



Ninety-Nines

Inspiring Women Pilots Since 1929

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forever leaving
a tailwind
of Inspiration
p.10**

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Conference attendees Margot Cheel, left, and Jeanne Pierce explore the top deck of the Spirit of Pennsylvania prior to the Dinner Cruise, where they enjoyed a perfect view of the fireworks display.



Fran Bera, who flew to New Horizons in February, left a legacy of inspiration for all those who will follow in her footsteps.



For the sixth year, women and girls experienced aircraft rides and other activities at the annual Women Can Fly-Virginia event.

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Alex Hrapunov

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During the International Conference, Col. Kathryn Hughes, left, was one of four 99s honored at the Awards Banquet for their accomplishments. Here Kathryn announces her nomination of Gene Nora Jessen, right, to the National Aviation Hall of Fame.



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Pat Schroeder, Ambassador Chapter Chair, was awarded the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award during The 99s Aviation Appreciation Dinner at Oshkosh in July.

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Hannah Smith, a student at LeTourneau University, was awarded this year's Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship. Offering congratulations is Susan Liebeler, International Fundraising Chair.



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The 99s Mission Statement

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

EVENTS

2018

OCTOBER

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.

8-10 Third Annual Havasu 600 Air Race, Don and Tookie Hensley Memorial Air Race. Details available on www.Havasu600.com.

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 ninetyninespc@gmail.com.

Note: *Ninety-Nines* magazine deadlines always fall on the first of the month prior to issue date, ie: **December 1** for January/February issue.



Happy racers and their fans pose just prior to the start of the first Havasu 600 Air Race in 2016. See above for the 2018 event.

2019

JANUARY

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

MARCH

22-24 South Central/North Central Section Meeting, Kearney, Nebraska. Deadlines: Hotel-March 1, Registration-March 8.

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.

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

New! AEMSFScholarship Date Changes

In response to requests from Chapter and Section AE Scholarship Chairs, the AEMSFScholarship Trustees have changed the application deadlines beginning with the 2019 Scholarships. The new schedule moves the Chapter and Section screening process out of the busy month of December and reduces the amount of time between application and award.

Applicant to Chapter or Section – January 1, 2019

Chapter to Section – January 15, 2019

Section to Trustees – February 5, 2019

Trustees' Finalists to Outside Judges – March 22, 2019

Results Announced no later than – April 15, 2019

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you are a 99, what did July hold for you? Fourth of July at the International Conference in Philadelphia that included the first 99s Career Expo, a flight up the Hudson River to see the Statue of Liberty, meeting 600,000 of your closest aviation friends in Oshkosh and more than 80 new and reinstated members.

Philadelphia was a perfect location to celebrate the Fourth of July. Many 99s cruised the Delaware River, enjoying dinner, music and a huge fireworks show. We also had the opportunity to "Fly the Hudson" from Philadelphia past the Statue of Liberty and up the Hudson Corridor.

We thank Chairs Mary Wunder and Barbara Little for an outstanding Conference.

A special thanks also goes to Juliet Lindrooth and Brittnei Latos for developing a very successful Career Expo. Many airlines and other aviation companies came to interview our members. We plan to make the Career Expo an annual event coinciding with our International Conference.

We celebrated our Amelia Earhart Scholarship and International Award winners at our Awards Banquet. Our days were packed with educational seminars, Patriotic Philadelphia Walking Tours, and a finale of seeing *Come From Away* on Broadway about pilot Beverly Bass's experiences

on 9/11/2001. Thank you, Mid-Atlantic Section, for an enjoyable and fun Conference!

Two weeks later, I was off to Oshkosh EAA AirVenture. I love meeting members from all around the world, and this is surely the place to do that! We signed up new members from the U.S., Canada, and Australia. We had over 400 (yes 400!) 99s come by the booth, sign in, and pick up their 99s backpack and "I'm a 99" pin. It was great to walk around Oshkosh and see so many 99s wearing their pin. Without the pin, I would not have known they were 99s!

The second annual 99s Aviation Appreciation dinner at EAA AirVenture was a huge success again. Tickets were sold out more than two weeks in advance. Lightspeed has been very supportive of our efforts, and CEO Allan Schrader gave an informative presentation on today's aviation topics. We topped off the evening by presenting The 99s 2018 Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship to Hannah Smith from Frisco, Texas.

Fall has started. I hope you have cool crisp days for your aviation adventures, on the ground and in the sky.

Choose to Soar! Choose to fly your Dreams!



Jan McKenzie
International President

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Fly Your Dreams!

Photos: Left, Jan, with new 99 Natalie Kelley, founder of the flyGIRL scholarship and logo for aviation apparel.

Below: Flying the Hudson Corridor with a standout view of the Statue of Liberty.



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HOLDING SHORT



Welcome New Italian Section and Governor Ciara O'Toole

We established the Italian Section about a month ago and have the minimum five members, so we're just getting going. I was inspired to organize an Italian Section after joining The Ninety-Nines at Oshkosh last year and meeting Ninety-Nines President Jan McKenzie. She told me there was no Italian Section. Now there is! I'm Irish but live in Lake Como, Italy. I'm a recreational pilot and earned my PPL on seaplanes on Lake Como, the oldest seaplane base in Europe. I did my wheels training in Weston airport in Ireland. So I have SEP land and SEP sea. I've written a book about my seaplane and other adventures on Lake Como, *Going Solo on Lake Como*.

— Ciara O'Toole

Rosella Bjornson Honored with Order of Alberta

Rosella Bjornson, West Canada Section Governor and Alberta Chapter Secretary, was awarded the Order of Alberta, the highest honour the province in Canada can give a citizen.



Rosella Bjornson was recently awarded the Order of Alberta, the highest honor for a Canadian citizen.

Her interest in flying started early as a young girl, sitting on her father's knee and holding the controls as he flew his Aeronca Champ. Her seventeenth birthday brought the gift of flying lessons. She juggled both University studies and flying lessons, ultimately earning her commercial licence and instructor, multi-engine and instrument ratings.

Transair, Canada's fourth largest airline, hired Rosella in April 1973 as first officer on a Fokker F28 jet. She was the first female first officer in Canada and also the first jet-qualified woman airline pilot in North America.

The East Canada Section of The Ninety-Nines celebrated Rosella Bjornson and her career with the 2014 postal stamp. It features Rosella as a newly hired Transair First Officer and also as a Canadian Airlines Captain.

Flight Training Industry Leader Named to CAP Board of Governors

Martha King, San Diego Chapter 99 member, has been appointed to the Civil Air Patrol Board of Governors. The Board moves CAP forward through collective decision-making to generate strategic policies, plans and programs designed to guide it both today and tomorrow.

"Martha King has an excellent reputation as an industry leader in innovative approaches to pilot training, and we're all delighted to welcome her to CAP's Board of Governors. The vision and experience she brings to our governing body are especially valuable as we increase our emphasis on flight training for our youth in response to the nation's ongoing pilot shortage," said Maj. Gen. Mark Smith, CAP national commander.

San Diego-based King Schools, Inc., founded by Martha in 1975 with her husband John King, develops and provides online courses for individuals interested in achieving all levels of pilot certification.

The Kings, both certificated flight instructors, launched King Schools as a traveling ground school that conducted two-day courses in various cities. About 10 years later, they created training videos for other flight instructors' use in presenting their courses. They subsequently moved to online training.

King and her husband were inducted into the International Air & Space Hall of Fame at the San Diego Air & Space Museum



Martha King brings her aviation instructional and business background to her recent Civil Air Patrol Board Appointment.

Photo: King Schools "Pilot Medicals and BasicMed Explained" online course.

in 2006. In 2003, she was honored by the First Flight Centennial Commission as one of the 100 Distinguished Aviation Heroes in the first century of flight and was also named as one of the "100 Most Influential Women in Aviation" by Women in Aviation International. Two years later, she received the National Aeronautic Association's Cliff Henderson Award for Achievement.

CAP Chapter Major Achievement Award Recognizes Donna Sommer

"At 84, flying has been my life," says 99 Donna Sommer. "The camaraderie among pilots, teaching, flying for fun and gathering experiences that cannot be measured all add up to a wonderful life."



Donna Sommer holds her 2018 EAA Chapter Major Achievement Award plaque at the 99s booth during Oshkosh.

Donna, her husband and two sons were active in the Seattle aviation community during the '70s. They joined EAA there, and Donna also joined the Greater Seattle Chapter 99s. After her husband's death, she and her sons moved to Sequim, Washington, where she joined EAA Chapter 430 in 1999.

An engineering draftsman by day, Donna also painted airplane portraits by night – and that's how she met her second husband, also a pilot. With 25 years of participating in Angel Flight and receiving numerous local awards for her services to the aviation community, it's no wonder Donna is being recognized once again.

