



## Inspiring Women Pilots Since 1929

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Although she is deaf, Nicole Bringolf never let that deter her flight plans. She didn't stop at becoming a pilot and now competes in aerobatics. Photo by Tim Guzman





Meet a Governor: Fanni Pajer, now living in Vienna, Austria, is the new Governor of the Austrian Section. She is a flight instructor for airline pilots.



From the age of three, Kathryn Brenner knew she was destined to fly. Although that dream was shattered by a childhood diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes, Kathryn has developed a new flight plan.

## **On The Cover**

Nicole Bringolf, like many pilots, is gutsy and strong-willed. She's not afraid of challenges, even when facing them as a deaf pilot. "Disability is not in my dictionary," she says.

Nicole found instructors willing to work with her unique situation and apply creative methods of communication. She is now an aerobatic pilot, flying her first competition in May 2017, where she came in second overall. Her current focus is moving up to the next category in aerobatics.

Photo by Frank Campbell, Sparks, Nevada.



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Thanks to the monumental, multi-year project headed by Amelia Earhart Scholarship Trustee Jacque Boyd and Research Scholar Roberta 'Bobbi' Roe, 89 years of 99s publications are now available online. This archive will benefit both members and reseachers worldwide.



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Twice a year, the AEMSF Trustees select student pilot applicants to receive grants that help with flight training costs. We chatted with several past recipients to see how the award has changed their lives.

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feature three families that enjoy flying together. Lydia Baldwin and her mother Caroline fly together

to enjoy the thrill of

flight.

In honor of Mother's and Father's Day, we



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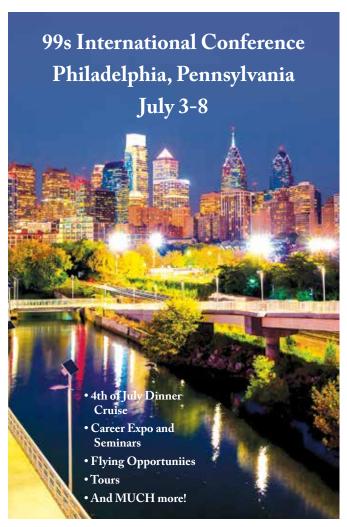
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### **JULY**

- **3-8 99s International Conference 2018,** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, www.99sconference.org.
- **23-29 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018,** EAA Aviation Center, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, eaa.org/en/airventure.
- 31 Deadline for Submitting Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) Application for Mentoring Autumn Session. For more information go to: www. ninety-nines.org/resourses/ or email: mentoring@ninety-nines.org.

## **AUGUST**

doth Annual Okie Derby Proficiency Air Rally, Sundance Airport (KHSD), Yukon, Oklahoma, sponsored by the Oklahoma Chapter. Visit okiederby.com for more complete information and to enter. Also visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/oklahoma99s.



### **SEPTEMBER**

- 13-16 Northwest Section Fall Meeting, Idaho Falls, Idaho, Hilton Garden Inn. Hosted by Eastern Idaho and Idaho Chapters. Contact: Sandi Bills, billslpc@msn.com.
- **14-15 AOPA Fly-In, Santa Fe Municipal Airport,** Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 21-22 International Forest of Friendship, Atchison, Kansas. This year's theme is "Security and Solace Through Flight," emphasizing military aviators and organizations such as Angel Flight, Flying Doctors and more. Visit IFOF.org for details.
- **21-23** North Central Section Fall Meeting, Mansfield, Ohio, Holiday Inn. Hosted by the All-Ohio Chapter. Contact Kathy Samuelson, ColsFlight@msn.com.
- 29 Museum of Woman Pilots Hangar Dance, Sundance Airport, Yukon, Oklahoma, 6 p.m. Contact Jeannie Wheatley, ladypilot64@aol.com, 918-791-5433 or Monica Randolph-Graham, monica.99smwp@gmail. com, 817-714-6439.

### **OCTOBER**

- **5-6 AOPA Fly-In**, Southern Illinois Airport (KMDH), Carbondale, Illinois.
- 5-6 Southeast Section Fall Meeting, Whitesburg, Georgia, hosted by the Southeast Section and assisted by the Georgia Flying Belles Chapter. Contact Mae Marquet, ses2017gov@gmail.com.
- 26-27 South Central Section Fall Meeting, Holiday Inn Express, Wichita Falls, Texas. Additional optional events to be offered on Thursday. Contact Mary Latimer, mary@latimerservices.com.
- **26-27 AOPA Fly-In, Jack Edwards Airport** (KJKA) Gulf Shores, Alabama.

### **NOVEMBER**

1-3 International Board of Directors Fall Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, Meridian Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Board meetings are open to all who wish to attend. For information, call 99s Headquarters, 405-685-7969.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## Fly It Forward!

hat a great opportunity I had the week of March 5, 2018 to "Fly it Forward" with young girls and women! WOAW (Women of Aviation Worldwide) provides thousands of airplane and helicopter rides to young girls and women at several locations in the U.S. and in many other countries. Along with other pilots, I was able to participate in two days of flying these women of all ages. I can't think of a better way to have spent International Women's Day!

Fly It Forward is a call to action for all pilots to extend the aviation tradition to girls and women. During Women of Aviation Worldwide Week, pilots are invited to give a first flight experience to girls and women who have never flown in a small aircraft. The goal of Fly It Forward is to spark aviation vocations among the female population.

My youngest passenger was two years old, flying with her five-year-old sister. When we were about 500 feet in the air, the five-year-old shouted, "This is awesome!" Right then I was so happy to be a part of this important project!

Joining me from my Chapter were Gretchen Jahn and Terry Fiala, along with many local male and female pilots. In six days, we flew 1,694 women of all ages at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport (FNL).

A huge thank you goes to 99s Dianna Stanger and Ronnie Bogart for organizing and making this happen. More thanks go to the many volunteers from all areas of aviation who provided sites for the event or just came out and pitched in. The young ladies visiting our site were especially impressed by two women United pilots and two military women who attended in full uniform. We had static displays with 14 vendors on site. And BTW, Dianna flew 716 passengers herself in her helicopter! It took 27 of us other pilots to fly the other 978 passengers.

So why don't The 99s sponsor events like this? We do! Myra Bugbee has just started a program called Let's Fly Now. This new program is the first step in The 99s' quest to inspire more young ladies and women to enter the field of aviation and space. Please plan on your Chapter hosting a Let's Fly Now event in your area. Watch for more information on The 99s Social Media, Straight & Level and future magazine issues.



Choose to Soar! Choose to Fly Your Dreams!

Below, left, Jan gives a first ride in her Mooney to one of the 1,694 women and girls who attended the Fly It Forward event at the Northern Colorado Regional Airport.

Below right, Dianna Stanger gets a thumbs up from one of her 716 passengers that day!



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## **TOUCH & GO**

## **Arabian Section Joins with Airway Aviation to Award First Scholarship to Hanane Chaabna**



Scholarship winner Hanane Chaabna

The Arabian Section presented the first scholarship given to their member, Hanane Chaabna (Algerian), from a joint program between Airways Aviation and the Arabian Section.

As part of our commitment to encourage future generations to join the growing field of aviation, Airways Aviation Academy became a lifetime sponsor of the Arabian Section. Over the past five years, Airways has sponsored every annual gathering for the Arabian Ninety-Nines. They also have provided discounts and scholarships to 30 females, some of whom are flying a commercial aircraft.

Airways recently launched a joint scholarship program with our Section that allows us to jointly

screen and sponsor female student pilots. The first to benefit from this scholarship is Hanane Chaabna, currently training at Airways in Oxford, United Kingdom. Hanane's dream of becoming a pilot was almost cut short due to family circumstances, but she managed to apply for, and win, the scholarship by showing her dedication and determination.

Encouraging and supporting women is the goal of this joint agreement. We are also working on finding new opportunities for our members, such as internships in aviation companies and jobs to learn more about every aspect in the aviation field .

For more information, contact Governor Alia Twal on Twalalia@gmail.com.

— Alia Twal

## Prestigious Panel Announced for Chasing Earhart Event July 21 in Atchison, Kansas

Chasing Earhart has announced The 99s as an official participant in their discussion panel at the Amelia Earhart Festival on July 21, 2018, in Atchison, Kansas. Lisa Cotham, International Secretary and Public Relations, will represent The 99s and will discuss Earhart's involvement in the founding of The 99s and her participation in the early organization.

Chasing Earhart will examine the legacy of Amelia Earhart – what influenced her, her continuing impact on society, her adventures and her disappearance.

Joining The 99s will be Jessica Cox, the world's first armless pilot and winner of the 2018 Amelia Earhart Festival Pioneer Achievement Award; Wendy Lawrence, the first Naval Academy graduate to become a NASA astronaut; Prof. Sammie Morris, Archivist at Purdue University that houses an extensive Earhart collection; Sahaesta Waiz, first Afghan female pilot and youngest woman to fly around the world solo in a single-engine aircraft; and Abigail "Astronaut Abby" Harrison, STEM advocate who at age 15 founded the nonprofit Mars Generation focused on exciting kids and adults about science and space.

