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Record Books
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*The Ninety-Nines' new
Let's Fly Now! Pro-
gram successfully
launched on May 12
with 99s and Friends
of The 99s flying 74
mothers and
daughters on their
first flights.*



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*President John F.
Kennedy greets 99s
on July 26, 1963. The
members presented
him with the com-
memorative stamp
of Amelia Earhart
issued that month.*



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*This year Amelia
Earhart Memorial
Flight Training and
Academic Scholar-
ships worth \$142,105
were presented to 20
Ninety-Nines.*

*Photo:
Amelia Earhart, 1930
Everett Historical*

On The Cover

Ninety-Nines Ellie Nikita, left, and Taylor Thompson, first time Air Race Classic participants and representing the California Aeronautical University, enjoy a sunny start morning at historic Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. Unfortunately, historically bad weather moved in, causing many racers to fly off route or be grounded.

ARC photography by Cynthia Lee



Air Race Classic 2018 will be one for the history books, with wild weather grounding or sending many participants off course. Ninety-Nines Candie Oldham, left and Sue Westervelt, Team 8, Missile Minions, were the highest finishing 99s team, coming in 3rd place and receiving the Fastest Mooney award.



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The Ninety-Nines, Inc. looks toward modernizing its standard practices to operate as a more efficient corporation.

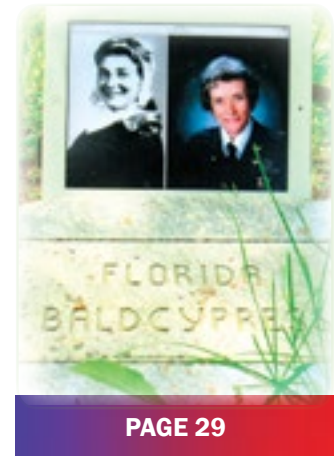
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The 42nd Induction Celebration at the Forest of Friendship will be held on September 21-22 in Atchison, Kansas. The stone, right, marks the 2016 induction of WASP Bee Haydu.



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The 99s Mission Statement

The Ninety-Nines is the International Organization of Women Pilots that promotes advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight.

EVENTS

2018

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.



The Ninety-Nines has taken yet another step towards being environmentally friendly. As you probably noticed, this issue of Ninety-Nines magazine arrived in your mailbox without its usual polybag cover. While polybags serve some useful purposes like keeping your magazine dry and unwrinkled, the Board decided that the negative impact of plastic bags on the environment far outweighs the positive. Thank you for helping The 99s support the health of our wildlife and of our planet.

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.
- 10 Aviation Speaker Series**, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott, Arizona, 9 a.m. hosted by the Yavapai Ninety-Nines. One-day event features women professors and staff of Embry-Riddle discussing topics ranging from aviation psychology to meteorology. Tours included. Registration coming soon. Contact Yavapai Ninety-Nines at ninety-ninespc@gmail.com.

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JANUARY

- 31 Deadline for submitting Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) Application for Mentoring Spring Session.** For more information go to ninety-nines.org/resources.htm or email: mentoring@ninety-nines.org.

MAY

- 17-18 Southeast Section Spring Meeting**, Pensacola, Florida. For more information contact Mae Marquet, ses2017@gmail.com.

JULY

- 16-21 2019 International Conference and Business Meeting**, Dayton, Ohio. Hosted by the North Central Section.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Best Part of Being President

What is the best part of being President? Meeting 99s! I recently had the wonderful opportunity to meet several 99s in New Zealand. First, I thank New Zealand Governor Dee Bond for organizing many activities across the North and South Islands.

Starting on the South Island, we attended the International AOPA banquet held in Queenstown this year. It is marvelous to meet aviation enthusiasts from other countries. Then



Enjoying the scenic Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs, Colorado, are from left, Aileen Hummel, Angela Drabek, Elaine Regier, Carol Brackley, Sophie Thibodeaux, Jan McKenzie, Wally Funk and Sandra Leder.

we enjoyed The Warbirds Over Wanaka airshow. Dee arranged a lunch during the airshow to give me a chance to meet with many of the local women pilots. After the airshow, we had a barbeque and I was able to meet even more women pilots.

Several days later I had dinner with a new 99 in Wellington, on the North Island. In the Auckland area, Dee hosted a marvelous dinner with more 99s and the president of the New Zealand Association of Women in Aviation (not to be confused with the WAI organization). She presented me with a book about New Zealand women pilots, and each person signed her name over her picture and flying story.

One of the 99s is planning on attending Oshkosh, so I hope to see her and her husband again at EAA AirVenture. On my last day there, a 99 gave me a private after-closing tour of New Zealand's Warbirds at Ardmore Museum.

I hope I have formed more relationships with our offshore members. Traveling and meeting our International members is so incredibly rewarding.

Garden of the Gods and Colorado Springs were also on my calendar this spring. The Pikes Peak Chapter hosted the South Central Section meeting, with many educational seminars and fun tours. Meeting new 99s and visiting with current friends is a great part of this job!

I am looking forward to future Section meetings, meeting more members and catching up with old friends.

Jan enjoying a barbecue with 99s during her recent trip to New Zealand.



Jan McKenzie
International President

Choose to Soar!
Choose to
Fly Your Dreams!



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TOUCH & GO

Two 99s Honored With Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Award



Emily Crombez.

tion, she flew as a bush pilot in northeastern Ontario.

In 2011 Emily established and, for the past six years, chaired the Sleeping Giant Chapter. The following year, Emily was hired by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as a Twin Otter captain. She was the recipient of the Vicki Cruse Emergency Maneuver Training Scholarship in 2013, where she completed an aerobatic and emergency maneuver course. In 2014, Emily was the first female type rated on the CL-415 waterbomber in North America.

Currently, Emily is flying the Boeing 737 for WestJet Airlines. She continues to give back to the aviation community through various roles as a Confederation College Advisory Board member and Reunion Planning Committee member, Chapter Scholarship Chair, Session Launch Coordinator, and mentor for the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative.

Dr. Alexandra Kindrat, a private pilot and a longtime member of the Montreal Chapter, is the recipient of the Education Award. An educator and research scientist from Montreal, she performs research on mathematics instruction, as well as research related to micro-gravity at NASA's Johnson Space Center, Houston, Texas, and on the International Space Station.

Along with her teaching duties in Montreal, Alexandra has been a member of the teaching faculty at NASA's High School Aerospace Scholar Program at the Johnson Space Center.

She has also served as co-chair at the International Astronautical Congress in the Human Space Endeavours Virtual Forum held in Naples, Italy, and in Cape Town, South Africa. Alexandra has provided input as an educational consultant for the Space Advisory Board roundtable on Canada's future in space at the Canadian Space Agency.

She encourages her students to pursue studies leading to careers in STEM and continues to inspire her students to reach for the stars.

For more information visit www.northernlightsaero-foundation.com.



Alexandra Kindrat.

The Northern Lights Aero Foundation creates career opportunities in aviation and aerospace for Canadian women. Two Ninety-Nines, Emily Crombez and Alexandra Kindrat, were selected to receive the 2018 Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Award. They will be honored at the 2018 awards gala on September 29.

Emily Crombez, Sleeping Giant Chapter member, is the recipient of the Government Award. She has accomplished a great deal in the first 10 years of her aviation career, including being the first female to crew the Bombardier CL-415 waterbomber for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

She received her private pilot license at 17 and graduated from Confederation College Aviation Flight Management program. Following gradua-



99s Recall Meeting President Kennedy

By Marge Shaffer, Old Dominion Chapter

It was a hot day at the White House in August 1963. The Amelia Earhart commemorative postage stamp was just released.

Ninety-Nine Charter Member Fay Gillis Wells was a White House correspondent with connections, and she arranged an historical event at the White House. Fay and chopper pilot Jean Ross Howard, both of the DC Chapter, were always seeking publicity for The 99s. A group of members from the Chapter gathered to present a commemorative Amelia Earhart stamp to President Kennedy.

Elizabeth 'Betty' Fisher, who was at the gathering, recalls the event. "The 99s patiently waited on the White House lawn outside JFK's office. We waited a long time. It was hot." Betty remembers wearing a sleeveless black dress in the sticky, stifling heat.

"Finally, President Kennedy came out with his escort (probably Dave Powers)." As JFK shook hands with each of The 99s, he graciously said each of their names. Betty said, "He was very smooth."

Several photos were taken with the President on both the porch of the Oval Office and on the lawn below.



From left, on July 26, 1963, President John F. Kennedy receives an Amelia Earhart Commemorative stamp from Ninety-Nine Blanche Noyes. In background from left are 99s Louise Smith, Virginia Thompson, Alice Hammond, Marion Andrews-Lopez, Fay Gillis Wells, and an unidentified 99.

The White House July 26, 1963 – Remarks of President Kennedy in Connection with the Amelia Earhart Commemorative Stamp Celebration

Mrs. Blanche Noyes: Mr. President, it is a great privilege to be here, and these are all club members who are active women pilots, and the organization's first president was Amelia Earhart. And we are commemorating her 65th birthday, and seven charter members flew the first day envelopes and stamps from Atchison, Kansas. I had the privilege of flying the stamps and envelopes from Atchison, and I have brought one for you, President, to thank you for the part you played in making the commemorative stamp possible, and I would like to give you one for Caroline in hopes that she will be a 99 member in a few years.

President Kennedy: I want to express my thanks to Mrs. Noyes for this. I think when I saw this stamp – the Postmaster showed it to me – I thought that it was one of the finest stamps we have put out. And I am glad to welcome all of you to the White House.

