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PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2015

JANUARY

- 15 **Due date for International Awards nominations.** Contact Alice Talnack, 831-688-8899 or atalnack@comcast.net.

FEBRUARY

- 1 **Due date for submissions to the 99 News** for the March/April issue.

MARCH

- 22 **Antelope Valley Poker Run and Barbeque Scholarship Fundraiser**, William J. Fox Field, Lancaster, California, 9 a.m. kick-off. Contact Lynne Hsia, 626-484-2898.

APRIL

- 1 **Due date for submissions to the 99 News** for the May/June issue.
- 21-26 **Sun 'n Fun International Fly-In & Expo**, Lakeland, Florida.
- 23 **WASP Luncheon at Sun 'n Fun**, Lakeland, Florida, honoring the surviving members of the WWII WASP, 11:30 a.m. at Buehler Restoration Center. To purchase a ticket, contact Nancy Wright, 727-946-1050 (cell) or wrightaviation99@gmail.com.

Alternate contact: Barbara Yeninas, 813-654-3780 or jybm@verizon.net.

MAY

- 14-17 **South Central Section Spring Meeting**, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Contact Kris Irvin-Herron, kherron99@aol.com.
- 15-17 **Southeast Section Spring Meeting**, St. Petersburg, Florida. Hosted by the Florida Suncoast Chapter. For more information, contact Nancy Wright, wrghtaviation99@gmail.com.

JUNE

- 1 **Due date for submissions to the 99 News** for the July/August issue.
- 22-25 **2015 Air Race Classic**. Visit airraceclassic.org for race information.

JULY

- 5-10 **99s International Conference and Annual Business Meeting**, Munich Germany.



The German Section invites you to join them in Munich for the 2015 International Conference.

- 20-26 **EAA AirVenture 2015**, Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Visit eaa.org. Be sure to stop by The Ninety-Nines booth in Hangar B, Aisle B.

AUGUST

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

OCTOBER

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

DECEMBER

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

On the Cover: HAPPY BIRTHDAY 99s!

The organization was established on November 2, 1929, when 26 women gathered at Curtiss Airport, Valley Stream, New York.

First order of business was selection of Neva Paris as temporary chairman. Business was conducted in a hangar above the din of a Curtiss Challenger engine running up as the work of the mechanics proceeded around them. Tea was served from a toolbox wagon on wheels.

Club eligibility and purpose were quickly decided upon. Membership would be open to any woman with a pilot's license, and the purpose was "good fellowship, jobs and a central office and files on women in aviation."

Choosing a name was a little harder. Some suggestions were The Climbing Vines, Noisy Birdwomen, Homing Pigeons and Gadflies. Amelia Earhart and Jean Davis Hoyt put a stop to the nonsense, proposing the name be taken from the total of charter members. Thus, the group was momentarily the 86s, then the 97s and finally the 99s. Amelia Earhart became the group's first elected president in 1931.

Today, The 99s has grown to an organization of approximately 5,000 members worldwide.

Top photo on the cover, the first meeting: Front row: Viola Gentry, Teddy Kenyon, Wilma Walsh, Frances Harrell Marsalis, Meta Rothholz. Back row: Neva Paris, Mary Alexander, Betty Huyler, Opal Logan Kunz, Jean Davis Hoyt, Jessie Keith-Miller, Amelia Earhart, Marjorie May Lesser, Sylvia A. Nelson, unidentified, Dorothea Leh, Margaret F. O'Mara, Margery Brown, Mary Goodrich, Irene Chassey, "Keet" Mathews, E. Ruth Webb and Fay Gillis.

Bottom photo: Ninety-Nines gather around the new Compass Rose in the courtyard at Headquarters during the International Conference in Oklahoma City, 2011. Photo by Lilian Darling Holt

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Susan Liebler accepts the \$6,000 Lightspeed grant on behalf of The Ninety-Nines. It was presented by Alan Schrader, Lightspeed president.



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BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, International President

Looking back at trade show activity for this year, The Ninety-Nines was represented at more shows than ever before. In addition to the WAI show in Orlando, Florida, Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida, EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, we exhibited in each of the seven AOPA regional Town Hall events, plus a new trade show, Aviation Expo, in Palm Springs, California.

The AOPA shows were one-day, Saturday events held from April to November and happened to be in seven of our eight U.S. Sections. Thanks to the Governors and designated Coordinators of those Sections, we had a chance to recruit new members, garner votes for the Lightspeed contest and make many more people aware of just who we are and what The 99s does for aviation.

For some of our members who participated in the trade shows, it was their first chance to interact with people who didn't know about our organization. To strike up a conversation with a complete stranger and tell them about The 99s takes a lot of courage, as well as knowledge. Asking them first to vote for us usually helps start the discussion and forces us to be proactive

in talking with people.

Do you know how to answer *Who are The 99s?*, *What is the purpose of the organization?* and *Why should I join?* If not, maybe this would be a good topic for discussion at your Chapter and Section meetings. You may have heard about the 30-second elevator speech which is practiced in many companies. The basic idea is that if you only have 30 seconds between floors in an elevator to tell a stranger what you do for a living or what your company does, could you do it? The same goes for informing someone about The 99s.

And, how about knowing the basics of recruitment? Do you know the requirements for membership for both the Student Pilot and full Membership? Can you describe the types of scholarships we give through the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund, the dates they are due and what the application requirements are? Are you able to provide information about the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative to a prospective member whose goal is an aviation career?

Do you have a Membership Application handy at your meetings or in your



car when you are at the airport? Past 99s President and author Gene Nora Jessen, who always has one at hand, inspired me to make the effort to always keep one handy and know how to help the prospective 99 fill it out. It is not only the Chapter or Section Membership Chairman who is responsible for recruiting new members, but each one of us.

This year has seen a growth in membership that we want to sustain. Thank you to all who helped fuel this growth, whether it was helping out at the trade shows, promoting our Fly Now Scholarships for student pilots or making the effort to introduce yourself and The 99s to female pilots wherever you encountered them.

Let's make 2015 a banner year in membership growth!



Debra Plymate (Oregon Pines Chapter) and Sheila Collier (Ventura County Chapter) collect Lightspeed votes at the Aviation Expo in Palm Springs. Thanks to enthusiastic vote takers and support from members and the public, The 99s were once again awarded a Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Award (see page 12).

16 Award Winners Are Ready to FLY NOW!

BY SHELLEY VENTURA, Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund Trustee

Congratulations to our Fall 2014 Fly Now Award winners! These 16 Student Pilot members were selected from over 40 eligible candidates. Each student has been paired with a 99 Mentor who will be her ally through the flight training process, offering encouragement during setbacks and celebration for achievements.

Offered twice a year by the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Fly Now Award is a progressive award for Student Pilot members who demonstrate a need for financial assistance to become certificated pilots. The award is for completion of the recreational pilot, sport pilot or private pilot certificate, or non-U.S. equivalent, in any aircraft. Award winners have the opportunity to offset up to \$3,000 of their flight training costs by completing specific milestones.

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.

The next Fly Now Award winners will be announced in April 2015. Applicants must be officially registered as Student Pilot members of The Ninety-Nines, Inc. at the time of application. Deadline for submission is March 15, 2015.

Please join us in congratulating the recipients!



CHRISTINE ADORNO, CONNECTICUT CHAPTER New England Section, Mentor: Peggy Loeffler

I am honored and grateful to have been selected as a recipient of the Fly Now Award! My journey into aviation began in the summer of 2013 after insistence from my grandfather that I would love flying. He was right! As a college student, financing my flight training has always been forced to take second priority. The privilege of being selected for this scholarship will help enable the completion of my private pilot certificate. It is my dream to one day fly for Mission Aviation Fellowship and utilize aviation to serve isolated, indigenous people groups.

AUDREE DAVIS, PHOENIX CHAPTER Southwest Section, Mentor: Paula Barron

I was born in Phoenix, Arizona, 17 years ago. I now live in the small town of Wittmann, Arizona, and I am a junior at Wickensburg High School. I played volleyball for five years and softball for four years. I started going flying with my grandparents when I was about eight years old, attended Girl Scout Aviation Camp and have helped the Phoenix 99s with air shows and Treats to the Towers. So I pretty much grew up around airplanes, and that is what brought me to flying now. After I graduate from high school, I plan to attend Embry-Riddle University in Prescott, Arizona, and major in Air Traffic Control, and maybe even teach Aviation Girl Scout Camp every year.



AVIVA GOLDMANN, COYOTE COUNTRY CHAPTER
Southwest Section, Mentor: Paula Wilson

I'm a graduate student at the University of California, Riverside, working on my PhD in insect biology. Over the past year, I've raised a puppy for Guide Dogs for the Blind, joined Civil Air Patrol and started flight lessons at March Air Reserve Base. I look forward to working with the community of Ninety-Nines as I work toward my private pilot certificate. I'm incredibly grateful for the support I've received and am excited about the opportunity to help other women get involved with aviation.



MELISSA HANTHORN, GREATER ST LOUIS CHAPTER
North Central Section, Mentor: Jean Murry

My love of flying began as a child with my first ride in my grandfather's Cessna. Now my dream of being a pilot is finally coming true. I took my introductory flight with Midwest Helicopter in January 2012 and fell in love with the challenge of flying helicopters. In July of this year, I started flying lessons for my private certification with Midwest. I hope to someday share my love of aviation with underprivileged youth. I am proud to be selected as a Fly Now recipient and grateful for the assistance toward my training. Thank you!