She recently received the following notice: "It is my sincere pleasure to announce that you have been chosen as a 2018 EAA Chapter Major Achievement Award winner. Your years of hard work to contribute to the success of Chapter 430, your commitment to the local aviation community and your personal achievements are recognized. You are truly deserving of this award. You and other worthy award recipients will be honored at the 2018 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh Chapter Leaders Breakfast on Saturday, July 28 beginning at 8 a.m. in the Founders Wing at the EAA Aviation Museum. You will receive an EAA award plaque to take home."

Congratulations, Donna — well deserved!

By Dorothy Norkus
San Diego Chapter



FRAN BERA

Epitome of a 99



Top right, Fran had "Kick Ass" stenciled under the tail of her pink and white Piper Comanche that she flew until she was 91. Above, Fran in the hangar with her plane.

Although Ninety-Nine and legendary aviatrix Fran Bera flew to new horizons in February, her tailwind will forever be

imprinted in the sky that she so loved. Although greatly missed by the San Diego Chapter and all those touched by her, she left behind a legacy of inspiration for all who follow in her footsteps.

Fran was born on December 7, 1924, the youngest of eight kids from a poor Hungarian farming family in Ionia, Michigan. For over a year she saved her lunch money, and after she turned 16,

Fran hitchhiked to the airport and sought out a flight instructor. Her parents didn't even know she was taking lessons until she needed their signature to solo.

After graduation from high school in 1942, Fran was too young to join the Women Airforce Service Pilot program. When she was old enough, they had changed their height requirement to 5'4" and she was only 5'1". Since the WASP was not an option, she went on to secure her commercial pilot certificate, became a free-fall parachutist and ferried surplus aircraft after the war.

When the ferrying company she worked for went out of business, Fran got her flight instructor certificate and went to work for Gordon Bera Air Service in 1946. She and Gordon married the following year and relocated to California in 1951. She used to joke that he married her "to cut down on his overhead." They would later divorce, but she kept the name Bera.

Fran was one of the first female Designated Pilot Examiners and the youngest. In fact, she had to come back on her 24th birthday to receive her certificate since she took the exams prior to her 24th birthday.

During her long career, she gave over 3,000 checkrides and went on to be

certificated in helicopters, seaplanes, and balloons and earned her Airline Transport Pilot certificate in 1956.

During her long and storied general aviation career, she worked as a charter pilot and test pilot for Lift systems, where she became the first woman to fly a helo with no tail rotor. She was a flight school manager, aircraft saleswoman for Beech and Piper Aircraft and owner of Fran Bera Aircraft Sales in Long Beach, California. She even gave the moniker "The Duchess" to the BE-76 and earned \$150 for it!

In 1966, Fran set a world altitude record of 40,154 feet in a Piper Aztec — a feat she had to do twice when the recording device malfunctioned on the first try. Her record remains unbroken.

She also garnered many hall of fame inductions and accolades during her 70-plus years in the air, including being inducted into the San Diego Aerospace Museum Hall of Fame, the Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum and the Women in Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame.

She was named an "Elder Statesman of Aviation" by the National Aeronautic Association, received the Katherine B. Wright trophy and The Ninety-Nines Award of Achievement, to name a few.



Fran celebrating at Gillespie Field (KSEE) July 23.

**Her nameplate on
The 99s Museum of
Women Pilots Wall of
Wings was misspelled
as "Fran Bera —
Seven Time Sinner."
Fran refused to let
them change it.**



*Left, Fran in the pilot's
seat, where she most likely
could be found.*



Fran stopped logging time after 25,000 hours, but her favorite time aloft was spent when she was racing. She flew in the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR – also known affectionately as the Powder Puff Derby) 19 times and placed first an unequaled seven times. Her name plate on The 99s Museum of Women Pilots Wall of Wings with a nod to this achievement was misspelled as “Fran Bera – Seven Time Sinner.”

Fran refused to let them change it, saying, “I didn’t know I’d done it that many times!”

Additionally, she had four second place, one third place and one fourth place finish in the AWTAR. Fran also had more Palms to Pines All Women’s Air Race wins than any other pilot.

From 1996 to 2009, she won seven first place, four second place and one third place trophies. She placed with more top tier finishes than any woman in air racing history and was known to “boil the oil” as she raced at redline to the terminus.

Fran noted, “I really wanted to win and had that competitive spirit.” Apparently she did, because she had that tried and true formula for winning. Even still, she would share her tips and took many of her sister 99s with her on races.

Past President Pat Prentiss, who

At Fran’s memorial, her friend Gary Gobel spoke of his dream about her. “When I was asleep, her face came into my mind and I asked her, “Fran, where are you? What are you doing? Are you okay?” She responded, ‘I’m fine and doing well. I got a job.’ I said, “What do you mean you got a job?” She replied, ‘I’m up in heaven teaching angels to fly.’

raced with Fran and against Fran in later speed races, said, “Fran took her racing seriously, but the beautiful part was she never took herself seriously.” She believed in the pursuit of winning, but she also believed you had to have fun in the process.

Fran, an amazingly accomplished aviatrix, was, first and foremost, always a Ninety-Nine. She joined on December 6, 1948, and her continuous membership of 69 years was the 7th longest of any Ninety-Nine, including all but 11 of our

charter members. She was so supportive of any woman who wanted to fly. Fran personally paid the membership dues for dozens and dozens of women to join the organization. It didn’t matter whether they were in her local area or those she met abroad, she made it her mission to support and expand the sisterhood of The Ninety-Nines.

Fran was a true “Mama Bird” to so many fledgling aviatrixes. Her wishes to help student pilots will be honored and her legacy will live on through the San Diego Chapter Ninety-Nines Fran Bera Memorial Flight Scholarship.

She mentored so many aspiring pilots and encouraged their aviation dreams. If a member was on a budget, there was always a room to share or a ride in her airplane to a Section meeting or an International Conference.

When she bought her hangar home, she finished and furnished it with The 99s in mind, as a clubhouse of sorts, where they could gather.

Fran flew her pink and white Piper Commanche (with “Kick Ass” stenciled under the tail) until she was 91, when her declining health and the climb into the cockpit became a challenge.

At her Gillespie Field memorial, Fran’s dear friend and hangar neighbor, Gary Gobel, spoke of a dream he had about her. “When I was asleep, her face came into my mind, and I asked her, ‘Fran, where are you? What are you doing? Are you OK?’ She responded, ‘I’m fine and doing well. I got a job!’ I said, ‘What do you mean you got a job?’ and she replied, ‘I’m up in heaven teaching angels to fly.’” No doubt she is flying high once again!

After her second husband died of cancer, Fran wed Ted McLin in 1972. Of their coupling, she mused, “He lied and told me he liked airplanes, and I lied and told him I liked football.” They were married until he passed in 2016.

Donations to the Fran Bera Memorial Scholarship may be made to the San Diego Chapter of The Ninety-Nines, Inc., 8690 Aero Drive, Suite 115-26, San Diego, CA 92123 or online at <http://www.sd99s.org/scholarships.html>.



From left, front row: Heather McCully, Fran Bera and Tracy Ramm. Back row, Dorothy Norkus and Natasha Stenbock at the Wings Over Gillespie Airshow, 2010.

Women Can Fly-Virginia – at Six!

By Barbara Wilper, Old Dominion Chapter

For the sixth year, Women Can Fly-Virginia events were held across Virginia, sponsored by 99s Chapters, the Virginia Department of Aviation and the participating airports. These all-volunteer events provided complimentary aircraft rides and educational briefings and activities to more than 500 women and girls at the five events.

The briefings included, minimally, principles of flight, parts of the aircraft, instrumentation, and safety in the aircraft. Static displays of aircraft, informational displays, and other resources were available at the airports. Depending on availability at individual airports, there were simulators, tower tours, museums, and other activities.

This year's events were held at Shenandoah Regional Airport and Roanoke International Airport, each for the third time and sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley Chapter; Hampton Roads Executive Airport for the sixth time, sponsored by the Hampton Roads Chapter; Shannon Airport (Fredericksburg, VA) for the first time; and Warrenton Fauquier Airport for the sixth time, sponsored by the Old Dominion Chapter.

We know for sure (because they have become active 99s) that these events have inspired a new interest in flying, or rekindled a postponed interest, in participants. Perhaps as important is the familiarization of the public with the nature, function and importance of general aviation in the community.