I sometimes wonder whether we make as much use of all of our talent that we have in this country as we should. I think particularly of the hundreds of thousands and millions of women teachers, doctors, flyers, a whole variety of skills which they possess which I think we should use to the maximum. And I am concerned that we sometimes do not for one reason or another.

We have had the Commission on Equal Rights for Women, which has made some recommendations, but it seems to me in a far more dramatic way, perhaps, than even a commission can show, is this ceremony here which brings all of you to the White House, which shows to the people of our country the skills which you have, particularly very special skills.

I think that is very useful. It is useful for remembering Miss Earhart. It is useful also for our country, taking pride in what you do and reminds our women that they ought to get out of the house and into the air. So we are glad you are here.



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HOLDING SHORT

Rhode Island Aviation Day



Eastern New England Chapter members Merle Poulton (7th from left) and Julie Marron (9th from right), were at the Rhode Island statehouse on April 26 in support of Rhode Island General Aviation Lobby Day. The purpose of the event was to educate lawmakers on the importance of the GA airport system in Rhode Island and the many benefits General Aviation brings to the state. Merle and Julie were joined by AOPA, the Rhode Island Pilots Association and the Rhode Island General Aviation Business Owners Association.

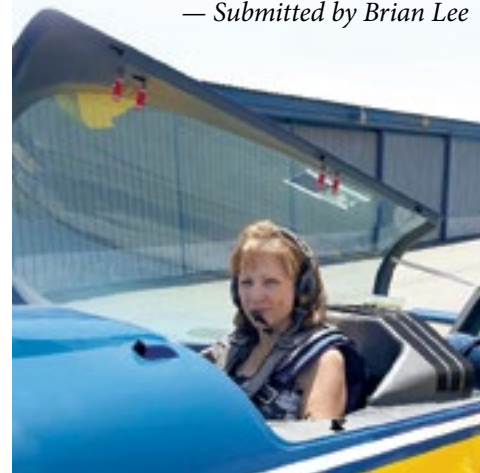
— Submitted by Glenna Blackwell

Age Is Only a Number

Marcie Holder, age 53, private pilot, mom, nurse and Ninety-Nine

Born in Oklahoma, Marcie and I met in 2015. Never in her wildest dreams did she think she'd ever fly in a small plane, let alone get her certificate. However, after several flights with me and going through my instrument and commercial training, she decided it would be worthwhile. Now she loves it.

— Submitted by Brian Lee



Meet a Governor...

Robin Hadfield



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

I am Robin Hadfield and live in Utopia, Ontario, Canada, which is located 45 minutes north of Toronto. My RV6a is hangered at Edenvale Aerodrome (CNV8), plus we have a Fairchild 24W46 at the Alliston Airport (CNY4). I'm a member of the First Canadian Chapter, East Canada Section.

What type of flying do you do?

I obtained my private pilot license in 1980 and spent the next six years involved with bi-planes and aerobatics. These days I'm usually found taking friends out searching for the best \$100 hamburger, meeting other 99s for lunch (airplanes and lunch are a theme). As the air show coordinator for a WWII warbird collection, I can be found at various air shows throughout the summer and fall. Give me a nice day, and I will find an excuse to go flying by myself – no one to talk to – just soaring along the shoreline, watching the beautiful land passing under my wing.

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?

Many ECS Chapters plan activities together, but a few Chapters get left out due to their geographic location. I'd like to help transform how we connect with each other, to reach out more effectively to new members. We recognize that you cannot use the same old routine patterns and expect new improved results.

What is your favorite piece of aviation advice?

My aviation advice is the same as my non-aviation advice: Think ahead and, even more important, be resilient. Know how to adapt. Always strive to get better.

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

I have a CRAZY GOOD memory (with most things anyway). What was the question again?

Amelia Rides in a Stearman

Ageless Aviation Dreams Foundation offers rides in a restored Boeing Stearman to honor seniors and United States military veterans living in retirement and care communities for their service. The Activities Director for Epworth Villa (where Oklahoma Chapter and Life Member Carol Sokatch lives) found out about this opportunity and applied; the second time, Carol was accepted.

April 23 was the morning seven residents of Epworth went to Sundance Airpark for their rides. Carol was lucky enough to be able to go because only six veterans applied. Amelia Bearheart went along and was a smashing success with everyone involved.

Amelia is a travelling attendance trophy for the South Central Section, and the Oklahoma Chapter won her to keep until the next meeting. Immediately the Oklahoma Chapter determined that Amelia would see Oklahoma. She has been to over 30, if not 40 airports. She was at the December Women in Aviation and Aerospace Day sponsored by the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission, she climbed in the Wichita Mountains, participated in fly-ins — pancakes for breakfast in Ponca City — enjoyed an Aviation Expo at the state capitol and all our meetings and parties.

Darryl Fisher was the pilot for 20-minute rides, and he has

flown over 1,600 such flights. Sportclips and Bank of Oklahoma are local sponsors of the foundation. Carol was the first 99 he had ever flown, and Amelia was the first bear.

— Submitted by Susan Williams
Coordinator of Community Activities, Epworth Villa



New Flying Award to Encourage Women of All Ages to Fly!

The British Columbia Coast Chapter 99s are remembering Jean Prior with a one-time Award of \$500, available to a woman pilot in Western Canada to help her continue in her aviation career, hobby, or education. Application deadline is July 31.

Jean and her husband Bruce owned a Cessna 190, and she enjoyed many years of flying right-seat around Canada and the U.S. When Jean's son and career matured, she said, "I'd like to get my licence!" and she did. They bought her a beautiful Cessna 150.

Jean earned her licence in 1999 and joined the British Columbia Coast Chapter.

Jean was an intrepid supporter of General Aviation and an active member in several flying groups, including the Canadian Owners and Pilots Association (Boundary Bay Flying Club COPA Flight 5 and Langley Aero Club COPA Flight 175), the Recreational Aircraft Association (Delta Chapter 85), and the Cessna 150/152 Club, but we got to know her when she joined our 99s Chapter in 1999.

Jean was known for her warm welcome for all members at meetings, always asking how our flying was going. "How is your training progressing? Where have you been? Tell me about it."

We could count on her to volunteer at our annual Poker Run tables and at our 99s airshow booths, where she greeted women

and girls with a big smile as they strolled by. "If I can do it, you can do it!"

When she caught a glimmer of their interest, she was right there with her encouragement. She paid the first year 99s membership fee for a number of young student pilots just to help them get going and to introduce them to the camaraderie and support of The 99s.

Jean knew the value of traditional hospitality and always showed

up with lots of good food, knowing that a full plate makes for a happy meeting. She was beautifully dressed as in this stylish portrait of her with her beautiful C150, wearing her matching outfit.

Even as Jean progressed through her final illness, she attended our events with grace and laughter. She donated a collection of her exquisitely hand-knitted tuques that we auctioned as a fundraiser at a West Canada Section 99s meeting in Penticton, BC. Proceeds went towards our scholarship fund, which has supported women pilots with an annual scholarship of \$1,500 since 1996.

In conclusion, the British Columbia Coast Chapter of The 99s is happy to present this one-time special financial award to remember Jean and all that she did to make our Chapter a warm and happy place.

— Submitted by British Columbia Coast Chapter





Amelia Earhart, 1930
Everett Historical

20 Members Receive Coveted Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Awards

By Jacque Boyd, Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Chairman

Your Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund Trustees are very pleased to announce the recipients of the 2018 Flight Training, Academic and Research Scholar Grant Awards. This year the Trustees received 67 applications and were able to award 20 Flight Training and Academic Scholarships worth \$142,105. From the 20 awards, four awards were made to non-U.S. members: Canadians Marise Meiklejohn and Elizabeth Robinson, Sleeping Giant Chapter; South African Refilwe Ledwaba, Member-at-Large; and one from Panama, Nabill Velez, Ambassador Chapter.

We were also able to provide further funding to Bobbi Roe for her continuation in digitizing the *Ninety-Nines* magazine. The project is now completed. Take a look at the article in the May/June issue of the *Ninety-Nines* magazine for a full explanation of the history of Bobbi's Research Scholar Grant and how to best use the fruits of her labors. Her work adds a tremendous amount to the available information concerning the history of the organization.

If individuals, Chapter AE Chairmen, Chapter Chairmen and Section AE Chairmen have questions, please contact the Trustees directly. If we know what your concerns are, we can help address them. The work at the Chapter level is extremely important to the success of our scholarship program. We are constantly in the process of review and revision to ensure that the Fund is spending your scholarship dollars in an efficient manner.

You are the people who have made the Fund what it is, and we couldn't do our jobs without you.



**JULIE BAKER • ACADEMIC B.A.
AERONAUTICAL SCIENCE**

Greater Seattle Chapter, Northwest Section

I am a 36-year-old mother of two. I have dreamed of flying since I was a child but did not have the means to pursue it until recently. I am in school full time at Green River College pursuing my BAS in Aeronautical Science. I have my private pilot certificate and am working toward my instrument rating and commercial certificate at Crest Airpark (S36). Once earned, I plan to work in the corporate sector or get my CFI to build hours. My ultimate goal is to one day work for an airline.



**KEELY COSTELLO • VICKI CRUSE EMERGENCY
MANEUVER TRAINING**

Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section

I earned my wings at age 42 after overcoming a life of surgeries and medical challenges. My husband and I have two sons. I am a substitute teacher and bus driver for field trips at their school. Summers are spent outdoors in northern Michigan with the boys, volunteering at a youth camp. Thus far, flying missions for Angel Flight West is the most rewarding thing I have ever done. I am excited about combining safety training and the thrill of aerobatics to become more proficient with emergency maneuvers while training in a Great Lakes biplane!