Other participants represent literature, movie and theater, archaeology, relatives, media, investigative research, collectors and skeptics.

— Lisa Cotham



Amelia Earhart on her way to New York for her first public appearance at Carnegie Hall, 1930s.

## WASP Beatrice 'Bee' Falk Haydu Honored by National WWII Museum



'Bee' Falk Haydu.

Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) Bernice 'Bee' Falk Haydu will be honored with the 2018 Silver Service Medallion from the National WWII Museum in recognition of her lifetime commitment to her country and women in the military.

Each year, the president of the National WWII Museum awards the Silver Service Medallion to veterans and those with a direct connection to World War II who have served our country with distinction and

continue to lead by example.

For most of her life, Bee has been a champion of the WASP, the first women to fly military aircraft in the U.S. Army Airforce during World War II. Bee went through the seven-month training program and was on track to fly B-25s in the war until the WASP

were disbanded in December 1944, prior to the war's end.

Later, as president of the WASP organization from 1975-1978, she led the fight in Congress to acknowledge Women Airforce Service Pilots as WWII veterans, a fight that she won when President Jimmy Carter signed a bill in November 1977.

Bee's passion for flying continued well after the WASP were disbanded, flying with her late husband Joseph until they were in their late 70s. Among her other accomplishments, Bee is a member of the Aviation Hall of Fame, and her orignal WASP uniform is on display at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. She was awarded the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award by the FAA in 2014.

## **TOUCH & GO**



## International Election Winners Announced

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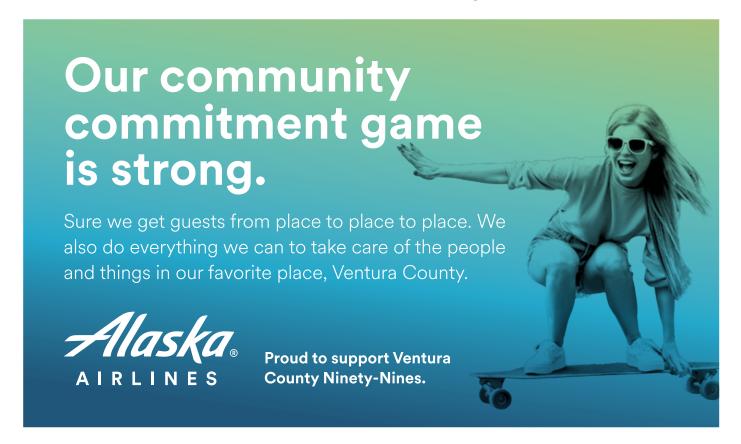
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## **HOLDING SHORT**



## Meet a Governor...

What is your name, where do you live, where is your home airport and to which Chapter/Section do you belong?

My name is Fanni Pajer, and I currently live in Dubai. I previously lived in Vienna, Austria, for the past 27 years, more or less.

My home airport is currently Al Maktoum International Airport in Dubai (OMDW). While in Austria, it was Wiener Neustadt East Airport (QEW) for many years.

I was in the Arabian Section until last September, and now I am the Governor of the Austrian Section.

What type of flying do you do? (Recreational, Professional, Sport/Specialty such as Aerobatics, etc.)

I am a flight instructor for airline pilots, and I previouly flew private jets.

What is your vision that will take your Section to the next level of success, and what kind of exciting future plans does your Section have?

Our vision is to unite the European Sections. We already closely work together with the German Section. Together we are planning a big annual meeting in 2019 in Vienna. Invitations to all Ninety-Nines "sisters" will go out as soon as we have the dates and venues booked.

### What is your favorite piece of aviation advice?

Keep it simple in the cockpit and always be one step ahead of the aircraft!

### What is one thing you might be surprised to learn about me?

Apart from being a passionate aviator and a proud mom of two beautiful children, I love languages. I speak about five and would still love to learn more. The Ninety-Nines is an amazing network to meet fabulous ladies and use these skills and find like-minded members.

## **Back Taxi in Time**



## Eileen Vollick Blazed Trail for Canadian Women Pilots

n March 13, 1928, Eileen Vollick became the first licensed female pilot in Canada. Vollick had enrolled in the Elliot Air Service Flying School in 1927, where she mastered her flight training on a Curtiss JN-4, a First World War-era biplane known as a Jenny.

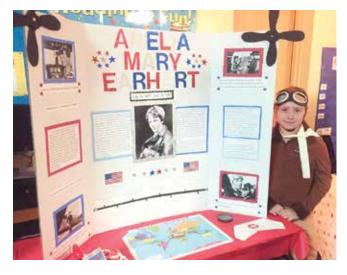
Although Eileen did not pursue a career in aviation, she was a daredevil who took up aerobatic flying and skydiving as hobbies. According to Shirley Render, Eileen also became the first woman in Canada to parachute into water in the summer of 1928.

Eileen Vollick certainly blazed a trail breaking the gender barrier and setting a significant precedent for future female pilots. Similarly, Deanna Brasseur and Jane Foster made history in 1989 when they became Canada's first women to graduate from the rigorous CF-18 jet fighter program.

On January 22, 1992, Dr. Roberta Bondar, our country's first female astronaut, took flying to a whole different level when she became the second Canadian to enter space.

Robin Hadfield

## **Future Pilot**



Emma Lally of
Sarasota, Florida,
did a lengthy report
and project on
Amelia Earhart for
her second grade
class at Tatum
Ridge Elementary
School. Her Aunt
Evy Bryant of the
West Virginia Chapter was very proud.

- Evy Bryant

**REMINDER:** We're always looking for input for "Holding Short." So when you're posting your favorite flying photos or announce winning an award or scholarship on social media, think of the *Ninety-Nines* magazine, too.

There will be various topics that include photos and short captions, such as "What I would have missed if I weren't a 99," "Back Taxi in Time" (a favorite photo from your Chapter or Section or personal archives), "Lessons Learned" (a short story about your training "Ah ha!" moment).

Email to news@ninety-nines.org.

## **HOLDING SHORT**

## Reaching Out and Making Connections

By Claudette DeCourley, San Diego Chapter



Claudette and Joanne at the botanical gardens.

ere is a reason to attend The 99s International Conference. At the Conference in San Antonio, Texas, I heard that there was a 99 from Singapore in attendance.

Since I would be traveling to Singapore in February 2018, I wanted to meet her. We connected in the hospitality suite, and within five minutes, Joanne Wheeler, Far East Section, had invited me and my 491/2 to stay at the Wheeler B&B.

After a few emails and a coincidental meeting in San Diego, my 491/2 Dan and I arrived at the Wheeler B&B on February 1. Joanne gave us a grand tour of Singapore on the efficient public transportation to

Chinatown to see the Chinese New Year decorations and then the harbor. She also introduced us to local food courts to feast on a variety of Asian dishes.

Since our purpose was to scuba dive Raja Ampat, we wanted

to do some easy scuba diving prior to the live-aboard diving adventure where we'd be staying on a boat. Joanne, too, wanted a scuba refresher. Off we traveled to Sabang Island, northern Sumatra, to the Lumba Lumba Resort. There we sampled local cuisine, saw wild monkeys, and, of course, got wet.

On another scuba adventure, Joanne joined us to see the Komodo dragons and dive. In all, we enjoyed four stays at Joanne's B&B between trips to Indonesia and Malaysia. In Singapore, we went to a cat cafe, a spa where fish clean the dead skin off your feet, and an orchid and a botanical garden.



Claudette ready to back roll into the water.

Joanne's knowledge of Sin-

gapore and Southeast Asia was the crowning enhancement of the complete adventure. Now we are fast friends and will be sharing more travels, maybe Australia, Middle East, Africa...

## **Kathryn Brenner**

## Perseverance...

hen I first set foot in an airplane at age three, I knew instantly that I needed to fly.

I spent my childhood growing my airplane collection and playing pilot. While my friends' answers to "What do you want to be when you grow up?" changed daily, mine never wavered. However, an unexpected diagnosis of Type 1 (autoimmune) diabetes sent my dreams into a spin.

My eleventh birthday was spent in the ER being told how I could still do anything I had wanted to before as long as I planned carefully. She asked me what I wanted to be, and I answered as I had for eight years already: "I'm going to be a pilot!"

I will never forget the look on her face as she began to backtrack and explain that I could fly privately, but at that point I couldn't get a first class medical.

After several years of career exploration, I came to understand that maintenance would be a much better fit for me than my original plan. I got involved with 88Charlies, an organization that restores vintage aircraft while encouraging mentorship.

Not long after joining 88Charlies, I applied for an AbleFlight scholarship, which I received. The scholarship allowed me to spend seven weeks at Purdue University earning my Light Sport certificate.

After getting home, I got my tail wheel endorsement in Miss Amy, one of the 88Charlies planes that I've helped restore.

I joined The 99s and the Chicago Area Chapter just before I got my certificate. I attended the Poplar Grove Fly-in Pancake Breakfast on my birthday and was serenaded by the other 99s singing Happy Birthday to me. The opportunity to get connected with people

with similar interests who can mentor me as a female in aviation has been valuable. My flying journey has truly come full circle, and I'm excited see the path it takes in the future!



