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On The Cover

Heather Sorum, Ambassador Chapter, receives her new member pin from 99s President Martha Phillips at AirVenture Oshkosh 2015 in July.

The 99s premiered a new booth display at Oshkosh that attracted many visitors.

Heather became interested in aviation last year when she took her daughter to the Young Eagles program at the Detroit Lakes Airport. Heather enjoyed the experience so much that she bought herself a 1977 Grumman Lynx and earned her private pilot certificate this summer.

PERPETUAL CALENDAR

2015

SEPTEMBER

- 10-13 NW Section Annual Business Meeting/Conference**, Spokane, Washington, Red Lion Inn at the Park on the Spokane River and The Centennial Trail. Contact Carolyn Hambidge, chambidge@q.com.
- 15 Fly Now Award application submission deadline**. New for Fall 2015 is a one-month membership requirement. Applicants must be officially registered as Student Pilot Members of The Ninety-Nines by August 15, 2015 to be eligible to apply. More info at http://www.ninety-nines.org/Fly_Now.htm.
- 18-20 West Canada Section Meeting**, Winnipeg, Manitoba. For more information contact Jenna Johannsen at jenjo@live.ca.
- 25-26 New York-New Jersey Fall Section Meeting**, Elmira, New York, hosted by NY/NJ 99s. Contact Frances Englund, 585-899-0487 or fenglund@yahoo.com.
- 25-27 North Central Fall Section Meeting** hosted by the Minnesota 99s, the Anoka-Blaine Airport (KANE). Contact Patti Sandusky, 612-308-4291 or pilotpatti@hotmail.com.

OCTOBER

- 1 Due date for submissions to the 99 News** for the November/December issue.
- 2-4 Mid-Atlantic Fall Section Meeting**, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Hosted by Old Dominion Chapter, contact Barb Wilper or go to olddominion99s.com/section-meeting.
- 15-18 South Central Fall Section Meeting**, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Hosted by Rio Grande Norte Chapter. Contact Susan Larson, 505-690-6903 or sjlarson99@mac.com.
- 16 New England Fall Section Meeting**, Wells, Maine, hosted by Katahdin Wings Chapter.
- 19 99s Webinar: Setting Up a Chapter Website** with Shannon Osborne and Susan Cafoncelli.
- 22-25 Fall Southwest Section Meeting**, Santa Cruz, California, hosted by Monterey Bay Chapter. For more info: <http://ninety-nines.net/sws99sMB/>.
- 31 Deadline to submit Intent to Seek Election**. Info available in the members only portion of The 99s website.

NOVEMBER

- 3-7 The National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region II competition**, Brackett Airport (POC), La Verne, California, hosted by Mt. San Antonio College. We are looking for judges for the events. Region II covers California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii. Contact Virginia Harmer, dvharmer@gmail.com for more information.
- 6-7 Fall International Board of Directors Meeting**, Oklahoma City. Call HQ for more information.
- 12-13 The Havasu 600 Air Race**, Jacqueline Cochran Airport (KTRM) in Thermal, California, hosted by the Coachella Valley 99s. Contact Tookie Hensley, 928-768-4806, tookiesflying@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER

- 1 Due date for submissions to the 99 News** for the January/February issue.
- 7 99s Webinar: Fundraising Ideas for Chapters** with Lori Plourd. To sign up for a Webinar, go to www.ninety-nines.org/index.cfm/webinars.htm.

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FEBRUARY

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

APRIL

- 5-10 Sun 'n Fun International Expo and Fly-In**, Lakeland, Florida, sun-n-fun.org.

JULY

- 5-10 2016 International Conference**, Ottawa, Canada.
- 25-31 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh**, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, eaa.org/en/airventure.

CORRECTIONS

In the March/April 2015 Touch & Go section, it was incorrectly stated that Yvonne Trueman was Governor of the Arabian Section when it was formed in 1989. Patsy Knox was the first Governor of the Arabian Section.

In the July/August 2015 issue, Tashi Sammi was the author of "Fire" in the Orange County Grass Roots submission.

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Conference greeters, from left, Elizabeth Christian, Becky Davies, Thelma Cull, Virginia Harmer and Tammy Enriquez.



Air Race Classic racers Kayleigh Bordner, Chelsea Noel and Brittany Danko with their "Adopt-A-Racer" girls celebrating their arrival in Fairhope. Photo: Shayne Fleming Johnson



Naomi Wadsworth on the historical flight of Whiskey 7 back to Normandy, France.

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President's Page

BY MARTHA PHILLIPS, International President

Looking back on summer, it seemed to go by so very quickly.

Like many of you who attended The Ninety-Nines Conference in Munich, Germany, we took time to do some traveling. Prior to the Conference, we visited with friends in Oslo, Norway, and Copenhagen, Denmark, who we had not seen in many, many years and then traveled around Germany and Austria, ending up with the meeting in Munich.

Since Germany was having a heat wave not seen in several years, we were more than ready to get into an air-conditioned hotel in Munich. It was a great venue with a beautiful hotel, helpful staff and

plenty of food at our events. The German Section members were happy to have us come and visit what is considered the most beautiful, historic and scenic part of the country.

We were grateful to meet Klaus Moog, widower of Waltraut (Wally) Moog, who was the former German Section Governor and the inspiration for getting the 2015 Conference held in Germany. Ursula Hammer, current Governor, and the German members picked up the tasks after Wally passed away just days before our 2012 Conference in Providence, Rhode Island. Kudos are due to Ursula and Vice-President Jan McKenzie for their multi-year coordination to put on a great meeting.

At the end of the Annual Business Meeting, we were given an invitation by Joy Parker-Blackwood to come to next year's International Conference in Ottawa, Canada. Wasting no time, she has the website up and

running for your preliminary information and early registration. Go to www.99sottawa2016.com and see what's planned for 2016.

Almost immediately after returning from Germany, it was off and running to the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture 2015 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. As usual, participating in the booth for a week gave me a chance to meet members I had not met before, get reacquainted with



Lina Shi, China Section, outbid everyone (with some urging by auctioneer Susan Larson) to win the cuckoo clock.



Truly an International meeting with Bo Hu, Orange County Chapter; Irina Bubynina, Russian Section; Lina Shi, China Section; Inna Frolova, Russian Section; Ida Zhang, China Section Governor; Kira Klochkova, Russian Section.



Klaus Moog with Martha Phillips and her husband Art.

current 99s friends, and help sign up new members. We owe much thanks to our members who took part in the booth activities. There were many other activities, including Women Venture Day, the Women's Power Lunch, and meeting with some of our affiliated organizations. Over the past few years, I have seen more recognition of The 99s at Oshkosh, which is very rewarding. See the article by Lin Caywood on page 20 for more information on our activities during AirVenture week.

Along with cooler weather, fall brings the time for our Section meetings. I hope you all have a chance to attend your individual Section meetings where you have a chance to interact with other Chapters and meet, or get reacquainted with, members from your Section.

Happy flying!

Blue Over White – The Alps Were In Sight!

2015 International Conference Munich, Germany



German Section members enjoy the Saturday night banquet. From left, Andrea Amberge, Heike Käferle, Cecilia Rentmeister, Ursula Hammer, Margot Mielck, Doris Gerecht, Rosa Höltnen, Ruth Haliti, Marge Rohe, Klaus Moog (Waltraut's husband) and Sophie Schackert.

BY JAN MCKENZIE, International Vice President

That we are truly an International organization was demonstrated by our recent Conference in Munich, Germany. Attending the Conference were Ninety-Nines from our Arabian, Australian, China, East Canada, German, New Zealand, Russian, West Canada and all eight U.S. Sections.

Visiting castles, soaring gliders and flying single-engine planes over Bavaria, touring Salzburg, Austria, and the famous Hangar-7 and the oldest airfield in Bavaria were but a few of the amazing experiences we enjoyed. Our thanks go to German Governor Ursula Hammer and her entire Section for their great hospitality and providing another memorable International Conference.

Highlights of the Annual Business Meeting included passing the one Standing Rule that omits the \$10 initiation fee for new members. No Bylaws were considered at this Conference. Your membership elected International Directors Cathy Wappler Prudhomme, South Central Section, and Leslie Prellwitz, North Central Section. We also elected several Trust positions: Linda Mathias, AEMSF; Carol Andrews, Endowment Fund; Georgia

Pappas, 99s Museum of Women Pilots; Ann Shaneyfelt and Barbara Vanecek, AEBM.

Professor Elmar Giemulla, president of AOPA Germany, welcomed us at the Banquet for International Awards and Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarships. We were delighted to hear about General Aviation flying in Germany. An outstanding 22 AE Memorial Scholarships and 17 Fly Now Winners were announced.

The banquet concluded with International Awards being presented to: Award of Achievement for Contribution to the Ninety-Nines – Joan Kerwin; Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation – Dr. Petra Illig; Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts – Heather Sterzick; George Palmer Putnam Award – Jerry Hunter; Award of Inspiration – Alia Al-Twal; The President's Award – Pat McCollum.

All too soon, our Conference came to an end; however, many 99s enjoyed the opportunity of continuing their travels throughout Germany, Prague, Budapest and many more exciting places.

The East Canada Section invited all of us to the 2016 International Conference in Ottawa, Canada. Save the date: July 7-9!



Michaela Serasio, Maureen Kenney, Bertie Duffy, and Peter (Instructor) flying over the Alps in Bavaria.



Foreground, Carol Brackley and Jerry Anne Jurenka arrive at the Conference hotel in Munich.



At the business meeting, the Standing Rule that omits the \$10 initiation fee for new members was passed unanimously.



Conference Chairman Ursula Hammer and International Vice-President Jan McKenzie.



Karen Rosier gave a report on the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative during the Business meeting.



From far left: Vice-President Jan McKenzie and President Martha Phillips install incoming Directors and Trustees after voting took place during the Annual Business Meeting: Cathy Wappler Prudhomme, Leslie Prellwitz, Georgia Pappas, Linda Mathias, Mary Wunder accepting for Carol Andrews, and Jerry Ann Jurenka accepting for Ann Shaneyfelt and Barbara Vanacek.



Becky Davies welcomes Peggy Doyle to the Conference.



Lori Parker shows Karrie Trauth how to vote for The Ninety-Nines in the Lightspeed Foundation Grant competition.



Members of the German Section and others welcome Klaus Moog to the Banquet.



Martha Phillips presents a special recognition to past Fly Now and current Academic winner Tori Williams.