MARY FAIRBANKS • CFI
Sutter Buttes Chapter, Southwest Section

Who am I? In 100 words or less... I am a product of you! Your highest ideals created AEMSF, and it's working! You are my heroes, my role models, my friends, my Ninety-Nines. Your continuous support launched me from being a server and a student pilot to teaching ground school, opening an FBO and flying King Airs! Soon, becoming a CFI to foster our next generation. Who am I? I'm a pilot, a teacher, a student. I'm a Ninety-Nine. Now let's go Fly!



SHERYL FISHER • CFI
Columbia Cascade Chapter, Northwest Section

My name is Sheri Fisher, and I am the first female pilot in my family. My dad, as well as both my daughter and son, are pilots. I've been a school teacher for over 13 years and have considerable practice in tailoring lessons to learners' needs, which will serve me well when I'm a flight instructor. It is my dream to encourage and support women of all ages to realize their dreams of learning to fly. I will be an advocate for women to join The 99s from the beginning of their flight training for support, friendship and camaraderie.



ALICE FURR • CFI
NOLA, Southeast Section

I'm a 29-year-old commercial pilot with a B.S. in Business Administration, minor in Sales/Marketing. The 2017 Fly Now Award allowed me to achieve my private pilot certificate last August. I now have CSEL, CMEL, Instrument Rating and SIC Type Rating in a Hawker 800. Currently, I'm working as a contract pilot flying to Dulles and other large airports. It's wild to think one year ago I had not yet completed my solo cross country. I have The 99s, amongst others, to thank for every step of my journey. This scholarship will allow me to train and inspire future female aviators.



MELISSA HANTHORN • ACADEMIC/B.S. AVIATION
Greater St. Louis Chapter, North Central Section

I am so thankful for the support of The 99s in helping my aviation dreams come true! For my training, I fly the Guimbal G2 Cabri at North American Helicopters in St. Louis, Missouri. I will finish my Bachelor of Science in Aviation Administration from Utah Valley University in 2019. I dream of flying helicopter tours in Denali National Park in Alaska and also someday owning and running my own helicopter flight school. I love sharing my passion for aviation with young women and the next generation. I can't wait to combine my passion with getting paid to fly helicopters.

**YA YU MONICA HEW • ACADEMIC/PHD
ASTRONAUTICS ENGINEERING**

Wichita Falls, Chapter, South Central Section

My name is Ya Yu Monica Hew. I received my M.S. Aeronautics and Astronautics Engineering from Stanford University in 2015 and B.S. Aerospace Engineering and B.S. Physics degrees from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2013 (graduated first in the College of Engineering with the highest honor while working several part-time jobs). I am currently a Ph.D. student at Stanford studying ways to mitigate spacecraft damages from orbital debris and meteoroids. Outside of work, I enjoy flying as a private pilot, diving, dancing, hiking and volunteering in STEM-related events.



**MAGDALENA JARDA, MULTI-COMMERCIAL
Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section**

I am soaring towards my career goal of being a professional airline pilot. My plan is to complete my multi-commercial instrument rating in the next couple of months in hopes of getting my first job as a pilot and begin to build time towards the ATP FAA requirements. I am grateful for all the support I have received from The Ninety-Nines and the lifelong relationships I have made. Thank you for supporting my dreams.



**REFILWE LEDWABA • KING AIR
200 TYPE RATING
Member-At-Large (South Africa)**

I am a social entrepreneur, academic, helicopter (ATPL) and fixed-wing (CPL, Grade 3 instructor) pilot. I am passionate about flying, youth development and women empowerment in Africa. I hold a Bachelor of Science, a postgraduate diploma and an MBA degree. I plan to use the scholarship to obtain a King Air type rating and fly for humanitarian organisations across Africa, with a goal of flying for a major airline. My plan is also to revive The Ninety-Nines Chapter in South Africa.



**ELIZABETH L'HEUREUX • INSTRUMENT
Aloha Chapter, Southwest Section**

I first became interested in being a pilot as a safety measure while flying with my husband. I joined The 99s after meeting a flight mentor and shortly thereafter began my training. I earned my private pilot's certificate in the fall of 2016 in Hawaii. I will continue my education with instrument, commercial and CFII ratings and also pursue tailwheel, seaplane and glider endorsements. I hope to start an aerial tour business on Maui and offer affordable introductory flights. I am the current 99s Aloha Chapter Vice Chair and will maintain my advocacy for general aviation.

LAURA LLOYD • MULTI-ENGINE

Columbia Cascade Chapter, Northwest Section

My name is Laura Lloyd. I'm continuing my pursuit of flying as a career. I achieved my commercial pilot certificate in October 2017. This paved the way to my first job as a first officer at Boutique Air. I plan to continue my professional ratings, earning my multi add-on in June this year. I also look forward to becoming involved in the mentorship program. My goal after achieving the hours required is working as a first officer with Horizon Airlines.



MARISE MEIKLEJOHN • MULTI-ENGINE

Sleeping Giant Chapter, East Canada Section

Flying has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. My dad would take me flying as a child, which sparked my love of aviation. I attended Confederation College in Thunder Bay, where I obtained my commercial SELS. Upon graduation, I obtained my instructor rating and have returned to the college as an instructor. With the AE scholarship, I will be able to obtain my multi-engine rating, allowing me to apply to the airlines. I cannot express my gratitude enough to the AEMSFS Trustees and The Ninety-Nines for helping me achieve my goals!



TERESA QUINTANA • COMMERCIAL

Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section

For years I had talked about wanting to become a professional pilot. And for years I did nothing about it. I was always told this dream was financially too far out of my reach. Although I understood this venture to be a costly one, I knew my fierce determination would stop at nothing to achieve this goal even if it meant working multiple jobs to fund my flight education. The Ninety-Nines, and most recently this AEMSFS scholarship, have given me the tools I need to succeed in my goal of becoming a professional commercial pilot.



JESSICA RICHARDSON • CFI

Indiana Dunes Chapter, North Central Section

When I first started flying, my instructor kept telling me I would make a great CFI. I would laugh because I didn't want anything more than my private certificate, but by the time I was getting ready for the checkride, I knew I wanted to do more. I have enjoyed teaching and sharing my love of flight with other people as a ground instructor and through my Ninety-Nines Chapter flyouts. I'm excited to instruct others as a CFI and help them fulfill their own desire to fly. It's a dream come true!



ELIZABETH ROBINSON • SINGLE-ENGINE GROUP 3 INSTRUMENT
Sleeping Giant Chapter, East Canada Section

First of all, I would like to thank The 99s for this incredible opportunity. I am beyond excited to have the chance to get my instrument rating. This summer will be my first summer as a commercial pilot at a forestry company in Thunder Bay, Ontario. It will be filled with many different types of survey flying, and now I will be able to do even more! I am hoping to get my multi done in the near future, as well as set myself up for a strong career in aviation. Thanks again, and congratulations to all of the winners!



SAMANTHA SIZEMORE • INSTRUMENT
Phoenix Chapter, Southwest Section

As a 27-year-old self-proclaimed sky enthusiast, aviation and aerospace are at the height of my passion nestled thousands of feet in the air. Recently out of college, I work as a Systems Safety Engineer on an IRBM and ICBM target program and a Space Lift program in the Launch Vehicles Division of Orbital ATK. In my time outside of work, I frequent Ninety-Nines activities and love Super Cub flying, jumping as a licensed skydiver, snowboarding, hiking and learning to dirt bike! My ultimate goal is to fly for Arizona Game and Fish, the National Parks or for corporate/charter.



ASHLEY TAYLOR • COMMERCIAL
Idaho Chapter, Northwest Section

I currently work for the Forest Service as a wildland firefighter. After years with boots on the ground, I decided to apply and successfully made it through training to become a smoke jumper. This is where we jump out of a perfectly good airplane on a parachute to fight wildland fire. This sparked my desire to fly the aircraft I jump out of now. I am currently working on my commercial certificate, which will get me one step closer to this goal. I am so thankful to have been chosen for the Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. Thank you!

VERONICA TRUJILLO • MULTI COMMERCIAL INSTRUMENT

San Gabriel Valley Chapter, Southwest Section

Aviation and philanthropy are my two greatest passions. I have been fortunate enough to mix these two worlds together through the various opportunities The Ninety-Nines community has to offer. I aspire to be an airline captain and to continue to give back to the aviation community. I am ecstatic to begin my multi-engine rating that will open more doors and opportunities for my future. Aviation has changed my life in a wonderfully tumultuous way, and I only hope I can give back as much as it has given to me.





NABILL VELEZ • KITTY HOUGHTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – AIRFRAME & POWERPLANT

Ambassador Chapter (Panama), South Central Section

Jesus said, “If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.” This biblical passage taught me to trust God always, and when I did, my desire to be a pilot ceased to be a dream and became a reality. I’m Panamanian, and my new goal is to be a missionary pilot, ready to help isolated people through aviation. This scholarship will help me with my Airframe & Powerplant certification necessary to be a well prepared pilot-mechanic to fly into the most isolated places and help people in need.



ELISE WHELOCK • ACADEMIC/B.S. AERONAUTICS

Old Dominion Chapter, Mid-Atlantic Section

I am a student at the University of North Dakota, studying Commercial Aviation. I’m currently working on my CFI, hoping to complete it and begin work on my CFII very soon. At UND, I am a member of the UND Aerobatics team and the treasurer of the Aviation Student Outreach program. I am super excited to be able to give flight instruction, especially to kids, as that is a cause very near and dear to my own heart as a first-generation pilot. I hope to fly professionally as a bush or rescue pilot one day.