Submitted by Madeleine Monaco

## **FLYING BY SIGHT**

Ask a pilot why she flies and the common answer is because she loves it. Uncommonly, Nicole Bringolf loves aerobatics. What's uncommon about that? She's deaf.





Nicole backcountry skiing outside of Yosemite. She skis an average of 75 days a year.

Nicole and Chris LaPierre on their first flight date. He had never been in a single engine plane before. He earned his wings as a 49½ member.

s pilots, we are constantly challenging ourselves and stretching our limits, using our physical and mental resources to perform at our best and overcome the difficulties aviation regularly sends our way. Nicole, a member of the High Sierra Chapter in Reno, Nevada, has done just that and has gone even further. She is the first instrument-rated deaf woman aerobatic pilot. And she wins.

Never mind that she's deaf. "Disability is not in my dictionary," she says. "I would call it more of an adaptive to fit in with the hearing counterparts. Deafness is not a disability, it doesn't define us. It's more of a cultural thing, we have our own language and our own identity."

Her personality contributes to her winning track record. A self-described adventure seeker, Nicole looks for activities that challenge her both physically and mentally. Gutsy, stubborn and strong-willed, she has never been content to sit at home while others are out climbing mountains. Literally. She does that too, climbing Mt. Shasta several times on different routes, not to mention Mt. Russell, Mt. Whitney and Mt. Williamson.

She has backpacked Denali in Alaska's grizzly country, alone. She has traveled 19 countries and loves to ski. She is a former member of the U.S. Deaf Ski Team. This woman is in good company in The Ninety-Nines with our history of courageous, determined, trailblazing females.

Nicole was born hearing but became deaf at the age of one. She has some residual hearing and can speak well, being raised in a hearing world by hearing parents. Her father, a Navy-experienced American, and her mother, a Swiss flight attendant, believed she could do anything she set her mind to do.

She and her hearing little brother were very close growing up. He was her "soulmate" who helped her in daily life. Her first flight at age 10 was with her uncle in a Piper Archer. She sat in the right seat, thrilled by banking the airplane left and right so she could see below. The seed was planted, although many years went by before that experience would turn into a love of aerobatics.

Aviation presented Nicole with continued adventure and a new set of obstacles to overcome, while she expanded her horizons on many levels with each rating and more experience. If you have full use of your hearing, you may find it hard to imagine what it's like to go through private pilot training, then into getting an instrument rating as a deaf person. Nicole's private pilot training began in earnest in 2006.

When beginning her pilot life, she first needed an understanding instructor willing to work with her unique situation. Rich Stowell, of CP Aviation in Santa Paula, California, was her



Many of the same issues we all have with learning to fly were taken to a different level in Nicole's case, like communication, finding an instructor whose teaching style is compatible with our learning style, and changes of instructors.

private pilot instructor. A Master Certified Aerobatic Flight and EMT (Emergency Maneuver Training) instructor, he set her up for success in aviation after she spent a week in California with him and soloed in a Cessna 172 in 19.5 hours. He looked at Nicole before he spoke, spoke clearly and enunciated his words to facilitate her lip-reading.

She felt honored to have Rich as her instructor, as he greatly influenced her confidence flying in unusual attitudes, beginning with spin recovery training. "Without him," she said, "it would have been much more challenging in finding an instructor who didn't have doubts. He had confidence in me, his wife is hard of hearing, so he was pretty comfortable working with me."

As an IFR pilot, she is accompanied by a qualified co-pilot who operates the radio and transmits information to her. Then either she or the co-pilot responds. She's told her voice is "loud and clear." Instrument training was much harder for her than aerobatics. "I think getting my instrument rating was the hard-



Nicole gets ready for her second flight in a aerobatic contest in Apple Valley, California. In rear seat is Chris Olmsted, owner of the Pitts. Photo by Tim Guzman.

est thing I've ever done in my life. It was well worth it because I learned how to use the ILS, VOR and GPS, and I pay more attention to the changes in the weather.

"There's a lot of communication involved with the control tower. I think it's easier if I fly a little closer to the tower so I can read their lips," she says with a wink. Did I mention this woman has a sense of humor?

Rich Stowell moved to a distant state, and he recommended her to Chris Olmstead, of Olmstead Aviation. He is now her current aerobatic instructor.

She wasn't worried about her gender or deafness in finding an instructor. "I was more worried about communication, because the aerobatic plane is set up to have tandem seats, which posed an extra challenge. When I met Chris Olmsted, he had a small mirror above the front seat, and we developed hand signals and planned the flight prior to leaving the hangar. I would repeat what he signed to me to make sure I got it right, as the mirror is hard to see sometimes, especially with the sun/shadow."

For aerobatic competition, pilots compete in their chosen category: Primary, Sportsman, Intermediate, Advanced and Unlimited. Nicole started in Primary and planned to moved up to Sportsman.

"You can fly all the known sequence or you can add a free sequence of your own. The judges on the ground will watch you perform in the air and give you a score, like in gymnastics."

Her first competition was in May 2017. She came in third place in the known sequence, second in free, and second overall,

very close behind first place. "That's not bad for a first timer, when the guy who came in first place has done aerobatic competition before and used his own plane." She borrowed Chris Olmsted's Pitts, which she says requires more experience in landing and takeoff. "You compete with other men and women, there's no gender category in aerobatics competition," she said.

In aerobatics, the biggest challenge for Nicole is flying the sequence in the box. The aerobatics box is the area in which aerobatics competitions take place. It is an airspace about one kilometer square, with upper and lower limits set by competition category. The competitor must stay in the box.

"You have to adjust for the wind that changes in speed and direction. I can't hear wind information on the radio, so I have to rely on the weather information before departure via phone or iPad, and watch and feel for changes in the air. It's like a chess game, you learn the sequence for the category you're competing for, look for landmarks on the ground and pay attention to where you're at while inverted or doing the spins."

Nicole's current focus is moving up into the next category in aerobatics. What does she like best about aerobatics? Spins. Why? "I don't know. It was the first maneuver I learned with my first instructor as part of my private pilot training preparing for Emergency Maneuver Training." I think we all hear our first instructor's voice in our ears.

Nicole is an inspiration to any pilot, regardless of gender, and as an aerobatic pilot and one of only four instrument-rated deaf pilots in the U.S.

## **CAREERS**



## **Those Days**

BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

"You know, it's totally possible to have big, huge, gigantic dreams, yet still be deliriously happy with today. I call it the built-in doublehappiness redundancy factor" – The Universe (Mike Dooley)

With the pilot shortage, the aviation industry is starting to move quickly. I see pilots looking ahead to their next two or three job possibilities because they are not going to be at their current job for very long. As soon as they get the minimum number of hours to move on, it's already in the works. For those on the airline track, it's easy to see the progression to wide-body captain in no time at all.

But here are a few things to think about before your world starts spinning out of control. There are two things at odds here: Your goals and the process to reach them. For example, if your goal is to become a 787 captain, your process is to choose a career path. Perhaps you could be a flight instructor until landing a job at a regional airline, and then go to a major airline and work your way up.

What if you took away the goal? Would the process be the same? It's highly possible. It's easy to get so focused on the goal that you forget to enjoy the journey getting there. It's easy to say, "When I'm at the majors, *then* I'll be happy." But why wait until then? Why not be happy now, enjoying the process?

Some of us enjoy running, and if we have a goal to run a marathon, what happens when we achieve it? It would be easy to stop running altogether, or we can create new goals: a faster time or a longer race.

If we could just enjoy the running, we'd get faster anyway and be able to run farther. And what I find is that I enjoy the daily running much more. I appreciate the challenges that I face every time I go for a

trail run, completely forgetting that it's a training run for a big upcoming race.

It's the same with flying. Don't get so caught up in building time that you forget the super fun \$100 hamburger runs or flying to a nearby airshow or aviation museum. The Air Race Classic is always a possibility! Enjoy the journey of flight and the experiences you are logging in addition to the requisite flight time for your next milestone.

There is the story of the pilot of the little trainer, looking at the light twin pilot with envy, as that pilot eyes the small jet, whose pilot laments his fate at the sight of the airliner. The airline captain hears the astronauts and sighs with envy.

Meanwhile, on the International Space Station, the astronaut looks down from the window of the cupola at a piper cub in the patch and thinks, "Boy, those were the days!"

It's up to us to make our todays "those days"!

## **MILESTONES**

Yoshie Aoki, Solo, Bay Cities.

Aura Austin, Commercial Single & Multi-engine, CFI, Minnesota.

Jaspreet Bath, A320 ATP type-rating; AEMSF winner; Delta Airlines new hire, Bay Cities.

Callie Billingsley, Multi-engine, Texas Dogwood.

Lisa Dancer, Private SEL, Texas Dogwood.

Allyson Darryn, Private SEL, Antelope Valley.

Dana Davidsen, CFI, Connecticut. Kathleen Devlin, Commercial, San Diego. Erin Hambrick, Commercial Multiengine Instrument, Antelope Valley. Lynzie Hudson, CFII, Bay Cities. Lynn Kanninen, CFII, Greater Seattle.

