELLEY VENTURA, AEMSF Trustee

The Spring 2014 Fly Now Award proved to be just as competitive as last fall, with nearly 50 applicants. Last fall, nine Associate members were recipients of the Fly Now Award. The AEMSF Trustees were pleased to present *seventeen* Fly Now Awards this spring.

The next Fly Now Award winners will be announced in October 2014. Applicants must be officially registered as Associate Members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. at the time of application. Deadline for submission is September 15, 2014.

The Fly Now Award (formerly the New Pilot Award) is a progressive award given to Associate Members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. who demonstrate a need for financial assistance to become certificated pilots. The Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund has decided to expand the scope of this award to provide up to \$3,000 toward completion of the Recreational Pilot, Sport

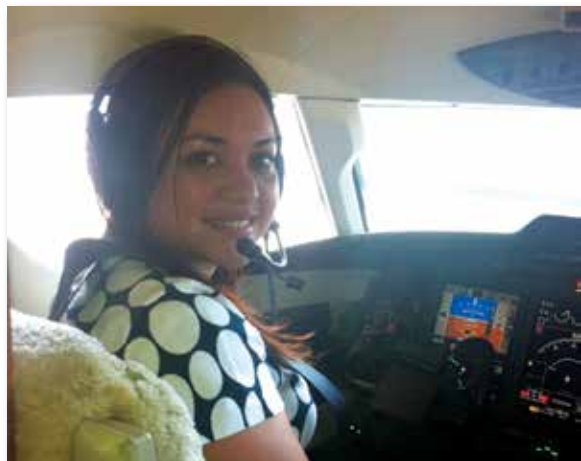
Pilot or Private Pilot certificate, or non-U.S. equivalent, in any aircraft. The success of the Fly Now Award is dependent upon the relationship between the student pilot and their 99s Chapter. The AEMSF is requiring that the applicant have a formal mentor to help guide and support the student pilot during her training. This award will be given progressively to winners after they complete each of the four milestones in their training.

**MILESTONE:** Passing the FAA or equivalent written knowledge exam, if not completed at time of application: \$500.

**MILESTONE:** First Solo, if not completed at time of application: \$1,000.

**MILESTONE:** Long solo cross-country, if not completed at time of application: \$1,000.

**MILESTONE:** Receiving FAA or equivalent flight certificate: \$500.



## **NANCY AUVIL, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**

**Mentor: Claudette DeCourley**

I'm a San Diego native and mother of two daughters, Melody 10 and Ciara 18. I embrace both my Caucasian American and Filipino heritage. I started a family early at 18 while completing college and graduate school to become a college educator, counselor and licensed marriage and family therapist. I'm enjoying my second year as an Associate member of the San Diego 99s and as the editor of their OMNI newsletter. I also serve as vice president for the local chapter of Women in Aviation and as a public affairs officer in the Civil Air Patrol Squadron 57. I previously soloed, have over 80 logged flight hours and look forward to completing my cross country solo hours and taking the check ride with the help of the Amelia Earhart Fly Now Award. I've found new challenges, rewards and relationships in aviation that have changed my life.

## **LEIGH BURNS, TUCSON CHAPTER**

**Mentor: Jacquie Thomas**

I am currently in the United States Air Force serving my country as an airborne linguist. I fly as an aircrew member aboard the RC-135 and EC-130H aircraft. I have served in the United States military for over 16 years. I also am a student pilot. I took my first flight over the skies in Arizona in January 2012. I love to drive, interpret language and dance. My number one passion is flying! I love all things airplanes and being a pilot. I look forward to seeing you in the air!





### **PARIS CLEMENT, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**

**Mentor: Kathleen Devlin**

I am from San Diego, California and always valued volunteering. I've earned the Girl Scout Gold Award and am fluent in American Sign Language, lost 60 pounds this year and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. I am excited to use the award to help fulfill my dream of flying a cargo aircraft for the United States Air Force Reserve.



### **CHERYL COTMAN, ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER**

**Mentor: Carol Anne Bennett**

I am an artist with a long standing love of flight. I have a BA in Biology from Reed College, Portland, Oregon, and a MFA from California Institute of the Arts. My affection for the natural world and a good adventure make the world of general aviation a logical preoccupation. One highly unique aspect of my art is the incorporation of science, most frequently aspects of neuroscience and aeronautics. Because of my passion for flying and aircraft, aeronautic principles often make their way into my artwork, sometimes in the form of technical drawings of aircraft, contrails or calculations on rocket trajectories, which are gracefully and whimsically incorporated into art pieces that are pleasing even to the non-technical individual.

### **CAROLYN DAVIS, MARIN COUNTY CHAPTER**

**Mentor: Cindy Pickett**

A mother of three grown daughters, I live with my husband in San Rafael, California. While working as an architect on a log home in Sisters, Oregon, this past summer, I was introduced to the joys of flying through the beautiful Cascade Mountains. Bitten by the winged bug, I completed an amazing ground school class, passed my written exam and am actively adding hours in the sky to my logbook. After many years of looking down at the ground, minding the youngsters, raising puppies for Guide Dogs for the Blind and running my architectural business, I can now look skyward and am so very appreciative to have been selected as a recipient of the Fly Now award.



**LISA FUSANO, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER****Mentor: Ruth Logan**

Influenced by my father who worked in aerospace, I was smitten with the bug to fly at a young age. That desire was delayed as I was blessed to raise six wonderful children, including one that is severely disabled. I am the full-time caregiver for my daughter Charity and have 10 grandchildren. Being encouraged by the SFV 99s, I began flight lessons and passed the FAA Airman Knowledge Test. With the AEMSF Fly Now Award, I will be able to continue flight lessons to obtain my private pilot certificate and eventually serve the disabled community and fly humanitarian missions.

**GABBY HOWELL, GEORGIA CHAPTER****Mentor: Susan Delgado**

Hello fellow aviators! I am a proud member of The 99s! I was born and raised here in Columbus, Georgia. I've been interested in aviation since I was 14 years old. In 2009, I started taking lessons at the Columbus Airport for my private pilot certificate. In 2013, I enrolled in Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's worldwide program, and I am going for my bachelor's degree in professional aeronautics. I would love to work for the FAA or the NTSB as an investigator of airplane accidents. I look forward to making a promising career in aviation!

**CASSANDRA ILICH, COLORADO CHAPTER****Mentor: Deborah Price**

My passion for flying has no boundaries. I am a young, tenacious woman whose heart and eyes always look toward the skies. As I have financed my flight education on my own, it has taken me over two years to get where I am in my flight training. Now with the financial help and enthusiastic support of my sisters at The Ninety-Nines, I will be able to fulfill my dream to fly and inspire other young female pilots in the same fashion that you have all inspired me. Thank you, Ninety-Nines!





**KATHRYN KAMINSKI, NORTHWOODS CHAPTER****Mentor: Deirdre Dreger**

I am a senior at Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua, Wisconsin, and I will be attending the University of North Dakota this fall to major in commercial aviation. I became interested in aviation in the 5th grade when I completed an independent project on aerodynamics and aeronautics. Then in 8th grade, I had the opportunity to pilot a plane at my local airport as part of EAA's Young Eagles program. Since then, I have attended Women Soar You Soar camps at EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where I learned about The 99s. I am currently working on my private pilot training.

**JOANNA MOORE, BAY CITIES CHAPTER****Mentor: Wendy O'Malley**

I decided at an early age that I wanted to be a pilot someday, and it's an amazing feeling to finally make it happen. Outside of flying, I've been working off riding time at the local horse barn since middle school, and it's strange to go from an industry dominated by women to one where they're few and far between. I look forward to starting at Embry Riddle in the fall and hope to fly professionally in the future. I'm very grateful for all the support I've received, and especially grateful to all The 99s who have made this award possible.

**THAO NGUYEN, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER****Mentor: Claudette DeCourley**

Every time I become airborne, I feel like I am witnessing a miracle. As I gain altitude, I am reminded of how small I am and that the world was created for much more than just me. With my PPL, I will be thrilled to share that miracle with others, especially those who are disadvantaged and never imagined flying private. I am ecstatic to become a pilot for programs like Angel Flight to pay it forward and help those during their time of need. I strongly support the mission of The 99s and am humbly honored to receive this award.



**BAMBI SHOREY, KATAHDIN WINGS CHAPTER****Mentor: Lorena Plourd**

I am fairly new to the amazing world of aviation. It was only 2½ years ago that I was petrified of flying and would never have dreamed of wanting to fly an airplane! That all changed one day when I was persuaded to go along on my boyfriend's flight lesson. New dreams, goals and a love for aviation were inspired that day. I am now an Advanced Ground Instructor and student pilot. I volunteer at the Biddeford Municipal Airport in Biddeford, Maine, providing field trips for school-age children, flying companion classes and helping out with various organizations and events at the airport. I'm the mother of two teenage children, a dental hygienist and love classic muscle cars.