*Photos by Alex Hrapunov,
event photographer for
the Warrenton Women Can Fly event.*



Greetings
from

PHILADELPHIA

99s International Conference 2019



Conference Chairs Barbara Little, left, and Mary Wunder welcome members to the 88th International Conference held July 3-8 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

My International Conference

*By Risa Altman
Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter*

The 99s International Conference in Philadelphia this year was an experience not to be forgotten. Mary Wunder and Barbara Little did an amazing job in chairing this huge event. Juliet Lindrooth was instrumental in launching the first, very successful, Career Expo. The DoubleTree hotel was a perfect venue and in an ideal Center City location.

Being a "First Timer," my plan was to get the very most out of every day I was there. I planned ahead and made a list of what I would be doing and when. There was so many great activities and seminars to choose from. So, I arrived on July 4th, checked in, found my room and

headed to work in the Hospitality Suite. Our Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter had a very strong presence, with Ginny Fanfera and Claudia Garner working wonders to make the Anne Shields Hospitality Suite the best out of all the Conferences we've attended. Hospitality was a warm, inviting space and a central meeting point where you could usually find someone if you were looking for them.

I headed to the Hudson River Tour Seminar given by Doug Stewart. Those of us who attended were able to get FAA Wings credit. It was fun to 'tour' the corridor by slides and commentary and learn the rules of the New York SFRA.

Due to the weather, there were unfortunately many pilots who ended up

grounded on the fly-out the next day.

The night of July 4th was the Spirit of Philadelphia cruise filled with a party atmosphere, good food, music and camaraderie enjoyed by all. It was a beautiful night with awesome views of the city, Ben Franklin Bridge, Battleship New Jersey and the SS United States. You could see fireworks exploding in the distance 360 degrees around you.

We were wonderfully surprised that we had first row seats to the show right in front of us on the Delaware River.

The next morning, I had the pleasure of introducing Juliet Lindrooth and attending her seminar, "Identifying Threats and How to Mitigate Them in General Aviation." She was a great speaker and

had a very attentive audience. This topic was especially interesting to me as a physician. Crew resource management techniques are finding their way into medical environments to increase patient safety.

Next up was the "First Timer Meet & Greet." There was a lot of enthusiasm as many played a bingo-like game that helped break the ice and start conversations. After a quick hour, we headed to see *Sweetwater*. First, Mary Wunder and Barbara Little came to the stage dressed as Betsy Ross and Benjamin Franklin, and they were a hoot!

Alison Chalker then introduced the play, which was a sampling of the new musical that tells the story of the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASP). Let me just say that we should keep this on our radar because it was fantastic and has the potential to be very successful! (Like, maybe Broadway?)

The Take-Off Welcome Reception was well attended. It was a Philly Fest! There were cheesesteak sliders, soft pretzel bites with mustard and Tastykakes, to name a few of the treats. An awesome surprise was a performance by a Mummers String Band. The Philly girls went wild strutting about. Linda Evans was happy to put on a fancy hat piece and do the Mummers Strut with the band.

The weather on Friday was not so great. A fly-out to Eagles Mere was planned, with a briefing at 7 a.m. By 0800 it was a no-go. However, there was not a lack of things to do. It was the day of the Career Expo.

A popular Conference tour was the Philadelphia International Airport (KPHL). To welcome the visiting 99s, the ATC tower, right, displayed photos of the first Ninety-Nines meeting on November 2, 1929.



In the early afternoon I attended Dr. Carol Christian's talk about NASA's Hubble space telescope, and she showed us some awesome photographs. She also introduced us to the James Webb telescope that will be launched in the not too distant future.

In Terry Carbonell's seminar about flying to the Bahamas, I was able to daydream about doing that myself someday.

Friday evening, a large group went to Gran Café L'Aquila for a delicious dinner. We discovered that the restaurant had a unique history and also made their own many-flavored gelato.

On Saturday morning, my alarm went off at 0550 so I could be at my Registration post, along with RJ McGlasson

and Judy Shaw, both Old Dominion 99s.

When the Annual Meeting began, I was awed by being in the company of so many amazing women. In this setting, I came to truly understand what an incredible organization I was part of. I had chills when I saw that Sarah Ratley and Gene Nora Jessen, two of the Mercury 13 women, were sitting just a row or two in front of me. I was proud that our Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter was involved in so many aspects of the Conference.

At noon, three groups of us toured the impressive Philadelphia International Airport (KPHL). A major highlight for me was touring the ATC towers – Approach Control and the American Airlines Ramp Tower. Being able to spend time meeting and speaking with the controllers was an invaluable educational experience. It helped take away much of the mystery of what goes on at the other end of the radio. We had amazing views of the runways, and the view of the city was beautiful.

The Amelia Earhart and Awards Banquet closed the week for me. The presentations were inspiring. Being star struck, I was able to get a picture with Gene Nora Jessen.

We were so fortunate to have had the Conference here in Philly, and I hope it will return again. In the meantime, I'll figure out how I can get to Dayton, Ohio, next year!



Ninety-Nines International President Jan McKenzie addressed the audience at the Conference business meeting.



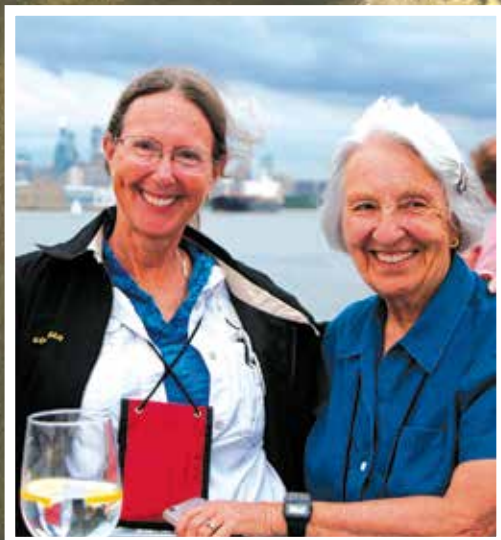
Sentinels Patricia Ohlsson, Stacey Budell, Zineb Lourigate and Marilyn Patierno on their way to the business meeting.

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Fireworks Over Philadelphia



Director Terry Carbonell, left, and Olga Mitchell enjoy the 4th of July dinner cruise.



Patricia Noonan and Julia Johanos perform songs from "Sweetwater," the untold story of the Women Airforce Service Pilots.



Jennifer Clarke, Jan McKenzie, Madi Haney and Veronika Knurenko.



The Mummers String Band entertained at the Take Off Welcome Reception.



Amelia Earhart Memorial Scholarship Fund recipients who attended the Conference gather for a photo.



Friends from around the world meet again: Gene Nora Jessen and Juliet Lindrooth.



Ninety-Nines officers, from left, Terry Carbonell, Robin Hadfield, Leslie Prellwitz, Cathy Prudhomme, Corbi Bulluck and Jan McKenzie.



Entertaining Conference attendees with a skit for next year's event in Dayton, Ohio are, from left, are Elaine Morrow, Paula Rumbaugh, Erin Bliss Thompson, Leslie Prellwitz, Margaret Wint, Kathy Hughes, Maria Lamia, and Kathy Lester-Ross.



The 99s 2018 Awards

Col. Kathryn Hughes, M.D.

Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation

Col. Kathryn Hughes, M.D. is the recipient of The Award of Achievement for Contributions to Aviation. This amazing woman served in the U.S. Air Force as a doctor and a pilot. Married with two sons, Col. Hughes is the only female pilot in the Department of Defense and USAF history to accumulate 3,400 military flying hours in over 25 aircraft that included fighters, bombers, helicopters and cargo aircraft.

She completed research on the project "Anthropometrics of Female Fighter Pilots: Impact on Cockpit and Flight Equipment Design," which had a huge impact on flight

safety for female pilots. She has been a mentor for U.S. Air Force Academy applicants and current cadets, as well as flight surgeons and residents in Aerospace Medicine.

Col. Hughes was the Deputy Director of the USAF Pilot-Physician Program, mentoring the current cadre of pilot physicians and selecting future applicants to the career field. She was also the aeromedical representative on the F-35 Physiologic Event Team, collaborating with government and industry representatives on investigation of physiologic incidents.

Col. Hughes was recognized as an expert in G-Induced Loss of Consciousness

(GLOC) and Accelerated Protection and has aggressively led the way for incorporating improved G-protection to mitigate aircraft mishaps and loss of life. Due to her efforts, full coverage G-Suits were implemented in F-15C and F-16 aircraft, resulting in a drastic decrease in GLOC rates and saving lives.

Retired from the Air Force this past year, Col. Hughes is employed by a British company researching and designing safe egress from fast, high flying jet aircraft. Her medical understanding of the human body, combined with a thorough knowledge of



Col. Kathryn Hughes, M.D.

aircraft limitations from her Air Force career, resulted in both medicine and aircraft research breakthroughs.

Elaine Morrow — Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts



Elaine Morrow.