EMILY JOHNSON, PHOENIX CHAPTER,
Southwest Section, Mentor: Ginger Rowley

I am in love with flying. After graduating with my Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, I decided to become a flight attendant and write about my adventures. As a girl, I was inquisitive about what it would take to become a pilot. Ever since I joined The Ninety-Nines, I have been instilled with the courage to pursue my flight ratings; I am currently working on my private pilot certificate. My dream is to one day work as a pilot for an airline abroad, such as Emirates Airline. I have immense gratitude in my heart for The Ninety-Nines' support thus far in my training. As a student member of the Phoenix Chapter, I have been assigned the role of public relations, and I write articles about events completed by my Chapter.





**CHARLOTTE KABER, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY CHAPTER
Southwest Section, Mentor: Kathryn Arnote**

I am a mom, a grandmother, a bookkeeper, carpool lady, Recording Secretary for the San Fernando Valley Chapter, and ... I'm a student pilot!

I've wanted to be a pilot since I was 8 years old. It wasn't until 2011 that my education began as a participant at Mary Latimer's first GIFT (Girls in Flight Training) program, logging my first flight hours. Over the next year, I attended FAA Safety Seminars and became active in The 99s. I've passed the written exam, and with a few stops and starts, will be soloing shortly.

**BETTE KEBEDE, OLD DOMINION CHAPTER
Mid-Atlantic Section, Mentor: Leslie Melanson**

I am originally from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. I went to Ethiopia Parents' School for my entire education up to tenth grade, and then I came to Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Virginia, as a junior. I have been a part of the academy's flight program since then. One of the reasons I came to Randolph-Macon Academy was because of the flight program that is offered; I was passionate about flying ever since I was a child, being inspired by my dad. I want to be a flying doctor in the future. This is my last year at Randolph-Macon Academy, and one of the goals I want to accomplish before I graduate is to get my private pilot certificate. I am thankful for this scholarship because it gave me the opportunity to reach my goals.



**BETH KING, KENTUCKY BLUEGRASS CHAPTER
North Central Section, Mentor: Terri Donner**

I've been flying with my father in his experimental aircraft since I was two years old and have a strong family history of pilots preceding me, including two women who flew in the '50s and '60s. I'm an entrepreneur and outdoor enthusiast living in Louisville, Kentucky, right under the flight pattern of our local airport, where I take lessons. Achieving my private pilot certificate is the first and most exciting step on my journey to becoming a CFI with tailwheel and aerobatic experience.

I am very grateful for the support of the wonderful women who make up The 99s. As the proud recipient of The Fly Now Award, I will strive to be the excellent, influential and fun loving third generation pilot I know I'm destined to be.





**HILARY LOVEALL, ARKANSAS CHAPTER
South Central Section, Mentor: Camelia Smith**

I'm 23 years old, and it is my dream to become a commercial pilot. I think that having my "office" thousands of miles high in the sky is the ultimate dream! I took my first discovery flight at 17 years old and was fascinated by how my hands felt on the controls. I knew this was to be my new passion in life.

I'm currently employed with American Airlines as a station agent. My plan is to be flying for them one day. I love what I do there because I'm constantly around my favorite things: planes and airports. I have a passion in aviation that I haven't found anywhere else. Thanks so much for selecting me for this award. With this scholarship, I will become the pilot I've always wanted to be.

**JENNIFER PAULL, OLD DOMINION CHAPTER
Mid-Atlantic Section, Mentor: Laura Abraham**

Becoming a pilot has been a dream of mine my whole life! I attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University where I studied Air Traffic Management and Aerospace Operations and graduated with a master's degree in aeronautics. I moved to Washington, D.C., to become a contractor for the FAA and currently work there as a systems engineer. I am flying out of Freedom Airport in Bowie, Maryland, and my goal is to eventually get my commercial helicopter rating and to get a job working with NASA. I love to travel and fly all around the world and hope to meet many 99s everywhere I go!



**JOELLE PETERSEN, PARADISE COAST CHAPTER
Southeast Section, Mentor: Terry Carbonell**

"Would you like to go flying?" I was asked by a friend while in England. Without hesitation, the answer was "yes." Within 24 hours arriving back to the U.S., I booked my first introductory flight lesson.

I am a sailing instructor for Offshore Sailing School in Fort Myers, Florida, teaching basic to advanced sailing on vessels ranging from 26 to 48 feet.

I am a member of the Paradise Coast Chapter and fly with the Fort Myers Flying Club. When not sailing or flying, I enjoy playing the violin, diving and volunteering at the Harry Chapin Food Bank.





EMMA REDFEARN, MAPLE LEAF CHAPTER
East Canada Section, Mentor: Jessica Buscher Mahon

I am a grade 12 student at North Middlesex District H.S. in Parkhill, Ontario. I come from a flying family, with a father who is a private pilot and a grandfather who flew for the RCAF, making me the third generation pilot and first female. I was hooked on aviation when I went for my first flight in a small aircraft. I hope to continue learning and eventually gain my instructor rating. I plan to attend a university for health sciences and then attend medical school and complete a residency in pediatrics. I will combine my two loves of flight and medicine by flying up to and working in underserved communities in Northern Ontario and the Canadian Territories.

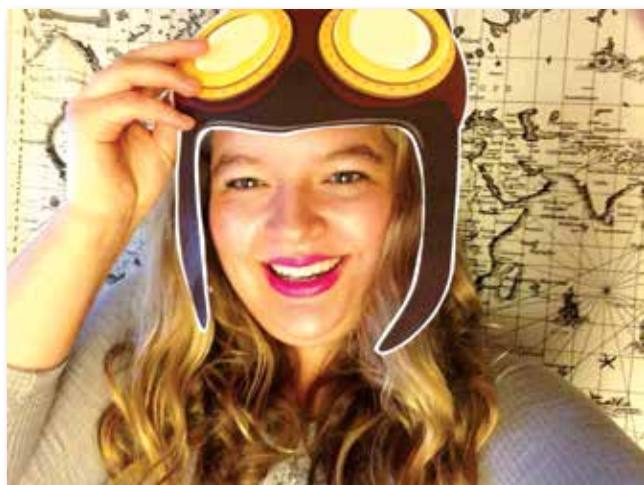
COURTNEY STEPHENS, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER
Southwest Section, Mentor: Whitney Ghoram

I am a 24 year old enthusiastic adventurer. Therefore airplanes are almost a natural extension of my personality. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from the University of Virginia and then moved to San Diego. I take Aviation Maintenance Technology classes to bring me closer to the actual aircraft theory I studied. I work as a technical writer editing flight manuals and checklists for unmanned aerial vehicles. My journey of flight started this year with flight training out of Montgomery Field, partly due to finding an instructor through The 99s. I love learning, especially when it involves airplanes! Someday I want to design and build my own airplane, fly to remote locations, hike through the wilderness and rock climb the mountain faces!



LARAE STOTTS, INTERMOUNTAIN CHAPTER
Northwest Section, Mentor: Candyce Goudey

I am incredibly grateful for all of the support and opportunities I continuously receive from The Ninety-Nines. Studying in Japan inspired me to chase my dreams of becoming a pilot and traveling the world. I will attend the Professional Pilot program at Central Washington University, become a Cessna Discover Flying Challenge pilot, fly for Southwest Airlines, join the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative and, ultimately, be involved in some form of humanitarian aviation education. Besides aviation, I love learning languages, singing, traveling, reading and working on my blog, Blue Sky Bound. What's your dream?"





ASHLEY TAYLOR, IDAHO CHAPTER
Northwest Section, Mentor: Gene Nora Jessen

After finishing my business degree, I pursued my summer job as a wildland firefighter for my love of being outside, traveling and working hard. Eventually I chose to go through a rigorous training, which I was gratefully able to complete, to become a McCall Smokejumper for the Forest Service. Taking this path in my career has solidified my desire to fly and pursue aviation as the next step in my life. I am thrilled to be chosen as one of the recipients for this award, and I cannot wait to start this new adventure!

ELISE WHELOCK, VIRGINIA CHAPTER
Mid-Atlantic Section, Mentor: Susan Passmore

I am a strong, independent young woman, although some might call me stubborn. I love flying and theater. I am home-schooled and dual-enrolled full time at Lord Fairfax Community College. It was exciting to begin my regular flying lessons on November 4. I am currently playing the Wicked Witch of the West in the "Wizard of Oz," where I also fly – this time on strings, which is not nearly as enjoyable as flying in a plane. I am very grateful to The 99s for giving me this wonderful opportunity, and I look forward to being a helpful member!



Have Questions, Feeling Alone, Confused About Your Flying Career?

A member writes: "... I'm a student pilot with no one to talk to about my experience. Without feedback it's hard to know how I'm progressing or if my experiences are normal or not... sometimes I feel really vulnerable going into that airport in the morning for my lesson, they are all so casual about flying there, and for me learning how to fly is not at all casual, it's a really profound experience ... " (extracted from a post on the Flight Training Forum.)

Have a question, a concern or something to share? Post it on one of the three available forums. The 99s are there and ready to help.

The Flight Training Forum is for the educational discus-

sion and productive exchange of information related to flight training, flight safety, flight currency, aviation education and the related activities of The Ninety-Nines.

It is ideal for finding a flight school or instructor, completing a rating, maintaining currency and becoming a safer pilot. It is moderated by 99s members who are flight instructors and designated pilot examiners. Guest registrations are welcome for a period of 90 days.