**CHELSIE SLOAN, ALABAMA CHAPTER****Mentor: Nicole Banks**

I was 17 when I first hit the skies. Immediately, I realized that flying was going to be more than just a hobby. I'm planning to obtain my CFI and am currently enrolled at Wallace State Community College, Hanceville, Alabama, pursuing a degree in Flight Technology/Aviation. Upon completing ground school, I accomplished my first solo flight on December 12, 2013. The thought of being surrounded by like-minded women in aviation inspires me to strive for higher goals and knowledge. This scholarship gives my future in aviation new potential, and I'm determined to make the most of it!

**KATE STUART, SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER****Mentor: Terry Harris**

I was born and raised in Gig Harbor, Washington, and moved to Santa Barbara, California, to study pre-med and run cross country and track as an undergrad at Westmont College. I currently work at the emergency room at the local hospital and plan to pursue a career in medicine or aviation. I am a thrill seeker at heart and drawn to anything involving speed or altitude. I enjoy playing the ukulele, working out at the track, discussing literature/current events, sipping single malt scotch and laughing with friends. I live out my dreams while awake, with eyes wide open. I've always had a passion for aviation and have fallen even more in love since starting flight lessons. I am incredibly thankful and beyond excited for this opportunity.





## **DALE SUMERSILLE, VENTURA COUNTY CHAPTER**

**Mentor: Marion Nauman**

I am a student pilot and an active member of the Ventura County 99s since I joined in 2012. I started taking lessons from CP Aviation in Santa Paula, California, in February 2012 after deciding it was time to work on checking off items in my bucket list. I fly a Cessna 162 Skycatcher, and Mark King is my CFI. My goal is to become a private pilot and fly for Angel Flight and Pilots for Paws. I'm sharing my new interest in aviation with youth groups including the Girl Scouts, Boys & Girls Club and Oxnard City Corps.



## **SARAH WEST, KITTY HAWK CHAPTER**

**Mentor: Jan Squillace**

I have dreamed of flying ever since I attended my first Oshkosh fly-in in elementary school. After I soloed last fall, my training was put on pause while my husband and I moved cross-country. Now, thanks to the generosity of the AEMSF Fly Now Award and the support of the Kitty Hawk 99s, I have the opportunity to make my flying dreams a reality. I hope to someday use my abilities to fulfill a joint dream with my husband to serve and step out in an act of faith as pilots with Mission Aviation Fellowship. Here's to blue skies!

## **STEPHANIE 'STEVIE' WIRKKALA, KITTY HAWK CHAPTER**

**Mentor: Margaret Riddle**

I am a 17-year-old private pilot in training. I am the grateful recipient of the Fly Now award, which will help me pay for the remainder of my training. Two years ago, through the Navy Sea Cadets, I attended ground school in San Diego, California, on the USS Midway. Since then, I have been taking flight lessons as often as time and money allow. Two weeks ago, over spring break, I flew 25 hours in an accelerated program! I am getting close to soloing, and this award will help me finish the last steps to getting my certificate.



# 99s to Award Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship at 2014 Oshkosh

BY SUSAN LIEBELER  
International Fundraising Chairman

EAA and The Ninety-Nines will award a \$3,000 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship to provide a young woman (age 16-20 at any time during the 2014 calendar year) with financial support for flight training through her first solo and beyond.

Ninety-Nines President Martha Phillips and Lori Parker, SW Section and Ventura County Scholarship Chairman, will award the scholarship during the WomenVenture activities at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh on July 30, 2014. The scholarship was funded by the 2013 Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Grant and the Ventura County Chapter.

First prize of \$3,000 will be paid in installments to the winner's selected flight training program. All applications must include a 500-word essay describing why the applicant wants to learn to fly, how she will apply her training, and her future goals. After their selection, it is also expected that winners will provide a 400-1,000 word essay to the scholarship committee sharing their training experiences and the goals they have met.

Membership in The Ninety-Nines and proof of financial need and financial information are not required as part of the application. Applications should be submitted by July 10, 2014, through the EAA website at [eaa.org/en/ea/aviation-education-and-resources/ea-youth-education/ea-aviation-scholarships/ea-flight-training-scholarships](http://eaa.org/en/ea/aviation-education-and-resources/ea-youth-education/ea-aviation-scholarships/ea-flight-training-scholarships).

EAA has agreed to publicize this scholarship on its website and through its national publications. By partnering with EAA, The 99s will be able to reach a broad audience of young women. The 99s awarded the Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship for the first time at Oshkosh in 2013. Forty-five young women applied for the scholarship, and we funded scholarships to two rising high school seniors. The first place winner, Ashley Collins from Oregon, used



*Susan Liebler, Martha Phillips, Ashley Collins and Jeff Kauffman, EAA.*

her funds to obtain her private pilot certificate and tail wheel endorsement, all within several weeks. Ashley is now enrolled in college, getting her A&P and taking instrument training and is a member of the Oregon Pines Chapter. The second place winner, Candice Votava from Wisconsin, is learning to fly in her college flight training program. Candice is an Associate member of the Indiana Chapter.

After awarding the scholarships to the two winners, we contacted the remaining applicants and told them about the Fly Now award and other great scholarships available through the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund. We encouraged them to join The Ninety-Nines, where they could receive mentoring and support for their flight training. We experienced a surge of new membership applications from these young women and hope to have a similar experience this year.

## Take A WASP to Oshkosh!

If you're planning on attending Oshkosh this July 28-August 3, how about taking a WASP with you?

The following six Woman Airforce Service Pilots and their escorts would appreciate a ride to the event, whether via car or plane.

- **Jan Goodrum** and her two daughters from Grass Valley, California
- **Jean McCreary** and her daughter from Claremore, Oklahoma

- **Marty Wyall** from Ft. Wayne, Indiana
- **Millie Young** and Bill Young from Colorado Springs, Colorado

If you can provide a ride for these women, please let Mary Wunder know at [marywunder@gmail.com](mailto:marywunder@gmail.com).

***Time spent with the WASP —  
PRICELESS!***



# Welcome New and Returning Ninety-Nines!

## Welcome Back Members

**Allen, Ann**, El Paso  
**Anderson, Kacy**, Antelope Valley  
**Bailey, Carol**, Washington DC  
**Banner-Seemann, Catherine**, High Country  
**Baptista, Janet**, Santa Clara Valley  
**Bennett, Vivian**, Houston  
**Bew Liu, Deborah**, Kitty Hawk  
**Blue, Buppachart**, Utah  
**Bosman, Katie**, Michigan  
**Burgunder, Cynthia**, San Diego  
**Courneyea, Gail**, First Canadian  
**Craik, Evelyn**, Las Vegas Valley  
**Crotty, Sharon**, Florida Spaceport  
**Davila, Jolynn**, Santa Maria Valley  
**Ford, Heather**, Australian Section  
**Frape, Amanda**, First Canadian  
**Hambrick, Erin**, San Luis Obispo Co.  
**Harrison, Justine**, Rio Colorado  
**Hummel, Aileen**, Fort Worth  
**James, Kristin**, Houston  
**Jones, Loretta**, Greater Kansas City  
**Losee, Bobbi**, Monterey Bay  
**McBride, Heidi**, Central Oregon  
**McNevin, Heather**, Minnesota  
**Mudd, Michal**, Rio Grande Norte  
**Northrop, Patricia**, Lake Tahoe  
**O'Brien, Kelly**, Florida Suncoast  
**Overeem, Sonja**, Washington DC  
**Powers, Barbara**, Montana  
**Rogers, Cindy**, British Columbia Coast  
**Shams, Razieh**, San Diego  
**Spivey, Rani**, Dallas  
**Weiss, Ronnie**, Connecticut  
**Wood, Dottie**, Houston

## Welcome New Members

**Adorno, Christine** (F), Connecticut  
**Allebach, Marlene** (F), Alaska  
**Anim-Caviezel, Johanna** (F), Ventura County  
**Atwood, Andrea** (F), Alabama  
**Bird, Wendy** (F), Utah  
**Bowles, Sierra** (F), Hampton Roads  
**Burnett, Jenny**, Ventura County  
**Bush, Linda**, Austin  
**Chaisson, Laurie**, Georgia  
**Clement, Paris** (F), San Diego  
**Cole, Muriel**, Montana  
**Coto, Amanda** (F), Florida Gulf Stream  
**Crossman, Donnielle**, Florida Spaceport  
**Danko, Brittany** (F), Indiana