Outside Judges Select AEMSf Recipients

Brigadier General Bruce Thompson (Ret.)



Retired Brigadier General Bruce Thompson was the Chief of Staff, Delaware Air National Guard. He served as the principle advisor to the Commander of the Delaware Air National Guard for all Air National Guard issues.

General Thompson was an Instructor and Standardization/Evaluation Pilot for the C-130 Aircraft, with 32 combat sorties and 197 combat support sorties. He served as Commander, 166th Airlift Wing and is a veteran of Operations

Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. General Thompson is a command pilot with over 4,500 hours in the C-130A, C-130H2, T-37 and T-38. His many awards include the Legion of Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal (with two Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters.) He is currently a captain on the Airbus A320 for American Airlines.



Mary Ellen Pauli

Mary Ellen Pauli has been a commercial helicopter pilot since attaining

her certificate in 1979. She was employed by Trans-Quebec Helicopters Ltd. for seven years to work on the James Bay Hydro Electric Project. In 1986 she joined the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and she retired in 2017.

Pauli’s many achievements include the 1988 Outstanding Service Award for her part in the great Canadian ice storm, the Governor General’s Award in 2008 for bravery in rescuing a stranded family in the Far North, being inducted in 2011 into the Bushplane Heritage Museum in Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, and in 2012 as the recipient of the Elsie MacGill Northern Lights Award.

Jeannine Wyatt

Jeannine Wyatt, PHR, a native of Atchison, Kansas, graduated Mount St. Scholastica College in Atchison with degrees in Sociology, History and Secondary Education. She did post-graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, Kansas State University and Washburn University. Jeannine writes under the pen name of J.A. Kiehl. Her most recent book about Amelia Earhart is *Amelia... The Town and The People Who Loved Her*. She is a former Trustee for the Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum in Atchison. She is also a Friend of The Ninety-Nines.



New Let's Fly Now! Program Launches on Mother's Day

What a Mother's Day to remember for 74 mothers and daughters. The Ninety-Nines' new Let's Fly Now! Program successfully launched on May 12 in Fairhope (KCQF) with 99s and Friends of The 99s flying 74 mothers and daughters on their first flights.

Ninety-Nines and Friends of The 99s from four Southeast Chapters served as pilots and ground crew for the historic launch.

For days prior to Mother's Day weekend, the weather in Florida and around the Panhandle area had been unstable. We were all a little nervous if our planned launch date would take flight.

With a good weather briefing and positive anticipation, all the pilots pre-flighted and packed their airplanes – ready for flight.

The pilots started arriving in Fairhope on Friday morning, and finally the team of pilots, planes and ground support were in the vicinity. Now it was a waiting game to see if the day would be beautiful for the Saturday flights.

It was a gorgeous day, filled with light winds, crystal clear blue skies and an air of anticipation. In a few short hours, pilots were pre-flighting

their planes, given pre-flight briefings of the route, while ground crews collected paperwork, calmed nerves and marshaled passengers. Let's Fly Now! was ready for launch.

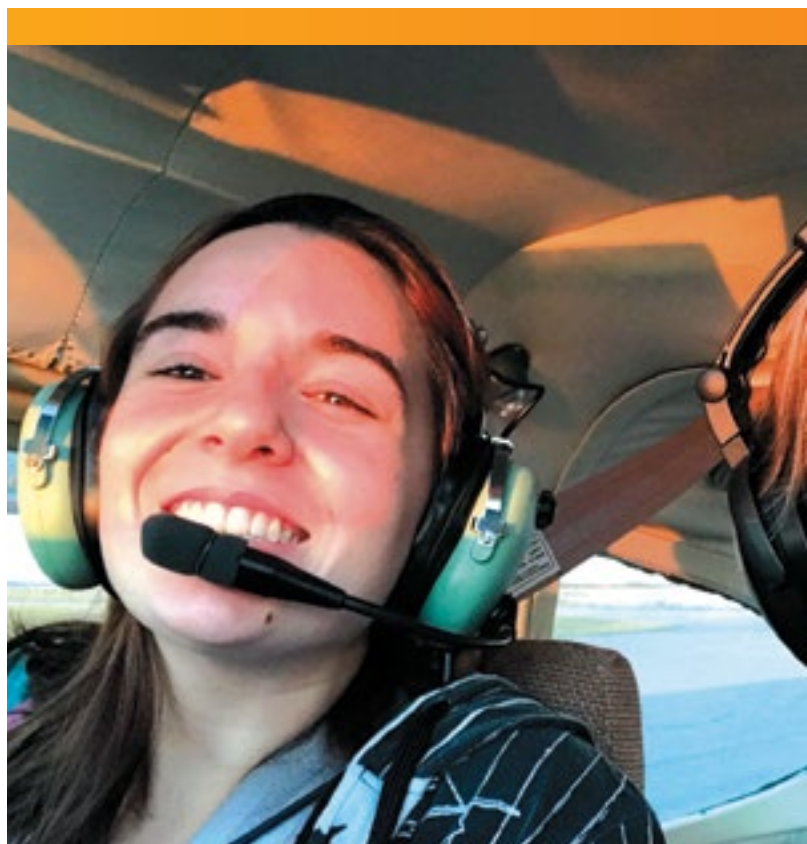
With all planes lined up, the Saratoga was the first to launch with two mother/daughter teams. It was a first-time small airplane flight for all and, for many, the first time ever leaving the pull of earth's gravity and seeing their world from a different perspective.

Next to launch was a pair of Cessna 182s followed by the Cirrus, each carrying mothers and their daughters in a Mother's Day weekend event.

As new passengers arrived, they were ushered to the registration table where liability releases were signed, weights were collected and flight teams were assembled and briefed.

One mother was with her two daughters, another mother was with a son and daughter, and there was a grandmother, mother and daughter, all experiencing the joy of flight together.

For those single passengers who had no family with them, Myra was there with her new RV14A to give



Top photo: Myra Bugbee gives a first-time small airplane ride to her passenger Jennifer.

Above: Terry Carbonell shared the joy of flight in a small plane with a grandmother, mother and daughter.



EXPLORE the wonders
of aviation!

DISCOVER the magic
of flight!

IMAGINE the
possibilities!

Let's Fly Now! is a free introductory flight program intended to become one of The 99s signature activities, just like air marking and the PPLI Program. Let's Fly Now! is aimed at women and girls of flying age (men and boys are welcome, too). Let's Fly Now! provides our members with an opportunity for purposeful flying and fun. It is a way to reach out to the community and build positive community relations. Let's Fly Now! is a great opportunity that will help grow our organization and provide a public forum to showcase The Ninety-Nines (still one of the best kept secrets in aviation).

Airline industry experts estimate that over 600,000 new pilots will be needed over the next 20 years. Let's Fly Now! is how Ninety-Nines and Friends of The 99s can help grow both the pilot population and our own organization. We have all flown Young Eagles, Girl Scouts and Pennies-a-Pound flights. Recently, the EAA boasted 25 years of flying Young Eagles and two million flights. What an amazing accomplishment! Many of those two million-plus flights were flown by members of The Ninety-Nines, yet our organization received no recognition.

It is wonderful to inspire young people by taking them on first flights. Passengers who are 16 and older (14 and older for gliders) can start flying and pursue their career goals, dreams or hobbies right away. Many of The Ninety-Nines' new pilots are in their 30s, 40s and 50s. The number of women who serve as pilots is growing, and with a program like Let's Fly Now!, we may be able to help those numbers grow even faster.

To host your own Chapter or Section Let's Fly Now! event, plan it like you would any other flying event. Add it to a Girl Scout Aviation Education Day, Community Aviation Day or STEM education event. Ninety-Nines Headquarters will supply the pilot forms, liability waivers, log books and event coverage insurance. You supply the pilots, ground volunteers and enthusiasm. We plan to host a webinar on October 22 that will cover information as presented at the annual Conference in Philadelphia.

We are proud of this new Ninety-Nines signature program and wish to thank King Schools and Dare to Fly who partnered with us to enhance the program. We also thank our pilots and ground support crew for their time and resources for this successful launch.

the "special" rides – one passenger at a time with one-on-one time with the pilot and the plane. No one was left out.

Each plane completed a 20- to 30-minute circuit over the City of Fairhope and along Mobile Bay. Many of the front seat passengers were given the opportunity to take the yoke or stick and try their hand at piloting. One passenger was too nervous to take the

stick, but another passenger, a 17-year-old who wants to be an aeronautical engineer, took the stick like a pro and kept altitude and heading perfectly. She loved to feel the exhilaration of being in control.

Passengers sat wide-eyed seeing things from a new perspective. One pilot asked her passengers to rate the flight from 1 to 10. The

daughter said, "11" and the mom said, "No, 42!"

In all, we completed 32 airplane flights with 74 happy passengers. It was rewarding to see the enthusiasm and wide smiles from our passengers.

By day's end, every single pilot and ground crew felt the magic. It was like we planted seeds that might change lives in a positive way. Our Let's Fly Now! launch was a success.



Air Race Classic 2018 — A Race For the Record Books

Bad Weather Conditions Throw Racers Off Course



Despite the weather challenges, Sue Westervelt, left, and Candie Oldham, Team 8, Missile Minions, were the highest finishing 99s team, coming in 3rd place and receiving the Fastest Mooney award.