This year's recipient of the Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts is Elaine Morrow. Elaine exemplifies humanitarian giving in her everyday life.

Throughout her life she has worked tirelessly for the advancement of the health and well-being of people in her local community, her state and beyond, especially through the avenue of aviation.

Elaine is a member of the Minnesota 99s Chapter, who nominated her in appreciation and recognition of her exceptional leadership, passion and energy to advance

aviation that significantly improves people's lives.

Elaine actively participates in Tree of Hope Inc., a non-profit organization that donates gifts to seriously ill, hospitalized children.

Along with EAA Chapters and other flying clubs, Elaine delivered toys with her plane to numerous hospitals from 1990 through 2016. In 2015, 2,400 toys were delivered.

Through her commitment and efforts, the number of toys delivered more than doubled to 5,000 in 2017. Thousands of hospitalized children had their spirits

lifted and hope renewed as a result of Elaine's dedication to this program.

Elaine joined other Minnesota 99s who flew blood donations for the American Red Cross on a weekly basis for several years until 1990, when more advanced methods were developed for the preservation of the blood.

Elaine also first participated in a Minnesota 99s undertaking that delivered daffodils for the American Cancer Society.

Elaine Morrow is truly deserving of the 2018 Award of Achievement for Humanitarian Efforts.

Tammy Duckworth

Award of Achievement for Contributions to The 99s

In 1982, Tammy Duckworth was living in Singapore, where she attended the Singapore American School.

After receiving her Army Reserves commission in 1992, Tammy selected helicopter pilot as her first-choice assignment. She finished in the top three of her flight class of 40 and became a Black Hawk helicopter pilot.

Tammy had been serving in Iraq and Kuwait for nearly a year when the Black Hawk she was copiloting was attacked by Iraqi insurgents on November 12, 2004. She lost both of her legs and partial use of her right arm.

Following her injuries, Tammy was promoted to major and awarded the Purple Heart. During her year's recovery time at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center,

she became an activist, advocating for better medical care for wounded veterans and their families.

While injured veterans are usually discharged, Tammy petitioned to remain on active duty, later switching to inactive duty when she started doing political work. In June 2006, she was working intermittently as an aviation safety instructor for the Illinois National Guard while also conducting her first Congressional campaign.

After losing her first Congressional race, Tammy became the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, serving from 2006 through the beginning of 2009.

While overseeing the state VA, she created a mental health hotline for sui-

cidal veterans and instituted the nation's first mandatory screening for brain injuries for all members of the state National Guard returning from service overseas.

President Obama appointed Tammy the Assistant Secretary of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs.

Tammy was elected to Congress in Illinois's 8th District in 2012. During her time in the House, she backed legislation to support veterans, working to pass the Clay Hunt Act, a bill aimed at reducing suicide among returning service members. She finally retired from the military in 2014.

In 2016, she was elected a U.S. senator, thereby becoming the first disabled woman



Tammy Duckworth

and the second Asian-American woman in the Senate.

She even got her wings back. In 2010, Tammy secured her license to fly a fixed-wing airplane. By 2014, she was flying helicopters again.

Tammy joined The 99s in 2003. She is a true inspiration to all Americans.

Linda Horn — President's Award

Linda Horn began contributing to The 99s at a Chapter level as soon as she became a member in 1976. She was the Treasurer and Webmaster for several decades.

Within a few years, Linda started using her skills and talents within her Section, including handling AV at business meetings. She is also the Section Webmaster and continually aids in the IT area.

Linda's efforts have been recognized by her Section. She was awarded the South Central Section Governors Award in 2016 and 2018.

She later started contributing her many talents on the International level of our organization. She has been

the E-Forum Administrator for many years and continues now as a GoogleGroups Administrator. Linda adds new and reinstating members to our GoogleGroups every month.

She has assisted in Headquarters Database updates over the years and also assists with the continuing changes that are needed to keep our International Website updated. She was the Headquarters Dispatch Editor for many years and now edits and publishes the International *Straight & Level*.

Linda is the technical A/V guru for the International Annual Meetings and Award and Scholarship Ban-

quets. She brings a high level of professionalism to our conference.



Linda Horn.

Due to her involvement throughout the organization, our President and many others have asked Linda for advice and guidance in current issues and new projects.

She will always step up and take on a project when something needs to be done. When a Section was unable to develop an International Conference Program, Linda stepped up and produced the program.

Linda embodies the best part of The 99s, giving of oneself to enable the mission of the organization. She has helped The 99s in so many ways for many years and is a special friend and advisor to many.

99s Career Expo 2018

I quickly double-checked my portfolio to make sure all my documents were in order. I spent the entire day before organizing and reorganizing my resumes, cover letters, copies of certificates and identification.

I had amassed 1,413.6 hours and was beyond ready to begin my career with the airlines. All the long days, irregular hours, hard work — it had all come to this. I smoothed over the black business suit I bought the week before, realizing I could potentially interview on the spot. I didn't quite know what to expect from The 99s' first Career Expo, nor did I know then that it would entirely change my path.

All my worries subsided when I stepped into the

conference hall. With these women, I felt like I belonged. Over breakfast, Dr. Karen Lawson gave us the guidelines for creating our own professional brand. Per her advice, I created my own 'elevator pitch' as I waited for the doors to open on the Career Expo.

There was only one airline I really wanted to talk to. Little did I know, my opinion was about to shift completely.

From the moment I stepped in, the room was buzzing with smiling faces, handshakes and chatter. All the representatives were welcoming and insightful. I easily spent a minimum of 30 minutes talking with each company.

Every airline had something unique to offer. They all had their own culture,

During the 99s Career Expo, Jacqueline Czyz talks with an American Airlines representative who informed her about the different Regionals that have a direct path to American.



guiding principles and very different set of bases. You could say they each had their own individual personality. My mind was starting to

I walked out of that Conference with a completely different perspective. I felt like I had options. I made it my mission to research and

“I recently interviewed with Republic Airlines and was hired the next day.”

A Trans States Airlines representative welcomes 99s to the company's Career Expo booth.



change, and I began to unveil my priorities.

I took a break to reassess by attending a talk on Resume Interview Prep by FAPA Aero. I learned what to do and what not to do in an interview and how to present my resume more effectively.

The Southwest Airlines Hiring Briefing helped me understand how to effectively prepare for the future. Through them, I gained a respect for exactly what the airlines are looking for in a potential employee.

Last up, the Professional Pilot Leadership Initiative (PPLI) alerted me to a fantastic mentoring program that I hadn't even known existed.

apply to all the airlines that hadn't previously attracted my attention. The 99s allowed me to go at it with all the rigor and confidence that came with the tools they provided.

I recently interviewed with Republic Airlines and was hired the next day. I started my training in September, and I couldn't be happier about it. I wouldn't have considered this before the Conference.

I'm so grateful that such an organization exists to bring women together and give them the tools they need to succeed. Thank you to all of The 99s who put this together. It truly opened up my horizons.

Nominees Invited to Apply for 2019 International Awards

By Phyllis Kollar, International Awards Chairman

The International Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for five prestigious awards to be presented by The Ninety-Nines, Inc. at the 2019 International Conference in Dayton, Ohio. The deadline for submitting nominations is **January 15, 2019**.

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

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

How to nominate: Submit a one-page letter, signed by two officers or trustees (as appropriate). The nomination must include the name, address, and telephone number of the nominee, or the nominee's next-of-kin, if the nominee is deceased. Up to three additional pages of substantiating material may be attached to the letter. One high resolution photo of the nominee must be included and local press release contact information. Send your nomination to International Headquarters in Oklahoma City to the attention of the Awards Committee. Nominations should be received by the deadline of January 15, 2019. Note: Previous nominees may be resubmitted.

Questions? Contact Phyllis Kollar, International Awards Chairman, 201-321-9350, phylliskollar@gmail.com.

Don't delay! Put a reminder deadline of December 31 on your calendars now so you won't miss the January 15 cutoff!



Attendees travelled from all over, including Australia, to attend the dinner.



Allan Schrader, CEO of Lightspeed Aviation, Teresa De Mers, Vice President, and Susan Liebler, 99s International Fundraising Chair.



From left, Kris Irvin-Herron, Bev Weintraub, Terry Carbonell and 99s International President Jan McKenzie.



Dinner guests listen to a presentation by Allan Schrader, CEO and founder of Lightspeed Aviation.
— Photos by Glenna Blackwell

99s Aviation Appreciation Dinner A Sold-Out Event Once Again!

By Glenna Blackwell, Connecticut Chapter

For the second year in a row, The 99s-sponsored dinner at AirVenture in Oshkosh was a resounding success. The dinner was held at the EAA Nature Center on the AirVenture grounds July 24.