*New member Jennifer Nash, Kitty Hawk Chapter.*

**Davis, Griffin** (F), Intermountain  
**Davis, Carolyn** (F), Marin County  
**Destefano, Julie**, Florida Suncoast  
**Dinsmore, Rebecca**, Northwoods  
**Doddridge, Pamela**, Orange County  
**Evans, Jillian**, First Canadian  
**Evans, Sherryl** (F), Florida Suncoast  
**Farinholt, Heidi-Marie** (F), Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast  
**Fenwick, Molly** (F), Santa Rosa  
**Filce, Anna**, (F), Intermountain  
**Finan, Olga**, Florida Gulf Stream  
**Fisher, Mikayla** (F), Columbia Cascade  
**Fisher, Sheryl**, Columbia Cascade  
**Fortin, Nathalie** (F), Eastern Ontario  
**Fosha, Rebecca**, Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast  
**Fridley, Meghan**, Oklahoma  
**Garner, L. Michele**, Middle Tennessee  
**Gaul, Janeen**, Ventura County  
**Gingras, Sarah** (F), Bakersfield  
**Goldman, Amanda**, (F), Katahdin Wings  
**Gresham, Irene**, Florida Suncoast  
**Haberle, Dina**, Wisconsin  
**Hancock, Melanie** (F), Greater Seattle  
**Hirtzer, Pam**, (F), Bay Cities  
**Hoener, Lisa**, Dallas  
**Hurley, Danijela**, Hampton Roads  
**Jimenez, Rosa** (F), Fullerton  
**Johnson-Ramirez, Emily** (F), Phoenix  
**Kanninen, Rosemary**, Greater Seattle  
**Korbmacher, Christine** (F), Eastern Pennsylvania  
**Lafferty, Jill** (F), Colorado  
**Lamia, Deb**, Wisconsin

**Lawson, Olivia** (F), First Canadian  
**Leavens, Jennifer**, Florida Spaceport  
**Lin, Susan** (F), Eastern New England  
**Liu, Gloria** (F), Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast  
**Lynch, Elizabeth**, Florida Suncoast  
**Malan, Desiree**, Utah  
**Mallman, Katharine**, Marin County  
**McCall, Melinda**, Alabama  
**McCarter, Elizabeth**, Ambassador  
**Meredith, Jocelyn** (F), Long Island  
**Morais, Nisha**, India Section  
**Nash, Jennifer**, Kitty Hawk  
**O'Dea, Orla** (F), New Zealand Section  
**Oehmigen, Kalista**, Sacramento Valley  
**Paris, Kaori**, Washington DC  
**Parks, Jaclyn**, Central Oregon  
**Payette, Deidre** (F), Long Beach  
**Peterson, Pamela** (F), Wisconsin  
**Posey, Monica**, Houston  
**Reed, JulieAnn** (F), Ambassador  
**Reed, Michelle**, Santa Clara Valley  
**Reindl, Chloe** (F), Pikes Peak  
**Reu, Alice**, Kitty Hawk  
**Reynolds, Danielle** (F), San Gabriel Valley  
**Rodriguez, Marta**, Arabian Section  
**Ross, Mariellen** (F), San Gabriel Valley  
**Sachau, Crystal**, Montana  
**Schram, Jessica**, Phoenix  
**Snodgrass, Amanda** (F), Inland Empire  
**Strombitski, Carla** (F), Colorado  
**Sullivan, Myra** (F), Alabama  
**Terpstra, Denise**, Phoenix  
**Thomas, Leah** (F), Phoenix  
**Torres, Christine**, San Fernando Valley  
**Tranum, Kathryn** (F), Alaska  
**Tsuchiyama, Charity**, Aloha  
**Tucker, Eden**, Ambassador  
**Tucker, Lisa**, Florida Spaceport  
**Ursel, Tara** (F), Manitoba  
**Wagner, Anneliese** (F), Alaska  
**Whelchel, Serena** (F), Monterey Bay  
**White, Sierra**, Ambassador  
**White, Kara** (F), Lake Erie  
**Wiggins, Tysha** (F), Florida Goldcoast  
**Williams, Rachel** (F), Eastern Pennsylvania  
**Williams, Miriam**, Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast  
**Willis, Suzy** (F), Georgia  
**Willits, Tamara**, Northeast Kansas  
**Wilson, Lena** (F), Orange County  
**Zasada, Genevieve**, (F), Aloha  
**Zoller, Krista**, Eastern Pennsylvania



*New Orleans Lakefront Airport is your first stop if you're flying your plane to the International Conference. It was the major commercial airport in New Orleans until 1946 and now serves general aviation.*



## *Start Packing Your Bags!*

# 99s International Conference New Orleans, Louisiana, July 8-13



BY LISA COTHAM PIZANI  
International Conference Co-Chairman

**A**re you ready to Let the Good Times Fly? Have you registered? Made your reservations? Booked your tours? Here are a few final details to help you enjoy your experience at the 2014 International Conference in New Orleans.

If you registered but didn't book any tours, you can log back in to the registration website and add tours.

You don't want to be left out of the City Tour that includes lunch on the Steamboat Natchez, or the Plantation Tour with lunch at beautiful Houmas House plantation, or the Culinary Walking Tour of some of New Orleans' best and most famous restaurants, or the other tour offerings. See [www.regonline.com/ninetynines](http://www.regonline.com/ninetynines).

If you haven't registered yet, you have until June 7 to register online, and the cutoff date for reservations at the host hotel is June 10.

### *Airport Information*

#### *Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (KMSY)*

Louis Armstrong International Airport is easy to navigate. It has one terminal with four major concourses and a common baggage area at ground level. Airport Shuttle is the official ground transportation provider for the airport, with service desks located throughout the airport terminal as well as in baggage claim. Look for their digital billboards welcoming The 99s to New Orleans.

Catch your shuttle at the Transportation Center located across from baggage claim and a very short walk from the terminal. To receive a discounted roundtrip fare of \$35, you must make your

reservation at least 24 hours in advance of your arrival time using the Airport Shuttle link on the Conference website, [www.sesection99s.org/2014international99conference](http://www.sesection99s.org/2014international99conference).

#### *Lakefront Airport (KNEW)*

Locally owned and operated Flightline First, the official conference FBO, is on the south ramp at Lakefront, immediately East of the terminal building. You will be greeted with great Southern hospitality and a selection of welcome treats.

You can rent a car on site through either Hertz or Enterprise



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*Enjoy the flavors of New Orleans at the popular French Market.*

or hire a taxi for the short ride to the French Quarter. The cost for two passengers is \$25, three passengers is \$30, and \$40 for four passengers. Advance reservations are strongly encouraged and can be made on the FBO website, [www.flightlinefirst.com](http://www.flightlinefirst.com).

Ramp fees will be waived with any fuel purchase. Fuel will be discounted to \$1.10 per gallon above cost. Tie downs are \$4 per night for single engine. If you would like hangar space, the cost for a single-engine is \$20 per day; \$30 per night for a light twin.

On-field maintenance and avionics are also available. Flightline First is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They can be reached at 504-244-4448 or through their website.

### **Hotel Information**

The Astor Crowne Plaza, on the corner of world-famous Canal and Bourbon Streets, is part of the InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) Rewards Club. Be sure to earn points for your stay in New Orleans.

Hotel valet parking is \$34 per day plus tax, or you can self-park at one of the several public parking garages within one to three blocks of the hotel for as low as \$25 per day. You can pre-pay on your initial entry for in-and-out privileges. See [www.frenchquarter.com/maps/parking6lots.pdf](http://www.frenchquarter.com/maps/parking6lots.pdf) for parking locations.

The Astor also offers a concierge service to assist with your plans while visiting in New Orleans. You can email them at [concierge@astorneworleans.com](mailto:concierge@astorneworleans.com) with any pre-planning or questions you may have regarding dining, entertainment or local attractions.

### **Historic Street Cars**

The New Orleans Regional Transit Authority operates three historic street car lines: the St. Charles line, the Canal Street line and the Riverfront line. All lines either run along or intersect Canal Street in the “neutral ground” (median) of Canal Street, literally just steps away from the Astor Hotel. The St. Charles line, which dates to 1835, runs the length of beautiful St. Charles Avenue and affords a view of the stately mansions in the well-known Garden District.

A standard one-way fare on a streetcar is only \$1.25. Fare boxes do not give change, so have the exact amount ready. You can also use a Jazzy Pass to hop-on/hop-off as much as you want.

A one-day pass is just \$3. For more details, route maps or to pre-purchase your Jazzy Pass, go to [www.norta.com/Getting-Around/Our-Streetcars.aspx](http://www.norta.com/Getting-Around/Our-Streetcars.aspx).