From left, Vanessa Blakeley, Pat Theberge, Pat Chan, Trish Sauve (standing) and Barbara Crooker count ballots that were cast at the Conference.



Joan Kerwin, center, accepts the Award of Achievement for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines from Alice Talnack, Awards Chairman, left, and Martha Phillips, International President.



Right, Dr. Petra Illig, who was born in Germany, dressed in traditional Bavarian style. She was honored with the Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation.



Conference photographer Lilian Darling Holt, center, enjoys the Neuschwanstein Castle tour.



Fran Strubeck, Sharline Reedy, Thelma Cull and Marie Hoefer at the cocktail reception prior to AEMSF/Awards Banquet.



Members at the Conference who also attended the 2005 Conference in New Zealand send their love and regards to Pam Collings, who was unable to attend this year due to the death of her husband Cecil Collings on July 4, 2015.

AE Winners Celebrated at Conference

BY PEGGY DOYLE, Co-Chairman AEMSF

Celebrating our current and past winners of the Amelia Earhart Scholarships and the Fly Now Awards has always been a highlight of the International Conference. This year was no different. As with some past International Conferences held on other continents, this was a joint celebration with The Ninety-Nines International Awards.

The event took place at the Sheraton Munich Arabellapark Hotel on July 9. Ursula Hammer, Governor of the German Section, served as Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening. Before dinner was served, Professor Ellmar Giemulla, president of AOPA Germany, delivered a most entertaining and informative report that touched on the differences between flying in Germany and flying in the United States.

Throughout dinner, the guests were treated to a PowerPoint presentation of past winners going all the way back to original winner Patricia Gladney in 1941. At the conclusion of a delicious buffet of German fare, Peggy Doyle, Vice Chairman of the AEMSF, kicked off the celebration of AEMSF winners by first thanking all of those who contributed to the success of this year's winners. Among those were Captain Pamela Mahonchak, United Airlines, and Lieutenant Megan Varley Flanigan, U.S. Navy, who served as our outside Judges.

Also recognized were our current and past benefactors including UPS, Lightspeed Aviation and our financial managers at Morgan Stanley. International Governors, AE Section Chairmen, AE Chapter Chairmen and Fly Now Mentors, who are all so vital to the success of the AEMSF, were asked to stand and be recognized, along with past winners and past Trustees.

A special recognition was given to past Fly Now and current Academic winner Tori Williams and her mentor Terry Donner. Tori is a student at Eastern Kentucky University and plans to get her degree in Aviation Business Management while working on her multi-engine, commercial, CFI, CFII and MEI ratings. Terry made it possible for Tori to attend. Needless to say, the expense of traveling to Germany was too much for any of our other winners to attend.

The Trustees present, who included immediate past Trustee Ellen Herring, newly elected Trustee Linda Mathias, Dorothy Bethel, Shelley Ventura and Clancey Maloney, were invited to the stage to take part in the presentation of gratitude to Ellen Herring, who was leaving the Trust after six years. The Trustees thanked Ellen for her six years of dedicated service on the AEMSF International Trust and her many past years of service as her Section's AE Chairman. The Trustees surprised Ellen with an engraved sterling silver Amelia Earhart Medallion as an expression of their appreciation for her hard work.

Shelley Ventura, who had spent time as a child in Germany, delivered an impressive welcome and thank you in German. As pictures of the 2015 winners played in the background, Shelley presented the list of 17 winners of the 2015 Spring Fly Now awards winners. The names of the 2015 AE winners were announced by Clancey Maloney and Ellen Herring. There were 22 Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship winners this year. The 2015 AEMSF winners' bios and pictures were featured in the Conference program along with the pictures of the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 Fly Now Winners.



Past AE winners, back row from left: Linda Marshall, Linda Mathias, Janice Pelletti, Evelyn Kropp, Lisa Cotham, Mae Marquet, Clancy Maloney, Shelley Ventura, Cathy Hobson, Jacqueline Milroy, Sue Ballew and Valerie Suberg. Front row: Lee Orr, Peggy Doyle, current recipient Tori Williams, Terri Donner and Dorothy Norkus.

A Tale of Two Trips



Blair Hu, Orange County Chapter; Ida Zhang, China Section; Lina Shi, China Section; Michaela Serasio, Monterey Bay Chapter; Irene Engard, Orange County Chapter.

My First International Conference

BY BLAIR (BO) HU, Orange County Chapter

The International Conference in Munich, Germany, was the first I attended as a member of The 99s. My flight was 10 hours to Munich. I did not feel even a little jet lagged due to my excitement.

On the first day I went to the airport and took the glider flight. This was my first experience flying a glider, and it was great. When the glider was flying in the blue sky, I felt peaceful and free. It was a wonderful feeling, and it confirmed my confidence to fly in the future.

In May of this year, I received a student pilot certificate, and on the same day I joined The 99s Orange County Chapter of the Southwest Section. Now I feel I belong somewhere, and I am not alone.

During my trip to Munich, The 99 members helped me a lot. I could feel the passion, not only for flying, but also for life. The first day, when we went flying, we finished very late. A German member of The 99s drove us to the hotel. Along the way we happily chatted, as if we were a family. When I was flying, they loaned me a hat.

At dinner, many pilots told me about their flying life of many years. We talked about the blue sky dream and of the flying experience. I heard many flight details, and they encouraged me to do my best. They told me not to worry about my English and not to worry about asking someone to “say again” when I am flying.

At this meeting, I had my first opportunity to exercise my right to vote, helping choose new leadership for The 99s. The Conference organization is very serious, which makes me admire the women pilots from all over the world. As a Chinese citizen, I also helped the Chinese Section Governor bid for the 2020 International Conference to be held in China. We hope to make The 99s Organization bigger and better through our efforts.

I grew up in China. When I was in college, I began to dream of flying. I am a movie director and drama producer. Two years ago, I immigrated to the United States. This year, by chance, I met Lina Shi, a member of the Orange County Chapter of The 99s. Because of her help, I began the process here in the United States to learn to fly. I also joined the Organization with the hope I can go farther and farther in the flight path.

Surprise Flight to Munich

BY FRANKIE CLEMENS

My trip to Munich, Germany, actually started way back in the early 1980s. The Air Race Classic start was in San Diego-Gillespie Field in 1984. Since I live really close to Gillespie Field, I was ‘transportation chair’ for the race, picking up the teams and driving them to race headquarters.



Frankie Clemens.

One afternoon, in came a Maule airplane from Georgia with Susan and her co-pilot on board. Susan was Susan Maule, granddaughter of the manufacturer of the Maule airplane.

Susan and I immediately became good friends. After the race, Susan packed up her things and moved to El Cajon, California, transferring to the El Cajon Valley Chapter. She could instruct 365 days a year out here. She stayed with Ray and I on and off for a couple years and then went on to the commuter lines serving the Southwest. After a few years, she moved on to the majors, flying for Piedmont Airlines. She now flies for US Air, soon to be American Airlines.

We have been friends through all the time that has passed.

Twenty-nine years later, I purchased my tickets (AA) to go to Germany and e-mailed Susan, who now lives in a suburb of Philadelphia, that we had a four-hour layover in Philly and could she meet us for lunch. She said, “I don’t know, I’ll have to check my schedule.” Okay, that is what pilots do.

A couple days before boarding the plane for Philly, Susan phoned me and said, “Meet me in terminal A.” I was flying with Robin Gartman from the Palomar Chapter, and we found Dot Norkus, San Diego Chapter, on the same flight to Philly, so there were three of us and Susan. Susan is in full uniform.

She leaves us, saying, “I have to go to the lounge and check my schedule.”

Robin, Dot and I still had a little time before boarding the plane for Germany, so we got a drink and sat watching our gate for boarding time. Out of the jetway comes Susan, grinning like a fool and says, “I’M YOUR PILOT.” She had bid on the trip way back in April, when I first e-mailed her.

We were escorted onto the jetway and into the plane, with the German-speaking attendant greeting me by name, saying she had heard all about me. Susan took us to the cockpit where we took pictures. The pilot also greeted me by name, taking me by the arm to my seat – Row 1 Seat A. When they were ready to take off, the pilot said, “We’re cleared for takeoff, Frankie.” Susan did the actual take off. When we got to Munich, it seems everyone there knew about the flight surprise, except me.

PS: The conference and Germany were worth the time and distance to get there.

2015 Awards



President's Award **PAT MCCOLLUM**

Pat McCollum began contributing to The Ninety-Nines the day after she got her pilot certificate in 1998. She is highly skilled in graphic design, trade show management, advertising and corporate communications. She immediately used those skills to benefit The 99s.

When her Section was assigned to host the 2010 Annual Conference in Hawaii, Pat created beautiful brochures and other artwork for the event. To pay for the deposits needed for the Conference, she produced a "Governor's Tea" and invited the whole Section. She designed and printed fabulous invitations, got sponsors, commandeered a maintenance hangar and decorated it, made 50 beautiful baskets for a Silent Auction and held a contest for the best-themed tea table.

She produced a PowerPoint presentation designed to increase member retention, created PowerPoint presentations for International Fundraising Chairman Susan Liebeler's fundraising seminars and, specifically, the memorable "Raise the Roof" drive that garnered over \$65,000 for repairs to the Museum and Headquarters building.

Drawing on her trade show expertise, she evaluated the effectiveness of our participation at the EAA's AirVenture in Oshkosh. Following her recommendations, we secured an indoor booth, quadrupling the number of new members recruited. Pat helped us upgrade our trade show presence by designing a new booth display that is lighter, easier to install and less costly for shipping.

With all of this, the most important thing that our members have seen and embraced is the new version of our logo. Pat redesigned the interlocking 99s to be more relevant to aviation with the addition of a plane and our name underneath. It was an immediate hit and has gained acceptance throughout our organization.

Pat embodies the spirit of our volunteer organization and does so with grace and generosity.



Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts **HEATHER STERZICK**

The Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts recognizes significant contribution(s), through aviation, in a humanitarian effort.

Heather Sterzick is this year's recipient of The 99s Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts. A member for only three years, Heather joined The Ninety-Nines in June 2012 when she was awarded the Wings of the Future Scholarship by the Oklahoma Chapter. Inspired by fellow Chapter members, she became an active member, volunteering at events and raising scholarship funding. If this weren't enough, she serves as director of Discover Aviation & Airshow Spectacular (a local airshow that raises funds for flight training scholarships), is a FAAS Team representative, began a flight school, serves as the local 99s Chapter Chairman and has chaired the Chapter's Okie Derby, a proficiency rally.