To participate, go to:

99s Email Network: 99snetwork@astro.lyris.net

99s Flight Training Forum: 99sFTF@astro.lyris.net

Pro 99s Network: Pro99s@astro.lyris.net

99s Awarded \$6,000 Lightspeed Aviation Grant

BY SUSAN LIEBELER, Ventura County Chapter

Lightspeed Aviation Foundation has awarded The Ninety-Nines a \$6,000 grant in Lightspeed's annual Pilots Choice Award grant competition. This year Lightspeed awarded grants to the eight aviation nonprofit organizations that received the most online votes on Lightspeed's grant competition website.

The Lightspeed grant competition inspired The Ninety-Nines to broaden our outreach, meet many new friends and talk to them about flight training, aviation and our organization. The Ninety-Nines are grateful to all the members, supporters and friends in the aviation community who cast their votes for us and encouraged their colleagues, friends and family to vote.

The Ninety-Nines plan to use this year's award to expand outreach activities, and participation and presence at aviation events. The grant will also enable The Ninety-Nines to promote and award a national solo scholarship to provide a young woman between 16 and 20 years of age with financial assistance for flight training through first solo and beyond. The Ninety-Nines will partner with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and award the scholarship at AirVenture in Oshkosh in the summer of 2015.

The Lightspeed Aviation Foundation was established in 2010 out of the commitment and passion of Lightspeed Aviation Corporation to serve the aviation community. The Ninety-Nines



From left, Mignon Gery, Rhonda Tarli, Jeanne Fenimore, Debra Plymate, Lin Caywood, Alan Schrader (Lightspeed President), Susan Liebler, Alice Talnack, Karly Harbert, Linda Rever, Barbara Anderson and Genevieve Lavin.

are grateful to Lightspeed for including our organization in the Pilots Choice Award competition and encouraging us to share our passion for aviation and The Ninety-Nines.

Judith Brumer Recipient of Katharine Wright Trophy

BY PAT PRENTISS, Orange County Chapter

The Ninety-Nines, in conjunction with The National Aeronautic Association, named Judith Neuffer Bruner as the recipient of this year's Katharine Wright Trophy. She was presented the award on November 5 by Pat Prentiss, Ninety-Nines Past President.



Judith Brumer.

The trophy is awarded annually to a woman who "...has contributed to the success of others, or made a personal contribution to the advancement of the art, sport and science of aviation and space flight over an extended period of time."

Judith is being recognized for "...over 40 years of distinguished and historic contributions as one of the first female Naval aviators, a pioneering research pilot and a senior NASA technical leader." She has distinguished herself in both military and civilian positions. She was part of the first group of eight women receiving orders for Navy flight training in 1973 and the first of the six who went on to earn their pilot wings. She later served as the first woman to serve as a Navy P-3 pilot and the first female Navy pilot to fly through a hurricane. She retired from the Naval Reserve with the rank of captain.

She currently serves as a senior manager at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, where she is responsible for the overall management and implementation of center activities in the areas of aerospace and avionics systems safety, mission assurance, quality management systems and occupational health and safety.

The Katharine Wright Trophy Selection Committee consisted of Jonathan Gaffney, NAA President and CEO; Katharine Wright Trophy Recipient (2013); Kim de Groh; Martha Phillips, President of the Ninety-Nines; Pat Prentiss, Past President of The Ninety-Nines and a member of the NAA Board of Directors; and Jan McKenzie, Vice President of The Ninety-Nines.

San Diego Air & Space Museum Inducts The 99s

BY CONNIE CHARLES, San Diego Chapter

At its 2014 induction ceremonies and celebration on Saturday evening, November 1, The Ninety-Nines was welcomed into the ranks of some of the world's most impressive aviation greats at the San Diego Air & Space Museum's Legends of Flight Hall of Fame. The 200-some inductees to date include pilots, crew members, inventors, business leaders, designers, visionaries and space pioneers who have been at the forefront of the human endeavor in air and space.

Accepting the honor on behalf of the organization and all its women pilot members was former International President Pat Prentiss, who was deeply touched by the moment and rightly proud of our group. She was joined at the lectern by Fran Bera, a legend and hall-of-famer in her own right, having been inducted several years ago. In the audience were at least two dozen Ninety-Nines, basking in the glow of the honor and the attention given the inductees.

The museum's recognition includes a portrait of the honoree along with a

plaque stating his/her significance and accomplishments. Our portrait by noted artist Stan Stokes includes 10 different women of achievement in aviation and aerospace: Amelia Earhart, Emily Howell Warner, Pat Prentiss, Fran Bera, Gene Nora Jessen, Eileen Collins, Jacqueline Cochran, Nicole Malachowski, Julie Clark and Nancy Bird Walton.

For the ceremony, each inductee was given a five-to-seven minute slide presentation that made everyone sit in awe and amazement of their accomplishments. We shared some details of our founding history, the reason for our name, the flying events we became famous for, as well as interesting facts about several of our leading ladies. It was fully noted that our purpose continues to be mutual support of women in aviation through scholarships and fellowship with each other.

This year's class of inductees included African-American woman aviator Bessie Coleman, of whom Ninety-Nines are also proud even though she died before The



Ninety-Nines was formed. Other members of the class were five outstanding men as well as everyone's essential "tool," WD-40, a star performer for the company of the same name.

The San Diego Air & Space Museum is a top attraction in San Diego and fittingly chronicles the many contributions and records set by individuals and companies in aviation in its area of Southern California. The local Chapter of Ninety-Nines has partnered with the museum in numerous ways through the years, and now The Ninety-Nines is recognized on its walls and among its many heroes.



Photo above: The Portrait of 99s by Stan Stokes will hang in the San Diego Air and Space Museum.

Left, Pat Prentiss, 99s Past International President, and 99 Fran Bera accept the certificate of induction into the museum from San Diego Air and Space Museum representatives Ivor Shier, Board Chairman, George Gould, Vice-Chairman and Jim Kidrick, President and CEO. Fran is also a previous inductee.

EMERGENCY!



San Francisco International Airport (SFO) was the site of an emergency preparedness exercise.

Santa Clara Valley Chapter 99s Participate in SFO Emergency Training Exercise

BY PAT GREGORY, Santa Clara Valley Chapter

I woke before sunrise on a cool Wednesday morning, dressed in comfortable clothes and left to pick up Carol Munch. We headed to San Francisco International Airport (SFO), needing to arrive by 6:30 a.m. to prep for the activity that would help several agencies better prepare for a major disaster at the airport.

Brittany Sabol and Jeanne McElhatton from our Chapter also participated in the training exercise.

We took the “scenic route,” missing our exit not once but twice. Never having been to that part of the airport before, it took a bit of traveling. We finally wound around to the back of the airport and found the destination hangar where event staging was taking place.

After signing in, we were given a sheet explaining what role we would play that day. The general idea was to prepare for an emergency, such as the Asiana plane crash the previous year. There were over 200 volunteers performing roles such as passengers on a plane that crashes at the airport, flight crew, medical personnel, fire fighters, police, administrative personnel, clergy, social work-



The “injured” are triaged by emergency personnel.

ers, food service, registrars and general aides. Many of these were actual medical, fire and police personnel.

My role was to be a grandmother traveling with my husband and two grandchildren as passengers on the plane arriving from Boston. We were to be transported directly to a local hospital for triage, with minor injuries to each of us. Also part of my role was to know that the mother of the two kids would be waiting in the terminal building to pick us up after we landed.

As it turns out, Carol had the role of being that mother, so we were soon parted, with her going off on a bus to the other side of the airport, while I boarded a bus to the Mid-Peninsula Hospital along with 40 other “victims.” Meanwhile, Brittany was assigned to be an injured passenger and went through the makeup area to have realistic looking blood stains added to her attire. Jeanne was to become another local person picking up family from the flight and joined Carol in the terminal building.

As we each played out our roles, we noted areas for improvement and things that went well. There was a lot of waiting around for the next thing to happen: emergency vehicles to arrive, buses to arrive and transport us, etc. SFO had procured a 767 for use as the accident plane and did a realistic job of placing smoke bombs beneath it to simulate a fire.

After the passengers were taken to the airplane and seated, they then deplaned, simulating an evacuation. Next they arranged themselves on the tarmac waiting for medical people to assess their injuries. The activity took about four hours, which included the whole group introductory session, the event and lunch. We were given t-shirts to commemorate our participation, as well as a brochure describing the entire activity.

I found it to be an informative and fun event and feel that



Pat Gregory and Brittany Sabol receive their disaster assignments.

much was learned by all parties, including the hospital personnel who had to deal with 40 people showing up in their emergency room, and actual customers wondering what was going on. People who came in off the street were told this was a training exercise so they wouldn't get too worried.

We were all given an opportunity to present feedback on our experience, and I believe this will result in a much improved response to various emergencies, especially plane crashes at the airport. I also learned a lot about how the airport hierarchy is structured and how an airport of that size works. I can't wait to do it again – it's an annual activity, so I invite all of you to join in next year.



Above, participants line up for their moulage; left, a close-up of one woman's realistic mock injury.



Above, a young future woman pilot participates in the 2014 Fly It Forward event in Langley, BC, organized by 99 Kirsten Brazier. Below, Marie Marvingt.



Fly It Forward

Honoring Women in Military Aviation March 2-8

BY MIREILLE GOYER, Ambassador Chapter

When WWI broke out, she fought in the trenches of Eastern France disguised as a man. She was soon discovered and sent home. On November 8, 1910, Marie Marvingt became the third woman to earn a pilot license worldwide. She did not stay idle long. If she could not fight for her country on the ground, she would do so from the air. In 1915, she flew over enemy territory and bombed a military base. She received the Croix de Guerre for her accomplishment. Such commitment and selflessness has driven and still drives women across the world who chose to dedicate their lives to protect their countries.