### **Other Things to Do and See**

New Orleans offers a huge variety of food and entertainment venues. Each registration bag will include a list of local favorites:

**Food:** Mother’s, Tujaque’s, Liuzza’s, Camellia Grill, Central Grocery, Dookey Chase, Port o’Call, Café du Monde.

**Museums:** National World War II, Mardi Gras World, Historic New Orleans Collection, Museum of the American Cocktail, Louisiana Children’s Museum. See more at [www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/arts/museums/](http://www.neworleansonline.com/neworleans/arts/museums/)

**Music:** Preservation Hall (jazz), Tipitina’s, House of Blues, Mulate’s Cajun Restaurant (Cajun).

**Attractions:** French Market, Audubon Zoological Garden/Aquarium of the Americas, Rock ‘n’ Bowl, Riverwalk Outlet Mall (grand opening 5/22/2014).

**Conference T-Shirts:** Conference themed New Orleans Mask and Airplane tees to benefit the Southeast Section are available now. Short sleeve in white or coral, cap sleeve in white. Sizes S, M, L, XL, 1XL, 2XL, 3XL, 100% soft cotton, \$27 (\$28 XXL-XXXL). Shipping included. Order at: [sesection99s.org/2014international99conference](http://sesection99s.org/2014international99conference) (or [wandajohnston@gmail.com](mailto:wandajohnston@gmail.com), 816-529-2461).

**Fly Market:** Chapters and Sections, reserve your space to be part of the exhibit area, the Voler Marche, sharing space with commercial vendors Piedmont Airlines, Continental Motors, FAA and others. Expand your market as local aviators are invited to this addition to The 99s International Conference. Mail your check for \$60 to: The Southeast Section of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., 2014 International Conference, P.O. Box 1283, Gonzales, Louisiana, 70707-1283.



*Conference tees are now available in mask and airplane designs in white or coral.*

### **CORRECTION**

There is an error on the registration form in the January-February issue of 99 News. Section 3 of the form, Optional Activities, showing Saturday and Sunday’s dates as July 11 and July 12. The actual dates are Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13. Please be aware of this error when making your travel plans. We are sorry for the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

*Maria at the Al Mahatta hangar.*



# The Imperial Outpost

## Ninety-Nine Maria Ziadie-Haddad Discovers a Hidden Treasure in Downtown Sharjah

**BY MARIA ZIADIE-HADDAD**

Ambassador Chapter

**D**uring one of my long 15-day trips “around the world,” I flew into the Sharjah International Airport (SHJ/OMSJ), Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The UAE states were a group of sheikhdoms in the Persian Gulf, known as the Pirate Coast or Trucial Coast, under British protectorate treaty from 1820 to 1971. Sharjah is located along the coast of the Persian Gulf on the Arabian Peninsula. Its neighboring Emirate is Dubai.

My crew stayed at the Centro Hotel adjacent to SHJ. With nothing much to do at this “Airport Layover Hotel,” I decided to venture out and take the city’s local “Hop-On-Hop-Off” bus tour via a taxi ride to the Al Majaz waterfront.

After boarding the double decker bus, I noticed an airplane symbol, labeled Al Mahatta, at stop 14 on the map. I asked the bus driver what this meant. He gesticulated, and in broken Eng-

lish explained that it was an old airport and museum. Like most aviation enthusiasts would, I decided to check it out, hopped off the cool air-conditioned bus and ventured into the busy streets of old, dusty and hot downtown Sharjah.

Navigating through the streets, I eventually spotted an old, well-preserved control tower, sitting majestically behind a gated fence near the Immigration Building. The museum is completely surrounded by taller buildings now, which were built around it after the airport closed. A sign out front read the “Al Mahatta Museum.” What a treasure to find downtown in a city! The security guard at the entrance gate and the receptionist seemed quite pleased to have visitors. I paid a very small entrance fee of 5 Dirham (\$1.30 USD), which included my personal tour guide who spoke excellent English.

My guide explained that the Sharjah Airfield was created out of nothing in the open desert on the salt flats and was the first airport in the UAE. It closed when all operations were moved to the



Sharjah International Airport (SHJ/OMSJ) on January 1, 1977. Outside the museum, the busy King Abdul Aziz Street that runs alongside the old airport buildings was the original hard surfaced runway built in 1956.

In the early 1930s, it was very important for the British Empire's Imperial Airways, which was developing an air route between Britain, India and Australia, to be able to create a "staging post" for their commercial flights in the Persian Gulf. The ruler at the time, Sheikh Sultan of Sharjah, offered this land site, some 1.5 miles from the town, to the British. The Arabian shore of the Persian Gulf was flat with shelving of hard sand.

On October 7, 1932, aviation history was made. The Imperial Airways Handley Page 42 four-engine bi-plane made the inaugural flight from their base airport, Croydon Airport (EGCR, now defunct), London, to Sharjah. After the night stopover, the flight continued onto Delhi, India, and then to Australia. The HP 42's flight from London carried only 24 passengers and took several days at speeds of 100 miles per hour.

The airfield provided all the facilities for refueling, maintenance and ground services. A fortified, secure "rest house" was built for the passengers and crew to overnight during their inter-continental journey. Airmail and shipments of precious stones and pearls, sent from traders in the region to markets in Delhi, India, were also carried onboard. (British Overseas Airways Corporation, BOAC, was formed in 1938 when Imperial Airways and British Airways Ltd. merged).

During World War II, the airfield became known as RAF Sharjah. The British RAF extended the facilities and built a runway. RAF Sharjah played an important role in the Buraimi and Jebel Akhdar Crisis (1950s). The control tower was built in 1956, and



*Al Mahatta Control Tower.*

further upgrades and development were made in 1968. However, the RAF began ceasing their operations in 1971 due to the city's development.

The museum comprises the old control tower, a hangar beside it containing five aircraft, and the rest house, which is a building with an exterior covered corridor where they have other displays and the old cinema.

In the hangar were an Avro Anson C19, a DC-3 Dakota, a de Havilland Dove 6 suspended from the ceiling, a de Havilland Heron and a cockpit of BOAC's de Havilland Comet R2.

Other items of interest included a visual display of the history of aviation, space exploration and the development of aviation in the Gulf region. I also watched a short, historical 1937 film, *Air Outpost - 24 Hours at the City and Airport of Sharjah in the Persian Gulf*. This gave me a remarkable look at the daily life at the airport during the 1930s. It features the Imperial Airways' HP42 G-AAUD "Hanno" on what could possibly have been the airline's first commercial service in October 1932 to Basra, Iraq, and Karachi, Pakistan. (This can be seen on YouTube and is about 8:06 duration).

The Museum tour took approximately two hours. If you visit Sharjah, I encourage you to stop by the museum, it will be well worth your time and money. There was a lot to learn about the aviation history of the UAE.

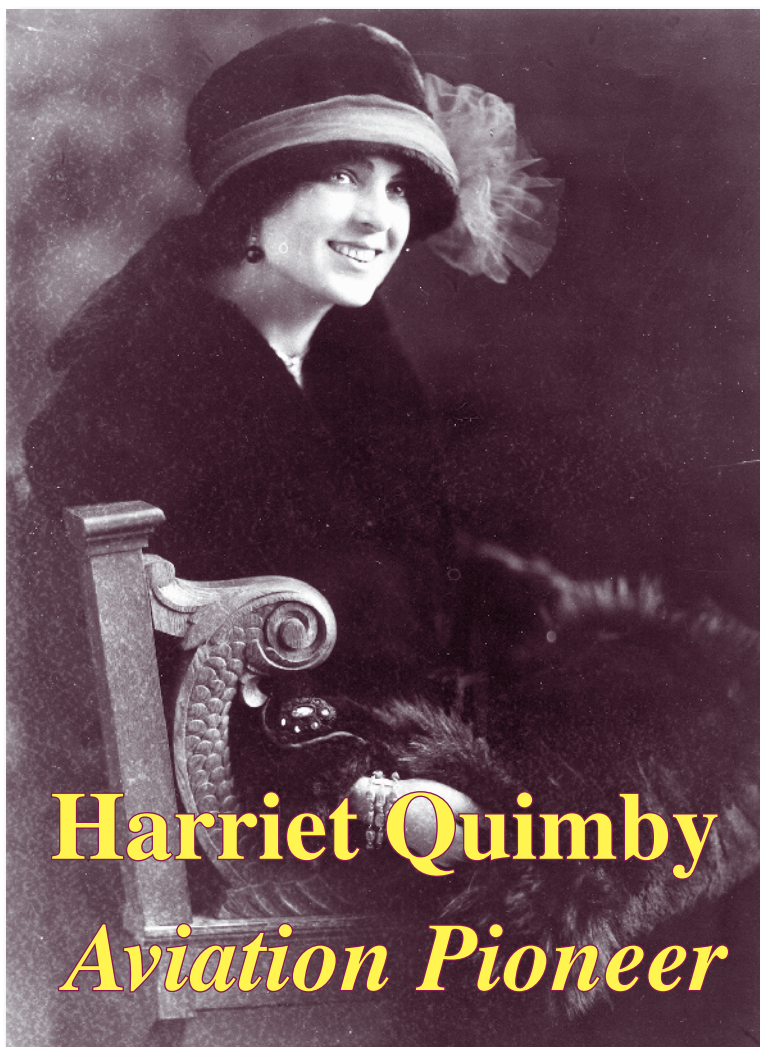
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*Model of museum.*

*Editor's note: Maria Ziadie-Haddad was Jamaica's first female jet airline pilot and in 1986 became the first female captain on Air Jamaica. She is currently working with Atlas Air in New York.*





## Harriet Quimby *Aviation Pioneer*

99s Museum of Women Pilots preserves the history of aviation pioneers like Harriet Quimby.