The invited guest speaker was Allan Schrader, CEO and founder of Lightspeed Aviation. Allan spoke of the close re-

lationship between The 99s and Lightspeed. The generosity of Lightspeed over the years has been greatly appreciated. Allan's support was emphasized by the fact he was willing to speak to us just after having undergone knee surgery the week before.

The possibility of finding a bigger venue in 2019 is already being explored. Be sure to attend next July!



Congratulations to Pat Schroeder! Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award Recipient

Valerie G. Palazzolo, FAA Safety Team National Manager, and Jurg Grossenbacher, FAASTeam Program Manager at the Milwaukee FSDO, awarded the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award to Ambassador Chapter Chair Patricia Schroeder of Dallas, Texas, following Allan Schrader's talk. The award recognizes individuals who have exhibited professionalism, skill, and aviation expertise for at least 50 years of flying.

Pat learned to fly in the late 1960s while in college and followed quite an interesting career path, first instructing, then flying corporate. Later she joined the faculty of an aviation program at a community college.

Pat participated in the startup of Flexjet, which was a subsidiary of American Airlines. She then became an MD-80 simulator instructor. Before retiring, she was the manager of the Human Factors and Safety program at American.

Hannah Smith Receives Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship

By Susan Liebler, 99s International Fundraising Chair

The Karen Johnson Solo Scholarship provides funding for flight training through first solo and beyond to young women between 16-20 who want to learn to fly. The scholarship was established in 2013 in memory of Karen Johnson, the Ventura County Chapter chair who perished while flying frost patrol in California. The 99s received over 400 applications for this scholarship since it was established. Sixty-six enthusiastic young women with a passion for aviation applied for this year's scholarship.

The 2018 winner is 18-year-old Hannah Smith from Frisco, Texas. Introduced to aviation by her grandfathers' stories of building rockets and flying airplanes, Hannah took several aviation classes at LeTourneau University's local campus while in high school.

After training at McKinney National Airport in a Citabria this summer, she joined the freshmen class at LeTourneau University's Longview, Texas, campus to begin work toward a degree in Professional Flight. She hopes to perform with LeTourneau's competitive STING precision flight team.

Hannah was so excited to learn that she won the scholarship that she and her mother drove from Texas to Oshkosh to attend the 99s Annual Aviation Appreciation Dinner where we announced the scholarship winner. The scholarship was presented to Hannah by Lightspeed Aviation CEO Allan Schrader, the dinner speaker, and Lightspeed Executive Vice President Teresa De Mers.

To make sure she enjoys clear, crisp ATC communications during her training, they presented Hannah with an award-winning Zulu 3 aviation headset co-branded with the 99s logo. The 99s have been chosen as a participant in Lightspeed Aviation Foundation's newly announced Growth Initiative through which certain lucky aviation nonprofit scholarship winners receive Zulu 3 headsets to use during flight training.

Hannah also received a King Schools flight training course and an autographed set of Barry Schiff's aviation books.

The Solo Scholarship does not require prior membership in The 99s, which enabled us to extend our outreach to college aviation departments as well as to high school students. Each year dozens of applicants join The 99s.

The 99s are grateful to Lightspeed Aviation and the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation, the King Schools, Barry Schiff, Elliance and Ennect Event for hosting the Scholarship website, as well as the Ventura County Chapter for their support of the Solo Scholarship.

Thank you also to this year's judges Barry Schiff, Pat Prentiss and Judy McCarthy.



Hannah tries on the new Zulu 3 headset she received from Lightspeed Aviation.

Hannah was introduced to aviation by her grandfathers' stories of building rockets and flying airplanes.



Hannah proudly shows her King Schools flight training certificate.



Hannah with her biggest fan and Mom, Cindy Smith.

— Photos by Candy Smith

Cherokees2 Oshkosh



99s Prepare for Mass Arrival

The 99 line-up for Oshkosh's mass arrival: Cheryl Cooney flew the Piper Arrow (white wing), the Dakota (N543RR) was piloted by Mary McMahon, and the Archer behind Mary was flown by Jill Tallman and Glacier Xie.

By Cheryl Cooney, San Luis Obispo Chapter

The week before every Oshkosh, Cherokee pilots meet in Waupaca, Wisconsin, for formation flying training in preparation for their mass arrival into Oshkosh.

Members of the Cherokees2Oshkosh, including many 99s, are a welcoming group of like-minded pilots who are very dedicated to safety. The group had been on my radar for years before I finally decided to give it a try in 2015. I was apprehensive about the skill level of the other pilots I would meet and how would I, as a woman pilot, be accepted. Flying close to another aircraft is something that is taught to be avoided.

It all begins with a mini-clinic that is held throughout the country during the spring. There, each pilot is evaluated and qualified to join the main

group in Waupaca during final preparation for the mass arrival in July.

Mini-clinics host five to six aircraft. It is not until you reach Waupaca that you fully realize there will be 30-plus aircraft participating in the Oshkosh mass arrival.

At the clinic, veteran formation flyers renew their skills, newcomers learn the basics and progress throughout the weekend. At the outset, each new-to-the-group pilot flies with a safety pilot until they feel they have learned enough to go solo. Before any flying, there is a very thorough briefing.

Every stage of the flight is fully covered, from start-up, taxi, run-up, runway positioning take-off, actual formation work to the landing. After the 45-minute practice

flights, there is a thorough debrief. More time is spent in the classroom than on the flightline.

Throughout the experience, I was highly impressed with the skill level of the other pilots. They were serious minded, safety conscious and took the training and flying seriously. You fly at your own comfort level. If two wing lengths is too close for you, find the spacing that makes you comfortable.

The biggest benefit you will gain from the experience is skill building: you will get to know your aircraft better, sharpen skills in handling, speed control, taxiing and landing (have you ever landed with several other aircraft on the runway realizing that the aircraft behind you needs the pavement that you have just passed over?).

My concern at the time about being accepted as the only woman pilot was quickly put aside. I was accepted as a pilot. This year I was joined by several other woman pilots, and I hope that our number grows. The group is very welcoming.

While there are many friendships to be gained, the primary reason to consider joining Cherokees2Oshkosh is for the skill building. Everyone I've spoken to has had the same experience: they come from the group a better pilot and have a much deeper understanding of their airplane.

On the Saturday, when all 30-plus aircraft taxi for departure, the high point of all the work and concentration is when Oshkosh Tower says, "Cherokee Flight, clear to land on the yellow dot ... welcome to Oshkosh."

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99s participating in Cherokees2Oshkosh are Cheryl Cooney, San Luis Obispo Chapter, Mary McMahon, Coyote Country Chapter, Jill Tallman, Mid-Atlantic Chapter and Glacier Xie, Mid-Atlantic Chapter.



BY DONNA MILLER
International Careers Committee

Community

A true community is not just about being geographically close to someone or part of the same social web network. It's about feeling connected and responsible for what happens. Humanity is our ultimate community, and everyone plays a crucial role. —Yehuda Berg

With all the summer flying activities coming to a close, I look back and realize I had the most joy in those I participated in with my female friends. Not to say I don't enjoy "being one of the guys" when I am the only one representing the six percent, but I realize how different the dynamic is when I'm surrounded by women in the aviation world. I don't feel like I need to "hold my own" the way I do with the guys, and I feel the amazing mutual support of my female friends.

At Oshkosh this year, Heather 'Lucky' Penney spoke at the Women's Power Lunch. Heather was one of the F-16 pilots tasked

with bringing down United Flight 93 before it reached Washington D.C. during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

In her talk, Heather spoke of community and how important it is for all of us to support each other to reach the tipping point of 30% of women in any organization. At 30% women, the collective IQ of an organization increases substantially. Companies, clubs and groups get better when they reach that threshold. So why, when Emily Warner first flew for a major airline 45 years ago, are we still at just 6% of the commercial pilot population?

Could we be supporting each other better? I think we do a pretty good job of awarding scholarships and mentoring programs to help women succeed in aviation. We gladly reach down and offer help to those coming up the ladder behind us. One thing Heather mentioned was giving a little boost to those ahead of us, and that got me thinking.

When was the last time you reached

out to one of your role models and told them how much you admire them for what they have done? Or to a flight instructor for providing a great lesson? It can be intimidating, looking up from the base of the pedestal we have them on to say, "You made a difference in my life." Who are we to reach out to them? And the answer is, who are we not to?

What I saw this summer is that we are surrounded by greatness. To support each other, we need to encourage both the ones coming up behind us and also our shining stars to shine even brighter, for they are lighting our way. I feel an overwhelming sense of gratitude for the women who are sharing this journey with me, and I'm proud to be part of this sisterhood of women pilots who inspire me.