*ARC photography by
Cynthia Lee and Bonnie Johnson*

Every Air Race Classic is a unique adventure impossible to plan for, impossible to predict. The ARC directors, assistant directors, and an army of volunteers work tirelessly for a year preparing the Start, En Route Stops, Terminus, the airplane credentialing and the racer credentialing. Build it, and they will fly it. Then weather and luck happen...

Fifty-two teams and 112 racers converged on historic Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas, for the Start of the 42nd annual Air Race Classic. Hosted by the National WASP WWII Museum, we were also honoring the 75th anniversary of the first class of Women Airforce Ser-

vice Pilots (WASP) who graduated from Avenger Field in 1943 after Congress merged the Women's Flying Training Detachment (WFTD) and the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS). WASP Nell Bright (44-W-4), who is also a 99, joined us for our Start Banquet and served as our Honorary Starter on launch morning June 19.

The weather was perfect as racers headed to their planes to stow their gear, pull their planes up on the ramp, and preflight. The starters stopped in front of each plane, giving the pilot the signal to start her engine. Planes taxied out behind our surprise lead plane – the WASP

Museum's Vultee BT-13A Valiant – and were waved off the field by Nell Bright and Official Starter Jeneanne Visser (Iowa Chapter and past racer). Everybody is a winner as they launch out on this race, but the clock is ticking now.

The high speed, low altitude flybys at each stop are the adrenaline rush for each racer. "Classic Racer 4, 10 miles out flyby to land...5 miles out flyby to land...approaching flyby...whoosh!" Off the clock, circle out to enter the normal pattern, and join the 'wagon train' of planes on the ground waiting for fuel. The Alva, Oklahoma, community was out watching in the bleacher stands that had been set



Nearly five inches of rain falls Tuesday night. On Wednesday, it's obvious that the weather is staying IFR, and the race officials decide to cancel the FBL stop. Racers are to remain 'off the clock,' fly safely and directly to Galesburg, Illinois (GBG), and fly the timing line there to go back 'on the clock' and continue the race.

Eventually, all the racers leave BIE on Wednesday to pick their way to GBG. Many teams make it to GBG and then move on quickly to Auburn, Indiana (GWB). Several teams 'remain overnight' (RON) at GBG, having arrived too late to complete another stop before weather and sunset get in the way. A number of other teams are still off the clock, having put down at airports due to weather before reaching GBG. The pack is now scattered across the Midwest.

Thursday dawns with many of our stops under IFR conditions. Low ceilings and weather just hangs on our route. The satellite image looks like a slowly swirling 'hurricane' spread across the eastern half of the U.S. Again, the race officials must make a heart-breaking decision to cancel additional stops – Auburn, Indiana (GWB), Cadillac, Michigan (CAD), and Newark, Ohio (VTA).

Racers are again directed to fly safely however they can to Penn Yan, New York

up. The volunteers were welcoming the racers with great hospitality – quick fueling, cold water, T-shirts, and all kinds of snacks and refreshments. But we're on the run...off to Beatrice, Nebraska (BIE).

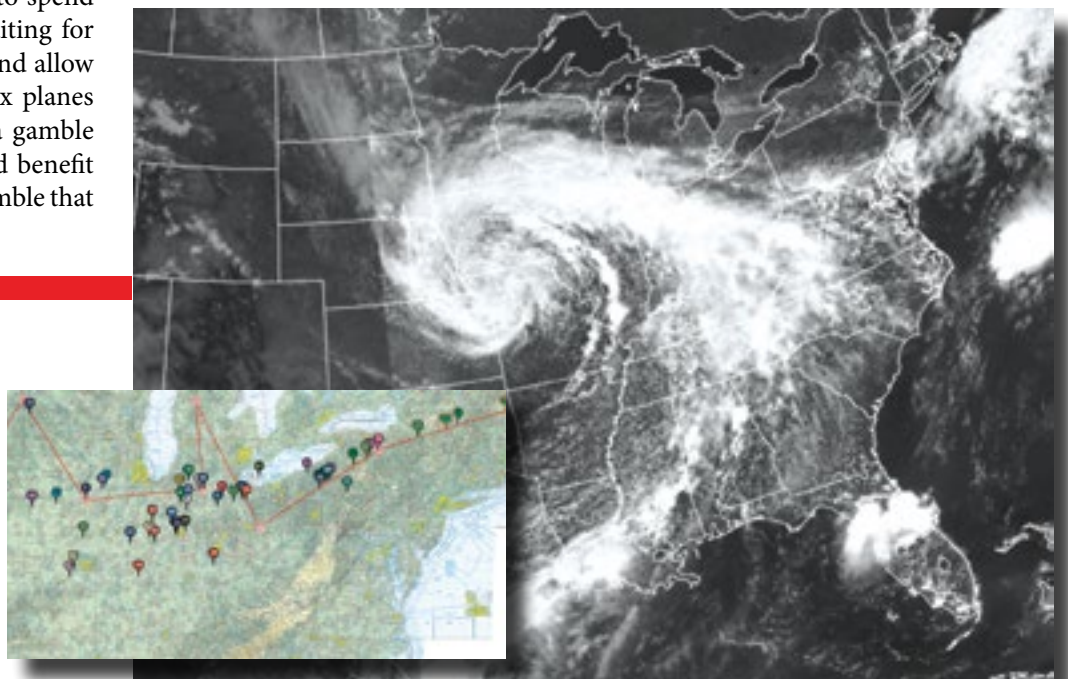
Beatrice is just as busy, and just as welcoming. But the weather is changing and not for the better. All the teams are holding here, because instrument conditions hang between BIE and FBL (Faribault, Minnesota) – 'no fly' conditions for the ARC.

Grounded all day. Some leave and make their way to area hotels to spend the night. Others hang out waiting for that little window to open up and allow them to launch for stop #3. Six planes launch at the last minute on a gamble that they'll find a VFR gap and benefit from the tailwinds – a costly gamble that doesn't pay off.

Above, Ninety-Nine and WASP Nell Bright (44-W-4), served as Honorary Starter on launch morning June 19.

Back right: Hurricane ARC, swirls across the 2018 ARC race route, scattering racers and canceling three stops – Auburn, Cadillac, and Newark.

Top right: MAPProgress snapshot taken on Thursday, July 21 shows racers scattered across the map, on and off the course due to weather conditions.





Ninety-Nines racers pose at the start of the 42nd Annual Air Race Classic at historic Avenger Field in Sweetwater, Texas. They were also honoring the 75th anniversary of the first class of Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of WWII.

(PEO). Fly the PEO timing line to go back on the clock and race to the Terminus – Fryeburg, Maine (IZG). The race will be decided by who can complete the remaining course by the 5 p.m. deadline on Friday with the best overall speed relative to their handicap speed.

Teams race to Eastern Slope Regional Airport and the much-needed Meltdown Party to decompress. The Katahdin Wings Chapter organized a top-notch Terminus weekend for the racers. Of 52 teams, only 33 teams reached the Terminus on time and competed for prizes. Thirteen teams did not finish, two

teams were disqualified, and four teams flew the race noncompetitively.

While the race had its disappointments, the racers truly celebrated their adventures, the camaraderie, and all they learned along the way. That is the spirit of the Air Race Classic! Every year.

At Sunday's Awards Banquet, leg prizes were given out. Fastest Mooney (Oldham and Westervelt), Piper (Bulluck and Wrenn) and Cessna (Ferber and Kessler) teams were honored. Fastest Family was announced (Rihn-Harvey and Dale). Dee Bond and McKenzie Krutsinger took home the 99s Terminus Leg trophy.

Western Michigan University won the top collegiate award (Quandt, Satkowiak, and Erdmann).

The grand surprise of the evening and the race – rookie racers Mariah Ferber and Paige Kessler, sponsored by Nashville Flight Training, were the overall #1 finishers and took home the top prize of the evening. Speed, decision-making and luck complete the mix every year.

And the planning cycle begins again for ARC 2019. Who will be joining us to race from Jackson, Tennessee to Welland, Ontario? Join us – June 18-21, 2019.



Many Thanks to the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation!

The 99s have been chosen to participate in Lightspeed Aviation Foundation's recently announced Growth Initiative under which certain aviation nonprofits will receive up to 5 award-winning Zulu 3 headsets for recipients of the organization's learn to fly scholarships. Four lucky winners of the Spring 2018 AEMSF Fly Now Award will receive new Lightspeed Aviation Zulu 3 ANR headsets. The winners were selected in a random drawing at the Ninety-Nines International Conference in Philadelphia.

Congratulations!

Morgan Gale, San Fernando Valley, Southwest
 Shokoufeh Mirzaei, San Fernando Valley, Southwest
 Sophia Taylor-Horne, Monterey Bay, Southwest
 Teresa Wilson, Columbia Cascade, Northwest

The 5th headset will go to the winner of the 2018 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship which the 99s will award at Oshkosh at the July 24th 99s Aviation Appreciation Dinner.

 **LIGHTSPEED**

Looking Back



BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

When you finally get that call, meet that person, walk that walk and live that dream, do you think you'll even care that there were a few dark and scary moments in a journey that made it all possible? Trust me, you won't even remember.
—The Universe (Mike Dooley)

Congratulations on your latest accomplishment! You got the new rating or the new job or advanced one more rung on the aviation career ladder! Yay you! You look at the new certificate that says you did it! (I think it should have a place for style points, but it doesn't.)