BY DENISE NEIL-BINION  
Executive Director, 99s Museum of Women Pilots

**H**arriet Quimby was a true pioneer in women's aviation, becoming the first woman in the United States to receive her pilot certificate in 1911.

With her friend Matilde Moisant, Harriet began touring with the Moisant International Aviators and performing flying exhibitions. The beautiful and fashionable Harriet had a flare for the dramatic and immediately captured the public's attention in her purple satin flying suit.

With her background in journalism, she chronicled her adventures in articles she wrote for *Leslie's Weekly*. Of flying she wrote, "There is no reason why the aeroplane should not open up a fruitful occupation for women. I see no reason they cannot realize handsome incomes by carrying passengers between adjacent towns, from parcel delivery, taking photographs, or conducting schools of flying. Any of these things, it is now possible to do."

Strong-willed and determined, Harriet set out to show that women were perfectly capable of flying; for her there were no limits to what women could do. She made history when she became the first woman to fly across the English Channel in 1912. Of the historic flight she said, "I was annoyed from the start by the attitude of doubt by the spectators that I would never really make the flight. This attitude made me more determined than ever to succeed."

Although her life as an aviator was tragically cut short when her plane crashed into Dorchester Bay in July of 1912, Harriet will go down in history as not only an important aviator but a champion for women's rights to participate in activities traditionally ascribed to men.

As she stated, "The men flyers have given out the impression that aeroplaning is very perilous work, something that an ordinary mortal should not dream of attempting. But when I saw how easily the man flyers manipulated their machines, I said I could fly."

Harriet's is just one of the many important stories told at the 99s Museum of Women Pilots. Among the important archival documents in our collection is a 1911 letter she wrote to fellow journalist Bonnie Ginger, who worked for *New York World*. It seems apparent by reading the letter that Bonnie wrote an article about Harriet's aviation adventures. Harriet praises Ginger's writing, saying, "The story is altogether charming and delightful." To show her appreciation, she notes, "The best way I can show my appreciation to you is to invite you to be my first girl passenger in my new passenger carrying machine, if you care to go." Harriet's offer to Bonnie shows both her enthusiasm for flying and her excitement to share the experience with another woman.

This enthusiasm for aviation is carried on by present-day members of The 99s, and the 99s Museum of Women Pilots is honored to preserve the history of aviation pioneers like Harriet Quimby.



Photos on this page, Harriet Quimby circa 1911-1912. Photos courtesy 99s Museum of Women Pilots.



# 'Spring Break for Pilots' Lots of Fun and Sun in Florida

BY TERRY L. CARBONELL  
SE Section Governor

The annual "Spring Break for Pilots" lived up to its name this year in April with an abundance of sun and tons of fun bringing out pilots to Lakeland, Florida, from all over the United States. Over 300 99s, 49½s and their guests stopped by The 99s House on Club House Row. We garnered 13 new 99s, with 10 being in the growing Southeast Section.

We were pleased to see the return of the war birds, Blue Angels and other military aerial demonstrations, including the Raptor, this year. It certainly was a draw for the general public and pilots alike.

This year also saw an expansion of the Sun 'n Fun Aerospace Institute and educational forums. Many groups of middle school and high school youth stopped by The 99s House to learn about The 99s and women pilots. Terry Carbonell, SE Section Governor, was on hand to welcome the groups and to discuss the history of our organization and its relationship to the Air Race Classic.

Once again, we were extremely fortunate to have a cadre of WASP on hand to talk to guests, provide interviews to Sun 'n Fun Radio and participate in the WASP Luncheon on Thursday afternoon. Rod Hamlet Catering provided a scrumptious BBQ chicken lunch that was enjoyed by all as we listened to the stories of Bee Haydu, Florence Mascott, Shutsy Reynolds, Penny Halberg, Kay Hilbrant and Tuskegee Airman Charles McGee. Many thanks to Susan King, Bob Oehl, Bud King and the Wings of Dreams Aviation Museum for their efforts in arranging the WASP appearance at Sun'n Fun.



Panelists at the WASP luncheon were Charles McGee, Bee Haydu, Florence Mascott, Penny Halberg and Kay Hilbrandt.



Enjoying Sun 'n Fun from The 99s House are 99s volunteers organized by Co-Chairmen Nancy Wright, Barbara Sierchio, Barbara Yeninas and Mary Wunder. Seated in front are four of the WASP guests, Florence Mascott, Ursula Davidson, Bee Haydu and Kay Hildebrandt.

The Florida Suncoast Chapter held their April members meeting on Saturday, with all 99s present welcome to attend. The Chapter uses the event each year to hold a silent auction and offer items for sale as fundraisers for their annual scholarship. The hard work of many individuals goes into making the event a success each year, with the planning starting early in the year. Co-Chairmen Nancy Wright, Barbara Sierchio, Mary Wunder and Barbara Yeninas organized the group of volunteers, including Jeanne Burklund, Kim and Barry Elshotz, Marie Grein, Elinor and Steve Kline, Pat Hange, Linda Kaufman, Alice Paddock, Jerry Sierchio, Kaye Tucker, Arnie Wunder, John Yeninas and Debbie Palmer.

It is always fun to see so many enthusiastic female pilots and to share our passion for flight. We look forward to next year and hope that those of you who did not find us on Club House Row will make the journey to Lakeland, Florida, in 2015 for our annual "Spring Break."

## LETTERS

### GRATEFUL FOR MENTORS

I am an Associate Ninety-Nine with the Southwest Section's Orange County Chapter, a scrub nurse for Cedars-Sinai hospital in open heart and a student helicopter pilot. Yesterday we had our fly-in to French Valley. I flew in with my instructor CFI Andy Saga in the flight school's R22. I was greeted by my mentor Patty Murray, her husband Peter, Colleen Handrahan and Diane Myers with camera in hand taking photos. Later that evening I watched the YouTube clip she posted from her

video of our landing at French Valley, just arriving in close to 30 knot winds.

I wish to take a moment to thank all of these amazing individuals for their support and encouraging energy. I am so grateful they have come into my life and appreciate every day how much they mean to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

*Denise Ferranti, Orange County*

*Mercedes Eulitt was a member of the formation team that opened for the Blue Angels at the Los Angeles County Air Show.*



## MERCEDES EULITT FLIES IN TEAM OPENING FOR BLUE ANGELS

Antelope Valley Chapter's Mercedes Eulitt flew as a member of the West Coast Ravens Formation Team in the Los Angeles County Air Show, March 21-22, at William J. Fox Airfield, Lancaster, California.

The air show program noted that in the Ravens' routine, fans would see symmetry, precision and grace. And they did. The team opened for the Navy's Blue Angels who were making their first air show appearance since budget cuts grounded them last year.

— Lynne Hsia

## DOROTHY SAUL-POOLEY BECOMES MASTER OF HONOURABLE COMPANY OF AIR PILOTS



*Dorothy Saul-Pooley.*

British Section member Dorothy Saul-Pooley, LLB (Hons) FRAeS, recently became the first woman to lead the Honourable Company of Air Pilots, one of the world's longest-established independent pilots' organizations.

Dorothy is recognized as one of the leading flying instructors and flight examiners in the United Kingdom. She was in her 30s when she took her first flying lessons.

After receiving her private pilot's license, Dorothy combined flying with work as an aviation lawyer. During this period, she also began her work with Air Pilots. Training instructors to teach is one of Dorothy's passions, and from her base at Shoreham in East Sussex, she has taught courses training over 250 instructors. She is also a CAA flight examiner and a leading author and editor of flying training manuals.

Her logbook currently records over 9,500 flying hours at the controls of over 85 types of aircraft.