As if Heather's aviation involvement hasn't kept her busy enough, she graciously gives her time to a variety of needs in the Oklahoma City area including serving as a mentor for foster children, serving as a Chief Finance Officer for K&K World Wide, a non-profit organization that provides support to orphanages, and speaking at TED conferences.

A veteran of the U.S. Army serving as an Air Traffic Controller, she has worked as a local Air Traffic Controller at Wiley Post Airport. A graduate of Embry-Riddle and a certificated auditor, Heather is currently a corporate pilot, continually striving to fulfill her aviation dreams and the dreams of others.

Award of Achievement for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines

JOAN KERWIN

Joan Kerwin believes that belonging to an organization comes with a responsibility to serve. She has tirelessly and selflessly contributed to The 99s starting almost as soon as she joined in 1970. Those who know Joan appreciate her subtle sense of humor, her quick wit, her aviation knowledge and expertise and her allegiance to The Ninety-Nines.

For the past 44 years, Joan has worked quietly in the background, never seeking praise or accolades. She rolls up her sleeves and gets busy taking care of business, contributing her time and energy to all levels of our organization. Most importantly, she is a constant ambassador for The 99s, making a point of travelling the world to promote the organization at her own expense. In addition to attending Section meetings across the U.S., she has been to New Zealand, Australia, China, Northern Ireland, Russia and Kazakhstan (and those are just the ones we know about), all with the intent of spreading the word about The 99s and bringing the continents together.

Joan has used her flight certificates in a variety of community events from fundraising to convincing the Chicago Board of Education that through orientation flights there was value in placing the study of aviation in public schools. In recognition for her contributions to aviation, Joan was subsequently inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame in 2002.

The list of Joan's contributions to The 99s goes on. Most people run for cover whenever someone asks for volunteers; not Joan! She eagerly steps forward and offers to help. Joan has given so much of herself – time, money, laughs, sweat – to The 99s. We recognize her, and say "THANK YOU."



Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation

PETRA ILLIG

Dr. Petra Illig has become the "Go To" Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) for pilots with medical issues, having given countless presentations and written numerous articles on aviation medicine to and for doctors and the pilot community on local, national and international levels. She has built a career on her dedication to pilot health and advocacy to keep pilots with stable medical conditions flying and is most deserving of this award.

Petra received her private pilot certificate a month before she graduated from medical school in 1981, subsequently becoming an FAA certified AME. She was hired by Delta Air Lines in 1998 as the company flight surgeon, working with pilots to get their medicals back and developed their in-flight passenger medical emergency response procedures, still in place today.

In 2001 she moved back to Alaska to serve the local pilot community. In 2007, the U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) recruited her to lead the Aviation Team in their division of Global Migration and Quarantine. In this capacity she has been a liaison with the aviation industry and international aviation regulatory agencies.

Petra is a Fellow of the Aerospace Medicine Association as well as the Civil Aviation Medical Association, and she sits on the executive board of the latter organization. She serves as the secretary of the Aviation Medical Director's Association. She has been an adjunct professor at the University of Alaska, teaching aviation physiology in their Aviation Technology Division. She is a founder of the Space Medicine Association, a company that promotes health and safety for pilots and passengers in the upcoming commercial human spaceflight industry. These organizations promote safety in aviation and are particularly important in ensuring pilot health while satisfying regulatory requirements for aeromedical certification.



Photo: Worakit Sirijinda



George Palmer Putnam Award JERRY HUNTER

The George Palmer Putnam Award Recognizes the support provided to The Ninety-Nines by an individual or an organization.

Having struggled to afford flight lessons himself at the age of 20, Jerry Hunter now offers his support to a variety of aviation organizations in Oklahoma, including the Oklahoma Chapter of The 99s. He not only provides financial support but also promotes The 99s to the Sundance Flight Academy students based at his airport, many subsequently joining The 99s.

Since “discovering” The 99s in 2012, the year he acquired Sundance Airpark (KHSD) in Oklahoma City, he has unflinchingly offered his resources to fulfill the mission of The 99s. A self-taught electronics and software engineer, Jerry built his business, US Fleet Tracking, on a GPS tracking device that now provides live vehicle tracking in over 150 countries.

His airport has hosted the Okie Derby proficiency race, and his donations to the Wings of the Future Scholarship have ensured that the Chapter has been able to fund significant scholarships. The George Palmer Putnam Award recognizes the support of an organization or non-member individual whether a single action or a series of events.



Award of Inspiration ALIA TWAL

The Award of Inspiration is presented by the Board of Directors to an individual or organization whose participation, achievements or activities have had a significant impact on The Ninety-Nines, the world aviation community or the art and science of aviation or aerospace.

Alia Twal, member of the Arabian Section 99s and the current Section Governor, is this year's recipient for the inspiration she provides through her dedication to aviation and The 99s.

“My aviation dream started when I was in high school and we had a career day. I joined the aviation class, and the way the captain was standing and talking about aviation, I knew immediately I belonged to that world. I knew that I wanted to be standing in his shoes one day and giving other people a chance to know about aviation,” Alia said. “The happiest day in my life was when I obtained my PPL,” she adds. After earning her commercial instrument rating, she obtained her CFI and then passed the DLR exam for Royal Jordanian Airlines.

“I thought I didn't have a chance of being a pilot due to my gender. I was surprised to know at age 16 that in Jordan we had female pilots since the 1970s. And there it all started! So, going with my own motto since I was a child, “Whatever you want to be, be a good one,” I graduated from school with the second highest mark in Jordan.” Alia now flies the Airbus 320 family for Royal Jordanian Airlines.

In 2010 she was contacted by the then governor of the Arabian section, Yvonne Trueman, and subsequently was introduced to The 99s. At the time there were around 18 members in the Arabian Section. Happy to join an organization for female pilots and receive a welcome from so many members from around the world, she fell in love with The Ninety Nines and became an active member. Becoming Governor in 2012, Alia promised herself to make a difference. And now the Arabian Section has 78 members from different cultures but with the same passion. Alia says that despite the growth of the Arabian section “...we have succeeded in maintaining the family atmosphere and the close relationships between our members, and that's what makes this Section very special.”

Nominees Invited to Apply for 2016 International Awards

By Alice Talnack, International Awards Chairman

The International Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for three prestigious awards to be presented by The Ninety-Nines, Inc. at the 2016 International Conference in Ottawa, Canada. The deadline for submitting nominations is **January 15, 2016**.

Award	Description of Award	Who May be Nominated
Award of Achievement (for Ninety-Nines)	Three separate Awards of Achievement may be presented for Contributions to The Ninety-Nines; for Contributions to Aviation; for Humanitarian Efforts.	An individual member of The Ninety-Nines (living or deceased); a group of 99s; or an organization within The Ninety-Nines, such as a Chapter, Section, Committee or Trust. An individual recipient must be a current member or have been a current member at the time of her death.
Award of Merit (for non-Ninety-Nines)	Recognizes a significant contribution to any facet of aviation, such as aviation or aerospace education, aviation science, aviation history, aviation commerce, aviation legislation, etc.	An individual (male or female, living or deceased) or an organization. The recipient may not be a current or former member of The Ninety-Nines or of a group within The Ninety-Nines.
George Palmer Putnam Award (for non-Ninety-Nines)	Recognizes support provided to The Ninety-Nines by an individual (male or female, living or deceased) or an organization. The contribution may have occurred in the past or present, as a single action or a series of events.	An individual (male or female, living or deceased), or an organization. The recipient may not be a current or former member of The Ninety-Nines or of a group within The Ninety-Nines.

Who may submit nominations? A Ninety-Nines Chapter, Section, or Trust.

How to nominate: Submit a one-page letter, signed by two officers or trustees (as appropriate). The nomination must include the name, address and telephone number of the nominee or the nominee's next-of-kin if the nominee is deceased. Up to three additional pages of substantiating material may be attached to the letter. Send your nomination to International Headquarters in Oklahoma City to the attention of the Awards Committee. Nominations should be received by the deadline of **Thursday, January 15, 2016**. Note: Previous nominees may be resubmitted.

Questions? Contact Alice Talnack, International Awards Chairman, at atalnack@comcast.net, 831-688-8899.



Top 10 ARC Finishing Teams pose for a winning photo (team pilots seated in front, co-pilots/crew standing behind), from left, Team #1, Stephanie Armstrong (Jessica Reed); #2, Jennifer Pinkowski (Carly Namihira, Christina Druskins); #3, Lin Caywood (Robin Hadfield); #4, Claire Schindler (Erica Diels); #5, Pam Rudolph (Tookie Hensley); #6, Sarah Wendt (Abigail Pasmore); #7, Mary Wunder (Juliet Lindrooth); #8, Catherine Sweatt (Melanie Abel, Katelyn Walters); #9, Candy Oldham (Sue Westervelt); #10, JoAnne Alcorn (Gretchen Jahn). Photo: Shayne Fleming Johnson

2015 Air Race Classic Fredericksburg to Fairhope

2200+ nautical miles in 4 days with 100+ friends

BY MINNETTA GARDINIER, Iowa Chapter

Who went to camp in the summer as a kid? Each year, many kids leave home to spend a week or two at summer camps. For some, it's a grand adventure and loads of fun. For others, it's an anxious time going somewhere unfamiliar and doing new things with a lot of kids you've never met before. In 2008, I went to camp for the first time – FLY CAMP!

My Fly Camp is the annual Air Race Classic – a new adventure every year – a new route, meeting up with many racers who have become “old friends” and welcoming new racers to the experience. It is now my summer addiction, and I look forward to bringing a new pilot to the party each year.

Jeanne Visser, Iowa Chapter, was excited to take the right seat this year in my Cardinal. She joined about 60 other “rookie” racers. It was a record year for first-timers choosing to fly this challenging cross-country air race. Corbi Bulluck, Kitty Hawk Chapter, won the Rookie Racer Award for her essay “Why I Fly.” Among the 121 registered racers, 60 percent of them were flying their first race ever, and nearly two-thirds were 99s from across the U.S. Two teams also flew with International members – Dee Bond, New Zealand Chapter, and Robin Hadfield, First Canadian Chapter.

Every year, the weather is a major factor and tests the racers in adjusting their plans. This year, Tropical Storm Bill challenged many racers just to get to the Start. For some, Bill delayed or blocked their arrival into Fredericksburg. All but three teams made it to the Start. We had a field of 49 teams with credentials and inspections cleared for the launch on June 22.

