President's Welcome

The Air Race Classic Board of Directors made the simple, yet difficult, decision that the 2020 Air Race Classic must be canceled. This was not a decision that was taken lightly; many hours were spent doing our due diligence. We created a risk assessment, measured triggers, considered CDC recommendations, collected pros and cons, and talked with our hosts and key volunteers. The simple part of the decision was easy, our principal concern was for the safety of all involved. The more challenging portion of the decision was the one that is less tangible. It involved acknowledging all of the hours that had been spent by the 2020 Start, Terminus and en route Stops getting their airports and communities ready for Racers; and validating the efforts of the Inspectors, Handicap Pilots and Race Officials preparing for this year’s race. It also concerned the emotional pull on each Director and Assistant Director; all of us trying to find a way to make it happen, and hoping that it could. We were faced with unthinkable adversity, and the collaboration of this team of women has been both humbling and completely inspiring. In the end, none of us wanted to cancel, but unanimously determined that it was what we needed to do.

The Air Race Classic is more than just a cross country air race, it’s an experience. For anyone who has keyed the mic and announced “Classic Racer...” you understand. It’s the challenge to make ourselves better, the camaraderie with like-minded women, and the adventure of seeing our country one general aviation airport at a time.

But perhaps the larger significance is the sisterhood that happens during those few days. We meet as competitors, but often leave as lifelong friends. Every Racer hopes that this will be the year that their team wins this storied Race, but we all know the importance of preserving the Race over our own individual Race. Our competitive spirit does not overshadow the desire to see everyone cross the finish line; leave no Racer behind! We support our peers; veteran Racers mentoring the new teams as Mother Birds. These first time Racers start as Baby Birds, learning not only how to race, but also the art of giving back and paying it forward; becoming the next generation of Mother Birds. It is truly about education, not just as aviators, but as human beings.

This Race is the catalyst that brings each of us together every summer for immersion in the “ultimate girl time,” and you don’t have to be a racer to have that emotional connection. This is summer camp for strong women...inspectors, timers, shuttle drivers, directors, and yes, racers. We crave this interaction - it empowers us, supports us, and it makes us whole. The ladies that gather each June are some of my dearest friends. I admire their strengths, accomplishments, and ideas, and am continually amazed by their dedication to preserving this event and its legacy for years to come. It is my privilege to serve the Air Race Classic organization, to be a part of the energy and commitment that drives it forward. Many tears have been shed over this year’s impossible reality and I cannot express how devastating it is to me that we will not be gathering this June. I feel a profound sense of loss as I write this, and will miss seeing everyone this year, but we will focus our energies on 2021. We will gather at that Start as a stronger, and more grateful, group of lady aviators and I am looking forward to it! I hope you’ll be a part of it.

Air Race Classic, Inc. President: Lara Gaerte
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The Air Race Classic (ARC) is an annual VFR all-women cross-country event flown in official ARC daylight hours. Airplanes with at least 100 horsepower (HP) and not more than 600 HP may be flown in one of two classes: Competition or Non-Competition.

Competition Class includes Stock and modified Stock, normally aspirated, piston-powered airplanes, rated for continuous operation at maximum engine speed. Non-Competition Class includes airplanes not qualifying in Competition Class per ARC Rules and those Teams not racing, but flying the event solely for education, experience, and the camaraderie of the race. Both classes follow the same rules and enjoy similar flying adventures over the 2,400+ statute-mile course.

Handicaps are the basis for the ARC competitive race. They are a method to allow all ARC entry-qualified make and model airplanes to compete against one another in the same race. Prior to the Race, each airplane is flown to determine the handicap for that particular airplane based on its current, demonstrated best speed.

During the Race, designated flybys incorporate special FAA-approved flight procedures that allow all teams to be timed at the start and finish of each ARC Race Leg. Winners are determined after the airplanes arrive at and cross the final finish line. Official scores are calculated for each Race Leg by taking an airplane’s ground speed, subtracting any applicable penalties, and then subtracting the airplane’s handicap.

Once the first plane launches from the Start, the teams have four days to fly all race legs and to arrive and cross the Terminus finish line. You can follow the race and see each team’s progress at www.airraceclassic.org. Follow ARC Racers to the Finish.

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Adventure Seekers Wanted!

The Ninety-Nines is the international organization of women pilots that promotes the advancement of aviation through education, scholarships, and mutual support, while honoring our unique history and sharing our passion for flight. With members in 44 countries, Ninety-Nines are women pilots who fly for airlines, industry, government, flight schools, and for our own love of adventure. Join us in our passion for flight.

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- Publications with the latest news from the organization, local chapters, and individual members

Become the face of a new generation of women pilots.

Visit our website at: www.ninety-nines.org
Aircraft Maintenance Technicians are the individuals that keep the planes flying. The global aviation maintenance technician workforce will need to add nearly 38,000 new technicians annually to meet the projected demand. The Association of Women in Aviation Maintenance is hoping to inspire young women to be part of this wide open industry. With a brand new website, a robust scholarship program and a solid social media presence, we invite you to check us out!

AWAM is a nonprofit organization created for the purpose of championing women's professional growth and enrichment in the aviation maintenance field by providing opportunities for sharing information and networking, education, fostering a sense of community and increasing public awareness of women in the industry.

Women supporting women is essential to success. This is why we value our partnership with ARC. Supporting ARC gives our organization the unique and much needed opportunity in offering our maintenance students hands on experience in aircraft maintenance.

AWAM is honored to have been chosen as the Maintenance Team in charge of all aircraft inspections for Air Race Classic. From start to finish, AWAM is willing and ready to offer their support. Ladies with wrenches supporting ladies with yokes!

Best of Luck to all of the Racers!!
All of us at the University of North Dakota and the greater Grand Forks community were extremely excited to have the opportunity to welcome you to our state and provide an exciting start to the 2020 Air Race Classic. Since we know that many of you have probably never even been to North Dakota before, we were excited to expose you to what makes our state and region so special and, despite what you may believe, our weather in June is amazing, with over 16 hours of daylight making it the perfect place to start a day VFR race.

The University of North Dakota is home to the largest FAA part 141 flight school in the nation, with just over 100 aircraft on the flight line and 2,000 students majoring in aviation. The Grand Forks International Airport often ranks in the top 25 busiest airports in the nation, and on some good VFR flying days can rank as high as the second busiest airport in the country based on operations. UND welcomes students from all over the world training to become pilots, air traffic controllers and aviation business professionals.

So, while we are not hosting the Start this summer, we are working with the Air Race Classic Board of Directors to bring the race back to North Dakota in the near future! We will continue planning and preparing so that we can host the best possible event for the ARC and bring everyone to our great state and region!

We look forward to seeing everyone at future ARC events!

STOP CHAIRS: BETH BJERKE & COURTNEY OLSON
AIRPORT MANAGER: RYAN RIESIGNER
Pierre Regional Airport welcomes Racers to the first Stop for the 2020 Air Race Classic!

Pierre (pronounced "peer") is located on the eastern banks of the Missouri River in nearly the geographic center of South Dakota. When South Dakota became a state in 1889, Pierre was designated its capital because of its central location and its access by the railroad. With a population of about 14,000, Pierre is the 2nd smallest state capital city in the country. Historic Fort Pierre, an early settlement and trading post located across the Missouri from Pierre, is part of the Pierre metropolitan area. But beware, if you visit or stay in Ft. Pierre, you'll be in the Mountain Time Zone—the City of Pierre is in the Central Time Zone. Pierre is a friendly community whose tree-lined streets, historic downtown and lush green parks give way to rolling hills and steep bluffs along the Missouri River to the south and west, and vast plains to the north and east. Come back and enjoy the endless outdoor recreation opportunities around the City of Pierre and on the Missouri River.

Pierre Regional Airport is a city owned, public airport three miles east of Pierre. It is an accessible airport with two active runways: Runway 13/31 is 6900' x 100' and Runway 7/25 is 6881' x 150'. The fixed based operator at the airport is family owned and operated Mustang Aviation. The name, Mustang Aviation, represents our location, "Where the Midwest Meets the Wild West." With competitive fuel prices, professional ground services, and the amenities for a first class stop, we think you'll enjoy your stay.

AIRPORT MANAGER: CAMERON HOWARD
INTERIM MANAGERS: CORY HOFFROGGE & JOHN CHILDS
Welcome! Here, it's more than just a word. It's the sincerity of a smile and the friendliness behind a simple Howdy, in authentic Sheridan, Wyoming.

Historic downtown provides Old West charm in a modern Wyoming community. A broad range of amenities await our visitors. Sheridan serves as a cultural center for the region, home to hundreds of local artists, actors, authors and musicians. Superior museums, galleries and theaters deliver cultural enrichment.

Dramatic mountain vistas in the Bighorn National Forest award millions of acres of year-round, unlimited and easy-to-access recreation. Blue ribbon waters, provide ample opportunity to test your mettle with any trout.

Steeped in Western history, the area was center-stage for the culture clash that erupted in the late 1800s. Forts, battle sites disclose the story of US advancement west across the High Plains.

Sheridan County Airport was developed in 1919. A grass runway allowed local Physician Harry Buffum to operate his canvas "Jenny", and for traveling "Barnstormers" to offer airplane rides to the locals! Sheridan County Airport is located two miles southwest of downtown and provides daily jet service operated by United Express to Denver Colorado. The newly renovated terminal and addition were completed in early 2020. With more than 1,550 acres, SHR maintains two fully operational runways. Runway 15/33, 8,300’ in length and equipped with a full ILS navigational system. Runway 6/24 crosswind runway is 5,035’ in length.

Sheridan County Airport is home to approximately 120 general aviation aircraft. Numerous public and private structures are located onsite: hangars, avionics & maintenance shops, aircraft storage hangar, and air cargo building. Sheridan County Airport’s commercial park combines a convenient location, superior maintenance and a wealth of pleasing amenities. Project-ready lots, some with runway access, offer power, fiber, gas, water, sewer and an unparalleled view of the Bighorn Mountains!

STOP CHAIRS: BROOKE COLLINS & TAMMY BELUS ROADIFER
AIRPORT MANAGER: JOHN STOPKA
Aerial photo: Google Earth: Sheridan County Airport
Welcome Air Racers to Sterling Municipal Airport Crosson Field, in Sterling, Colorado! Located 100 miles from Denver, in the NE corner of Colorado, the area is rich in the history of aviation, agricultural and early western settlement and home of some of the Country’s most spectacular sunrises.

Crosson Field was named in honor of a local brother and sister, Joe and Marvel Crosson, who became early pioneers in aviation. Marvel Crosson lost her life in the 1929 Women’s Air Derby which has evolved into the Air Race Classic. She was 29 years old and Alaska’s first female pilot.

Sterling Municipal Airport is a general aviation airport sitting at an elevation of 4,037 ft. offering a 5,200 ft. paved runway and a 2,809 ft. grass and gravel crosswind runway. The airport is home to 32 based aircraft housed in ten box hangars and sixteen T-hangars. Offering full service fueling 24/7, crew cars for trips to town, flight training, comfortable pilot lounge and snacks in the terminal. This makes Sterling Municipal Airport a great stop when flying in the area and a destination for many pilots looking for a fabulous meal or a soft bed.

The airport recently built a new transit hangar capable of housing most corporate jets and is currently recruiting an aircraft maintenance/repair business to operate out of the 8,600 sq. ft. hangar. Interested parties should contact the Airport Manager at (970) 520-2325. There are several recreational sites within 20 miles of Sterling, including the North Sterling State Park and Prewitt Reservoir.

The Overland Trail Recreation area just six miles from the airport, provides a nice stop for residents and visitors to picnic in or casually stroll around a natural pond filled by the South Platte River. New walking and bicycle trails are also being developed along riverside property.

Along with an indoor swimming pool, two 18-hole golf courses, a bowling alley, a five-screen movie theatre and Northeastern Junior College, Sterling also has over 17 parks, five with concrete walking paths. Pioneer Park, the largest city park, located on the west edge of town has a wooded walking area, basketball and tennis courts.

Arts are a strong influence in Logan County with several art galleries, a print making company and Sterling Creatives, a cooperative owned and operated by local artists and craftsmen. Several murals, bronze sculptures and tree carvings can also be found throughout the town.

A journey through the Overland Trail Museum will literally transport you through the challenges and successes of history, including the introduction of rural electrification.

Come back in August when Sterling hosts one of Colorado’s premier county fairs, drawing professional bull riders, rodeo experts and the best in country music.

After a warm welcome at Crosson Field and enjoying the amenities of our community, you will agree that Sterling is a sparkling diamond on Colorado’s plains.

STOP CHAIR: GLENN AURICH
AIRPORT MANAGER: CHARLIE MAY
The Dodge City Regional Airport would like to welcome all Racers to our historic town! Dodge City Regional Airport is a vital part of the southwestern Kansas regional airport system and is an integral part of the transportation infrastructure for the region. The airport is vital for the quality of life, economic growth and the stability of our community. Our main objective at the Dodge City Regional Airport is to maintain safe and stable air service for our visitors arriving by air; including commercial service, charter service, military, cargo operations and general aviation.