To celebrate the centennial of Marie Marvingt's accomplishment and salute all women of military aviation as part of Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week, March 2-8, 2015, individuals and event organizers are encouraged to offer small aircraft flight experiences to women in the armed forces and their daughters to thank them for their service and encourage them to consider aviation when they return to civilian life.

While the focus in 2015 will be on women in the armed forces, we are reminded that the percentage of women serving in military aviation (15-20 percent in most countries) is much higher

than the percentage of women involved in civil aviation (10-12 percent in most countries).

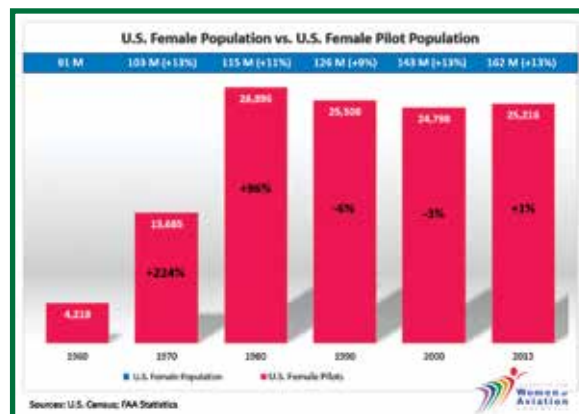
We often hear that there are many more female pilots today. Government statistics show a different reality. For example, in the United States, there were 26,896 female pilots in 1980. At the end of 2013, the FAA tallied 25,216 female pilots; 1,680 less than in 1980. In the meantime, the U.S. female population grew from 115 million to 162 million.

There is a time to talk and there is a time to do. Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week, March 2-8, 2015, is the right time to do.

Study after study has demonstrated that a major barrier to women's involvement is that they perceive aviation as a male activity. We can change this perception and make a difference by demonstrating to the female population that aviation is eager to welcome them and that they do have the "right stuff." Talk does not achieve that. Hands-on experience does.

Uniting our individual efforts, let us welcome thousands of girls and women in our communities' aviation facilities (airports, manufacturing plants, museums, etc.) and encourage them to try various aviation activities, hands-on.

Besides doing the right thing for our communities just as the women of the armed forces chose to do for their countries, organizing a Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week event or inviting girls and women for a one-on-one introduction to aviation will not only foster growth, it will also enhance our industry's image



as friendly and progressive.

Acknowledging military personnel that served with exemplary dedication with decorations and titles is customary. Likewise, the Institute for Women Of Aviation Worldwide awards trophies, titles and prizes annually to the most deserving participating individuals and communities that report their activities by the deadline.

To learn how to participate, please visit Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week's official website at www.WomenOfAviation-Week.org.



Girls are the majority at airports during Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week. Above, three young women participate in activities at the Kitchener/Waterloo Airport in Ontario, Canada.

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Women in Aviation
INTERNATIONAL

What's New at the 99s Museum of Women Pilots

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

In the last *99 News* article, I wrote a short piece about Harriet Quimby and a letter written by Quimby that is part of the Museum's collection. For this edition, I wanted to spotlight a recent donation sent to us by Susan Theurkauf of the San Gabriel Chapter.

A longtime friend of Bobbi Trout, Susan's donation includes important archival materials related to Bobbi's career in aviation, including original film footage of Bobbi and Edna Mae Cooper's 1931 attempted in-air refueling flight, an original photo of Bobbi taken by Albert Bresnik, postal cachets commemorating important milestones in her illustrious aviation career, as well as numerous digital photographs and archival materials including Bobbi's log book and her 1932 sporting license.

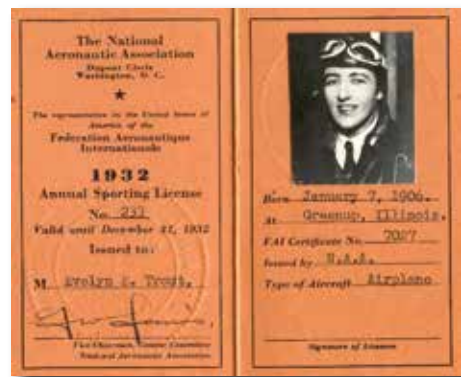
Bobbi's aviation accomplishments are plentiful and include setting endurance and altitude records, participating in the 1929 Women's Air Derby, and she was an original member of The 99s. This donation is a wonderful addition to the museum's archives.

Susan's donation is not restricted to materials on the life of Bobbi Trout but also includes documentation on pilots such as Katherine Cheung, Phoebe Omlie, Jackie Cochran and Amelia Ear-

hart. The museum receives a number of important and generous donations each year, and we are thankful to The 99s membership for their continued support. The museum is contacted nearly every week by scholars and in-

dividuals researching the history of women in aviation, and our ability to meet these requests is made possible by those who have donated materials to the museum.

The museum is an ongoing and collaborative effort; we would not be here if not for 99s who donated their time and resources to open the doors. Your continued support allows us to fulfill our mission to promote and preserve the history of women in aviation.



Bobbi Trout's NAA-FAI 1932 Sporting License #233.

Flight Lines

Endorsed By Earhart: How Amelia Financed Her Flying

By Barbara H. Schultz

Little Buttes Publishing Co., ISBN: 978-0-9652181-3-9

Barbara, a longtime member of The 99s, has written several other books, but this one is a stand-out. It's simply a beautiful book. As so few are anymore, this one is hardbound with some truly beautiful photos.

Many of us have had to get creative to finance our flying, and this book allows us to share the rare space with Amelia Earhart in exploring the many endorsements and partnerships she engaged in to finance her own flying career. The table of contents is fascinating and outlines so many of the financial ventures with which Amelia became involved.

This book is not a biography of Amelia's life but does chronicle her flight through the advertising world of the 1930s. Don't judge her endorsement choices by the standards of 2014, but instead look at the opportunities which were presented to her during that rare last decade of her life.

Barbara has given us a book that adds to the lore of Amelia Earhart far beyond her flying. We get a glimpse into the world in which she lived, shared herself with and benefitted from.

— Jacque Boyd



Amelia Was Right!

By Gene Nora Jessen

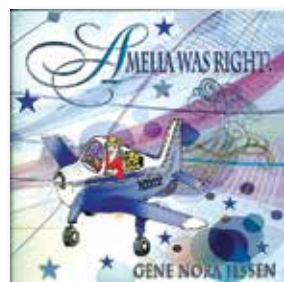
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This delightful book is a collection of Gene Nora Jessen's flying experiences from her beginning in aviation with the Civil Air Patrol, on to The University of Oklahoma and the Air Knockers Flying Club, and beyond. A "minor brush with NASA" is how Gene Nora terms her pioneering experience as one of the Mercury 13. She is a longtime member of The Ninety-Nines and served as President from 1988-1990. She is a current member of the Idaho Chapter.

This little paper-bound book is full of marvelous revelations about Gene Nora's flying career. It has loads of candid photos that would be a treat by themselves, but accompanied by her wry commentary, they become so much more special. We get a peek into the world Gene Nora has shared with some of the true aviation pioneers: air racer Fran Bera and members of the Air Race Classic, the famed visitors to the Boise Air Service at the Boise airport, and more.

The book closes with a section entitled "Closing the Flight Plan," noting waypoints through her career. These little gems make the whole book worthwhile. If you want a delightful read, pick up a copy and see why she titled it the way she did.

— Jacque Boyd





with The 99s in Virginia to address the significant issue that only six percent of certificated pilots are female. An informal volunteer organization, Women Can Fly Virginia, was formed to provide an opportunity for women and girls to be introduced to aviation. The coordination committee includes representatives of the Hampton Roads, Old Dominion and Virginia Chapters, the DOAV and representatives from all airports involved.

The 2013 coordinator was Susan Brogan of the Old Dominion Chapter. The 2014 coordinator is Barbara Wilper, also of the Old Dominion Chapter. Last year, three Virginia airports, Warrenton-Fauquier, Hampton Roads Executive and Lynchburg Regional, hosted Women Can Fly events.

Rose Brown of the Old Dominion Chapter designed and managed a website, womencanfly.org, to promote the events, both collectively and at the individual sites. The website also collects sign-ups for pilots and volunteers, as well as registering women and girls for flights. Everyone considered the events to be a great success and eagerly signed on for 2014.

This year, the airports expanded to four. In addition to the original three, Charlottesville-Albermarle was added. The 2014 season has been a great success, despite weather challenges at three of the four sites. This success is primarily due to the effort of the event coordinator at each site. The site managers organized the volunteer pilots and other volunteers, the exhibitors, food and facilities, local publicity and all the activities at the site. DOAV provided publicity, printing, coordination with other agencies and total support, including state aircraft for static display.

This project is an example of complete and effective commitment of the entire aviation community to furthering women in aviation. It is the vision of the Director of DOAV to expand this program to other states.

Virginia Chapters Help Introduce Flight to 512 Women and Girls

For the second year, Virginia Chapters of The Ninety-Nines have co-sponsored with the Virginia Department of Aviation (DOAV) and Liberty University to provide a significant aviation experience to women and girls from eight years old and up.