Terry Nitz, Washington DC Chapter, and Bobbi Boucher, Classic Racer 18 – The Blonde Bombs, hosted a great Start weekend in Fredericksburg, Virginia. It was a weekend of hangar talk and hanging out at its best with Friday's Hangar Welcome BBQ and Saturday's Start Banquet, followed by various seminars to focus everyone on the race logistics. After all the talks wrapped up on Sunday, the race teams transitioned into race mode.

After the final racer briefing on launch morning, everyone headed to the airport. The day looked good for racing. We packed our gear, pre-flighted the plane, started the engines and taxied out. It was a parade of 49 planes launching less than a minute apart and heading for the first flyby at Foothills Regional Airport (Morganton, North Carolina). Most refueled in Hickory, North Carolina, but a few continued on to Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

The first flyby was busy – planes inbound finished their first race leg and others outbound started their second leg. Just 200 ft AGL at top speed down the flyby lane. Ears listened closely on the radios. Eyes outside the plane watched for traffic. For all the rookies, this first flyby is an experience they will never forget. For all, it's a rush and a blast!

Mechanical issues confound a few racers each year. After a delayed start due to an alternator problem, Terry Kane wrote, "We flew our first leg with no radios or lights and the master switch off. Fifteen miles out, we turned on the master, called in, turned on the lights, did our first flyby and landed in Hickory. The cold washcloths from the 99s were wonderful!" After replacing the regulator, they went on to finish the race.

Volunteers and FBO staff at each stop make this race a great success each year, going the extra mile for racers, and their efforts played a big role ensuring that all 49 teams finished in Fairhope by the 5 p.m. deadline on June 25.

The personality of each stop is a reflection of the region and its volunteers – airport staff, local community members, the aviation community, including EAA chapters, WAI and our 99s Chapters. This year, several of our Chapters helped across many of the airports: Alabama, Carolinas, Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast, Greater Pittsburgh, Indiana, Kentucky Bluegrass, Kitty Hawk, Memphis, Michigan and Washington DC. Competition was fierce among the stops to win "The Best Stop" award, and Jo Ann Speer's Team Pink Camo took home the prize to Union City, Tennessee (UCY). To everyone from Start to Terminus, thank you!

In Fairhope, Alabama, racers celebrated with a Meltdown Party hosted by Continental Motors at Sonny Callahan Airport. Their employees and the community all came out to show us some real Southern hospitality. ARC officials and judges crunched



After the race, Lin Caywood and Robin Hadfield enjoy Southern hospitality at the Friday night Meltdown Party in Fairhope, Alabama.

numbers to set the final scores, and the results were revealed at the Awards Banquet. Trophies, medals, plaques, leg prize medalions were lined up.

Racers received their ARC plaques for competing in the race. Fastest leg prizes are awarded for each stop to racers not finishing in the Top Ten. Awards were given for the Fastest Beech, Fastest Cardinal and the Fastest Piper. Special awards were given for various stops and legs – Leg 1 to Hickory; Leg 2 to Connellsville honoring Barbara Harris-Para; Southeast Section 99s Superstar into SES stops, and the 99s Terminus leg trophy.

The Top Ten finalist teams were announced (see photo). Southern Illinois University at Carbondale wrapped up both the Collegiate Trophy *and* the #1 fastest finishing team – Stephanie Armstrong and Jessica Reed. Congratulations to ALL the racers!

And now, the planning begins for the 2016 Air Race Classic. For more information, visit www.airraceclassic.org.

For Two Teams, ARC was a Family Affair

For a few flying families, the Air Race Classic has become a multi-generation affair.

The first three-generation team to compete in the Air Race Classic raced in 1998: Jean Given, daughter Jeanné Willerth, and Willerth's daughter, Stephanie.

This year, two three-generation teams flew the race. The

Baldwin Family Flyers, Caroline Baldwin, her daughter Lydia, and granddaughter Cara Baldwin, have raced ARC together since 2012 in Caroline's Piper Cherokee.

The Carastro family, Marie and her daughter Susan, have raced in 12 ARCs, with Susan's daughter Danielle joining them for the first time this year.



Caroline Baldwin, left, her granddaughter Cara and daughter Lydia. Photo: Hemlock Films



From left, Marie Carastro, her granddaughter Danielle and daughter Susan. Photo: Shayne Fleming Johnson

Welcome New and Returning Ninety-Nines!

Welcome Back Members

Anaston, Natalie, Bay Cities
Atkinson, Shawna (F), Waterloo on the Grand
Balsley, Debbie, San Diego
Burns, LaDonna (F), Tucson
Cardona, Glenda, Ventura County
Chase, Meadow, San Diego
Espinoza, Yvette, San Diego
Foster, Barbara, Intercollegiate Internet
Fydrych-Hodges, Josie, Southwest Section
Gilliam, Frances, Las Vegas Valley
Gordley, Sandra, All-Ohio
Gormley, Erin, Arabian Section
Hasper, Heather (F), Michigan
Hines, Karol, Reno Area
Howard, Amber, Monterey Bay
Johnson, Wendy, Sacramento Valley
Johnson, Amy, Manitoba
Koch, Kristina (F), Montana
Lawson, Olivia (F), First Canadian
Lekarczyk, Elizabeth, Michigan
Liddell, Melody, Orange County
Malvini Redden, Shawna (F), Sacramento Valley
Mettey, Bianca, Long Beach
Mudd, Michal (F), Rio Grande Norte
Nussbaum, Shana, Washington DC
Peck, Kirstin, Colorado
Pulley, Michele, First Canadian
Ramirez, Alyssa, Sugarloaf
Reikofski, J, Tucson
Reinschmidt, Jessica, Chicago Area
Rosado, Laura, Palomar
Ruiz, Mary (F), North Jersey
Sandager, Mikaela, Minnesota
Searles, Tammie, Austin
Sherrick, Lauren, Wisconsin
Sutter, Ann, Mt. Shasta
Tanzer, Rachel, Los Angeles Palms
Terese, Dia, Idaho
Thomas, Rhondi, Reno High Sierra
Tucker, Karolyn, Florida Suncoast
Utko, Karolina, Manitoba
Weiss, Ronnie, Connecticut

Welcome New Members

Alasfour, Taghreed (F), Arabian Section
Al-Ayyat, Dureen, Arabian Section
Applegate, Shalyn, Ambassador
Arbutina, Paige (F), Kitty Hawk
Baker, Lenore, Middle Tennessee
Barnes, Cherie, Austin
Barnett, Kathryn (F), Sacramento Valley
Behr-Andres, Christina (F), Rio Grande Norte
Bell, Michele, Old Dominion
Berbera, Marie (F), Wichita Falls
Bility, Bintu (F), Maryland
Black, Jacqueline (F), Monterey Bay
Boehler Homoky, Angela (F), Florida Suncoast
Brasier, Lexie (F), Ventura County
Brierley, Houda, Arabian Section
Brogowski, Anna (F), North Jersey
Broom, Genevieve (F), Women With Wings
Broullire, Kristin, Rio Grande Norte
Bryant, Audrey, Kansas
Bryant, Molly (F), Kansas

Car, Joanna (F), Ambassador
Carlson, Kaitlyn (F), Chicago Area
Carson, Julie (F), Fort Worth
Caruso, Natalie (F), Connecticut
Caubbs, Leslie (F), Memphis
Chaabna, Hanane, Arabian Section
Chan, Eileen, Alberta
Cherkasova, Yelena (F), Mid-Columbia
Chong, Shun Wing (F), China Section
Coleman, Elise (F), Eastern Pennsylvania
Collie, Devyn (F), Austin
Condrey, Susan (F), Nebraska
Connell, Christina (F), Santa Clara Valley
Copeland-DeVan, Cynthia, Northeast Kansas
Curtis-Taylor, Tracey, British Section
Cypher, Tosha, Mat-Su Valley
Darwish, Heba, Arabian Section
DeLean-Weber, M. (F), Greater St. Louis
DePue, Alexandra (F), Orange County
Duca, Elizabeth, San Antonio
Dumont, Samantha, Spaceport
Duncan, Keenyn, Oklahoma
Dunlap, Maribeth, Keystone
Enba, Miral, Arabian Section
Estes, Samantha (F), Greater St. Louis
Fay, Arielle (F), Wisconsin
Ferries, Megan, Manitoba
Fleet, Taryn, Florida Suncoast
Foote Gail, Oklahoma
Garillot, Anne, Montreal
Gauer, Crystal (F), Canadian Rockies
Godzala, Mattie, Sugarloaf
Gonzalez, Sandy, Florida Goldcoast
Haag, Lisa, Houston
Halcott, Joy (F), Sugarloaf
Hall, Cheryl, Santa Barbara
Hammonds, Sarah (F), Iowa
Handtke, Heidi (F), Indiana Dunes
Hanze, Sabine, Austrian Section
Harris, Katherine (F), Carolinas
Healy, Sarah, Wisconsin
Hedrick, Sydney (F), Phoenix
Hertsch, Kaylyn (F), Rio Colorado
Honeycutt, Shannon, Indiana
House, Emma, Kansas
Johnson, Danna (F), Dallas
Johnson, Malia (F), Oregon Pines
Ketzeback, Dinah, Chicago Area
Koenig, Ashley, Chicago Area
Krieg, Amy, Washington DC
Landwehr, Kristen, Intercollegiate Internet
LaPoint, Katelyn (F), Michigan
Liang, Zhou (F), Alabama
Lillo Gutierrez, Maria (F), Ambassador
Luetkehans, Melody (F), Reno High Sierra
Lundberg, Sandra, Kentucky Bluegrass
MacArthur, Cathy (F), Carolinas
Macatangay, Cathleen, Wisconsin
Madan, Kaitlyn (F), North Jersey
Maleki, Sima (F), Reno High Sierra
Mannina, Lisa, New Orleans
Marble, Yvette, Ventura County
Mariani, Claire (F), Connecticut
Martel, Rebekah (F), Shreveport
Martin, Georgia (F), Kitty Hawk
McEnroe, Mary (F), Santa Clara Valley