To the student pilots and astronauts, weekend warriors and flight instructors, military, civilian, corporate, airline, fixed wing, rotor wing and more, thank you.

MILESTONES

Correction: The July/August milestone for Madison Perry was incorrect. It should have been listed as: Madison Perry, Private, SEL, NOLA.

Lesli Bandy, Private, Fly Now Award recipient, San Diego
Cindy Ferek, Multi-engine, Shenandoah Valley
Alana Fisher, Solo, Sarasota Ladybugs
Kathleen Fredette, Private, Glider Antelope Valley
Sandy Gurley, Private Sarasota Ladybugs
Victoria Hodges, Commercial ASEL Hampton Roads
Yukari Kane, Private, Bay Cities
Zenda Liess, 5,000th Checkride FAA DPE, Kitty Hawk

Emily Lukowski, Private, Connecticut
Lisa Mannina, Commercial, NOLA
Joelle Petersen, FAA CFI Checkride, Paradise Coast
Nina Piskareva, CFI
Kitty Hawk
Leanza Rose, Solo, Redwood Coast Flyers
Gabriella Roude, Private SEL, NOLA
Dessie Scott, Private, Katahdin Wings
Lee Stallings, Solo, Tennessee
Michele Sonier, Instrument, NOLA
Arianna Strand, Instrument, Connecticut
Allyson Tanzer, Instrument, Sarasota Ladybugs
Hailey Truax, Instrument, Reno High Sierra
Bev Weintraub, Tailwheel, Greater New York
Sarah Wolfe, Tailwheel, Eastern Pennsylvania

Leanza Rose, Redwood Coast Flyers, completed her first solo on August 5.



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

GRASS ROOTS

PIKES PEAK CHAPTER

Pikes Peak Chapter had a busy summer, beginning with hosting the South Central Section May 3-5.

On June 2, four members volunteered to “woman” a table and represent the Chapter at Armed Forces and First Responder Appreciation Day at the Pueblo Weisbrod Aircraft Museum.

July 7 marked the Chapter’s hot air balloon event. At the Section banquet, Diane Rose won a ride in Patsy Buchwald’s and Ken Tadolini’s balloon. Several members volunteered to crew for the early morning flight.

On July 14, after months of weather cancellations, the Pikes Peak Chapter made a successful fly-out to visit Carhenge, near the city of Alliance, Nebraska (KAIA). Carhenge is a replica of England’s Stonehenge but created with cars. Four planes made the trip. It was a great experience for our low-time pilots. Carhenge and the other car art displays were fantastic.

We signed “Pikes Peak 99s” on the autograph car. After a satisfying lunch, we fueled up and headed back. We managed to avoid the typical afternoon thunderstorms and landed safely back at Colorado Springs.

— Sarah Byrn Rickman



Pikes Peak Chapter members autographed one of the cars on display at Carhenge. From left, Caitlin Walton, Zoan Harclerode, Sarah Tobin, Megan Szewczyk, Di Gillings, Bekki Manville and Megan Clegg.

SARASOTA LADYBUGS CHAPTER



Sarasota Ladybugs members, from left, Jennifer Matasy, Sandy Gurley, Andrea Jauschneg, scholarship recipient Kritika Vincent, Elina Lunin, Allyson Tanzer and Cherileigh Dawson.

After almost two years since incorporation, the Sarasota Ladybugs Chapter charter certificate found an official home at the Sarasota-Bradenton International Airport.

We recently met with the Sarasota airport authority. We are working together on a few projects at the airport, including a traveling Women Aviators of Florida Exhibit coming soon to the airport, painting a compass rose, and holding a Career Exploration for local high schools.

Kritika Vincent is the recipient of our first scholarship since we formed in November 2017. The scholarship will help her finish the required hours for her ATP.

— Elina Lunin

CHINA SECTION

On March 8, we were invited to attend the establishment ceremony for the female pilots branch of China Airline Pilots Association (CAPA), the most official Chinese pilot organization directly supervised by the Civil Aviation Administration of China.

Three 99s members, Ida Zhang, Saki Chen and Wenyu Fu, presented at the ceremony and gave speeches about the history and practice of The 99s to prompt aviation culture and help female pilots. Ida Zhang was appointed secretary, and Saki Chen was appointed vice president of the female pilot branch of the China Airline Pilots Association. We will work with them to promote aviation culture and spirit, as well as to encourage and help female pilots in the future.

On April 28, two members, Saki Chen and Ida Zhang, were invited to attend and gave speeches in the Circumnavigator Gala held by Earthrounders, AOPA China and Zhengzhou International Air Expo. Saki Chen, as the only Chinese female representative, was granted the first medal of circumnavigator award at the event.

— Evelyn Liu



Saki Chen



Ida Zhang

GRASS ROOTS



Air Race Classic Terminus Chair Brenda Thibodeau with her grandsons (left) welcome racers Gabriella Lindskoug, center, and Jordan Cantrell.

KATAHDIN WINGS CHAPTER

The Katahdin Wings Chapter was honored to be selected as this year's Terminus Hosts for the Air Race Classic. Though it was a hard-fought race with Mother Nature taking the upper hand and forcing lots of last minute changes to the race route, 33 teams finished the race, and the race teams found their way to Eastern Slope Regional Airport (KIZG) in Fryeburg, Maine.

There, the Katahdin Wings Chapter and many members from the Connecticut and Eastern New England Chapters were on hand to cheer and warmly welcome the racers.

A full weekend of activities was planned, from a Friday night barbecue buffet set at the beautiful pastoral grass strip owned by Air Race Classic Terminus Chair Brenda Thibodeau, to a busy Saturday Open House, Hiring Fair and Aviation Youth Event at Eastern Slope Regional Airport. It was topped off by a grand Awards Banquet at the scenic Red Jacket Resort in North Conway, New Hampshire.

Over four years of fundraising and planning by the Katahdin Wings Chapter, with assistance from New England Section members, brought us all closer as we diligently worked toward a common goal of giving the air race teams a memorable visit to New England.

— Lori Plourd

TREASURE COAST CHAPTER

On August 4, the Treasure Coast Ninety-Nines had a meeting at the Siboney Lodge in Okeechobee, Florida, to celebrate our second anniversary. Even though this awesome place is located in the middle of nowhere, many members and friends attended. We appreciate Marcy Lannon and Jeff Woodward arranging for this great place to hold our celebration.

Lisa Drew and Dave Kraft shared their experiences of Angel Flights. These interesting flights have given them a sense of helping and sharing. The trips require two pilots, and since both Lisa and Dave are not always available, they have names to contact when flights need a co-pilot. The pilots would be able to log time and share the experiences. Lisa is our newest Treasure Coast 99.

Our silent auction brought in \$247.25 to add to our scholarship fund. We are now ready to offer our first scholarship. Lots of fund items were donated by members and friends, including an AC cylinder lamp, bottle openers with TC 99s logo, airplane shirt, NetJet glass set, books by our 99 Sharon Menear and lots more items.

Recently we had four banners made by Nancy Rice to be used at events when we have young people wanting a picture with a banner. We discovered there would be challenges setting them up, and we learned how to do it safely. We're looking forward to having the girls take pictures with the banners at the Girl Scout Aviation Patch Program in Stuart on September 23.

Treasure Coast 99s was chartered July 2016 with 13 members. Today we have 40 members and growing.

— Ruth Jacobs



Treasure Coast Chapter members celebrate their second anniversary at the Siboney Lodge in Okeechobee, Florida.

GRASS ROOTS



Sue Royce with some of the Girl Scouts attending the Marin County Chapter Aviation Badge class.

MARIN COUNTY CHAPTER

Marin County 99s helped 24 local Girl Scouts earn their Aviation Badge during a two-hour class given by Marin 99s Barbara O'Grady and Sue Royce. The class included the principles of aerodynamics, reading a flight sectional, preflight of an airplane, traffic patterns at an airport, jobs available in aviation and requirement for obtaining a pilot certificate.

We had a great lunch afterwards in Sue's hangar. There's a good chance we will be seeing many of these young girls in a few years for flight training, as they seemed very excited about the idea of flying an airplane.

— Sue Royce

TENNESSEE CHAPTER

The July meeting of the Tennessee Chapter took place at the Sky Ranch Airport in Knoxville. The members and many friends and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and a very interesting and informative program by the Tennessee Seaplane Co. of Knoxville. They had 172 floats plus instructors for lessons and rides.

We were joined by two pilots who brought their personal airplanes. One was a Lake amphibious airplane with a 180 HP and the other was a Lake Renegade with a 250 HP. Both pilots graciously shared their aircraft.