At four airports across Virginia during May and June, 512 women and girls were provided free flights by volunteer pilots. Additionally, each airport organized air education activities: static aircraft displays, tower tours, simulators, exhibits by aviation organizations, including The 99s, FAA, DOAV, military, CAP, EAA, Girl Scouts, AOPA, schools and universities, aircraft manufacturers and others.

In 2013, the Director of the DOAV entered into collaboration



Smiles abound after their first flight out of Charlottesville-Albermarle Airport!



Happy fliers pose with their first flight certificates and pilot Doris Gatewood.

JEANNÉ C. WILLERTH EARNS MASTER CFI ACCREDITATION

Greater Kansas City Chapter member Jeanné C. Willerth, a first-time Master and SAFE member, recently earned her Master CFI accreditation. The 2012 National FAASummit Rep of the Year, Jeanné is a flight instructor specializing in primary and instrument training at Lee's Summit (LXT) and Johnson County Executive (OJC) airports. A volunteer Angel Flight pilot, she also serves as a FAASummit Representative in the FAA's Kansas City FSDO area.



Jeanné C. Willerth

— Susan Larson

NACHELLE WHITE RECIPIENT OF ELSIE MacGILL NORTHERN LIGHTS AWARD

Six women in Canadian aviation and aerospace were recognized for their professional achievements at the 6th Annual Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Awards Presentations on September 26. We would like to send a special congratulations to Nachele White from our sister Chapter in Toronto, winner of the Flight Ops/Maintenance Award.

Nachele's 15-year career in aviation includes instructing, flying cargo, forest fire suppression support and flying a Dash-8 in Africa and Asia for a humanitarian organization. What a remarkable career; we can't wait to see what she does with the next 15 years!

— Jill Oakes

SANTA BARBARA NINETY-NINES ANNOUNCE CJ STRAWN AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The Santa Barbara Chapter of The Ninety-Nines announced that Krystene Zehnder and Janette Lanz were chosen to be the first recipients of the CJ Strawn Aviation Scholarship for Women.

Krystene Zehnder, a 30-year-old flight instructor based in San Marcos, California, whose dream is to become a corporate pilot, will use the \$1,000 scholarship toward her multi-engine certificate.

Janette Lanz, a 43-year-old private pilot and a nurse based in Carlsbad, California, whose dream is to become a captain for an airline, will use her \$1,000 towards an instrument rating. Both women are members of The Ninety-Nines.

"Thanks to the CJ Strawn Scholarship, I will be able to complete my instrument rating," said Janette. "Flying began as a recreation for me and has evolved into a career change. I am trading in my nurse's hat for a captain's cap."

Krystene remarked, "I took my first flight at the age of 23, and halfway through my private pilot training I realized how much I loved flying and decided to make it a career."

Like CJ Strawn, who shared her love and knowledge of aviation by becoming a flight instructor and teaching the Flight Instructor Revalidation Clinic to pilots from all over the world, these women will go on to make their mark in the aviation world.

For more information about the CJ Strawn Aviation Scholarship or the Santa Barbara Ninety-Nines, please contact Terry Harris, Terry@flywithjoy.com or 805-886-9897.

— Lynn Houston

FOOTBALL FLYOVER

Before the football game at The University of Oklahoma on Saturday evening, September 13, the World War II Airborne Demonstration Team flew over the stadium during the National Anthem. Ninety-Nine Susanna Roberts flew the SNJ (Navy T6) on the right wing of the formation. Her father, Colonel Doug Hayworth, was on board the C-47 'Boogie Baby,' along with Commander Colonel Raymond Steeley. Both men are graduates of OU.

At 1,000 feet AGL the pilots in 'Boogie Baby' got a picture of the stadium, and Susanna may have taken a break for a selfie!

The men wore WWII paratrooper uniforms, and Susanna dressed as a WWII WASP. They were recognized between the third and fourth quarters of the game.

— Carol Sokatch



Left, Susanna Roberts flying a Navy T6, and above, a view from the C-47 flying over the U of O football game with her father on board.

Welcome New and Returning Ninety-Nines!

Welcome Back Members

Blum, Dolores, Bakersfield
Capozzi, Jan, Maryland
Dorau, Brigitte, Austrian Section
Enriquez, Serenity, Reno High Sierra
Fain, Suzanne, Houston
Flaspohler, Melissa, Phoenix
Goodrich, Linda, Southwest Section
Greenwood, Katherine, Reno High Sierra
Harty, Kimberly, San Fernando Valley
Helly, Karen, Ambassador
Kim, Kyung, Far East Section
Lefler, Jennifer, San Diego
Marina, Antoinette, Keystone
Meissner, Julia, North Jersey
Mesick, Regina, St Croix Island Paradise
Miller, Kimberly, Austin
Moses, Ila, Brazos River
Parker, Roxanne, Palomar
Paul, Annie, Arabian Section
Richard, Christine, Tucson
Roy, Camila, (F), Midnight Sun
Sanders, Carolyn, Wichita Falls
Workman, Karen, Minnesota
Younkin, Cindy, Montana
Yowell, Lora, Chicago Area

Welcome New Members

Abitbol, Sable (F), Montreal
Acosta, Hazel (F), St Croix Island Paradise
Al Saud, Sama (F), Arabian Section
Anisman, Noy, Santa Clara Valley
Atwal, Roop (F), Old Dominion
Bailey, Valerie, Washington DC
Barnes, Sadie (F), Lake Charles
Barnes, Karyta (F), Washington DC
Betz, Cynthia (F), Eastern Pennsylvania
Binder-Matsuo, Heidi (F), Santa Clara Valley



Cherileigh Dawson, Florida Suncoast Chapter.

Bruce, Lindsey (F), Oklahoma
Ciniero, Paula, Midnight Sun
Cragg, Wendy, First Canadian
Dawson, Cherileigh, Florida Suncoast
de Asis, Gabriella (F), San Fernando Valley
Dhuna, Ahmi (F), Iowa
Diaz, Deborah, Old Dominion
Dubrow, Sandy (F), Manitoba
Dunn, Amy, St Croix Island Paradise
Eddy, Elaine (F), Ventura County
Evernham, Caroline, Kitty Hawk
Fortuna, Dominique-Elyse (F), Montreal
Frank, Courtney, Shreveport
Garraffa, Marlene, Orange County
Gnaedinger, Zoe, Greater Kansas City
Grekowicz, Danielle, Phoenix
Guide, Sheena, Carolinas
Haase, Geny, San Fernando Valley
Hahm, Minal (F), Wisconsin
Holley, Courtney, Oregon Pines
Holtson, Brittany (F), Fullerton
Hout, Randi (F), Utah
Kahaulopua, Malia (F), Aloha
Kebede, Bette (F), Old Dominion
Kebely, Breanne, San Diego
King, Beth (F), Kentucky Bluegrass
Knudsen, Virginia, Florida Gulf Stream

Krisiak, Jodie, Eastern New England
LaBerge, Marie-Claire, (F), Georgia
LaVanish, Kristin (F), Santa Rosa
Levine, Marissa, Virginia
Litten, Carol, Arabian Section
Litts, Abigail (F), San Diego
Lowe, Debra, Indiana
Mathison, Paige, Santa Barbara
McAnnally, Monique (F), San Fernando Valley
Miceli, Brianna, Mount Tahoma
Mohammad, Nazish, Arabian Section
Mohammed, Sarah, Arabian Section
Monttinen, Taru, Finnish Section
Moore, Alison (F), Santa Rosa
Nelson, Nicola, Manitoba
Olson, Christine (F), Orange County
Page, Ivana (F), Middle Tennessee
Quinlan, Meagan, Arabian Section
Radigan, Laura (F), Florida Spaceport
Ranta, Laura, San Diego
Rosenthal, Kristen (F), San Diego
Sandidge, Jeannie, Pikes Peak
Schackert, Sophie, German Section
Scott, Tatiana, Arabian Section
Sims, Velvet (F), Phoenix
Snyder, Marcia (F), Hampton Roads
Stuart, Mandi, Utah
Tan, Mardi, Long Beach
Thornell, Deanna (F), Midnight Sun
Till, Charla (F), Texas Dogwood
Timm, Cassandra (F), Embry-Riddle Daytona
Toplak, Jennyfer, Florida Goldcoast
Urdiaz, Irene (F), Florida Gulf Stream
Venegas-Mendoza, Esmeralda (F), Santa Maria Valley
Vetter, Anneliese, Keystone
Warwick, Erin, Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast
Weidner, Heron, Alaska
Wendt, Jennifer (F), Wisconsin



PILOT CAREERS:

How We Work

BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. –Maya Angelou

I just returned from a three-day trip, and while I reviewed in my mind how it went, two incidents stuck out. The funny thing is that neither one had anything to do with the actual flying. The first was at the gate. I observed two gate agents doing what gate agents do. One seemed new and a little flustered and not willing to go beyond assigning people to seats. The other was calm, seasoned and friendly. When a passenger approached the podium to try to arrange for his family to sit together, the new agent immediately said that there was nothing that could be done. The second asked the passenger for his tickets, and smiled while saying she'd see what she could do. I could see the stress immediately melt away from his face. "How simple was that?" I thought to myself.

The second incident happened as I was sitting in the back of an airplane, deadheading back to my home base. A passenger, obviously disturbed by an earlier event, began creating a scene, using profanity. One of the flight attendants demanded that the passenger sit down immediately and escalated the stress level of the passenger. Another flight attendant approached the passenger and calmly asked if there was anything she could do to help. She

brought him water and calmed the situation, alleviating a diversion of the aircraft.