During the early years, Dodge City acquired an infamous stamp of lawlessness and gun-slinging. There was no local law enforcement, and the military had no jurisdiction over the town. Buffalo hunters, railroad workers, drifters, and soldiers scrapped and fought, leading to the shootings where men died with their boots on. This created a hasty need for a local burial place - Boot Hill Cemetery. The cemetery was used until 1878 and is now part of downtown Dodge City.

In 1919, the State of Kansas deeded the property the airport is currently on to Ford County. Colonel Charles Lindbergh, Vice President of Transcontinental Air Transport Co., inspected the site east of Dodge City and expressed his approval for it as a Midwest airport division point. In 1929, Ford County leased the property to Dodge City who subleased it to Mid Continent Air Express Company.

In 1938, with the help of Mayor Zenas Arthur Nevins, the City of Dodge City acquired the title to the land and airport improvements. In 1940, the airport began expansion using WPA workers to build four runways, three of which were grass and one was paved. 300 yards of rock for the terminal building came from the south side of Buckner Creek. By 1943, the administration building, runways, large hangar and repair shop were completed with the help of the federal government. In May of 1956, runway lights were installed with ongoing improvements up to the present. The Dodge City Regional Airport has two active runways; 14-32 which is a 6,900’ concrete runway that was newly reconstructed and re-opened in November of 2019. 02-20, our cross wind runway, is 4,650’ asphalt runway. The fixed based operator at the airport is owned by Crotts Aircraft Service and has highly trained staff and full service newly updated facilities with over 35 years of experience.

Today, Dodge City is a growing community and a popular tourist destination, which would make for the perfect overnight spot for racers! The authentic replica of Front Street with the Long Branch Saloon and Boot Hill Cemetery located at Boot Hill Museum. Boot Hill Distillery, Dodge City Brewing, and Long Branch Lagoon Water Park are places to see while in Dodge City, all within walking distance of our downtown area that is the hub for nightlife and local eateries. The city is also home to Boot Hill Casino & Resort and Dodge City Raceway Park.

STOP CHAIR: CATHY DOUD
AIRPORT MANAGER: KELLI ENLOW
Welcome racers to the Ada Regional Airport. Ada, Oklahoma is located in the rolling hills of southern Oklahoma. Imbued with ingenuity, a pioneering spirit, and hospitality, we've been described as a place where the West meets the South! Incorporated in 1901, we now have a population of 17,000. Ada is large enough to offer many bigger city amenities, such as a four-year university and a thriving business climate, yet small enough to provide a safe and fun place to raise a family.

In mid-1941, several pilots urged city officials to petition the government to provide more adequate airport facilities as a part of the defense buildup. A certificate of necessity to national defense was approved by the U.S. Navy. The CAA allocated $329,000 for the construction of a class-three airport, having two paved runways 4,200 feet long and 150 feet wide. An area north of the city was selected and named Chauncey Field in honor of Army Air Force General Charles Chauncey of Ada. As a result of the initiative of local leaders during the time of military preparation, Ada secured one of the best airports serving a city of this size.

The Ada Regional Airport is located two miles north of downtown Ada. It is owned and operated by the City of Ada. The airport provides fueling services, storage hangars, and a fixed-base operator. It is the only jet-capable airport in Pontotoc County. Two major aeronautical industries - General Aviation Modifications, Inc. and Tornado Alley Turbo - are based here.

Thank you for choosing Ada as a destination during the 44th Air Race Classic!

STOP CHAIRS: BILL HOLLAND & PAULA KEDY
AIRPORT MANAGER: CRAIG (CT) THOMPSON
Welcome to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the largest city in southeast Arkansas and the tenth largest city in the state. We are excited to be part of the Air Race Classic and hope you enjoy your time in our beautiful city!

Pine Bluff sits astride Interstate 530 and U.S. Highway 65 on the banks of the Arkansas River. Located just 42 miles southeast of Little Rock, Pine Bluff offers more stunning year-round natural assets than any other city in southeast Arkansas. With over $340 million in recent investments resulting in a brand-new aquatics center, public library, downtown streetscape project and current construction of a casino and luxury hotel, Pine Bluff is a city on the move. Pine Bluff is also a city rich in history and culture. It’s a place where courageous men and women of the past overcame the odds, achieved milestones in every imaginable field, and changed the world. One of those fascinating individuals is pioneering American aviator, Katherine Stinson. Stinson earned her pilot’s certificate in July 1912 while residing in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She set flying records for aerobatic maneuvers, distance and endurance.

The Pine Bluff Regional Airport started out as the Pine Bluff School of Aviation in 1941. It was a primary flight training base until the end of 1944 when it was closed. Over 10,000 pilots received training in Fairchild PT-19’s. It was then deeded over to the City of Pine Bluff. The airfield is named posthumously for John McGavock Grider. He was killed in action in June 1918 during World War I.

Grider Field serves southeast Arkansas equipped communities with an ILS equipped, 5,998’ runway and taxiway. Our facility is 850 acres in total consisting of a large terminal building and restaurant that is accessible to pilots 24/7. We have an ASOS, private corporate hangars, general storage hangars, fixed base operators offering avionics and maintenance shops, along with full and self-service Jet A and Avgas.

Grider Field annually hosts the Black Pilots of America, Operation Skyhook, as well as an Experimental Aircraft Association formation flying clinic. We are in the process of creating an aviation and military museum in our only remaining barracks building.

The City of Pine Bluff is honored to be chosen as a stop for this historic race. We look forward to your arrival!

**STOP CHAIRS: PAM WHITAKER & MARTHA MOLINA**

**AIRPORT MANAGER: DOUG HALE**
Mt. Vernon Outland Airport serves the businesses and residents of six southern Illinois counties. The airport handles all facets of General Aviation including business development, business retention, cargo, air medical, flight training, and the U.S. Military.

A 6,500ft main runway, 3,100ft crosswind runway, parallel taxiways, numerous published instrument approaches (including an instrument Landing System), 10 acres of high strength concrete ramp, and many other infrastructure amenities make the airport ideal for any aviation endeavor. A 14 CFR part 139 Certificate brings a level of safety and security in the form of 100% perimeter fencing and ARFF Index A Status. Based and itinerant flyers enjoy a published Terminal Aerodrome Forecast published four times daily by the National Weather Service.

Five automotive manufacturing suppliers along with Mt. Vernon’s strategic location at the intersection of two major interstates produce numerous just-in-time cargo operations for the airport. Additionally, Continental Tire of the Americas, National Railway Equipment, Magnum Steel Works, and White Oak Mining provide exceptional employment opportunities. Regional distribution facilities for Walgreens and NAPA are located nearby. Jefferson County, Illinois is one of the few areas in the country where five Class 1 Railroads converge!

Excluding the St. Louis Metro East, SRT Aviation, the airport’s fixed base operator, is the only FAA Certified Repair Station on the southern end of the State. SRT Aviation offers a full line of fixed based operator services including major airframe and powerplant repairs/overhauls, avionics installation, fuel sales, aircraft rentals, flight instruction, and aircraft de-icing. The Southern Illinois Light Sport Training Academy trains pilots from across the country in a segment with limited training offerings.

Mt. Vernon Outland Airport is home to one of the area’s most popular dining establishments - Bonnie Café. Aviators are able to taxi directly to the restaurant, enter through the old Koziara Terminal airline gate, and join the many locals for a delicious home cooked meal. Bonnie Café offers a daily lunch and dinner buffet, an impressive menu, all day breakfast, and great burgers. Join the Bonnie Aviators Club (BAC) and have your BAC card stamped each time you fly-in. Your fifth meal is free!

The airport is recognized on a national level for hosting aviation and non-aviation events, such as the Midwest LSA Expo, the EAA Airventure Cup Race (odd number years), KR National Gathering, and Illinois’s only Run for the Wall stopover.

The airport invites the entire community to the annual Salute to Freedom celebration each July 4th. From April to October Mt. Vernon Soccer Club families enjoy the beautiful airport grounds for soccer practices and games played on five separate fields.

Take a stroll through the Jefferson County Hall of Honor located inside the Koziara Terminal. View over 700 individual tributes to area veterans. The adjacent Colonel R.D. White Veterans Museum contains weaponry from all conflicts and one of the most authentic 1941 U.S. ARMY Indian Motorcycles in the country!

This will be the third time Mt. Vernon Outland Airport has hosted the Air Race Classic. The Ladies Powder Puff Derby included a stop at the airport in 1969. Note the Steve Canyon strip from back in the day.

STOP CHAIR: SHEILA JOLLY-SCRIVNER
AIRPORT MANAGER: CHRIS COLLINS
The Tullahoma Regional Airport plays a vital role in the economic growth of Tullahoma and the surrounding region, located less than a mile from restaurants, lodging and shopping. The airport opened in 1942 as a USAAF B-24 and B-25 bomber training base. Since 1947, the airport has served general aviation aircraft. The City-owned airport contains 775 acres of land and has 150 based aircraft. The airport averages about 40,000 flight operations each year and features a new, modern and spacious terminal building. Full-serve, self-serve and an AVGAS truck will be available for the Air Race Classic. The airport is home to the “world class” Beechcraft Heritage complex that houses over 38 vintage, fully restored Beechcraft-built Staggerwing, Twin Beech, Bonanza and Baron aircraft and is open to the public. The Museum hosts an annual convention in October of each year and attracts 150 plus aircraft and 500 people.

Located 10 miles to the east of the airport is Arnold Air Force Base, the world’s largest and most diverse wind tunnel test complex. 10 miles to the west of the airport is the Jack Daniels distillery. Airport traffic doubles every June during the Bonnaroo Music Festival in nearby Manchester as 80,000 rock stars, music promoters and fans descend on the area for the week. Celebrities such as Paul McCartney, Stevie Wonder, Elton John, Sting, Jimmy Buffet and others stage at the airport for this event.

The airport has hosted an AOPA Fly-In in 2015 and 2019 with between 400 and 700 aircraft arriving and 6,000 to 9,000 attending the 2-day event. The airport has also received numerous excellence awards from the Tennessee Division of Aeronautics.

Welcome Racers and enjoy your stop in Tullahoma!
The Terre Haute Regional Airport is excited to be the Terminus for the Air Race Classic! The airport has established a Terminus planning committee that consists of Kara McIntosh, Director of Operations at HUF; Melanie Abel, local pilot and SWA First Officer; Nicole Brown owner, fixed based operator Hoosier Aviation; Cathi Sweatt, local private pilot; and Kelsey Yeatch, HUF Finance Manager. Two members of the committee, Abel and Sweatt, have also competed in the race. Several members of the host committee also attended the 2019 Terminus event to see host operations in person.

The Terre Haute Regional Airport, Hulman Field (HUF), is situated in the Wabash Valley of Indiana – the heart of the Midwest. Often noted as the third busiest airport in the state, the airport is home to general aviation, military operations, and Indiana State University Flight Academy. The airport features a 24-hour control tower, a 9,000-ft runway, paired with a 7,200-ft crosswind runway. They are home to the Terre Haute Air Show, hosting the USAF Thunderbirds and the US Navy Blue Angels, among many civilian acts, as well as hosting many NIFA Regional and National Competitions.

The fixed-base operator, Hoosier Aviation, is ready to provide you with fuel, weather planning resources, tie-downs, hangar space, rental aircraft, and flight training. Hoosier Aviation is also home to a bustling flight school, offering private, instrument, commercial, CFI, CFII ratings, as well as tailwheel and complex endorsements. Hoosier Aviation is one of only five fixed-based operators in the state of Indiana certified for Department of Defense contract fueling, attracting a large number of military aircraft to the airport.

A community located in West Central Indiana, just east of the Illinois border, sitting on the banks of the Wabash, Terre Haute is a perfect location for events. Terre Haute is designated as an official "Tree City USA," with 1,000+ acres of golf courses, trails, parks, and outdoors recreation. Terre Haute is the college town for the outdoors-oriented; one local favorite is the National Road Heritage Trail, a several dozen-mile trail with a portion in Terre Haute extending into other Indiana towns and counties.

Terre Haute and its surrounding communities are affectionately referred to as the Wabash Valley. In the heart of the Midwest, Terre Haute is conveniently located within driving distance of seven major cities in Indiana and surrounding states. Terre Haute is a community revitalized with new downtown development, growing tourism assets, nationally-recognized facilities, and four higher education institutions, including Indiana State University and Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Terre Haute was ranked 5th in the 10 Best College Towns in the US (collegegazette.com, Jan. 2020).

We are excited to welcome the Air Race Classic to Terre Haute! We look forward to seeing everyone at future ARC events!

STOP CHAIRS: KARA MCINTOSH  
AIRPORT MANAGER: JEFF HAUSER
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Thank you to everyone who volunteers to make ARC successful!

The Air Race Classic is an annual event that takes a year-round effort by hundreds of volunteers, who spend countless hours making sure all the pieces fall into place. That effort begins with the all-volunteer Air Race Classic Board of Directors, whose members oversee the organization and its events. They also provide guidance to ensure the future of the race. Assistant Directors widen the scope and range of expertise, providing experience that more fully supports the ARC’s mission and goals. All Directors and Assistant Directors of this 501(c)(3) corporation shoulder the responsibility and reap the reward of sponsoring the race because they believe in its value to both general aviation and women in aviation.

Supporting the race is an ever-expanding network of volunteers who work with the Board and Assistant Directors across these divisions, generously dedicating numerous hours throughout the year to ensure a safe, competitive, educational, and festive event. The ARC volunteer network is what makes this event happen year in and year out. Thank you to the men and women involved in our volunteer network!