As time goes by, you feel more comfortable in your new self. Remember the first time you actually said, "I'm a pilot," and it sounded strange coming out of your mouth? If you're a professional pilot, remember putting on your uniform for the first time and looking into the mirror? Who is that woman staring back?

You're now on to the rest of your life with a new pilot certificate in your pocket or an additional rating on your original one.

Look at your certificate again. Folded into that little piece of paper, soon to become plastic, is all the courage you had to muster to show up on day one. There are the doubts and scary landings, the first few night cross country flights and mechanical issues. There are the sleepless nights before the exams and the second guessing of your aptitude for flying. There is the justification of money, a lot of it, to get to this stage.

Those are the things you overcame to show up again and again and again. Those doubts became courage and the fear became confidence. The money became an investment in yourself – a really good investment as it turns out.

The dark and scary moments fade and are replaced with fun adventures and a logbook full of memories. Your experience builds, along with your confidence, and when a young girl asks you what the scariest moment you've ever had was,

you're hard pressed to recall. (I never understood why nonpilots don't ask what your favorite memory of flying is, but they very rarely do.)

In the documentary "Flyabout" (available on Amazon Prime), a young woman with very little flight time takes on an amazing challenge of flying around the perimeter of Australia. She comes to realize that piloting the plane is the least difficult part of the journey.

There will be new dark and scary moments to face as you continue the climb. But if you look back and see how you've overcome the challenges in the past, you'll be ready. Because you've faced trials before, not only will you know how to handle them, you'll know deep down inside that you can handle them. It's getting out of your comfort zone and realizing that the best parts of your life really do lie just beyond your fear.

The great thing too about this life is that it's not just in flying! Go ahead. Live the dream.

MILESTONES

Faith Alexander, Private, SEL, NOLA

Jaimie Rousseau Cimabue, Solo, Eastern New England

Katie Greenwood, Citation 500 series Type Rating, Reno High Sierra

Marcie Holder, Private, San Gabriel Valley

Alice Huseland, Private, Texas Dogwood

Emily Johnson, Multi-engine, Phoenix

Hope Marina Johnson, Private, Indiana Dunes

Mayte Lillo, Multi-engine, Ambassador

Madison Perry, Private, SEL, CFII and Commercial AMEL, NOLA

Isabel Prado, Private, Spaceport

Heather McCoy, Phenom 100 Type Rating, Reno High Sierra

Jessica Richardson, CFI, CFI II, Commercial ASEL, Indiana Dunes

Katherine Scott, Private, Los Angeles

Keegan Starkey, CFII and Commercial AMEL, Indiana Dunes

Hailey Truax, Tailwheel Endorsement, Reno High Sierra

Dani Valero, Solo, Reno High Sierra

Colleen Weber, Instrument, Wisconsin

Janice Marie Welsh, CFII, Indiana Dunes

Alison Yusov, Solo Eastern New England



Emily Johnson, Phoenix Chapter, earned her Multi-engine rating.

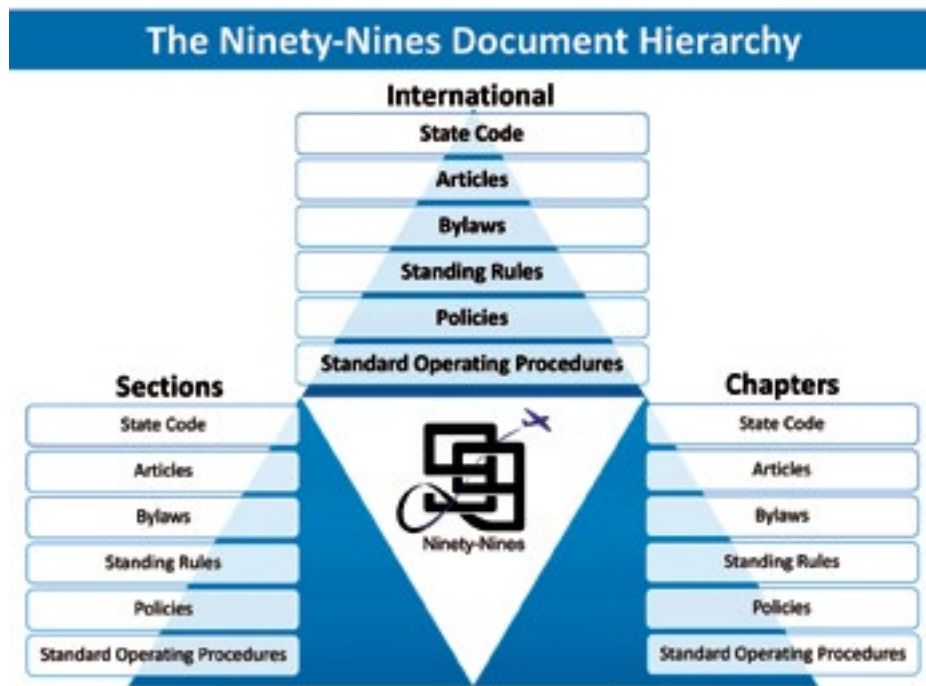
Note: As room allows, we will publish Milestone photos.

Please email a high resolution photo along with your Milestone information to news@99s.org.

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The answer is yes.



A 99s Modernization Project

By the International Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee (IBL/SRC)



Thelma Cull giving the credentials committee report at a business meeting.

Imagine you are attending your May Chapter meeting. The Chapter Chair distributes multiple pages of International Bylaws and Standing Rules amendments, which represent a significant item of business. The Chapter must decide how their delegate(s) to the International Conference annual meeting should vote.

Now, these proposed amendments might not be meaningful to some members without the context of how they fit into the original documents. Your Chair has been diligent and gone to the International website library to read the existing Bylaws and Standing Rules (SRs), so she can explain the significance and context of the proposed amendments. The items are discussed and debated, and then the members vote for or against each amendment.

The Chapter's delegate(s) are requested to vote as their Chapter voted at this meeting. Perhaps the members

present would have preferred to spend the time on other Chapter business, such as planning the upcoming Poker Run or maybe a tower tour.

Other Chapters and International Sections repeat this same process every year. Many members wonder why they are being bothered with this level of detail from International. A lot of woman pilot hours are spent on this activity annually. Is this necessary?

This scenario is an appropriate way of doing business because changes to the Bylaws and SRs require approval by the members. Bylaws and SRs are high level governing documents (see diagram) and are intended to change infrequently, perhaps every five years.

In most corporations, bylaws are translated into policies that define how to make corporate decisions and guide member behavior. Standard operating procedures (SOPs) are step-by-step actions to accomplish policies or other

objectives. Both policies and SOPs are lower level documents that help achieve consistency within an organization.

For The 99s, these documents require the approval of elected officials, such as our International Board of Directors (IBOD). When details are in the Bylaws instead of an SOP, the number of Bylaw changes increase as members try to fix what actually should be a procedure or a policy.

It is better to maintain document contents at the proper level. It will make our members feel their time is better spent when they do have to vote on Bylaws.

When you build something, you produce a better product if you incorporate the latest engineering standards and technical improvements, and also address the changing environment and legal requirements. For example, consider the improvements to airplanes over the years such as engine monitoring, airbags, parachute recovery system, GPS navigation, etc.

Our governing documents should also incorporate the latest standards and business practices. Our organization started many years ago and has evolved, as has the legal and tax environment. It's not 1929 anymore, and we have a few more than 99 members.

The Ninety-Nines, Inc. is now a non-profit business incorporated in the state of Delaware, with over 180 Chapters and Sections incorporated in, and subject to, the laws of many different states and countries.

Our organization should use industry standard practices to run as an efficient corporation. If we look to modern standards, would our current governing documentation exhibit any problems? The answer is yes.

However, we can fix these issues. Just as each of our members strives to be the most skilled, precise and diligent pilot that she can be, so should our collective corporate being strive to be managed effectively and efficiently. A few problems that need to be addressed include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Too much detail at a high level (Bylaw and SRs).

- Missing information at several levels.

- Missing requirements from Delaware State Code.

- Redundant information within same or different documents.

- Conflicting information within same or different documents.

Most non-profits rarely revise their Articles or Certificate of Incorporation, may revise their bylaws every five years, and SRs (if they have any) every couple of years.

Policies and procedures are reviewed every five years but often go ten years between review and update. So why do The 99s amend the Bylaws and SRs *every* year? We could be out flying!

The International Bylaws and Stand-

near term, the volume of amendments seeking approval at our annual meetings will increase. Mechanisms for member input will be provided, as will training on approved policies and SOPs. Watch this space!

If you would like to follow or participate in this process, the IBL/SRC Committee plans to provide more information in the coming year. There will be a webinar this fall in which the committee will present more details on the "Modernization Project," and more information will continue to be provided in our various publications.

If you would like to become more involved in the process or volunteer to help, contact the IBL/SRC Chairman, Gretchen Jahn.



Floor Tellers receive pre-meeting vote counting briefing.

ing Rules Committee (IBL/SRC), with the concurrence of the IBOD, is embarking on a "Modernization Project" to make orderly and incremental improvements. Some areas of the Bylaws or SRs are too detailed and will be moved to new or existing Policies or SOPs, while preserving the member-approved words and intent. Additions to the Bylaws and SRs will be necessary to address missing information. The Bylaws and SRs will undergo some reorganization, which is essential to eliminate conflicts and redundancies. These Bylaw and SR changes will require member approval, so in the

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GRASS ROOTS

FIRST CANADIAN CHAPTER

On April 21, 221 girls and women took flight for the first time in a small airplane during the fifth annual Girls Take Flight event at Oshawa Airport (YOO), Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. Girls Take Flight is hosted by the First Canadian Chapter and the Durham Flight Training Centre and is made possible thanks to many volunteers and sponsors.