It's easy to become hardened to the situation of others when we fly. For us, our attention is on other things: weather, routes, loads, fuel... We fly the airplane. In the big scheme of things, our job is pretty easy. But if you step back and look at the experience from the eyes of a passenger, flying can be very stressful. By the time they see us, they have run the gauntlet of airport traffic, TSA and gate agents. And now they enter our world, and we can make a difference in their flying experience beyond getting them from point A to point B.

I love to show kids and new flyers my office. Especially since 9/11, they are surprised that they are allowed to sit in the pilot's seat and take a picture. I love the expression on their faces when I turn the light test switch on that lights up every button in the cockpit. Sometimes we forget how cool our office is. When passengers arrived disheveled from running to the gate, I love to be the one to say, "I wouldn't have left without you!" and see the relief in their eyes.

We live in airports. Even if we aren't familiar with a particular airport, we can certainly navigate our way around one, and we can help others do the same. How we do our jobs matters. We can make a positive difference in other peoples' lives. And in the end, isn't that what's important?

Certificates Issued: One Out of Three to Women

BY MARY LATIMER, Wichita Falls Chapter

Just made a list of my Designated Pilot Examiner activity for the FAA. I have issued 25 certificates to women so far this year (January 1 through September 30). The first was on January 1.

It looked even better when I realized that I had issued 54 certificates to men. That's almost one out of three and that is before GIFT (Girls in Flight Training) week October 19-25 Vernon, Texas (F05). Go to www.girlsinflight.org to learn more.

While I'm slightly behind on my goal to average three per month, I only need 11 more this year to meet my goal.

It makes you wonder how it would impact the general aviation industry if this became the national average. It will be a great headline when ONE OUT OF THREE PILOTS ARE WOMEN.

Editor's update: Mary just informed us that her total stands at 30 as of October 31. Only six more to go before the end of the year!



Mary Latimer, right, presents Lydia Shorey with her commercial certificate on October 31, celebrating with brooms and witch hats. This is the 30th certificate Mary has issued to a woman pilot this year.

GRASS ROOTS — Section and Chapter reporters share their recent activities

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

The Tennessee Chapter was excited to host the 2014 Southeast Section Meeting in Knoxville, September 19-21. The weather was great for flying, and seven planes arrived on Friday. We had a total of 32 Ninety-Nines and ten 49½s.

The lineup of seminars Friday afternoon at Downtown Island Airport (DKX) offered something for everyone. Ramona Banks, Alabama Chapter, got everyone fired up about using social media to help get the word out about our organization. Catherine Cavanaugh, Ace Aerobatics at Franklin County Airport, kept everyone's attention with her stall-spin awareness presentation. Elina Lunin, Paradise Coast Chapter, was the excited winner of the door-prize aerobatic lesson that followed. Sean Andrews, Continental Motors, spoke and answered many questions on engine care and operation.

The Knox County Sheriff's Airborne Unit and Remote Aero Medical both offered tours of their DKX facilities and equipment. After the tours, Tim Hair, DKX Airport Manager, grilled burgers for everyone. A gorgeous sunset, with Knoxville in the background, ended the evening at DKX.

The night was still young, so many 99s and 49½s returned to the Holiday Inn World's Fair Park in downtown Knoxville and continued the evening in the hospitality suite.

While the Ninety-Nines were in the Saturday business meeting, the 49½s were joined in the hospitality suite by Johnathan Foulds of Horizon Avionics. He presented information on FAA requirements for ADS-B.



Enjoying the banquet are Linda Haynes, Jimmy Roberts, Martha Miller and John Bradford, all from Tennessee Chapter.

Saturday afternoon included a tour of the East Tennessee History Museum, as well as other events in downtown Knoxville.

Bob Minter, AOPA, spoke at the Saturday evening banquet. He is one of the founders of the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame. In his presentation, he highlighted the women who have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Sunday morning saw the usual flurry of activity to get everyone to the airport for departure. The Tennessee Chapter thanks all The 99s and 49½s who came to the meeting and helped make it successful.

— Janice Pelletti

TRAINING MILESTONES

Michele Amaral – Private Pilot
Sacramento Valley Chapter

Holly Boniface – CFI Rotorcraft
Helicopter
Hampton Roads Chapter

Laurence Bonneau – Captain Emb 145,
French Section

Catherine Campbell – Private
Santa Maria Valley Chapter

Maria D'Amato – Challenger 650
Type Rating
Bay Cities Chapter

Chantal Dienstbier – Class 2 Flight
Instructor (Canada)
Manitoba Chapter

Gabrielle Evey – Solo
Antelope Valley Chapter

Carrie Forster – Private
Wisconsin Chapter

Dana Glidden—Instrument
Fullerton Chapter

Elizabeth Harris – Solo
Columbia Cascade Chapter

Samantha Horne – Private
Finger Lakes Chapter

Skylar Lewis – Private
Orange County Chapter

Marybeth Martin – CFI
Ventura County Chapter

Maddy Mearsch – Private
Orange County Chapter

Jensie Miksich – Private
Columbia Cascade Chapter

Joanna Moore – Instrument
Bay Cities Chapter

Barbe Park – Instrument
Oregon Pines Chapter

Millie Ramos – Private
Antelope Valley Chapter

Riley Rees – B767 Type Rating
Bay Cities Chapter

Amber Rowland – Private
Columbia Cascade Chapter

Anna Weilbacher – Solo
Antelope Valley Chapter

Marcia Wescott – Multi-engine ATP
Katahdin Wings Chapter

Lena Wilson – Private
Orange County Chapter

Lacey Wolf – Multi-engine
(AE scholarship)
Columbia Cascade Chapter

Krystene Zehnder – Multiengine
Commercial
San Diego Chapter



In 1978, the Fullerton Chapter was "gassing as usual." Seated on bumper (left to right): Evelyn Craik, Darlene Brundage. Standing: June Leach, Trish Smith. Seated on ledge: Esther Grupenhagen, Marita Gladson. Seated on top: Sylvia Paoli, Margaret Wilson, Jo Clyde, Ginny Flanary, Avery Grey, Helen Hewitt, Mary Olsten, Peggy Kozey. Photo from *The 99s International History Book*, 1979.

FULLERTON CHAPTER

It was a hot summer evening, and a grand time was enjoyed by all at the Fullerton Chapter Fortieth Anniversary Luau Celebration. This catered event included a ukulele player, Polynesian dancers who encouraged audience participation and a band to dance away the evening.

Longtime members of the Fullerton Chapter were recognized for their many years with our Chapter and with The Ninety-Nines. Sylvia Paoli joined The 99s and Orange County Chapter in 1969 and was one of five of the original Fullerton Chapter members in 1974. Ginny Flanary joined The 99s and Orange County Chapter in 1968 and became a member of Fullerton Chapter in 1975.

The Fullerton Chapter event committee included Kim Ernst, Jamie Tanabe, Jennifer Guetterman, Denise Jennings, Peggy Smith and Dana Glidden. Other 99s Chapters joining us were Orange County, Palomar, San Diego and Las Vegas Valley.

—Kim Ernst



Enjoying the Fullerton Chapter's 40 Year Anniversary Luau Celebration are, from left, Vikki Mena, Denise Jennings, Cameron LaFont, Jennifer Guetterman, Dana Glidden, Kim Ernst, Sherry Zhang and Ida Zhang.

FLORIDA SUNCOAST

Our September meeting was held at the Albert Whitted Airport (SPG), St. Petersburg, Florida. We enjoyed speaker Terri Griner, president of the Albert Whitted Airport Preservation Society (AWAPS). She presented a most informative talk about the function of AWAPS. You can learn more at www.awaps.org. Our Chapter is very proud of the compass rose we painted on this airport.

Our Chapter is hosting the Southeast Section Meeting to be held in St. Petersburg on May 15-17, 2015. You guessed it, we love St. Petersburg, and our hotel is right in the midst of everything and very close to the airport (SPG). We have our job cut out for us to surpass the wonderful Fall Section Meeting recently held in Knoxville, Tennessee. We will do our best.

—Sophia M. Payton



Kath Holcomb, Pam Hirtzer, Renee Sandell, Maggie Cook, Lynzie Hudson and Judy Baron proudly show off the new compass rose at Smith Ranch.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

Smith Ranch has a new compass rose and it looks amazing. The private airfield in Marin County, California, recently repaved their taxiway, covering much of the old 99s compass rose. On a Saturday in July, a small group of Bay Cities 99s and 49½s put in a full day of work. Excitement ensued when a local aircraft expressed a desire to taxi through the still wet paint!

The effort that each and every person put in was remarkable, and the finished compass rose was so impressive that much time was spent afterwards admiring it.

—Wendy O'Malley

RIO GRANDE NORTE CHAPTER

On July 26, Rio Grande Norte Chapter members arranged a fly-out from Los Alamos and Santa Fe to Gallup, New Mexico, with five women who had just completed a ground school course. Three of them describe the experience in their own words.

Gretchen Mills: YES, the 99s DO ROCK, and they certainly did their job of “inspiring future women pilots” by inviting the women of the recent Los Alamos ground school course to join them for breakfast in Gallup. What an amazing opportunity and a perfect culmination of the class, which had just ended on the 23rd. I had the opportunity to fly out with Susan in her very fine Cessna 182 and to joyride back with Marianne in her hot little Mooney. Two distinctly different experiences all on one fantastic morning!