The Air Race Classic organization continuously strives to upgrade its operations to meet aviation challenges of today's changing world. We have implemented new tools for race timing and scoring and offer live tracking of race teams en route.

Working on this event is almost as exciting as flying it. The ARC’s energy and enthusiasm are contagious. If you would like to be part of the behind-the-scenes’ activity that supports this race, please join us by contacting info@airraceclassic.org.

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1 | Frozen Force

SIERRA BORGE, CARLY SHUKIAR
& KAT PETERS
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
Piper PA-28-181

Sierra Borges (Grand Forks, ND) is flying her second ARC. Sierra is an instrument
commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement and 238
hours logged, while recently earning her CFI. She is a senior at UND, working on her
CFII, while also working two part-time jobs as a hotel front desk manager and a barista.
Sierra says she will forever remember her first ARC as one of the most exciting and
memorable experiences of her life! “There really is nothing like flying across the
country and meeting so many amazing women who share the same passion and
excitement for life as I do.” Some of Sierra’s favorite things to do are traveling, exploring
new places and going on adventures with friends and family. She also enjoys hiking,
snowboarding, eating good food, and drinking lots of coffee!

Welcome Carly Shukiar and Kat Peters
to their first ARC!

Carly Shukiar (Grand Forks, ND) is a junior at UND, and has her private pilot,
single-engine land certificate with 245 hours logged. She also works in the College
of Aerospace’s student services department, giving prospective student tours and
representing the college in outreach and recruitment. Born and raised in Southern
California, Carly is the first in her family to fly, and hopes one day to fly for a regional
airline, and then work as a corporate pilot. She says “I’m racing to expand my skills as a
pilot, see more of our beautiful country, and represent my university as an ambassador
for women in the industry. I have wanted to race since I started flying, and I cannot wait
to do so alongside such a wonderful team.” In 2019, Carly was ground coordinator for the
university’s ARC team. Leaving the terminus banquet, she tripped and twisted both her ankles! “Nothing severely hurt except my pride, but my teammates and I
still look back and laugh about it.” She loves performing and doing crafts/DIY projects.

Kat Peters (Grand Forks, ND) is in her second year at UND, majoring in commercial aviation and aviation management. She has her private pilot license, single engine
land certificate with 81 hours logged, and is working on her instrument rating. She was
introduced to aviation by her dad, who worked as an aerial applicator. When asked
‘Why do you race?’, she says: “I am excited to meet new people, make connections and
visit airports that I have not been to! I look forward to bonding and getting to know my
teammates even better. Most of all I am excited to be involved in the race atmosphere
and a part of the Air Race Classic community. Kat enjoys socializing with friends and family. She is an avid skier, likes to run, and cook or read in her spare time. She says ‘Flying is so fun for me and I always find joy in meeting
people through aviation and learning more about the industry.’

All three team members are members of the UND Chapter of Women in Aviation International (WAI), and Carly is also a member of the Ventura County Chapter of The 99s.

2 | Minn-Iowa Maniacs

MINNETTA GARDINER & CHERYL DAML
CESSNA CARDINAL 177B

Minnetta Gardiner (Iowa City, IA) is back for her 13th ARC. She holds a single-
engine land private pilot certificate, with an instrument rating and 2,234 hours
logged. Says Minnetta: “I’ve flown the ARC 2008-2019. Each race is a new adventure,
and introduces me to new flying experiences and new friends in aviation. I return
each year for the great fun, friendship and flying that it offers.”

During her rookie race in 2008, the extra set of plane keys she had made didn’t
work on race start morning. In 2011, when weather forced cancellation of the first
four race stops, Minnetta stunned everyone – racers and airports alike – by flying the
terminus anyway.

Minnetta is an Associate Professor Emerita of Pharmacology and retired Associate
Dean of the Graduate College at the University of Iowa. During her time at the
University, she taught and directed a laboratory for multiple sclerosis research. Flying is her
No. 1 hobby, and she volunteers with EAA, and the Iowa FAASTeam, as well as being
an ARC Director and a member of the Iowa Chapter of The 99s. She also enjoys travel
(preferably in her own plane), reading, gardening, and attending theater, performing
arts and sporting events.

Welcome Cheryl Daml (Blaine, MN) to her first ARC! Cheryl has a private pilot,
single engine land; a CFI certificat; complex, high performance and tailwheel endorse-
ments; and 8,803 hours logged. She learned to fly and became a CFI in 2000.
Upon retirement from her career teaching first grade, Cheryl became a full time
CFI. She is the chief flight instructor of her flying club, ground instructor at a regional
airline; a FAASTeam representative; and Chapter Chairman of the Minnesota 99s.
She says “It is extremely rewarding to meet wonderful people and help them achieve
their aviation goals.”

Cheryl wants to race for the experience of flying in other regions of the country, and
says “I want to experience the excitement of flying competitively. Racing is something
I’ve never done and this year seems like the year to do it”. She enjoys traveling, ‘some
mild gardening’, and movies.
Cool Beans
ALISON CHALKER & LINDA EVANS
CESSNA SKYLANE 182

Alison Chalker (Moorestown, NJ) returns to ARC for the eighth time. She is a commercial pilot, single-engine land, with an instrument rating, complex high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 1,524 hours flown.

Alison races because: “This is an opportunity to spend quality time with some of my best friends, test my pilotage and explore the USA from a unique vantage point. It’s an adventure every time!” Alison met her husband, Ray, just before the 2012 race, and after they married in 2014, she set off just a few weeks later to race the ARC with Linda Evans and Barbara Zeigler. It was a tough weather race, with mechanical issues, and they were each missing someone back home. This was the year they came up with the phrase “There’s no crying in air racing!”

Alison works in the pharmaceutical industry, and moved to the US from the UK in 1996. Over the last 30 years, she has worked with teams to help develop new drugs for infectious diseases, cardiovascular conditions, and neuropsychiatric illnesses. Alison is an Assistant Director of the ARC.

This is the eighth Air Race Classic for Linda Evans (North Wales, PA). She is an instrument rated, commercial pilot, single and multi-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 1,614 hours in her logbook. She recently obtained her Airplane Mechanic Certification with an Airframe Rating, and hopes to complete the Powerplant Rating before the race.

Linda flies the ARC simply because I love it! Where else can you challenge yourself, visit places far and wide and do it with a group of amazing and talented women? During the 2014 race, her team encountered challenging weather going over the Rockies, and circled over the Great Salt Lake for 15 minutes before it cleared. Said Linda, “Our race track on that leg was a mostly straight line with a giant donut in the middle!”

Linda retired from the Business Technology organization at Pfizer (formerly Wyeth) in 2017, after working there for over 22 years in a variety of technology roles. She keeps busy with her six godchildren, who range in age from 15 to 33. Of the six, four have flown with Linda. When she is not flying, Linda enjoys playing golf and watching/attending sporting events.

Both Alison and Linda are members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of The 99s. Linda is also a Member at Large of Women in Aviation International, and Treasurer of the ARC.

Shout out to all the volunteers, we couldn’t do this without you!

Blue Footed Booby
LORRAINE DENBY & AMY MYZIE
Piper Arrow PA-28R-180

Lorraine Denby (Berkeley Heights, NJ) is flying the ARC for the fourth time. She is a commercial pilot, single-engine land, with an instrument rating, CFI/CFII, complex and high-performance credentials, and 3,329 hours in the air. A data scientist, she is a fellow of the American Statistical Association and a winner of the Edison Patent Award, holds 19 patents and has authored more than 50 publications.

“Racing is just SO MUCH fun,” said Lorraine. “I like thinking about the strategy and the weather. It is a wonderful opportunity to further hone your skills. And, of course, the company is just fabulous.”

Much of Lorraine’s free time is occupied by Civil Air Patrol, where she is the New Jersey Wing Emergency Services Training Officer. She is now part of the Green Flag Mission, helping to train ground troops by acting as a surrogate predator. Lorraine also enjoys skiing, hiking, sailing, and spending time with her grandchildren. She is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of The 99s and an Assistant Director of the ARC.

This is the fourth ARC for Amy Myzie (Piscataway, NJ). Amy holds a private pilot certificate, single-engine land, with an instrument rating and 1,020 hours in her logbook. She races “to meet fellow women pilots from around the world and to test my flying skills.”

Amy is a retired police lieutenant who served on a municipal force for more than 30 years. For much of that time, she was a detective, investigating everything imaginable, from petty crimes to homicides. She says it was a truly rewarding career.

Amy has been a member of the Civil Air Patrol for more than 40 years, starting as a cadet and now serving at the state level for the New Jersey Wing. She is skilled in emergency response techniques and teaches first aid, CPR and higher levels of EMS training. She is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of The 99s and an Assistant Director of the ARC.
5 | Over the Moon!

ALICIA SIKES & NANCY ROHR
MOONEY 201 M20J

Alicia Sikes (Quakertown, PA) is flying the ARC for the sixth time. She holds an Airline Transport Pilot Certificate, single and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument CFI and Advanced / Instrument Ground Instructor Certificates, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, a Jet Type Rating, a DC3 Type Rating, and 22,900 hours logged. Currently a captain flying B767s for American Airlines, Alicia has flown 65 types of airplanes, including MD80s, 727s, 757s and 767s.

Asked why she is flying the ARC, Alicia said, “It’s fun! So completely different from what I do for a living. It’s nice to be around so many female pilots for a change!”

During a previous race, departing Spencer, IA, there was a “beautiful, conga line of the four overnights getting out as soon as we could before a storm hit. Wish I’d had a GoPro that morning!”

Alicia holds three master’s degrees: in Digital Forensics, Space Studies, and Systems Management / Information Systems. In her spare time, she likes to play tennis and ice hockey. Alicia is a member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of The 99s, and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International. She is also a Director of the Air Race Classic.

Nancy Rohr (Bear, DE) returns for her sixth Air Race Classic. Nancy is an Airline Transport Pilot with single- and multi-engine land, complex, high-performance, instrument CFI, and Advanced instrument Ground Instructor credentials, a current instrument rating, a Jet Type Rating and 4,000 hours logged. She is competing “for the spirit and love of flying and the camaraderie of like-minded women pilots.”

Nancy started flying for fun and kept working on her ratings until she became a CFI and corporate pilot. She is Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs at Flight-Safety International, working to ensure compliance with European aviation regulations.

During the 2012 race, weather kept her team overnight in Goodland, KS. They borrowed the airport car with Team DC3 and went into town to explore. Said Nancy, “We had a great time in an antique car lot pretending to be gangster women!”

In her free time, Nancy loves to garden, make jewelry, and read about solar technology. She is also working on her Maryland and Delaware aviation passports. Nancy is a member of the Delaware Chapter of The 99s, and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

6 | Missile Minions

CANDIE OLDHAM & SUSAN WESTERVET
MOONEY 201 M20J

Candace (Candie) Oldham (East Falmouth, MA) and Sue Westervelt (Nutley, NJ) are flying the ARC together for the seventh time.

Candie is a commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument, CFI Credentials, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 2,465 hours in her logbook. She is competing in the ARC again “for the challenge of this unique type of flying and for the opportunity to race with Sue — can’t believe our first race was 20 years ago!”

Candie is retired, and has previously worked for the airlines, as a travel agent, for the AAA Auto Club, and at a large chain of fabric stores. She volunteers at her home airport, Falmouth Airpark, and is active with The 99s at both Chapter and Section levels.

When she’s not flying, Candie enjoys quilting, cycling, hiking, watching classic movies, doing puzzles, and playing games. She completed a quilt to be used as a fundraiser for the 2018 ARC and this winter went on her first Road Scholar tour to Central America. Candie is a member of the Eastern New England Chapter of The 99s.

Sue holds a commercial certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 1,510 hours logged. Said Sue, “I enjoy flying to new and different parts of the country, spending time with such talented and interesting other pilots, and in particular flying with Candie in her Mooney Missile. It is so much fun to do the flybys and meet the people in the communities at the stops.”

Especially memorable for Susan is time spent with the racers, listening to all the stories that occur along the way and in the evening at the stops. “Each race you learn something new, and it definitely reinforces the reason why I love being a part of the aviation community,” Susan said.

As a practice administrator and registered nurse for a team of spinal surgeons, Sue enjoys working with the talented surgeons and staff and helping patients get back to enjoying their lives again. When she’s not flying, Sue likes traveling and spending time with family and friends. She is a member of the New Jersey Chapter of The 99s.

To gauge our volunteers’ impact, we’d need to create a new source of measurement.
This is the 13th Air Race Classic for Susan Larson (Santa Fe, NM). A commercial pilot, single-engine land and helicopter, Susan has complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 4,250 hours under her belt. Susan is a Past President of The 99s and a member of the Rio Grande Norte Chapter.

Susan flies the ARC. "For the estrogen rush at each flyby, and to update my skill set, particularly my decision-making. A little off-airport event during the 2016 race hasn't cooled that rush, only amped it up," Susan says, "I've been blessed with a wonderful supportive family and friends who have always encouraged me to pursue my passion for aviation and particularly to participate in this race for so many years. My dog's willingness to join me in aviation adventures is icing on my cake."