A thousand people attended, including members of the community, city and provincial officials, media, pilots, ground volunteers, speakers and people staffing the exhibitor booths. In addition to the free flights, attendees enjoyed presentations by inspiring women in the aviation and aerospace industries.

They also had access to information about aviation and aerospace careers and could explore some cool aircraft, including a Canadian Forces CC-130J Hercules, Durham Regional Police JetRanger helicopter, Pitts Special S2 aerobatic aircraft, and others.

Aviation activities, such as wing-rib building and Talk Like a Pilot were also featured, along with aviation industry displays.

Participants also had an opportunity to apply for free flight lessons and a \$2,000 scholarship.

An email that we received after the event shows the importance of outreach events:

"I'm writing this email to let you know just how amazing the program you ran today was...I brought my 5-year-old daughter, and even though she could not fly because of her



age, she had what she described as the best day ever! Everyone from the pilots to the young air cadets treated her like she was the most important person there. They answered her questions, even letting her take multiple trips through planes/booths. You should be very proud of the team you put together. As a woman I was impressed, as a mom I was grateful. Looking at all the young ladies at the event, it is nice to see a glimpse of our future. Thank you again. We will see you next year."

— Lesley Page



Lori Plourd (left) and friend of the Chapter Cindy Thibodeau add the finishing touches to The 99s logo.

KATAHDIN WINGS CHAPTER

The compass rose painting project at Eastern Slope Regional Airport (IZG) is now complete. After waiting out two weekends of showery weather, Katahdin Wings Chapter members enjoyed the company and camaraderie of several other members of the New England Section who helped make this compass rose a reality.

On June 3, KW members Lori Plourd, Dannielle Diamond and Brenda Thibodeau joined Eastern New England members Jann Clark, Jaimie Rousseau and Lauren Lee, along with Connecticut member Amanda Davis, and formed a fast and efficient team to complete most of the compass rose project.

Connecticut member Glenna Blackwell and Friend of The 99s Doug Stewart flew from Columbia County Airport (1B1) New York to join the effort, and Connecticut member Donna Shea drove in to join the team as well.

On June 10, Katahdin Wings members Brenda Thibodeau, Lori Plourd, Shadow Gorrill, Maria Harrison, Karissa Davan and her 49.5 Rick, along with friend Cindy Thibodeau, gathered to complete the compass rose with The 99s logo.

Katahdin Wings Chapter wishes to thank all the members from around New England who patiently waited for a perfect weekend of weather and graciously spent their time to join in and help "make their mark" at the Eastern Slope Airport

— Lori Plourd

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

Long Island Chapter member Diane Fisher received the FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award on April 13. The award for 50 years of safe flying was presented at Sun 'n Fun in Lakeland, Florida. Patricia Ohlsson, also a Long Island Chapter member and sponsor of the award for Diane, attended the presentation as well.

Our May meeting was held at the Farmingdale Republic Airport (KFRG), main terminal building, with three new 99 members joining us. Leanna Osisek is pursuing a commercial certificate at Republic Airport and eventually wants to fly with the airlines. Maria Tuzzolo is working on her instrument rating with Heritage Aviation at Long Island MacArthur Airport (ISP) and also wants to fly with the airlines. Serafina Vitale, a student pilot and still in high school, is taking aviation classes at Nassau BOCES, a high school with specialty classes, and is planning to attend Embry Riddle and eventually hopes to fly corporate.

Jill Hopfenmuller, Long Island Chapter Secretary/Treasurer, attended the New York-New Jersey Section meeting at Hamilton Airport (VGC), Hamilton, New York. Long Island Vice Chair Naraline Coqk was the recipient of the NY-NJ Section Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship. This Section award is given to one of our members who applied for the International AE Scholarship, progressed forward but was not chosen for the award in the current year.

Mae Smith attended FAA Safety Seminars at Mid-Island Air, Long Island, MacArthur Airport in April and May. She handed out information about The Ninety-Nines and also promoted the Long Island Chapter and our Scholarship Fund for student pilots.

— Patricia J. Rockwell



From left, Long Island Chapter members Patricia Ohlsson, Diane Fisher, recipient of Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, with Ginger Adelstone, Membership Chairman of the Florida Heartland Chapter

HAMPTON ROADS CHAPTER

One might think the Hampton Roads Chapter is jinxed when hosting the Mid-Atlantic Section meeting! Our previous hosting opportunity in 2013 was cursed with zero-zero weather for the entire weekend, so many of our registrants cancelled.

Although in April 2018 we had good weather, we had to endure the results of a horrific automobile accident which happened on the road right in front of our host hotel. The accident knocked a transformer off its concrete pedestal and took out the

power to the hotel for 48 hours.

Cathy Prudhomme, our meeting's International Representative, arrived the evening it happened and had to endure darkness until she relocated to another hotel for the second night. Luckily, we had planned tours of NASA Langley and a Langley Air Force Base F-22 squadron. This took us away from the hotel all Friday afternoon and into the evening. We enjoyed our welcome party and dinner at the squadron's bar.

Everyone enjoyed the tours and had a chance to fly at least one of NASA's simulators; we also learned about NASA's project to develop an aircraft that will exceed the speed of sound but not cause a sonic boom.

After the party, we returned to the hotel to learn that power had still not been restored. Most of the attendees searched out another hotel, with some going home to spend the night with Chapter Chair Heron Weidner. Our business meetings were planned for the hotel the following morning. Still unsure of the power situation, Heron graciously offered her house for the meetings. We appreciated everyone's patience and flexibility. Even with all the unexpected hurdles, we received a number of kudos for the weekend!

— Linda Mathias



Left, Peggy Doyle, Old Dominion Chapter, and Lauren Brenneman, Maryland Chapter, fly a NASA simulator while attending the Mid-Atlantic Section meeting.

GRASS ROOTS

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

The Tennessee Chapter met in March at the Jacksboro Airport for a tour of the LifeStar Rescue helicopters, which was hosted by Lisa Thomas. Our meeting and luncheon were held at the Cove Lake State Park.

We are very excited to have two members, Elizabeth Keller and Jordan Cantrell, flying in the Air Race Classic. Good luck ladies!

The weather finally cooperated for our April meeting, allowing members to fly in or ride their motorcycles into KCSV for a discussion on scholarship fundraisers, future Compass Rose paintings and reaching out to current and prospective members. We were joined by friends and family, and all enjoyed various salads and desserts brought by our members.

The Tennessee 99s are busy planning future meetings and educational functions for women of all ages.

— Melisa Grissom



Tennessee Chapter members had an interesting tour of the Lifestar rescue helicopters based in Jacksboro, Tennessee.

CHICAGO AREA CHAPTER

The Chicago Area Chapter hosted another successful Girl Scout Aviation Day recently at Chicago Executive Airport. About 90 scouts and 50 parents and leaders attended. Over 20 Ninety-Nines, including four airline pilots, our reliable experts and enthusiastic new members, staffed the event. Exciting workshops covered the new “STEAM” subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Aviation is certainly all of that!

Jill Feldman chaired the event, with Ellen O'Hara in charge of registration. The presenters and their topics were: Communica-

tion, Mariko Doskow and Natalie Berman; Forces of Flight, Cynthia Madsen and Christine Oksas; Airplane Preflight & Controls, Madeleine Monaco and Kat Brenner; Navigation, Deena Schwartz and Lora Yowell; Women Flying through History, Sharon Schorsch and Donna Klein; and Aviation Careers, Carol Skiber.

Assisting some of the presenters were Rhonda Khabir and Eva Kozlowski. Karen Ballard and Shona Williams helped with registration and snacks for the scouts. Cynthia Florsheim and Linda Uznys attended to snacks for the adults.

— Diane Cozzi



Chicago Chapter Scouts, chaperones and Ninety-Nines.

BAY CITIES CHAPTER

Bay Cities Chapter was once again able to participate in Amelia Earhart Week at Amelia Earhart Elementary. We enjoyed spending time with third graders during “lunch with a pilot” where we answered aviation questions, spelling names using the phonetic alphabet and watching planes overhead that departed Oakland International Airport (OAK).

This was followed by getting together with 4th and 5th grade girls. Each of us shared one favorite thing about flying, and we showed a “Why Fly” video featuring two of our members.

The first Saturday in June was a beautiful day for our Poker Run. Fifteen planes stopped to pick up cards at four local airports before landing at Hayward (HWD.) There we enjoyed a BBQ sponsored by an FBO on the field and checked to see if our Poker hand was the winner. A fantastic time was had by all, and it was a successful fundraiser for our Chapter scholarship.

— Christine Malcomson-Young



Bay Cities members participate in Amelia Earhart Week at Amelia Earhart Elementary. From left, Maggie Cook, Wendy O'Malley, Joslyn Austin, Christine Malcomson-Young, Emily Stednitz, Louise Franco and Maria D'Amato.



Minnesota 99s paint a compass rose at Brainerd Municipal Airport (KBRD).

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

On May 25, Minnesota Chapter members completed a compass rose at Brainerd Municipal Airport (KBRD). Despite the heat, the team had a great time working together to finish the beautiful compass rose.

Thanks to Patti Sandusky, Sheila Gruba, Elaine Morrow, Sandra Walford, Cheryl Daml, Tracy Davenport and Trudi Amundson (pictured left) for all their time and effort. Great job!