McKernan, Amber (F), New York Capital District
McNay, Emmalea (F), Ventura County
Meldrum, Emily (F), Phoenix
Meyer, Linda, Northeast Kansas
Micklo, Sarah, Greater Pittsburgh
Miller, Rebecca, Antelope Valley
Molina, Tracey (F), Antelope Valley
Mooney, Jane, Wisconsin
Moore, Stirling, Montana
Mosher Smith, Natalie, Aloha
MoulaZem, Maroua (F), Arabian Section
Mulhearn, Casey, Houston
Nacu, Cora (F), Manitoba
Nelson, Nara, Florida Firstcoast
Norris, Kirstan, Mount Tahoma
Overholt, Kimberly (F), Old Dominion
Palmer, Alexandria (F), Antelope Valley
Pierce, MacKenzie (F), Wichita Falls
Pirotin (Ri Sterbenz), Christine, Eastern Pennsylvania
Putman, Lesley (F), Northwoods
Rapp, Sydney (F), Fort Worth
Richter, Ines, German Section
Riser, Brittany (F), Antelope Valley
Robinson, Sophie (F), Columbia Cascade
Rose, Meaghan (F), Wichita Falls
Ross, Leah, Indiana
Rucks, Lindy, Chicago Area
Saleh, Mona (F), First Canadian
Satterfield, Naomi, Kitty Hawk
Schreiber, Christina (F), Colorado
Schroll, Theresa, Columbia Cascade
Schulz, Shelby (F), Colorado
Schutte, Christina, All-Ohio
Shorey, Lydia, Wichita Falls
Slaick, Geraldine, Florida Gulf Stream
Smith, Maggie (F), Kentucky Bluegrass
Snyder, Nancy, Embry-Riddle Daytona
Sorum, Heather, Ambassador
Stewart, June (F), Colorado
Sweatt, Catherine, Indiana
Sweetwood, Kimberley (F), Pikes Peak
Tatro, Cassandra (F), Eastern New England
Taymour Lotfy, Hasnaa, Arabian Section
Thornton, Ashley (F), Michigan
Trussell, Sue (F), Shenandoah Valley
Turk, Sammi, Tulsa
Turkel, Gabriela, Paradise Coast
Tweto, Ariel, Ambassador
Ubelhor, Cynthia, Kentucky Bluegrass
Urias, Sandra (F), Antelope Valley
Valentino, Maureen (F), Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast
Watkins, Carey (F), Washington DC
Weaver, Hannah (F), Eastern Pennsylvania
Weber-Rutherford, Colleen (F), Wisconsin
Wendt, Sarah, Spaceport
Whalen, Madeline (F), Kentucky Bluegrass
White, Alexandra, Chicago Area
Wilcox, Jennifer, Bay Cities
Willis, Kristen (F), Eastern Idaho
Wisener, Lupita (F), Texas Dogwood
Woolley, Leann (F), Old Dominion
Zhou, Jing (F), Tennessee

Naomi Wadsworth — An Adventure of a Lifetime

BY MARCIA K. GITELMAN, Spaceport Chapter

On September 2, 1945, the world celebrated. The devastating war was finally over. This year, we mark the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II with many ceremonies and events.

A most interesting tribute to the end of the war involves Naomi Wadsworth, a Finger Lakes Chapter member, and Whiskey 7, one of the original planes that dropped paratroopers behind enemy lines in the invasion of Normandy in June 1944. Whiskey 7 is a C-47 (N345AB) and named for its W-7 squadron marking. As part of operation Neptune in the invasion of Normandy, Whiskey 7 departed RAF Cottesmore, England, in the second wave across the English Channel and made a drop of paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division near Sainte-Mère-Église, France, on June 6, 1944.

Last year, Whiskey 7 was invited by the Government of France to recreate its mission during their 70th anniversary ceremonies. And pilot Naomi Wadsworth was one of the flight crew, along with her younger brother Craig Wadsworth, Chief Pilot Chris Polhemus, Mike Lindsay and John Lindsay.

The route of flight was Presque Isle, Maine; Labrador; Narsarsuaq, Greenland; Iceland; and then Scotland to Germany. The roundtrip was 70.1 hours at altitudes varying from 8,000 to 12,000 feet over the Greenland ice-cap. Most of this was trouble-free, says Naomi. The average speed was 130 to 180 knots. The weather was perfect.

She does recall that it was cold. The cockpit was heated but not the cabin. At one point the temperature in the cabin dropped to 28 F. In the cabin, the crew wore thermal underwear and sat in canvas jump seats in sleeping bags. The toilet was a five gallon drum with a hole and seat on top. There was no autopilot. After hop-scotching the Atlantic Ocean, the plane made Cherbourg, France, a base for their operations in Europe.

Naomi's impressions of the journey will last her lifetime.

Escorted by two C-130s, they flew down Utah Beach over a shipwreck from the invasion. This made WWII real to her. It "sunk in what had happened," Naomi said.

Whiskey 7 belongs to, and was restored by, the National Warplane Museum of Geneseo, New York. The museum had to restore the plane to its original WWII condition, except for the fact that it now has modern avionics including two GNS 650 touch screen GPS radios. These were donated by Islip Aviation of Long Island, New York. The original navigation instruments were probably a homing beacon and a compass. Dead reckoning was how the original trip was made in 1943.

Bose contributed nine Bluetooth headsets and other equipment needed for the crossing. The

New York 109th Air Guard loaned cold water survival equipment. The National Warplane Museum raised more than \$225,000 for this project.

The flight of Whiskey 7 made national news. Tom Brokaw of NBC News was a passenger in the plane, and he interviewed Bud Rice, a pilot who flew Whiskey 7 on a different mission and Leslie Palmer Cruise, a paratrooper on the original paratrooper drop.

Naomi is a very experienced

pilot. Raised in western New York, she graduated from Northern Colorado University. She received her private pilot certificate in 1981. Before returning to New York, she flew for many years professionally in the Caribbean. She has type ratings in Super DC-3s, C-117s, Learjet and B-17s.

A lot of people worked very hard on this project. It is exciting that a Ninety-Nine, Naomi Wadsworth, was a major participant. She still flies Whiskey 7 when it makes frequent appearances at airshows.

It is a beautiful airplane with a wonderful pilot at the controls.

Whiskey 7 Returns to Normandy



Naomi with Whiskey 7 at Geneseo, New York. Photo: Craig Wadsworth



Pat Prentiss, Carol Caywood (Lin Caywood's mother and a student pilot), Lin Caywood and Darcy Kulesha at the new 99s exhibition booth at AirVenture 2015/Oshkosh.

New 99s Booth Debuts at 2015 Oshkosh

BY LIN CAYWOOD, Sugarloaf Chapter

The 99s, now ensconced in Hangar B, Aisle B location at Oshkosh, presented a new, refreshed booth to rave reviews.

Thanks to our Lightspeed Competition wins the past few years, we have been able to channel resources towards presenting a professional and modern look to our event booths.

A new, open concept layout invited visitors to interact with members, and a fabulous new backdrop proudly displayed our new logo and provided a great photo backdrop for recording our new members receiving their membership pins from President Martha Phillips. This state of the art backdrop is extremely portable, lightweight and packs into a suitcase smaller than a golf bag, saving us hundreds of dollars in shipping costs annually.

Visitors to the booth earned themselves a coveted "99s are Lightspeed Fans" fan. Members added tan and blue 99s sun visors to their 99s attire, and over 400 WomenVenture T-shirts were distributed for the annual photo.

Thanks to the efforts of many 99s at Oshkosh and at the American Yankee Association Annual Fly-in (AYA, the nonprofit association for pilots of Grumman American light aircraft), The

99s continue to be very high in the rankings of the Lightspeed Foundation's Grant Competition.

Voting ends October 14, 2015. We want to maintain our first place position. If your Chapter has a booth or presence at an aviation event or airshow, you can meet lots of new friends and supporters and recruit new members while soliciting votes for the Lightspeed Grant Competition. If you send Susan Liebler an email at Lexpert@lexpertresearch.com, she will send you the voting kit files.

Promoting and awarding the 2015 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship was funded by the 2014 Lightspeed Aviation Foundation Grant with support from the Ventura County Chapter of The 99s. President Martha Phillips and Judy McCarthy, representing the Ventura County Chapter, awarded the 2015 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship to 18-year-old Sydney Hedrick from Gilbert, Arizona, at the Women Venture Lunch in Oshkosh during AirVenture.

Sydney was present to accept the award and joined The 99s as a student member. She will start flight training this fall at Chandler Gilbert Community College in a two-year degree program with

the option to continue her flight training and earn a four-year aviation degree at the University of North Dakota.

We received 54 terrific applications for the 2015 award from young women between 16 and 20 who want to learn to fly. These enthusiastic young women are the future of aviation and The 99s.

The Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship is a great way to reach out to young women with an interest in flying. We hope to win another Lightspeed Aviation Foundation grant and continue offering the scholarship.

AirVenture 2015, July 20-26, was another great success for The 99s. This week-long celebration of everything aviation has been in existence since 1953 and started with a handful of aircraft and 150 attendees.

This year, the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) posted an attendance of approximately 550,000 people viewing 10,000 aircraft. The “world’s busiest tower” on the field handled over 16,000 aircraft movements with a record 3,000 in one single day. The fantastic weather this year attributed to the two percent increase in attendance over last year’s record-breaking crowds.

President Martha Phillips was on hand all week to greet current members, pin new members and represent The 99s at various functions.

The 99s also awarded a \$500 flight training scholarship at EAA’s Women Soar You Soar four-day aviation program for high school girls directed by 99 Debby Rihn-Harvey.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our organization, and the 35 members who assisted during setup, show week and tear-down, along with a half dozen 49½s providing behind-the-scenes support, racked up over 350 hours of volunteer time just in the booth. Additional time was logged at the show by members who helped at Women Soar You Soar activities. Several 99 volunteers also helped staff our new neighbor in Aisle B, the Air Race Classic.

Hope to see you all next year in Oshkosh!



Ninety-Nines President Martha Phillips presented at the Power Lunch.



Participating in various events at Oshkosh are, from left, WASP Florence ‘Shutsy’ Reynolds; WASP Elizabeth Strohfus, Minnesota Chapter; Tuskegee Airman Col. Charles McGee; WASP Bee Haydu, Florida Gulfstream Chapter; WASP Marty Wyal, Three Rivers Chapter; WASP Dawn Seymour, Tucson Chapter; and back row, WASP trainee Florence Mascott.

Photo: John Marsh



New Group Supports Women Pilots with Kids

If you were given a box, what would you do? Would you say it's a nice box and just deal with it as is? Would you begin to dream up ideas of what you could do with the box until someone tells you to stop being ridiculous and it can't be done and then give up? Or would you take the box and your ideas beyond the limits of what we all believe it could be?