Susan is a former owner/operator of a helicopter charter and tour company, former owner and manager of a pallet company and a former Certified Public Accountant. She is approaching "true" retirement, she says - but not there yet!

Laura Del Favero (Redwood City, CA) is flying the ARC for the second time. She holds a commercial license, single-engine land and sea certificates, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 462 hours flown. She is a student at Purdue, studying Professional Flight with a minor in French, and works as a CFI for the university. She plans to graduate in May 2020 and pursue a Master's Degree in Aviation Management.

Nina Bouthier (Columbus, IN) is back for her second ARC. Nina is a commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a CFI, a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 146 hours flown. She is a student at Purdue, studying Professional Flight with a minor in French, and works as a CFI for the university. She plans to graduate in May 2020 and pursue a Master's Degree in Aviation Management.

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Nina says, "I am racing to represent Purdue University and to get to know other women in the Air Race. I look forward to all the exciting experiences that the race will hold." She recounts that it was always very entertaining to see how confident and spunky the previous racers were. At one of the stops last year, there was a hangar cat and dog, both of which were very friendly and she will remember that as a fun experience.

Nina is an avid runner, specifically in longer distances such as the marathon and half marathon, enjoys hiking and rock climbing. She grew up with two uncles who were pilots, which opened her eyes to aviation. She is a member of the Purdue Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome, Emma Bracher (Boonville IN) to her first ARC! Emma is a junior at Purdue University. She has instrument and Multi-engine Ratings, with 210 hours logged, and recently earned her CFI. Through instructing, she is looking forward to helping others reach their aviation goals.

Emma says: "I am excited to be part of the race this year to meet other women in aviation and hear about their experiences and advice they have to share." In her spare time, she enjoys walking her dogs, spending time with family and friends, volunteering in the community, riding her bike, and exercising.
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MARY McMATHON & CLAUDETTE DECOURLEY
Piper Dakota PA-28-236

This is the third ARC for Mary McMahon (Temecula, CA). An instrument rated private pilot, single-engine land, with 805 hours in her logbook, Mary races for the challenge, competition and camaraderie. A former engineer in medical device manufacturing, Mary worked as a consultant before retiring in 2011 to spend more time in the air. She returned to the working world in 2015 for a short contract, but is now happily retired again. Mary wants to thank her wonderful, supportive husband for giving her leave to fly the race during his birthday. When she's not flying, she enjoys golfing, pickleball and cooking. Mary lived briefly in Ireland and the Netherlands after she retired, and took the opportunity to fly while over there. She is a member of the Coyote Country Chapter of The 99s. Claudette DeCourley (San Diego, CA) is also flying her second ARC. Claudette is an active CFI with complex, high performance and tailwheel ratings, and 3,500 hours logged, and instructs both private and instrument candidates. She also volunteers to assist and mentor women seeking to obtain a student pilot certificate, and has combined her interests in science and aviation to become a volunteer pilot for Light-Hawk. In prior careers, she worked in many fields including education, psychology, real estate, science, and marine recreation.

Why does she race? "The air race for me symbolizes the achievements of women who pushed limits and followed dreams. I desire to participate in sustaining and promoting the legacy of female air racers, adding my name to the roster. I relish the adventure, and what better challenge than the race to test my mettle?"

When not flying, Claudette's hobbies include ballroom dancing, bridge, tennis, hiking, the beach, and being outdoors. Besides aviation, she is passionate about the ocean, diving and sailing, and says, "In the blue or on the blue, I am happy."

Ann Arbor Air Hearts
BETH KIRSCHNER & MELANIE MCNICHOLAS
Piper Dakota PC-28-236

Welcome Beth Kirschner (Ann Arbor, MI) and Melanie McNicholas (Ann Arbor, MI) to their first ARC!

Beth is an instrument rated private pilot, with a high-performance rating and 854 hours logged. This will be her first race and she is looking forward to the challenge and the adventure!

Beth has been in software development for over thirty years, working with embedded systems, industrial automation, and enterprise web applications. She enjoys being at altitude, whether it's flying through fair-weather cumulus, hiking through mountains, or rock climbing up beautiful cliffs and crags.

Melanie is an instrument rated, commercial pilot, with 886 hours logged. She is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist at a large Ann Arbor teaching hospital, where she cares for all types of patients by administering anesthesia for surgical and non-surgical procedures. She says, "Most anesthetics in the US are given by Nurse Anesthesiologists, and I'm proud to be one!"

When asked why she races, she says, "The fun and challenge of a race can bring not only joy and pleasure, but also the opportunity to hone a much loved skill." Flying is her main hobby, but she also loves to ski, hike, and travel. In fact, she just got back from two weeks in Tanzania, where she found that lions are lazy, and that there's a bird named "Walking Eagle!"
Corbi Bulluck (Apex, NC) is back for her sixth Air Race Classic. She is an Airline Transport Pilot with single- and multi-engine licenses, multi-engine CFI, advanced/instrument ground instructor, complex and high-performance credentials, a current instrument rating, and 9,849 hours in her logbook. Corbi was the first woman hired as a pilot for the State of North Carolina. Before she retired, she was an Executive Pilot for the State, flying the governor and other top officials and doing high-precision aerial photography flights. She also served as a captain at Atlantic Southeast Airlines, and instructed at Flight Safety International. She still does some contract work for the NC Department of Transportation.

Why is she flying the ARC? “I love being a part of this adventure that traces its roots back to the 1929 Air Derby. I enjoy challenging myself to learn more and fly better each year, while accepting that luck plays a big part in air racing. And I am excited to share this experience with other women pilots who love flying, too.”

When she's not flying, she enjoys traveling, hiking, fishing with her dad, sharing aviation with young people via The 99s “Let’s Fly Now!” program and Girl Scout Aviation Days, reading, and going to the theater. She is a member of the Kitty Hawk Chapter of The 99s.

This is the fourth ARC for Stephanie Wrenn (Raleigh, NC). Stephanie is a commercial pilot, single and multi-engine land, CFI, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 3,000 hours flown. She is a business owner and part-time CFI at Raleigh-Durham International Airport who loves teaching women how to fly. “The best part,” said Stephanie, “is getting to relive the joys and challenges of learning to fly for the first time.”

Says Stephanie, “Winning the Air Race last year with my race partner, Corbi, was one of the best experiences of my life. To be able to participate in the ARC at all is such a gift, but to win alongside Corbi was a dream come true. She is an amazing pilot and race partner, and we can’t wait to be at that start line again!”

Stephanie has a passion for adventure and travel, but her favorite thing to do is spend time with family and friends. She also enjoys cooking and trying new restaurants, going to the movies, listening to music, and exercising with her favorite running buddy, her dog, Mildred. Stephanie is a member of the Kitty Hawk Chapter of The 99s.

Lin Caywood (Frederick, MD) is flying the Air Race Classic for the ninth time. An instrument-rated private pilot, she has single-engine land and sea certificates, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 2,040 hours logged. Asked why she races, Lin said, “This is one of the most unique sporting events out there, and I enjoy the thrill of challenging myself to do my best and compete against other women pilots. The friendships I’ve made have been life-long. “While volunteering for the 2019 ARC, Lin was “super excited to show the TV anchor a race plane and give the TV anchor her first GA ride only to have to shut down the engine and pull the chocks so we could actually go somewhere!”

Lin volunteers as a Director and Safety Officer for the ARC, and with Patient Airlift Services (PALS) and The 99s to give back while flying. “I also love taking kids for Young Eagles/first flights and my grandson, Jude, is still my #1 copilot,” she is a member of the Sugarloaf Chapter of The 99s and the Blue Ridge Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Lin has over 30 years of real estate and mortgage banking experience. Currently, she works for one of the largest mortgage investors in the U.S. as a relationship director to companies that own or service their loans.

Mary Wunder (Collegeville, PA) returns for her twelfth Air Race Classic. She is a commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, a current instrument rating and 2,751 hours flown. Before she retired, Mary says, “I had the best job ever. I was an air traffic controller. Where else can you tell people what to do and they have to listen to you? I have been retired 13 years, and now I just fly and harass the new controllers.”

Asked why she flies the ARC, Mary said, “I race because it’s so much fun. I learned to fly in the ‘70s, and racing gives me the opportunity to try new things and an excuse to get to different parts of the country. Plus time spent flying with your girlfriends – priceless!” She tells how during one of the races she was on crutches, which was humorous to watch but no fun at all for her.

Mary volunteers on the board of directors of the Air Race Classic and is a member of Women in Aviation International, and the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of The 99s. She is a permanent trustee of The 99s Endowment Fund, which raised its second $1 million in 2016. She teaches homeopathy, a form of alternative medicine. Mary says that she calls Bingo when she is in Florida, and they call her “Fast Mary!”
Veteran racer Gretchen Jahn (Broomfield, CO) is back for her 25th ARC. She is a commercial pilot, single-engine land and sea, with complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements and 4,000 hours logged. Gretchen flies the ARC “to see old friends and learn new things. The camaraderie is incredible. I love to meet and help new racers. There is always more to learn about the airplane, weather, aviation rules, team coordination and personal capabilities. It’s fun to ‘collect’ airports, become more proficient and go fast!”

Gretchen is a retired businesswoman and entrepreneur, focusing on manufacturing, aviation and management. She is the former CEO of Mooney Airplane Company, general manager of Alpha Aviation in New Zealand, COO of Remos Aircraft in Germany, and founded a software company. Today, she spends her time with nonprofits. She lived in New Zealand for 2.5 years — “just loved it” — and has her NZ pilot license. Gretchen is back in Denver now, and traded in her RV-7 for a Cessna 182. She spends her time as an Assistant Director with the ARC working on archives and history and the ARC database, as well as helping The 99s with their Bylaws. Gretchen is a member of numerous aviation groups, including Women in Aviation International and the Colorado Chapter of The 99s.

Welcome Terry Fiala (Highlands Ranch, CO) to her first ARC! Terry is a Geospatial Technician at a major aviation company, creating approach plates, SIDs and STARs for our military pilots. Her first career was a classical musician, then arts management, then flight school management, and now aviation cartographer.

Terry is an instrument rated commercial pilot with complex, high performance, and tailwheel endorsements, and has 750 hours logged. She says, “Entering the ARC has long been a goal of mine, and I’m thrilled to enter in 2020! I’m very competitive, both with myself and others, and I see the ARC as an opportunity to refine my skills and knowledge for a good, clean, safe competition. I’ve heard the camaraderie at the ARC is second to none!”

Terry is a competitive tennis player, mostly singles. She owns a C182 with her husband, Jason, who is also a pilot. They take their two wonderful Australian Shepherds, Rudder and Turbo, with them on adventures in Colorado and further afield.

Erin says she races because she always loves a good challenge, and when she heard about the race, she knew she had to compete! She says, “I am racing to challenge myself, improve pilot skills and promote all aspects of aviation. I want to inspire students to find a career they love, encourage them to go for it and don’t let anything stand in the way!”

In her free time, she enjoys working toward further ratings, certificates or endorsements, sightseeing, kiteboarding and skydiving. She also volunteers as an audio engineer running sound for church and community events. Erin is a member at large of Women in Aviation International.

Samantha (Sam) Lawrence (Reston, VA) is also a first time racer! Sam is a private pilot with 170 hours flown. She works as customer support director for a major aerospace manufacturer and has also worked as an aviation insurance underwriter. She has a Bachelor of Science in Aeronautics and a Master of Science in Aeronautical Science, both from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

Sam says, “I love aviation – I am fortunate to say that my passion is also my career field. When Erin called and asked if I was interested, I immediately said yes! It’s a great opportunity to do something I love, to learn and improve my piloting skills, and to show my three young nieces that girls can do anything!”

Sam and her husband have a dachshund puppy named Comet. They love to travel and are always looking for their next adventure. Originally from Pittsburgh, she is a diehard sports fan for the black and gold.

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KATIE JO CLAGG & CONNIE HITE
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172SP

Katie Jo Clagg (Cape Coral, FL) is racing for the first time! Katie Jo has a commercial pilot certificate with 294 hours flown, and a current instrument rating. Katie Jo started flight training about two years ago, and is currently working on her CFI, hoping to make the transition to flight instructing in the Spring of 2020. Before that, she waited tables for National Park concessionaires and resorts for nine years.

When asked why she races, she says the fact that the race Terminus is in her hometown has been a huge driving factor. As a Terre Haute native now living in Southwest Florida, she thinks it will be an epic experience to finish the race back home with her family there to experience it with her.

Katie Jo is an aunt to four wonderful kids, with one more arriving before the ARC. She says, "I've spent many years living in National Parks which I think are America's greatest treasures. But, lately, I've been enjoying the skies!" Katie Jo is a member of the Paradise Coast Chapter of The 99s, and a member at large of Women in Aviation International.

Constance (Connie) Hite (Cape Coral, FL) is also a first time racer! She has a private pilot certificate with 174 hours flown, and is a student pursuing a second career as a commercial pilot. Connie is a retired U.S. Secret Service Special Agent. She says, "At 53 years old, it is most rewarding to learn a skill in which I alone will be in charge of an aircraft from take-off to landing - what an exhilarating feeling!"

Connie is a huge fan of the television show, "The Amazing Race", where teams race each other, testing their personal knowledge and skills, while traveling and experiencing new adventures. She says that the Air Race Classic is the epitome of female aviators' Amazing Race! Outside of aviation, she enjoys driving her 1949 Ford pickup to car shows or spending time at the beach.