Eve Lopez, Sport, Los Angeles. JoAnn Raimond Minor, Instrument, San Diego.

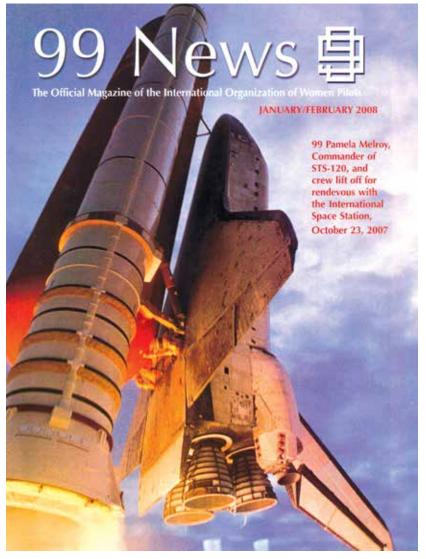
Chiara Sabatini, Private, Katahdin Wings.



Chiara Sabatini at Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport (SFM), Sanford, Maine, after passing her checkride for private pilot certification.

Note: As room allows, we will publish Milestone photos. Please email a high resolution photo along with your Milestone information to news@99s.org

## Ninety-Nines Magazine's New Digital Archive Chronicles Organization's History



Eighty-nine years of Ninety-Nines publications are now on the website.

inety-Nines members have a new membership benefit they can enjoy and share with the world. The *Ninety-Nines* magazine archive is the most complete global research about women aviators digitized on the World Wide Web.

Eighty-nine years of women's aviation history is now available in searchable form in the public access part of The 99s website (http://www.ninety-nines.org/99-news-magazine.htm).

Early issues offer a glimpse of the aspirations, flying endeavors and family events of a small sisterhood of pilots bonded together by their passion for flight. Detailed stories include Amelia Earhart, Pancho Barnes, Louise Thaden, Bobbi Trout, Phoebe Omlie, Jackie Cochran, Blanche Noyes and Jerrie Cobb, among many.

By Barbara Muehlhausen Chicago Area Chapter

This archive is a treasure for the researcher and the casual reader alike. It's all there, from pioneering flights crossing the ocean to those crossing space; from Jennys to jets to rockets; from recreation to career.

Later, one finds full articles dedicated to the Whirly Girls, Eileen Collins, Shannon Lucid, Sally Ride and Emily Howell Warner, among other pioneers. Experience a front row seat to history. Thrill at the early air events and races as they moved from setting records to developing excellence in flying skills. Read the excited talk of a possible corps of women pilots to aid the war effort, followed by exuberant calls for applicants, then the heart-breaking orders to disband.

Likewise, for the female astronaut research project that participants hoped would lead to space. Witness the excitement of accomplishment as subsequent women embraced this legacy to achieve the honor of serving in the military, flying commercial and piloting space ships.

Enjoy the parade of fashion trends in delightful photos. Be surprised at how early some of these women chose to include maiden names as part of their identity and to not lose track of one another. Follow the fledgling 99s from an intimate organization where almost every member knew every other member to a group of over 5,000 pilots from across the globe who have, nevertheless, maintained the welcoming openness of that original sisterhood. Watch as the month-to-month



"After 53 years, the lithe and lovely 82-years-young Jessie Woods throws a kiss as she takes to the air AGAIN! She's Incredible!" For the full story, see page 21 of the June 1991 issue.

seemingly mundane activities gel into a larger picture of determined, focused, persistent, accomplished women impacting aviation history.

The patron and manager of this prodigious project is Dr. Jacque Boyd, Permanent Amelia Earhart Scholarship Trustee. Her vision and persistence kept this daunting project alive through false starts and logistical tangles. She partnered with Research Scholar Roberta 'Bobbi' Roe and a cadre of other contributors to methodically work through the challenges, creating the invaluable resource we see today. A closer look at those challenges only serves to enhance appreciation for the value of this digital archive.

Processing newsletters and magazines to put them on the web in searchable form involved several steps.

### **Obtaining the publications**

Eighty-nine years of publications are not easy to come by. Thanks to many dedicated individuals, some backed by their organizations, publications were collected, boxed and mailed. Upon arrival, they were catalogued, stored, processed and then boxed and returned to their owners. Amazingly, only about 50 issues are missing from the collection of almost 800.

## **Scanning and converting to searchable PDFs**

A scanner, specialized for scanning books, converted newsletters and magazines to images – page by page. Some issues had up to 100 pages! Each issue was then processed by special optical character recognition software (OCR) that made them searchable. This was not an automatic process, but rather page-by-page, being sure all photos and complex words and names were correct.

Searches are very literal. Searching for Blanch Noyes will not find Blanche Noyes. Therefore, the researcher would do well to try different spellings. Jimmye or Jymmie is an example of one name in early issues. Likewise, one could try using only first or last name, perhaps accompanied by something associated with the person, such as an air race.

Complicating the OCR process is the fact that early issues

were typically poor quality. Researchers needing these issues may still find the search function helpful but would be well advised to also visually scan the documents for their desired information.

### Making issues available on the web

Headquarters staff, once they received the searchable documents, worked with web designers to post all the documents in an intuitive, usable format. Searches can be initiated at the top level, yielding a list of issues that contain the search term. Then each issue can be searched individually by hitting "<Control>F" on the keyboard to search for and highlight each incident of the search term.

### You, too, can be a part of the project

A list of missing copies follows. If you have any of these issues and can help complete the project, please send magazines to the Museum of Women Pilots for scanning and adding to the collection.

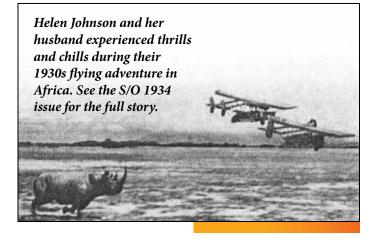
From those of us who worked to put the project together, we hope you enjoy this amazing historical archive. It is surpassed only by the amazing women chronicled in it.



The well-dressed airwoman of the '30s. See page 12 of the S/O 1934 issue.

## Missing issues:

1933: Oct & De	ec 1950: 02	1968: 03
1935: Nov & De	ec 1956: 07 & 12	1974: 02
1936: 01	1957: 06 & 12	1976: 02 & 07
1942: 09	1958: 07, 08, & 12	1980: 05, 06, 07, 08, 10
1946: 11	1959: 07 & 12	1981: 07 & 08
1947: 09	1960: 07 & 11	1986: 09
1934: 04 & 10	1961: 12	1988: 10
1942: 05 & 11	1962: 11	1989: 09, 10, 11
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1946: 04	1966: 11	



## fly now Winners!

## **18 Student Pilots Receive Fly Now Scholarships**

BY JACQUE BOYD, Amelia Earhart Scholarship Fund Chairman

The 99s Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund's initiatives to help Student Pilot members of the organization has been very successful. That help began in 2001 with an award program called The New Pilot Award. In 2013, that program became the Fly Now Award. The amounts of awards have grown from \$1,500 to the current \$6,000. Since the inception of the program, the AEMSF has presented \$602,500 in awards (Fly Now and New Pilot) to 218 Student Pilot members of our organization.

Since 2013 we have received 542 applications for the

Fly Now Awards and granted 167 Awards. Fourteen of those awards were made to non-U.S. members. Winners have ranged in age from 15 to 67.

With input from our members, the AEMSF Trustees are considering changes to the membership requirements in order to allow the Chapters more time to get to know their student pilots before writing recommendations for them. Any changes will not be instituted until 2019. This year's membership deadline is August 15, 2018 to be eligible to apply for the Fall 2018 Fly Now. The application deadline is September 15, 2018.



Majel Baker
Minnesota Chapter, North Central Section

Mentor: Cheryl Ann Daml

I've wanted to fly since I was 14 years old, so being supported by The Ninety-Nines at age 27 is a dream come true. When I'm not flying, I'm working on my Ph.D. in Psychology, studying what draws women to and away from science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields. I'm passionate about opening doors for women in aviation. With the Fly Now Award, I'm going to earn my private certificate and continue on to become a flight instructor so I can pay it forward and introduce other girls and women to the freedom of flight.

**Stephanie Bilyk**San Diego Chapter, Southwest Section
Mentor: Heather Snyder

I love flying because of the adventure and travel it brings. In college, I studied Aerospace Engineering and took pilot ground school lessons. I began flight training in 2017 in New Jersey before moving across the country to San Diego, where I found a flight club before an apartment. I'm currently an engineer in the aerospace industry, spending my free time flying, traveling and enjoying sunny San Diego life. After earning my private pilot certificate, I plan to get instrument and commercial ratings as well. Someday I hope to fly seaplanes and experience bush flying in the wild!



Don't forget - Fall 2018 Fly Now application deadline is September 15, 2018!

## Madeline Boudreau

NOLA Chapter, Southeast Section

Mentor: Lisa Cotham

I am a high school junior in New Orleans, Louisiana. From the moment I was wheels up in my first discovery flight, I knew I wanted to be a captain and immediately began flying lessons and joined The 99s. This award allows me to complete my private pilot certificate and earn college credits before starting college. Additionally, as an accomplished student athlete, I am being offered academic and athletic scholarships by several flight universities. It's all right in front of me and it all started with The 99s. You have made my dreams possible and I cannot thank you enough!