We are three of many mommy pilots throughout the world. We all have an invisible thread that binds us all together: a story of knowing no boundaries. We fly, work and raise kids, carving from what we were given the life we've imagined. In the following, we each share how we overcame boundaries to follow our dreams. We hope this will inspire and encourage you to do the same!

MARIA BURNS

EMERALD ANGELS OF THE GULF COAST CHAPTER

Married to a professional pilot with 5-year-old and 22-month-old sons

Pilot Quals: Commercial ASEL, ASES, Instrument

Working on: Commercial AMEL add on and CFI

Goals: Earn CFII / MEI and instruct while continuing to fly corporate contract

I've been flying since October 20, 2001. This date is special to me not only because it's the first time I took controls of an airplane, but also because it's the day I met my flight instructor and now husband, Daniel Burns.

I've long balanced flying and a full-time professional, non-aviation career. I worked in the biotech industry for nine years, helping to start a successful biomedical company. While this business was lucrative and rewarding, I often worked 80-hour weeks and was rarely home.

So, I retired, switched gears completely and returned to grad school to earn my Masters and now Ph.D. in English Literature. I've taught English courses for the last six years. I also enjoy writing and have published fiction and non-fiction.

After flying casually for several years, I decided to earn my instrument and was "re-bitten" by the aviation bug. I earned my commercial and seaplane ratings shortly after, both while pregnant with my second son. In 2014, The Ninety-Nines awarded me the Gann Memorial Scholarship to help earn my CFI.

Amidst a stressful move from Florida to Mississippi and a new job, the rating has taken longer than I anticipated. Still, the great thing about the academic schedule is the summer



Maria Burns with her two sons.

break, and I'm now on track to finish the CFI rating very soon.

These days, I regularly fly corporate contract in an SR22T out of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The Ninety-Nines has been very supportive, and I'm honored to be able to give back by serving as Treasurer of the Southeast Section. I'm also busy studying for the CFI and multi rating, planning my fall semester courses and, of course, chasing around the young ones.

The boys have been flying since they were each six-weeks old and fly quite well. I'm not sure the boys could comprehend life without aviation, and it's my ultimate mommy dream, should my children choose, to one day help them earn their first ratings. In the meantime, I hope to soon be able help women and men in Southern Mississippi take to the sky!

MEREDITH HOLLADAY
FLORIDA FIRSTCOAST CHAPTER

Married to a professional pilot with a 2-year-old daughter
Pilot Quals: CFII, Multiengine, Tailwheel
Goals: To regain tailwheel proficiency; fly around the country with my daughter

I always knew that I wanted to be a mom, and I always knew that one day I'd be a pilot, just like my dad. But life has a funny way of twisting and turning to the point where you wake up one morning and have no clue how you ended up where you are and wonder how you are ever going to get to the place where you want to be. I started taking flying lessons in the Washington, D.C., area just three weeks before September 11, 2001. I was 29 years old and two years into my first marriage, which was already in trouble. Being in the air was a wonderful relief from the problems I was dealing with at home, and once I started flight training, I just couldn't stop.

I earned my private pilot certificate in 2003 and by the summer of 2005, I was a full-time, self-employed flight instructor. By 2009, it was clear to me that divorce was imminent. I took a desk job to pad my bank account during the transition, and while the money was good, being away from the airport made me incredibly sad. I knew that when the dust settled, I had to get back into the air and start having some fun again.

A good friend and fellow pilot suggested I join Match.com, and in just a few weeks I got an email from a guy named Dana Holladay, a fellow flight instructor. This time around, things felt exactly right from the start, and we both quickly realized we would spend our lives together. I quit my desk job, returned to instructing full-time and married Dana in October, 2010.

That completed one piece of me: flying and being in a happy marriage. The second piece, motherhood, was my next challenge. So, off I went to the OB/GYN to confirm I was still in good shape to be a mom at almost 40. With a green light from my doctor, we began our journey to parenthood.

Late in 2011, we purchased a 1938 Piper J-3 Cub and began planning a round-the-country flight, which we completed the following summer. During the trip, we discovered we were expecting our daughter, Alexandra, born March 8, 2013.



Meredith Holladay and family.

To make a long story short, we learned early on in my pregnancy that Alex had developed a rare genetic defect called congenital diaphragmatic hernia, or CDH. In a nutshell, her diaphragm, the thin membrane that separates your chest organs from your stomach and intestines, was damaged or non-existent, based on the sonogram imagery. We were told that she might not survive the birth, and we should consider terminating the pregnancy.

After doing a ton of research and talking to the surgery team at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C., we confidently decided to continue the pregnancy and plan for her treatment and hernia repair surgery after birth. It was a long and scary road involving a somewhat emergency C-section delivery and three months in the NICU, but she amazed us with her strength and resilience.

To celebrate her life and recovery, we took her flying just a few weeks after she came home, and we all drove to Oshkosh that summer for a vacation at EAA AirVenture. We've been each year since, and to date Alex has logged more than 20 hours of flight time with us on various trips, including a recent trip to Norfolk to visit her grandmother. She is a happy, healthy two-year-old and the self-appointed CEO of our flight school, Holladay Aviation.

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LIZ POEPPELMAN
KITTY HAWK CHAPTER

Married to a professional pilot with a 1-year old daughter
Pilot Quals: Commercial AMEL, Instrument, Private ASEL, Tailwheel

Working on: Commercial ASEL add on and CFI

Goals: Instruct, work as a freelance pilot for corporate and general aviation, CFII, A&P and grass strip with taildragger flight school

It's not too often that life gives you a second chance. I graduated college and was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force with a coveted Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) slot. I packed up everything I owned in my brand new Lieutenant mobile and headed to SUPT. Here I earned my private pilot certificate while on casual status. Unfortunately, I had to push my SUPT start date further down the road due to my dad receiving a diagnosis of a malignant brain tumor just a few months after I arrived.



Liz Poeppelman and family.

The following year, with my head back together, I started pilot training. Everything was going as well as could be expected in such an intense training environment until I noticed I was lactating. Long story short: I was grounded, and endured a vast number of tests. I was put on antibiotics, and though doctors speculated everything from an infection to breast cancer, nothing was fully conclusive. Finally, doctors ordered an MRI of my brain. A microscopic benign tumor was found on my pituitary gland: the culprit behind the lactating.

Worst case scenario, it could turn cancerous. A more possible scenario was that I would lose my peripheral vision. Unfortunately, the powers-to-be at the time decided I wasn't worth the risk to keep in pilot training, so I was medically disqualified – never mind this never affected my flying and, to this day 10 years later, my peripheral vision is quite good.

Seven years later, with the encouragement of my husband, I got back into flying, starting where I left off in SUPT with instruments. Since then I have worked through multiple ratings and built time in an array of aircraft: 172, 182, 152, Citation, T-37B, Seminole, Bonanza and Luscombe.

During this time, we also welcomed our daughter into the world. I will admit it felt like I was marching to the beat of Ludwig van Beethoven's "Funeral March" – my interpretation "The Death of My Flying Career," while we awaited her arrival.

The Ninety-Nines of the Southeast Section came to my rescue, whether they realized it or not. Both the Carolinas and Kitty Hawk Chapters put together a fly-in baby shower at a nearby airport about a month after my daughter was born. (What a pretty awesome excuse to go flying!) Then, when I couldn't make the next Section meeting in the fall because dog and baby care fell through, the Governor at the time decided that something needed to be done to help bring back all the active members who became inactive once they started a family.

I, along with two other pilot mothers, Maria and Meredith, were asked to form a committee to reach out to other pilot mothers, thus forming Mommy Pilots. We put together a Facebook Group called Mommy Pilots, planned a forum, "Flying with Kids in General Aviation" for the 2015 Southeast Section Spring Meeting, and helped organize childcare for the meeting.

I now know it's not the end of it all, but rather a new and pretty awesome beginning. Plus I have a wonderful community of fellow women and mom pilots to help encourage me along the way because I definitely need it.

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Pilot Careers:

What Is Your Why?

BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

“The bigger the WHY, the easier the HOW.” That’s a short way of saying that if you want something badly enough, you’ll figure out a way to achieve it, and it applies nowhere more so than in aviation. There are no shortcuts to an aviation career, and you have to want it enough to do all it takes to get there.

This is where the deeply contemplative, soul searching question comes in: Why do you want to fly? It’s easy to say that it’s fun and you can get from point A to point B faster than driving. But to be willing to make the sacrifices it takes to pursue it as a career takes a really big WHY.

Think about that for a moment. Learning to fly is expensive and time consuming and challenging. What makes you want to spend your weekends and hard-earned money to take on this wild experiment? Is it a passing pastime, or a burning passion?

We’re now hearing about the pilot shortage, which should make the journey to an aviation career a little easier. However, it hasn’t always been that way. I’ve heard of incredible sacrifices people have made to become a professional pilot. (I’m told they make for great hangar flying stories later!) It means moving, commuting, low starting salaries, disrupting family life, leaving your comfort zone and choosing to pursue a career with no certainty. Compare that to the alternative: a more traditional life perhaps, but

one without the amazing opportunities that open up with having a pilot certificate.

On the other end of the spectrum, I have seen children of airline pilots get sucked into the vortex of an aviation career from the pressure of their parents. It’s not that these kids really wanted to fly, but it’s harder to fight the pressure than it is to just let it sweep them in with its powerful strength. I have flown with pilots whose airline fathers paid for it all and had a plane at their disposal to take out on every whim. For them, this IS just a job, and there is no passion to do it.

But either way, we have to do the work. We have to study and take the checkrides and build the time. If we are not truly passionate about flying, it can be an arduous task at best, and worst case scenario, a tragic waste of passion that could better be used elsewhere. Let’s face it: The only person in control of your life experience is you.

Recently I saw a quote that said, “Live a life that feels good on the inside and not one that just looks good on the outside.” Ask yourself again: WHY do you want to pursue a career in aviation? Remember: The bigger the WHY, the easier the HOW. If this goal is truly your passion, pursue it with a vengeance. The HOW will take care of itself.