She is a member of the Civil Air Patrol, Vice Chairman of the Paradise Coast Chapter of The 99s, and a member of the Tampa Bay Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

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MARGARET WINT & SUE GLISSON
CESSNA CARDINAL 177B

This is the fourth Air Race Classic for Margaret Wint (Grand Rapids, MI). Margaret is an instrument-rated private pilot, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement and 1,082 hours flown. She races to meet other pilots and improve her flying experience. She is a member of the Indiana Dunes Chapter of The 99s.

Working for Benz Aviation, Margaret "has the fun of explaining to the general public about gliders and how they are safe." She is also the testing proctor for all the written exams that pilots and mechanics have to take.

During the 2012 race, Margaret spent the night in Gallup, NM. Returning to the airport, they had to load seven people into the car. "The car was not that big," said Margaret. "We were sitting on laps." Her team was also one of the "Newberry 11." In her free time, Margaret enjoys sewing, cross-stitching and reading. She also loves to ride carousels and has gone out of her way to find them in small towns. Margaret has a young grandson who loves airplanes, and she hopes to take him up soon.

Sue Glisson (Evansville, IN) is flying the Air Race Classic for the fifth time. She holds a private pilot license, single-engine land, with high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 1,053 hours in her logbook. Said Susan, "The Air Race Classic provides the opportunity to expand my flying skills and meet women pilots from many places with many experience levels. Seeing the U.S. from a small plane is an unforgettable experience."

Sue is a retired schoolteacher who holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in elementary education. She taught kindergartners and first-graders, and enjoyed taking her students on field trips to the airport. When she meets former students, they always tell her the airport visit was the best one!

Sue has served as social director, board member and newsletter editor for her local airport, and is Young Eagles coordinator for EAA Chapter 21. She is Secretary of the North Central Section of The 99s, and Membership Chair of the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter.
Good luck to 2020 Air Race Classic teams

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Erica Swenson (Longview, TX) holds a commercial certificate, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and tailwheel endorsements, and 663 hours in her logbook. A senior at LeTourneau, she is studying Aviation Management with a Professional Flight concentration and works there as a CFI. She also works as a cadet instructor for a regional airline, and hopes to be a first officer at the end of the year.

Erica is Captain of the LETU Precision Flight Team, and Co-Founder and Vice President of the LET Women's Aviation Society. Aviation runs in her family; her grandfather was a pilot, her father flies for a major airline, her mother is a flight attendant, and her brother was a CFI. She says "It's in my DNA!"

This is Erica's second ARC. She says: 'I race for the experience and the sisterhood that comes with it. The 100+ other female pilots make this experience incredible. This race helps me grow as an aviator, as a competitor, and as a person. And with everything I do, I race for my brother, a fellow pilot who was a huge supporter of mine.'

Erica is a member of the Texas Dogwood Chapter of The 99s.

Meyeon Kim (Longview, TX) is a commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and tailwheel endorsements and 608 hours logged. She is an international student from Fiji who graduated from LeTourneau University with an Aviation Management, Professional Flight concentration in 2018, and is now working there as a CFI/CFII.

This is Meyeon's first time racing! She says: "Participating in the race will be one of the greatest flight experiences in my life. Not only because I can represent my school as a collegiate team member, but also because I get to learn to be a safer pilot."

Her hobbies include drawing, pottery and traveling; she tends to draw famous places rather than taking pictures sometimes because she gets to see the details and understand the stories behind what she's drawing. Meyeon is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Sadie Morgan (Longview, TX) is also a first-time racer! Sadie holds a single-engine land private pilot license with 92 hours flown.

Sadie is currently a LeTourneau University sophomore, studying aviation management with a concentration in professional flight. She worked at a bakery when she was in high school. Sadie grew up in a very small farming and ranching community in South Texas. She is a LeTourneau University softball athlete. She loves flying, crafting, traveling, taking photos, baking, and volunteering her time to help others, and is a member of Women in Aviation International.

She says, "I race because it is something that no one in my family has ever done before. I wanted to join the university's race team before I started college, and I have recently been blessed with the opportunity to participate. I want to inspire other little girls to fly.'

Deborah (Debi) Dreyfuss (Potomac, MD) returns to the ARC for the eleventh time! With 3,002 hours under her belt, Debi is an Airline Transport Pilot with a current instrument rating and single-engine land and sea, multi-engine land, CFI, complex, high-performance tailwheel and formation flying credentials.

Debi wanted to fly since age 6, when her uncle took her for a ride in his Cessna 172. Now, she says, "I race for fun, camaraderie and the competition. That, and I need to convince my spouse that I really need a reason to keep my 182 in my fleet of three planes. Team DC3 loves the rush. The members may change, but the thrill doesn't!" In 2018, Team DC3 was on a roll, but weather kept bogging them down. First timer co-pilot Morgan, former Air Force jet pilot, used all her skill, but they still got stuck. When they won fourth place, Debi assured Morgan that it doesn't always turn out this way for newbies.

Debi started and owned an architectural graphics/commercial signage business for 20 years, sold it in 1998, then had a second career selling advertising. Now retired, she travels two weeks out of every month. She funds the Debi Dreyfuss Dare to be Different Award for local 99s chapters. She has a Texas taildragger, a glass-panel 182 and a Piper Mirage. She taught her grandson to fly, and he got his private pilot certificate at age 17. She is Governor of the Mid-Atlantic Section of The 99s, and a member of the Capital Region Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome Joy Halcott (Baltimore, MD) to her first ARC! Joy has a private pilot certificate, single engine land, and 301 hours in her logbook. She is currently pursuing an instrument rating.

Joy works as an Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Director of Facilities Management at a Community College. When asked why she races, Joy says, "For myself to fulfill a dream for others (especially young girls) to encourage, and for aviation to promote awareness and educate."

She volunteers with her local Civil Air Patrol, and is a member of the Max Lichly Essex Flying Club. She volunteers as often as she can with Gift (Girls In Flight Training) week. Joy is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Section of The 99s.

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Elaine Stook (Tulsa, OK) is back for her sixth Air Race Classic. Elaine is a private pilot, single-engine land, with a private pilot helicopter certificate, a high-performance endorsement and 1,030 hours logged. Said Elaine, “Five ARC races have proven to be great fun, a wonderful way to meet new friends, and an opportunity to challenge my skills in ways that are hard to match in general recreational flying.”

During one race, she said, “...pulled up nose-first to a self-serve fuel pump, and filled up. Completed the pre-flight, my copilot and I climbed back into the airplane, buckled up, went through the checklists, and fired up the engine. We looked up and found ourselves staring at the fuel station... oops, no reverse gear!”

Most of Elaine’s work experience has been in health care, first as a Peace Corps volunteer, then as a medical technologist. But, she said, working as a physician assistant in various specialties over the last 35-plus years has been the joy of her career.

Elaine enjoys travel within the USA and around Europe. She recently signed on as a pilot for Angel Flight South Central and Pilots and Paws. Said Elaine, “I look forward to using my trusty C182 in a way that makes a difference.” She is a member-at-large of the South Central Section of The 99s, and a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.

Judy Snow (Vero Beach, FL) is flying the Air Race Classic for the seventh time. She is a private pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements and 1,100 hours. She also has an RPC-Drone (Remote Pilot Certificate). Judy is a member of the Treasure Coast Chapter of The 99s.

Judy races “for the excitement, fun of flying, meeting other women in aviation, seeing old friends and for the challenge.”

She is self-employed at Judy Snow and Associates, a consulting firm serving Food and Drug Administration-regulated industries in the areas of quality systems and regulatory affairs. Her hobbies, other than flying, include hiking, motorcycle riding, boating, traveling, water sports, and spending time with family.

Sophie Ottoson (Carbondale, IL) is flying the ARC for the first time! Sophie has a private pilot license, single-engine land, with 107 hours logged.

Sophie is a student at Southern Illinois University studying to become a professional pilot. She has been training at the university for two years now, and looks forward to working on the rest of her certificates!

She hopes that “by participating in the race, not only will I gain the great experience of flying across the country, but I will also be able to learn from former racers about their experiences in aviation.” Outside of flying, Sophie likes to spend time playing sports, traveling, and hanging out with her friends.

She is very involved in Aviation Organizations at SIU and loves representing the program. Sophie is a member of the Chicago Area Chapter of The 99s, and a member of the SIUC Saluki Aviators Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Gabrielle (Gabby) Escudero (Aurora, IL) has a commercial pilot license, single- and multi-engine land, a current instrument rating, complex and high performance endorsements, and 438 hours logged. She is currently employed at Southern Illinois University as a CFI after working there as a student dispatcher for two years and earning her CFI Certificate this past summer.

This will be Gabby’s second race. She says, “Participating in an air race specifically for women is incredible to me because promoting and advocating for women in aviation is an issue that is very close to my heart. “See one, be one” is a phrase that I believe is so important for young girls who want to be in the aviation industry.”

Outside of aviation, Gabby enjoys reading, cooking, playing with her cat, and spending time with friends and family. She loves being a CFI and being able to teach aspiring aviators! Gabby is a member of the SIUC Saluki Aviators Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

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ALLISON STEINKE & MICKAEL ASHWORTH
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Allison Steinke (Gibson, IL) is racing for the first time! Allison has a private pilot license, single-engine land, with 176 hours flown. She is a junior at Lewis University majoring in Aviation Flight Management and minoring in Aircraft Dispatch and Aviation Administration. She also holds a job on campus and works as a custodian for a local jet corporation.

Allison says, “I am ecstatic to race for the first time this year. It will be a great opportunity to build my pilot and navigating skills and become more familiar with CRM. I am overjoyed to meet new people in the aviation field.”

She enjoys combining her passion of aviation with traveling by visiting airports around the country through AAAE and Women in Aviation International. When not flying at school, she likes to fly around the Iowa countryside with her father who has his pilot license. Outside of aviation, she enjoys leading a Bible study and volunteering. Allison is a member of Chicago’s Leading Edge Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Mickael Ashworth (Bloomington, IL) is flying her second Air Race Classic. Mickael is majoring in aviation flight management with a minor in dispatch, and works part-time as a CFI at the university. She holds a commercial certificate, single-engine land, with CFI, instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 603 hours in her logbook.

Why is she racing? “I am most excited about meeting new people and building experience,” says Mickael. “It will also be a great time for crew resource management.” Last year was her first time racing, and Mickael says after racing just one year, she has a ton of great stories. “My favorite was the start of the race, when we went to go see our planes for the first time and they were all underwater, and we had to fish our planes out!”

Flight doubles as both a job and a passion for Mickael, and her students’ success is her No1 priority. When she’s not flying, she enjoys running and skiing. Mickael is a member of Women in Aviation International, and a member of the Chicago Area Chapter of The 99s.

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SHERRY KANDLE & BRENDA CARTER
CESSNA SKYLANE 182K

This will be the seventh ARC for Sherry Kandle (Boise, ID). She holds a private pilot license, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement, and 1,032 hours logged.

Sherry is a retired software engineer and project manager for government, manufacturing and aviation applications. After retiring, she started an airplane maintenance business and works as a volunteer for aviation causes, including the Air Race Classic.

Sherry says, “I race for the adventure, fly-bys, and cross-country flights. Racing motivates me to improve my flying skills and I have learned so much more about my airplane. I enjoy the planning and preparation it takes. I especially look forward to hanging out with friends I have met through racing.” A humorous experience in a prior ARC occurred during a flyby, when she had trouble finding the airstrip, twice! She says, “As if that was not bad enough, as we corrected our track for the second try, we broadcast it to the whole world on Live ATC when the PTT switch stuck. I have now learned to trust my GPS.”

Sherry’s husband, Doug, is also a pilot, CFI, A&P, IA and an airplane builder. They have done Oshkosh fly-in camping many times to count, and have two border collies. She loves to hike and camp in the wilderness, as well as books, movies, bike rides, and tennis, and is a member of the Idaho Chapter of The 99s.

Brenda (Bj) Carter (Boise, ID) has raced nine races! Bj holds a private pilot license, single-engine land, with a high-performance endorsement, and 923 hours logged.

Bj is totally involved in her third career - retirement! She says it is interesting and fun to look back on her career teaching and working CSI for the Boise Police Department, and enjoys recalling favorite stories, events, and adventures from those times.

She says, “I fly the air race because of the people, and the race sharpens my flying skills and knowledge. I get excited knowing that I am going to get to race again.” During a previous ARC, while taxiing after landing, the plane lost all of its avionics, which created a “quiët moment” in the cockpit, but it was soon solved when the crew realized the iPad had clipped off the mast!

Bj’s interests include fly fishing (just learning), golfing (always learning), cross country skiing, snowshoeing, rafting, reading, and road and trail biking. She is a member of the Idaho Chapter of The 99s.
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DENISE PRIDE, DANA PEREZ & LORAINE BAKER
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Denise Pride (Shavano Park, TX) is returning for her second ARC. Denise holds a private pilot license, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 740 hours in her logbook. Denise is a physician specializing in internal medicine and psychiatry. She’s been practicing since 2002, taking care of veterans and active-duty soldiers.