Angela Carswell
Colorado Chapter, South Central Section
Mentor: Gracie Moore

My passion for flying started at a young age. Encouraged by my dad's career in aviation, I grew up immersed in all things plane related. My goal for flying is marrying my love for animal conservation and my passion for flight by becoming a wildlife pilot in Alaska. My heart is happiest where it's wild! There is nowhere else I would rather be than in the backcountry studying animals with a 185 on bush wheels! After achieving my tailwheel private pilot certificate, I plan to complete my instrument rating and commercial certificate. I would like to thank The Ninety-Nines AE Scholarship Judges, Trustees and the members of the Colorado Chapter for their nomination and support.

## Kristena Cook

Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter, North Central Section Mentor: Hayley Haning

I am so thankful to be selected for the Fly Now Award. I am a single mother of two girls, and they have been exposed to this subculture. They witness daily my dedication and commitment to be an aviatrix. I currently work in the industry at Louisville International Airport (SDF) as a gate agent for American Airlines and attend Eastern Kentucky University for a BS in Aviation (professional flight/aerospace management). Upon graduating, I will have ratings to ignite my term as a flight instructor and build hours to become a commercial pilot. My dream is to fly for UPS and Hawaiian Airlines.





Dannielle Courchene Katahdin Wings Chapter, New England Section

Mentor: Lorena Plourd

I am the standing Chapter Chair of The Katahdin Wings. I began my aviation career in 2006 while I was serving in the U.S. Air Force as a cyber systems operator. I fell in love with the F16s and F22s that I had the honor to work with. Flying has opened doors of opportunity that I never knew existed. It seems each flying experience becomes the new highlight of my life. Flying is a beautiful journey. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to continue doing what I love and feel inspired to do: aim for the sky!

## fly now Winners!

## Isabella Del Principe

Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section

Mentor: Ginger Rowley

Being the first aviation enthusiast in my family, I was thrilled to become a part of The Ninety-Nines passionate support of flying. I am elated to receive the Fly Now Award and will be using it to complete my private pilot certificate. I became mesmerized with aircraft while riding horses and shooting archery near Luke Air Force Base in Arizona. That led to joining the Civil Air Patrol in high school, where I soloed at a powered flight academy in Oklahoma. I have aspirations to fly for the Air Force or corporate flying. I'm grateful to The Ninety-Nines for the opportunity!





## Saadah Ebrahim Hazara

Ambassador Chapter (Kenya), South Central Section Mentor: Michelle Booth

I am honored to be a recipient of the Fly Now Award, and very grateful for all the support and encouragement I have received from the wonderful and inspiring women of The Ninety-Nines. My parents have been my biggest support system and are always encouraging me to follow my dreams. With the award, I will work towards completing my private pilot certificate on my journey to becoming a commercial pilot. I hope to be an inspiration to others to pursue their dreams in whatever they choose.

## **Deborah Edwards**

Waterloo on the Grand Chapter, East Canada Section Mentor: Jacqueline Alvarez

A love of challenge and adventure had me dreaming of flying as a young girl. As I grew older, I made it my goal to fly medevac, food and other essentials to people in isolated locations. I am thrilled to be pursuing this dream as I work towards my private pilot certificate at the Waterloo Wellington Flight Centre, where I also have the pleasure of working as a dispatcher. I feel very honored to receive the Fly Now Award and would like to express my gratitude to The Ninety-Nines and to my local Chapter, Waterloo on the Grand.





Morgan Gale

San Fernando Valley Chapter, Southwest Section

Mentor: Lisa Fusano

I feel so blessed to be a Fly Now recipient, especially as a junior in high school! I am excited to have such an amazing career ahead of me. My goal is to further my training at Embry Riddle and become either a pilot in the U.S. Air Force or for firefighters. Also, I plan to fly Young Eagles one day, which will allow me to inspire kids to achieve their dreams. I am truly grateful for those who have supported me on my journey thus far and am looking forward to meeting many more pilots in the future!

## **Cheyenne Griffith**

Mid-Columbia Chapter, Northwest Section

Mentor: Bri Wright

I am from Pasco, Washington, and I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. As a little girl, I was inspired by reading my great-grandmother's log book and was hooked on attending my local fly-in. During college, I began to pursue my dream of flight while interning at the local airport. I feel grateful to be a recipient of the Fly Now Award, which will help me achieve my initial pilot certificate. I later aspire to become a CFI so I can share my love of flying with others.





Jayla Johnson

Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter, North Central Section Mentor: Terri Donner

After taking a Young Eagles Discovery flight, I knew I would be a pilot. I am blessed and honored to be a recipient of the Fly Now Award as a high school junior. This award will allow me to realize my dream of obtaining my private pilot certificate and ultimately becoming a UPS and Angel Flight pilot. I am eternally grateful to the AEMSF Trustees, Mrs. Donner, Mrs. Poelma, Mr. Carter, Mr. Slack, The Ninety-Nines, my grandparents and many more in the aviation family who have supported me. I look forward to inspiring and giving back to future recipients!

Emily Lukowski Connecticut Chapter, New England Section Mentor: Donna Shea

Growing up, I always had a deep-rooted determination to become a pilot. My passion runs so deep, I was not willing to wait for adulthood to embark on my mission. I joined Civil Air Patrol at age 13 and experienced my flight orientation flight when I was 14. It was this flight that sparked my interest in aviation. I accomplished my first solo flight on Valentine's Day of 2018, which displays my true love for aviation. I recently earned a Falcon Foundation Scholarship on behalf of the Air Force Academy. Although aviation is a predominantly male-dominated career field, I am dedicated to shattering the glass ceiling. It is an honor to be a part of such a strong and intelligent group of women.





Shokoufeh Mirzaei

San Fernando Valley Chapter, Southwest Section Mentor: Ian Archibald

I am an assistant professor of Industrial Engineering at Cal Poly Pomona. I lived about 22 years of my life in air force bases around Iran prior to moving to the U.S. to pursue my Ph.D. While living in air force bases, I developed a passion to become an aviator. Since starting my flight training earlier this year, I've logged 22 hours and am prepping for my first solo. Ultimately, I would like to teach others how to fly and become a part-time corporate pilot. I believe the Fly Now Award will be instrumental to achieving my aviation goals.

## fly now Winners!

## Morgan Morgan

Northwoods Chapter, North Central Section Mentor: Deirdre Dreger

From a family of aviators, flying has been my favorite part of every trip and is the place I feel the most content. Although I knew this about myself, I struggled with finding the confidence to make it my career. It wasn't until I joined The Ninety-Nines that I truly believed I, too, could become a pilot. The support and inspiration I've found through The Ninety-Nines has been such a blessing. I hope to one day give back to this incredible community and be that inspiration to a new future woman flyer.





## **Sophia Taylor-Home**

Monterey Bay Chapter, Southwest Section Mentor: Alice Talnack

I have wanted to fly since I was eight. A woman pilot showed me the cockpit of her plane and told me she would love to share the skies with me someday. Aviation is in my blood; my paternal grandmother learned to fly above the farms of Fresno in the 1920s but wasn't able to attain her certificate. Now 17 and a rising high school senior, I will complete that dream. I am proud to be a 99 and want to carry on the legacy of leading by example and service to others started by this scholarship's namesake, Amelia Earhart.

## **Madeline Ungurain**

British Columbia Coast, West Canada Section Mentor: Caroline Kolasa-Scott

As a young single mom from Cambridge, Ontario, I took a chance by moving across the country. There I found flying, and it gave me purpose. Having the opportunity to fly first in Jasper, Alberta, and now Squamish, British Columbia, taught me that anything is possible if you want it bad enough. I am forever grateful for this award. I am dedicated to achieving my goals, feeling determined with the support and encouragement of women around the world! After achieving my PPL, I will continue through my CPL in B.C.'s beautiful coast, with dreams of a lifelong career in aviation.





## Teresa Wilson

Columbia Cascade Chapter, Northwest Section Mentor: Jean Schiffmann

I have always had that wanderlust for adventure. After turning 60, I found that flying is a perfect fit. It provides a way to experience remote backcountry places I love as well as awarding a sense of purpose to my everyday life. I'm especially passionate about encouraging women to take up aviation. After earning my certification, I'd like to become a ground school instructor and get more involved with general aviation issues that strengthen, secure and protect those privileges to fly as individuals in America. The 99s are helping me turn my hopes into reality!

## Lightspeed Aviation Supports The Ninety-Nines

By Susan Liebeler 99s Fundraising Chair

Our good friends at Lightspeed Aviation have included The 99s in two new programs.

The 99s were one of the first aviation nonprofits to participate in Lightspeed's co-branded headset program. April was 99s month at Lightspeed when 99s could order a special edition Zulu 3 headset co-branded with a spiffy 99s decal. Lightspeed donated \$100 to The 99s for each co-branded headset sold to 99s during April.