— Dorothy Saul-Pooley

## JULIE CLARK CELEBRATES 35 YEARS OF AIR SHOW FLYING

This year, aerobatic pilot Julie Clark celebrates her 35 consecutive years of air show flying with a full schedule of appearances. One of those appearances will be at the Amelia Earhart Festival in Atchison, Kansas, July 18-19. Each summer the community pulls out all the stops in honor of its favorite daughter, complete with a downtown music, food and crafts fair, star-filled outdoor concert, children's activities, carnival, awards and honors, Earhart research and literature, music on the beautiful riverfront, aerobatic performances and the grandest of all finales — the "Concert in the Sky" fireworks show.

For more information on Julie's upcoming shows, visit [julieclarkairshows.com/air-show](http://julieclarkairshows.com/air-show).



*Julie Clark will be featured at the Amelia Earhart Festival in July.*

## YASMEEN FARIDOOON FIRST BAHRAINI FEMALE CAPTAIN

Arabian Section member Yasmeen Faridoon received her 4th stripe on the A330 with Gulf Air, becoming the first Bahraini female captain in the history of Bahrain and the second female captain in Gulf Air after Captain Vanessa Umbai.

Yasmeen graduated from the University of Bahrain with a bachelor's degree in Business Information Systems and later worked in JP Morgan Chase Bank. She was selected for Gulf Air's cadet pilot program in 2005 and joined Gulf Air in 2008 as a second officer after graduating from Qatar Aeronautical College. She started on the A320 fleet, later moved to the A330/340 fleet and earned her command on the A320.

— Alia Twal



*Captain Yasmeen Faridoon with Captain Nasser Al Salmi, Chief Operations Officer of Gulf Air.*



### OLD DOMINION CHAPTER

Old Dominion 99s volunteered at Girl Scout Day during the Women in Aviation and Space Heritage Family Days held at the Udvar Hazy Air & Space Museum on March 15. Morgen Reeb, Debbie Gallaway, Judy Shaw, Barb Wilper, Marilyn Schuyler, Melissa Plumer, Rose Brown and Susan Passmore introduced many girls to aviation fun.

The two simulators were busy all day with young children learning about the instruments: how to control straight and level flight, how to turn an airplane left and right, how to climb and how to descend.

Debbie introduced them to the pilot alphabet by having them spell their names. She gave them clues to guess the words. They could remember whiskey (an adult drink) easily, but they had some difficulty remembering Foxtrot and Tango (rose in mouth). Debbie always made it fun, even for the children with long names.

The children also learned how to plan an airplane flight with a sectional. They found railroads, cities, runways and rivers.

The museum reports that 6,500 people attended on Girl Scout Day.

— Marge Shaffer



*Debbie Gallaway teaches the pilot alphabet to Girl Scouts.*

### OREGON PINES CHAPTER

The future of aviation shows great promise with the enthusiasm and interest shown by 14 teenagers in Oregon, four of them female. In a two-day class, 99s collaborated with the Experimental Aircraft Association and the Academy of Model Aeronautics in hands-on aircraft inspections to learn the parts of an airplane, aerodynamics demonstrations and aviation history and technology presentations.

The teens flew model aircraft simulators and toured hangars to see various aircraft building projects. They each built and flew their own Delta Dart model airplane. Students learned how to read aeronautical charts, planned a flight and learned how to determine the weather affecting the flight. Each student received an introductory flight with a volunteer pilot and logged actual training with a CFI in a flight simulator. The second day concluded with a briefing on flight training from a retired FAA

inspector and a career panel discussion.

Our raffle quilt debut at the Northwest Aviation Conference and Trade Show was a big hit. The 99s booth at the trade show was staffed by members of the Greater Seattle, Mt. Tahoma and Oregon Pines Chapters. In between turns at the booth, we attended seminars on aircraft maintenance, aviation weather and a variety of aviation safety, technology and history topics.

We also visited with almost 200 exhibitors at the trade show. Our airplane quilt, Fly the Oregon Skies, will be exhibited at a variety of events during the next several months, and the raffle will be held at the Oregon Pilots Association Convention in Eugene on October 18.

In February, Trish Hanna facilitated an interactive DVD course on runway safety, and we each received WINGS credit.

For Women's History Month in March, we had a presentation on civilian pilots in the air when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Two of the flight instructors flying that day were women, Cornelia Fort and Marguerite Gambo. The Interstate Cadet flown by Cornelia Fort was restored by the Ragwood Refactory in Jasper, Oregon, and has gone to the Heritage Flight Museum at Skagit Regional Airport in Burlington, Washington. One of Marguerite Gambo's Aeroncas is on display at the Pacific Aviation Museum in Pearl Harbor.

Our Flying Companion Seminar at Willamette Aviation in Aurora, Oregon, was a smashing success with 51 participants. Sylvia Manning organized the event and arranged WINGS credit for pilots who attended with their flying companions, emphasizing the importance of crew resource management. Oregon Pilots Association requested another Flying Companion Seminar at the state convention.

— Debra Plymate



*Fourteen teenagers participated in a two-day class presented by the Oregon Pines Chapter and Experimental Aircraft and Model Aeronautics Association members. Photo by Stephen Winters.*

### SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

As a special treat for our April meeting, we shared our morning with Amelia through a presentation by our very own Secretary Lynne Greer's great-niece Amanda Scheidnes.



Amanda Scheidnes reports on Amelia Earhart.

As a third grader at Empresa Elementary School, nine-year-old Amanda took the opportunity when reporting on a historical character to choose Amelia Earhart. Amanda gave her presentation as if she were Amelia. Lynne and Fran Bera arranged the loan of helmet, goggles and scarf so Amanda was authentic when she gave her report in front of the school and at our meeting!

—Nancy Auvil

### ALOHA CHAPTER

The Aloha Chapter held their 40 Years of Incorporation celebration and fundraiser on March 15. The event was a huge success, raising \$2,747 before our expenses of \$122. You've just got to love the 747! The day was community oriented, with fun activities for kids, educational tables and live music provided by family and friends.

We were joined by our local flight school, Maui Aviators, the Civil Air Patrol and the fire department Search and Rescue team. Maui's busiest mall, Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, was the gracious host of our first aviation celebration. Ruby's Diner, located at the center, donated proceeds.

Some of our Oahu members had an adventure when weather delayed them on the island of Lanai and Maui and couldn't come home until the following day.

With great prizes, diligent sales and lots of aloha, the prize drawing was the highlight of our donation to the Aloha 99s scholarship fund. As for the success of this celebration, the participation by 99s, family, friends, organizations and the community was so very rewarding. Truly an abundance of aloha!

— Shannon Christensen

### FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

#### WOAWW in Ontario

March 3-9, 2014, marked the fourth annual Women of Aviation Worldwide Week. WOAWW takes place every year during the week that contains March 8, International Women's Day. It is also the date, in 1910, that the first woman received a pilot certificate.

To celebrate, the First Canadian Chapter and Enterprise Airlines organized an event at the Oshawa Municipal Airport in Ontario. What a fantastic day we had! Although the weather did not cooperate in the morning, the ceiling lifted after noon, and we took 138 girls and women for free flights!

We also had in attendance inspiring women representing many aspects of aviation and aerospace. Some of the women made presentations, and all were available for the girls to speak with and to answer their questions. Thank you to our sponsors and the more than 70 volunteers, including many 99s, for making this happen. We made a difference in many lives!

— Lesley Page

#### Award of Excellence

The First Canadian Chapter presented its Award of Excellence 2013 to Jaclyn Tamboer from Toronto Airways, Buttonville Airport. Jaclyn receives a one-year membership to The Ninety-Nines, a cash award plus an individual plaque to display wherever she chooses. This award is presented annually to a female pilot who meets specific criteria and who has achieved academic excellence and flight proficiency in



Vida Ghahremani celebrating flight at the Oshawa Municipal Airport during the WOAWW event.

her private pilot or commercial license in the region of the First Canadian Chapter. The award is a special project of the Chapter, intended to promote women in aviation.

While learning to fly at Toronto Airways in Buttonville, Jaclyn met a self-set goal of obtaining her commercial license within two years of starting flight training, and she is now working on her multi and multi-IFR ratings. She achieved her goal while working full-time at UTC Aerospace as a technical writer of Component Maintenance Manuals for Landing Gear and part-time at The Prop Shop at Buttonville Airport.

— Dr. Laureen Nelson



### TENNESSEE CHAPTER

The Tennessee Chapter is off to a busy 2014. On February 26, Linda Meese spoke at the Oak Ridge Girls, Inc. for Amelia Earhart Day. Over 40 girls learned about her role as a mission pilot for the Civil Air Patrol, Amelia Earhart and The 99s, and air racing.