When asked, ‘Why do you race?’, Denise responds, ‘Camaraderie, being part of a team, fun, excitement, challenging, promoting women in aviation, experience, becoming a better pilot. But, most of all, for the love of flying which I got from my father, George Pride, who was once the head of the aviation department of the DEA.’ She recounts that when she flew the Air Race Classic in 2019, her only goal was to finish the race without any penalties. This year’s goals are to try to be in the top twenty, but she says it’s a very competitive race!

Denise loves animals and is a board member of the San Antonio Humane Society, as well as a pilot for PilotsNPaws. She has a daughter, Alexis, and is a pet-parent of three adopted dogs. (Hazel, Max, Bexar). She is married to Don Elliott, a retired Navy/FedEx pilot. Denise is a member of the San Antonio Chapter of The 99s, and a member of Women in Aviation International.

This will also be the second ARC for Dana Perez (San Antonio, TX). Dana is a commercial pilot, single engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, a Jet Type Rating, a current instrument rating, CFI, and 2,200 hours under her belt. Dana is a retired teacher of 29 years, a former Technology Coordinator and Apple Support Specialist. She now works as a CFI, a pilot and aircraft manager for a private company. She recently earned her first Type Rating in a single engine jet: Cirrus Vision Jet SF50.

She says, “It was a dream to participate in the Air Race and help promote women in aviation. I am excited to return for my second year, and continue to experience and learn from other racers. My favorite part was to enjoy the camaraderie with my fellow racers.”

Dana enjoys motorcycling, and flying with her dad! She began her flight training at age 40 after a near death experience made her realize that she should live her dreams. Dana says, “Live in the now, and enjoy every moment!”

Welcome Loraine (Reni) Baker (San Antonio, TX) to her first ARC! Reni has a private pilot license, single-engine land, with 272 hours in her logbook.

Reni has worked as an Office Manager for many years in several different industries. This year, she began working as a Personal Assistant for a fellow pilot! She has been a private pilot since 2007 and never thought she'd get the opportunity to fly the ARC. She has heard many stories from pilots that have flown this race and the one thing they all have said is, “You have to experience racing at least once!” She looks forward to the thrill of the race, the camaraderie of her fellow pilots, and “the exhaustion I'm sure to experience!”

Reni's mother is a pilot and a 99 who encouraged her to take flying lessons. She is married to Dennis Baker, has a son and daughter-in-law, two dogs, and two grand-dogs. She has a love for animals, and enjoys donating time and energy to fly for Pilots N Paws among other animal rescue organizations. Reni is a member of the San Antonio Chapter of The 99s, and the Alamo City Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

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ROYCE CLIFFORD & MELISSA SLIFFE
BEECHCRAFT SIERRA C24R

Royce Clifford (Encinitas, CA) returns for her twelfth ARC. She is an instrument-rated private pilot, single- and multi-engine land with complex and tailwheel endorsements and 1,700 hours flown. A retired Navy flight surgeon, Royce was the third female senior medical officer aboard the U.S. Aircraft Carrier George Washington (CVN-73) from 2007-9. She has flown in F-16s, F-15s, F-5s and in an EA-6B Prowler for cat shots, and her last military flight was in a C-130 over Saudi Arabia in 2013.

Asked why she flies the ARC, Royce replied, “Camaraderie, challenge, the need for speed, and the fact that life is short.”

Royce conducts research on noise-induced hearing loss and tinnitus. In her spare time, she enjoys playing the piano. Royce is a member of the Palomar Chapter of The 99s.

This is the fourth Air Race Classic for Melissa Sliffe (Vista, CA). Melissa is an Air Transport Pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, instrument CFI, Advanced Ground Instructor Certificates, complex and high-performance endorsements, a Jet Type Rating and 3,986 hours logged. She is an independent CFI who has worked as a personal pilot for a land developer in Baja California, a corporate pilot flying out of Orange and L.A. counties, and most recently as an air boss/flight ops for an electric company, using a variety of helicopters in the construction of 500 kV transmission towers.

Melissa is also an aviculturalist, raising game birds — pheasants, quail and chukar partridges — for responsible hunters wishing to train and maximize their bird dogs, preventing the loss of wild natural coveys. She also has a kennel where she breeds, raises and trains German Shorthaired Pointers for hunting. Melissa is a member of the Palomar Chapter of The 99s.
29 | The Night Witches
ELISABETH COOK, JAIMIE ROUSSEAU & CASSANDRA TATRO
CESSNA CARDINAL 177B

Elisabeth (Beth) Cook (Framingham, MA) is racing for the first time! She holds a commercial pilot license, single- and multi-engine land, with an instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and 617 hours logged.

She is a current full-time CFI with approximately 225 hours of dual given. Prior to this career, she worked in IT client services for a market research company, but says that the views from the cockpit are much better than those from a cubicle! Beth started flying in 2015 after her father, a career airline pilot, unexpectedly passed away. She quickly discovered it was a passion of hers, and now she flies to honor him, continue the tradition of pilots in her family, and to inspire others to follow their passions.

Beth says, "I race because I want to show other women and girls that they can do this, too! I think it's incredibly important to promote aviation in as many ways as possible, especially to women, and I'm happy and excited to step up and play my part."

Beth is a member of the Eastern New England Chapter of The 99s.

Jaimie Rousseau (Mendon, MA) is also racing for the first time! She holds a commercial pilot license, single- and multi-engine land, with an instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 465 hours logged.

Jaimie has been a flight attendant for twelve years and started flight instructing this past summer. She says, "I've known I wanted to fly since I was a teenager but started my flight training in my 30s. Being a flight attendant definitely pushed me toward accomplishing my dream of becoming a pilot." Jamie races to challenge herself, meet other aviators, learn, promote STEM to other girls and women, and to have fun! She also thinks it's important to be active in women's history and keep the race alive.

Jaimie is active in a flying club, participating in monthly fly-ins and meeting other local pilots. Outside of aviation, she loves to be outside, and enjoys backpacking, camping, and going on adventures. She also volunteers with a local search and rescue group. She is a member of the Eastern New England Chapter of The 99s.

Cassandra (Cassie) Tatro (Sterling, MA) is also racing for the first time. Cassie has a private pilot license with 233 hours logged. Cassie is a customer service representative for Mike Goulian Aviation at a Cirrus Flight Training Facility. Her aviation career experience has consisted of being an operations coordinator, dispatcher and office manager for flight schools and ramp agent for an airline.

She says, "I race to encourage the future of lady aviators in the world of aviation to challenge themselves in the real world. Completing this race will make history, and not only make my team and I feel accomplished, but be able to empower other women to try this challenge, or really any challenge!"

When not working, you can find Cassie in the skies one way or another. She enjoys being PIC, working on her instrument rating, playing copilot or safety pilot for friends, or assisting on Angel Flights into large, overwhelming airports such as KBOS. She is a member of the Eastern New England Chapter of The 99s.

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30 | Lady Hawk Owls
HANNAH BEARD & JESSICA MARTIN
NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE
CESSNA SKYHAWK 172S

Hannah Beard (Interlochen, MI) holds a commercial pilot certificate, single-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex and tailwheel endorsements and 237 hours flown. A senior at Northwestern Michigan College, she is working on her CFII certification and plans to graduate in the fall. She also works as a dispatcher and CFI in the college's aviation department.

This will be Hannah's second race, and she is excited to return to the race for the opportunity to meet other women who are passionate about flying. Why is she racing? "To gain experience and become more involved in the aviation industry," Hannah says.

Hannah was instrumental in starting the Women in Aviation International Chapter at Northwestern Michigan College and is a member of the organization.

Jessica (Jessi) Martin (Maple City, MI) is an instrument rated commercial pilot, single-engine land, with a complex endorsement and 460 hours in her logbook. She is in her fourth year as a pilot building an aviation career, working on an Associate Degree in Applied Science and her CFI Certification. Jessi also holds a Bachelor's Degree in Science from Western Michigan University.

She says, "This is my second race and I loved the experience so much I came back again. It is such a unique experience and the opportunity to be in a room with 100+ women who all have the same passion is amazing! During the 2019 race, the start was delayed by weather. Jessi and her team were hungry, but when they saw the wonderful volunteers at McKellar-Sipes handing out burgers right behind the Start Marshall, she says, 'I don't think I've ever been so happy to see fast food!'"

An Air Force veteran, Jessi is the mother of two boys, ages 12 and 14, and she enjoys practicing kenpo, camping and traveling. She is a member of the Northwestern Michigan Chapter of Women in Aviation International.
Yasmine Abu Arab (Countryside, IL) is flying her second ARC. Yasmine holds a commercial pilot license, single and multi-engine land, with a complex endorsement and CFI, CFII and MEI CFI qualifications with 750 hours in her logbook.

She graduated from the Ohio State University with a degree in aviation and her private pilot license. She then got the rest of her ratings at ATP Flight School. She is now working there as a CFI, building her flight hours in hopes of soon becoming an airline pilot. Yasmine says that she loves racing because of the dynamic style of flying and the connections made with other racers and supporters of the race at each stop. She especially hopes to encourage other women and girls to join the aviation industry.

Yasmine is hoping to make a career out of flying, but while she builds enough hours for the airlines, she is enjoying learning from the experience of her students and the challenges of flight instructing. When not flying, she loves to bake and play with her pups.

Natalie Higdon (Broadview Heights, OH) is also flying her second race. Natalie holds a commercial pilot license, single- and multi-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, and 560 hours in her logbook. She is a First Officer at an Alaskan Bush freight carrier. She started her aviation career at 18 and has worked in all corners of the industry including: airline ground operations, fixed-based operator customer service, travel consulting, state government airport oversight, and corporate flying.

Natalie is racing to promote diversity in aviation, create visibility for women pilots, and inspire the next generation of aviators.

She has had the honor of being a teammate on the Ohio State University’s inaugural team, the Lady Buckeyes, in 2017 and coaching the Lady Buckeyes in 2018.

Natalie is a second generation pilot. Her first flight lesson was in a seaplane in Anchorage, AK when she was 15. Now, ten years later, she is crossing the skies of western Alaska delivering everything from Amazon packages to snowmobiles. Natalie is a member of the Cleveland Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome Jacqueline (Jackie) Ruiz (North Aurora, IL) to her first ARC! Jackie has a Sport Pilot license, single-engine land, and 112 hours logged.

Jackie says, “I am a serial entrepreneur, and started my first company at 23 as a marketing agency. I wrote my first book at 26 and have published another 15 books since then. I am passionate about helping others.” She races to elevate women and inspire them to reach higher to their dreams! In addition to writing books, Jackie enjoys journaling, racing on the car racetrack, drawing, traveling, volunteering, and mentoring young ladies.

Rachel Miller (New Albany, IN) has a commercial pilot’s license, instrument rating, and 300 hours logged. Rachel is a student at Indiana State University and plans to graduate with degrees in Professional Aviation Flight Technology and Aviation Management. She obtained her private pilot certificate during the summer of 2017 and she hopes to fly for a major airline one day.

This is Rachel’s second ARC, and she says, “The thrill of competing in an air race is unmatched. I love learning new things and hope to further my aviation career by obtaining additional experience.”

Flying is by far her favorite pastime, but she also enjoys playing soccer, piano, snowboarding, and traveling “when I have the opportunity to do so.” Rachel is a member of Women in Aviation International.

Nia Spiller (Louisville, KY) is a private pilot, single-engine land, with an instrument rating and 274 hours in her logbook. A junior and President’s Scholar at Indiana State, she is double majoring in Professional Aviation Flight Technology and Aviation Management, with an expected graduation date of 2021.

This will be Nia’s second ARC. “I race because I love creating new experiences and memories regarding aviation,” says Nia. “This race will definitely be a challenge, but I am extremely excited to face it.” A great memory from last year’s race is “talking to random people and telling them why we were in their towns, and hearing the surprise in their voices when we told them we were pilots and were racing around the country.”

One Christmas, Nia’s parents got her an introduction to aerobatics flight, and she has been hooked ever since. Outside of aviation, yoga and dancing are her main hobbies, and they have a calming and stress relieving effect. Nia is a member of the Kentucky Bluegrass Chapter of The 99s and the Indiana State University Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Evelyn (Evie) Reed (St. Louis, MO) has a private pilot license, single-engine land, and 188 hours in her logbook. Welcome Evie to her first ARC!

Evie is a junior at Indiana State University, working on her commercial Certificate. She can’t wait to be a CFI and help other aviators get into the field. Eventually, she wants to fly passenger airliners. Evie says she races to learn from and connect with other racers, receive valuable experience with flying above different terrain, and take advantage of a fantastic opportunity she wouldn’t otherwise have in training.

She says, “I love being creative! For Christmas, I made my friends cards and ornaments out of clay for first solos or ratings earned. I enjoy making string art, and short videos. My family is everything to me - especially my sister! She inspires me every day. She was my first ‘for fun’ passenger.” Evie is a member of the Indiana Chapter of The 99s, and the Indiana State University Chapter of Women in Aviation International.
Thank you to all the frontline heros!

33 | Flying Flashes Blue
CLARE WILLETTE & ALEXANDRA JOHNSON
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Welcome Clare Willette (Rochester, NY) to her first ARC! Clare holds a commercial pilot license, single-engine land, an instrument rating, and has logged 230 hours. She is a senior at Kent State University currently working towards her CFI. She also works at the airport as a dispatcher, and loves getting involved in all airport events and projects.