The Lightspeed Aviation Foundation recently announced a 2018 Growth Initiative where aviation nonprofits can request up to five award-winning Zulu 3 headsets for recipients of the organization's Learn to Fly scholarships. We are pleased that The 99s will receive five headsets.

Four lucky Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Fly Now winners will get new Zulu 3 headsets. The 5th headset will go to the winner of the 2018 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship, which will be awarded at Oshkosh on July 24 at The 99s Aviation Appreciation Dinner. Lightspeed CEO Alan Schrader, our dinner speaker, will be there to present the headset to the Solo Scholarship winner. Dinner tickets are available at www.99soshkoshdinner.com.

We were one of the aviation non-profit finalists competing in Lightspeed's Pilot's Choice Program, a five-year online annual voting competition ("Vote for The 99s") to win cash awards of up to \$10,000.

The 99s won 1st, 2nd, or 3rd each of those years and received \$55,000 that helped support scholarships and many projects.

In addition, Lightspeed's pledge of \$25,000 in matching funds was responsible for our success in raising over \$65,000 for the Vicki Cruse Emergency Maneuver Training Scholarship administered as a perpetual scholarship by the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund.



Ninety-Nines President Jan McKenzie with Alan Schrader at Warbirds over Wanaka Airshow in New Zealand.

# The Ninety-Nines Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship

## For young women who want to learn to fly

- A \$3,000 Scholarship
- For flight training through first solo and beyond
- Application deadline: July 1, 2018

The Ninety-Nines will award a \$3,000 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship to provide a young woman (age 16-20 at any time during the 2018 calendar year) with financial support for flight training through her first solo and beyond. In addition, the winner will receive:

- a Lightspeed Aviation Zulu 3 ANR aviation headset
- a King School flight training course
- a set of Barry Schiff aviation books (autographed)

The Ninety-Nines will award the scholarship at the Aviation Appreciation Dinner at EAA AlrVenture in Oshkosh, WI on July 24, 2018. www.99soshkoshdinner.com

For applications, FAQs, additional info and complete scholarship rules: www.kjsoloscholarship.com



## Former Fly Now Recipients What They're Up To Now

The Ninety-Nines established an Awards program for student pilots in 2001, which later became the Fly Now Awards. Since 2001, the awards have helped 218 pilots-to-be fly one step closer to their goals. As we celebrate the winners of the Spring Fly Now Awards, let's catch up with three past winners, Amy Ehn, Jennie Paznar and Amellia Formby, and find out what they've been up to since winning the awards. Their flight paths may have started at opposite ends of the earth, but read on and find out how their paths may someday cross.



## Amy Ehn, Oregon Pines Chapter

Why do I want to fly helicopters? I'm 43, a healing arts practitioner, and I have a major soft spot for animals. The first time I saw an elephant being moved by helicopter as an external load, I was hooked (no pun intended).

Within a couple of weeks, I took my first flight in a Robinson R-22. I knew absolutely nothing about what I was getting myself into, but I sensed how my soul ached watching that elephant gliding through the air, being transported across the fields of the African continent. I recognized the lump in my throat, the gigantic ear-to-ear grin on my face and the tears welling up in my eyes.

This was a story speaking to my heart. Instantly, I set out on a mission to combine my hands-on healing practice with being a conservation pilot in the bush.

My chances of getting picked for a scholarship were seemingly slim to none, and around every corner I was reminded of how expensive learning to fly helicopters is. I had no financial resources. Furthermore, I didn't know anything about General Aviation. I felt ridiculously overwhelmed with heaps of new

information, culture and language.

Enter the Oregon Pines Chapter. I was invited to my first meeting and welcomed with open arms, loads of laughter and friendship to boot. I jumped right in, went to every gathering and attended events as my hectic schedule allowed. I slowly realized that I was possibly the only active member of our Chapter who is a helicopter pilot.

How was I ever going to find a mentor? I was a spinning rotor blade in a sea of fixed wings. Then, all of a sudden, the clouds parted and the sun came out. Through an afternoon spent volunteering with our Governor, I was gifted a list of names. I contacted every woman on that list. Somebody told me once that for every 10 "No's" there will be a "Yes."

My "yes" came in the form of a fantastically talented helicopter pilot, Lorraine Skalla. We are now long-distance partners in this dance called mentoring. She flies out of Bend, Oregon, and is a member of the Cascade Chapter. We clicked from the start, and she continues to be a wonderful source of inspiration, courage and faith in my objective.

Indeed, my sisters-in-flight supported me whole-heartedly in generating my Fly Now Award application, rallying around me and doing everything they could to make my application shine.

I was selected to receive the Fall Fly Now Award thanks to the unwavering love and guidance from the women of the Oregon Pines. Without these fixed-wing women lighting the way, I'd be as good as a helicopter without its rotors. I owe my continued forward flight to them. It is truly an honor to be a member of this organization and a comrade of so many fine pilots.

I imagine in five years, when I'm flying over the vast horizons of the African continent, I'm going to look back on these earliest moments and have a chuckle. "Why do you want to fly helicopters?" Why wouldn't I?

## Amellia Formby Australian Section

As a zoologist and artist turned pilot, I have a passion for shorebirds, flying and people.

Three years ago, my whole life changed when I was struck by an idea: I could learn to fly a microlight to follow the migration path of the red-necked stint. This is the smallest of 37 migratory shorebird species that make an annual roundtrip between Australia and the Arctic to breed.

I was motivated by the simple concept that undertaking such a flight would raise awareness for shorebird conservation.

I began training in April 2016 and absolutely fell in love with flying. I am now a qualified recreational pilot with passenger and cross-country endorsements, all thanks to receiving an Amelia

Earhart Fly Now Award. Without this generous support from The 99s, I would not find myself where I am today.

From these humble beginnings, I have come to grasp the



challenging nature of the task I have set myself. To test my piloting capabilities, I intend to circumnavigate Australia in March 2019.

Stopping at major shorebird sites around the country, I will deliver educational shorebird workshops and host community discussion forums to raise money for BirdLife Australia's Shorebirds 2020 program.

I gave everything I had to make this dream a reality. I sold my things. I left my job in Perth at the beginning of the year and drove 3,000 miles across Australia to Newcastle. Here I will start a new career with world leaders of microlight aviation, Airborne Australia.

I hope that sharing my passion with enthusiasm through this most challenging and rewarding project inspires others

to action. I believe that in this way, everyone has the power to create positive social change. This is the message at the heart of Wing Threads: Flight to the Tundra.



## Jennie Paznar, First Canadian Chapter

My introduction to aviation started seven years ago when I became a flight attendant with Air Canada. Early on in my career, I found myself spending lots of time in the flight deck asking questions about flying. I was fortunate to have met many pilots who were not only inspiring but encouraged me to follow my dreams in becoming a pilot.

In March 2014, I attended Women of Aviation Week in Oshawa, where I took my first intro flight. After take-off, the pilot gave me the controls and let me fly. At that moment, I knew that this was exactly what I wanted to do.

In September 2015, I started my flight training and became a member of the First Canadian Chapter. Prior to receiving my PPL, my mentor suggested I apply for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund's Fly Now Award. During my flight training, I was still working full-time as a flight attendant to make it through flight school. I figured I had nothing to lose, so I applied and won!

The Fly Now Award helped me tremendously in achieving part of my goal in becoming a commercial pilot. In one year, I completed my PPL, CPL, multi-engine rating, group 1 instrument rating, and I graduated from flight school.

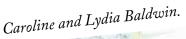
In July of 2017, I was offered a job as first officer on the Cessna Caravan for Wasaya Airways in Northwestern Ontario. I fly mostly freight and occasionally passengers to our northern Canadian communities. In several months, I will be upgrading to a larger aircraft and flying a scheduled passenger service. In the future, I hope to come full circle and work as an airline pilot for Air Canada.

Throughout my career, I plan to mentor young girls, helping them follow their dreams and become part of a network of women passionate about aviation. I have had great support from my mentor throughout my journey in aviation, and it would be an honor to do the same for other girls and women!



Do you ever get the feeling you were "born to fly." Perhaps it is a deep desire that is ingrained within us from a very young age – yet we feel held back from pursuing it. That is until we see a family member take that leap of faith and go to the airport. In celebration of Mother's and Father's Day, we've caught up with several members of The Ninety-Nines who share their love of aviation with members of their own family.

— Edited by Alison Yusov, Eastern New England Chapter







## Caroline and Lydia Baldwin

I live in Fort Collins, Colorado, and belong to the Colorado Chapter. My interest in flying was sparked mostly by the influence of my mother, Caroline Baldwin, as well as our friend and fellow 99 Terry Carbonell. Mom and Terry both displayed positivity, confidence and a sense of adventure that influenced me to pursue training as a pilot.

Most of my training has been through The Flying School in Loveland, Colorado, and my home airport of KFNL.

I feel tremendous support from my 99s Chapter. We engage in monthly activities ranging from Compass Rose painting to presentations from professional aviators.

As a resident further north in the state, I do not always attend the Chapter events. Nonetheless, the camaraderie and encouragement prevail. At this time, I have achieved certification as a private pilot. It is my goal to obtain additional training and ratings to safely fly float planes as well as private aircraft under instrument conditions.