The March 8 Chapter meeting at Knoxville Downtown Island Airport had a full agenda that included plans for the April Girl Scout Aviation Days in Knoxville and Tri-Cities as well as



Participating in the Scout Aviation Badge Day are, from left, Pat Roush, Annette Stocker, Linda Haynes, Martha Miller, Janice Pelletti, Linda Meese, Nicole Hennebery, Allison Beebe, Nancy McGinnis and Lynn Davis.

*Girls had a chance to sit in the glider seat during Scout Aviation Badge Day.*



plans for the Southeast Fall 2014 Section Meeting in Knoxville.

On April 5, 85 scouts and parents attended the half-day Scout Aviation Badge Day at the Knoxville Downtown Island Airport. The passage of a cold front the night before left the skies clear, but the air chilly. Fortunately, three of the presentations were inside, giving everyone a chance to warm up.

The topics included History of Women in Aviation, Aircraft Dispatcher, CFI, Airline Pilot, CAP, Glider Pilot, Balloon Pilot and Aircraft preflight. Once again, the Downtown Island Airport staff provided invaluable help and support.

—Janice Pelletti

### CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

The 37th annual Safety Seminar co-sponsored by the Chicago Area Chapter, the Illinois Division of Aeronautics and the FAA was held on February 1 at the Itasca Holiday Inn. In spite of the cold, snow and icy driving conditions, about 75 pilots and potentially future pilots braved the weather to attend this annual event. Attendees had very favorable comments about the seminars and speakers. Carol Para and other members of IDOT always set up an interesting and educational program to help pilots earn WINGS credit.

Quite a few Chicago Area members were in attendance. Lora Yowell, who owns Aviation Universe in Bensenville, had a vendor table set up in the lobby area; Barbara Muehlhausen and Deanna Close taught the Flying Companions class; Madeleine Monaco, Lora Yowell, Ellen O'Hara and Donna Klein welcomed attendees and took care of distributing the programs. Ellen 'The Mad Hatter' O'Hara also did her usual great job of selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Also attending were Mary Lou Erikson, Sue Glancey, Karen Ness and Sue Zdebski.

We sweetened up the day by passing out chocolates in celebration of the Chapter's 80th anniversary!

Also in February, we gathered all of the flying "stuff" we no



Chicago Area members at the February Swap Meet from left, Mary Lou Erikson, Deb Meznarsic, Ruth Frantz, Diane Cozzi, Leslie Prellwitz, Joan Kerwin, Rita Adams and Donna Klein.

longer wanted or used and took it to our Aviation Swap Meet. It was a great opportunity to clean out our closets, cabinets and shelves, and replace our stuff with someone else's. Anything flight-related – books, jewelry, clothing, memorabilia – was available. Bids started at a modest 25 cents, with proceeds benefitting The 99s Endowment Fund.

—Diane Cozzi



*Robin Smith, right, introduces German student Victoria Riedl to flight in a Tecnam.*

### RIO GRANDE NORTE CHAPTER

The Rio Grande Norte Ninety-Nines were busy in February and March with two flying events and a pair of aviation workshops.

On February 22, Chapter members Heather Martha Cook, Robin Smith, Susan Larson and Elizabeth Hunke provided aerial tours of the Santa Fe area for about two dozen visiting German students. The school where Heather teaches German is partnering with a high school in Tübingen, Germany, in an exchange program overseen by the German American Partnership Program. The German students spent about two weeks in New Mexico, staying with Heather's students' families, attending classes at the school and flying New Mexico's beautiful skies.

On March 6, Marianne Francois, Lyn Bennett and Susan Larson led two aviation workshops for teen girls at the Santa Fe Convention Center. As part of the annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference, the workshop's aim was to inspire girls to pursue STEM fields: science, technology, engineering and math. The girls learned about flight navigation, cockpit instruments and also how the control surfaces work during flights of their newly constructed styrofoam model airplanes.

Snow flurries? A flat tire on the runway? No problem! For the Women of Aviation Worldwide Week (WOAWW) event, members Tandra Hicks, Joyce Woods, Jen Keppler, Susan Larson, Lyn Bennett and Elizabeth Hunke made numerous circuits near Double Eagle II Airport, while Michal Mudd, Holly Lopeman, Robin Smith, Elaine Roderick (ABQ) and Chris Tucker with her CAP cadets kept things running smoothly on the ground.

Although Saturday's snowy weather interrupted our WOAWW flights several times that morning, we still managed to fly more than 50 women and girls on March 8 and 9.

— Elizabeth Hunke

### AMBASSADOR CHAPTER

Young girls and women were introduced to the mysteries of flight on March 8 and 9 when over 6,000 participants swarmed British Columbia's Langley Regional Airport, eager to discover the many facets of aviation available to women at the third annual The Sky's No Limit – Girls Fly Too! community outreach event.

This year's event, organized by 99 Kirsten Brazier, was held in honor of Women of Aviation Worldwide Week (WOAW). It became the largest outreach event of its kind in North American history, and for the second time in three years, it was the largest single event in WOAW history, worldwide. Previous Girls Fly Too! events were held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

— Kirsten Brazier

### GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER

The March 12 meeting was held at the Seattle Museum of Flight auditorium, where we attended the AOPA Air Safety Institute's Accident Case Study seminar. The two accident case studies were very enlightening. We all left knowing we need to remember the lessons learned.

Many thanks to Eva Parks for hosting a dinner meeting with Susan Mashibe, a very impressive woman pilot from Tanzania. Susan told us how she earned her pilot certificate and mechanic license in Michigan, then returned to Tanzania and became owner of a business on Mt. Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). She employs 40 people and has served three U.S. presidents and many celebrities in her business. She answered all our questions in a very forthright manner and displayed a vast knowledge of her country and Africa. Read more about Susan at <http://www.one.org/us/person/susan-mashibe/>.

— Marian Hartley



*In March, Greater Seattle 99s met with Susan Mashibe of Tanzania, a pilot, mechanic and operator of FBO & More at Mt. Kilimanjaro International Airport.*



### SUTTER BUTTES CHAPTER

What an unusually nice winter from a flying standpoint for the Sutter Buttes Chapter! February's Chapter meeting was a joint affair, with members of the Sacramento Valley and Placer Gold Chapters attending.

We enjoyed a great turnout of 99s and their family members interested in learning more about one of our area's more unique and historic aircraft, the U-2. Laura Nealon and Sarah Eccles, two female pilots from Beale AFB, spoke about what makes the Dragon Lady so difficult to fly and its interesting history. They even brought out one of the full pressure suits that U-2 pilots wear at those extreme altitudes. It was a great learning experience both for the audience and the presenters since Laura and Sarah were preparing to speak at this year's Women in Aviation Worldwide Conference in Orlando.

The Sutter Buttes Chapter members are proud that one of our own helped promote Women of Aviation Worldwide Week. Jacquie 'B' Warda served as keynote speaker providing moti-



*Sarah Eccles explains drinking and scratching your nose in the U-2 pressure suit. Jacquie 'B' Warda getting her airshow season off to a good start.*

vation and inspiration to other pilots and aspiring pilots. She followed this up by providing introductory flights through the Fly it Forward program.

— Laura Nealon



*Monterey Bay Chapter members congratulate scholarship winner Serena Whelchel (cutting cake).*

### MONTEREY BAY CHAPTER

During a potluck celebration held prior to their monthly meeting in April, Monterey Bay Chapter awarded Serena Whelchel a \$1,000 scholarship to complete her private pilot certificate.

Serena is employed as a professional skydiving instructor and videographer at Skydive Monterey Bay. She has completed her private pilot ground school requirement and is currently taking flying lessons several times a week. Her dream job would be to fly float planes in Alaska. She hopes to take flying as far as flying can take her.

Theresa Levandoski-Byers, on behalf of the Watsonville Airport management, presented Alice Talnack with the 2013 Tenant of the Year Award for her many contributions to various aspects of airport activities.

— Donna Crane-Bailey

### FLORIDA SUNCOAST CHAPTER

On February 14 and 15, we had our joint garage sale with the Girl Scouts. Thanks to a huge amount of donated items, an excellent location, mostly cooperative weather and awesome volunteers, we had quite the successful sale.

The proceeds are being split by our Chapter and the Girl Scouts. Our earnings went to the Jesse Woods Scholarship Fund. Thanks go to our Chapter volunteers Kim Elsholz, who spearheaded the project, and Jeanne Burkland, Nancy Wright, Sophia Payton, Marie Grein, Linda Kaufman, Marilyn Shafer, Barbara Yeninas and our Girl Scout Michelle Burkland.