Clare is a first generation pilot and has been working toward a career in aviation since she was 12. She says, "I race to provide an example to other young women who want to establish themselves in male dominated fields. Highlighting strong female role models is essential in inspiring future ones and the Air Race Classic is a perfect example."

Her favorite flight experience was taking an Upset Recovery Course. She says, "Flying in a fully aerobatic airplane strapped in with a parachute was the most fun I've ever had in an airplane, and learning to recover from such extreme attitudes was incredibly beneficial." Clare is a member of The 99s.

Alexandra (Alex) Johnson (Canton, MI) is flying her second ARC. She holds a commercial pilot license, single-engine land, an instrument rating, CFI, complex endorsement, and has logged 313 hours. Alex is a senior at Kent State, and works as a CFI there. She plans to earn her CFII and multi-engine rating by the end of the year. She has worked as a dispatcher, receptionist, and line serviceman at Kent State University Airport (1G3). Her career goal is to fly at a major airline so she can travel the world.

Alex says, "I race for the experience, the challenge, and to inspire others. It's so inspiring to be surrounded by strong women pilots which further inspires aspiring female pilots. This race is so different from the typical flight training environment that it makes anyone who flies the ARC a well-rounded pilot."

She loves spending time with friends and family, exercising, and being creative. A pilot goal of hers is to earn at least two other certificates in her lifetime. Alex is President of KSU-OBAP, and Vice President of the KSU Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

34 | Flying Flashes Gold
LAURA WILSON & KENZIE ALGE
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Welcome Laura Wilson (Kent, OH) to her first ARC! Laura has a private pilot license, single engine land, with an instrument rating and 175 hours logged. Laura started flying in January 2018 at Kent State University. She had no prior flight experience, only the dream to fly. Now, nearly two years later, she is an instrument rated pilot working towards her commercial. One day she hopes to become a CFI and eventually a professional pilot.

Why race? Laura says, "I consider myself to be more of a go-with-the-flow type of girl, but the race is a challenge. It's unlike anything I've done before, and I want to prove to myself that I can do it. I am proud to be a woman in aviation, and I am excited to represent my university."

She enjoys reading books and watching movies (especially fantasy), and eventually wants to visit the places she reads about. She enjoys cooking and says, "I love my family so much; they've always been supportive of me. Hi, Mom and Dad!" Laura is a member of the KSU Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Kenzie Alge (Tallmadge, OH) has a commercial pilot license, single and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating, complex, tailwheel and high-performance ratings, a CFII, and 728 hours in her logbook. She is a CFI and is working on building time to go to the airlines.

Kenzie has flown two races before this one, and says she is super excited for her third race this year! Says Kenzie, "I competed in my first air race in 2018 and have been hooked ever since! I love the atmosphere of all women pilots in one place. It certainly is a change from being surrounded by male pilots at work! I also love the change in scenery while flying, and the new experiences I gain through air racing. During the 2019 race, Kenzie and her teammate landed in Canada. When they opened the doors, to their surprise it was only about 50 degrees, and they were wearing shorts and tank tops, having come from 80 degree weather. She says she will definitely pack warmer attire this year!

Kenzie is very busy flying most of the time, but when she can find time off, she loves to travel, hang out with friends and family, and do anything outdoorsy, like hiking and kayaking. Kenzie is a member of the KSU Chapter of Women in Aviation International, and the All-Ohio Chapter of The 99s.
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Welcome Megan Stumbo (Holland, MI) to her first ARC! Megan is a commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with an instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements and a Jet Type Rating, CFI and CFII, with 900 hours logged. Megan is Chief CFI for a charter flight and aircraft management company. She started working for the company at the front desk when she was in high school, has been with them for four years, and has spent a year as Chief CFI.

Megan first heard about the race about five years ago when she just started getting into aviation, and the ARC has been on her bucket list ever since! She is excited to have the opportunity to meet other women equally as passionate about aviation.

Megan says, "When I’m not flying or studying, you can likely find me spending time with family and friends, curled up with a good book, watching Netflix, or on a walk. I love traveling and exploring, and being a pilot definitely feeds that passion."

Emelie Fox (Indianapolis, IN) is also flying her first race! Emelie is a private pilot, single-engine land, with 95 hours in her logbook.

Welcome Susan Field (Algonquin, IL) to her first ARC! Susan is a private pilot, single-engine land, with 130 hours logged. She is Associate Sales Manager for a company that distributes travel-relevant juvenile products in North America. Her first career was in construction, and before the housing collapse in 2008, she was a carpenter and project manager for a home builder. She loved it!

Susan is racing because she feels very strongly about supporting, and surrounding herself with, collaborative women whenever possible. "I live for these transformative experiences that bring new skills!"

Susan says, "I have five daughters and one son who are rad humans! My dad and husband are private pilots, too! I consistently seek to push against the status quo. Construction, extreme sports and aviation, to name a few. I’m also a Babywearing Educator and LOVE teaching both for work and volunteer outreach." Susan is a member of the Chicago's Leading Edge Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Joyce Parker (Topeka, KS) is a private pilot, single-engine land, with complex and high-performance endorsements, an instrument rating, and 513 hours logged. Joyce is a retired USAF Sergeant and served 25 years on active duty. Post retirement, she taught Air Force ROTC for 3 years at a local high school. She is currently in her seventh year teaching kindergarten. She also owns a reading tutoring business, is a manager/camp host at an RV Park, and owns a process serving business.

This will be Joyce’s second air race. Her first in 2011 was her greatest aviation experience ever! She wants to develop into the best pilot she can be to one day become a missionary pilot, and believes that flying the ARC again will bring her closer to realizing these goals. Joyce says, "On the way to Prescott, AZ for ARC 2016, Classic Racer 37 arrived at 6:30pm for an overnight stop at the tiny airport of Grants-Milan, NM. There was not a soul in sight, no taxi, no Uber, no courtesy car. What did we do? We called the police; they took us to our hotel and picked us up EARLY in the morning."

Joyce enjoys reading, playing the piano and violin, singing in church choir, teaching students of all ages how to read, running, playing with her two Yorkies, MaxRudder and Bailey, and living full-time in her RV. Her greatest pleasure and purpose in life is her faith. She is a member-at-large of Women in Aviation International.
38 | Mavericks

NICOLE LUND & REBECCA SCHUTZENHOFER
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-OMAHA
PIPER ARROW II PA-28-200

Welcome Nicole Lund (Omaha, NE) to her first ARC! Nicole has a commercial pilot license, with an instrument rating, complex, high-performance and tailwheel endorsements, and 275 hours logged. She is a senior at the University of Nebraska, studying Aviation Professional Flight. She also has experience working part-time in customer service and ground handling for two airline companies.

Nicole says, “I want to race to carry on the tradition that many pioneers started in 1929. I look up to many of the trailblazing women that raced throughout the decades. In addition, I want to race to support the other women racing. I believe friendly competition is a great way to bring us together.”

Besides flying, Nicole enjoys running. She likes to be outdoors and find different running trails to explore. She is also very involved with aviation outreach, and enjoys volunteering with Aviation Explorers and Girls Scouts to introduce the younger generation to aviation. Nicole is a member of Women in Aviation International.

This is also the first ARC for Rebecca Schutzenhofer (Omaha, NE). Rebecca has a commercial pilot license, with an instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, and 286 hours logged. She is a senior at the University of Nebraska, studying Aviation Professional Flight, and is also a Certified CFI candidate.

Rebecca says, “I am very honored to participate in this race for the first time. To be a part of this historic event that brings female pilots together from all walks of life is incredibly empowering. I am excited to do my part in encouraging the younger generation to pursue a path as a female aviator.”

When not flying, which is a rare occasion, Rebecca can be found teaching yoga, hiking, playing with dogs at the humane society, or perusing the local comic book shop for her favorite graphic novels. She has a big family and often hangs out with her ten nieces and nephews. Nicole is a member of the UNO Maverick Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

42 | The Magpies

MARY MATTOCKS & CHESAPEAKE GUSTIN
PIPER CHEROKEE PA-28-140

This is the second ARC for Mary (Willie) Mattocks (East Amherst, NY). Willie is a private pilot, single-engine land, with 1,600 hours logged. Willie is a Registered Nurse and midwife, with an MS in Nurse Education. She works in Niagara County, NY as a Community Health Nurse. When working in remote areas of Ontario for the Canadian Government, she developed a passion for flying out of necessity and obtained her Pilot Certificate in 1989.

Willie says, “I race because I enjoy facing challenges and overcoming them. The race was so much fun last year that I want to do it again! I have flown many places in the US and Canada in my beloved Piper Cherokee N222DL, but this race will be the ultimate adventure; I will do my best to succeed and hopefully win.” Due to bad weather in last year’s race, two legs were eliminated. Arriving at Bryant, AK, Willie’s team found a technical problem which delayed them. Suddenly, a crowd gathered expecting to see the women pilots arrive. Unfortunately, others had already left and they were the only entertainment remaining.

Willie was born on the Isle of Wight, UK, and is a member of The 99s, EAA, AOPA, and Buffalo Aero Club, the oldest in the US! She has had the honor of flying over 400 Young Eagles. She hopes to get an Airframe and powerplant mechanic’s license soon. She loves her supportive non-pilot husband, son, Pekingese dog, and cat. Willie is a member of the Western New York Chapter of The 99s.

Chesapeake Gustin (Savannah, GA) is also flying her second race. Chesapeake has a commercial pilot license, single- and multi-engine land, with an instrument rating, complex and high-performance endorsements, an RPC-Drone, and a CFI. She has 830 hours in her logbook. Chesapeake graduated from Florida Tech in May 2018 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Aeronautical Science and Associate Degree in Air Traffic Control. She works as a CFI and loves being able to introduce new people to aviation.

Chesapeake races to connect with other women in aviation across the country, encourage women to become involved in aviation, and to have fun! Ever since completing her first ARC back in 2017, she has been hoping to take part in another ARC and is very excited for this year’s race. She enjoys traveling, hiking, photography and gardening. She is a member of the Southern Wings Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

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Welcome Morgan Carney (Jacksonville, FL) to her second ARC! Morgan is a commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with an instrument rating, complex endorsement. She is majoring in Aviation Management and Flight Operations, with an expected graduation date in Spring 2020, and works as a tutor and Babysits while working on her CFII.

She is racing to use all the lessons she learned from her previous race experience as the third teammate and apply it to her new role as team Captain. She is looking forward to talking to racers she has met, as well as meeting new racers. She recounts, "On the way to the race start last year, the airplane cabin got very warm from the sun. My fellow teammates decided to fly in our sports bras to try and cool down."

Morgan loves to play tennis, hang out with friends and go on spontaneous cross-country flights all over Florida. Her secret talent is that she knows how to juggle. Morgan is a member of Women in Aviation International.

This is the first race for Haley Helms (Peachtree City, GA), a commercial pilot, multi-engine land, with an instrument rating and 170 hours in her logbook. Haley is a full-time student and aviation major, and also works as a dogsitter, which she thoroughly enjoys! She previously worked as a customer service representative at a fixed base operator, where she got to meet many different people with the same interests.

Haley says, "I want to race because I want to challenge myself and my team, and I am so excited to meet other female aviators with the same drive and initiative. I already friends with my teammates, but I know this will bring us closer together and will provide many learning opportunities throughout the journey."

Her mom flies for a major airline on the A33, and is so jealous that she didn't get to do this when she was Haley's age! "She has always been my #1 supporter, so I feel so lucky to be a part of this experience and for her to be able to watch the journey; such a dream come true!"

Mercedes St George (Springfield, VA) is also flying her first race. Mercedes is a private pilot, single-engine land, with 119 hours logged. She is a full-time student at Jacksonville University majoring in Aviation Management and Flight Operations. Her favorite occupational experience was a summer internship with a major airline, where she worked in the chief pilot's office at Washington Dulles International, and loved every minute!

Mercedes is excited to race and be able to represent her university at the collegiate level. In addition, she looks forward to competing in this thrilling event and having the opportunity to interact and learn from fellow women aviators from all backgrounds of the industry.

She says, "I absolutely love to travel! To date, I have been lucky enough to visit all 50 states and almost 30 countries. I am consistently amazed by the wonders and diversity with each place I visit and every person I meet." Mercedes is a member of the Jacksonville University Chapter of Women in Aviation International.
65 | War Eagle Women Orange

ELIZABETH WHITE & SIERRA HARDWICK
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Welcome Elizabeth (Biz) White (Auburn, AL) to her first ARC! Biz holds a commercial pilot license, single- and multi-engine land, with a current instrument rating and 390 hours logged. She is a senior at Auburn University in training to become a CFI. She has been flying for about five years now and has had the opportunity to be a part of many organizations such as Women in Aviation International and the War Eagle Flying Team, which competes nationally with other colleges across the United States.

She says, "I race because I love being able to share the joy of aviation to people all across the United States. Having the opportunity to meet other female pilots and show the world that we can do anything we put our minds to is something I take great pride in being able to show off!"

Outside of the cockpit, Biz spends a lot of time sewing and crafting. She's made several costumes since picking up the hobby back in 2013, and even won an award for craftsmanship. She also loves cats and has two of the best kitties in the world!