TRAINING MILESTONES

Hayley Batt – Inspection Authorization
Intermountain Chapter

Terry Carbonell – ATP Airplane
Paradise Coast Chapter

Monica Erwin – Private
Mt. Shasta Chapter

Candy Goudey – High Performance
Intermountain Chapter

Caroline Kolasa-Scott – Dash 8
Type Rating, BC Coast Chapter

Amber Phillips – ASES
Idaho Chapter

Monica Randolph-Graham – Private
Fort Worth Chapter

Christlyn Repp – IFR, Commercial Multi-
engine, Sacramento Valley Chapter

Joelle Petersen – Private
Paradise Coast Chapter

Charmaine Porter – Private
Fullerton Chapter

Sydney Rapp – Solo
Fort Worth Chapter

Shannon Rubicam – Instrument
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Caroline Kolasa-Scott – Dash 8 Type
Rating, BC Coast Chapter

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Elise Wheelock – Private
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Jeanne Wildman – CFII
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ZOE DELL NUTTER TO BE INDUCTED INTO DAYTON'S WALK OF FAME

Zoe Dell Nutter, a Monterey Bay Chapter member, will be inducted into Dayton's Walk of Fame at a luncheon on September 24 at Sinclair College, Dayton, Ohio. Since 1996, outstanding individuals and groups and their contributions to the Miami Valley have been memorialized annually with granite stones on West Third Street in Dayton.

Zoe, who is an amazing 100 years old, was born in Oregon and moved to Dayton 50 years ago when she married Ervin Nutter. She gave up a career in ballet when she accepted a position to promote the Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939. Later, she was California's representative at the World's Fair in Brussels, the "Flying Ambassador" to the Century 21 Exposition in Seattle and the New York World's Fair.

She earned a pilot certificate and worked in marketing for Piper Aviation to improve pilot safety, increase the number of private pilots and encourage women in the aviation profession. At Elano, her husband's company, she headed the Small Aircraft Division and became one of the company's pilots. The development of the Elano manifold came when she urged more engine power over mountains.

In Dayton, Zoe was a primary force in leading the effort for the National Aviation Hall of Fame, enlisting her Congressional friends to enact legislation to create it. She has served on local, state and national boards of trustees and received numerous awards.

— Karla Harshaw

VENTURA COUNTY 99s RECEIVE 2015 BEST OF CAMARILLO AWARD

The Ventura County Chapter has been selected for the 2015 Best of Camarillo Award in the Non-Profit Organizations category by the Camarillo Award Program.

Each year, the Camarillo Award Program identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community and help make the Camarillo, California, area a great place to live, work and play.

Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Camarillo Award Program and data provided by third parties.

— Linda Ehrlich



Zoe Dell Nutter.

CECILE HATFIELD HONORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL AVIATION WOMENS ASSOCIATION

Ninety-Nines General Counsel Cecile Hatfield was the 2015 recipient of the International Aviation Womens Associations (IAWA) "Aviation Industry Woman of Excellence Award." Only the fourth recipient of the award, Cecile has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the advancement of women in the aviation industry.

She has served as General Counsel for over 20 years, providing unwavering commitment to The Ninety-Nines at international, national and regional levels.

Cecile was the first woman to serve as Chairman of the American Bar Association (ABA) Aviation and Space Law Committee. She is currently the past president and contributing editor for the Lawyer-Pilots Bar Association, and she continues to serve as the program chair of the Annual Embry Riddle Aviation Law and Insurance Symposium.

She has long had a passion for aviation, obtaining her pilot certificate in 1963 and her instructor certificate shortly thereafter. She received her law degree in 1975 from the University of Miami after graduating with high honors from the University of Florida.

In her early aviation career, she helped pioneer the path for women in aviation. She was a trial lawyer for the U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. and was the first woman to serve as Associate General Counsel for Piper Aircraft Corporation. According to a newspaper article at the time, "Piper Aircraft Co. has hired a 'junk yard dog' from the U.S. Justice Department to defend the company." Cecile laughs and says, "Being a woman attorney, this appellation was actually a compliment."

Since 1991, Cecile has had her own aviation law practice in Miami, Florida. In 2008, she was nominated to "Who's Who Legal: Florida, 2008" as one of Florida's leading practitioners in the field of aviation law. The Ninety-Nines is inordinately proud of Cecile's achievements and honored to be associated with her.

— Susan Larson



Cecile Hatfield.

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RIO COLORADO 99s SPONSOR NEW RACE

A new event, the Havasu 600 Air Race, has been added to the roster, sponsored by The Rio Colorado Chapter in Lake Havasu, Arizona. Registration is now open.

It's a two-day, cross-country race of approximately 600 miles on November 13 and 14. Each year the race will start at a different location with a course of approximately 600nm and will terminate every year in Lake Havasu. This year's course starts at Jacqueline Cochran Airport (KTRM) in Thermal, California, with the Start hosted by the Coachella Valley 99s. The first fly-by will be in Wickenburg, Arizona (E25), then on to our overnight stop in Mesquite, Nevada (67L). Visit www.Havasu600.com.

— Tookie Hensley

DIANE ABELA SHARES FLYING EXPERIENCES WITH 'GOALS FOR GIRLS' ATTENDEES

As a student pilot learning to fly helicopters, Diane Abela of the North Jersey Chapter participated in The Intrepid's GOALS for Girls summer intensive program. As an official GOALS mentor, she spoke to an audience of fifty 8th and 9th grade New York City girls taking part in the six-week program, "Great Opportunities Advancing Leadership and Science."



Diane Abela, far right.

They are engaged in and become more aware of the occupations, real-life applications and interdisciplinary nature of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) as it relates to history, aviation, marine and earth science, technology and engineering and space. The program is now in its sixth year.

Women aviation mentors are sought to share their aviation-related occupation, education, experiences, obstacles overcome, and positive stories, as well as provide encouragement and "words of wisdom," to the campers regarding their career.

— Shannon Osborne

WARBIRD JET WINS TOP AIRVENTURE AWARD

In July, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh presented Austin Chapter member Dianna Stanger the award for Best Jet/Warbird category for her Aero Vodochody Albatros L-139. Diana's jet is the only one of its kind in the world, according to EAA AirVenture. The plane was chosen based on appearance, landing gear, wings, engine, authenticity and a number of other factors.

The plane is a fighter jet that was originally manufactured by Aero Vodochody in the Czech Republic. Dianna has worked since she acquired the plane in 2013 to restore, refurbish and customize the aircraft. The jet took about 2,700 hours to restore.

— Staff

NATALIE ANASTON EARNS MASTER CFI

Natalie Anaston, a first-time Master and SAFE member, recently earned her Master CFI accreditation.

Natalie is a flight and ground instructor with EVA Flight Training Academy, Sacramento Mather Airport (MHR), where she specializes in technically advanced aircraft training, individualized tutoring and flight operations management. Additionally, she is active in the Bay Cities Chapter and serves as a FAAS team representative in the FAA's Sacramento FSDO area.

There are approximately 101,000 CFIs in the United States. Fewer than 800 aviation educators worldwide have achieved one or more of the Master accreditations thus far. The last 21 National Flight Instructors of the Year or National FAAS team Representatives of the Year were Masters, while Natalie is one of only 55 California aviation educators to earn this prestigious "Master" title.

— Wendy O'Malley



Natalie Anaston.

MARYSE CARMICHAEL KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT NORTHERN LIGHTS AWARD DINNER

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Maryse Carmichael, Montreal Chapter 99, will be the keynote speaker at the Northern Lights Award Gala Dinner on October 3. At the event, The Northern Lights Award Foundation (NLAF) will honor the seven winners of its 2015 aviation and aerospace awards. Recipients include 99s Jill Oakes, Manitoba Chapter, and Claire Lemiski, Montreal Chapter.

In 1990, Maryse fulfilled her dream of becoming a Royal Canadian Air Force pilot like her brothers. Over her 22-year career, she accumulated nearly 3,500 hours on three main aircraft types: jet trainer, VIP jet transport aircraft and tactical airlift/transport plane.

In November 2000, Maryse made history when she was selected, after a grueling competition, to fly with 431 Air Demonstration Squadron, the Canadian Forces' Snowbirds. She was the Snowbird's first female pilot and the first female pilot in the world to fly with a Jet Demonstration Team.

After her tour of duty with the Snowbirds, she served as the Operations Officer position on 436 Transport Squadron and as the Deputy Wing Operations Officer at 3 Wing Bagotville. In 2010, Maryse was appointed Commanding Officer of the Snowbirds, another world's first for a female aviator.

More than 200 aviation and aerospace professionals will gather to honor these exceptional women at the Annual Gala Awards Dinner and Ceremony.

— Northern Lights Award Foundation

ALOHA CHAPTER

Girl Scout Day at Maui Aviators on July 25 included several members from the Aloha Chapter this year. A beautiful day on the island was filled with talks from Kerri Ballard, Sue Wadas, Natalie Mosher and Carolyn Sandison about their lives in different fields of aviation.

Anita White, Shannon Christensen and Taunna Neerings started the day with Bernoulli's Principle, flight control usage, and hands-on demonstrations. Everyone helped build and fly gliders for the spot landing contest with the girls, adjusting the flaps and ailerons on their gliders as necessary. It was nice to have so many women join in.

The girls especially enjoyed the preflight of Anita and Steve's Cessna 172, as assisted by Elizabeth L'Heureux, during which they were able to sit in the cockpit with headsets and big smiles.

A trip to Windward Aviation's hangar proved an exciting end



The Aloha Chapter and Maui Girl Scouts look on as the Maui County Fire/Rescue Team prepares to launch.



Aloha Chapter members, from left, Sue Wadas, Germaine Toguchi and Staci Kronberg at the Pacific Aviation Museum.

to the day. The group got to watch the Maui Fire search and rescue team go into action after an emergency call – the firefighters climbing into the aircraft and their takeoff into the wild blue yonder on their way to assist those stuck in a bamboo forest.

On July 19, Aloha Chapter member Sarah Hudgins spent the day speaking to girls from the Hawaii Girl Scout Troop 9 about all things aviation. The event was held on Oahu as part of a STEM educational day, and Sarah's enthusiasm no doubt inspired future aviators in the group.

On July 14, The Aloha Chapter joined in celebrating Amelia Earhart's birthday with the Pacific Aviation Museum on Oahu. A team effort made the day a success, complete with a 99s booth manned by Sue Wadas, Germaine Toguchi and Staci Kronberg. Special thanks to the crew at the Pacific Aviation Museum for putting on such a splendid event and to Leina'ala Riela-Enoka for helping coordinate the event.