— Robyn Stoller

ALASKA CHAPTER

The Alaska 99s participated in the 2018 Great Alaska Aviation Gathering held May 5-6. Now in its 21st season, this is Alaska's premier, must-see aviation event with nearly 300 exhibitors and 25,000 attendees. In our booth #99, our Chapter signed up new members and those interested in taking our Flying Seminar this spring.

Our scholarship winners are Taylor Heber, who won the Matsu, Alaska, \$1,800 scholarship, and Hannah Markwood, who won the \$1,500 Anchorage, Alaska, scholarship. We are raffling off an IPAD with Foreflight that funds the scholarship.

— Denise Saigh



Alaska Chapter members at the Great Alaska Aviation Gathering. From left, front row, Patty Livingston and Denise Saigh. Back, Tosha Cypher, Liz Thickstun, Melanie Bladow (visitor) and Kathy Trantum.

GRASS ROOTS

SPACEPORT CHAPTER

On Memorial Day, Spaceport 99s Sandy Parks, Donna Wilt, Isabel Prado and Bobbi Lasher, below, remembered two local women who had served in the WASP during WWII. These special women, Carolyn Culpeper Miller and Geneva (Gene) Black Scharlau, are interred in the Florida Memorial Gardens in Rockledge, Florida.

The four Ninety-Nines met at the cemetery office to find out exactly where their heroes were. They then went to each site, left flowers and an American flag with the word WASP on it. Since it appeared there were no family in the area to care for the burial site, The 99s decided they will return another day to do some maintenance and cleanup work.

Carolyn has her WASP Congressional Gold Medal (or a replica) on her nameplate, but due to weather, it is almost impossible to read. The 99s will try to correct that!

— Bobbi Lasher



Spaceport Chapter members Donna Wilt, Sandy Parks, Bobbi Lasher and Isabel Prado visited the WASP gravesites. They are standing next to Carolyn's plaque.



WEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER

The West Virginia Chapter 99s recently hosted the Brownie Troop. They toured the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport (PKB), and got a close-up look at a Trimotor plane, several other aircraft and emergency equipment.

— Evy Bryant



Indiana Dunes members held their June meeting at Elkhart Airport (KEKM). From left, back row: Cindy Sigrist, Jessica Richardson, Janice Welsh, Margaret Wint, Marcia Forcey, Diana Austin and Mary Kohn. Front row: TJ Shaum, Marilyn Horvath and Hope Johnson.

INDIANA DUNES CHAPTER

Thirteen members and guests had a 'heart-filled' lunch in February at our Galentine's Fly-in at Griffith Airport (05C). We welcomed our newest student pilot, Grace Assan. Grace is from South Africa, here on a visa to obtain her commercial certificate.

In April, we convened at Elkhart Airport (KEKM). TJ Shaum and Marilyn Horvath arranged for our speaker, Phil Miller, who is an Air Force veteran. Miller served in Saudi Arabia and taught the Saudis how to fly the planes they purchased from the U.S. He also shared the history of the A-6 and the technology that was available in the 1960s, replete with moving maps, computers for calculating wind drift and more, all for dropping bombs with accuracy.

Later in April, Eagle Aircraft FBO at Porter County Regional Airport hosted an open house. Janice Welsh, Marcia Forcey, Keegan Starkey, Jessica Richardson and Diana Austin participated in this event.

The Spring NCS meeting was held May 4-6 at Kalamazoo Airport (AZO). Chair Margaret Wint, Vice Chair April Graham, Hope Johnson, Mary Kohn and newly elected Section Vice Governor Janice Welsh were delegates.

Region Flyers, a local flying school in Valparaiso, Indiana (KVPZ), brought out the public for airplane rides on May 19. Indiana Dunes member Meredith Malczewski, CFI, flew many excited passengers on their first small aircraft flight.

Congratulations to Jessica Ellen Richardson for completing her CFI through the Amelia Earhart Scholarship Award.

— Diana Austin



International Forest of Friendship Needs a Few Good Women

By Ellen Herr, International Forest of Friendship Vice Chair

Please join us for the 42nd Induction Celebration at the Forest of Friendship to be held on September 21-22 in Atchison, Kansas. In addition to the cocktail party and honoree induction, a special ceremony will be held to dedicate a plaque and tree to Mr. and Mrs. George Putnam.

This summer's induction will mark the Forest's 42nd anniversary with the theme of "Security and Solace through Flight." This theme emphasizes the contributions of aviators and aviation enthusiasts in organizations such as Angel Flight, Missionary Flight International, Pilots n Paws, Light-hawk and the military.

Improvements being made on the grounds include construction of a permanent handicapped accessible bathroom facility that should be completed late this summer.

The Forest is looking for 99s to volunteer to help guide the organization into the 21st century by joining the Forest Committee. Forest co-founder Faye Gillis Wells was also a charter member of The 99s, so the two organizations share a unique history. The grounds are a living, growing memorial to the aviators and aviation enthusiasts, including many 99s.

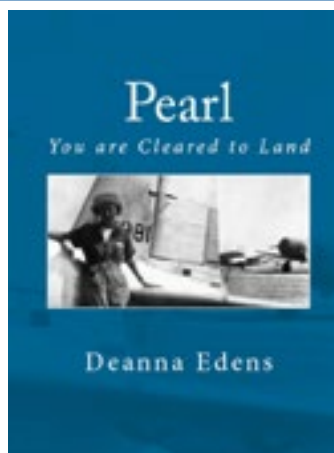
If you are interested in working to strengthen connection between these two organizations, please contact me at elherr88@gmail.com for more information.

See you in September!



Above, Paradise Coast Chapter members Terry Carbonell, left, and Ellen Herr visits the stone of WASP Bee Haydu, who was inducted into the Forest in 2016. Her stone, left, was placed in the section for the State of Florida, whose tree is the Cypress.

Terry and Ellen hold photos of Bee, one in her service uniform and one in her dress uniform in later years.



Have you ever heard of The Pearl of Alaska? How about The Hillbilly Eskimo? Well, her name is Pearl Bragg Laska Chamberlain and this is a story about her and her family and friends. To be more precise many of these stories *are* hers—authentic memories written by an amazing woman. Pearl was the first woman to fly her own plane from the Lower 48 up the Alaska Highway to Alaska. She worked as a flight instructor, bush pilot, cryptographer for the Pentagon, flew in five Powder Puff Derbies, and was also a WASP trainee and famous "99er." Pretty impressive, eh?

Pearl is available in paperback and on Kindle at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

LETTERS

Thank You, Bobbi

I read the recent article in the *Ninety-Nines* magazine about your project to archive *The 99s News*, and I just wanted to say thank you.

The archives have been instrumental to me in my search for Los Angeles Chapter history. As you may know, we recently revived the LA Chapter. Unfortunately, much of our history was lost with the death of prominent Chapter members, so it has been a struggle to find any history of our 86-year-old Chapter.

Alice Talnack, our SWS Governor, went to Oklahoma City and sent me an oral history that had been archived, but it wasn't much. However, back in January, I searched through every single 99s *News* online for Los Angeles, Palms and LA-Palms. Through that, I was able to piece together quite a significant historical record of our Chapter's activities and successes.

For instance, I learned that one of our Chapter members designed the compass rose logo! And, I found documentation on the Palms to Pines Air Race winners each year. I am so grateful for your hard work and hadn't realized how timely this was for my Chapter until I saw the article in this issue. You've done a great service to the organization.

P.S. I also saw an interesting article about the beginning of the Civil Air Patrol, which I printed and took to my local Squadron. So much beautiful history is documented in these! I really can't express that enough.

— Kate Scott, Chairman
Los Angeles Chapter

Thank you, Bobbi! What an incredible project you have done for us. It is really fabulous to learn about all the great things we did as women pilots over the years!

— Los Angeles Chapter
Southwest Section

Nicole Is an Inspiration

I always find the *Ninety-Nines* magazines interesting and do read them. However, this latest issue I read cover to cover in one sitting! Loved it all. Especially about Nicole Bringolf. Love that she is signing "I love you" on the cover. My family uses the sign all the time.

Thank you. I know a *lot* of work goes into each issue.

— Marge Shaffer
Old Dominion Chapter

I enjoyed the last issue of *Ninety-Nines* magazine very much. It was very motivating to hear about the members with disabilities who fly. I think it was one of the best issues ever.

— Nancy McCurry
Keystone Chapter

NEW HORIZONS

This 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:

Meigs Kirkendall Adams, Lake Erie Chapter, April 20, 2018
Dorothy Llewellyn Allen Flynn, Sacramento Valley Chapter, April 22, 2018.

Sue Halpain, Oklahoma Chapter, June 5, 2018.
Jim Hansen, 49½ of Edna Hansen, All-Ohio Chapter, May 18, 2018.

Jeanne McElhatton, Santa Clara Valley, May 14, 2018
Carmen Modestino, 49½ of Linda, Oklahoma Chapter, May 30, 2018.

For obituaries, 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.

To read the full obituaries, go to www.ninety-nines.org/new-horizons.htm.



Our most recently enlisted Friends of The 99s

Michael Bacinski, Salt Lake City, UT
Jason Brown, Colorado Springs, CO
Tyler Caparoni, Devon, PA
Robert Carlson Jr, Newport, NC
Mike Clark, Spring, TX
Michael Dehner, Chesapeake Beach, MD
Bert Elam, Winnipeg, MB Canada
Andrew Fichtner, Winnipeg, MB Canada
Brent Fleming, Columbus, MS
Kiana Gilbert, Frederiksted, VI
Stormy Gordon, Christiansted, VI
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September 29, 2018

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