This is the second Air Race Classic for Sierra Hardwick (Auburn, AL). A commercial pilot, single- and multi-engine land, with an instrument rating and 387 hours logged, Sierra is pursuing a degree in Professional Flight and working on her Instructor Certificate. Her career goals include becoming a captain at a major airline.

"I am racing because I want to represent my university through what I love doing most. I am looking forward to better understanding my capabilities as a pilot, as well as growing closer with my teammates and making connections with other women pilots."

Other than flying, she spends her time performing with the Auburn University Marching Band on the drumline and volunteering at her church in the kids' area. Sierra is a member of Women in Aviation International.

66 | War Eagle Women Blue

EMILY BOHANAN & CAITLYN MILLER
AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Welcome Emily (Mattie) Bohanan (Auburn, AL) to her first ARC! Mattie holds a commercial pilot license, single- and multi-engine land, complex and tailwheel endorsements, an instrument rating, and 379 hours logged. She is a senior majoring in Professional Flight at Auburn University, and training to become a CFI. She works at the Auburn University Aviation Center part-time to help with social media and marketing.

Mattie learned about the Air Race Classic when she became a student pilot four years ago, and has wanted to be a part of it ever since. She is racing to connect with other women who share the same passion for aviation as she does, and to make memories with her teammates.

Mattie recounts, "My dad, a retired airline pilot, and my mom, a retired flight attendant, took me on my first plane ride at three weeks old. I grew up in airports and on planes, but I always knew that I wanted to be up in the cockpit. I love to travel and to spend time with friends and family."

Mattie is a member of the War Eagle Chapter of Women in Aviation International.

Welcome back, Caitlyn Miller (Auburn, AL) to her second Air Race Classic! Caitlyn holds a commercial pilot certificate, single- and multi-engine land, an instrument rating, and has 496 hours in her logbook. She is a recent graduate of Auburn University, currently working as a CFI for the university and ultimately aspires to be an airline pilot like her father.

"Through the Air Race, I'm hoping to hone my flying skills and meet other incredible pilots," says Caitlyn. "It's encouraging to have the opportunity to join a race alongside other women who are equally as passionate about aviation." She recounts that during last year's race, she and her partner, Kendall, used one of the Wausau airport's tandem bikes to cruise around town. One of the workers at the airport told them it would test their friendship, but they somehow stayed in sync! It was the perfect stress relief before flying into Canada that afternoon.

Caitlyn loves to travel and experience new cultures. Being an avid runner, she thinks the best way to see new cities is by running through them. When not traveling, she stays busy by always trying to learn something new whether it's a practical skill or beneficial knowledge.

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Owning an ARC medallion is a privilege reserved for any racer who has flown at least one leg of any Air Race Classic. The medallion comes in gold or silver vermeil. It can be worn on a chain or as a pin. Esther Lowry Safford designed it for the first Air Race Classic in 1977. A white stone can be inserted on one of the “flowers” that surrounds the design for each Air Race Classic flown. Blue stones are reserved for ARC Board members and a medallion that is surrounded by rubies denotes someone who has served as President of the Air Race Classic.

Medallions will be on sale during Terminus events. Order today at president@airraceclassic.org for pick up at the Terminus.

The Air Race Classic Endowment Fund

PRESERVING WOMEN’S AIR RACING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

Celebrating 43 years of continuous women’s air racing, Air Race Classic is looking forward to a continued bright and successful future. To ensure this legacy, the Board of Directors has established an Endowment Fund with a goal of raising $500,000.

“These monies will be prudently invested, and once the goal is met, the principal will be retained, and revenue earned will be allocated to the Air Race Classic Board for distribution to help defray the costs of running this race,” said Carolyn Van Newkirk, former member of the Air Race Classic Board of Directors. “It is our hope that the legacy will last indefinitely.”

With your help, we can continue to be a part of aviation history, helping women pilots face new challenges, accomplish goals and share the experience. If you would like to help us keep the challenge alive by supporting the Air Race Classic with your contribution, send your donations to:

Air Race Classic Endowment Fund
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Lake Havasu City AZ 86403
Air Race Classic History

Women's air racing started in 1929 with the First Women's Air Derby. Twenty pilots raced from Santa Monica, CA to Cleveland, OH, site of the National Air Races. Racing continued through the '30's and was renewed again after WWII when the All Women's Transcontinental Air Race (AWTAR), better known as the Powder Puff Derby, came into being. The AWTAR held its 30th, final and commemorative flight in 1977. When the AWTAR was discontinued, the Air Race Classic, Ltd., (ARC) stepped in to continue the tradition of transcontinental speed competition for women pilots and staged its premier race. The Air Race Classic was reincorporated in 2002 into the Air Race Classic, Inc., a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

The early air races were the "on to" type, with noon and night control stops, and the contestants more or less stayed together. In that manner, weather and flying conditions were practically the same for each entrant and the race officials could release standings to the media after each day of racing.

The current race routes are approximately 2,400 statute miles in length, and the contestants are usually given four days, flying VFR in daylight hours, to reach the terminus. Each plane is assigned a handicap speed – and the goal is to have the actual ground speed be as far over the handicap speed as possible. The pilots are thus given the leeway to play the elements, holding out for better weather, winds, etc. The objective is to fly the "perfect" cross-country. In this type of race, the official standings cannot be released until the final entrant has crossed the finish line. Actually, the last arrival can be the winner.

Scoring techniques evolved over the years, and in 1952 the AWTAR began using the handicap system of scoring. The Air Race Classic has continued to use this type of scoring throughout its history. The 29-30's races flew shorter legs and made more stops than the current races. Now the legs are 280 to 320 statute miles, and seven or eight control stops are designated for either landing or fly-by. The race has been in 44 states, stopping in over 300 cities, and Canada. The races are open to all women with fixed wing aircraft from 145 to 570 horsepower. In earlier days, the fastest airplane with no specified handicap was in a good position to win, if it held together over the long haul and there was no big navigational error committed. Now the handicapping system is used – each plane flying against its own speed. Supposedly, any entry has an equal chance of victory, depending on the accuracy of the handicapping. All participants are true winners in their own right, flying the best possible race.

At a time when some people are inclined to downplay and have only negative views of general aviation, it is encouraging each summer when dozens of women pilots casually get into their airplanes and safely race each other over transcontinental routings. There is a spirit of camaraderie in spite of the keen competition, and the Air Race Classic proves a boon to aviation in general. At the same time, it gives the fliers the opportunity to hone their flying techniques. Many other people are drawn into the annual events through sponsorship, ground/air assistance, timing, officiating and as spectators.

Award wise, the Air Race Classic started in 1977 with an $8,550 purse for the top-ten crews, with additional leg prizes for those finishing outside the selected group of ten. The awards have been increased over the years, so that the current top-ten purse is $20,500.

Over 40 years later, the Air Race Classic remains a venue for competitive flying. Louise Thaden is quoted as saying, "... added skills are developed, self-confidence is increased and enduring friendships are made." And Blanche Noyes added, "Flying is ageless."

We are proud and honored to celebrate 90 years of women's air racing!

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3rd Place
JAN AARSHEIM & ELIN-MARI HEGGLAND

4th Place
AILSA MOSELEY CUTTING & SARAH WENDT

5th Place
MADI BRIGHT, RACHEL CHAPUT & MORGAN CARNEY

6th Place
SUSAN CARASTRO & MARIE CARASTRO

7th Place
LARA GAERTE & DONNA HARRIS

8th Place
MICKAEL ASHWORTH & MEGAN SHAFFER

9th Place
SUSAN LARSON & AMY ECCLESINE

10th Place
JO ALCORN & GRETCEN JAHN

2020 AWARDS

The Top Ten Scoring Teams
Each member receives an ARC Award medallion, and teams receive the following cash prizes:

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Leg Prizes
For each leg of the race, prizes are awarded to the four highest scoring teams (Top Ten winners not eligible).

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Traditions begin with simple acts that add meaning to our lives. Without realizing the future impact of their benevolence, Linda Schumm and Rosemary Emhoff of Legacy Aviation, Inc. created something immeasurably valuable for the Air Race Classic when they declared a new award category at the 2000 ARC Awards banquet and personally provided prizes for each collegiate team.

When the Air Race Classic achieved 501(c)(3) status, with the goal of supporting aviation education for women of all ages, taking the next step to encourage the participation of collegiate teams was easy. We established the Air Race Classic Collegiate Challenge award to be presented annually to the top four finishing collegiate teams.

The Air Race Classic gives students wishing to become aviation professionals a unique opportunity to meet and network with other female pilots and to make contacts all around the country. Flying the Air Race Classic not only improves piloting skills, it can enhance employment searches after graduation. Any school with an established aviation program is eligible to send a team of female pilots.

The Air Race Classic traces its lineage back to 1929, the year of the first Women's Air Derby. We celebrate the college students who benefit from the Air Race Classic experience and who will carry on this glorious tradition.

### Collegiate Challenge 2019

1st Place  
Caitlyn Miller and Kendall Higdon (Auburn University)

2nd Place  
Madi Bright, Rachel Chaput, Morgan Carney (Jacksonville University)

3rd Place  
Mickael Ashworth, Megan Shaffer (Lewis University)

4th Place  
Alex Johnson, Kenzie Alge (Kent State)

### Ten Years of Collegiate Winners

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Ten Years of Winners

2019 Corbi Bulluck & Stephanie Wrenn - Caitlyn Miller & Kendall Higdon (Auburn University) - Jan Aarsheim & Elin-Mari Heggland - Ailsa Moseley Cutting & Sarah Wendt - Madison Bright, Rachel Chaput & Morgan Carney (Jacksonville University) - Susan Carastro & Marie Carastro, Lara Gaerte & Donna Harris - Micka Ashworth & Megan Shaffer (Lewis University) - Susan Larson & Amy Ecclesine - JoAnne Alcorn & Gretchen Jahn

2018 Mariah Ferber & Paige Kessler - Debby Rihn-Harvey & Chris Dale - Candie Oldham & Susan Westervelt - Debi Dreyfuss & Morgan Mitchell - Lauren Quandt, Shelby Satkowiak & Kelly Erdman (Western Michigan University) - Dee Bond & McKenzie Krutsinger - Aly Bond, Josie Cotugno & Yasmine Abu Arab (The Ohio State University) - Corbi Bulluck & Stephanie Wrenn - Mattie McKenna & Ashley Tucker (Auburn University) - Alicia Sikes & Nancy Rohr

2017 Dee Bond & McKenzie Krutsinger - Rachel Hutzell and Becca Dooling (ERAU-Prescott) - Minnetta Gardiner & Jeneanne Visser - Caroline Baldwin & Lydia Baldwin - Jenn Lowe & Hannah Burright (ERAU-Prescott) - Lorraine Denby & Amy Myzie - Lara Gaerte & JoAnn Alcorn - Emma Kishel, Dana Atkins & Jenna Annable (University of North Dakota) - Brittany Danko, Katelyn Griffin & Jami Higdon (Indiana State University) - Shelby Satkowiak, Lauren Quandt & Maria Walston (Western Michigan University)


2015 Stephanie Armstrong & Jessica Reed (Southern Illinois University-Carbondale) - Jennifer Pinkowski, Carly Narnihi & Christina Druskins (University of North Dakota) - Malinda Caywood & Robin Hadfield - Claire Schindler & Erica Diels (ERAU-Prescott) - Pam Rudolph & Tokie Hensley - Sarah Wendt & Abigail Pasmore (ERAU-Daytona) - Mary Wunder & Juliet Lindroth - Catherine Sweat, Melanie Abel & Katelyn Walters - Candie Oldham & Susan Westervelt - JoAnne Alcorn & Gretchen Jahn


2012 Dianna Stanger & Victoria Holt - Danielle Erlichman & Marisha Falk (Embry-Riddle Aero University) - Terry Carbonell & Ellen Herr - Arlene Wohlgemuth & Julia Matthews - Malinda Caywood & Susan Beall - Elizabeth Frankowski & Carol Brackley - Joyce Wilson & Janet Yoder - Nicole Lordemann & Tonya Hodson (Kansas State University) - Marlene Wessel & Kristine Anthony (Embry-Riddle Aero University) - Emily Applegate & Zia Saffo (Metropolitan State College of Denver)

2011 Leah Hetzel & Sarah Morris (Jacksonville University) - Alice McCormack & Justyna Kincaid (University of Illinois) - Joyce Wilson & Rebecca Hempel - Camelia Smith & Julia Matthews - Melanie Murdock & Erin Jackson (Southern Illinois University Carbondale) - Deborah Dreyfuss, Linda Knowles & Carolyn Bailey - Susan Carastro & Marie Carastro - Saifye Ademoglu & Victoria Durbar (Florida Institute of Technology) - Linda Evans, Alison Chalker & Barbara Strachan - Malinda Caywood & Susan Beall

2010 Terry Carbonell, Ellen Herr & Laura Ying Gao - Joyce Wilson & Laura Berry - Linda Street-Ely & Elizabeth Kummer - Lauren Steele & Allison Springer (Purdue University) - Jo Alcorn & Michelle Bostick - Barbara Harris-Para & Laurie Zaleski - Dottie Anderson & Jean Sloan - Kay Brown & Jessica Campbell (Indiana State University) - Erin Jackson & Christine Zerleln (Southern Illinois University) - Kristen McTee & Kim Turrell (Embry-Riddle Aero University-Prescott)

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