— Staci Kronberg

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

Each June, the Orange County Chapter holds a banquet to honor a "Pilot of the Year." Invitations are also sent to many of those in the local aviation community who support The Ninety-Nines. This past June, several of these supporters attended our banquet, allowing the Chapter to show its appreciation by giving each of them a framed photograph of Chapter members taken in front of the tower at the John Wayne Airport (SNA).

— Shirley McFall

Recipients, from left, are Joe Finell, Southern California Pilots Association; Jeff Rountree, Operations Manager at SNA; Michael Church, Sunrise Aviation; and Fred Holstein, Orange County Flight Center.



CONNECTICUT CHAPTER

Several members of the Connecticut Chapter recently hosted Girl Scouts for a day of aviation activities at Great Barrington Airport in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The airport is home base to the group of Connecticut Chapter 99s who met on a Saturday morning in June to introduce aviation to three area Girl Scout troops.

The girls were shown a variety of aircraft on the field and learned the basics of lift, weight, thrust and drag. They also felt the movement of primary flight controls when each girl sat in a cockpit with a pilot for a one-on-one experience. Balsa wood glider construction allowed them to see the effects of aircraft weight and balance.

The scouts were invited to participate in an essay contest and write about lessons they learned from reading about Amelia Earhart's life. Essays were submitted prior to the event and were judged on research and originality. All answers were delightful to read, but the winner included a comment on how, even though she may be a small girl, she has the potential to accomplish big things for her community and country if she tries hard and doesn't ever give up!

— Peggy Loeffler



Connecticut Chapter member Hillary Carl shows Girl Scouts her airplane. Photo by Glenna Blackwell



Minnesota 99s Tracy Davenport, Patti Sandusky and LaJean Firminhac, who accepted the award for Thuy Pieper, at their granite markers at the International Forest of Friendship on June 20.

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

Three Minnesota 99s were inducted into the International Forest of Friendship in Atchison, Kansas, on June 20. Congratulations to Patti Sandusky, Tracy Davenport and Thuy Pieper for being inducted this year.

A big thank you to Minnesota 99 Elaine Morrow and 49½ Glenn Morrow for sponsoring these wonderful women and for attending the event, and to Minnesota 99 LaJean Firminhac for accepting the award for Thuy, who was not able to attend.

Minnesota Chapter member Tracy Lovness and her co-pilot Jessica Lowery competed in the Air Race Classic in June and flew a great no penalty race. Congratulations Tracy and Jessica!

Continuing our coverage this summer of different aviation events, we had a crew volunteering at the Minnesota Air Spectacular at the Mankato Regional Airport (KMKT), Mankato, Minnesota, on June 27-28.

Up next for the Minnesota 99s is the North Central Section Fall Meeting September 25-27. The registration form, schedule and other information can be found in the Summer 2015 issue of the Waypoint or on the North Central webpage, ncs99s.org. Finally, we have a new website, minnesota.ncs99s.org. Check it out!

— Melissa Aho



Enjoying a fly-out to Concrete, from left, Marian Hartley, Theresa White, Andrea Chay, hosts Wiley and June Moore, and Marlene Vale.

GREATER SEATTLE CHAPTER

Our Chapter's first summer fly-out to Concrete (3W5) was a success—at least for the five of us who made it in the challenging weather. Marian and Andrea flew in with Tom Jensen; Bev Franklet and a photographer friend flew from Orcas Island; Marty flew in with a friend from Canada; and Mike and I flew in a friend's C-140.

Joan Moore, a recent Flying Companion Seminar participant, provided a warm welcome and a nice lunch. She also arranged for the museum film crew to interview us. Watch for us on the North Cascades Vintage Aircraft Museum's website: vintageaircraftmuseum.org/Airmarking.

We had a tremendous turnout for our airmarking at Crest Airpark August 1. Unfortunately, there was some miscommunication among the airport staff, and everything wasn't ready for us. Our alternate date is August 15, but that depends on airport management.

— Theresa White



Ready for airmarking at Crest Airpark, from left, are Theresa White, Gin Hildebrant, Marilyn Emery, Marlene Vale, Marian Hartley, Elise Hoit, Eva Parks, Andrea Chay and Helen Parke.

OLD DOMINION CHAPTER

The Old Dominion Chapter is excited to be hosting this year's Mid-Atlantic Section Meeting on October 2-4 in historic Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The meeting coincides with Fredericksburg's popular Oktoberfest weekend. Friday night's evening social at Shannon Airport will give everyone a chance to catch up, make new friends and enjoy BBQ with plenty of time to get back and enjoy the "First Friday" activities in historic Fredericksburg.

After the meetings on Saturday, we will have a luncheon with a guest speaker. The afternoon workshop, presented by Mindstar Aviation, features a Jay flight simulator loaded with various scenarios such as the FISK VFR arrival into OSH.

Your afternoon is open to discover Fredericksburg on your own or take advantage of the Trolley Tour and let someone else do the driving. There will be an informal get-together in the Courtyard Marriott lobby before we walk to the banquet facility where we will sip and savor homemade, authentic German cuisine at the Bavarian Chef, just two blocks from the Courtyard Marriott.

Please visit www.olddominion99s.com/section-meeting for a more detailed description of events, agenda and updated registration form. We look forward to seeing you in Fredericksburg!

— Rose Brown

NEW HORIZONS

LUCRETIA MAE CARTER Cook Inlet Chapter

Lucretia Mae Carter, 82, passed away May 20, 2015 in Bethany, Oklahoma. She was born October 12, 1932, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Owen and Evelyn Carter.

After graduating from Omaha North High School in 1950, she went on to Bethany Nazarene College to earn her BS degree in elementary education. In 1982 she received her ME degree in Aerospace Education from Middle Tennessee State University. She taught elementary school for 29 years in Oklahoma, New Mexico, South Dakota and Alaska.

Lucretia received her private pilot certificate on August 4, 1984. She participated in the Great Southern Air Race and attended many seminars. In Alaska she flew her C-172 west to Cold Bay (Alaska Peninsula) and to Kotzebue (north of the Arctic Circle). In addition to The 99s, she was a member of AOPA and participated in Civil Air Patrol search missions.

When Lucretia was no longer able to fly, she became a Legacy Partner by giving her plane to the Church of the Nazarene Foundation to fund Nazarene missionary flights in Africa.

She was an avid photographer, traveler and cat lover.

— Headquarters

HARRIET FULLER Eastern New England Chapter

Harriet Fuller passed away unexpectedly on July 7, 2015, at home in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. She was 93 years old and was a member of The 99s for over 47 years.

Harriet learned to fly in 1968 in her late 40s and became a 99 shortly thereafter. From the beginning, she was very active and took on many responsibilities in both her Chapter and Section. She served as Governor, Vice Governor, all Chapter offices and chaired many committees, including support for hosting three International Conferences.

In addition, Harriet was elected International Director and a Trustee for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum. She is best known in our Chapter for being Airmarking Chairman for many years. Harriet was delighted with the challenge of laying out all sizes of airport letters for us to paint. In years past, she initiated a program to bring homemade cookies to tower staff as a thank-you from The 99s. They were always well received.

Blue skies and fair winds, Harriet. We will miss your sweet, smiling face.

— Georgia Pappas



Harriet Fuller.

PATRICIA SUE FRY San Diego Chapter

Patricia Sue (Rector) Fry flew to new horizons on July 8, 2015. Patricia was born in San Diego, California, on June 7, 1928, to Ada Sue and John Rector. She grew up in Chula Vista and graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1946 and San Diego State College in 1949.

That same year, she married Lewis W. Fry of San Diego. In addition to The 99s, Pat was active in the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, Chula Vista Women's Club, Old Globe Theatre Guild and San Diego Opera Guild.

While her children were young, Pat worked from home as a columnist for the *Chula Vista Star News*. Later she worked in public relations for the Arthritis Foundation, United Way and at the San Diego Air & Space Museum as Director of Education.

A memorial service was held at St. John's Episcopal Church, Chula Vista on July 25.

— Suzanne Fry, daughter

Final Flights for Our 49½s

Forest M. Bird — Pamela Bird, Intermountain Chapter, August 2, 2015

Cecil Collings — Pam Collings, New Zealand Section, July 4, 2015

WADAD 'POOCHIE' ROTZINGER OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

Our Grandma, Wadad 'Poochie' Rotzinger, passed away on August 24, 2015. She was born to John and Shala Hassen on March 19, 1929 in Ranger, Texas. Grandma and her three siblings grew up in Sulphur, Oklahoma. She graduated from Sulphur High School and Oklahoma City University. She married the love of her life, the late Edmund Rotzinger, on August 24, 1950. In 1951, they welcomed a beloved daughter, Carol Louise.

Grandma taught high school biology and physical education for several years and then taught driver's education to the instructors at Central State University.

Never one to slow down, Grandma decided to become a pilot later in life. It was through this hobby that she developed a passion for The Ninety-Nines. We will joyfully remember her decked out in airplane jewelry and airplane sweaters. Flying, family and friends were her three greatest passions.

In addition to flying, Grandma was an avid motorcyclist who also taught motorcycle safety courses. We always loved bragging that our Grandma was a pilot who rode motorcycles. She redefined what a 'cool Grandma' should be.

Our Grandma and Grandpa were truly a team who dedicated their lives to one another. After almost 65 blissful years of marriage, Grandma has now followed Grandpa to heaven just three months after he passed away after a long struggle with Alzheimer's. We love you, Grandma. Now you can truly fly among the heavens.

—Regan Leigh Morgan and Cara Weiblinger, granddaughters



Wadad 'Poochie' Rotzinger.

JANET S. YODER Kansas City Chapter

Janet S. Yoder passed away Sunday, May 24, 2015. Janet was born November 23, 1941, and enjoyed an adventurous life.

She was a retired ACS nurse anesthetist with a commercial pilot certificate. She also held multi-engine, instrument and seaplane ratings. She participated in 27 Air Race Classics. Those who knew her remember her big smile, the twinkle in her eye and her excellent piloting skills. Janet went out of her way to be friendly and inclusive, and was a "go-getter" who enthusiastically tackled projects big and small. She will be a big loss to our Chapter, and we will miss her dearly.

— Dawn Wavle



Janet Yoder.

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Above, Dorothy Berthelet, left, and Margo McCutcheon invite members to the 2016 International Conference in Ottawa, Canada.

Right, Lina Shi's daughter hugs her newfound friend, while Bo Hu, left, enjoys the Canadian Chapter's presentation.



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