Mary Fletcher has been working on a new logo for our newsletter.

— Sophia M. Payton



*The Florida Suncoast Chapter held a garage sale to benefit the Jesse Woods Scholarship Fund.*

### FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER

On March 8, the Florida Goldcoast Chapter met at the Bayan Pilot Shop at Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport (FXE) for an educational afternoon.

Laurene McEneny gave a presentation, "Update Your App'titude," about flying apps for your iPad or phone. Her PowerPoint included what key features to look for when researching pilot apps. Categories of pilot apps include Backup Flight Instruments, Charts, Checklists, Flight Planning, General Tools, Navigation, Training and Weather.

Top 10 free Apps in 2013 are Airliners.net, AirNav FBO, Bad Elf GPS Status, Cloud Ahoy, Duel Bluetooth GPS Status, FlightAware, Flightlink, FlightPlan, MyRadar and Socialflight. A chart, Comparison of Navigation Flight Apps for Aviation supplied by the AOPA website, was distributed to all members.



Laurene McEneny gives a presentation about flying apps for an iPad or phone.

Apps can be free or purchased as stand-alone or bundled products, can operate on proprietary hardware, on an iPhone, iPad or an Android device, and some Apps require additional equipment or software. It is important to understand your needs and budget, then test drive your App for 30 days.

It is important to remember that there are safety risks: pretty toys can distract pilots, and the technology can lull the pilot away from critical thinking and true situational awareness. Incorrectly selected identifiers can send you in the wrong direction, non-secured devices can become projectiles, portable ADS-B traffic systems provide incomplete traffic pictures, and finally, all-terrain data bases are not created equal.

Suggested safety tips were to use call-outs to maintain positional awareness, and to announce and record changes in an abbreviated navigation log.

Following the PowerPoint, everyone stayed on to watch the FLY Q Demo, showing how the software works during a simulated flight situation. They left the meeting with a better understanding of the abilities and limitations that come with this new and rapidly evolving form of pilot navigational aids.

— Marcy Lannon

### RENO AREA CHAPTER



The Reno Area Chapter has delivered goodies to the three FAA facilities in Reno for many years, including the Northern Nevada SSC (Site Maintenance) office; Northern Nevada FSDO and Reno Tower. Pictured at the FSDO office are from left, Mike Beckler, manager; Linda Law, Reno Area Chapter; Kathy Walton, Reno Area Chapter; Kim Mills, technician.

— Kathy Walton

### ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAPTER

The Antelope Valley Chapter turned out in full support of the Girl Scout Sunday "Dreams Do Come True" event on March 9 in Quartz Hill, California. Member and WASP Flora Belle Reece was the keynote speaker, sharing slides and tales of her training in Sweetwater, Texas. She pointed out the obstacles she faced when learning to fly and encouraged the Scouts to pursue their goals even when other people try to convince them not to.

In an exhibition hall with many aerospace and civic organization tables, Chairman Leigh Kelly hosted an information table on The 99s, assisted by Barbara Schultz and Lynne Hsia and Bakersfield 99s Emily Golleher, Susan Peck and Jacqui Sickles. Members Jen Householder (Army helicopter pilot) and Lyn McNeely (Master Instructor, Edwards AFB Test Pilot School) were present to speak to the girls about women in the military.

— Lynne Hsia



From left, Barbara Schultz, Leigh Kelly, Lynne Hsia and WASP Flora Belle Reece with Girl Scouts.



## JOSEPHINE HADFIELD Mt. Tahoma Chapter

Josephine B. Hadfield went to New Horizons on February 9, 2014. She was born on March 11, 1917 in Twin Falls, Idaho. Jo was a registered nurse since 1939, graduating from Salt Lake General Hospital. She raised her family before pursuing her license. She earned her private pilot certificate at the age of 59. Her husband had been flying since 1947. In 1987, Jo and her husband were inducted into the International Forest of Friendship, Atchison, Kansas.

She joined The 99s in 1983 and served as Chairman for three terms. Her other flying affiliations included the OX 5 and International Flying Nurses. She was active in numerous other organizations. Jo checked out in six different airplanes, her last was a Piper Turbo Arrow.

Though she was unable to be active in the Chapter in recent years, the Mount Tahoma Chapter members remember Jo always was interested in following our activities. Her spirit will remain with our Chapter.

— Judy Masura



Josephine Hatfield.

## BEVERLY JEAN WILKINSON, WASP Sedona Red Rockettes Chapter



Beverly Jean Wilkinson.

Beverly Jean Wilkinson, 90, passed to New Horizons on March 30, 2014.

Beverly was a woman of strong passions and strong will. At the age of 19, she trained to be a WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilot) during World War II, graduating in October, 1944. She always said it was the best time of her life – out of the love and desire to fly “those beautiful flying machines.” In 2009, Beverly and 1,101 WASP received the Congressional Medal of Honor in recognition for their service during World War II.

After World War II, she married Air Force pilot Jim Wilkinson and traveled the world, had many adventures and raised two adopted children. They settled down in Sedona, Arizona, in 1977 and both enjoyed careers in real estate.

Beverly was a woman who truly walked her own path and made a full and rich life for herself and for many who knew her. Now that she has folded her wings, she will be missed and remain forever in our hearts.

— Barbara Vickers

## ADELAIDE TINKER Delaware Chapter

Adelaide Tinker, 97, of Greenville, Delaware, passed away peacefully at Wilmington Hospital on January 2, 2014.

Adelaide was a lifetime member of The 99s, which she joined in 1954 after earning her pilot certificate. She learned to fly at the old DuPont airport near Wilmington and had many memories of being a woman pilot in those early days. She was a member of the Washington DC Chapter before transferring to the Delaware Chapter. She held several offices, including Section Governor.

Adelaide was born in Chicago on January 30, 1916. She graduated from the University of Chicago in chemistry and went to work with DuPont. There she met John Tinker, whom she married in 1943. She was proud of her flying family – her son and grandson are pilots as well.

An avid pilot, she held a commercial license for single-engine planes, was active in The Ninety-Nines, the Association of Women Pilots and the Civil Air Patrol. She served on the boards of the Wilmington Music School, the Wilmington Friends School and the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra. She was a member of the Wilmington Friends Meeting (Quakers) since 1947.

— Mary Heinsohn



Adelaide Tinker.

In honor of the 49½s who have flown on to New Horizons, we created a special section to recognize the love and support they gave not only to their 99 but to the organization as well. We wish them blue skies.

## Final Flights for Our 49½s

**Louis E. Burris** – Madeleine Burris, Maryland Chapter, October 14, 2013.

**Joseph Miceli** – Jeanne Pierce, Reno Area Chapter, March 8, 2014.

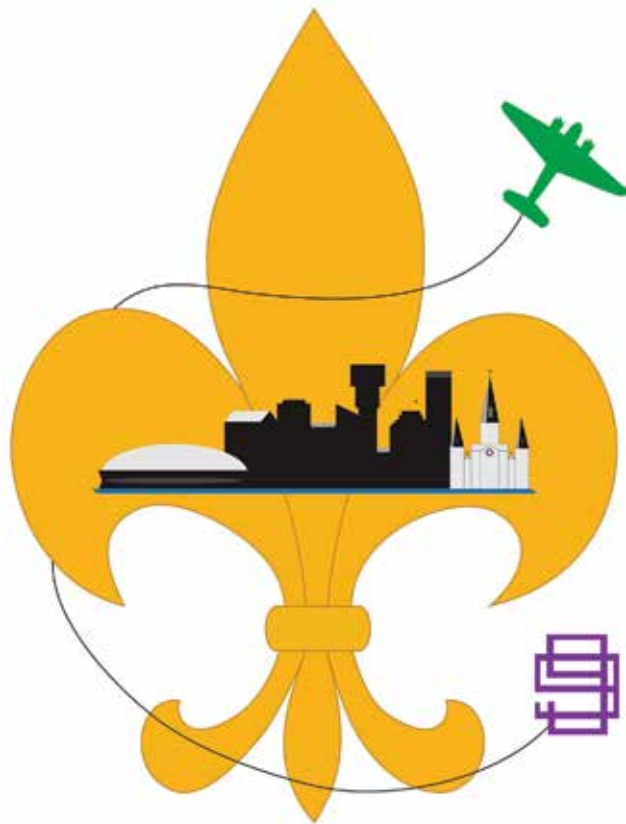
**Jim Pappas** – Nancy Wright, Florida Suncoast Chapter, January 23, 2014.

**Ellouise Wadsworth (Skinner) Beatty** – Jenny Beatty, Wisconsin Chapter, April 20, 2014.

**Dan Kenney** – Maureen Kenney, San Fernando Valley Chapter, March 5, 2014.

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