Rebecca Miller: I am at the stage in my training where every time I go up, I have some major epiphany about flying. I was really struggling with my perpetual problem: keeping the plane in straight and level flight. I found myself trying to steer the plane, with a heavy emphasis on actively doing something, anything, to try to force the plane to go in the direction I wanted it to go... after all, it's the job of the pilot to steer, right? At one point, Elizabeth told me to “just let go and see what the plane does.” This sounded a little bit like crazy talk, I must admit, but when I did what she suggested, and we didn't plummet to a fiery death in the desert, I finally had that epiphany: I was simply trying too hard.

Tina Andres: I flew out with Marianne in a Mooney and back with Susan in her Cessna 182. I thought the speed and finesse needed for the controls of the Mooney was like a race car, and by comparison the Cessna was more like a truck. The experience in both of these planes and with both of these pilots was fantastic. I learned a lot – things you just don't get in a classroom setting, and my interest in getting my private certificate is even greater.

— Elizabeth Hunke



Five Rio Grande Norte members flew five hopeful future women pilots to breakfast, in celebration of their ground school graduation: Susan Larson, Marianne Francois, Robin Naffziger, Robin Smith, Tina Andres, Shannon Steinfeldt, Carolyn Bell, Rebecca Miller, and Gretchen Mills. In the foreground, Elizabeth Hunke manages a “selfie” while taking the pic.



From left, sitting: Ursula Davidson, Myra Bugbee and Ellie Reichenback. Standing: Tamra Sheffman, Anita Mixon, Elizabeth Wuethrich, Kathleen Suarez and Terry Carbonell.

FLORIDA GOLDCOAST CHAPTER

For their September meeting, the Florida Goldcoast Chapter had a fly-in to the beautiful Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo, Florida. Some flew in, some drove and some were weathered out.

Eleven members and their guests braved Florida's summer weather to fly to the Keys for this annual meeting at the Ocean Reef Club. It is always a favorite! Ocean Reef is a private, fully inclusive oceanfront community with homes, resorts, spas, medical center, schools, grocery stores, restaurants, a 175-slip marina and a 4,456-foot lighted runway.

— Marcy Lannon

MID-COLUMBIA CHAPTER

Intermountain and Mid-Columbia Chapters worked together for the regional AOPA Fly-in, Spokane, Washington, on August 16. Three Mid-Columbia members, Karin Rodland, Laura Young and Lynn Harbinson, and student pilot member Aileen Coverdell, flew in for the day.

We had a booth in the exhibitor's tent where we talked about The Ninety-Nines and flying and collected votes for the Lightspeed grant. Carolyn Hambidge and Elsbeth Roach of the Intermountain Chapter were instrumental in helping to get The 99s booth set up.

Marjy Leggett arrived early Saturday to assist and found the booth ready to go. Carolyn Hambidge did an excellent job of setting the schedule and assigning the workers. Lindsey Lambert dressed as Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and Debra Plymate dressed as Amelia Earhart.

We also gave a standing room only Flying Companion Seminar. With an hour to present, we could just touch on some of the issues.

Chris Eads of AOPA said, "It was great to have you all there participating. I am really glad you had such a successful Companion Seminar. We were all very excited for you—in the past at AOPA Aviation Summit, the companion seminars have never drawn near the crowd you all had packed into your space on Saturday. You set some new records for AOPA. Great job to you and your team!"

Pat Bening, Emma Tate, Kathy Brown, Elsbeth Roach and Liz Jones were the presenters. Karin Rodland and Lynn Harbinson helped answer questions at the end. The event was well organized and a fun day celebrating flying.

— Lynn Harbinson



Donna Hanebut, Carolyn Joslin, Larae Stotts, Lindsey Lambert, Debra Plymate, Elsbeth Roach and Rebecca Burghy at the regional AOPA Fly-in, Spokane, Washington



Oregon Pines 99s climb aboard an F-15 at the Portland Air National Guard Base.

OREGON PINES CHAPTER

What an ideal summer 99s meeting – a taxiway BBQ! Barbara and Curt Anderson hosted our August meeting at their home on Musketeer Taxiway in the Independence Airpark. It was the eve of the annual Independence Fly-In, during which 99s set up a hospitality tent to sell drinks, 99¢ ice cream sandwiches and raffle tickets for our quilt.

Others flew to the AOPA Northwest Regional Fly-In in Spokane, Washington, joining other members from throughout the Northwest Section to staff The 99s booth.

The Oregon Air National Guard gave a tour for 99s and friends at the Portland Air Base. As part of the Aerospace Control Alert Mission, they launch their F-15s in response to unidentified aircraft under orders from the Western Air Defense Sector (WADS). The Air Guard showed off their hangar and other facilities, and demonstrated their impressive fire rescue services. There were also several spectacular jet training launches from the vantage of the Portland International Airport ramp.

Several members of our Chapter made an unforgettable trip to Alaska for the Northwest 99s Section Meeting in Fairbanks the first week of September, while others flew into the beautiful Columbia River Gorge for the annual Hood River Fly-In.

The second Saturday of September, we helped introduce more than 60 students to aviation at the Independence Young Eagles Rally. The grand finale of the summer was the Independence Hop & Heritage Festival with balloon rides, flapjack feed, biplanes and period costumes. Ninety-Nines helped serve breakfast and hosted a display in the event hangar.

— Debra Plymate

ARABIAN SECTION



Carole Litten.

The Arabian Chapter welcomes new member Captain Carole Litten. She knew by age three she wanted to fly, but it wasn't until 1977 that she finally flew in a C-150. She was hooked and applied to fly in the U.S. Navy. That year, only 12 female applicants were accepted and Carole headed to NAS Pensacola as one of the first groups of female naval pilots. She earned her naval aviator wings in less than nine

months and was assigned to fly P-3s at Patuxent River, Maryland. For three years, she flew missions all over the world. Then she served as a Navy flight instructor at NAS Pensacola.

From there, she flew on a B727-200 with Piedmont Airlines, which eventually merged with US Airways. After almost 20 years with US Airways, Carole had type ratings on the B727, A320, B757 and B767.

Since then, Carol flew with US Airways and later with Boeing in Seattle, where she completed type ratings in both the 777 and 787. Most recently, she joined Qatar Airways' 777 and 787 team. She began her new job here in June 2014.

In addition, the Arabian Section is proud to have as a member Razieh Shams, the first Iranian female pilot.

Razieh was in Isfahan studying French when she overheard her relative talking: women were now allowed to take pilot courses in Iran but not pursue an aviation career.

Once learning this, Razieh took all the written exams and passed her medical. She then graduated as CPL/IR pilot and was the third female single engine flight instructor in Iran.

She took a chance again and applied at Aseman Airline, becoming the first female airline pilot in Iran. She flew ATT72 and the F-100. "My mission now is to obtain my left seat command and become an airline captain," Razieh says.

Currently the Arabian Section consists of 55 members and is growing fast.

— Alia Twal



Razieh Shams.

MEMPHIS CHAPTER

Jo Ann Speer, Memphis Chapter Chairman, scheduled Aviation-Aerospace Education Day with the Obion County Central High School's newly formed Institute for Aerospace Education class. The event was held on September 27 at the Everett-Stewart airport (KUCY) in Union City.

We have one of the first Tennessee schools to become associated with the Institute for Aerospace Education. We feel it is important to familiarize students with the airport as early as possible. This is an awesome program and introduces aviation as a career choice to high school students who may never have considered it a possibility. It is a four-year program, and students can even earn some college credits.

Jo Ann Speer, Lois Randall and Linda Richards attended the all-day event. Speakers included a corporate pilot, crop duster, aviation mechanic, military pilot, retired airline pilot, CFI, Civil Air Patrol cadet and a TDOT transportation planner. Information was presented about navigation and the compass. Jo Ann Speer discussed The Ninety-Nines and the Air Race Classic.

— Linda Richards



Obion County Central High School students attend the Aviation-Aerospace Education Day presented by the Memphis Chapter.



ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER



Julie McCoy Schafer and Andrea Rinebold.

Chairman Irene Engard represented the Chapter at the Southwest Section meeting in Reno, Nevada. She was the lucky winner of a ride in the balloon Dee III during the mass ascension at the Reno Balloon Races.

Three of our Chapter's student pilots completed their flight training — all within a single week. Hearty congratulations to Maddy Mearsch, Lena Wilson and Skylar Lewis.

All three are now back in school to continue their education.

We are also proud of our Julie McCoy Schafer who was awarded the Chapter Pilot of the Year in June. She went on to win the Pilot of the Year Award for the entire Southwest Section in September. Despite the demands of her full-time career position as a civil trial and appellate attorney, and also providing free legal services to the most vulnerable members of the Orange County community, she works with LIGA International (the Flying Doctors of Mercy), a non-profit organization that provides free health care and education to the people of Mexico. She donates her time and skills as a pilot to transport doctors, nurses and supplies to the clinics. To quote Julie, "There are really no words to adequately express how much I love and learn from this kind of flying."

AOPA held its 5th regional Fly-In of the year in Chino, California, on September 20. The Ninety-Nines booth attracted a lot of attention and proved that we have "name recognition."

— Shirley McFall

SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER

On September 25, Pat Gregory and Carol Munch brought goodies to the personnel of the San Jose Tower and chatted with the chief controller about changes underway at the airport.

On September 28, Chapter members manned a booth at the Palo Alto Airport Day. Those participating were Sue Ballew, Laura DelFavero, Betsy Nilsen, Judy Stark, Brittany Sabol, Jeanne McElhatton, Pat Gregory and Carol Munch.