I also maintain a profession in the hospital setting as a nurse leader. This occupation is very satisfying and fulfills my wish to work in relationship to our community and use my intellect.

One of my most memorable flights with my mother was in the summer of 2008. She had just completed the Air Race Classic, and I had yet to achieve my student rating. We flew from the mid-Atlantic to Colorado, and I was hooked! Since that time, we have flown in the Air Race Classic eight times together, and I have gained confidence, skill and continued passion.

We fly together to enjoy the thrill of flight, viewing the earth from above, directing the plane to move and completing the success of aviation mechanics.



## Amanda and Jeff Vogt

My Grandma Joyce obtained her private pilot certificate in 1972 flying a Cessna 152. My dad, Jeff, soloed on his 16th birthday in 1980. Two months before my 16th birthday in 2016, my dad suggested I learn to fly. I had not been in a small plane since I was five, but I agreed that flying sounded fun. He found a Cessna 152 for me the next week. I have been flying ever since.

My dad and I both learned to fly on the dirt strip at our farm, and we both took our private pilot check rides at Lincoln Regional Airport (LHM) in California. My dad is currently a Southwest Airlines captain, and my goal is to fly with him at Southwest.

Like my dad, I soloed on my 16th birthday. In less than three months after passing my private pilot check ride on my 17th birthday, I received my instrument and multi-engine ratings. I am

## Nivedita and Niharika Bhasin

I live in New Delhi, and my mom, Nivedita, and I belong to the India Section. Mom is Vice Governor of our Section and has been a 99 since 1983.

We learned to fly in India, and we're both based in the Indira Gandhi International Airport (DEL). I earned my wings from the National Flying Training Institute, Gondia, where I trained in a Diamond DA40 and DA42. I am now captain of an Airbus A320.

I am the youngest of three generations of pilots. My paternal grandfather was a pilot. My mother started flying gliders at age 15 and became an airline pilot at age 21. She then married my father, also a pilot. Mom is a B787 captain and flies all over the world, and my older brother is an airline captain, too. So many pilots!

Like my mom, whose childhood dream was to do something different and daring, I fell in love with aviation at an early age. I loved everything about it—the uniform, the amazing aircrafts, traveling to different cities and the sense of empowerment.

Growing up, deep down I always knew that I wanted to become a pilot. I started my professional flying career five years ago, for India's Best LCCs IndiGo. I received my command on the Airbus A320 in April 2017. I love my job to bits, and I couldn't be happier because it doesn't feel like work at all.

My mother inspires me every day. She was the first in my immediate family to receive her certificate, and she joined The 99s

long before I did. Mom is passionate about aviation education and often visits schools to talk to children about aviation as a career. She is also the STEM Ambassador for the Honorable Company of Air Pilots, UK.

Our civil aviation authority in India doesn't allow family members to pilot commercial aircraft together, but my mom and I have flown each other as passengers and shared some wonderful layovers. I love flying with my mom because I learn so much from her.

My most memorable flight with my mom was when I was a child. I was so impressed with how effortlessly she handled her responsibilities as a pilot and at home that I told one of the cabin crew I wanted to be just like her! I must have been 8 years old. Once I decided I wanted to be a pilot, there was no looking back.

Mom's most memorable flight with me was my first flight as a captain. Both of my parents were on that flight. It was an unforgettable moment for them to see me receive my four stripes. A dream come true.

Nivedita and Niharika Bhasin with their flying family.





currently flying several planes, including a Cessna 152, 172, 172RG and 182, a Beechcraft Duchess and a Citabria. I have flown over 300 hours, and I'm looking forward to taking my commercial check ride on my 18th birthday.

Flying has been a great bonding experience with my dad. After all, you are sitting six inches apart in a small plane! He taught me a lot about instrument flying and cross country flying. We love flying together as much as possible, jumping in the plane and flying up to Willows to eat or going out to shoot a couple approaches.

I also enjoy introducing other high schoolers to flying and taking my best friend on flights. I look forward to becoming an active member of The 99s and promoting aviation to other young women.



Three generations take their first flight together— Amanda flies her dad, grandmother and grandfather.

## **GRASS ROOTS**

### **German Section**



From top: Claudia Arens, Ute Hoelscher and Karen Schulz.

During their Spring Meeting, the German Section elected young pilot Claudia Arens as their new Governor. Claudia is a professional in aviation, working for the Köln-Bonn Airport (Cologne Airport). She received her private pilot license in 2016, benefiting from a sponsoring program of the German Section. Claudia will be assisted by Ute Hoelscher as Vice Governor and Karen Schulz as Secretary.

Vice Governor for the last six years, Ute will contribute her experience. She is a commercial pilot (FAA) since 1991 and CFI SEP/MEP. Karen, a private pilot since 2008, has been in charge of the German Section's website and will continue this work as Secretary. Past Governor Ursula Hammer and former Secretary Doris Gerecht are pleased to hand over their responsibilities to this young and dynamic team.

Plans for 2018 include a fly-in to Dresden in June and a fly-in to Flensburg in July with the possibility of trying our skills on floats provided by Baltic Seaplanes.

Meeting in Flensburg next to the Danish border helped to create surprisingly wide press-coverage. Articles about the Section's meeting could be found in German and in Danish newspapers of the region.

— Ursula Hammer

## Los Angeles Chapter

In March, several members of the Los Angeles 99s attended a private screening of "Breaking Through the Clouds," a documentary about the first Women's Air Derby that departed from Santa Monica in 1929. The screening was hosted by Santa Monica's Museum of Flying, just a few feet from where the historic race began.

We were amazed by the footage of these courageous women departing one after another for the exhausting nine-day course to Cleveland. The women shared a special bond through their friendly competition, and it is a beautiful chronicle of our organization's roots. Heather Taylor, who is the writer/director/producer, sat down with the Los Angeles Chapter to answer questions about her vision and decades of research behind the inspiring story.

We are grateful for the unique experience to learn about the air race and these incredible women. I dare say we recognized pieces of ourselves in the diverse personalities and bright, glowing smiles of those brave pioneer pilots.

—Kate Scott



Los Angeles Chapter members, along with one San Fernando 99, pose with Executive Producer Heather Taylor (middle with red hair) at the screening of "Breaking Through the Clouds."

## Florida Suncoast

Lora Lewis hosted our February Meeting at St. Pete–Clearwater International Airport (KPIE) A special thanks to Lora and her husband for allowing us to use the flight simulator.



Girl Scouts enjoy a fun Aviation Day hosted by the Florida Suncoast Chapter.

Barbara Brotherton, Jeanette Burklund and her daughter Michelle represented The Ninety-Nines at Barnes and Noble Bookstores in Tampa.

March 24 was a beautiful day for our annual fundraising event, Girl Scout Aviation Day at Clearwater Airpark (21OI). The 73 Girl Scouts attending discovered the world of aviation through hands-on activities.

They built and raced balsa wood airplanes and learned about airport operations and communications. They also saw an airplane being built at the airport, learned about rockets and the forces of flight at the activity stations manned by our members Janice McWilliams, Barbara Strachan, Patty McCurry, Denise Rosenberger, Kaye Tucker, and Barbara Brotherton. Other volunteers were Cindy Hardeman (EAA), Russell Miller, Chris Burklund and daughter Michelle.

To end a perfect day, the scouts received a goodie bag and Aviation Fun Badge.

— Sophia M. Payton

## **Appalachian Aviatrixes Chapter**

In celebration of their first year as a Chapter, the Appalachian Aviatrixes hosted their first Girl Scout Fun Patch Day at Tri-Cities Airport (KTRI) on April 7. Eighty-five scouts, parents and leaders attended the half-day event.

Tri-City Aviation graciously supplied the use of their facility, as well as allowing their employees to help. Another special thanks to Tri-Cities Airport who supplied goodie bags, assisted in security and helped in promoting the event.

Ninety-Nine Kim Jochl donated autographed copies of her book, "The Aviatrix," to each of the Girl Scouts.

Several Chapter members and friends made presentations: Dawn Bell, flight instructor; Meagan Harr and Dana Mahoney, preflight; Pat Roush, hot-air balloon; Emma Perdue and Alisa Burnette, CAP. Other helpers included Adrienne and Olivia Smith, Pam Phillips and Janice Pelletti.

Additional presentations from the community included Ballad Health Air Transport flight nurses and TSA. It was especially exciting to have Columbus Air Force Base send five female instructors with their T-1 and T-6 aircraft.

— Janice Pelletti

## **GRASS ROOTS**





Back row: Ted Carter, Renee Sandell, Natalie Sandell, Amber Gray, Todd Gray. Front row: Warren Sandell, Shannon Rubicam, Louise Franco.

## **Bay Cities Chapter**

In February, five Bay Cities members and five guests toured the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. The tour began with a short video narrated by Harrison Ford. We then visited the JPL Missions Museum, where some of the many spacecraft built in the past 57 years were on display.

Next stops were the Mission Control observation room and the Spacecraft Assembly Facility, where the module that will deliver the Rover to Mars in 2020 is being built.