We participated in a Splash-In on Douglas Lake in Dandridge on August 11. Our September meeting was held at the Gatlinburg Pigeon Forge Airport for the Planes and Porsches Fly/Drive-In. This is part of the monthlong Fly Tennessee promotion by the Tennessee Airport Association.

In October, painting a compass rose at the Dalton, Georgia, airport (DNN) is on our agenda. In November, we will meet at the Shelbyville airport and then attend the Tennessee Aviation Hall of Fame Gala to support two of the inductees, Ruth and Ferris Thomas. Ruth was one of the Tennessee Chapter charter members in 1940, and she was the first female air traffic controller in the United States.

Next year we have much more planned, including another Pilot Companion class and a Girls Fly 2 aviation day for girls 8-16. And speaking of girl power, our member Colleen Whitehouse won

a Virginia Jacket for flying to every airport in Virginia (66) and visiting four aviation museums, one safety seminar and one fly-in.

Our Chapter also had two teams participate in the Air Race Classic 2018, and member Elizabeth Keller earned her CFI.

We're also pleased that in just a year our Chapter membership jumped from 29 members to presently 39 members – and climbing!

— Martha Miller



From left, Lisa Loyd and Barbara Lewinski with the plane's owner, Ron Gabler in green shirt, and an unidentified friend.

OREGON PINES CHAPTER

Summer in the Pacific Northwest is a favorite time of year for outdoor activities, and Oregon Pines 99s opened the 2018 season surrounded by our planes on a “Camping with Your Airplane” Chapter meeting. Nineteen 99s gathered at Albany Municipal Airport in June, setting up camp chairs, tents and camp stoves to cook an aviation-theme dinner surrounded by our planes.

After dinner, we had a slide presentation on some of our favorite airports to camp, summer fly-ins, aircraft performance, short/soft/rough field takeoffs and landings, and weather patterns of the Northwest.

In preparation for flying to the world’s largest airshow, Shelly Reasoner gave a presentation on routes, things to see and do along the way, and arrival procedures at AirVenture in Oshkosh for our Chapter meeting in July.

For more fun in August, we kicked off the week of the Wings Over Willamette Fly-In at Independence State Airport with a 99s potluck picnic at the airport. Fifteen Chapter members then participated in presenting a Flying Companion Seminar during the weekend event.

—Debra Plymate



Oregon Pines Chapter members enjoy “Camping With Their Airplane” at Albany Municipal Airport.

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER

On June 12, the Orange County Chapter held its Pilot of the Year Banquet. The incredibly talented recipients were Karen Vaughn, Pilot of the Year, and Diane Myers, Professional Pilot of the Year, both receiving their awards from Amy Davis.

The banquet was also the setting for the second year of awarding the Chapter’s Eleanor Todd Aviation Scholarship to three outstanding women. Andrea Garcia, Fullerton Chapter, is working on a helicopter add-on rating to enhance her already impressive list of accomplishments with the goal of becoming a CFI. Cindy Santoso, originally from Indonesia, is working to obtain her PPL, with the support of her fellow members of the Long Beach Chapter. Mindy Nye, Ventura County Chapter, received her helicopter PPL in 2017. She will use her award to complete her instrument rating, with the goal of becoming a Life Flight pilot for Los Angeles Children’s Hospital.

— Shirley McFall



From left, Scholarship Committee member C.J. Jensen-McMullin with scholarship winners Andrea Garcia, Cindy Santoso and Mindy Nye.

GRASS ROOTS

LONG ISLAND CHAPTER

June started with the Annual Pancake Breakfast at the Bayport Aerodrome grass strip on Long Island. JC Follender, along with her Long Island CAP cadet squad, helped to organize the event and recruit cadets to work with the Bayport Aerodrome Society (BAS). JC, as in most years, had the task of mixing the pancake batter, assisted by Jerry Monachio.

Other senior CAP members served as advisers and/or chaperones, since CAP regulations require seniors to accompany cadets at public events. CAP cadets directed traffic and parking, assisted visitors and safeguarded the airplanes on display.

Our June meeting, held at The Islip Diner, was attended by seven Chapter members. Earlier in the day, Mae Smith and JC Follender attended the FAA Safety Seminar at Mid Island Air.

Six Long Island Chapter members attended the International Convention in Philadelphia. Most came by the ground route including Nancy Neumann, Chair; Naraline Coqk, Vice Chair; Jill Hopfenmuller, Secretary-Treasurer; Mae Smith and Diane Fisher.

Patricia Ohlsson came by air accompanied by Marilyn Patirerno, NY-NJ Section. Their trip to Philadelphia took 2 days with 7½ hours flying time; the return trip was 3 days, 6½ flying time. Despite a weather-related layover going home, Pat proclaimed it as “a lovely flight.”

— Patricia J. Rockwell



Long Island Chapter member JC Follender gets help mixing the pancake batter from Bayport Aerodrome Society member Jerry Monachio.



Paradise Coast 99s hosted the Southeast Section Spring meeting.

PARADISE COAST CHAPTER

In April at Sun 'n Fun, Paradise Coast 99s hosted the SE Section meeting. We had a great meeting and had many people thankful for the opportunity to attend both events simultaneously.

Paradise Coast 99s is proud to have been the host of the inaugural flights of the Let's Fly Now! program in May. Volunteer pilots flew to Alabama and then flew 71 first time flyers with the hopes that many will “take the plunge” and also learn to fly.

Congratulations to Michelle Estevez who received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Colorado in May. Mi-

chelle will be returning to Florida and getting back into flying soon. Terry Carbonell, Life Member and current Treasurer of the Paradise Coast 99s, was elected to be a Director on The 99s International Board.

Paradise Coast 99s are also proud to offer apparel merchandise for sale. All proceeds will benefit the Wings Over Paradise Scholarship fund, which has been increased to a \$2,000 scholarship. Merchandise inventory and images can be found at <https://www.ninety-nines.org/chapter-sale-items.htm?C=Aviatrix%20Fashions>.

— Lisa Hannon

NOLA CHAPTER

The NOLA Chapter was very busy this spring and summer. On April 7, five members of the NOLA Chapter, Shayla De La Rose, Lisa Mannina, Erin Seidemann, Gabby Roude and Nanette Colomb, plus one 49½, had a tour of the tower at Lakefront Airport (KNEW) and the tower/TRACON at Louis Armstrong International Airport (MSY).

On April 27, Janet Gonzales hosted 115 local school children on a field trip to Louisiana Regional Airport (KREG) in Gonzales, Louisiana. Each of the children was given an aviation coloring book supplied by the Kitty Hawk Chapter. Julie Jones and Faith Alexander helped provide an experience the children will never forget.

On July 23-27, we hosted six high school students for the Louisiana Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp at Louisiana Regional Airport (KREG). The course is designed to focus on the knowledge needed for the private pilot ground school. During lunch hours, special guest speakers came to share details of their careers ranging from commercial pilot to airport management to ATP. The week culminated with flights to Baton Rouge (KBTR) airport and communication with ATC.

Madison Perry, one of our newer private pilots and Fly Now



Above, 99s Julie Jones, Maddy Boudreau (Fly Now Award recipient), Alyssa Carson, Madison Perry, JoAnn Dawson and Sigrid Allenstein hosted six high school students at the Louisiana Aviation Career Education (ACE) Camp, Louisiana Regional Airport (KREG).

Award recipient, was part of the camp staff. Another member, JoAnn Dawson, put her ground instructor training to good use. Janet Gonzales, KREG airport manager, was on hand to talk about her career.

— Karen Weldon



Laurie Peake (Dallas), Angela Drabek (Oklahoma), Wyvema Startz (Oklahoma), Elaine Regier (Oklahoma), Darisa Laurens (Dallas), Kay Alley (Dallas), Marla Eisenberg (Dallas), and Leona McGee (Oklahoma).

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER

The Oklahoma Chapter hosted an afternoon lunch with the Dallas Chapter in Oklahoma City. Following the lunch, they toured the 99s Museum of Women Pilots.

— Angela Drabek

GRASS ROOTS

MAT-SU VALLEY CHAPTER

Mat-Su Valley Chapter members spent two hours on July 27 airmarking the word KENAI at the Kenai airport. Participating were 99 Patty Livingston, 49½ Jim Woodley, 99 Dianne Denson and 49½ Myron Denson.

— Denise Saigh



Patty Livingston, left and Dianne Denson.



Sitting: Tracy Davenport; Back row: Deb Thompson, Sheila Gruba, Majel Baker and Carmen Kivisto. Front row: Cheryl Daml and Holly Latcham, Maryanne Williams, Sherri Williams and Elaine Morrow. Not shown, photographer Patti Sandusky

MINNESOTA CHAPTER

The Minnesota Ninety-Nines successfully completed all our airmarkings for 2018, with the final airmarking in Sauk Center (D39). A special thank you to those who participated this summer and to those who were willing to participate on alternate dates for our cancelled events.