On August 14, the SCV Chapter celebrated its 60th anniversary at its annual picnic in Portola Park, Cupertino, California. In attendance were 15 Ninety-Nines and several 49½s, as well as some prospective members and family members.

We also participated in three fly-outs: Ukiah in July, Paso Robles Olive Festival in August and Booneville in September. Sue Ballew is to be credited with gathering several of her students to participate, encouraging the women among them to join our Chapter.

Our July meeting featured a review of the Air Race Classic by participants Pat Gregory and Laura DelFavero in 899F, and Marcie Smith and Nancy Sliwa in 735ZA, both Cessna 182s. They regaled us with the trials and tribulations of the event, stimulating several of us to think about participating in the next year or two.

Pat Gregory, Brittany Sabol, Jeanne McElhatton and Carol Munch participated in SFO's annual disaster exercise training program on September 24 (see Pat Gregory's article about the event on page 14).

On September 13, our Chapter presented a Flying Companion Seminar at Reid-Hillview Airport that was very well attended. Among the speakers were six members of our Chap-

ter: Brittany Sabol, Marcie Smith, Judy Stark, Candice Tuttle, Jeanne McElhatton and Carol Munch, plus Cinnamon, an air traffic controller from Reid Hillview Airport.

The students challenged us with good questions and were captivated by Cinnamon, who gave her perspective on making pilots feel comfortable in the cockpit and the controllers' desire to be of as much help to general aviation pilots as possible.

— Carol A. Munch



SCV 99s at their 60th birthday picnic, from left, first row: Janet Hitt, Carol Munch. Second row: Marjorie Johnson, Mayetta Behringer, Penny Blake, Sharon Sweeney, Judy Stark. Third row: Laura DelFavero, Margaret (prospective member), Willie Gardner, Susan Wiener, Jeanne McElhatton, Brigitte Iwaszkiewicz, Pat Gregory. Photo by Frank Sweeney

JACQUE BATT Idaho Chapter

Jacque Elaine Fallis Batt died in Boise, Idaho, on September 7, 2014 at the age of 88. She joined The 99s in 1963, served as the Idaho Chapter Chairman and competed in The Idaho Air Race across the mountain state.

Jacque and her husband Phil flew their airplane across the United States and into Mexico and Canada, and they flew together during Phil's campaign for governor. She became the first lady of Idaho and was always a positive asset in Phil's political career. She never forgot her Ninety-Nines and was a gracious hostess to us in her home.

One year when the Air Race Classic started in Boise, a shiny red Ford Model T carried Jacque out to the starting line, and the racers were appropriately flagged off by the state's First Lady, one of their own. We will always fondly remember animal lover, farmer, pilot, dance teacher, family devotee, Idaho's First Lady, and friend Jacque Batt.

— Gene Nora Jessen

DOROTHY BOLANDER Minnesota Chapter

Dorothy Bolander flew to New Horizons on August 26, 2014. She was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on October 10, 1930, one of seven children of Asa and Mae Argo. She grew up in a number of states and graduated at age 16 from high school in Sandstone, Minnesota. She received her RN degree from Abbott Hospital. She married David Carl Bolander in 1950.

Dorothy had many interests, but aviation was one of her favorite activities. She and her husband were both certificated pilots, and she earned a commercial certificate in 1969. She was active in the Minnesota Chapter and made many close friends there.

Dorothy will be remembered for her warm smile, her confidence and her graceful competence with every task, large or small. She was pure class mixed with pure determination, and she will be greatly missed.

— Elaine Morrow

GERALDINE LOIS FREDRITZ MOCK Aviation Icon

Geraldine 'Jerrie' Mock flew to New Horizons on September 30, 2014.

She was born November 22, 1925 in Newark, Ohio, to Blanche and Timothy Fredritz and educated at Newark High School. Having flown for the first time in 1930 with her father, she was the only girl at her school taking an engineering course, just as she was, in 1943, the only woman enrolled for an



Jerrie Mock.

aeronautical engineering degree at Ohio State University. Two years later she left to marry Russell Mock, a pilot and sometime advertising executive. In 1956 she began flying lessons, qualifying in 1958. By 1962 she had accumulated 750 hours of flying time and was meticulously planning an around-the-world flight.

In her Spirit of Columbus, Mock set seven records. She was the first woman to fly solo around the world, the first woman to fly across the Pacific and Atlantic oceans, the first woman to do so in a single engine plane, the first woman to fly the Atlantic from the U.S. to Africa, and the first woman to fly the Pacific west to east. She set the female speed record for round-the-world flight and established the speed record in a Type C1-c aircraft (weight less than 3585 pounds).

In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson presented her with the Federal Aviation Administration's Exceptional Service Decoration, and the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale awarded her its Louis Blériot silver medal, making her the first American and first woman so honored. The Spirit of Columbus was later donated to the National Air and Space Museum, where it remains.

She established more records later in a Cessna P206, including eight fastest speed records on recognized courses. But by the end of the 1960s flying had become too expensive.

Mock wrote *Three Eight Charlie* (1970) about her round-the-world flight and later retired to Quincy, Florida."

— Excerpts from The Guardian/Nigel Fountain

JEAN PRIOR British Columbia Coast Chapter

Jean Prior flew to New Horizons on September 19, 2014 in Burnaby, BC. Jean and her husband owned a Cessna 190, and she enjoyed many years of flying right-seat around Canada and the USA with Bruce. When Jean's son and career matured, she said, "I'd like to get my certificate!" and she did. They bought her a beautiful Cessna 150, Jean got her certificate in 1999 and joined The Ninety-Nines.

Some of the ways her 99s friends remember her: "... optimistic, positive, always willing to help ... so friendly, generous ... wonderful spirit and great conversation ... quick to invite young women to join ... thank you for your encouragement and support ... I'll always remember when you drove all the way to Tri-Cities to support another 99 at her husband's funeral; a long way for an hour's service ... you will be greatly missed: your energy, your smile ... we love you and will never forget you ... now you are leaving one flying life to another ... Blue Skies and Tailwinds forever!"



Jean Prior. Photo by Rob Prior

— Clare Brooks Higgins

LESLI MONFORTON Antelope Valley Chapter

Lesli Monforton died from pancreatic cancer on December 24, 2013 in Rosamond, California.

Lesli was born in Bozeman, Montana in 1946. She joined the Navy in 1966 for four years and was trained in electronics, becoming an aviation warfare systems operator and serving on an aircraft carrier.

After the war, Lesli found a passion for model airplanes, a theme for the rest of her life, learning to design, engineer, construct, and win precision competitions with radio controlled planes. With an accounting degree and model experience, she shifted into the fledgling field of Unpiloted Aerial Vehicle (UAV) flight research and development, soon earning an engineering degree.

Lesli first worked for NASA Dryden Flight Research Center, then the U.S. Navy Research Laboratory. She returned to NASA designing, engineering and serving as pilot-in-command for UAV flight research. Her projects developed planes for environmental research in adverse flight conditions, miniaturized ground collision avoidance and UAV gliders for reducing space launch costs. Lesli also mentored high school students and ran NASA's Research Model Lab.

Lesli earned her pilot certificate in 1966. She owned a series of planes, had commercial and instrument ratings, over 1,950 hours in 15 different airplanes, and over 300 hours of formation flying. Lesli loved to fly more than anything and enjoyed talking about flying with anyone.

Her life focused on family and service to her nation. She was a very active member of the Antelope Valley Chapter. We greatly miss her spirit and infectious enthusiasm.

— Carol Reukauf



Lesli Monforton.

MARY WOODALL First Canadian Chapter

Mary Woodall, a decade-long 99 member, had logged more than 450 hours and safely landed an aircraft after experiencing an engine failure four years ago.

She always had a smile on her face, was always willing to take you flying, sharing the love of her airplane to the uninitiated, or teasing that she'd be sending photos of herself during her yearly four-week diving holiday in the Caribbean to her friends back home – in the middle of a cold winter.

Mary was part of the winning team in the 2013 Gold Cup Air Rally. As the winners, they were tasked with organizing this year's rally. She quickly became the key person in organizing the route to the northern Ontario town of Cochrane, hotels, sightseeing visits and restaurants. Then two weeks before the rally, the unthinkable happened.

Mary had a lovely evening with friends for dinner, and she went out to her deck, reaching over the railing to bring in her cat. The railing gave way, and Mary fell 15 to 20 feet, causing her to puncture a lung and break a few ribs.

That wouldn't keep Mary down though. At the hospital, patched and wrapped, she was up and walking around by the next day. We don't know what caused it, but three days after her fall and while still in the hospital, Mary suffered cardiac arrest and passed away.

Mary, 54, was a vibrant contributing member to the aviation community, to her sister members of the First Canadian Chapter and to the East Canada Section.

She will be missed and fondly remembered! Our thoughts are with Mary's husband, family and friends.

— Karla A. Claeys



Mary Woodall.

JANE OPAROWSKI Florida Suncoast Chapter

Jane Oparowski, age 81, passed away on July 15, 2014. Jane was a school teacher by profession and was born in Toledo, Ohio. Jane joined the Florida Suncoast Chapter in 1998, having earned her pilot certificate at age 65.

She was preceded in death by her husband Bill. Both she and Bill, also a pilot, loved adventure and enjoyed flying together on their jaunts around the world. She will be greatly missed by our Chapter.

— Sophia Payton

Final Flights for Our 49½s

Donald Macintosh Thompson —Virginia Thompson
Shenandoah Valley Chapter
September 17, 2014

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