In March, seven of our group volunteered at the Oakland Aviation Museum for its quarterly Open Cockpit Day. They helped visitors of all ages into the cockpits of aircraft on display, including A-3, MiG-15 and Harrier jets.

— Christine Malcomson-Young

## **Tennessee Chapter**

The Tennessee Chapter's February meeting took us to Sweet P's BBQ in Knoxville. It was yet another dark, dreary and rainy day in Tennessee. After a great lunch, members, spouses and guests enjoyed some yummy Valentine's sweets.

Afterwards, we gathered at the Beechcraft hangar at Mc Ghee Tyson Airport (KTYS) for a tour and listened to Nancy Dougherty, pilot in command, and her co-pilot and husband Bill talk about their job flying the King Air 350. What an incredible view from their "office."

The Tennessee Chapter is very busy planning events, tours, assisting local EAA Chapters with Young Eagles, Compass Rose paintings and much more for 2018.

- Melisa Grissom



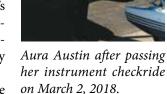
Tennessee Chapter members, from left, Maribeth Salinas. Linda Haynes, Judy Wayman, Nancy Dougherty, Melisa Grissom, Karen Hughes, Lisa Lloyd, Barb Lewinski.

## **GRASS ROOTS**

## **Minnesota Chapter**

The Minnesota 99s held their Spring Business meeting on March 10 at the Faribault Airport-Liz Wall Strohfus Field (KFBL).

During the meeting, we received a final update by Sophie Bowman and Iris McCarthy on their Girl Scout Gold Award projects digitizing our Chapter's archival history and also creating a website for our Liz Strofus Commemorative Currency Scholarship.



We discussed the Air Race Classic, which will have a stop

in Faribault, Minnesota, this year. The Outreach Committee reported that they are working on a youth aviation education curriculum. We are also in the planning stages for participating in the 2019 International Conference in Dayton, Ohio.

Minnesota 99s scholarships were presented at the business meeting. Congratulations go to Mikaela Sandager, recipient of the 2018 Liz Strofus Commemorative Currency Scholarship; Majel Baker, recipient of the 2018 Minnesota 99s Private Pilot Scholarship; and Holly Latcham, winner of the 2018 Minnesota 99s Advanced Rating (instrument) Scholarship.

Congratulations also go out to Aura Austin on passing her instrument checkride on March 2, and to Majel Baker and Jan Moll for accomplishing their first solo cross countries.

— Melissa Aho

## **Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter**

Our Chapter represented women pilots at Girl Scout Thinking Day at Conestoga High School on March 18. Linda Evans, Ginny Fanfera, Gayl Henze, Heather Hill, Juliet Lindrooth, Terri Morse and Sally Moritz spoke to several hundred girls who visited our booth in small groups.

The girls learned about The 99s, the types of aircraft we fly and how to use the phonetic alphabet to communicate like a pilot. They enjoyed checking out the model airplanes we had on display and also received gliders to build and Future Pilot pins.

The theme of the event was "Up in the Air" and included displays from troops on topics including weather, hot air balloons, rotorcraft, air quality, birds, bees and astronomy.

One troop had an impressive display explaining the four forces of flight. The event was an excellent opportunity to reach a lot of girls and let them know that they can become pilots.

— Sally Moritz



Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter members participate in Girl Scout Thinking Day at Conestoga High School in March.

## **Colorado Chapter**

Several Colorado Chapter members celebrated Women Of Aviation Worldwide Week, March 5-11, by volunteering as pilots and ramp support crew. The goal of this annual event is to introduce girls and women to flying and aviation with free



Terry Fiala gives women their first ride in a small aircraft.

Fly It Forward flights for girls and women of all ages.

The event took place at Northern Colorado Regional Airport (KFNL) and was organized by sister Ninety-Nines Dianna Stanger and Ronnie Bogart. In addition to free rides in an airplane or a helicopter, there were numerous educational booths where individuals could learn about the history of women in aviation, find out about flight training, and explore careers in aviation.

This year's event blew away all previous attendance records, setting a new record – 1,714 people flown! Among the 28 pilots who volunteered were Terry Fiala, Gretchen Jahn and Jan McKenzie. Those volunteers on the ground included Deborah Cassel, Trimbi Szabo and Bridget Ware.

Terry Fiala flew 18 people on 7 flights. Gretchen Jahn flew 17 people on 7 flights. Jan McKenzie flew a whopping 42 people on 15 flights!

— Terry Fiala



Ten members of the Orange County Chapter visit March Air Reserve Base where they were welcomed by some of Diane Myers' former students.

## **Orange County Chapter**

Diane Myers, Orange County Chapter 99 and former Continental Instructor Pilot, has trained a number of officers from March Air Reserve Base working toward an ATP. On March 23, by special arrangement, 10 members of the Orange County Chapter were welcomed on base by some of Diane's former students.

Each 99 logged time on the KC-135 simulator and was shown around a working KC-135, including cockpit and boom control area. The officers conducting the tour were most generous with both their time and with access to the plane, for which the participants are most appreciative.

March Air Reserve Base was established in 1917 as the Alessandro Flying Training Field, one of 32 bases created by the Air Service to support the war effort. It was renamed March Field in 1918 to honor the deceased airman son of the Army Chief of Staff.

Through the years, it supported Air Force operations in World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. It served as a base for the Tactical Air Command, and later, the Strategic Air Command.

In 1993, it was redesignated as an Air Reserve Base. Current units are the Navy Reserve, Army Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve, California Army National Guard, California Air National Guard and the 912th Refueling Squadron.

For an excellent history of March ARB, please check out Wikipedia.org's article on "March Air Reserve Base."

- Shirley McFall

## **GRASS ROOTS**

## **Long Island Chapter**

The Chapter held very productive meetings in February and March via conference call. Pat Ohlsson was in Florida and unable to dial in, so she had Dottie Campbell, also in Florida at the time, act as her voice for proxy votes. Eight members attended the March meeting that, because of heavy snowstorms, would not have taken place if we had to drive.

Naraline Coqk, Vice Chairman and CAP Connecticut Squadron member, flew "Ice Patrol" in joint operation with the U.S. Coast Guard. The rivers were well blocked with ice, and the progression had to be reported on a regular basis. Naraline has earned Orientation flight status, which allows her to give introductory demo flights to CAP cadets.

Long Island Chapter member JC Follender is also a member of the Civil Air Patrol and has been since the 1950s. She is now a Lt. Colonel in the Long Island Group. She has been Cadet Programs Officer for the past three years. As such, she is deeply involved with the Cadet Advisory Council comprised of "outstanding youngsters."

These young cadets plan activities and execute them. They are currently planning an overnight encampment at Bayport Aerodrome grass strip (23N). The event is designed for the newest cadets, introducing them to what they can expect as cadets and going through the classes they will need to advance in rank.

— Patricia J. Rockwell

## **Corrections:**

## Fran Bera's Goodbye

We incorrectly stated in the New Horizons section of the March/April issue that Fran Bera was a member of the Coyote Country Chapter. Fran was a longtime member of the San Diego Chapter. We will be publishing a full length feature about Fran in an upcoming *Ninety-Nines* magazine issue.

## **Grass Roots Writer**

In the March/April issue, Karen Hughes was the author of the Grass Roots submission for the Tennessee Chapter.



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## New Ninety-Nines Now Announced by Email to Chapter Members

With the ever-growing number of new members joining The Ninety-Nines, we are running out of space to list them all in the magazine. This will be the last issue in which we introduce them here. However, all members in a Chapter, or overseas Sections that do not have Chapters, are now sent an email notifying them of a new member. In addition, new members in a Chapter or Section can also be found using the date search features of the online roster. *Welcome new members!* 



## Our most recently enlisted Friends of The 99s

Cody Lincoln, Seven Sisters Falls, MB Canada
Rebecca Lougheed, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Susan Mallett, Montgomery, Alabama
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Florencio Soliz III, Jackson, Mississippi
Zachary Spear, Los Angeles, California
James Torrey, Greensboro, North Carolina

## **NEW HORIZONS**

his space is dedicated to our members and 49½s who have passed on to New Horizons. We will miss them, and thank these 99s for all their contributions to our organization. Our members who recently flew to New Horizons were:

- Meriem Lucille Roby Anderson, Kansas Chapter, January 5, 2018.
- Elizabeth McQuade Carpenter, Northwoods Chapter, February 10, 2018.
- Doris Culp, Western New York Chapter, April 6, 2018.
  - Nancy Fouquet, San Joaquin Valley Chapter, March 15, 2018.
- Ruth Ellen Frantz, Chicago Area Chapter, March 30, 2018.
  - Sylvia Harper, Colorado Chapter, April 21, 2018.
    - Barbara Stanford, Coachella Valley Chapter, March 20, 2018.

Please Note: For obituaries listed on this page, please submit only the name, date of death and Chapter. Notices of 49½s will be listed similarly. The full obituaries and photos are now posted on The Ninety-Nines website. To submit an extended obituary, please submit a personal write-up and not a copy or a link to an online obituary. These will not be published.

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