We hope you were able to check out some of our finished airmarkings this year. Upcoming plans for 2019 include an airmarking at Brainerd and compass roses at Fosston, Pine River and Maple Lake as our most likely projects. For 2020, we have a compass rose at Hutchinson and possibly Le Sueur and whatever others come up between now and then.

— Thuy Pieper



BOOKS

A Wilder Time: Notes from a Geologist at the Edge of the Greenland Ice

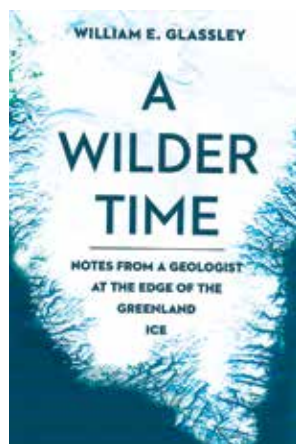
Author: William E. Glassley
Publisher Bellvue Literary Press 2018
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By Jacque Boyd, Rio Grande Norte Chapter

You're probably wondering why this book isn't overtly about aviation, or pilots or women. Let me begin by quoting from William Glassley's Preface: *Destinations, whether new or old, are expectations shrouded in imaginary landscapes. We set off with ideas for adventures that we hope might materialize and we*

imagine pathways to things we fear but secretly wish to confront. We think of our destination as an endpoint to a journey, but its reality is seldom that. Destinations may also evolve into portals that devour expectations, immersing us in the unconceivable. So it is for me when I fly into the Greenland wilderness.

This is absolutely one of the most beautifully lyrical books I



have ever read. As a former Director of a Paideia-based high school, I always looked for books that we could use for cross-curricular, collaborative instruction. This is a perfect example in that it combines literature, science, math, wilderness living, history and current issues into one gorgeous package. So much of what I read illustrating Glassley's love of geology I can easily transform into my feelings of why I fly. Read it – I challenge you to do the same.

William Glassley is a resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and one of the newest members of The Friends of The Ninety-Nines.

LETTERS

Photo Oops!

Thank you so much for printing the Let's Fly Now! article. I've had a lot of positive feedback. I wonder if you would like to print a correction. The picture you included on page 16 and 17 is really Ramona Banks and passenger, not me. Though I'll take Ramona's personality any day—LOL.

— Myra Bugbee, Florida Goldcoast Chapter



Ramona Banks, right, and her passenger during the Let's Fly event.

Sticky Labels, Great Conference

I support the elimination of the poly bag. Some of my other magazines arrive that way but some do not. Indeed, a help to the environment, as well as saving money: less weight overall for our bulk rate (I presume), and elimination of the bag expense!

However, please change the address labels to ones that can easily be removed. I like to leave the magazine at our local GA airport as well as at the high school, and blacking out my info looks tacky!

By the way, wonderful Conference. Had a great time meeting people from other places and hearing about exciting trips!

Blue skies,

Mary Lou Schroeder, Wisconsin Chapter

**For standout photos in
Ninety-Nines magazine**



What's the optimal settings for cameras/cells?

- Standard 2 column pic like this, set for 2 megapixels
- 7 megapixels will get you a half page
- Full page — crank it up to 10 megapixels

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:

Dolores Bartizal, Virginia Chapter, February 8, 2018

Nancy Hedlund, August 16, 2018, Aloha Chapter

Penny Nagy, August 26, 2018, Sutter Buttes Chapter

Gregory Francis Plourd, 49½ of Lori Plourd,

Katahdin Wings Chapter, August 31, 2018

Barbara Thisted, August 20, 2018, Intermountain Chapter

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

Jennifer Alba, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Phyllis Blasser, Henderson, Kentucky

William Glassley, Santa Fe, New Mexico

Lionel Guilbert, Sarasota, Florida

Angela Kantjas, Lynnwood, Washington

Charles Kyle, Springfield, Virginia

Hailey Leschkies, Beecher, Illinois

Lesley Loeb, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey

Audrey Loos, Columbia, Illinois

Pete Lorenz, Jefferson, Wisconsin

MargProductions

Kharmeshkumar Mistry, Winnipeg, MB Canada

Candy Parr, Pewaukee, Wisconsin

Kate Phillips, Eads, Tennessee

Gregory Principato, Alexandria, Virginia

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Susan Reimann, Sarasota, Florida

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Caroline Rogers, Louisville, Kentucky

David Ross, Kansasville, Wisconsin

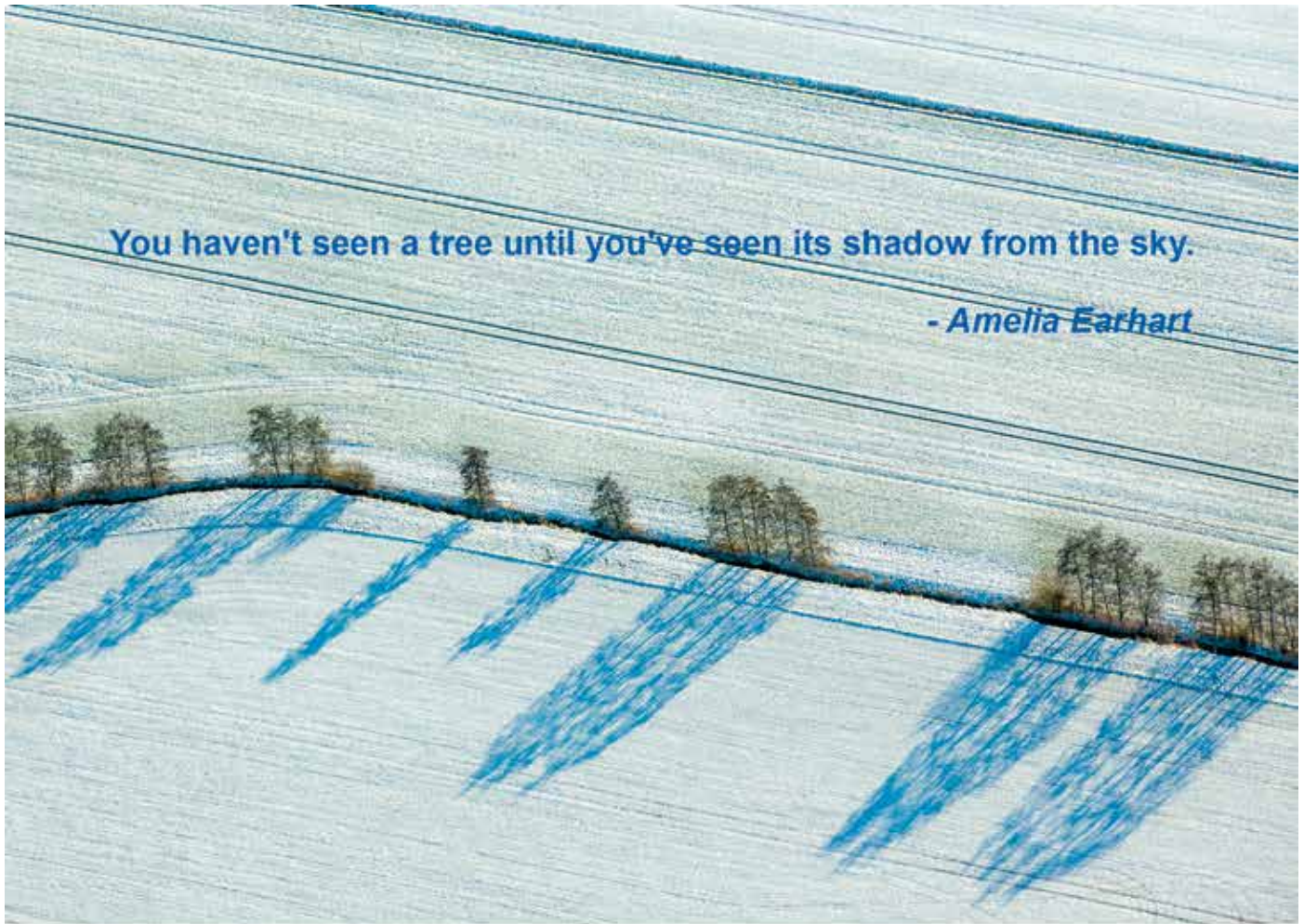
Fabiola Sanchez, Davie, Florida

William Saunooke, Hustonville, Kentucky

Jeff Strouse, Altadena, California

Sayge Tremblay, Winnipeg, MB Canada

Sarasota Manatee Airport Authority



You haven't seen a tree until you've seen its shadow from the sky.

- Amelia Earhart

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